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

or

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

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## OXFORD INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)<br>999 Peachtree Street, N.E., Suite 688, Atlanta, Georgia 30309<br>(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)<br>Registrant's telephone number, including area code:<br>(404) 659-2424<br>Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:



Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes $\boxtimes$ No o

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Large accelerated filer $\boxtimes \quad$ Accelerated filer o Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o Emerging growth company o
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As of July 28, 2017, which is the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, the aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant (based upon the closing price for the common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on that date) was $\$ 917,164,180$. For purposes of this calculation only, shares of voting stock directly and indirectly
 affiliate status and the calculation of the shares held by any such person are not necessarily conclusive determinations for other purposes.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

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## CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Our SEC filings and public announcements may include forward-looking statements about future events. Generally, the words "believe," "expect," "intend," "estimate," "anticipate," "project," "will" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements, which generally are not historical in nature. We intend for all forward-looking statements contained herein, in our press releases or on our website, and all subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf, to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and the provisions of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (which Sections were adopted as part of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995). Such statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions including, without limitation, competitive conditions, which may be impacted by evolving consumer shopping patterns; the impact of economic conditions on consumer demand and spending for apparel and related products; demand for our products; timing of shipments requested by our wholesale customers; expected pricing levels; retention of and disciplined execution by key management; the timing and cost of store openings and of planned capital expenditures; weather; changes in international, federal or state tax, trade and other laws and regulations; costs of products as well as the raw materials used in those products; costs of labor; acquisition and disposition activities; expected outcomes of pending or potential litigation and regulatory actions; access to capital and/or credit markets; our ability to timely recognize our expected synergies from any acquisitions we pursue; and factors that could affect our consolidated effective tax rate, including the impact of U.S. Tax Reform. Forwardlooking statements reflect our expectations at the time such forward looking statements are made, based on information available at such time, and are not guarantees of performance. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, these expectations could prove inaccurate as such statements involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our ability to control or predict. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties, or other risks or uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial, materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those anticipated, estimated or projected. Important factors relating to these risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those described in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors and elsewhere in this report and those described from time to time in our future reports filed with the SEC. We caution that one should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made. We disclaim any intention, obligation or duty to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

## DEFINITIONS

As used in this report, unless the context requires otherwise, "our," "us" or "we" means Oxford Industries, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries; "SG\&A" means selling, general and administrative expenses; "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; "FASB" means Financial Accounting Standards Board; "ASC" means the FASB Accounting Standards Codification; "GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States; "discontinued operations" means the assets and operations of our former Ben Sherman operating group which we sold in Fiscal 2015; and "U.S. Tax Reform" means the United States Tax Cuts and Jobs Act as enacted on December 22, 2017. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses or other information in this report reflect continuing operations and exclude any amounts related to the discontinued operations of our former Ben Sherman operating group. Additionally, the terms listed below reflect the respective period noted:

| Fiscal 2018 | 52 weeks ending February 2, 2019 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fiscal 2017 | 53 weeks ended February 3, 2018 |
| Fiscal 2016 | 52 weeks ended January 28, 2017 |
| Fiscal 2015 | 52 weeks ended January 30, 2016 |
| Fiscal 2014 | 52 weeks ended January 31, 2015 |
| Fiscal 2013 | 52 weeks ended February 1, 2014 |
| Fourth quarter Fiscal 2017 | 14 weeks ended February 3, 2018 |
| Third quarter Fiscal 2017 | 13 weeks ended October 28, 2017 |
| Second quarter Fiscal 2017 | 13 weeks ended July 29, 2017 |
| First quarter Fiscal 2017 | 13 weeks ended April 29, 2017 |
| Fourth quarter Fiscal 2016 | 13 weeks ended January 28, 2017 |
| Third quarter Fiscal 2016 | 13 weeks ended October 29, 2016 |
| Second quarter Fiscal 2016 | 13 weeks ended July 30, 2016 |
| First quarter Fiscal 2016 | 13 weeks ended April 30, 2016 |

## PART I

Item 1. Business

## BUSINESS AND PRODUCTS

## Overview

We are a global apparel company that designs, sources, markets and distributes products bearing the trademarks of our Tommy Bahama ${ }^{\circledR}$, Lilly Pulitzer ${ }^{\circledR}$ and Southern Tide ${ }^{\circledR}$ lifestyle brands, other owned brands and licensed brands as well as private label apparel products. During Fiscal 2017, 92\% of our net sales were from products bearing brands that we own and $66 \%$ of our net sales were through our direct to consumer channels of distribution. In Fiscal 2017, 97\% of our consolidated net sales were to customers located in the United States, with the sales outside the United States consisting primarily of our Tommy Bahama product sales in Canada and the Asia-Pacific region.

Our business strategy is to develop and market compelling lifestyle brands and products that evoke a strong emotional response from our target consumers. We consider lifestyle brands to be those brands that have a clearly defined and targeted point of view inspired by an appealing lifestyle or attitude. Furthermore, we believe lifestyle brands that create an emotional connection with consumers, like Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide, can command greater loyalty and higher price points at retail and create licensing opportunities, which may drive higher earnings. We believe the attraction of a lifestyle brand depends on creating compelling product, effectively communicating the respective lifestyle brand message and distributing products to consumers where and when they want them.

Our ability to compete successfully in styling and marketing is directly related to our proficiency in foreseeing changes and trends in fashion and consumer preference, and presenting appealing products for consumers. Our design-led, commercially informed lifestyle brand operations strive to provide exciting, differentiated products each season.

To further strengthen each lifestyle brand's connections with consumers, we directly communicate with consumers through digital and print media on a regular basis. We believe our ability to effectively communicate the images, lifestyle and products of our brands and create an emotional connection with consumers is critical to the success of the brands. Our advertising for our brands often attempts to convey the lifestyle of the brand as well as a specific product.

We distribute our owned lifestyle branded products primarily through our direct to consumer channels, consisting of our Tommy Bahama and Lilly Pulitzer retail stores and our e-commerce sites for Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide, and through our wholesale distribution channels. Our direct to consumer operations provide us with the opportunity to interact directly with our customers, present to them a broad assortment of our current season products and immerse them in the theme of the lifestyle brand. We believe that presenting our products in a setting specifically designed to showcase the lifestyle on which the brands are based enhances the image of our brands. Our 128 Tommy Bahama and 57 Lilly Pulitzer full-price retail stores provide high visibility for our brands and products and allow us to stay close to the preferences of our consumers, while also providing a platform for long-term growth for the brands. In Tommy Bahama, we also operate 18 Tommy Bahama restaurants, including Marlin Bars, generally adjacent to a Tommy Bahama full-price retail store location, which we believe further enhance the brand's image with consumers. Additionally, we operate 38 Tommy Bahama outlet stores, which play an important role in overall inventory and brand management by disposing of any excess inventory. During Fiscal 2017, our retail, e-commerce and restaurant operations represented $39 \%$, $19 \%$ and $8 \%$, respectively, of our consolidated net sales.

The wholesale operations of our lifestyle brands complement our direct to consumer operations and provide access to a larger group of consumers. As we seek to maintain the integrity of our lifestyle brands by limiting promotional activity in our full-price retail stores and e-commerce websites, we generally target wholesale customers that follow this same approach in their stores. Our wholesale customers for our Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide brands generally include various specialty stores, including Signature Stores for Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide, better department stores and multi-branded e-commerce retailers. Within our Lanier Apparel operating group, we sell tailored clothing and sportswear products under licensed brands, private labels and owned brands. Lanier Apparel's customers include department stores, discount and off-price retailers, warehouse clubs, national chains, specialty retailers and others throughout the United States.

All of our operating groups operate in highly competitive apparel markets in which numerous U.S. and foreign-based apparel firms compete. No single apparel firm or small group of apparel firms dominates the apparel industry, and our direct competitors vary by operating group and distribution channel. We believe the principal competitive factors in the apparel industry are reputation, value, and image of brand names; design; consumer preference; price; quality; marketing; product fulfillment capabilities; and customer service.

The disposal of discontinued, end of season or excess inventory is an ongoing part of any apparel business, and our operating groups have historically utilized a variety of methods to sell such inventory, including outlet stores in Tommy Bahama, e-commerce flash sales on our various e-commerce websites, and off-price retailers. Our focus in disposing of the excess inventory for our lifestyle brands is to do so in a brand appropriate setting and achieve an acceptable margin.

The apparel industry is cyclical and very dependent upon the overall level and focus of discretionary consumer spending, which changes as consumer preferences and regional, domestic and international economic conditions change. Increasingly, consumers are choosing to spend less of their discretionary spending on certain product categories, including apparel, while spending more on services and other product categories. Further, negative economic conditions often have a longer and more severe impact on the apparel industry than on other industries. We believe the changes in consumer preferences for discretionary spending, the current global economic conditions and economic uncertainty continue to impact the business of each of our operating groups, and the apparel industry as a whole.

We believe the retail apparel market is evolving very rapidly and in ways that are having a disruptive impact on traditional fashion retailing. The application of technology, including the internet and mobile devices, to fashion retail provides consumers increasing access to multiple, responsive distribution platforms and an unprecedented ability to communicate directly with brands and retailers. As a result, consumers may have more information and greater control over information they receive as well as broader, faster and cheaper access to goods than ever before. This, along with the coming of age of the "millennial" generation, is revolutionizing the way that consumers shop for fashion and other goods. The evidence of the evolution is apparent with weakness and store closures for certain department stores and mall-based retailers, decreased consumer retail traffic, a more promotional retail environment, expansion of off-price and discount retailers, and a shift from bricks and mortar to internet purchasing. These changes may require that brands and retailers approach their operations, including marketing and advertising, differently than methods used historically.

Important factors relating to certain risks, many of which are beyond our ability to control or predict, which could impact our business are described in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors of this report.

## Investments and Opportunities

While the evolution in the fashion retail industry presents significant risks, especially for traditional retailers who fail or are unable to adapt, we believe it also presents a tremendous opportunity for brands and retailers to capitalize on the changing consumer environment. We believe our brands have true competitive advantages in this new retailing paradigm, and we are leveraging technology to serve our consumers when and where they want to be served. We continue to believe that our lifestyle brands, with their strong emotional connections with consumers, are well suited to succeed and thrive in the long-term while managing the various challenges facing our industry.

Specifically, we believe our lifestyle brands have opportunities for long-term growth in their direct to consumer businesses. We anticipate increased sales in our ecommerce operations, which are expected to grow at a faster rate than bricks and mortar comparable store sales. We also believe growth can be achieved through prudent expansion of bricks and mortar full-price retail store operations and modest comparable full-price retail store sales increases. Despite the changes in the retail environment, we expect there will continue to be desirable locations for additional stores.

We believe our lifestyle brands have an opportunity for modest sales increases in their wholesale businesses in the long-term. However, we must be diligent in our effort to avoid compromising the integrity of our brands by maintaining or growing sales with wholesale customers that may not be aligned with our long-term strategy. This is particularly important with the challenges in the department store channel, which represented approximately $14 \%$ of our consolidated net sales in Fiscal 2017, compared to approximately $16 \%$ in Fiscal 2016. As a result, this management of our wholesale distribution for our lifestyle brands is likely to result in lower wholesale sales in Fiscal 2018, as well as in the near-term future, as we may reduce the amount of sales to certain wholesale accounts by reducing the number of doors that carry our product, reducing the volume sold for a particular door or exiting the account altogether. We anticipate that sales increases in our wholesale businesses in the longterm will stem primarily from current customers adding within their existing door count and increasing their online business; increased sales to online retailers; and our selective addition of new wholesale customers who generally follow a retail model with limited discounting and who present and merchandise our products in a way that is consistent with our full-price, direct to consumer distribution strategy. We also believe that there are opportunities for modest sales growth for Lanier Apparel in the future through new product programs and licenses.

We believe we must continue to invest in our lifestyle brands to take advantage of their long-term growth opportunities. Investments include capital expenditures primarily related to the direct to consumer operations such as technology enhancements, e-commerce initiatives and retail store and restaurant build-out for new, relocated or remodeled locations, as
well as distribution center and administrative office expansion initiatives. Additionally, we anticipate increased advertising, employment and other costs to support ongoing business operations and fuel future sales growth. Fiscal 2018 advertising expense is expected to increase for each of our brands with a focus on new consumer acquisition as well as consumer retention and engagement.

In the midst of the changes in our industry, an important initiative for us in Fiscal 2017 was to increase the profitability of the Tommy Bahama business. These initiatives generally focused on increasing gross margin and operating margin through efforts such as: product cost reductions; selective price increases; reducing inventory purchases; redefining our approach to inventory clearance; effectively managing controllable and discretionary operating expenses; taking a more conservative approach to retail store openings and lease renewals; and continuing our efforts to reduce Asia-Pacific operating losses. In Fiscal 2017, we made progress with these initiatives and expect to make additional progress in Fiscal 2018.

We continue to believe it is important to maintain a strong balance sheet and liquidity. We believe positive cash flow from operations in the future, coupled with the strength of our balance sheet and liquidity, will provide us with sufficient resources to fund future investments in our owned lifestyle brands. While we believe we have significant opportunities to appropriately deploy our capital and resources in our existing lifestyle brands, we will continue to evaluate opportunities to add additional lifestyle brands to our portfolio if we identify appropriate targets that meet our investment criteria.

We believe that an attractive acquisition target would most likely be a lifestyle brand that has a strong emotional connection with its consumer and has a disciplined distribution model consisting of wholesale customers with limited discounting and/or a direct to consumer distribution model via e-commerce and/or retail stores. Further, while our existing businesses are primarily apparel brands, we could also be interested in a company with a more significant concentration in accessories, footwear or other product categories. The acquisition of a premier lifestyle brand is a meticulous process as such a brand is not available very often, and we most likely would have stiff competition from both strategic and private equity firms. Also, with the evolving fashion retail environment, our interest in acquiring smaller brands and earlier stage companies is evolving, particularly where we may have the opportunity to more fully integrate the brand into our existing infrastructure and shared services functions.

## Operating Groups

Our business is primarily operated through our Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer, Lanier Apparel and Southern Tide operating groups. We identify our operating groups based on the way our management organizes the components of our business for purposes of allocating resources and assessing performance. Our operating group structure reflects a brand-focused management approach, emphasizing operational coordination and resource allocation across each brand's direct to consumer, wholesale and licensing operations, as applicable.

Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide each design, source, market and distribute apparel and related products bearing their respective trademarks and license their trademarks for other product categories, while Lanier Apparel designs, sources and distributes branded and private label men's tailored clothing, sportswear and other products. Corporate and Other is a reconciling category for reporting purposes and includes our corporate offices, substantially all financing activities, elimination of inter-segment sales, LIFO accounting adjustments for inventory, other costs that are not allocated to the operating groups and operations of our other businesses which are not included in our operating groups. Our LIFO inventory pool does not correspond to our operating group definitions; therefore, LIFO inventory accounting adjustments are not allocated to our operating groups.

For additional information about each of our operating groups, see Part II, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements, each included in this report. The table below presents certain financial information about each of our operating groups, as well as Corporate and Other (in thousands).

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Sales |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tommy Bahama | \$ | 686,021 | \$ | 658,911 | \$ | 658,467 |
| Lilly Pulitzer |  | 248,931 |  | 233,294 |  | 204,626 |
| Lanier Apparel |  | 106,852 |  | 100,753 |  | 105,106 |
| Southern Tide |  | 40,940 |  | 27,432 |  | - |
| Corporate and Other |  | 3,467 |  | 2,198 |  | 1,091 |
| Total | \$ | 1,086,211 | \$ | 1,022,588 |  | 969,290 |
| Operating Income (Loss) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tommy Bahama | \$ | 55,002 | \$ | 44,101 | \$ | 65,993 |
| Lilly Pulitzer |  | 46,608 |  | 51,995 |  | 42,525 |
| Lanier Apparel |  | 6,546 |  | 6,955 |  | 7,700 |
| Southern Tide |  | 4,504 |  | (282) |  | - |
| Corporate and Other (1) |  | $(26,660)$ |  | $(12,885)$ |  | $(18,704)$ |
| Total Operating Income | \$ | 86,000 | \$ | 89,884 |  | 97,514 |

(1) Corporate and Other included a LIFO accounting charge of $\$ 7.8$ million, a LIFO accounting credit of $\$ 5.9$ million and a LIFO accounting charge of $\$ 0.3$ million, in Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, respectively.

The table below presents the total assets of each of our operating groups (in thousands).

|  | February 3, 2018 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 28, } \\ 2017 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets |  |  |  |  |
| Tommy Bahama | \$ | 439,871 | \$ | 451,990 |
| Lilly Pulitzer |  | 142,882 |  | 126,506 |
| Lanier Apparel |  | 31,575 |  | 30,269 |
| Southern Tide |  | 94,032 |  | 96,208 |
| Corporate and Other |  | $(8,419)$ |  | $(19,814)$ |
| Total | \$ | 699,941 | \$ | 685,159 |
| (1) Total assets for Corporate and Other include LIFO reserves of $\$ 61.5$ million and $\$ 58.0$ million as of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017, respectively. |  |  |  |  |

## Tommy Bahama

Tommy Bahama designs, sources, markets and distributes men's and women's sportswear and related products. Tommy Bahama's typical consumer is older than 45 years old, has a household annual income in excess of $\$ 100,000$, lives in or travels to warm weather and resort locations and embraces a relaxed and casual approach to daily living. Tommy Bahama products can be found in our Tommy Bahama stores and on our Tommy Bahama e-commerce website, tommybahama.com, as well as at better department stores, independent specialty stores and multi-branded e-commerce retailers. We also operate Tommy Bahama restaurants and license the Tommy Bahama name for various product categories. During Fiscal 2017, 95\% of Tommy Bahama's sales were to customers within the United States, with the remaining sales in Canada, Australia and Asia.

We believe that the attraction to our consumers of the Tommy Bahama brand, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary in Fiscal 2018, is a reflection of our efforts over many years to maintain appropriate quality and design of our Tommy Bahama apparel, accessories and licensed products, limit the distribution of Tommy Bahama products to a select tier of retailers, and effectively communicate the relaxed and casual Tommy Bahama lifestyle. We expect to continue to follow this approach for the brand in the future. We believe that the retail sales value of all Tommy Bahama branded products sold during Fiscal 2017, including our estimate of retail sales by our wholesale customers and other third party retailers, exceeded $\$ 1.2$ billion.

We believe there is ample opportunity to expand the reach of the Tommy Bahama brand, while maintaining the select distribution that Tommy Bahama has historically maintained. In order to take advantage of opportunities for long-term growth, we must continue to invest in the Tommy Bahama brand. These investments include capital expenditures and ongoing expenses to enhance e-commerce and other technology capabilities; open new stores and restaurants; remodel and/or relocate existing stores and restaurants; maintain and upgrade our distribution and other facilities; and enhance our marketing efforts to communicate the lifestyle to existing and targeted new consumers.

We believe there are opportunities for continued growth in the United States primarily through direct to consumer expansion. An important initiative for us in Fiscal 2017 was to increase the profitability of the Tommy Bahama business. These initiatives generally focused on increasing gross margin and operating margin through efforts such as: product cost reductions; selective price increases; reducing inventory purchases; redefining our approach to inventory clearance; effectively managing controllable and discretionary operating expenses; taking a more conservative approach to retail store openings and lease renewals; and continuing our efforts to reduce Asia-Pacific operating losses. We made some progress with these initiatives in Fiscal 2017 and expect to make additional progress in Fiscal 2018.

Our near term focus in the Asia-Pacific region remains on our direct to consumer operations in Australia and Japan. At the same time, we are focused on further reducing our Asia-Pacific infrastructure costs to better align with the footprint of our current Asia-Pacific retail operations after closing various Asia-Pacific retail stores in recent years. While we believe there are long-term opportunities for our Tommy Bahama operations in the Asia-Pacific region, we believe that the operating losses associated with these operations, which were $\$ 5.4$ million in Fiscal 2017 and are expected to decrease by approximately $\$ 2$ million in Fiscal 2018 , will continue to reduce Tommy Bahama's operating income in the near future.

## Design, Sourcing, Marketing and Distribution

Tommy Bahama products are designed by product specific teams who focus on the target consumer. The design process includes feedback from buyers, consumers and sales agents, along with market trend research. Our Tommy Bahama apparel products generally incorporate fabrics made of cotton, silk, linen, nylon, leather, tencel and other natural and man-made fibers, or blends of two or more of these materials.

We operate a buying office located in Hong Kong to manage the production and sourcing of the substantial majority of our Tommy Bahama products. During Fiscal 2017, we utilized approximately 210 suppliers to manufacture our Tommy Bahama products and $70 \%$ of Tommy Bahama's product purchases were from manufacturers in China. The largest 10 suppliers of Tommy Bahama products provided $47 \%$ of the products acquired during Fiscal 2017, with no individual supplier providing greater than $10 \%$.

Advertising and marketing are an integral part of the long-term strategy for the Tommy Bahama brand, and we therefore devote significant resources to these efforts. While advertising for Tommy Bahama promotes our products, the primary emphasis is on brand image and brand lifestyle. Tommy Bahama's advertising attempts to engage individuals within the brand's consumer demographic and guide them on a regular basis to our retail stores, e-commerce websites or wholesale customers' stores in search of our products. The marketing of the Tommy Bahama brand includes email, internet and social media advertising and traditional media such as catalogs, print and other communications, as well as moving media and trade show initiatives. As a lifestyle brand, we believe that it is very important that Tommy Bahama communicate regularly with consumers about product offerings or other brand events in order to maintain and strengthen Tommy Bahama's guest connections. We anticipate increasing our investment in advertising expense in Fiscal 2018 to drive new consumer acquisition as well as consumer retention and engagement.

We also believe that highly visible full-price retail store locations with creative design, broad merchandise selection and brand appropriate visual presentation are key enticements for customers. We intend for our full-price retail stores to enhance our guests' shopping experience, which we believe will increase brand loyalty. Marketing initiatives at our full-price retail stores may include special event promotions and a variety of public relations activities designed to create awareness of our products, including those that support worthwhile causes in local communities.

In addition, we utilize loyalty award cards, Flip Side events and Friends \& Family events to drive traffic to our stores and websites. These initiatives are effective in increasing traffic as the proportion of our sales that occur during our marketing initiatives have increased in recent years, which puts some downward pressure on our direct to consumer gross margins. We believe our traditional and digital media communications increase the sales of our own full-price retail stores and e-commerce operations, as well as the sales of our products for our wholesale customers.

For certain wholesale customers, we also provide point-of-sale materials and signage to enhance the presentation of our products and/or participate in cooperative advertising programs.

We operate a Tommy Bahama distribution center in Auburn, Washington, which serves our North America direct to consumer and wholesale operations. Activities at the distribution center include receiving finished goods from suppliers, inspecting the products and shipping the products to our Tommy Bahama stores, our wholesale customers and our e-commerce customers. We seek to maintain sufficient levels of Tommy Bahama inventory at the distribution center to support our direct to consumer operations, as well as pre-booked orders and some limited replenishment ordering for our wholesale customers. We use local third party distribution centers for our Asia-Pacific operations.

## Direct to Consumer Operations

A key component of our Tommy Bahama growth strategy is to operate our own stores and e-commerce websites, which we believe permits us to develop and build brand awareness by presenting our products in a setting specifically designed to showcase the aspirational lifestyle on which the products are based. Our Tommy Bahama direct to consumer channels, which consist of retail store, e-commerce and restaurant operations, in the aggregate, represented $77 \%$ of Tommy Bahama's net sales in Fiscal 2017. We expect the percentage of our Tommy Bahama sales which are direct to consumer sales will increase in future years. Retail store, e-commerce and restaurant net sales accounted for $49 \%, 16 \%$ and $12 \%$, respectively, of Tommy Bahama's net sales in Fiscal 2017.

Our direct to consumer strategy for the Tommy Bahama brand includes locating and operating full-price retail stores in upscale malls, lifestyle shopping centers, resort destinations and brand-appropriate street locations. Generally, we seek shopping areas and malls with high-profile or upscale consumer brands for our full-price retail stores. As of February 3, 2018, the majority of our Tommy Bahama full-price retail stores were in street-front locations or lifestyle centers with the remainder primarily in regional indoor malls. Our full-price retail stores allow us the opportunity to carry a full line of current season merchandise, including apparel, home products and accessories, all presented in an aspirational, island-inspired atmosphere designed to be relaxed, comfortable and unique. We believe that the Tommy Bahama full-price retail stores provide high visibility for the brand and products and allow us to stay close to the preferences of our consumers. Further, we believe that our presentation of products and our strategy to operate the full-price retail stores with limited in-store promotional activities are good for the Tommy Bahama brand and, in turn, enhance business with our wholesale customers. Generally, we believe there are opportunities for additional full-price retail stores in both warmer and colder climates, as we believe the more important consideration is whether the location attracts the affluent consumer that we are targeting. We believe that we have opportunities for continued direct to consumer sales growth for our Tommy Bahama women's business, which represented $30 \%$ of sales in our full-price retail stores and e-commerce websites in Fiscal 2017 and $28 \%$ in Fiscal 2016. In Fiscal 2017, approximately one-fourth of the sales of women's product in our full-price direct to consumer retail stores and e-commerce sites were swimwear, cover-ups and swim-related products.

Disposal of discontinued or end of season inventory is an ongoing part of any apparel business and, historically, Tommy Bahama has utilized its outlet stores and sales to off-price retailers to sell any excess inventory. Our Tommy Bahama outlet stores, which generated 9\% of our total Tommy Bahama net sales in Fiscal 2017, are generally located in outlet shopping centers that include upscale retailers and serve an important role in overall inventory management by often allowing us to sell discontinued and out-of-season products at better prices than are otherwise available from outside parties. We believe that this approach has helped us protect the integrity of the Tommy Bahama brand by allowing our full-price retail stores to limit promotional activity and controlling the distribution of discontinued and out-ofseason product. To supplement the clearance items sold in Tommy Bahama outlets, approximately $20 \%$ of the product sold in our Tommy Bahama outlets was made specifically for our outlets. We anticipate that we would generally operate one outlet for approximately every three full-price retail stores; however, the ratio of fullprice stores to outlets may continue to increase. We have not opened a new domestic outlet location since Fiscal 2014.

In an effort to improve the profitability of our end of season clearance strategy for our products, in January 2017, we initiated selected initial markdowns in our full-price retail stores and on our e-commerce website for end of season product for our women's, home and other products. In Fiscal 2017, we continued that strategy, as well as initiating the same strategy on select men's product, and disposed of more end of season inventory for women's, home and other product categories through off-price retailers than we have historically. We expect to continue this clearance model, which has reduced the quantity of end of season product for those product categories that are transferred to our outlets, in the future. We believe that reducing the amounts of these product categories, which were historically overrepresented in our outlets, have improved and will continue to improve the product offering and presentation in our outlet stores. We believe these changes have improved the sales and profitability of our outlet stores and the profitability of our end of season clearance sales.

For Tommy Bahama's domestic full-price retail stores and retail-restaurant locations operating for the full Fiscal 2017 year, sales per gross square foot, excluding restaurant sales and restaurant space, were approximately $\$ 610$ during Fiscal 2017, compared to $\$ 605$ for stores operating for the full Fiscal 2016 year. In Fiscal 2017 , our domestic outlet stores generated approximately $\$ 350$ of sales per square foot for outlets open for the entire 2017 fiscal year.

As of February 3, 2018, we operated 18 Tommy Bahama restaurants or Marlin Bar locations, generally adjacent to a Tommy Bahama full-price retail store location, which together we often refer to as islands. These retail-restaurant locations provide us with the opportunity to immerse customers in the ultimate Tommy Bahama experience. We do not anticipate that many of our retail locations will have an adjacent restaurant; however, in select high-profile, brand appropriate locations, such as Naples, Florida, Waikiki, Hawaii, and New York City, we have determined that an adjacent restaurant can further enhance the image or exposure of the brand. The net sales per square foot in our domestic full-price retail stores which are adjacent to a restaurant are on average twice the sales per square foot of our other domestic full-price retail stores. We believe that the experience of a meal or drink in a Tommy Bahama restaurant may entice the customer to purchase additional Tommy Bahama
merchandise and potentially provide a memorable consumer experience that further enhances the relationship between Tommy Bahama and the consumer. During the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal 2016, we opened our first Marlin Bar concept location in Coconut Point, Florida. The Marlin Bar concept, like our traditional restaurant locations, is adjacent to one of our retail locations and serves food and beverages, but in a smaller space and with food options more focused on small plate offerings rather than entrees. The results of the Marlin Bar at Coconut Point, in both the restaurant and full-price retail store sales of the location, have been well received and have exceeded our expectations. We believe that with the smaller footprint, reduced labor requirements and lower required capital expenditure for build-out, the Marlin Bar concept provides us with the long-term potential for opening retail-restaurant locations in sites that otherwise may not have been suitable or brand appropriate for one of our traditional retail-restaurant locations.

As of February 3, 2018, the total square feet of space utilized for our Tommy Bahama full-price retail store and outlet store operations was 0.6 million with another 0.1 million of total square feet utilized in our Tommy Bahama restaurant operations. The table below provides certain information regarding Tommy Bahama retail stores operated by us as of February 3, 2018.

|  | Full-Price Retail Stores | Outlet Stores | Retail-Restaurant Locations (1) | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Florida | 20 | 4 | 6 | 30 |
| California | 15 | 5 | 3 | 23 |
| Texas | 7 | 4 | 2 | 13 |
| Hawaii | 4 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Nevada | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Maryland | 3 | 2 | - | 5 |
| New York | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Other states | 38 | 15 | 1 | 54 |
| Total domestic | 93 | 34 | 17 | 144 |
| Canada | 8 | 2 | - | 10 |
| Total North America | 101 | 36 | 17 | 154 |
| Australia | 8 | 2 | - | 10 |
| Japan | 1 | - | 1 | 2 |
| Total | 110 | 38 | 18 | 166 |
| Average square feet per store (2) | 3,400 | 4,700 | 4,400 |  |
| Total square feet at year end | 370,000 | 180,000 | 80,000 |  |

(1) Consists of 17 retail-restaurant locations of our traditional island format and one Marlin Bar retail-restaurant concept.
(2) Average square feet for retail-restaurant locations consists of average retail space and excludes space used in the associated restaurant operations.

The table below reflects the changes in store count for Tommy Bahama stores during Fiscal 2017.

|  | Full-Price Retail Stores | Outlet Stores | Retail-Restaurant Locations | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Open as of beginning of fiscal year | 111 | 40 | 17 | 168 |
| Opened | 3 | - | 1 | 4 |
| Closed | (4) | (2) | - | (6) |
| Open as of end of fiscal year | 110 | 38 | 18 | 166 |

We anticipate that our store count at the end of Fiscal 2018 will be comparable to our store count at the end of Fiscal 2017. Fiscal 2018 planned openings include a full-price retail store in Napa, California and one near Melbourne, Australia, as well as a retail-restaurant location in Palm Springs, California. In Fiscal 2018 as well as in future years, we expect to opportunistically close certain marginal full-price retail and outlet locations at lease expiration unless the landlord provides an appealing offer for us to continue in the location. We believe there continue to be opportunities for Tommy Bahama to open additional full-price retail and retail-restaurant locations in the future, but we do not expect the number of stores to increase at the same pace as our historical store count growth rates.

The operation of full-price retail stores, outlet stores and retail-restaurant locations requires a greater amount of initial capital investment than wholesale operations, as well as greater ongoing operating costs. We estimate that we will spend approximately $\$ 1.3$ million on average in connection with the build-out of a domestic full-price retail store. However, individual locations, particularly those in urban locations, may require investments greater than these amounts depending on a variety of factors, including the location and size of the full-price retail store. The cost of a traditional Tommy Bahama retail-restaurant location and a Marlin Bar is significantly more than the cost of a full-price retail store and can vary significantly depending on a variety of factors. Historically, the cost of our retail-restaurant locations has been approximately $\$ 5$ million; however, we have spent significantly more than that amount for certain locations, including Waikiki which opened in Fiscal 2015. For most of our retail stores and restaurants, the landlord provides certain incentives to fund a portion of our capital expenditures.

Additionally, we incur capital expenditure costs related to periodic remodels of existing stores, particularly when we renew or extend a lease beyond the original lease term, or otherwise determine that a remodel of a store is appropriate. In Fiscal 2018, we anticipate that our full-price retail store and restaurant remodel expenditures will be higher than they have been in recent years as we have a number of retail locations and restaurants, including Newport Beach, California and Woodlands, Texas, that are scheduled for significant remodels. We also incur capital expenditures when a lease expires, and we determine it is appropriate to relocate to a new location in the same vicinity as the previous store. The cost of store relocations is generally comparable to the costs of opening a new full-price retail store or outlet store. As we reach the expirations of more of our lease agreements in the near future, we anticipate that the capital expenditures for relocations and remodels, in the aggregate, may continue to increase in future periods.

In addition to our full-price retail stores and outlet stores, our direct to consumer approach includes various e-commerce websites, including the tommybahama.com website. During Fiscal 2017, e-commerce sales represented $16 \%$ of Tommy Bahama's net sales. Our Tommy Bahama websites allow consumers to buy Tommy Bahama products directly from us via the internet. These websites also enable us to increase our database of consumer contacts, which allows us to communicate directly and frequently with consenting consumers. As we reach more customers in the future, we anticipate that our e-commerce distribution channel for Tommy Bahama will continue to grow at a faster pace than our domestic full-price retail store operations or wholesale operations. In Fiscal 2016, we held a select number of e-commerce flash clearance sales as a means of complementing our outlets in liquidating discontinued or out-of-season inventory, which represented approximately $10 \%$ of Tommy Bahama e-commerce sales in Fiscal 2016, however, in Fiscal 2017 Tommy Bahama did not hold any e-commerce flash clearance sales.

## Wholesale Operations

To complement our direct to consumer operations and have access to a larger group of consumers, we continue to maintain our wholesale operations for Tommy Bahama. Tommy Bahama's wholesale customers include better department stores, specialty stores and multi-brand e-commerce retailers that generally follow a retail model approach with limited discounting. We value our long-standing relationships with our wholesale customers and are committed to working with them to enhance the success of the Tommy Bahama brand within their stores.

Wholesale sales for Tommy Bahama accounted for $23 \%$ of Tommy Bahama's net sales in Fiscal 2017. Approximately $60 \%$ of Tommy Bahama's wholesale business reflects sales to major department stores with the remaining wholesale sales primarily sales to specialty stores. Tommy Bahama men's products are available in more than 1,800 North America retail locations, while Tommy Bahama women's products are available in more than 1,000 North America retail locations. During Fiscal 2017, 17\% of Tommy Bahama's net sales were to Tommy Bahama's ten largest wholesale customers, with its largest customer representing 5\% of Tommy Bahama's net sales.

We believe that the integrity and continued success of the Tommy Bahama brand, including its direct to consumer operations, is dependent, in part, upon controlled wholesale distribution, with careful selection of the retailers through which Tommy Bahama products are sold. As a result of our approach to limiting our wholesale distribution, we believe that sales growth in our men's apparel wholesale business, which represented approximately $87 \%$ of Tommy Bahama's domestic wholesale sales in Fiscal 2017, may be somewhat limited. However, we believe that we may have opportunities for wholesale sales increases for our Tommy Bahama women's business in the future, with its appeal evidenced by women's product representing $30 \%$ of sales in our full-price retail stores and e-commerce websites in Fiscal 2017. In Fiscal 2018, we anticipate that Tommy Bahama's wholesale business will decrease from Fiscal 2017 sales amounts as we continue to manage the wholesale distribution of Tommy Bahama, particularly in department stores.

We maintain Tommy Bahama apparel sales offices and showrooms in New York and Seattle, as well as other locations, to facilitate sales to our wholesale customers. Our Tommy Bahama wholesale operations utilize a sales force consisting of a combination of Tommy Bahama employees and independent commissioned sales representatives.

## Licensing Operations

We believe licensing is an attractive business opportunity for the Tommy Bahama brand. For an established lifestyle brand, licensing typically requires modest additional investment but can yield high-margin income. It also affords the opportunity to enhance overall brand awareness and exposure. In evaluating a licensee for Tommy Bahama, we typically consider the candidate's experience, financial stability, sourcing expertise and marketing ability. We also evaluate the marketability and compatibility of the proposed licensed products with other Tommy Bahama products.

Our agreements with Tommy Bahama licensees are for specific geographic areas and expire at various dates in the future, and in limited cases include contingent renewal options. Generally, the agreements require minimum royalty payments as well as royalty payments based on specified percentages of the licensee's net sales of the licensed products as well as obligations to expend certain funds towards marketing the brand on an approved basis. Our license agreements generally provide us the right to approve all products, advertising and proposed channels of distribution. Third party license arrangements for our Tommy Bahama products include the following product categories:

| Men's and women's headwear | Watches | Outdoor furniture and related products |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Outerwear | Belts, leather goods and gifts | Indoor furniture |
| Footwear | Handbags | Mattresses and box springs |
| Men's hosiery | Luggage | Bedding and bath linens |
| Sleepwear | Rugs | Table top accessories |
| Shampoo, soap and bath amenities | Fragrances | Fabrics |

In addition to our license arrangements for the specific product categories listed above, we may enter into certain international distributor agreements which allow those parties to distribute Tommy Bahama apparel and other products on a wholesale and/or retail basis within certain countries or regions. As of February 3, 2018, we have agreements for distribution of Tommy Bahama products in the Middle East, Greater China and parts of Latin America. Substantially all of the products sold by the distributors are identical to the products sold in our own Tommy Bahama stores. In addition to selling Tommy Bahama goods to wholesale accounts, the distributors may, in some cases, operate their own retail stores. As of February 3, 2018, we have nine licensed Tommy Bahama stores located in the Middle East, Greater China and Central America. None of these agreements are expected to meaningfully impact the operating results of Tommy Bahama in the near term.

## Seasonal Aspects of Business

Tommy Bahama's operating results are impacted by seasonality as the demand by specific product or style, as well as by distribution channel, may vary significantly depending on the time of year. As the timing of certain unusual or non-recurring items, economic conditions, wholesale product shipments or other factors affecting the business may vary from one year to the next, we do not believe that net sales or operating income (loss) for any particular quarter or the distribution of net sales and operating income (loss) for Fiscal 2017 are necessarily indicative of anticipated results for the full fiscal year or expected distribution in future years. The timing of Tommy Bahama's sales in the direct to consumer and wholesale distribution channels generally varies. Typically, the demand in the direct to consumer operations, including sales at our own stores and e-commerce site, for Tommy Bahama products in our principal markets is generally higher in the spring, summer and holiday seasons and lower in the fall season. However, wholesale product shipments are generally shipped prior to each of the retail selling seasons. The following table presents the percentage of net sales and operating income (loss) for Tommy Bahama by quarter for Fiscal 2017:

|  | First Quarter |  | Second Quarter | Third Quarter |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | Fourth Quarter 9 30\%

## Lilly Pulitzer

Lilly Pulitzer designs, sources, markets and distributes upscale collections of women's and girl's dresses, sportswear and related products. The Lilly Pulitzer brand, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary in Fiscal 2018, was originally created in the late 1950s by Lilly Pulitzer and is an affluent brand with a heritage and aesthetic based on the Palm Beach resort lifestyle. The brand is somewhat unique among women's brands in that it has demonstrated multi-generational appeal, including among young women in college or recently graduated from college; young mothers with their daughters; and women who are not tied to the academic calendar. Lilly Pulitzer products can be found in our owned Lilly Pulitzer stores, in Lilly Pulitzer Signature Stores, which are described below, and on our Lilly Pulitzer website, lillypulitzer.com, as well as in better department and independent specialty stores. During Fiscal 2017, 45\% and 39\% of Lilly Pulitzer's net sales were for women's sportswear and
dresses, respectively, with the remaining sales consisting of Lilly Pulitzer accessories, including scarves, bags, jewelry and belts; children's apparel; footwear; and licensed products. Lilly Pulitzer continues to focus on expansion into new product categories including continued expansion of its Luxletic athletic wear and the Spring 2018 launch of Lilly Pulitzer swim.

We believe that there is significant opportunity to expand the reach of the Lilly Pulitzer brand, while at the same time maintaining the exclusive distribution that Lilly Pulitzer has historically maintained. We believe that in order to take advantage of opportunities for long-term growth, we must continue to invest in the Lilly Pulitzer brand. These investments include enhancing e-commerce and other technology capabilities; opening and operating full-price retail stores; remodeling and/or relocating existing stores; and increasing employment, advertising and other functions to support a growing business. While we believe that these investments will generate long-term benefits, the investments may have a short-term negative impact on Lilly Pulitzer's operating margin, particularly if there is insufficient sales growth to absorb the incremental costs in a particular year.

We believe the attraction of the Lilly Pulitzer brand to our consumers is a reflection of years of maintaining appropriate quality and design of the Lilly Pulitzer apparel, accessories and licensed products, restricting the distribution of the Lilly Pulitzer products to a select tier of retailers and effectively communicating the message of Lilly Pulitzer's optimistic Palm Beach resort chic lifestyle. We believe this approach to quality, design, distribution and communication has been critical in allowing us to achieve the current retail price points for Lilly Pulitzer products. We believe that the retail sales value of all Lilly Pulitzer branded products sold during Fiscal 2017, including our estimate of retail sales by our wholesale customers and other third party retailers, exceeded $\$ 325$ million.

## Design, Sourcing, Marketing and Distribution

Lilly Pulitzer's products are developed by our dedicated design teams located at the Lilly Pulitzer headquarters in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania as well as in Palm Beach, Florida. Our Lilly Pulitzer design teams focus on the target consumer, and the design process combines feedback from buyers, consumers and our sales force, along with market trend research. Lilly Pulitzer apparel products are designed to incorporate various fiber types, including cotton, silk, linen and other natural and man-made fibers, or blends of two or more of these materials.

Lilly Pulitzer uses a combination of in-house employees in our King of Prussia and Hong Kong offices and third party buying agents primarily based in Asia to manage the production and sourcing of its apparel products. Through its buying agents and direct sourcing, Lilly Pulitzer used approximately 60 vendors, with the largest individual supplier providing $10 \%$, and the largest 10 suppliers providing $58 \%$, of the products acquired during Fiscal 2017. In Fiscal 2017, 50\% of Lilly Pulitzer's product purchases were from manufacturers located in China.

Advertising and marketing are an integral part of the long-term strategy of the Lilly Pulitzer brand, and we therefore devote significant resources to advertising and marketing. Lilly Pulitzer's advertising attempts to engage individuals within the brand's consumer demographic and guide them on a regular basis to our full-price retail stores, e-commerce websites and wholesale customers' stores in search of our products. The marketing of the Lilly Pulitzer brand includes email, internet and social media advertising as well as traditional media such as catalogs, print and other communications and moving media and trade show initiatives. We believe that it is very important that a lifestyle brand effectively communicate with consumers on a regular basis about product offerings or other brand events in order to maintain and strengthen the brand's connections with consumers. We anticipate increasing our advertising spend, including digital marketing and direct mail, in Fiscal 2018 with a continued focus on new consumer acquisition as well as consumer engagement.

In addition to our ongoing Lilly Pulitzer marketing initiatives, on occasion we also enter into collaborations with third parties to increase brand awareness or create additional brand excitement like we did with S'well water bottles in Fiscal 2017 and have done with Pottery Barn in Fiscal 2018. Often these collaborations do not generate material direct revenue for Lilly Pulitzer, but instead provide significant press or social media exposure and excitement for the brand that complement our ongoing advertising and marketing initiatives. We believe in today's environment it is important to continue to find new, creative ways to advertise in order to differentiate the brand.

We believe that highly visible full-price retail store locations with creative design, broad merchandise selection and brand appropriate visual presentation are key enticements for customers to visit our full-price retail stores and buy merchandise. We believe that full-price retail stores enhance the shopping experience of our customers, which will increase consumer brand loyalty. Marketing initiatives at certain of our full-price retail stores may include special event promotions and a variety of public relations activities designed to create awareness of our stores and products. At certain times during the year, an integral part of the marketing plan for Lilly Pulitzer includes certain gift with purchase programs where the consumer earns the right to a Lilly Pulitzer gift product if certain spending thresholds are achieved. We believe that our full-price retail store operations, as well as our traditional and digital media communications and periodic collaborations with others, enhance brand awareness and increase the sales of Lilly Pulitzer products in all channels of distribution.

For certain of our wholesale customers, we also provide point-of-sale materials and signage to enhance the presentation of our branded products at their retail locations and/or participate in cooperative advertising programs.

Lilly Pulitzer operates a distribution center in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Activities at the distribution center include receiving finished goods from suppliers, inspecting the products and shipping the products to wholesale customers, Lilly Pulitzer full-price retail stores and our e-commerce customers. We seek to maintain sufficient levels of inventory at the distribution center to support our direct to consumer operations, as well as pre-booked orders and some limited replenishment ordering for our wholesale customers.

## Direct to Consumer Operations

A key component of our Lilly Pulitzer growth strategy is to operate our own stores and e-commerce website, which we believe permits us to develop and build brand awareness by presenting products in a setting specifically designed to showcase the aspirational lifestyle on which they are based. Lilly Pulitzer's direct to consumer distribution channel, which consists of full-price retail store and e-commerce operations, represented $72 \%$ and $68 \%$ of Lilly Pulitzer's net sales in Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2016, respectively. We expect the percentage of our Lilly Pulitzer sales which are direct to consumer sales will continue to increase in future years.

Our direct to consumer strategy for the Lilly Pulitzer brand includes operating full-price retail stores in higher-end malls, lifestyle shopping centers, resort destinations and brand-appropriate street locations. Sales at our full-price retail stores represented 38\% of Lilly Pulitzer's net sales during Fiscal 2017. As of February 3, 2018, about one-third of our Lilly Pulitzer stores were located in outdoor regional lifestyle centers and another one-third of our Lilly Pulitzer stores were located in indoor regional malls, with the remaining locations in resort or street locations. In certain resort locations such as Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and Watch Hill, our stores are only open during the resort season. Additionally, we may open temporary pop-up stores in certain locations.

Each full-price retail store carries a wide range of merchandise, including apparel, footwear and accessories, all presented in a manner intended to enhance the Lilly Pulitzer image, brand awareness and acceptance. Our Lilly Pulitzer full-price retail stores allow us to present Lilly Pulitzer's full line of current season products. We believe our Lilly Pulitzer full-price retail stores provide high visibility for the brand and products and enable us to stay close to the needs and preferences of consumers. We also believe that our presentation of products and our strategy to operate the full-price retail stores with limited promotional activities complement our business with our wholesale customers. Generally, we believe there are opportunities for full-price retail stores in both warmer and colder climates, as we believe the more important consideration is whether the location attracts the affluent consumer that we are targeting.

Lilly Pulitzer's full-price retail store sales per gross square foot for Fiscal 2017 were approximately $\$ 800$ for the full-price retail stores which were open the full Fiscal 2017 year compared to approximately $\$ 840$ for the Lilly Pulitzer stores open for the full Fiscal 2016. The decrease in sales per gross square foot from the prior year was primarily due to negative comparable store sales in Fiscal 2017. The table below provides certain information regarding Lilly Pulitzer full-price retail stores as of February 3, 2018.

|  | Number of Full-Price Retail Stores |
| :---: | :---: |
| Florida | 14 |
| Massachusetts | 7 |
| Virginia | 6 |
| Maryland | 3 |
| New York | 3 |
| North Carolina | 3 |
| Ohio | 3 |
| Texas | 3 |
| Other | 15 |
| Total | 57 |
| Average square feet per store | 2,600 |
| Total square feet at year-end | 150,000 |

The table below reflects the changes in store count for Lilly Pulitzer stores during Fiscal 2017.

|  | Full-Price Retail <br> Stores |
| :--- | ---: |
|  | 40 |
| Open as of beginning of fiscal year | 6 |
| Acquired Signature Stores | 12 |
| Closed | $(1)$ |
| Open as of end of fiscal year | 57 |

After increasing our store count by 17 stores in Fiscal 2017, we may open stores at a more modest pace than the six stores we opened in Fiscal 2017. In Fiscal 2018, our planned openings include a store on Worth Avenue in Palm Beach, Florida, the home of Lilly Pulitzer, as well as Lilly Pulitzer's first full-price retail store in Hawaii, at Whalers Village in Maui. Beyond Fiscal 2018, we expect to open four to six full-price retail stores each year. The operation of full-price retail stores requires a greater amount of initial capital investment than wholesale operations, as well as greater ongoing operating costs. We anticipate that most future full-price retail store openings will generally be 2,500 square feet on average; however, the determination of actual size of the store will depend on a variety of criteria. To open a 2,500 square foot Lilly Pulitzer full-price retail store, we anticipate capital expenditures of approximately $\$ 0.8$ million on average. For most of our full-price retail stores, the landlord provides certain incentives to fund a portion of our capital expenditures.

In addition to new store openings, we also incur capital expenditure costs related to remodels, expansions or downsizing of existing stores, particularly when we renew or extend a lease beyond the original lease term, or otherwise determine that a remodel of a store is appropriate. We may also incur capital expenditures if we determine it is appropriate to relocate a store to a new location. The cost of store relocations, if any, will generally be comparable to the cost of opening a new store. Alternatively, when a lease expires we may decide to close the store rather than relocating the store to another location or renewing the lease.

In addition to operating Lilly Pulitzer full-price retail stores, another key element of our direct to consumer strategy is the lillypulitzer.com website, which represented $34 \%$ of Lilly Pulitzer's net sales in Fiscal 2017 compared to $32 \%$ in Fiscal 2016. The Lilly Pulitzer e-commerce business has experienced significant growth in recent years, and we anticipate that the rate of growth of the e-commerce business will remain strong in the future. We also utilize the Lilly Pulitzer website as an effective means of liquidating discontinued or out-of-season inventory in a brand appropriate manner. Usually, we have two e-commerce flash clearance sales per year, both of which are in typical industry end-of-season promotional periods. These sales are brand appropriate events that create a significant amount of excitement with loyal Lilly Pulitzer consumers, who are looking for an opportunity to purchase Lilly Pulitzer products at a discounted price. Each of these two e-commerce flash clearance sales are for a very limited number of days, allowing the Lilly Pulitzer website to remain full-price for the remaining 360 days of the year. During Fiscal 2017, approximately 43\% of Lilly Pulitzer's e-commerce sales were e-commerce flash clearance sales.

## Wholesale Operations

To complement our direct to consumer operations and have access to a larger group of consumers, we continue to maintain our wholesale operations for Lilly Pulitzer. These wholesale operations are primarily with independent specialty stores, better department stores and multi-branded e-commerce retailers that generally follow a retail model approach with limited discounting. During Fiscal 2017, approximately 28\% of Lilly Pulitzer's net sales were sales to wholesale customers compared to $32 \%$ in Fiscal 2016 with the decrease primarily due to Lilly Pulitzer's acquisition of 12 Signature Stores in Fiscal 2017 and reduced sales to department stores as Lilly Pulitzer continues to manage its distribution in wholesale accounts. During Fiscal 2017, about one-third of Lilly Pulitzer's wholesale sales were to Lilly Pulitzer's Signature Stores, while approximately one-fourth of Lilly Pulitzer's wholesale sales were to department stores. Lilly Pulitzer's net sales to its ten largest wholesale customers represented 15\% of Lilly Pulitzer's net sales in Fiscal 2017 with its largest customer representing 5\% of Lilly Pulitzer's net sales.

An important part of Lilly Pulitzer's wholesale distribution is sales to Signature Stores. For these stores, we enter into agreements whereby we grant the other party the right to independently operate one or more stores as a Lilly Pulitzer Signature Store, subject to certain conditions, including designating substantially all the store specifically for Lilly Pulitzer products and adhering to certain trademark usage requirements. These agreements are generally for a two-year period. We sell products to these Lilly Pulitzer Signature Stores on a wholesale basis and do not receive royalty income associated with these sales. As of February 3, 2018, there were 54 Lilly Pulitzer Signature Stores.

We believe that the integrity and continued success of the Lilly Pulitzer brand, including its direct to consumer operations, is dependent, in part, upon controlled wholesale distribution with careful selection of the retailers through which

Lilly Pulitzer products are sold. We anticipate a planned reduction in Lilly Pulitzer wholesale sales in Fiscal 2018 and that wholesale sales will continue to represent a lower proportion of Lilly Pulitzer sales, due, in part, to the impact of the acquisition of 12 Signature Stores in Fiscal 2017 and the continued management of Lilly Pulitzer's department store exposure. We continue to value our long-standing relationships with our wholesale customers and are committed to working with them to enhance the success of the Lilly Pulitzer brand within their stores. Lilly Pulitzer apparel products are available in approximately 250 wholesale doors.

We maintain Lilly Pulitzer apparel sales offices and showrooms in Palm Beach, Florida, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania and New York City. Our wholesale operations for Lilly Pulitzer utilize a sales force consisting of salaried sales employees.

## Licensing Operations

We license the Lilly Pulitzer trademark to licensees in categories beyond Lilly Pulitzer's core product categories. In the long term, we believe licensing may be an attractive business opportunity for the Lilly Pulitzer brand, particularly once our direct to consumer presence has expanded. Once a brand is established, licensing requires modest additional investment but can yield high-margin income. It also affords the opportunity to enhance overall brand awareness and exposure. In evaluating a potential Lilly Pulitzer licensee, we consider the candidate's experience, financial stability, manufacturing performance and marketing ability. We also evaluate the marketability and compatibility of the proposed products with other Lilly Pulitzer brand products.

Our agreements with Lilly Pulitzer licensees are for specific geographic areas and expire at various dates in the future. Generally, the agreements require minimum royalty payments as well as royalty and advertising payments based on specified percentages of the licensee's net sales of the licensed products. Our license agreements generally provide us the right to approve all products, advertising and proposed channels of distribution.

Third party license arrangements for Lilly Pulitzer products include the following product categories: stationery and gift products; home furnishing fabrics; and eyewear.

## Seasonal Aspects of Business

Lilly Pulitzer's operating results are impacted by seasonality as the demand by specific product or style as well as demand by distribution channel may vary significantly depending on the time of year. Typically, the demand in the direct to consumer operations for Lilly Pulitzer products is generally higher in the spring, summer and resort seasons and lower in the fall season. However, wholesale product shipments are generally shipped prior to each of the retail selling seasons. Further, in the third and fourth quarters of our fiscal year, which have not historically been strong direct to consumer or wholesale quarters for Lilly Pulitzer, Lilly Pulitzer has held significant e-commerce flash clearance sales which partially offsets the impact of seasonality on Lilly Pulitzer's sales. As the timing of certain unusual or nonrecurring items, economic conditions, wholesale product shipments, the magnitude of e-commerce flash clearance sales or other factors affecting the business may vary from one year to the next, we do not believe that net sales or operating income for any particular quarter or the distribution of net sales for Fiscal 2017 are necessarily indicative of anticipated results for the full fiscal year or expected distribution in future years. The following table presents the percentage of net sales and operating income for Lilly Pulitzer by quarter for Fiscal 2017:

|  | First Quarter | Second Quarter | Third Quarter | Fourth Quarter |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net sales | $25 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Operating income | $38 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $6 \%$ |

## Lanier Apparel

Lanier Apparel designs, sources and distributes branded and private label men's apparel, including tailored clothing, casual pants and sportswear, across a wide range of price points, but primarily at moderate price points. The majority of our Lanier Apparel products are sold under certain trademarks licensed to us by third parties. Lanier Apparel's licensed brands for certain product categories include Kenneth Cole ${ }^{\circledR}$, Dockers ${ }^{\circledR}$, Geoffrey Beene ${ }^{\circledR}$, Nick Graham ${ }^{\circledR}$ and Cole Haan ${ }^{\circledR}$, which is a new license for Lanier Apparel with initial product sales in Fiscal 2018. Additionally, we design and market products for our owned Billy London ${ }^{\circledR}$, Oxford ${ }^{\circledR}$ (formerly Oxford Golf®), Duck Head® and Strong Suit ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ brands. Both Duck Head and Strong Suit were acquired during Fiscal 2016. Sales of branded products licensed to us or owned by us represented 61\% and 15\%, respectively, of Lanier Apparel's net sales during Fiscal 2017.

In addition to these branded businesses, Lanier Apparel designs and sources private label apparel products for certain customers, including tailored clothing and pants programs for large department stores, warehouse clubs, and other retailers. For our large retail customers, the private label programs offer the customer product exclusivity, generally at higher gross margins than they would achieve on branded products, while allowing us the opportunity to leverage our design, sourcing, production,
logistics and distribution infrastructure. For other customers, we may perform any combination of design, sourcing, production, logistics or distribution services for a brand owner. In these cases, the brand owner may have determined it is more efficient to outsource certain functions, may be a smaller company that lacks such functional expertise or may want to focus their energies on the other aspects of their brand. Lanier Apparel is an efficient operator that excels in sourcing, production, logistics, distribution and design and can leverage its infrastructure by providing services and resources to these smaller brand owners.

Our Lanier Apparel products are primarily sold through large retailers including department stores, discount and off-price retailers, warehouse clubs, national chains, specialty retailers, multi-branded e-commerce retailers and others throughout the United States. Lanier Apparel's products are sold in more than 5,000 retail locations. In Lanier Apparel, we have long-standing relationships with some of the United States' largest retailers, including department stores which represented approximately one-third of Lanier Apparel's sales in Fiscal 2017. During Fiscal 2017, Lanier Apparel's three largest customers represented 19\%, 16\%, and 13\%, respectively, of Lanier Apparel's net sales. Sales to Lanier Apparel's 10 largest customers represented 77\% of Lanier Apparel's net sales during Fiscal 2017. The amount and percentage of net sales attributable to an individual customer in future years may be different than Fiscal 2017 as sales to wholesale customers are not tied to longterm contracts.

As much of Lanier Apparel's private label sales are program based, where Lanier Apparel must bid for a program on a case-by-case and season-by-season basis, an individual customer could increase, decrease or discontinue its purchases from us at any time. Thus, significant fluctuations in Lanier Apparel's operating results from one year to the next may result, particularly if a program is not renewed, the customer decides to use another vendor, we determine that the return on the program is not acceptable to us, a new program is initiated, there is a significant increase in the volume of the program or otherwise.

The moderate price point tailored clothing and sportswear markets are extremely competitive sectors, with significant retail competition as well as gross margin pressures due to retail sales price pressures and production cost increases. We believe that our Lanier Apparel business has historically excelled at bringing quality products to our customers at competitive prices and managing inventory risk appropriately while requiring minimal capital expenditure investments.

## Design, Manufacturing, Sourcing, Marketing and Distribution

We believe that superior customer service and supply chain management, as well as the design of quality products, are all integral components of our strategy in the branded and private label tailored clothing and sportswear markets in which Lanier Apparel operates. Our Lanier Apparel design teams, which are primarily located in New York City and Atlanta, focus on the target consumer for each brand and product. The design process combines feedback from buyers and sales agents along with market trend research and input from manufacturers. Our various Lanier Apparel products are manufactured from a variety of fibers, including wool, silk, linen, cotton and other natural fibers, as well as synthetics and blends of these materials.

Lanier Apparel manages production in Asia and Latin America through a combination of efforts from our Lanier Apparel offices in Atlanta and Hong Kong as well as with third party buying agents. Lanier Apparel's sourcing operations are also supplemented, as appropriate, by third party contractors who may provide certain sourcing functions or in-country quality assurance to further enhance Lanier Apparel's global sourcing operations. During Fiscal 2017, 75\% of Lanier Apparel's product purchases were from manufacturers located in Vietnam. Lanier Apparel purchased goods from approximately 135 suppliers in Fiscal 2017. The 10 largest suppliers of Lanier Apparel provided 85\% of the finished goods and raw materials Lanier Apparel acquired from third parties during Fiscal 2017, with 30\% of our product purchases acquired from Lanier Apparel's largest third party supplier. In addition to purchasing products from third parties, Lanier Apparel operates a manufacturing facility, located in Merida, Mexico, which produced 10\% of our Lanier Apparel products during Fiscal 2017.

The advertising efforts of Lanier Apparel are much more product specific than advertising for our owned lifestyle brands. For Lanier Apparel's licensed branded products, advertising primarily consists of cooperative advertising with our larger customers, contributions to the licensor based on a specified percentage of our net sales to fund the licensor's general brand advertising initiatives and attending brand appropriate trade shows. As a provider of private label apparel, we are generally not responsible for advertising for private label brands. For its owned brands, Lanier Apparel engages in marketing activities to increase the recognition and appeal of the brands.

For Lanier Apparel, we utilize a distribution center located in Toccoa, Georgia, a distribution center in Lyons, Georgia and certain third party distribution centers for our product shipments, where we receive goods from our suppliers, inspect those products and ship the goods to our customers. We seek to maintain sufficient levels of inventory to support programs for pre-booked orders and to meet customer demand for at-once ordering. For certain standard product styles, we maintain in-stock replenishment programs, providing shipment to customers and consumers within just a few days of receiving the order. These types of programs generally require higher inventory levels. Lanier Apparel utilizes various off-price retailers to sell excess prior-season inventory.

We maintain apparel sales offices and showrooms for our Lanier Apparel products in several locations, including New York City and Atlanta and employ a sales force consisting of a combination of salaried employees and independent sales agents. Lanier Apparel operates websites for certain of its businesses and also ships orders directly to consumers who purchase products from the websites of certain of its wholesale customers. Sales to our customers where the consumer orders from the website of Lanier Apparel's wholesale customers, e-commerce retailers and catalog retailers as well as sales on Lanier Apparel's own websites represented almost 15\% of Lanier Apparel's sales in Fiscal 2017.

## Seasonal Aspects of Business

Lanier Apparel's operating results are impacted by seasonality as the demand by specific product or style may vary significantly depending on the time of year. As a wholesale apparel business, in which product shipments generally occur prior to the retail selling seasons, the seasonality of Lanier Apparel generally reflects stronger spring and fall wholesale deliveries which typically occur in our first and third quarters; however, in some fiscal years this will not be the case due to much of Lanier Apparel's operations resulting from program-driven businesses. The timing of certain unusual or non-recurring items, economic conditions, wholesale product shipments, the introduction of new programs, the loss of programs or customers or other factors affecting the business may vary significantly from one year to the next. Therefore, we do not believe that net sales or operating income of Lanier Apparel for any particular quarter or the distribution of net sales and operating income for Fiscal 2017 are necessarily indicative of anticipated results for the full fiscal year or expected distribution in future years. The following table presents the percentage of net sales and operating income for Lanier Apparel by quarter for Fiscal 2017:

|  | First Quarter | Second Quarter | Third Quarter | Fourth Quarter |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net sales | $22 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Operating income (loss) | $13 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $86 \%$ | $(2) \%$ |

## Southern Tide

On April 19, 2016, we acquired the Southern Tide lifestyle apparel brand. Southern Tide designs, sources, markets and distributes high-quality apparel bearing the distinctive Skipjack logo. Southern Tide offers an extensive selection of men's shirts, pants, shorts, outerwear, ties, swimwear, footwear and accessories, as well as women's and youth collections. Launched in 2006, Southern Tide combines the modern design elements of today's youthful trends with love for the Southern culture and lifestyle. The brand has an appeal to all ages who have an appreciation for classic design, vibrant colors, a great fit and an affection for the coast. Southern Tide products can be found in independent specialty retailers, better department stores, Southern Tide Signature Stores as described below, and on our Southern Tide website, southerntide.com. During Fiscal 2017, 81\% of Southern Tide's sales were wholesale sales and 19\% of Southern Tide's sales were e-commerce sales.

Since the acquisition, we have been emphasizing the integration of the Southern Tide operations into our infrastructure, including integrating Southern Tide into our existing corporate infrastructure for many back-office functions and services such as accounting, treasury, credit, human resources, information technology, insurance, product quality control, factory compliance and inbound/outbound logistics. Additionally, the inventory and distribution operations of Southern Tide were transferred from a third party distribution center to our Lyons, Georgia distribution center. Southern Tide also began utilizing our Hong Kong-based sourcing operations for certain product categories starting in the Fall 2017 season. We believe that integrating these sourcing, distribution, administrative and back-office functions into our existing infrastructure allows the Southern Tide management team greater ability to focus on the consumer-facing functions of the Southern Tide business, including design, sales and marketing, while also leveraging our existing expertise in certain areas, which we believe will allow for more efficient and effective operations for the Southern Tide business in the long-term.

We believe that there is significant opportunity to expand the reach of the Southern Tide brand by increasing the specialty store, department store and Signature Store presence of the brand, as well as increasing e-commerce sales. However, this growth and expansion will be at a prudent pace as we believe that the integrity and success of the Southern Tide brand is dependent, in part, upon controlled wholesale distribution with careful selection of the retailers through which Southern Tide products are sold.

We believe that in order to take advantage of opportunities for long-term growth, we must continue to invest in the Southern Tide brand. In the near term, these investments will primarily consist of an increase in employment, advertising and other costs to support a growing wholesale business with specialty and department stores, increasing the number of Southern Tide Signature Stores and costs to enhance e-commerce and other technology capabilities. While we believe that these investments will generate long-term benefits, the investments may have a short-term negative impact on Southern Tide's operating margin given the current size of the Southern Tide business. We believe that the retail sales value of all Southern Tide branded products sold during Fiscal 2017, including our estimate of retail sales by our wholesale customers and other third party retailers, exceeded $\$ 75$ million.

## Design, Sourcing, Marketing and Distribution

Southern Tide's products are developed by our dedicated design teams located at the Southern Tide headquarters in Greenville, South Carolina. Our Southern Tide design teams focus on the target consumer, and the design process combines feedback from buyers, consumers and our sales force, along with market trend research. Southern Tide apparel products are designed to incorporate various fiber types, including cotton and other natural and man-made fibers, or blends of two or more of these materials.

During Fiscal 2017, Southern Tide used third party buying agents for the production and sourcing of the majority of its apparel products. Southern Tide used approximately 60 suppliers with the largest individual supplier providing $15 \%$ of the Southern Tide products in Fiscal 2017. The largest 10 suppliers of Southern Tide provided $66 \%$ of the Southern Tide products acquired, while approximately $50 \%$ and $20 \%$ were sourced from China and Peru, respectively. Southern Tide continued to transition some of its product purchases from third party buying agents to our Hong Kong-based sourcing team during Fiscal 2017. We believe that Southern Tide products can generally be sourced in a more cost-effective manner through our existing internal sourcing operations than through third party buying agents.

Advertising and marketing are an integral part of the long-term strategy for the Southern Tide brand, and we therefore devote significant resources to advertising and marketing. Southern Tide's advertising attempts to engage individuals within the brand's consumer demographic and guide them on a regular basis to our ecommerce website and wholesale customers' stores in search of our products. The marketing of the Southern Tide brand includes email, internet and social media advertising as well as traditional media such as catalogs, print and other correspondence with customers and moving media and trade show initiatives. We believe that it is very important that a lifestyle brand effectively communicate with consumers on a regular basis about product offerings or other brand events in order to maintain and strengthen the brand's connections with consumers. For certain of our wholesale customers, we also provide point-of-sale materials and signage to enhance the presentation of our branded products at their retail locations and/or participate in cooperative advertising programs. Additionally, Southern Tide enters into certain cobranding arrangements for a particular cause or non-profit organization that appeals to the Southern Tide team and that it believes will resonate with its target consumers.

Southern Tide utilizes our owned distribution center in Lyons, Georgia for its warehouse and distribution center operations. Activities at the distribution center include receiving finished goods from suppliers, inspecting the products and shipping the products to wholesale customers and our e-commerce customers. We seek to maintain sufficient levels of inventory at the distribution center to support our direct to consumer operations, as well as pre-booked orders and some limited replenishment ordering for our wholesale customers.

## Wholesale Operations

At this time, Southern Tide's business is predominantly a wholesale business with sales to independent specialty stores, department stores and Southern Tide Signature Stores. Southern Tide's wholesale operations provide an opportunity to grow our business and have access to a large group of consumers. During Fiscal 2017, approximately $15 \%$ of Southern Tide's sales were to department stores and $5 \%$ of sales were to Southern Tide Signature Stores. Southern Tide's net sales to its ten largest wholesale customers represented about one-third of Southern Tide's net sales in Fiscal 2017, with its largest customer representing 8\% of Southern Tide's net sales. Southern Tide products are available in more than 1,000 retail locations.

A key component of Southern Tide's plans for growth in wholesale distribution is sales to Signature Stores. For Signature Stores, we enter into agreements whereby we grant the other party the right to independently operate one or more stores as a Southern Tide Signature Store, subject to certain conditions, including designating substantially all the store specifically for Southern Tide products and adhering to certain trademark usage requirements. We sell products to these Southern Tide Signature Stores on a wholesale basis and do not receive royalty income associated with these sales. As of February 3, 2018, there were seven Signature Stores including three stores in North Carolina, two stores in South Carolina, one store in Florida and one store in Illinois. We anticipate approximately 10 additional Signature Stores opening in Fiscal 2018 in various locations along the east coast from Nantucket and Cape Cod in Massachusetts to Naples, Florida. In addition, we believe there is opportunity for wholesale growth for Southern Tide in women's apparel, which represented 13\% of Southern Tide's net sales in Fiscal 2017.

We maintain Southern Tide apparel sales offices and showrooms in Greenville, South Carolina. Our wholesale operations for Southern Tide utilize a sales force consisting of a combination of salaried sales employees and commissioned agents.

## Direct to Consumer Operations

A key component of our Southern Tide growth strategy is to expand our direct to consumer operations, which currently consist of the Southern Tide website. In the future, we may open owned retail stores; however, we do not expect to open any owned retail stores during Fiscal 2018. The Southern Tide website markets a full line of merchandise, including apparel and
accessories, all presented in a manner intended to enhance the Southern Tide image, brand awareness and acceptance. We believe our Southern Tide website enables us to stay close to the needs and preferences of consumers.

In addition to off-price retailers, we also utilize the Southern Tide website as a means of liquidating discontinued or out-of-season inventory in a brand appropriate manner. During the year, we have a number of e-commerce flash clearance sales per year, which are typically in industry end of season promotional periods.

## Licensing Operations

We currently license the Southern Tide trademark to licensees for certain bed, bath and tie product categories. The agreements require minimum royalty payments as well as royalty based on specified percentages of the licensee's net sales of the licensed products and provides us the right to approve all products, advertising and proposed channels of distribution. In the long term, we believe licensing may be an attractive business opportunity for Southern Tide, but opportunities may be somewhat limited until the sales volume and distribution of the Southern Tide brand expands. Once the brand is more fully established, licensing requires modest additional investment but can yield high-margin income. It also affords the opportunity to enhance overall brand awareness and exposure.

## Seasonal Aspects of Business

Southern Tide's operating results are impacted by seasonality as the demand by specific product or style as well as the demand by distribution channel may vary significantly depending on the time of year. As primarily a wholesale apparel business, in which product shipments generally occur prior to the retail selling seasons, the seasonality of Southern Tide generally reflects stronger spring and fall wholesale deliveries which typically occur in our first and third quarters. The timing of certain unusual or non-recurring items, economic conditions, wholesale product shipments or other factors affecting the business may vary from one year to the next. Therefore, we do not believe that net sales or operating income of Southern Tide for any particular quarter or the distribution of net sales and operating income for Fiscal 2017 are necessarily indicative of anticipated results for the full fiscal year or expected distribution in future years. The following table presents the percentage of net sales and operating income for Southern Tide by quarter for Fiscal 2017:

|  | First Quarter |  | Second Quarter | Third Quarter | Fourth Quarter |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Net sales | $31 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $24 \%$ |  |
| Operating income | $47 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $16 \%$ |  |

## Corporate and Other

Corporate and Other is a reconciling category for reporting purposes and includes our corporate offices, substantially all financing activities, elimination of any inter-segment sales, LIFO inventory accounting adjustments, other costs that are not allocated to the operating groups and operations of other businesses which are not included in our operating groups, including our Lyons, Georgia distribution center operations (which performs warehouse and distribution services for third parties, as well as our Southern Tide and Lanier Apparel businesses) and The Beaufort Bonnet Company ("Beaufort Bonnet") which we acquired in December 2017. Beaufort Bonnet designs, sources, markets and distributes premium childrenswear including bonnets, hats, apparel, swimwear and accessories through the Beaufort Bonnet ecommerce website, thebeaufortbonnetcompany.com, as well as wholesale specialty retailers. Our LIFO inventory pool does not correspond to our operating group definitions; therefore, LIFO inventory accounting adjustments are not allocated to operating groups.

## Discontinued Operations

Discontinued operations include the assets and operations of our former Ben Sherman operating group which we sold in July 2015. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and other information in this report reflect continuing operations and exclude any amounts related to the discontinued operations of our former Ben Sherman operating group. Refer to Note 13 in our consolidated financial statements included in this report for additional information about discontinued operations.

## TRADEMARKS

We own trademarks, several of which are very important and valuable to our business including Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide. Generally, our significant trademarks are subject to registrations and pending applications throughout the world for use on apparel and, in some cases, apparel-related products, accessories, home furnishings and beauty products, as well as in connection with retail services. We continue to evaluate our worldwide usage and registration of certain of our trademarks. In general, trademarks remain valid and enforceable as long as the trademarks are used in connection with
our products and services in the relevant jurisdiction and the required registration renewals are filed. Important factors relating to risks associated with our trademarks include, but are not limited to, those described in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors.

## PRODUCT SOURCING AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

We intend to maintain flexible, diversified, cost-effective sourcing operations that provide high-quality apparel products. Our operating groups, either internally or through the use of third party buying agents, source virtually all of our products from non-exclusive, third party producers located in foreign countries, with a significant concentration in Asia, or from our licensees for licensed products sold in our direct to consumer distribution channels. During Fiscal 2017, we sourced approximately $56 \%$ and $14 \%$ of our products from producers located in China and Vietnam, respectively, with no other country greater than $10 \%$. Although we place a high value on long-term relationships with our suppliers and have used many of our suppliers for a number of years, generally we do not have long-term contracts with our suppliers. Instead, we conduct business on an order-by-order basis. Thus, we compete with other companies for the production capacity of independent manufacturers. We believe that this approach provides us with the greatest flexibility in identifying the appropriate manufacturers while considering quality, cost, timing of product delivery and other criteria. During Fiscal 2017, no individual third party manufacturer supplied more than $10 \%$ of our product purchases.

We purchase virtually all of our products from third party producers as package purchases of finished goods, which are manufactured with oversight by us or our buying agents and to our design and fabric specifications. The use of contract manufacturers reduces the amount of capital investment required by us as operating manufacturing facilities can require a significant amount of capital investment. We depend upon the ability of third party producers to secure a sufficient supply of raw materials specified by us, adequately finance the production of goods ordered and maintain sufficient manufacturing and shipping capacity rather than us providing or financing the costs of these items. We believe that purchasing substantially all of our products as package purchases allows us to reduce our working capital requirements as we are not required to purchase, or finance the purchase of, the raw materials or other production costs related to our product purchases until we take ownership of the finished goods, which typically occurs when the goods are shipped by the third party producers. In addition to purchasing products from third parties, our Lanier Apparel operating group operates an owned manufacturing facility, which is located in Merida, Mexico and produced $1 \%$ of our total company products during Fiscal 2017.

As the design, manufacture and transportation of apparel products for our brands may take as many as six months for each season, we typically make commitments months in advance of when products will arrive in our retail stores or our wholesale customers' stores. We continue to seek ways to reduce the time required from design and ordering to bringing products to our customers. As our merchandising departments must estimate our requirements for finished goods purchases for our own retail stores and e-commerce sites based on historical product demand data and other factors, and as purchases for our wholesale accounts must be committed to prior to the receipt of customer orders, we carry the risk that we have purchased more inventory than we will ultimately desire.

As part of our commitment to source our products in a lawful, ethical and socially responsible manner, each of our operating groups has implemented a code of conduct program applicable to vendors from whom we purchase goods, which includes provisions related to abiding by applicable laws as well as compliance with other business or ethical standards, including related human rights, health, safety, working conditions, environmental and other requirements. We require that each of our vendors and licensees comply with the applicable code of conduct or substantially similar compliance standards. All of our vendors from whom we purchase goods are also required by us to adhere to the United States Customs and Border Protection’s Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism program, including standards relating to facility, procedural, personnel and cargo security. On an ongoing basis we assess vendors' compliance with the applicable code of conduct and applicable laws and regulations through audits performed by either our employees or our designated agents. The assessment of compliance by vendors is directed by our corporate leadership team. In the event we determine that a vendor is not abiding by our required standards, we work with the vendor to remediate the violation. If the violation is not satisfactorily remediated, we will discontinue use of the vendor.

## IMPORT RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

We are exposed to certain risks as a result of our international operations as substantially all of our merchandise, as well as the products purchased by our licensing partners, is manufactured by foreign suppliers. During Fiscal 2017, we sourced approximately $56 \%$ and $14 \%$ of our products from producers located in China and Vietnam, respectively. Our imported products are subject to customs, trade and other laws and regulations governing their entry into the United States and other countries where we sell our products, including various federal, state and local laws and regulations that govern any of our activities that may have adverse environmental and health and safety effects. Noncompliance with these laws and regulations may result in significant monetary penalties.

Substantially all of the merchandise we acquire is subject to duties which are assessed on the value of the imported product and represent a component of the cost of the goods we sell. The average duty rate on products imported by us in Fiscal 2017 was approximately $15 \%$ of the product cost. Duty rates vary depending on the type of garment and its fiber content and are subject to change in future periods. In addition, while the World Trade Organization's member nations have eliminated quotas on apparel and textiles, the United States and other countries into which we import our products are still allowed in certain circumstances to unilaterally impose "anti-dumping" or "countervailing" duties in response to threats to their comparable domestic industries.


#### Abstract

Although we have not been materially inhibited from doing business in desired markets in the past, we cannot assure that significant impediments will not arise in the future as we expand product offerings and brands and enter into new markets. In addition, in the United States, there have been examples of the United States government implementing additional duties in other industries and discussion of potential additional duties in the apparel industry and other potential changes. There is a significant amount of uncertainty related to these topics; however, it is possible that changes, if implemented, could have a significant unfavorable impact on the apparel retail industry and our cost of goods sold, operations, net earnings and cash flows. Our management regularly monitors proposed regulatory changes and the existing regulatory environment, including any impact on our operations or on our ability to import products.

In addition, apparel and other products sold by us are subject to stringent and complex product performance and security and safety standards, laws and other regulations. These regulations relate principally to product labeling, certification of product safety and importer security procedures. We believe that we are in material compliance with those regulations. Our licensed products and licensing partners are also subject to such regulation. Our agreements require our licensing partners to operate in compliance with all laws and regulations.


Important factors relating to risks associated with government regulations include those described in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

We believe that sophisticated information systems and functionality are important components of maintaining our competitive position and supporting continued growth of our businesses, particularly in the ever-changing consumer shopping environment. Our information systems are designed to provide effective retail store, ecommerce and wholesale operations while emphasizing efficient point-of-sale, distribution center, design, sourcing, order processing, marketing, customer relationship management, accounting and other functions. We regularly evaluate the adequacy of our information technologies and upgrade or enhance our systems to gain operating efficiencies, to provide additional consumer access and to support our anticipated growth as well as other changes in our business. We believe that continuous upgrading and enhancements to our information systems with newer technology that offers greater efficiency, functionality and reporting capabilities is critical to our operations and financial condition.

## SEASONAL ASPECTS OF BUSINESS

Each of our operating groups is impacted by seasonality as the demand by specific product or style, as well as by distribution channel, may vary significantly depending on the time of year. For details of the impact of seasonality on each of our operating groups, see the business discussion of each operating group above.

As the timing of certain unusual or non-recurring items, economic conditions, wholesale product shipments, weather or other factors affecting our operations may vary from one year to the next, we do not believe that net sales or operating income for any particular quarter or the distribution of net sales and operating income for Fiscal 2017 are necessarily indicative of anticipated results for the full fiscal year or expected distribution in future years. Our third quarter has historically been our smallest net sales and operating income quarter and that result is expected to continue. The following table presents our percentage of net sales and operating results by quarter for Fiscal 2017:

|  | First <br> Quarter |  |  |  |  | Second <br> Quarter | Third <br> Quarter | Fourth <br> Quarter |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | $25 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $27 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| Operating income | $35 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $22 \%$ |  |  |  |  |

## ORDER BACKLOG

As two-thirds of our sales are direct to consumer sales, which are not reflected in an order backlog, and the order backlog for wholesale sales may be impacted by a variety of factors, we do not believe that order backlog information is necessarily
indicative of sales to be expected for future periods. Therefore, we believe the order backlog is not material for an understanding of our business taken as a whole. Further, as our sales continue to shift towards direct to consumer rather than wholesale sales, the order backlog will continue to be less meaningful as a measure of our future sales and results of operations.

## EMPLOYEES

As of February 3, 2018, we employed approximately 5,900 persons, of whom approximately $85 \%$ were employed in the United States. Approximately $70 \%$ of our employees were retail store and restaurant employees. We believe our employee relations are good.

## INFORMATION

Oxford Industries, Inc. is a Georgia corporation originally founded in 1942. Our corporate headquarters are located at 999 Peachtree Street, N.E., Ste. 688, Atlanta, Georgia 30309. Our internet address is oxfordinc.com. Copies of our annual report on Form 10-K, proxy statement, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, are available free of charge on our website the same day that they are electronically filed with the SEC. The information on our website is not and should not be considered part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and is not incorporated by reference in this document.

In addition, copies of our annual report on Form 10-K, excluding exhibits, are available without cost to our shareholders by writing to Investor Relations, Oxford Industries, Inc., 999 Peachtree Street, N.E., Suite 688, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

## Item 1A. Risk Factors

The risks described below highlight some of the factors that could materially affect our operations. If any of these risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition, prospects and/or operating results may be adversely affected. These are not the only risks and uncertainties we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently consider immaterial may also adversely affect our business.

## We operate in a highly competitive industry which is evolving very rapidly; our ability to execute our direct to consumer and portfolio-level strategies and/or transform our operations in light of shifts in consumer shopping behavior subjects us to risks that could adversely affect our financial results and operations.

We operate in a highly competitive industry in which the principal competitive factors are the reputation, value and image of brand names; design; consumer preference; price; quality; marketing; product fulfillment capabilities; and customer service. We believe that our ability to compete successfully is directly related to our proficiency in foreseeing changes and trends in fashion and consumer preference, including the manner in which retail consumers seek to transact business and access products, and presenting appealing products for consumers when and where they seek it.

The highly competitive apparel industry is characterized by low barriers to entry. There are an abundant and rapidly growing number of domestic and foreign apparel designers, manufacturers, distributors, importers, licensors and retailers, some of whom are also our customers, and some of whom may be significantly larger, are more diversified and/or have significantly greater financial resources than we do. Competitive factors within the apparel industry may result in reduced sales, increased costs, lower prices for our products and/or decreased margins.

One of our key initiatives has been to grow our branded businesses through distribution strategies that allow our consumers to access our brands whenever and wherever they choose to shop. Our success depends to a large degree on our ability to introduce new retail, restaurant and other concepts and products; identify suitable locations with the proper consumer demographics and suitable economic structures; establish the infrastructure necessary to support growth; source appropriate levels of inventory; hire and train qualified personnel; anticipate and implement innovations in sales and marketing technology to align with our consumers' shopping preferences; maintain brand specific websites, mobile applications and other social media presence that offer the functionality and security customers expect; and enhance our advertising and marketing activities effectively to maintain our current customers and attract and introduce new ones to our brands and offerings.

The retail apparel market is evolving very rapidly and in ways that are having a disruptive impact on traditional fashion retailers. This includes greater transparency for consumers in product pricing and competitive offerings from competing brands as a result of technological advances; continued declines in retail traffic for traditional fashion retailers, particularly mall-based retailers who have historically relied on the appeal of department stores to attract consumers, as
consumers find new ways to shop; the entry by large e-commerce retailers and others with significant financial resources and enhanced distribution capabilities into the fashion retail space; increased investment in technology and multi-channel distribution strategies by large, traditional bricks and mortar and big box retailers; ongoing success in off-price and fast fashion channels of distribution, in particular those who offer brand label products at clearance; and increased promotional activities, both online and in-store, by department stores and traditional fashion retailers seeking to remain competitive, and in some cases viable, in the current retail environment.

Any inability on our part to properly manage the competitive challenges in our industry and effectively adapt to the evolving consumer shopping behavioral trends may result in lost sales and/or adversely impact our results of operations, reputation and credibility.

## Our success depends on the reputation and value of our brands; any failure to maintain the reputation or value of our brands and/or to offer innovative, fashionable and desirable products could adversely affect our business operations and financial condition.

Our success depends on the reputation and value of our brand names. The value of our brands could be diminished by actions taken by us or by our wholesale customers or others who have an interest in the brands. Actions that could cause harm to our brands include failing to respond to emerging fashion trends or meet consumer quality expectations; selling products bearing our brands through distribution channels that are inconsistent with the retail channels in which our customers expect to find those brands; becoming overly promotional; or setting up consumer expectations for promotional activity for our products. Customer acquisition in today's technology-driven retail environment is critical. We are becoming more reliant on social media as one of our marketing strategies, and the value of our brands could be adversely affected if we do not effectively communicate our brand message through social media vehicles that interface with our consumers in "real-time."

During Fiscal 2017, Tommy Bahama's and Lilly Pulitzer's net sales represented $63 \%$ and $23 \%$, respectively, of our consolidated net sales. The significant concentration in our portfolio heightens the risks we face if one of these brands fails to meet our expectations and/or is adversely impacted by actions we or third parties take with respect to that brand or by competitive conditions in the apparel industry.

Although certain of our products carry over from season to season, the apparel industry is subject to rapidly changing fashion trends and shifting consumer demands. Due to the competitive nature of the apparel industry, there can be no assurance that the demand for our products will not decline or that we will be able to successfully evaluate and adapt our products to align with consumer preferences and changes in consumer demographics. Any failure on our part to develop and market appealing products could harm the reputation and desirability of our brands and products and/or result in weakened financial performance.

We also license many of our brand names to third party licensees, including for purposes of developing and marketing products outside of our core categories, for purposes of retail and/or wholesale distribution of our products in international and/or local markets, including our Lilly Pulitzer Signature Stores and Southern Tide Signature Stores, and to introduce new concepts outside our core expertise. While we enter into comprehensive license and similar collaborative agreements with these third parties covering product design, product quality, brand standards, sourcing, distribution, operations, manufacturing and/or marketing requirements and approvals, there can be no guarantee our brands will not be negatively impacted through our association with products or concepts outside of our core apparel products, by the market perception of the third parties with whom we associate and/or due to the actions of a licensee. The improper or detrimental actions of a licensee could significantly impact the perception of our brands.

In addition, we cannot always control the marketing and promotion of our products by our wholesale customers, licensees or other third parties, and actions by such parties that are inconsistent with our own marketing efforts and practices or that otherwise adversely affect the appeal of our products could diminish the value or reputation of one or more of our brands and have an adverse effect on our sales and business operations.

We have a robust legal and social compliance program for our third party manufacturers and vendors, including codes of conduct and vendor compliance standards. The reputation of our brands could be harmed if these third parties, substantially all of which are located outside the United States, fail to meet appropriate product safety, product quality and social compliance standards. Despite our efforts, we cannot ensure that our manufacturers and vendors will at all times conduct their operations in accordance with ethical practices or that the products we purchase will always meet our safety and quality control standards. Any violation of our applicable codes of conduct or local laws relating to labor conditions by our manufacturers or vendors or other actions or failures by us or such parties may result in a negative public perception of our brands or products, as well as disrupt our supply chain, which may adversely affect our business operations.

## Our business and financial condition are heavily influenced by general economic conditions, which are outside of our control.

We are a consumer products company and are highly dependent on consumer discretionary spending and retail traffic patterns. The levels of demand for apparel products change as regional, domestic and international economic conditions change. Demand for our products may be significantly impacted by trends in consumer confidence and discretionary consumer spending patterns, which may be influenced by employment levels; recessions; inflation; fuel and energy costs; interest rates; tax rates; personal debt levels; savings rates; stock market and housing market volatility; shifting social ideology; natural disasters and/or weather patterns; and general uncertainty about the future. The factors impacting consumer confidence and discretionary consumer spending patterns are outside of our control and difficult to predict, and, often, the apparel industry experiences longer periods of recession and greater declines than the general economy. Any decline in consumer confidence or change in discretionary consumer spending patterns could reduce our sales and/or adversely affect our business and financial condition.

Additionally, significant changes in the operations or liquidity of any of the parties with which we conduct our business, including suppliers, customers, trademark licensees and lenders, among others, now or in the future, or in the access to capital markets for any such parties, could result in lower demand for our products, lower sales, higher costs, greater credit risk on our sales or other disruptions in our business.

Loss of one or more of our key wholesale customers, or a significant adverse change in a customer's financial performance or financial position, could negatively impact our net sales and profitability.

We generate a significant percentage of our wholesale sales from a few key customers. For example, during Fiscal 2017, 44\% of our consolidated wholesale sales, or $15 \%$ of our consolidated net sales, were to our five largest customers. Over the last several years, there have been significant levels of store closures and bankruptcies and financial restructurings by department stores and other large retailers, particularly as the retail industry has transitioned more towards online and mobile transactions; increased prevalence and emphasis on private label products at large retailers; direct sourcing of products by large retailers; consolidation of a number of retailers; and increased competition experienced by our wholesale customers from online competitors. A decrease in the number of stores that carry our products, restructuring of our customers’ operations, continued store closures by major department stores, direct sourcing and greater leverage by customers, realignment of customer affiliations or other factors could negatively impact our net sales and profitability.

We generally do not have long-term contracts with our wholesale customers. Instead, we rely on long-standing relationships with these customers, the appeal of our brands and our position within the marketplace. As a result, purchases generally occur on an order-by-order basis, and each relationship can typically be terminated by either party at any time. A decision by one or more of our key wholesale customers to terminate its relationship with us or to reduce its purchases from us, whether motivated by competitive considerations, quality or style issues, financial difficulties, economic conditions or otherwise, could adversely affect our net sales and profitability, as it would be difficult to immediately, if at all, replace this business with new customers, reduce our operating costs or increase sales volumes with other existing customers. In addition, as department stores and other large retailers become more promotional, we continuously evaluate our sales to certain wholesale channels of distribution, for brand protection or otherwise, and in some cases have terminated or curtailed our sales to those customers and may continue to do so, which impacts our net sales and profitability.

We also extend credit to most of our key wholesale customers without requiring collateral, which results in a large amount of receivables from just a few customers. At February 3, 2018, our five largest outstanding customer balances represented $\$ 31$ million, or $46 \%$ of our consolidated receivables balance. Companies in the apparel industry, including some of our customers, may experience financial difficulties, including bankruptcies, restructurings and reorganizations, tightened credit markets and/or declining sales and profitability. A significant adverse change in a customer's financial position or ability to satisfy its obligations to us could cause us to limit or discontinue business with that customer, require us to assume greater credit risk relating to that customer's receivables or limit our ability to collect amounts related to shipments to that customer.

We rely to a large extent on third party producers in foreign countries to meet our production demands, and failures by these producers to meet our requirements, the unavailability of suitable producers at reasonable prices and/or changes in international trade regulation may negatively impact our ability to deliver quality products to our customers on a timely basis, disrupt our supply chain or result in higher costs or reduced net sales.

We source substantially all of our products from non-exclusive, third party producers located in foreign countries, including sourcing approximately $56 \%$ and $14 \%$ of our product purchases from China and Vietnam, respectively, during Fiscal
2017. Although we place a high value on long-term relationships with our suppliers, generally we do not have long-term supply contracts but, instead, conduct business on an order-by-order basis. Therefore, we compete with other companies for the production capacity of independent manufacturers. We also depend on the ability of these third party producers to secure a sufficient supply of raw materials, adequately finance the production of goods ordered and maintain sufficient manufacturing and shipping capacity, and in some cases, the products we purchase and the raw materials that are used in our products are available only from one source or a limited number of sources. Although we monitor production in third party manufacturing locations, we cannot be certain that we will not experience operational difficulties with our manufacturers, such as the reduction of available production capacity, errors in complying with product specifications, insufficient quality control, failures to meet production deadlines or increases in manufacturing costs. Such difficulties may negatively impact our ability to deliver quality products to our customers on a timely basis. This would jeopardize our ability to properly merchandise our direct to consumer channels and service our customers, which may, in turn, have a negative impact on our customer relationships and result in lower net sales and profits.

Due to our sourcing activities, we are exposed to risks associated with changes in the laws and regulations governing the importing and exporting of apparel products into and from the countries in which we operate. These risks include changes in social, political, labor and economic conditions or terrorist acts that could result in the disruption of trade from the countries in which our manufacturers are located; the imposition of additional or new duties, tariffs, taxes, quota restrictions or other changes and shifts in sourcing patterns as a result of such changes; significant delays in the delivery of our products, due to security or other considerations; fluctuations in sourcing costs; the imposition of antidumping or countervailing duties; fluctuations in the value of the dollar against foreign currencies; changes in customs procedures for importing apparel products; and restrictions on the transfer of funds to or from foreign countries. We may not be able to offset any disruption or cost increases to our supply chain as a result of any of these factors by shifting production to suitable manufacturers in other jurisdictions in a timely manner or at acceptable prices, and future regulatory actions or changes in international trade regulation may provide our competitors with a material advantage over us.

In addition, the current political landscape has introduced significant uncertainty with respect to future trade regulations and existing international trade agreements. This includes the possibility of imposing tariffs or penalties on products manufactured outside the United States, including the March 22 , 2018 announcement of the United States government's institution of a $25 \%$ tariff on a range of products from China. We cannot predict whether, and to what extent, there may be changes to international trade agreements or whether quotas, duties, tariffs, exchange controls or other restrictions on our products will be changed or imposed. If we are unable to source our products from the countries where we wish to purchase them, either because of such regulatory changes or for any other reason, or if the cost of doing so increases, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## Cybersecurity attacks and/or breaches of information security or privacy could disrupt our operations, cause us to incur additional expenses, expose us to litigation and/or cause us financial harm.

Cybersecurity attacks continue to become increasingly sophisticated, and experienced computer programmers and hackers may be able to penetrate our network security and misappropriate or compromise our confidential information or disrupt our systems. We are regularly the subject of attempts by attackers to gain unauthorized access to our networks, systems, and data, or to obtain, change, or destroy confidential information. In addition, customers may use devices or software that are beyond our control environment to purchase our products, which may provide additional avenues for attackers to gain access to confidential information.

Despite our implementation of security measures, if an actual or perceived data security breach occurs, whether as a result of cybersecurity attacks, computer viruses, vandalism, human error or otherwise, or if there are perceived vulnerabilities in our systems, the image of our brands and our reputation and credibility could be damaged, and, in some cases, our continued operations may be impaired or restricted. The costs to eliminate or alleviate cyber or other security problems and vulnerabilities, including to comply with security or other measures under state, federal and international laws governing the unauthorized disclosure of confidential information or to resolve any litigation, and to enhance cybersecurity protection through organizational changes, deploying additional personnel and protection technologies, training employees and engaging third party experts and consultants could be significant and result in significant financial losses and expenses, as well as lost sales.

As an ongoing part of our business operations, including direct to consumer transactions and marketing through various social media tools, we regularly collect and utilize sensitive and confidential personal information, including of our customers, employees and suppliers. The routine operation of our business involves the storage and transmission of customer personal information and preferences, and we use social media and other online and technology-driven marketing and related
activities to connect with our customers. The regulatory environment governing our use of individually identifiable data of customers, employees and others is complex, and the security of personal information is a matter of public concern.

As part of our routine operations, we also contract with third party service providers to store, process and transmit personal information of our employees and customers. Although we contractually require that these providers implement reasonable security measures, we cannot control third parties and cannot guarantee that a security breach will not occur at their location or within their systems. Privacy breaches of confidential information stored or used by our third party service providers or disruptions in their systems may expose us to the same risks as a breach of our own systems, including negative publicity, potential out-of-pocket costs and adverse effects on our business and customer relationships.

In addition, privacy and information security laws and requirements change frequently, and compliance with them or similar security standards, such as those created by the payment card industry, may require us to modify our operations and/or incur costs to make necessary systems changes and implement new administrative processes. Our failure to comply with these laws and regulations, or similar security standards, could lead to fines, penalties or adverse publicity.

Our operations are reliant on information technology and any interruption or other failure, including an inability to timely upgrade our systems, may impair our ability to provide products to our customers, efficiently conduct our operations and/or meet the needs of our management.

The efficient operation of our business is dependent on information technology. Information systems are used in all stages of our operations and as a method of communication with our customers, service providers and suppliers. Many of our information technology solutions are operated and/or maintained by third parties, including our use of cloud-based solutions. Additionally, each of our operating groups utilizes e-commerce websites, point-of-sale systems and wholesale ordering systems to sell goods. Our management also relies on information systems to provide relevant and accurate information in order to allocate resources and forecast and report our operating results. Service interruptions may occur as a result of a number of factors, including power outages, consumer traffic levels, computer viruses, hacking or other unlawful activities by third parties, disasters or failures to properly install, upgrade, integrate, protect, repair or maintain our various systems and ecommerce websites. We regularly evaluate upgrades or enhancements to our information systems to more efficiently and competitively operate our businesses. We may experience difficulties during the implementation, upgrade or subsequent operation of our systems and/or not be equipped to address system problems. Any material disruption in our information technology solutions, or any failure to timely, efficiently and effectively integrate new systems, could have an adverse effect on our business or results of operations.

In addition, as our business continues to grow and we face new challenges in the current retail environment, we evaluate our systems on an ongoing basis to ensure they meet our business needs and, as needed, replace and/or upgrade those systems, which may be expensive undertakings. We must, however, be diligent in our evaluation of these systems, as reliance on outdated technology may inhibit our ability to operate efficiently, which could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. As we transition to new systems, we may also face certain challenges, including the loss of certain functionality, information from our legacy systems and efficient interfaces with third party and continuing systems. Temporary processes or solutions, including manual operations, which may be required to be instituted in the short term could also significantly increase the risk of loss or corruption of data and information. All of these events could have a material adverse effect on our financial conditions and results of operations.

Our business depends on our senior management and other key personnel, and the unsuccessful transition of key management responsibilities, the unexpected loss of individuals integral to our business, our inability to attract and retain qualified personnel in the future or our failure to successfully plan for and implement succession of our senior management and key personnel may have an adverse effect on our operations, business relationships and ability to execute our strategies.

Our senior management has substantial experience and expertise in the apparel and related industries, with our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Mr. Thomas C. Chubb III having worked with our company for nearly 30 years, including in various executive management capacities. Our success depends on disciplined execution at all levels of our organization, including our senior management, and continued succession planning. Competition for qualified personnel in the apparel industry is intense, and we compete to attract and retain these individuals with other companies that may have greater financial resources than us. While we believe that we have depth within our management team, the unexpected loss of any of our senior management, or the unsuccessful integration of new leadership, could harm our business and financial performance. In addition, we may be unable to retain or recruit qualified personnel in key areas such as product design, sales, marketing (including individuals with key insights into digital and social media marketing strategies), distribution, technology, sourcing and other support functions, which could result in missed sales opportunities and harm to key business relationships.

We rely on our primary distribution facilities in order to support our direct to consumer and wholesale operations, meet customer expectations, manage inventory, complete sales and achieve operating efficiencies, and any disruption or failure in these facilities may materially adversely affect our business or operations.

We may have a greater risk than our peers due to the concentration of our distribution facilities, as substantially all of our products for each operating group are distributed through one or two principal distribution centers. The primary distribution facilities that we operate are: a distribution center in Auburn, Washington for our Tommy Bahama products; a distribution center in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania our Lilly Pulitzer products; distribution centers in Toccoa, Georgia and Lyons, Georgia for our Lanier Apparel products; and a distribution center in Lyons, Georgia for our Southern Tide products. Each of these distribution centers relies on computercontrolled and automated equipment, which may be subject to a number of risks. Our ability to support our direct to consumer operations, meet customer expectations, manage inventory and achieve objectives for operating efficiencies depends on the proper operation of these distribution facilities, each of which manages the receipt, storage, sorting, packing and distribution of finished goods.

If any of our primary distribution facilities were to shut down or otherwise become inoperable or inaccessible for any reason, including as a result of natural or man-made disasters, cybersecurity attacks, computer viruses or otherwise, if our distribution facilities fail to upgrade their technological systems to ensure efficient operations or if we are unable to receive goods in a distribution center or to ship the goods in a distribution center, as a result of a technology failure or otherwise, we could experience a reduction in sales, a substantial loss of inventory, higher costs, insufficient inventory at our retail stores to meet consumer expectations and longer lead times associated with the distribution of our products. In addition, for the distribution facilities that we operate, there are substantial fixed costs associated with these large, highly automated distribution centers, and we could experience reduced operating and cost efficiencies during periods of economic weakness. Any disruption to our distribution facilities or in their efficient operation could negatively affect our operating results and our customer relationships.

## We may be unable to grow our business through organic growth, and any failure to successfully execute this aspect of our business strategy may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations.

One key component of our business strategy is organic growth in our brands. Organic growth may be achieved by, among other things, increasing sales in our direct to consumer channels; selling our products in new markets; increasing our market share in existing markets; expanding the demographic appeal of our brands; expanding our margins through product cost reductions, price increases, or otherwise; expanding the customer reach of our brands through new and enhanced advertising initiatives; and increasing the product offerings within our various operating groups. Successful growth of our business is subject to, among other things, our ability to implement plans for expanding and/or maintaining our existing businesses and categories within our businesses at satisfactory levels. We may not be successful in achieving suitable organic growth, and our inability to grow our business may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations.

At the beginning of Fiscal 2017, we announced initiatives to improve Tommy Bahama's operating performance and long-term growth prospects. These initiatives, which included an enhanced outlet and clearance strategy, improving gross margin through selective price increases and reducing product costs and controlling operating expenses, while at the same time focusing on growing revenues through new product line and marketing initiatives, are discussed in Part I, Item 1. Business included in this report. While we saw improvements in Tommy Bahama’s operating performance during Fiscal 2017, any strategic initiative of this nature is inherently challenging and faces significant potential risks. We may be unable to continue the upward trajectory we saw at Tommy Bahama in Fiscal 2017, which may adversely affect our ability to achieve long-term sustainable growth while at the same time detracting from our focus and execution of other strategic initiatives.

In addition, investments we make in technology, advertising and infrastructure, retail stores and restaurants, office and distribution center facilities, personnel and elsewhere may not yield the full benefits we anticipate and/or sales growth may be outpaced by increases in operating costs, putting downward pressure on our operating margins and adversely affecting our results of operations. If we are unable to increase our sales growth targets organically, we may be required to pursue other strategic initiatives, including reductions in costs and/or acquisitions, in order to grow our business. These initiatives may not be available to us on desirable terms, inhibiting our ability to increase profitability.

The acquisition of new businesses and the divestiture or discontinuation of businesses and product lines have certain inherent risks, including, for example, strains on our management team and unexpected costs and other charges resulting from the transaction.

Growth of our business through acquisitions of lifestyle brands that fit within our business model is a component of our business strategy. For example, during Fiscal 2017, we acquired Beaufort Bonnet, a premium childrenswear brand selling bonnets, hats, apparel, swimwear and accessories, as well as the operations associated with 12 Lilly Pulitzer Signature Stores. Acquisitions involve numerous risks, including: the competitive climate for desirable acquisition candidates, which drives market multiples; the benefits of the acquisition not materializing as planned or not materializing within the time periods or to the extent anticipated; our ability to manage the people and processes of an acquired business; difficulties in retaining key relationships with customers and suppliers; risks in entering geographic markets and/or product categories in which we have no or limited prior experience; the assumption of contractual and other liabilities, some of which may not be known at the time of acquisition; and the possibility that we pay more to consummate an acquisition than the value we derive from the acquired business. Additionally, acquisitions may cause us to incur debt, or make dilutive issuances of our equity securities.

As described in Note 1 in our consolidated financial statements included in this report, at the time of an acquisition, we estimate and record the fair value of purchased intangible assets, such as trademarks, reacquired rights and customer relationships, and record goodwill generally to the extent the cost to acquire a business exceeds our assessment of the net fair value of tangible and intangible assets. We test indefinite-lived intangible assets and goodwill for possible impairment as of the first day of the fourth quarter of each fiscal year, or at an interim date if indicators of impairment exist at that date. It is possible that we could have an impairment charge for goodwill or intangible assets associated with an acquired business in future periods if, among other things, economic conditions decline, our strategies for an acquired business change, the results of operations of an acquired business are less than anticipated at the time of acquisition or enterprise values of comparable publicly traded companies decline. A future impairment charge for goodwill or intangible assets could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

As a result of acquisitions, we may become responsible for unexpected liabilities that we failed or were unable to discover in the course of performing due diligence. Although we may be entitled to indemnification against undisclosed liabilities from the sellers of the acquired business, our recourse may be limited and we cannot be certain that the indemnification, even if obtained, will be enforceable or collectible. Any of these liabilities, individually or in the aggregate, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Certain acquisitions may also be structured utilizing contingent consideration based on the acquired business' post-closing results. The principals from whom we acquired such a business, many of whom would likely continue to operate the business as our employees, may have differing interests than those of our shareholders because of such arrangements.

In addition, integrating acquired businesses is a complex, time-consuming and expensive process. The integration process for newly acquired businesses could create a number of challenges and adverse consequences for us associated with the integration of product lines, support functions, employees, sales teams and outsourced manufacturers; employee turnover, including key management and creative personnel of the acquired and existing businesses; disruption in product cycles for newly acquired product lines; maintenance of acceptable standards, controls, procedures and policies; operating business in new geographic territories; diversion of the attention of our management from other areas of our business; and the impairment of relationships with customers of the acquired and existing businesses. Merger and acquisition activity is inherently risky, and we cannot be certain that any acquisition will be successful and will not materially harm our business, operating results or financial condition.

As the fashion retail environment evolves, our investment criteria for acquisitions has grown to include smaller brands, such as Beaufort Bonnet, in an earlier stage of the brand's life cycle, where we can more fully integrate the brand into our existing infrastructure and shared services functions and better leverage our resources. While acquisitions of these smaller brands may have a smaller upfront purchase price, the limited operating history, less experienced management teams and less sophisticated systems, infrastructure and relationships generally associated with such brands may heighten the risks associated with acquisitions generally, including the heightened risk that the target company may be unable to achieve the projected financial results anticipated.

From time to time, we also divest or discontinue businesses, product lines and/or programs that do not align with our strategy or provide the returns that we expect or desire. Such dispositions and/or discontinuations may result in underutilization of our retained resources if the exited operations are not replaced with new lines of business, either internally or through acquisition. In addition, we may become responsible for unexpected liabilities, some of which may be triggered or increased by a purchaser's operation of the disposed business following the transaction. Those liabilities combined with any other liabilities we contractually retain, individually or in the aggregate, could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Our business is subject to various federal, foreign, state and local laws and regulations, and the costs of compliance with, or the violation of, such laws and regulations could have an adverse effect on our costs or operations.

In the United States, we are subject to stringent standards, laws and other regulations, including those relating to health, product performance and safety, labor, employment, privacy and data security, anti-bribery, consumer protection, taxation, customs, logistics and similar operational matters. In addition, operating in foreign jurisdictions requires compliance with similar laws and regulations. These laws and regulations, in the United States and abroad, are complex and often vary widely by jurisdiction, making it difficult for us to ensure that we are currently or will in the future be compliant with all applicable laws and regulations. We may be required to make significant expenditures or modify our business practices to comply with existing or future laws or regulations, and unfavorable resolution to litigation or a violation of applicable laws and regulations by us, or any of our suppliers or licensees, may restrict our ability to import products, require a recall of our products, lead to fines or otherwise increase our costs, negatively impact our ability to attract and retain employees, materially limit our ability to operate our business or result in adverse publicity. Compliance with these laws and regulations requires us to devote time and management resources, and to update our processes and programs, in response to newly implemented or changing regulatory requirements, all of which could affect the manner in which we operate our business or adversely affect our results of operations.

From time to time, we are involved in litigation matters, which may relate to consumer protection, employment practices and intellectual property infringement and which may include a class action, and are subject to various claims and pending or threatened lawsuits in the ordinary course of our business operations. Often, these cases raise complex factual and legal issues and, due to the inherent uncertainties of litigation, we cannot accurately predict the ultimate outcome of any such proceedings. Regardless of the outcome or whether the claims have merit, legal proceedings may be expensive and require significant management time.

Also, the restaurant industry requires compliance with a variety of federal, state and local regulations. In particular, all of our Tommy Bahama restaurants, including our Marlin Bar concept, serve alcohol and, therefore, maintain liquor licenses. Our ability to maintain our liquor licenses depends on our compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The loss of a liquor license would adversely affect the profitability of that restaurant. Additionally, as a participant in the restaurant industry, we face risks related to food quality, food-borne illness, injury, health inspection scores and labor relations. The negative impact of adverse publicity relating to allegations of violations at one of our restaurants may extend beyond the restaurant involved to affect some or all of the other restaurants, as well as the image of the Tommy Bahama brand as a whole.

Regardless of whether any allegations of violations of the laws and regulations governing our business are valid or whether we ultimately become liable, we may be materially affected by negative publicity associated with these and other issues, such as those relating to our social responsibility initiatives.

## Our business could be harmed if we fail to maintain proper inventory levels.

Many factors, such as economic conditions, fashion trends, consumer preferences, the financial condition of our wholesale customers and weather, make it difficult to accurately forecast demand for our products. In order to meet the expected demand for our products in a cost-effective manner, we make commitments for production several months prior to our receipt of these goods and often in advance of firm commitments, if any, from wholesale customers. Depending on the demand levels for our products, we may be unable to sell the products we have ordered or that we have in our inventory, which may result in inventory markdowns or the sale of excess inventory at discounted prices and through off-price channels. These events could significantly harm our operating results and impair the image of our brands. Conversely, if we underestimate demand for our products or if we are unable to access our products when we need them, for example due to a third party manufacturer's inability to source materials or produce goods in a timely fashion or as a result of delays in the delivery of products to us, we may experience inventory shortages, which might result in unfilled orders, negatively impact customer relationships, diminish brand loyalty and result in lost sales, any of which could harm our business.

## We may be unable to protect our trademarks and other intellectual property.

We believe that our trademarks and other intellectual property, as well as certain contractual arrangements, including licenses, and other proprietary intellectual property rights, have significant value and are important to our continued success and our competitive position due to their recognition by retailers and consumers. In Fiscal 2017, 92\% of our consolidated net sales were attributable to branded products for which we own the trademark. Therefore, our success depends to a significant degree on our ability to protect and preserve our intellectual property. We rely on laws in the United States and other countries to protect our proprietary rights. However, we may not be able to sufficiently prevent third parties from using our intellectual property without our authorization, particularly in those countries where the laws do not protect our proprietary rights as fully as in the United States. The use of our intellectual property or similar intellectual property by others could reduce or eliminate any competitive advantage we have developed, causing us to lose sales or otherwise harm the reputation of our brands.

We devote significant resources to the registration and protection of our trademarks and to anti-counterfeiting efforts. Despite these efforts, we regularly discover products that infringe on our proprietary rights or that otherwise seek to mimic or leverage our intellectual property. Counterfeiting and other infringing activities typically increase as brand recognition increases, especially in markets outside the United States. Counterfeiting and other infringement of our intellectual property could divert away sales, and association of our brands with inferior counterfeit reproductions or third party labels could adversely affect the integrity and reputation of our brands.

Additionally, there can be no assurance that the actions that we have taken will be adequate to prevent others from seeking to block sales of our products as violations of proprietary rights. As we extend our brands into new product categories and new product lines and expand the geographic scope of the manufacture, distribution and marketing of our brands’ products, we could become subject to litigation or challenge based on allegations of the infringement of intellectual property rights of third parties, including by various third parties who have acquired or claim ownership rights in some of our trademarks internationally. In the event a claim of infringement against us is successful or would otherwise affect our operations, we may be required to pay damages, royalties, license fees or other costs to continue to use intellectual property rights that we had been using, or we may be unable to obtain necessary licenses from third parties at a reasonable cost or within a reasonable time. Litigation and other legal action of this type, regardless of whether it is successful, could result in substantial costs to us and diversion of the attention of our management and other resources.

## Fluctuations and volatility in the cost and availability of raw materials, labor and freight may materially increase our costs.

We and our third party suppliers rely on the availability of raw materials at reasonable prices. The principal fabrics used in our business are cotton, linens, wools, silk, other natural fibers, synthetics and blends of these materials. The prices paid for these fabrics depend on the market price for raw materials used to produce them. The cost of the materials that are used in our manufacturing process, such as oil-related commodity prices and other raw materials, such as dyes and chemicals, and other costs, can fluctuate. We historically have not entered into any futures contracts to hedge commodity prices, and in recent years, we have seen significant variability in the costs of certain raw materials, including cotton. These pricing fluctuations could continue in future years.

We have also seen increases in the cost of labor at many of our suppliers in recent years, particularly with the growth of the middle class in certain countries, as well as in freight costs. In China, for example, apparel manufacturers have experienced increased costs due to labor shortages and other factors, and these increased costs are often passed on to us. Although we attempt to mitigate the effect of increases in our cost of goods sold through sourcing initiatives and by selectively increasing the prices of our products, these product costing pressures, as well as other variable cost pressures, may materially increase our costs, and we may be unable to fully pass on these costs to our customers.

As of February 3, 2018, we had approximately 5,900 employees worldwide, including 4,500 retail store and restaurant employees. The employment and employment-related costs associated with our employees are a significant component in our SG\&A, particularly of our retail store and restaurant operations. Employment costs are affected by various federal, state and foreign laws governing matters such as minimum wage rates, overtime compensation and other requirements. For example, in recent years, there has been significant political pressure and legislative action to increase the minimum wage rate in many of the jurisdictions within which our stores are located. Although we have not thus far been materially affected by these legislative increases in minimum wage rates, any increases in our employment costs, as a result of continued increases in minimum wage rates or otherwise, may materially increase our costs, reduce the profitability or expected profitability of our retail and restaurant operations, and/or adversely impact our results of operations.

## We are subject to risks associated with leasing real estate for our retail stores and restaurants, which generally consist of long-term leases negotiated at prevailing market rents.

An integral part of our strategy has been to develop and operate retail stores and restaurants for certain of our lifestyle brands. Net sales from our retail stores and restaurants were 47\% of our consolidated net sales during Fiscal 2017.

We lease all of our retail store and restaurant locations. Successful operation of our retail stores and restaurants depends, in part, on our ability to identify desirable, brand appropriate locations; the overall ability of the location to attract a consumer base sufficient to make store sales volume profitable; our ability to negotiate satisfactory lease terms and employ qualified personnel; and our ability to timely construct and complete any build-out and open the location in accordance with our plans. A decline in the volume of consumer traffic at our retail stores and restaurants, due to economic conditions, shifts in consumer shopping preferences or technology, a decline in the popularity of malls or lifestyle centers in general or at those in which we operate, the closing of anchor stores or other adjacent tenants or otherwise, could have a negative impact on our
sales, gross margin and results of operations. In addition, as and when we seek to open new retail stores and restaurants, we compete with others for favorable locations, lease terms and desired personnel. As consumer shopping patterns continue to negatively impact bricks and mortar retail traffic generally, the competition for premium retail space in long-term sustainable locations continues to increase. Our growth may be limited if we are unable to identify new locations with consumer traffic sufficient to support a profitable sales level or the local market reception to a new retail store opening is inconsistent with our expectations.

Our retail store and restaurant leases generally represent long-term financial commitments, with substantial costs at lease inception for a location's design, leasehold improvements, fixtures and systems installation. On an ongoing basis, we review the financial performance of each of our retail and restaurant locations in order to determine whether continued operation of that location is appropriate. Even if we determine that it is desirable to exit a particular location, the long-term nature and financial commitments of our real property leases may result in us being unable to close an underperforming location due to continuous use clauses and/or because negotiating an early termination would be cost prohibitive. In addition, due to the fixed-cost structure associated with these operations, negative cash flows or the closure of a retail store or restaurant could result in write-downs of inventory, impairment of leasehold improvements, impairment of other long-lived assets, severance costs, lease termination costs or the loss of working capital, which could adversely impact our business and financial results. Furthermore, as each of our leases expire, we may be unable to negotiate renewals, either on commercially acceptable terms or at all, which could force us to close retail stores and/or restaurants in desirable locations.

## Our geographic concentration of retail stores, restaurants and wholesale customers for certain of our brands exposes us to certain regional risks.

Our retail locations and restaurants are heavily concentrated in certain geographic areas in the United States, including Florida, California, Texas and Hawaii for our Tommy Bahama operations ( 74 out of 144 domestic stores and 14 of our 17 domestic restaurants in these states as of February 3, 2018) and Florida, Massachusetts and Virginia for our Lilly Pulitzer operations (27 out of 57 retail stores as of February 3, 2018). Additionally, the wholesale sales for each of Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide experience geographic concentration, including in geographic areas where we have concentrations of our own retail store locations. Due to these concentrations, we have heightened exposure to factors that impact these regions, including general economic conditions, weather patterns, natural disasters, changing demographics and other factors.

## Our operations may be affected by changes in weather patterns, natural or man-made disasters, war, terrorism or other catastrophes.

Our sales volume and operations may be adversely affected by unseasonable or severe weather conditions, natural or man-made disasters, war, terrorist attacks, including heightened security measures and responsive military actions, or other catastrophes which may cause consumers to alter their purchasing habits or result in a disruption to our operations. Because of the seasonality of our business, the concentration of a significant proportion of our retail stores and wholesale customers in certain geographic regions, including a resort and/or coastal focus in Tommy Bahama's and Lilly Pulitzer's operations, the concentration of our sourcing operations and the concentration of our distribution center operations, the occurrence of such events could disproportionately impact our business, financial condition and operating results.

## We hold licenses for the use of other parties' brand names, and we cannot guarantee our continued use of such brand names or the quality or salability of such brand names.

We have entered into license and design agreements to use certain trademarks and trade names, such as Kenneth Cole, Dockers, Geoffrey Beene, Nick Graham and Cole Haan, to market some of our products. During Fiscal 2017, sales of products bearing brands licensed to us accounted for $6 \%$ of our consolidated net sales and $61 \%$ of Lanier Apparel's net sales. When we enter into these license and design agreements, they generally provide for short contract durations (typically three to five years); these agreements may include options to extend the term of the contract but, when available, are generally subject to our satisfaction of certain contingencies (e.g., minimum sales thresholds) that may be difficult for us to satisfy. Competitive conditions for the right to use popular trademarks means that we cannot guarantee that we will be able to renew these licenses on acceptable terms upon expiration, that the terms of any renewal will not result in operating margin pressures or reduced profitability or that we will be able to acquire new licenses to use other desirable trademarks. The termination or expiration of a license agreement would cause us to lose the sales and any associated profits generated pursuant to such license, which could be material, and in certain cases could also result in an impairment charge for related assets, leave us with underutilized overhead and/or adversely impact existing synergies.

Our license agreements generally require us to receive approval from the brand's owner of all design and other elements of the licensed products we sell prior to production, as well as to receive approval from the brand owner of distribution channels in which we may sell and the manner in which we market and distribute licensed products. Any failure by us to comply with these requirements could result in the termination of the license agreement.

In addition to certain compliance obligations, all of our significant licenses provide minimum thresholds for royalty payments and advertising expenditures for each license year, which we must pay regardless of the level of our sales of the licensed products. If these thresholds are not met, our licensors may be permitted contractually to terminate these agreements or seek payment of minimum royalties even if the minimum sales are not achieved. In addition, our licensors produce their own products and license their trademarks to other third parties, and we are unable to control the quality of these goods. If licensors or others do not maintain the quality of these trademarks or if the brand image deteriorates, or the licensors otherwise change the parameters of design, pricing, distribution or marketing, our sales and any associated profits generated by such brands may decline.

## Our international direct to consumer and licensing operations may continue to adversely impact our results of operations and present other risks that could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial position.

Starting in 2010 and 2011, we focused on expanding Tommy Bahama's direct to consumer operations in international markets, notably the Asia-Pacific region and Canada. The operations in the Asia-Pacific region initially generated significant operating losses, and we have continued to curtail those operations since Fiscal 2015 to focus on alternative opportunities to present the Tommy Bahama brand in various international markets. We continue to operate stores in Australia, as well as two locations in Japan. Other than those locations, we have closed all our Asia-Pacific retail stores as of February 3, 2018. Although we have made significant strides in improving the operating results for Tommy Bahama's direct to consumer operations in the Asia-Pacific region and expect to continue to see improving results, those losses will continue to adversely impact our results of operations and put downward pressure on our operating margin in the near-future.

In addition, we have limited experience with regulatory environments and market practices related to international operations and there are risks associated with doing business in these markets, including lack of brand recognition in certain markets; understanding fashion trends and satisfying consumer tastes; understanding sizing and fitting in these markets; market acceptance of our products, which is difficult to assess immediately; establishing appropriate market-specific operational and logistics functions; managing compliance with the various legal requirements; staffing and managing foreign operations; fluctuations in currency exchange rates; obtaining governmental approvals that may be required to operate; potentially adverse tax implications; and maintaining proper levels of inventory. If we are unable to properly manage these risks or if our international efforts do not prove successful, our business, financial condition and results of operations could continue to be negatively impacted.

As we continue to explore long-term opportunities for our Tommy Bahama brand internationally while simultaneously seeking to reduce the operating losses associated with our Tommy Bahama operations in the Asia-Pacific region, we may elect to enter into retail license and/or wholesale distribution arrangements, or joint ventures, with third parties for certain markets. Any such arrangements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including our reliance on the operational skill and expertise of a local operator, the ability of the joint venture or operator to manage its employees and appropriately represent our brands in those markets and any protective rights that we may be forced to grant to the third party, which could limit our ability to fully realize the anticipated benefits of such a relationship.

We are also subject to certain anti-corruption laws, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, in addition to the local laws of the foreign countries into which we enter. If any of our international operations, or our employees or agents, violates such laws, we could become subject to sanctions or other penalties that could negatively affect our reputation, business and operating results.

## As a global apparel company, we may experience fluctuations in our tax liabilities and effective tax rate.

As a global apparel company, we are subject to income taxes in the United States and various foreign jurisdictions. We record our income tax liability based on an analysis and interpretation of local tax laws and regulations, which requires a significant amount of judgment and estimation. In addition, we may from time to time modify our operations in an effort to minimize our global income tax exposure. Our effective income tax rate in any particular period or in future periods may be affected by a number of factors, including a shift in the mix of revenues, income and/or losses among domestic and international sources during a year or over a period of years; changes in tax laws and regulations and/or international tax treaties; the outcome of income tax audits in various jurisdictions; the difference between the income tax deduction and the
previously recognized income tax benefit related to the vesting of equity-based compensation awards; and the resolution of uncertain tax positions, any of which could adversely affect our effective income tax rate and profitability.

In December 2017, the United States government enacted comprehensive tax legislation known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The new tax law makes broad and complex changes to the United States tax code, including a significant reduction in the U.S. corporate statutory tax rate and the elimination or limitation of previously deductible expenses. As the new tax law became effective in the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal 2017, we were required to record a provisional tax expense for Fiscal 2017 that took into consideration certain of the tax law changes, most of which became effective on January 1, 2018. We anticipate that the provisional estimate for our Fiscal 2017 tax expense may be adjusted during Fiscal 2018. The actual impact of U.S. Tax Reform may materially differ from our provisional estimate recognized in Fiscal 2017 due to, among other things, a change in interpretation of various provisions of the new tax code and related tax accounting guidance, changes in assumptions utilized in developing our provisional estimate, regulatory guidance and adjustments for state tax implications. Further, organizations such as the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development have published action plans that, if adopted by countries where we do business, could materially impact our tax obligations in those countries.

## We make use of debt to finance our operations, which exposes us to risks that could adversely affect our business, financial position and operating results.

Our levels of debt vary as a result of the seasonality of our business, investments in our operations and working capital needs. As of February 3, 2018, we had $\$ 45.8$ million of borrowings outstanding under our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement. In the future, our debt levels may increase under our existing facility or potentially under new facilities, or the terms or forms of our financing arrangements may change.

Our indebtedness includes, and any future indebtedness may include, certain obligations and limitations, including the periodic payment of principal and interest, maintenance of certain covenants and certain other limitations. The negative covenants in our debt agreements limit our ability to incur debt; guaranty certain obligations; incur liens; pay dividends; repurchase common stock; make investments; sell assets; make acquisitions; merge with other companies; or satisfy other debt. These obligations and limitations may increase our vulnerability to adverse economic and industry conditions, place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to any competitors that may be less leveraged and limit our flexibility in carrying out our business plans and planning for, or reacting to, change.

In addition, we have interest rate risk on indebtedness under our variable rate U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement. Our exposure to variable rate indebtedness may increase in the future, based on our debt levels and/or the terms of future financing arrangements. Further, an increase in the interest rate environment would require us to pay a greater amount of our funds from operations towards interest, even if the amount of borrowings outstanding remains the same. As a result, we may have to revise or delay our business plans, reduce or delay capital expenditures or otherwise adjust our plans for operations.

The continued growth of our business also depends on our access to sufficient funds. We rely on cash flow from operations and borrowings under our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement to fund our working capital, capital expenditures and investment activities. As of February 3, 2018, we had \$219.7 million in unused availability under our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement. If the need arises in the future to finance expenditures in excess of those supported by our operations and the existing credit facility, including to consummate a material acquisition if the right opportunity was presented, we may need to seek additional funding, which may be through debt or equity financing. Our ability to obtain that financing will depend on many factors, including prevailing market conditions, our financial condition and, depending on the sources of financing, our ability to negotiate favorable terms and conditions. The terms of any such financing or our inability to secure such financing could adversely affect our ability to execute our strategies.

## Labor-related matters, including labor disputes, may adversely affect our operations.

We may be adversely affected as a result of labor disputes in our own operations or in those of third parties with whom we work. Our business depends on our ability to source and distribute products in a timely manner, and our new retail store and restaurant growth is dependent on timely construction of our locations. While we are not subject to any organized labor agreements and have historically enjoyed good employee relations, there can be no assurance that we will not experience work stoppages or other labor problems in the future with our non-unionized employees. In addition, potential labor disputes at independent factories where our goods are produced, shipping ports, or transportation carriers create risks for our business, particularly if a dispute results in work slowdowns, lockouts, strikes or other disruptions during our peak manufacturing, shipping and selling seasons. Further, we plan our inventory purchases and forecasts based on the anticipated timing of retail store and restaurant openings, which could be delayed as a result of a number of factors, including labor disputes among contractors engaged to construct our locations or within government licensing or permitting offices. Any potential labor
dispute, either in our own operations or in those of third parties on whom we rely, could materially affect our costs, decrease our sales, harm our reputation or otherwise negatively affect our operations.

## Our international operations, including foreign sourcing, result in an exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.

We are exposed to certain currency exchange risks in conducting business outside of the United States. The substantial majority of our product purchases are from foreign vendors and are denominated in U.S. dollars. If the value of the U.S. dollar decreases relative to certain foreign currencies in the future, then the prices that we negotiate for products could increase and we may be unable to pass this increase on to customers, which would negatively impact our margins. However, if the value of the U.S. dollar increases between the time a price is set and payment for a product, the price we pay may be higher than that paid for comparable goods by competitors that pay for goods in local currencies, and these competitors may be able to sell their products at more competitive prices. Additionally, currency fluctuations could also disrupt the business of our independent manufacturers by making their purchases of raw materials more expensive and difficult to finance.

We received U.S. dollars for $97 \%$ of our product sales during Fiscal 2017, with the remaining sales primarily related to our retail operations in Canada, Australia and Japan. An increase in the value of the U.S. dollar compared to other currencies in which we have sales could result in lower levels of sales and earnings reported in our consolidated statements of operations, even though the sales in foreign currencies could be equal to or greater than amounts in prior periods. In addition, to the extent that a stronger U.S. dollar increases product and other costs, products sold in foreign markets in the local currency may realize lower gross margins.

## Our business could be impacted as a result of actions by activist shareholders or others.

We may be subject, from time to time, to legal and business challenges in the operation of our company due to actions instituted by activist shareholders or others. Responding to such actions could be costly and time-consuming, may not align with our business strategies and could divert the attention of our Board of Directors and senior management from the pursuit of our business strategies. Perceived uncertainties as to our future direction as a result of activism may lead to the perception of a change in the direction of the business or other instability and may adversely affect our relationships with vendors, customers, prospective and current employees and others.

## Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

## None.

## Item 2. Properties

We lease and own space for our retail stores and restaurants, distribution centers, sales/administration offices and manufacturing operations in various domestic and international locations. We believe that our existing properties are well maintained, are in good operating condition and will be adequate for our present level of operations.

In the ordinary course of business, we enter into lease agreements for retail and restaurant space. Most of the leases require us to pay specified minimum rent, as well as a portion of operating expenses, real estate taxes and insurance applicable to the property, plus a contingent rent based on a percentage of the location's net sales in excess of a specific threshold. The leases have varying terms and expirations and may have provisions to extend, renew or terminate the lease agreement, among other terms and conditions. Assets leased under operating leases are not recognized as assets and liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets. Periodically, we assess the operating results of each of our retail stores and restaurants to assess whether the location provides, or is expected to provide, an appropriate long-term return on investment, whether the location remains brand appropriate and other factors. As a result of this assessment, we may determine that it is appropriate to close certain stores that do not continue to meet our investment criteria, not renew certain leases, exercise an early termination option, or otherwise negotiate an early termination. For existing leases in desirable locations, we anticipate that we will be able to extend our retail leases, to the extent that they expire in the near future, on terms that are satisfactory to us, or if necessary, locate substitute properties on acceptable terms. The terms and conditions of lease renewals or relocations may not be as favorable as existing leases.

As of February 3, 2018, our 223 retail and restaurant locations utilized approximately 0.9 million square feet of leased space in the United States, Canada, Australia and Japan. Each of our retail stores and restaurants is less than 20,000 square feet, and we do not believe that we are dependent upon any individual retail store or restaurant location for our business operations. Greater detail about the retail space used by each operating group is included in Part I, Item 1 , Business included in this report.

As of February 3, 2018, we utilized approximately 1.6 million square feet of owned or leased distribution, manufacturing and administrative/sales facilities in the United States, Mexico and Hong Kong. In addition to our owned distribution facilities, we may utilize certain third party warehouse/distribution providers where we do not own or lease any space. Our distribution, manufacturing, administrative and sales facilities provide space for employees and functions used in support of our direct to consumer and wholesale operations.

Details of the principal administrative, sales, distribution and manufacturing facilities used in our operations, including approximate square footage, are as follows:

| Location | Primary Use |  | Operating Group | Square <br> Footage | Lease <br> Expiration |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Seattle, Washington | Sales/administration | Tommy Bahama | 115,000 | 2026 |  |
| Auburn, Washington | Distribution center | Tommy Bahama | 325,000 | 2025 |  |
| King of Prussia, Pennsylvania | Sales/administration and <br> distribution center | Lilly Pulitzer | 160,000 | Owned |  |
| Toccoa, Georgia | Distribution center | Lanier Apparel | 310,000 | Owned |  |
| Merida, Mexico | Manufacturing plant | Lanier Apparel | 80,000 | Owned |  |
| Greenville, South Carolina | Sales/administration | Southern Tide | 14,000 | 2024 |  |
| Atlanta, Georgia | Sales/administration | Corporate and Other and Lanier Apparel | 30,000 | 2023 |  |
| Lyons, Georgia | Sales/administration and | Various | 420,000 | Owned |  |
| New York, New York | distribution center | Sales/administration | Various | 30,000 | Various |
| Hong Kong | Sales/administration | Various | 20,000 | Various |  |

## Item 3. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we are a party to litigation and regulatory actions arising in the ordinary course of business. These actions may relate to trademark and other intellectual property, licensing arrangements, real estate, importing or exporting regulations, taxation, employee relation matters or other topics. We are not currently a party to any litigation or regulatory action or aware of any proceedings contemplated by governmental authorities that we believe could reasonably be expected to have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. However, our assessment of any litigation or other legal claims could potentially change in light of the discovery of additional factors not presently known or determinations by judges, juries, or others which are not consistent with our evaluation of the possible liability or outcome of such litigation or claims.

## Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

## Not applicable.

## PART II

## Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

## Market and Dividend Information

Our common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "OXM." As of March 16, 2018, there were 291 record holders of our common stock. The following table sets forth the high and low sale prices and quarter-end closing prices of our common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange for the quarters indicated. Additionally, the table indicates the dividends per share declared on shares of our stock by our Board of Directors for each quarter.

|  | High |  | Low |  | Close |  | Dividends |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fiscal 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | \$ | 59.55 | \$ | 49.50 | \$ | 57.98 | \$ | 0.27 |
| Second Quarter | \$ | 64.44 | \$ | 52.62 | \$ | 62.92 | \$ | 0.27 |
| Third Quarter | \$ | 66.25 | \$ | 57.36 | \$ | 65.22 | \$ | 0.27 |
| Fourth Quarter | \$ | 84.32 | \$ | 60.42 | \$ | 79.20 | \$ | 0.27 |
| Fiscal 2016 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | \$ | 77.99 | \$ | 58.28 | \$ | 66.42 | \$ | 0.27 |
| Second Quarter | \$ | 67.15 | \$ | 52.54 | \$ | 57.18 | \$ | 0.27 |
| Third Quarter | \$ | 74.00 | \$ | 55.14 | \$ | 62.78 | \$ | 0.27 |
| Fourth Quarter | \$ | 76.19 | \$ | 51.81 | \$ | 54.07 | \$ | 0.27 |

On March 27, 2018, our Board of Directors approved a cash dividend of \$0.34 per share payable on May 4, 2018 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on April 20, 2018. This represents a $26 \%$ increase from the quarterly cash dividend of $\$ 0.27$ per share paid in each quarter of Fiscal 2017, as noted in the table above. Although we have paid dividends in each quarter since we became a public company in July 1960, we may discontinue or modify dividend payments at any time if we determine that other uses of our capital, including payment of outstanding debt, funding of acquisitions, funding of capital expenditures or repurchases of outstanding shares, may be in our best interest; if our expectations of future cash flows and future cash needs outweigh the ability to pay a dividend; or if the terms of our credit facility, other debt instruments or applicable law limit our ability to pay dividends. We may borrow to fund dividends in the short term based on our expectation of operating cash flows in future periods subject to the terms and conditions of our credit facility, other debt instruments and applicable law. All cash flow from operations will not be paid out as dividends in all periods. For details about limitations on our ability to pay dividends, see Note 5 of our consolidated financial statements and Part II, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, both contained in this report.

## Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

We did not sell any unregistered equity securities during Fiscal 2017.

## Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

We have certain stock incentive plans as described in Note 7 to our consolidated financial statements included in this report, all of which are publicly announced plans. Under the plans, we can repurchase shares from employees to cover employee tax liabilities related to the vesting of shares of our stock. During the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal 2017, no shares were repurchased pursuant to these plans.

In March 2017, our Board of Directors authorized us to spend up to $\$ 50$ million to repurchase shares of our stock. This authorization superseded and replaced all previous authorizations to repurchase shares of our stock and has no automatic expiration. As of February 3, 2018, no shares of our stock had been repurchased pursuant to this authorization.

## Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

The information required by this Item 5 of Part II will appear in our definitive proxy statement under the heading "Equity Compensation Plan Information" and is incorporated herein by reference.

## Stock Price Performance Graph

The graph below reflects cumulative total shareholder return (assuming an initial investment of \$100 and the reinvestment of dividends) on our common stock compared to the cumulative total return for a period of five years, beginning February 2, 2013 and ending February 3, 2018, of:

- The S\&P SmallCap 600 Index; and
- The S\&P 500 Apparel, Accessories and Luxury Goods.

Comparison of Cumulative Total Return


INDEXED RETURNS

|  | INDEXED RETURNS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Base Period | Years Ended |  |  |  |  |
| Company / Index | 2/2/2013 | 2/1/2014 | 1/31/2015 | 1/30/2016 | 1/28/2017 | 2/3/2018 |
| Oxford Industries, Inc. | 100 | 153.79 | 115.56 | 146.33 | 115.27 | 171.76 |
| S\&P SmallCap 600 Index | 100 | 127.03 | 134.85 | 128.53 | 173.52 | 197.95 |
| S\&P 500 Apparel, Accessories \& Luxury Goods | 100 | 115.95 | 120.21 | 100.72 | 85.81 | 109.53 |

## Item 6. Selected Financial Data

Our selected financial data included in the table below reflects the acquisition of the Southern Tide operations and assets in April 2016 and the divestiture of the operations and assets of our former Ben Sherman operating group in July 2015, resulting in the Ben Sherman operations being classified as discontinued operations in our consolidated statements of operations for all periods presented. Cash flow, capital expenditures, equity compensation, depreciation and amortization amounts below include amounts for both continuing and discontinued operations as our consolidated statements of cash flow are presented on a consolidated basis including continuing and discontinued operations.

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  | Fiscal 2014 |  | Fiscal 2013 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (in millions, except per share amounts) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net sales | \$ | 1,086.2 | \$ | 1,022.6 | \$ | 969.3 | \$ | 920.3 | \$ | 849.9 |
| Cost of goods sold |  | 473.6 |  | 442.3 |  | 412.7 |  | 402.4 |  | 368.4 |
| Gross profit |  | 612.6 |  | 580.3 |  | 556.6 |  | 517.9 |  | 481.5 |
| SG\&A |  | 540.5 |  | 504.6 |  | 473.5 |  | 439.1 |  | 399.1 |
| Royalties and other operating income |  | 13.9 |  | 14.2 |  | 14.4 |  | 13.9 |  | 13.9 |
| Operating income |  | 86.0 |  | 89.9 |  | 97.5 |  | 92.8 |  | 96.3 |
| Interest expense, net |  | 3.1 |  | 3.4 |  | 2.5 |  | 3.2 |  | 3.9 |
| Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes |  | 82.9 |  | 86.5 |  | 95.1 |  | 89.6 |  | 92.4 |
| Income taxes |  | 18.2 |  | 32.0 |  | 36.5 |  | 35.8 |  | 36.9 |
| Net earnings from continuing operations |  | 64.7 |  | 54.5 |  | 58.5 |  | 53.8 |  | 55.4 |
| Income (loss), including loss on sale, from discontinued operations, net of taxes |  | 0.4 |  | (2.0) |  | (28.0) |  | (8.0) |  | (10.1) |
| Net earnings | \$ | 65.1 | \$ | 52.5 | \$ | 30.6 | \$ | 45.8 | \$ | 45.3 |
| Diluted earnings from continuing operations per share | \$ | 3.87 | \$ | 3.27 | \$ | 3.54 | \$ | 3.27 | \$ | 3.36 |
| Diluted income (loss), including loss on sale, from discontinued operations per share | \$ | 0.02 | \$ | (0.12) | \$ | (1.69) | \$ | (0.49) | \$ | (0.62) |
| Diluted net earnings per share | \$ | 3.89 | \$ | 3.15 | \$ | 1.85 | \$ | 2.78 | \$ | 2.75 |
| Diluted weighted average shares outstanding |  | 16.7 |  | 16.6 |  | 16.6 |  | 16.5 |  | 16.5 |
| Dividends declared and paid | \$ | 18.2 | \$ | 18.1 | \$ | 16.6 | \$ | 13.9 | \$ | 11.9 |
| Dividends declared and paid per share | \$ | 1.08 | \$ | 1.08 | \$ | 1.00 | \$ | 0.84 | \$ | 0.72 |
| Total assets, at period-end | \$ | 699.9 | \$ | 685.2 | \$ | 582.7 | \$ | 622.4 | \$ | 606.9 |
| Long-term debt at period-end | \$ | 45.8 | \$ | 91.5 | \$ | 44.0 | \$ | 104.8 | \$ | 137.6 |
| Shareholders' equity, at period-end | \$ | 429.8 | \$ | 376.1 | \$ | 334.4 | \$ | 290.6 | \$ | 260.2 |
| Cash provided by operating activities | \$ | 118.6 | \$ | 118.6 | \$ | 105.4 | \$ | 95.4 | \$ | 52.7 |
| Capital expenditures | \$ | 38.7 | \$ | 49.4 | \$ | 73.1 | \$ | 50.4 | \$ | 43.4 |
| Depreciation and amortization expense | \$ | 42.4 | \$ | 42.2 | \$ | 36.4 | \$ | 37.6 | \$ | 33.9 |
| Equity compensation expense | \$ | 6.4 | \$ | 6.4 | \$ | 5.2 | \$ | 4.1 | \$ | 1.7 |
| LIFO accounting charge (credit) | \$ | 7.8 | \$ | (5.9) | \$ | 0.3 | \$ | 2.1 | \$ | - |
| Book value per share at period-end | \$ | 25.53 | \$ | 22.43 | \$ | 20.14 | \$ | 17.64 | \$ | 15.85 |

## Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis of our operations, cash flows, liquidity and capital resources should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements contained in this report.

## OVERVIEW

We are a global apparel company that designs, sources, markets and distributes products bearing the trademarks of our Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide lifestyle brands, other owned brands and licensed brands as well as private label apparel products. During Fiscal 2017, 92\% of our net sales were from products bearing brands that we own and $66 \%$ of our net sales were through our direct to consumer channels of distribution. In Fiscal 2017, $97 \%$ of our consolidated net sales were to customers located in the United States, with the sales outside the United States consisting primarily of our Tommy Bahama product sales in Canada and the Asia-Pacific region.

Our business strategy is to develop and market compelling lifestyle brands and products that evoke a strong emotional response from our target consumers. We consider lifestyle brands to be those brands that have a clearly defined and targeted point of view inspired by an appealing lifestyle or attitude. Furthermore, we believe lifestyle brands that create an emotional connection, like Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide, can command greater loyalty and higher price points at retail and create licensing opportunities, which may drive higher earnings. We believe the attraction of a lifestyle brand depends on creating compelling product, effectively communicating the respective lifestyle brand message and distributing products to consumers where and when they want them.

Our ability to compete successfully in styling and marketing is directly related to our proficiency in foreseeing changes and trends in fashion and consumer preference, and presenting appealing products for consumers. Our design-led, commercially informed lifestyle brand operations strive to provide exciting, differentiated products each season.

To further strengthen each lifestyle brand's connections with consumers, we directly communicate with consumers through digital and print media on a regular basis. We believe our ability to effectively communicate the images, lifestyle and products of our brands and create an emotional connection with consumers is critical to the success of the brands. Our advertising for our brands often attempts to convey the lifestyle of the brand as well as a specific product.

We distribute our owned lifestyle branded products primarily through our direct to consumer channels, consisting of our Tommy Bahama and Lilly Pulitzer retail stores and our e-commerce sites for Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide, and through our wholesale distribution channels. Our direct to consumer operations provide us with the opportunity to interact directly with our customers, present to them a broad assortment of our current season products and immerse them in the theme of the lifestyle brand. We believe that presenting our products in a setting specifically designed to showcase the lifestyle on which the brands are based enhances the image of our brands. Our Tommy Bahama and Lilly Pulitzer full-price retail stores provide high visibility for our brands and products and allow us to stay close to the preferences of our consumers, while also providing a platform for long-term growth for the brands. In Tommy Bahama, we also operate a limited number of restaurants, including Marlin Bars, generally adjacent to a Tommy Bahama full-price retail store location, which we believe further enhance the brand's image with consumers. Additionally, our e-commerce websites, which represented $19 \%$ of our consolidated net sales in Fiscal 2017, provide the opportunity to increase revenues by reaching a larger population of consumers and at the same time allow our brands to provide a broader range of products.

The wholesale operations of our lifestyle brands complement our direct to consumer operations and provide access to a larger group of consumers. As we seek to maintain the integrity of our lifestyle brands by limiting promotional activity in our full-price retail stores and e-commerce websites, we generally target wholesale customers that follow this same approach in their stores. Our wholesale customers for our Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide brands generally include various specialty stores, including Signature Stores for Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide, better department stores and multi-branded e-commerce retailers.

Within our Lanier Apparel operating group, we sell tailored clothing and sportswear products under licensed brands, private labels and owned brands. Lanier Apparel's customers include department stores, discount and off-price retailers, warehouse clubs, national chains, specialty retailers, multi-branded e-commerce retailers and others throughout the United States.

All of our operating groups operate in highly competitive apparel markets in which numerous U.S. and foreign-based apparel firms compete. No single apparel firm or small group of apparel firms dominates the apparel industry, and our direct competitors vary by operating group and distribution channel. We believe the principal competitive factors in the apparel industry are reputation, value, and image of brand names; design; consumer preference; price; quality; marketing; product fulfillment capabilities; and customer service.

The disposal of discontinued, end of season or excess inventory is an ongoing part of any apparel business, and our operating groups have historically utilized a variety of methods to sell such inventory, including outlet stores in Tommy Bahama, e-commerce flash sales on our various e-commerce websites, and off-price retailers. Our focus in disposing of the excess inventory for our lifestyle brands is to do so in a brand appropriate setting and achieve an acceptable margin.

The apparel industry is cyclical and very dependent upon the overall level and focus of discretionary consumer spending, which changes as consumer preferences and regional, domestic and international economic conditions change. Increasingly, consumers are choosing to spend less of their discretionary spending on certain product categories, including apparel, while spending more on services and other product categories. Further, negative economic conditions often have a longer and more severe impact on the apparel industry than on other industries. We believe the changes in consumer preferences for discretionary spending, the current global economic conditions and economic uncertainty continue to impact the business of each of our operating groups, and the apparel industry as a whole.

We believe the retail apparel market is evolving very rapidly and in ways that are having a disruptive impact on traditional fashion retailing. The application of technology, including the internet and mobile devices, to fashion retail provides consumers increasing access to multiple, responsive distribution platforms and an unprecedented ability to communicate directly with brands and retailers. As a result, consumers may have more information and greater control over information they receive as well as broader, faster and cheaper access to goods than ever before. This, along with the coming of age of the "millennial" generation, is revolutionizing the way that consumers shop for fashion and other goods. The evidence of the evolution is apparent with weakness and store closures for certain department stores and mall-based retailers, decreased consumer retail traffic, a more promotional retail environment, expansion of off-price and discount retailers, and a shift from bricks and mortar to internet purchasing. These changes may require that brands and retailers approach their operations, including marketing and advertising, differently than historical practices.

While this evolution in the fashion retail industry presents significant risks, especially for traditional retailers who fail or are unable to adapt, we believe it also presents a tremendous opportunity for brands and retailers to capitalize on the changing consumer environment. We believe our brands have true competitive advantages in this new retailing paradigm, and we are leveraging technology to serve our consumers when and where they want to be served. We continue to believe that our lifestyle brands, with their strong emotional connections with consumers, are well suited to succeed and thrive in the long-term while managing the various challenges facing our industry.

Specifically, we believe our lifestyle brands have opportunities for long-term growth in their direct to consumer businesses. We anticipate increased sales in our ecommerce operations, which are expected to grow at a faster rate than bricks and mortar comparable store sales. We also believe growth can be achieved through prudent expansion of bricks and mortar full-price retail store operations and modest comparable full-price retail store sales increases. Despite the changes in the retail environment, we expect there will continue to be desirable locations for additional stores.

We believe our lifestyle brands have an opportunity for modest sales increases in their wholesale businesses in the long-term. However, we must be diligent in our effort to avoid compromising the integrity of our brands by maintaining or growing sales with wholesale customers that may not be aligned with our long-term strategy. This is particularly important with the challenges in the department store channel, which represented approximately $14 \%$ of our consolidated net sales in Fiscal 2017, compared to approximately $16 \%$ in Fiscal 2016. As a result, this management of our wholesale distribution for our lifestyle brands is likely to result in lower wholesale sales in Fiscal 2018, as well as in the near-term future, as we may reduce the amount of sales to certain wholesale accounts by reducing the number of doors that carry our product, reducing the volume sold for a particular door or exiting the account altogether. We anticipate that sales increases in our wholesale businesses in the longterm will stem primarily from current customers adding within their existing door count and increasing their online business; increased sales to online retailers; and our selective addition of new wholesale customers who generally follow a retail model with limited discounting and who present and merchandise our products in a way that is consistent with our full-price, direct to consumer distribution strategy. We also believe that there are opportunities for modest sales growth for Lanier Apparel in the future through new product programs and licenses.

We believe we must continue to invest in our lifestyle brands to take advantage of their long-term growth opportunities. Investments include capital expenditures primarily related to the direct to consumer operations such as technology enhancements, e-commerce initiatives and retail store and restaurant build-out for new, relocated or remodeled locations, as well as distribution center and administrative office expansion initiatives. Additionally, we anticipate increased advertising, employment and other costs to support ongoing business operations and fuel future sales growth. Fiscal 2018 advertising expense is expected to increase for each of our brands with a focus on new consumer acquisition as well as consumer retention and engagement.

In the midst of the changes in our industry, an important initiative for us in Fiscal 2017 was to increase the profitability of the Tommy Bahama business. These initiatives generally focused on increasing gross margin and operating margin through efforts such as: product cost reductions; selective price increases; reducing inventory purchases; redefining our approach to inventory clearance; effectively managing controllable and discretionary operating expenses; taking a more conservative approach to retail store openings and lease renewals; and continuing our efforts to reduce Asia-Pacific operating losses. In Fiscal 2017, we made progress with these initiatives and expect to make additional progress in Fiscal 2018.

We continue to believe it is important to maintain a strong balance sheet and liquidity. We believe positive cash flow from operations in the future, coupled with the strength of our balance sheet and liquidity, will provide us with sufficient resources to fund future investments in our owned lifestyle brands. While we believe we have significant opportunities to appropriately deploy our capital and resources in our existing lifestyle brands, we will continue to evaluate opportunities to add additional lifestyle brands to our portfolio if we identify appropriate targets that meet our investment criteria. With the evolving fashion
retail environment, our interest in acquiring smaller brands and earlier stage companies is evolving, particularly where we may have the opportunity to more fully integrate the brand into our existing infrastructure and shared services functions.

Important factors relating to certain risks, many of which are beyond our ability to control or predict, which could impact our business are described in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors of this report.

The following table sets forth our consolidated operating results from continuing operations (in thousands, except per share amounts) for Fiscal 2017 compared to Fiscal 2016:

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $\$$ | $1,086,211$ | $\$$ |
| Net sales | $1,022,588$ |  |  |
| Operating income | $\$$ | 86,000 | $\$$ |
| Net earnings from continuing operations | $\$$ | 64,884 |  |
| Net earnings from continuing operations per diluted share | $\$$ | 34,499 |  |

The higher net earnings in Fiscal 2017 was primarily due to (1) a lower effective tax rate primarily resulting from U.S. Tax Reform as discussed in Note 8 to our consolidated financial statements included in this report, (2) higher operating income in Tommy Bahama and (3) improved operating results in Southern Tide, which included certain purchase accounting charges in Fiscal 2016 and was not owned for the full year in Fiscal 2016. These items were partially offset by (1) the impact of LIFO accounting on Corporate and Other operating results, (2) lower operating income in Lilly Pulitzer, due in part to charges associated with the Fiscal 2017 acquisition of certain Lilly Pulitzer Signature Store operations, and (3) lower operating income in Lanier Apparel.

## OPERATING GROUPS

Our business is primarily operated through our Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer, Lanier Apparel and Southern Tide operating groups. We identify our operating groups based on the way our management organizes the components of our business for purposes of allocating resources and assessing performance. Our operating group structure reflects a brand-focused management approach, emphasizing operational coordination and resource allocation across each brand's direct to consumer, wholesale and licensing operations, as applicable.

Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide each design, source, market and distribute apparel and related products bearing their respective trademarks and license their trademarks for other product categories, while Lanier Apparel designs, sources and distributes branded and private label men's tailored clothing, sportswear and other products. Corporate and Other is a reconciling category for reporting purposes and includes our corporate offices, substantially all financing activities, elimination of inter-segment sales, LIFO accounting adjustments for inventory, other costs that are not allocated to the operating groups and operations of our other businesses, including our Lyons, Georgia distribution center and Beaufort Bonnet, which are not included in our operating groups. Our LIFO inventory pool does not correspond to our operating group definitions; therefore, LIFO inventory accounting adjustments are not allocated to our operating groups.

For additional information about each of our operating groups, see Part I, Item 1. Business and Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements, both included in this report.

## COMPARABLE STORE SALES

We often disclose comparable store sales in order to provide additional information regarding changes in our results of operations between periods. Our disclosures of comparable store sales include net sales from full-price retail stores and our e-commerce sites, excluding sales associated with e-commerce flash clearance sales. We believe that the inclusion of both our full-price retail stores and e-commerce sites in the comparable store sales disclosures is a more meaningful way of reporting our comparable store sales results, given similar inventory planning, allocation and return policies, as well as our cross-channel marketing and other initiatives for the direct to consumer channel. For our comparable store sales disclosures, we exclude (1) outlet store sales, warehouse sales and e-commerce flash clearance sales, as those clearance sales are used primarily to liquidate end of season inventory, which may vary significantly depending on the level of end of season inventory on hand and generally occur at lower gross margins than our non-clearance direct to consumer sales, and (2) restaurant sales, as we do not currently believe that the inclusion of restaurant sales in our comparable store sales disclosures is meaningful in assessing our consolidated results of operations. Comparable store sales information reflects net sales, including shipping and handling revenues, if any, associated with product sales.

For purposes of our disclosures, we consider a comparable store to be, in addition to our e-commerce sites, a physical full-price retail store that was owned and open as of the beginning of the prior fiscal year and which did not have during the relevant periods, and is not within the current fiscal year scheduled to have, (1) a remodel or other event resulting in the store being closed for an extended period of time (which we define as a period of two weeks or longer), (2) a greater than $15 \%$ change in the size of the retail space due to expansion, reduction or relocation to a new retail space, (3) a relocation to a new space that was significantly different from the prior retail space, or (4) a closing or opening of a Tommy Bahama restaurant adjacent to the full-price retail store. For those stores which are excluded from comparable stores based on the preceding sentence, the stores continue to be excluded from comparable store sales until the criteria for a new store is met subsequent to the remodel, relocation or restaurant closing or opening, or other event. A store that is remodeled will generally continue to be included in our comparable store sales metrics as a store is not typically closed for longer than a two week period during a remodel; however, in some cases a store may be closed for more than two weeks during a remodel. A store that is relocated generally will not be included in our comparable store sales metrics until that store has been open in the relocated space for the entirety of the prior fiscal year because the size or other characteristics of the store typically change significantly from the prior location. Additionally, any stores that were closed during the prior fiscal year or current fiscal year, or which we expect to close or vacate in the current fiscal year, are excluded from the definition of comparable store sales.

Definitions and calculations of comparable store sales differ among retail companies, and therefore comparable store sales metrics disclosed by us may not be comparable to the metrics disclosed by other companies.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table sets forth the specified line items in our consolidated statements of operations both in dollars (in thousands) and as a percentage of net sales. We have calculated all percentages based on actual data, but percentage columns may not add due to rounding. Individual line items of our consolidated statements of operations may not be directly comparable to those of our competitors, as classification of certain expenses may vary by company.

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$1,086,211 | 100.0\% | \$1,022,588 | 100.0\% \$ | 969,290 | 100.0\% |
| Cost of goods sold | 473,579 | 43.6\% | 442,284 | 43.3\% | 412,699 | 42.6\% |
| Gross profit | 612,632 | 56.4\% | 580,304 | 56.7\% | 556,591 | 57.4\% |
| SG\&A | 540,517 | 49.8\% | 504,600 | 49.3\% | 473,517 | 48.9\% |
| Royalties and other operating income | 13,885 | 1.3\% | 14,180 | 1.4\% | 14,440 | 1.5\% |
| Operating income | 86,000 | 7.9\% | 89,884 | 8.8\% | 97,514 | 10.1\% |
| Interest expense, net | 3,109 | 0.3\% | 3,421 | 0.3\% | 2,458 | 0.3\% |
| Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes | 82,891 | 7.6\% | 86,463 | 8.5\% | 95,056 | 9.8\% |
| Income taxes | 18,190 | 1.7\% | 31,964 | 3.1\% | 36,519 | 3.8\% |
| Net earnings from continuing operations | \$ 64,701 | 6.0\% \$ | \$ 54,499 | 5.3\% \$ | 58,537 | 6.0\% |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes | 389 | NM | $(2,038)$ | NM | $(27,975)$ | NM |
| Net earnings | \$ 65,090 | NM | \$ 52,461 | NM \$ | 30,562 | NM |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weighted average shares outstanding diluted | 16,734 |  | 16,649 |  | 16,559 |  |

Unless otherwise indicated, all references to assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and other information in this report reflect continuing operations and exclude any amounts related to the discontinued operations of our former Ben Sherman operating group which we sold in Fiscal 2015. Refer to Note 13 in our consolidated financial statements included in this report for additional information about discontinued operations.

## FISCAL 2017 COMPARED TO FISCAL 2016

The discussion and tables below compare certain line items included in our statements of operations for Fiscal 2017, which included 53 weeks, to Fiscal 2016, which included 52 weeks. Each dollar and percentage change provided reflects the change between these periods unless indicated otherwise. Each dollar and share amount included in the tables is in thousands except for per share amounts.

## Net Sales

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tommy Bahama | \$ | 686,021 | \$ | 658,911 | \$ | 27,110 | 4.1\% |
| Lilly Pulitzer |  | 248,931 |  | 233,294 |  | 15,637 | 6.7\% |
| Lanier Apparel |  | 106,852 |  | 100,753 |  | 6,099 | 6.1\% |
| Southern Tide |  | 40,940 |  | 27,432 |  | 13,508 | 49.2\% |
| Corporate and Other |  | 3,467 |  | 2,198 |  | 1,269 | 57.7\% |
| Total net sales | \$ | 1,086,211 | \$ | 1,022,588 | \$ | 63,623 | 6.2\% |

Consolidated net sales increased $\$ 63.6$ million, or $6.2 \%$, in the 53 week Fiscal 2017 compared to the 52 week Fiscal 2016. The increase in consolidated net sales was driven by (1) an incremental net sales increase of $\$ 20.9$ million associated with the operation of non-comp full-price retail stores and the Southern Tide ecommerce operations, which we acquired in April 2016, (2) an $\$ 18.5$ million, or $4 \%$ increase in comparable store sales to $\$ 444.7$ million in Fiscal 2017 from $\$ 426.1$ million in Fiscal 2016, (3) a net $\$ 17.7$ million aggregate increase in wholesale sales, primarily consisting of higher sales in Southern Tide, which we acquired in April 2016, Lanier Apparel, Tommy Bahama and Corporate and Other partially offset by a decrease in Lilly Pulitzer and (4) a $\$ 9.5$ million increase in restaurant sales in Tommy Bahama. These increases were partially offset by a $\$ 3.1$ million decrease in net sales through our off-price direct to consumer clearance channels consisting of lower sales in Tommy Bahama and higher sales in Lilly Pulitzer. We estimate that the 53rd week in Fiscal 2017 provided an approximate $\$ 17$ million benefit to our consolidated net sales. On a 53 week to 53 week basis, comparable store sales increased 3\% in Fiscal 2017.

We believe that certain macroeconomic factors, including lower retail store traffic and the evolving impact of digital technology on consumer shopping habits, continue to impact the sales in each of our direct to consumer and wholesale businesses. The changes in net sales by operating group are discussed below.

The following table presents the proportion of our consolidated net sales by distribution channel for each period presented:

|  | Fiscal 2017 | Fiscal 2016 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Full-price retail stores and outlets | $39 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| E-commerce | $19 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Restaurant | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Wholesale | $34 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Total | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |

## Tommy Bahama:

The Tommy Bahama net sales increase of $\$ 27.1$ million, or $4.1 \%$, in the 53 week Fiscal 2017 compared to the 52 week Fiscal 2016 was primarily a result of (1) a $\$ 20.5$ million, or $6 \%$, increase in comparable store sales to $\$ 340.0$ million in Fiscal 2017 from $\$ 319.5$ million in Fiscal 2016, (2) a $\$ 9.5$ million increase in restaurant sales reflecting sales from a restaurant that opened in Fiscal 2017, a Marlin Bar that opened in late Fiscal 2016 and increased sales at existing restaurants, (3) an incremental net sales increase of $\$ 5.4$ million associated with the operation of non-comp full-price retail stores and (4) a $\$ 2.6$ million increase in wholesale sales reflecting higher off-price sales, as Tommy Bahama sold excess prior season inventory, partially offset by lower full-price wholesale sales, as Tommy Bahama continued to manage its exposure to department stores. These increases were partially offset by $\$ 11.0$ million of lower sales in our off-price direct to consumer clearance channels, primarily resulting from the absence of any e-commerce flash clearance sales in Fiscal 2017, compared to $\$ 8.9$ million of e-commerce flash clearance sales in Fiscal 2016, as well as lower sales in existing outlet stores. Tommy Bahama's direct to consumer sales benefited from (1) increased marketing and advertising including substantial Spring 2017 and Holiday 2017 catalogs, which both presented the wide breadth of Tommy Bahama products in one place, (2) increased sales from its semiannual Friends \& Family events held each year, (3) increased sales from Tommy Bahama's loyalty award card and Flip Side events held in the second quarter and fourth quarter of each year and (4) Tommy Bahama taking initial markdowns on select items at the end of the selling season in our retail stores and on our e-commerce website in Fiscal 2017 after initiating that approach in January 2017. On a 53 week to 53 week basis, Tommy Bahama comparable store sales increased 5\% in Fiscal 2017. We expect full-price and off-price wholesale sales for Tommy Bahama to decrease in Fiscal 2018 compared to Fiscal 2017 amounts.

As of February 3, 2018, we operated 166 Tommy Bahama stores globally, consisting of 110 full-price retail stores, 18 restaurant-retail locations and 38 outlet stores. As of January 28, 2017, we operated 168 Tommy Bahama stores consisting of 111 full-price retail stores, 17 restaurant-retail locations and 40 outlet stores.

The following table presents the proportion of net sales by distribution channel for Tommy Bahama for each period presented:

|  | Fiscal 2016 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Full-price retail stores and outlets | Fiscal 2017 |
| E-commerce | $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ |
| Restaurant | $16 \%$ |
| Wholesale | $16 \%$ |
| Total | $16 \%$ |
| 1 |  |

## Lilly Pulitzer:

The Lilly Pulitzer net sales increase of $\$ 15.6$ million, or $6.7 \%$, in the 53 week Fiscal 2017 compared to the 52 week Fiscal 2016, was primarily a result of (1) an incremental net sales increase of $\$ 13.8$ million associated with the operation of additional full-price retail stores and (2) an $\$ 8.0$ million increase in e-commerce flash clearance sales. These sales increases were partially offset by (1) a $\$ 4.2$ million decrease in wholesale sales and (2) a $\$ 1.9$ million, or $2 \%$, decrease in comparable store sales to $\$ 104.7$ million in Fiscal 2017 compared to $\$ 106.6$ million in Fiscal 2016, with negative retail comparable store sales offsetting positive e-commerce comparable store sales. The decrease in comparable store sales primarily reflects reduced retail store traffic while the lower wholesale sales were a result of lower sales to department stores, as Lilly Pulitzer continues to manage its exposure to department stores, and the result of the acquisition of 12 Signature Stores in Fiscal 2017. We expect wholesale sales in Lilly Pulitzer will be lower in Fiscal 2018 than Fiscal 2017 due to this acquisition of 12 Signature Stores and the continued management of department store exposure. On a 53 week to 53 week basis, Lilly Pulitzer comparable store sales decreased 3\% in Fiscal 2017.

As of February 3, 2018, we operated 57 Lilly Pulitzer retail stores, compared to 40 retail stores as of January 28, 2017. During Fiscal 2017, Lilly Pulitzer opened six new Lilly Pulitzer stores, acquired 12 Lilly Pulitzer Signature Stores and closed one store.

The following table presents the proportion of net sales by distribution channel for Lilly Pulitzer for each period presented:

|  | Fiscal $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Full-price retail stores and warehouse sales | Fiscal $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ |
| E-commerce | $36 \%$ |
| Wholesale | $38 \%$ |
| Total | $32 \%$ |

## Lanier Apparel:

The increase in net sales for Lanier Apparel of $\$ 6.1$ million, or $6.1 \%$, was primarily due to increased sales in various programs, including initial shipments in some programs, as well as sales associated with the Strong Suit and Duck Head businesses, which were acquired in Fiscal 2016. These sales increases were partially offset by lower sales in other programs resulting from reductions in volume and the exit from various programs.

## Southern Tide:

The increase in net sales of $\$ 13.5$ million for Southern Tide in Fiscal 2017 was primarily due to Fiscal 2017 including a full year of operations, while Fiscal 2016 only included the operations from the date of our acquisition on April 19, 2016 through January 28, 2017. Therefore, net sales for Fiscal 2016 excluded much of the Spring 2016 wholesale shipments.

The following table presents the proportion of net sales by distribution channel for Southern Tide for each period presented:

|  | Fiscal 2017 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| E-commerce | Fis |
| Wholesale | $23 \%$ |
| Total | $77 \%$ |
| $100 \%$ |  |

## Corporate and Other:

Corporate and Other net sales primarily consist of the net sales of our Lyons, Georgia distribution center to third party warehouse customers and Beaufort Bonnet, which was acquired in December 2017, as well as the impact of the elimination of any intercompany sales between our operating groups.

## Gross Profit

The table below presents gross profit by operating group and in total for Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2016, as well as the change between those two periods. Our gross profit and gross margin, which is calculated as gross profit divided by net sales, may not be directly comparable to those of our competitors as the statement of operations classification of certain expenses may vary by company.

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tommy Bahama | \$ | 410,018 | \$ | 386,650 | \$ | 23,368 | 6.0\% |
| Lilly Pulitzer |  | 155,373 |  | 145,875 |  | 9,498 | 6.5\% |
| Lanier Apparel |  | 32,500 |  | 29,490 |  | 3,010 | 10.2\% |
| Southern Tide |  | 20,217 |  | 10,912 |  | 9,305 | 85.3\% |
| Corporate and Other |  | $(5,476)$ |  | 7,377 |  | $(12,853)$ | NM |
| Total gross profit | \$ | 612,632 | \$ | 580,304 | \$ | 32,328 | 5.6\% |
| LIFO charge (credit) included in Corporate and Other | \$ | 7,821 | \$ | $(5,884)$ |  |  |  |
| Inventory step-up charge included in Lilly Pulitzer | \$ | 1,047 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Inventory step-up charge included in Southern Tide | \$ | - | \$ | 2,667 |  |  |  |
| Inventory step-up charge included in Corporate and Other | \$ | 111 | \$ | - |  |  |  |

The increase in consolidated gross profit was primarily due to (1) higher net sales, (2) improved gross margin in Tommy Bahama and (3) Southern Tide including an inventory step-up charge of $\$ 2.7$ million in Fiscal 2016. These items were partially offset by (1) the $\$ 13.7$ million net unfavorable impact of LIFO accounting and (2) Lilly Pulitzer including an inventory step-up charge of $\$ 1.0$ million in Fiscal 2017. We estimate that the 53rd week in Fiscal 2017 resulted in approximately $\$ 9$ million of additional gross profit. Changes in gross margin by operating group are discussed below. The table below presents gross margin by operating group and in total for Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2016.

|  | Fiscal 2016 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Tommy Bahama | Fiscal 2017 |
| Lilly Pulitzer | $58.7 \%$ |
| Lanier Apparel | $62.5 \%$ |
| Southern Tide | $62.4 \%$ |
| Corporate and Other | $30.4 \%$ |
| Consolidated gross margin | $49.4 \%$ |

On a consolidated basis, gross margin decreased in Fiscal 2017, primarily as a result of (1) the net unfavorable impact of LIFO accounting of $\$ 13.7$ million between Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2016 and (2) Lilly Pulitzer including an inventory step-up charge in Fiscal 2017 which was partially offset by (1) improved gross margins in Tommy Bahama and Lanier Apparel and (2) Southern Tide including an inventory step-up charge in Fiscal 2016.

## Tommy Bahama:

The increase in gross margin for Tommy Bahama in Fiscal 2017 primarily resulted from (1) the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal 2016 including $\$ 5$ million of inventory markdowns to estimated realizable value for certain aged women's, home and other products, (2) Fiscal 2017 including a greater proportion of full-price sales in the direct to consumer channels of distribution and (3) the impact of select retail price increases and product cost reductions commencing late in Fiscal 2017. These items were partially offset by (1) Fiscal 2017 including increased off-price wholesale sales, including the sale of the aged inventory which was marked down in the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal 2016 at a nominal gross profit, and (2) the gross margin impact of an increasing proportion of sales in our direct to consumer business occurring during our periodic loyalty award card, Flip Side and Friends and Family marketing events, which typically have lower gross margins than sales during other periods.

## Lilly Pulitzer:

The decrease in gross margin for Lilly Pulitzer was due to Fiscal 2017 including $\$ 1.0$ million of incremental cost of goods sold related to the step-up of inventory associated with the acquisition of certain Lilly Pulitzer Signature Stores. The impact of the step-up of inventory was partially offset by the impact of a change in sales mix towards direct to consumer sales and improved gross margins for off-price e-commerce flash clearance and wholesale sales in Fiscal 2017.

## Lanier Apparel:

The increase in gross margin for Lanier Apparel for Fiscal 2017 was primarily due to lower customer allowance and inventory markdown amounts due, in part, to the exit from certain programs resulting in the reversal of previously recognized amounts and a change in sales mix as branded sales represented a greater proportion of Lanier Apparel sales in Fiscal 2017.

## Southern Tide:

The increase in gross margin for Southern Tide in Fiscal 2017 was primarily due to the gross profit of Southern Tide for Fiscal 2016 including $\$ 2.7$ million of incremental cost of goods sold associated with the step-up of inventory recognized at acquisition. All amounts related to the step-up of inventory were recognized during Fiscal 2016. Additionally, Southern Tide's gross margin during Fiscal 2017 reflects a change in sales mix with a greater proportion of wholesale sales and offprice sales partially offset by reductions in product costs. Wholesale sales, which typically have a lower gross margin than e-commerce sales, represented a greater proportion of Southern Tide in Fiscal 2017, primarily due to seasonality as Fiscal 2016 did not include a full year of operations, while off-price sales increased in Fiscal 2017 as Southern Tide focused on moving excess and prior season inventory.

## Corporate and Other:

The gross profit in Corporate and Other in each period primarily reflects (1) the gross profit of our Lyons, Georgia distribution center and Beaufort Bonnet operations, (2) the impact of LIFO accounting adjustments and (3) the impact of certain consolidating adjustments, including the elimination of any intercompany sales between our operating groups. The primary driver for the lower gross profit was the unfavorable impact of a $\$ 7.8$ million LIFO accounting charge in Fiscal 2017 compared to a $\$ 5.9$ million LIFO accounting credit in Fiscal 2016. The LIFO accounting charge in Corporate and Other in Fiscal 2017 primarily results from the sale of inventory that had been marked down to net realizable value in prior periods in the operating groups, but generally reversed in Corporate and Other as part of LIFO accounting as well as a change in the LIFO reserve resulting from increases in the PPI as published by the United States Department of Labor. The LIFO accounting credit in Corporate and Other in Fiscal 2016 primarily resulted from the reversal of inventory markdowns to estimated net realizable value recognized in the operating groups during Fiscal 2016.

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SG\&A | \$ | 540,517 | \$ | 504,600 | \$ | 35,917 | 7.1\% |
| SG\&A (as a \% of net sales) |  | 49.8\% |  | 49.3\% |  |  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets included in Tommy Bahama associated with Tommy Bahama Canada acquisition | \$ | 1,523 | \$ | 1,491 |  |  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets included in Lilly Pulitzer associated with Signature Store acquisitions | \$ | 180 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets included in Southern Tide | \$ | 288 | \$ | 263 |  |  |  |
| Transaction/integration costs associated with Signature Store acquisitions | \$ | 870 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Distribution center integration charges | \$ | - | \$ | 454 |  |  |  |
| Transaction expenses associated with the Southern Tide acquisition included in Corporate and Other | \$ | - | \$ | 762 |  |  |  |

The increase in SG\&A was primarily due to (1) a $\$ 12.6$ million increase in incentive compensation, reflecting higher incentive compensation amounts in Tommy Bahama, Corporate and Other and Lanier Apparel, partially offset by lower incentive compensation amounts in Lilly Pulitzer, (2) \$11.6 million of incremental costs in Fiscal 2017 associated with additional retail stores and restaurants, (3) increased advertising expense for our brands, (4) other infrastructure and employment cost increases related to expanding certain of our business operations and (5) \$3.9 million of incremental SG\&A in the First Quarter of Fiscal 2017 associated with the Southern Tide business, which was acquired in April 2016. We estimate that the 53rd week in Fiscal 2017 resulted in approximately $\$ 7$ million of incremental SG\&A.

## Royalties and other operating income

|  |  | Fiscal 2017 | Fiscal 2016 | \$ Change | \% Change |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Royalties and other operating income | $\$$ | 13,885 | $\$$ | 14,180 | $\$$ | $(295)$ |  |

Royalties and other operating income in Fiscal 2017 primarily reflects income received from third parties from the licensing of our Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide brands. The $\$ 0.3$ million decrease in royalties and other operating income resulted from decreased royalty income for Lilly Pulitzer.

## Operating income (loss)

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tommy Bahama | \$ | 55,002 | \$ | 44,101 | \$ | 10,901 | 24.7 \% |
| Lilly Pulitzer |  | 46,608 |  | 51,995 | \$ | $(5,387)$ | (10.4)\% |
| Lanier Apparel |  | 6,546 |  | 6,955 | \$ | (409) | (5.9)\% |
| Southern Tide |  | 4,504 |  | (282) | \$ | 4,786 | NM |
| Corporate and Other |  | $(26,660)$ |  | $(12,885)$ | \$ | $(13,775)$ | (106.9)\% |
| Total operating income | \$ | 86,000 | \$ | 89,884 | \$ | $(3,884)$ | (4.3)\% |
| LIFO charge (credit) included in Corporate and Other | \$ | 7,821 | \$ | $(5,884)$ |  |  |  |
| Inventory step-up charge included in Lilly Pulitzer | \$ | 1,047 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Inventory step-up charge included in Southern Tide | \$ | - | \$ | 2,667 |  |  |  |
| Inventory step-up charge included in Corporate and Other | \$ | 111 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets included in Tommy Bahama associated with Tommy Bahama Canada acquisition | \$ | 1,523 | \$ | 1,491 |  |  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets included in Lilly Pulitzer associated with Signature Store acquisitions | \$ | 180 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets included in Southern Tide | \$ | 288 | \$ | 263 |  |  |  |
| Transaction/integration costs associated with Signature Store acquisitions | \$ | 870 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Distribution center integration charges | \$ | - | \$ | 454 |  |  |  |
| Transaction expenses associated with the Southern Tide acquisition included in Corporate and Other | \$ | - | \$ | 762 |  |  |  |

The decrease in operating income in Fiscal 2017 was due to (1) the lower operating results in Corporate and Other, primarily due to the impact of LIFO accounting, (2) lower operating income in Lilly Pulitzer primarily due to higher SG\&A, including charges and transaction/integration costs associated with the Fiscal 2017 acquisition of certain Lilly Pulitzer Signature Store operations and (3) lower operating income in Lanier Apparel. These items were partially offset by increased operating income in Tommy Bahama and Southern Tide, which included certain purchase accounting charges in Fiscal 2016 and was not owned for the full year in Fiscal 2016. Changes in operating income (loss) by operating group are discussed below.

Tommy Bahama:

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 686,021 | \$ | 658,911 | \$ | 27,110 | 4.1\% |
| Gross margin |  | 59.8\% |  | 58.7\% |  |  |  |
| Operating income | \$ | 55,002 | \$ | 44,101 | \$ | 10,901 | 24.7\% |
| Operating income as a \% of net sales |  | 8.0\% |  | 6.7\% |  |  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets included in Tommy Bahama associated with Tommy Bahama Canada acquisition | \$ | 1,523 | \$ | 1,491 |  |  |  |

The increase in operating income for Tommy Bahama was primarily due to increased sales and higher gross margin, as discussed above, partially offset by higher SG\&A. The higher SG\&A for Fiscal 2017 includes (1) an $\$ 11.0$ million increase in incentive compensation amounts, (2) incremental brand advertising expense, including the cost of the Spring 2017 and Holiday 2017 catalogs and (3) $\$ 4.4$ million of incremental SG\&A associated with non-comp retail stores and restaurants. These cost increases were partially offset by certain cost reductions in Tommy Bahama's retail store, wholesale and corporate operations as Tommy Bahama has focused on reducing certain employment and other operating costs.

## Lilly Pulitzer:

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 248,931 | \$ | 233,294 | \$ | 15,637 | 6.7 \% |
| Gross margin |  | 62.4\% |  | 62.5\% |  |  |  |
| Operating income | \$ | 46,608 | \$ | 51,995 | \$ | $(5,387)$ | (10.4)\% |
| Operating income as a \% of net sales |  | 18.7\% |  | 22.3\% |  |  |  |
| Inventory step-up charge included in Lilly Pulitzer | \$ | 1,047 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets included in Lilly Pulitzer associated with Signature Store acquisitions | \$ | 180 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Transaction/integration costs associated with Signature Store acquisitions | \$ | 870 | \$ | - |  |  |  |

The lower operating income in Lilly Pulitzer was primarily due to increased SG\&A and the $\$ 1.0$ million inventory step-up charge associated with the acquisition of certain Lilly Pulitzer Signature Stores partially offset by higher sales. The higher SG\&A for Fiscal 2017 includes (1) \$7.1 million of incremental SG\&A associated with the cost of operating additional retail stores, (2) SG\&A increases to support the planned growth of the business, including additional employee headcount, and (3) \$1.0 million consisting of transaction/integration costs and the amortization of intangible assets associated with the acquired Lilly Pulitzer Signature Stores. These additional SG\&A amounts were partially offset by \$1.0 million of lower incentive compensation amounts in Fiscal 2017.

Lanier Apparel:


The lower operating income for Lanier Apparel reflects higher SG\&A partially offset by the impact of higher sales and gross margin. The SG\&A increase primarily resulted from (1) $\$ 2.0$ million of incremental infrastructure costs primarily associated with the Strong Suit and Duck Head businesses, which were acquired in Fiscal 2016, (2) $\$ 1.0$ million of increased incentive compensation and (3) $\$ 0.7$ million of higher bad debt expense.

Southern Tide:

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 40,940 | \$ | 27,432 | \$ | 13,508 | 49.2\% |
| Gross margin |  | 49.4\% |  | 39.8 \% |  |  |  |
| Operating income (loss) | \$ | 4,504 | \$ | (282) | \$ | 4,786 | NM |
| Operating income (loss) as \% of net sales |  | 11.0\% |  | (1.0)\% |  |  |  |
| Inventory step-up charge included in Southern Tide | \$ | - | \$ | 2,667 |  |  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets included in Southern Tide | \$ | 288 | \$ | 263 |  |  |  |
| Distribution center integration charges | \$ | - | \$ | 454 |  |  |  |

The increase in operating income for Southern Tide in Fiscal 2017 was primarily due to Fiscal 2017 including a full year of operations. Fiscal 2016 only included the operations from the date of our acquisition on April 19, 2016 through January 28, 2017 and also included a $\$ 2.7$ million inventory step-up charge and $\$ 0.5$ million of distribution center integration charges, with no such charges in Fiscal 2017.

Corporate and Other:

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 3,467 | \$ | 2,198 | \$ | 1,269 | 57.7 \% |
| Operating loss | \$ | $(26,660)$ | \$ | $(12,885)$ | \$ | $(13,775)$ | (106.9)\% |
| LIFO charge (credit) included in Corporate and Other | \$ | 7,821 | \$ | $(5,884)$ |  |  |  |
| Inventory step-up charge included in Corporate and Other | \$ | 111 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Transaction expenses associated with the Southern Tide ac Corporate and Other | \$ | - | \$ | 762 |  |  |  |

The lower operating results in Corporate and Other were primarily due to (1) the $\$ 13.7$ million net unfavorable impact of LIFO accounting and (2) \$1.5 million of higher incentive compensation expense. These items were partially offset by (1) $\$ 0.8$ million of transaction expenses associated with the Southern Tide acquisition in Fiscal 2016, with no such expenses in Fiscal 2017 and (2) improved operating results for our Lyons, Georgia distribution center operations.

## Interest expense, net

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  |  | \$ Change | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest expense, net | \$ | 3,109 | \$ | 3,421 | \$ | (312) | (9.1)\% |

Interest expense for Fiscal 2017 decreased from the prior year primarily due to Fiscal 2016 including the write off of $\$ 0.3$ million of deferred financing costs associated with our amendment and restatement of our revolving credit agreement. The impact of lower average debt outstanding during Fiscal 2017 compared to Fiscal 2016 was partially offset by higher interest rates in Fiscal 2017.

## Income taxes

|  |  | Fiscal 2017 | Fiscal 2016 | \$ Change |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Income taxes | $\$$ | 18,190 | $\$$ | 31,964 | $\$$ |
| Effective tax rate |  | $(13,774)$ | $(43.1) \%$ |  |  |
| Impact of U.S. Tax Reform | $\$$ | 11,495 | $\$$ | - |  |

Income taxes in Fiscal 2017 decreased from the prior year primarily due to Fiscal 2017 including the provisional $\$ 11.5$ million favorable impact from U.S. Tax Reform primarily resulting from the valuation of deferred tax assets and liabilities to reflect the new enacted United States Federal tax rate of $21 \%$ rather than the historical $35 \%$ rate. This change results in the income tax amounts and effective tax rates for Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2016 not being comparable. Additionally, Fiscal 2017 includes the favorable impact of (1) the blended tax rate for Fiscal 2017 resulting from the enactment of U.S. Tax Reform, (2) improved operating results in certain of our foreign jurisdictions, including foreign sourcing operations, which have lower tax rates than our domestic earnings, and (3) \$0.8 million of favorable discrete items in Fiscal 2017 primarily related to certain prior year tax items, which were offset by the $\$ 0.8$ million unfavorable impact of certain stock awards that vested during the First Quarter of Fiscal 2017. Fiscal 2016 includes the favorable impact of (1) earnings in certain foreign jurisdictions which have lower tax rates than our domestic earnings, (2) the utilization of certain foreign operating loss carryforward amounts and (3) the reversal of valuation allowances in certain foreign jurisdictions based on our assessment of the facts and circumstances related to our ability to realize those net operating loss carryforwards in future periods. Refer to Note 8 to our consolidated financial statements contained in this report for additional information about income taxes.

As a result of U.S. Tax Reform which reduced the corporate tax rate on United States operations from $35 \%$ to $21 \%$, our effective tax rates for historical periods are not indicative of anticipated effective tax rates for future periods. Our effective tax rate for the full year of Fiscal 2018 is expected to be approximately $26 \%$. However, in addition to the typical items that may result in an effective tax rate that differs from our expectations, the effective rate for Fiscal 2018 may vary from $26 \%$ as our Fiscal 2017 statement of operations includes provisional amounts for U.S. Tax Reform and any adjustments to the provisional amounts recognized for U.S. Tax Reform will be recognized in Fiscal 2018. The final impact of U.S. Tax Reform may differ from our provisional amounts recognized in Fiscal 2017 due to additional regulatory guidance that may be issued, us obtaining additional information to refine our estimated tax amounts and changes in current interpretations and assumptions.

## Net earnings from continuing operations

|  |  | Fiscal 2017 | Fiscal 2016 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net earnings from continuing operations | $\$$ | 64,701 | $\$$ | 54,499 |
| Net earnings from continuing operations per diluted share | $\$$ | 3.87 | $\$$ | 3.27 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted | 16,734 | 16,649 |  |  |

The higher net earnings in Fiscal 2017 was primarily due to (1) a lower effective tax rate primarily resulting from the impact of U.S. Tax Reform as discussed in Note 8 to our consolidated financial statements included in this report, (2) higher operating income in Tommy Bahama and (3) improved operating results in Southern Tide, which included certain purchase accounting charges in Fiscal 2016 and was not owned for the full year in Fiscal 2016. These items were partially offset by (1) the impact of LIFO accounting on Corporate and Other operating results, (2) lower operating income in Lilly Pulitzer, due in part to charges associated with the Fiscal 2017 acquisition of certain Lilly Pulitzer Signature Store operations, and (3) lower operating income in Lanier Apparel.

## Discontinued operations



The income from discontinued operations, net of taxes in Fiscal 2017 was primarily due to a reduction in the retained lease obligations liability of our discontinued operations. This resulted from negotiated settlements in respect of the retained lease obligations for an amount in the aggregate less than the previously recognized lease obligations liability. The loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes in Fiscal 2016 primarily resulted from an additional loss related to the retained lease obligations liability of our discontinued operations due to an updated assessment of the anticipated losses considering anticipated sub-lease income to be earned, timing of obtaining a tenant, lease incentives and market rents. We do not anticipate cash flow or earnings related to the discontinued operations in future periods.

## FISCAL 2016 COMPARED TO FISCAL 2015

The discussion and tables below compare certain line items included in our statements of operations for Fiscal 2016 to Fiscal 2015. Each dollar and percentage change provided reflects the change between these periods unless indicated otherwise. Each dollar and share amount included in the tables is in thousands except for per share amounts.

## Net Sales

|  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tommy Bahama | \$ | 658,911 | \$ | 658,467 | \$ | 444 | 0.1 \% |
| Lilly Pulitzer |  | 233,294 |  | 204,626 |  | 28,668 | 14.0 \% |
| Lanier Apparel |  | 100,753 |  | 105,106 |  | $(4,353)$ | (4.1)\% |
| Southern Tide |  | 27,432 |  | - |  | 27,432 | NM |
| Corporate and Other |  | 2,198 |  | 1,091 |  | 1,107 | NM |
| Total | \$ | 1,022,588 | \$ | 969,290 | \$ | 53,298 | 5.5 \% |

Consolidated net sales increased $\$ 53.3$ million, or $5.5 \%$, in Fiscal 2016 compared to Fiscal 2015. The increase in consolidated net sales was primarily driven by (1) the $\$ 27.4$ million of net sales of Southern Tide, which was acquired on April 19, 2016, (2) an incremental net sales increase of $\$ 20.2$ million associated with the operation of additional full-price retail stores in Tommy Bahama and Lilly Pulitzer, (3) a $\$ 7.0$ million net increase in direct to consumer clearance sales reflecting an increase in e-commerce flash clearance sales at Lilly Pulitzer and decreases in outlet store sales at Tommy Bahama and (4) a $\$ 5.4$ million increase in restaurant sales in Tommy Bahama. These sales increases were partially offset by a $\$ 6.5$ million, or $2 \%$, decrease in comparable store sales to $\$ 404.1$ million in Fiscal 2016 from $\$ 410.6$ million in Fiscal 2015 reflecting a decrease in comparable store sales at Tommy Bahama of 3\% and an increase in comparable store sales at Lilly Pulitzer of $2 \%$. We believe that certain macroeconomic factors, including lower retail store traffic, the evolving impact of digital technology on consumer shopping habits and the 2016 election cycle, impacted the sales in each of our direct to consumer and wholesale businesses in Fiscal 2016. The changes in net sales by operating group are discussed below.

The following table presents the proportion of our consolidated net sales by distribution channel for each period presented:

|  | Fiscal 2016 | Fiscal 2015 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Full-price retail stores and outlets | $41 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| E-commerce | $18 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Restaurant | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Wholesale | $34 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Total | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |

## Tommy Bahama:

The Tommy Bahama net sales increase of $\$ 0.4$ million, or $0.1 \%$, was primarily driven by (1) an incremental net sales increase of $\$ 12.4$ million associated with the operation of additional full-price retail stores and (2) a $\$ 5.4$ million increase in restaurant sales primarily resulting from the impact of a full year of operations of the Waikiki restaurant in Fiscal 2016 and a modest increase at restaurants open for the full year of Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015. These sales increases were offset by (1) a $\$ 8.8$ million, or $3 \%$, decrease in comparable store sales to $\$ 302.5$ million in Fiscal 2016 from $\$ 311.3$ million in Fiscal 2015, (2) a $\$ 3.6$ million decrease in net sales through our off-price direct to consumer clearance channels, primarily reflecting a decrease in sales in existing outlet stores, and (3) a $\$ 5.2$ million decrease in wholesale sales. The decreases in the direct to consumer channels were primarily due to lower traffic in both our full-price retail stores and outlet stores. The decrease in wholesale sales reflects lower full-price wholesale sales reflecting the challenging environment of our wholesale department store and specialty store accounts.

As of January 28, 2017, we operated 168 Tommy Bahama stores globally, consisting of 111 full-price retail stores, 17 retail-restaurant locations and 40 outlet stores. As of January 30, 2016, we operated 164 Tommy Bahama stores consisting of 107 full-price retail stores, 16 retail-restaurant locations and 41 outlet stores.

The following table presents the proportion of net sales by distribution channel for Tommy Bahama for each period presented:

|  | Fiscal 2015 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Full-price retail stores and outlets | Fiscal 2016 |
| E-commerce | $50 \%$ |
| Restaurant | $15 \%$ |
| Wholesale | $11 \%$ |
| Total | $24 \%$ |
| 1 |  |

## Lilly Pulitzer:

The Lilly Pulitzer net sales increase of $\$ 28.7$ million, or $14.0 \%$, was primarily a result of (1) an incremental net sales increase of $\$ 11.2$ million associated with the operation of additional full-price retail stores, (2) a $\$ 10.7$ million increase in e-commerce flash clearance sales, (3) an $\$ 8.2$ million increase in wholesale sales primarily resulting from increased orders from existing wholesale customers and (4) a $\$ 2.2$ million, or $2 \%$, increase in comparable store sales to $\$ 101.5$ million in Fiscal 2016 compared to $\$ 99.3$ million in Fiscal 2015. These sales increases were partially offset by a net $\$ 3.8$ million decrease in warehouse sales as Lilly Pulitzer did not anniversary its June warehouse sale in Fiscal 2016. As of January 28, 2017, we operated 40 Lilly Pulitzer full-price retail stores, after opening six new stores, acquiring one former Signature Store and closing one store during Fiscal 2016, compared to 34 full-price retail stores as of January 30, 2016.

The following table presents the proportion of net sales by distribution channel for Lilly Pulitzer for each period presented:

|  | Fiscal $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Full-price retail stores and warehouse sales | Fiscal 2015 |
| E-commerce | $36 \%$ |
| Wholesale | $38 \%$ |
| Total | $30 \%$ |

## Lanier Apparel.

The decrease in net sales for Lanier Apparel of $\$ 4.4$ million, or $4.1 \%$, was primarily due to lower sales of $\$ 6.5$ million in the tailored clothing business partially offset by a $\$ 2.0$ million increase in the sportswear business. The decreased sales in the tailored clothing business was primarily due to lower sales in certain programs including reductions in volume, shifts of timing and exits from various programs. These reductions in volume were partially offset by initial shipments and volume increases in other programs. The increased sales in the sportswear business were primarily due to increased volumes in private label sportswear programs.

## Southern Tide:

The net sales of Southern Tide reflect the sales of Southern Tide for the period from the date of acquisition on April 19, 2016 through January $28,2017$. During the period from April 19, 2016 through January 28, 2017, 77\% of Southern Tide's net sales were wholesale sales with the remainder of the sales consisting of ecommerce sales.

## Corporate and Other

Corporate and Other net sales primarily consist of the net sales of our Lyons, Georgia distribution center to third party warehouse customers as well as the impact of the elimination of intercompany sales between our operating groups. Net sales in Fiscal 2015 included the unfavorable impact of the elimination of intercompany sales between our operating groups with no meaningful impact of intercompany sales between our operating groups in Fiscal 2016.

## Gross Profit

The table below presents gross profit by operating group and in total for Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015 as well as the change between those two periods. Our gross profit and gross margin, which is calculated as gross profit divided by net sales, may not be directly comparable to those of our competitors, as the statement of operations classification of certain expenses may vary by company.

|  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tommy Bahama | \$ | 386,650 | \$ | 393,221 | \$ | $(6,571)$ | (1.7)\% |
| Lilly Pulitzer |  | 145,875 |  | 131,277 | \$ | 14,598 | 11.1 \% |
| Lanier Apparel |  | 29,490 |  | 30,460 | \$ | (970) | (3.2)\% |
| Southern Tide |  | 10,912 |  | - |  | 10,912 | NM |
| Corporate and Other |  | 7,377 |  | 1,633 |  | 5,744 | NM |
| Total gross profit | \$ | 580,304 | \$ | 556,591 | \$ | 23,713 | 4.3 \% |
| LIFO (credit) charge included in Corporate and Other | \$ | $(5,884)$ | \$ | 254 |  |  |  |
| Inventory step-up charge included in Southern Tide | \$ | 2,667 | \$ | - |  |  |  |

The increase in consolidated gross profit was primarily due to higher net sales, as discussed above, and the net favorable impact of LIFO accounting. The favorable impact of these items was partially offset by the unfavorable impact of the inventory step-up charge included in Southern Tide and lower gross margins in Tommy Bahama and Lilly Pulitzer, both as discussed below. The table below presents gross margin by operating group and in total for Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015.

|  | Fiscal $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Tommy Bahama | Fiscals |
| Lilly Pulitzer | $59.7 \%$ |
| Lanier Apparel | $64.2 \%$ |
| Southern Tide | $29.0 \%$ |
| Corporate and Other | $29.3 \%$ |
| Consolidated gross margin | NM |

On a consolidated basis, gross margin decreased in Fiscal 2016, primarily as a result of lower gross margins in Tommy Bahama and Lilly Pulitzer, partially offset by the net favorable impact of LIFO accounting.

## Tommy Bahama:

The decrease in Tommy Bahama's gross margin in Fiscal 2016 was primarily due to $\$ 5$ million of inventory markdowns in the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal 2016 for certain women's, home and other products as well as lower gross margin in both the direct to consumer and wholesale businesses. The inventory markdowns primarily resulted from a change in Tommy Bahama's approach to inventory clearance; starting in January 2017, Tommy Bahama began clearing certain prior season inventory by taking initial markdowns on certain product categories in its full-price retail stores and then clearing any remaining inventory through both its outlet stores and third party off-price retailers and by operating the outlet stores with lower inventory levels and with better merchandised assortments.

The lower gross margins in the direct to consumer channel primarily reflect lower gross margins in outlet store and e-commerce flash clearance sales which were primarily due to our efforts to drive traffic in our outlet stores, reduce inventory levels and dispose of prior season inventory during Fiscal 2016. The higher discounting in our off-price direct to consumer channel was focused on women's, home and other products as well as footwear, which we transitioned to a third party licensee. Full-price retail store and e-commerce gross margins were also lower primarily due to a greater proportion of sales in Fiscal 2016 occurring in connection with our loyalty award card, Flip Side and Friends \& Family marketing events, which typically have lower gross margins than sales during non-promotional periods, and the impact of Tommy Bahama discounting certain end-of-season women, home and other product in store and online beginning in January 2017. The decrease in gross margin in the wholesale distribution channel was primarily due to a change in sales mix with off-price sales representing a greater proportion of Tommy Bahama's wholesale sales in Fiscal 2016.

## Lilly Pulitzer

The decrease in gross margin for Lilly Pulitzer in Fiscal 2016 was primarily driven by the change in sales mix as e-commerce flash clearance sales represented a greater proportion of sales during Fiscal 2016 and in-store markdowns were more significant in Fiscal 2016.

## Lanier Apparel:

The increase in gross margin for Lanier Apparel was primarily due to the net favorable impact of in-stock program allowances and inventory markdowns in Fiscal 2016 as compared to Fiscal 2015.

## Southern Tide:

The gross profit of Southern Tide for Fiscal 2016 includes the gross profit of Southern Tide for the period from the date of acquisition on April 19, 2016 through January 28, 2017, which was impacted by $\$ 2.7$ million of incremental cost of goods sold associated with the step-up of inventory recognized at acquisition. Therefore, we do not consider the gross profit or gross margin for this period to be indicative of expected gross profit, or gross margin, for future periods. All amounts related to the step-up of inventory were recognized during Fiscal 2016.

## Corporate and Other:

The gross profit in Corporate and Other in each period primarily reflects (1) the gross profit of our Lyons, Georgia distribution center operations, (2) the impact of LIFO accounting adjustments and (3) the impact of certain consolidating adjustments, including the elimination of any intercompany sales between our operating groups. The primary driver for the higher gross profit was due to Fiscal 2016 including the favorable impact of a LIFO accounting credit of $\$ 5.9$ million with no
significant impact of LIFO accounting in Fiscal 2015. The LIFO accounting credit in Fiscal 2016 was primarily due to the LIFO accounting reversal of the significant inventory markdowns recognized in Tommy Bahama during Fiscal 2016.

SG\&A

|  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SG\&A | \$ | 504,600 | \$ | 473,517 | \$ | 31,083 | 6.6\% |
| SG\&A (as a \% of net sales) |  | 49.3\% |  | 48.9\% |  |  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets included in Tommy Bahama associated with Tommy Bahama Canada acquisition | \$ | 1,491 | \$ | 1,521 |  |  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets included in Southern Tide | \$ | 263 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Transaction expenses associated with the Southern Tide acquisition included in Corporate and Other | \$ | 762 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Distribution center integration charges | \$ | 454 | \$ | - |  |  |  |

The increase in SG\&A was primarily due to (1) $\$ 16.9$ million of incremental costs in Fiscal 2016 associated with additional Tommy Bahama full-price retail stores and restaurants and Lilly Pulitzer full-price retail stores, (2) $\$ 11.4$ million of SG\&A associated with Southern Tide, including amortization of intangible assets and distribution center integration costs, (3) an increase in brand advertising, marketing and other expenses in Tommy Bahama and Lilly Pulitzer to increase brand awareness and provide support for the brands, (4) increased depreciation expense of $\$ 2.2$ million related to e-commerce operations and inventory/order management systems in Tommy Bahama and Lilly Pulitzer that were implemented in the First Quarter of Fiscal 2016, (5) asset impairment charges of \$1.9 million primarily related to three outlet store closings and certain information technology assets, (6) an increase in severance expenses of $\$ 1.5$ million and (6) $\$ 0.8$ million of transaction expenses associated with the Southern Tide acquisition, which are included in Corporate and Other. These SG\&A increases were partially offset by $\$ 8.0$ million of lower incentive compensation, with decreases in each operating group as well as Corporate and Other.

SG\&A included amortization of intangible assets of $\$ 2.2$ million in Fiscal 2016 and $\$ 2.0$ million in Fiscal 2015 with the increase primarily due to amortization related to the Southern Tide intangible assets. We anticipate that amortization of intangible assets for Fiscal 2017 will be approximately $\$ 2.2$ million.

## Royalties and other operating income

|  |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 | \$ Change | \% Change |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Royalties and other operating income | $\$$ | 14,180 | $\$$ | 14,440 | $\$$ | $(260)$ |  |

Royalties and other operating income in Fiscal 2016 primarily reflects income received from third parties from the licensing of our Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide brands. The decrease in royalty income for Fiscal 2016 reflects a decrease in royalty income for Lilly Pulitzer which was partially offset by an increase in royalty income for Tommy Bahama and the royalty income associated with the Southern Tide business.

## Operating income (loss)

|  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tommy Bahama | \$ | 44,101 | \$ | 65,993 | \$ | $(21,892)$ | (33.2)\% |
| Lilly Pulitzer |  | 51,995 |  | 42,525 |  | 9,470 | 22.3 \% |
| Lanier Apparel |  | 6,955 |  | 7,700 |  | (745) | (9.7)\% |
| Southern Tide |  | (282) |  | - |  | (282) | NM |
| Corporate and Other |  | $(12,885)$ |  | $(18,704)$ |  | 5,819 | 31.1 \% |
| Total operating income | \$ | 89,884 | \$ | 97,514 | \$ | $(7,630)$ | (7.8)\% |
| LIFO (credit) charge included in Corporate and Other | \$ | $(5,884)$ | \$ | 254 |  |  |  |
| Inventory step-up charge included in Southern Tide | \$ | 2,667 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets included in Tommy Bahama associated with Tommy Bahama Canada acquisition | \$ | 1,491 | \$ | 1,521 |  |  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets included in Southern Tide | \$ | 263 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Transaction expenses associated with the Southern Tide acquisition included in Corporate and Other | \$ | 762 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Distribution center integration charges | \$ | 454 | \$ | - |  |  |  |

The decrease in operating income in Fiscal 2016 as compared to Fiscal 2015 was primarily due to the lower operating income in Tommy Bahama, including $\$ 7.1$ million of inventory markdowns, severance and store closing charges incurred in the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal 2016, and Lanier Apparel and the operating loss in Southern Tide. These items were partially offset by higher operating income in Lilly Pulitzer and improved operating results in Corporate and Other. Changes in operating income (loss) by operating group are discussed below.

Tommy Bahama:

|  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 658,911 | \$ | 658,467 | \$ | 444 | 0.1 \% |
| Gross margin |  | 58.7\% |  | 59.7\% |  |  |  |
| Operating income | \$ | 44,101 | \$ | 65,993 | \$ | $(21,892)$ | (33.2)\% |
| Operating income as \% of net sales |  | 6.7\% |  | 10.0\% |  |  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets included in Tommy Bahama associated with Tommy Bahama Canada acquisition | \$ | 1,491 | \$ | 1,521 |  |  |  |

The lower operating results for Tommy Bahama were primarily due to the lower gross margin, as discussed above, and higher SG\&A in Fiscal 2016. The higher SG\&A for Fiscal 2016 includes (1) \$11.8 million of incremental SG\&A associated with operating additional full-price retail stores and restaurants, (2) an increase in brand advertising, marketing and other expenses in Tommy Bahama to increase brand awareness and provide support for the brand, (3) increased depreciation expense of $\$ 1.9$ million related to e-commerce operations, which were primarily related to website upgrades implemented in the First Quarter of Fiscal 2016, and the Tommy Bahama office in Seattle, Washington, (4) \$1.3 million of increased severance costs and (5) asset impairment charges of $\$ 0.9$ million primarily related to outlet store closures. These SG\&A increases were partially offset by $\$ 0.7$ million of lower incentive compensation. Included in the gross margin impact and SG\&A items above, we incurred charges of $\$ 7.1$ million in the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal 2016 consisting of $\$ 4.7$ million of inventory markdowns, \$0.9 million of severance charges and $\$ 1.6$ million of charges related to outlet store closings which are anticipated to improve future operating results.

Lilly Pulitzer:

|  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 233,294 | \$ | 204,626 | \$ | 28,668 | 14.0\% |
| Gross margin |  | 62.5\% |  | 64.2\% |  |  |  |
| Operating income | \$ | 51,995 | \$ | 42,525 | \$ | 9,470 | 22.3\% |
| Operating income as \% of net sales |  | 22.3\% |  | 20.8\% |  |  |  |

The increase in operating income in Lilly Pulitzer was primarily due to the higher net sales partially offset by the impact of the lower gross margin and higher SG\&A. SG\&A increased primarily due to (1) \$5.2 million of incremental SG\&A associated with operating additional Lilly Pulitzer full-price retail stores, (2) an increase in brand advertising, marketing and other expenses in Lilly Pulitzer to increase brand awareness and provide support for the brand, (3) increased depreciation expense of $\$ 1.1$ million related to inventory/order management system upgrades implemented in the First Quarter of Fiscal 2016, and (4) other increases in SG\&A, including additional employee headcount to support the growing business. These increases in SG\&A were partially offset by a $\$ 5.4$ million reduction in incentive compensation during Fiscal 2016, primarily resulting from the retirement of the former co-chief executive officers from the business in the First Quarter of Fiscal 2016.

Lanier Apparel:

|  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 100,753 | \$ | 105,106 | \$ | $(4,353)$ | (4.1)\% |
| Gross margin |  | 29.3\% |  | 29.0\% |  |  |  |
| Operating income | \$ | 6,955 | \$ | 7,700 | \$ | (745) | (9.7)\% |
| Operating income as \% of net sales |  | 6.9\% |  | 7.3\% |  |  |  |

The decrease in operating income for Lanier Apparel was primarily due to lower sales partially offset by improved gross margin and lower SG\&A, resulting from lower incentive compensation.

Southern Tide:

|  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 27,432 | \$ | - | \$ | 27,432 | NM |
| Gross margin |  | 39.8 \% |  | NA |  |  |  |
| Operating loss | \$ | (282) | \$ | - | \$ | (282) | NM |
| Operating loss as \% of net sales |  | (1.0) |  | NA |  |  |  |
| Inventory step-up charge included in Southern Tide | \$ | 2,667 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets included in Southern Tide | \$ | 263 | \$ | - |  |  |  |
| Distribution center integration charges | \$ | 454 | \$ | - |  |  |  |

The net sales, gross margin and operating loss of Southern Tide reflect the results of Southern Tide for the period from the date of acquisition on April 19, 2016 through January 28, 2017. We do not consider the results for this period to be indicative of expected results on an annual basis or for future periods. During Fiscal 2016, the operating results of Southern Tide were impacted by the $\$ 2.7$ million of incremental cost of goods sold related to the step-up of inventory at acquisition, recognized in cost of goods sold as the acquired inventory was sold, $\$ 0.3$ million of amortization of intangible assets and the $\$ 0.5$ million of distribution center integration charges recognized during the Second Quarter of Fiscal 2016.

Corporate and Other:

|  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 2,198 | \$ | 1,091 | \$ | 1,107 | NM |
| Operating loss | \$ | $(12,885)$ | \$ | $(18,704)$ | \$ | 5,819 | 31.1\% |
| LIFO (credit) charge included in Corporate and Other | \$ | $(5,884)$ | \$ | 254 |  |  |  |
| Transaction expenses associated with the Southern Tide acquisition included in Corporate and Other | \$ | 762 | \$ | - |  |  |  |

The improved operating results in Corporate and Other were primarily due to the net favorable impact of LIFO accounting of $\$ 6.1$ million and $\$ 0.9$ million of lower incentive compensation amounts in Fiscal 2016. These favorable items were partially offset by the impact of $\$ 0.8$ million of transaction expenses associated with the Southern Tide acquisition in the First Quarter of Fiscal 2016 and the prior year including a $\$ 0.9$ million gain on the sale of real estate.

## Interest expense, net

|  | Fiscal 2016 |  |  |  | Fiscal 2015 | \$ Change |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Interest expense, net | $\$$ | 3,421 | $\$$ | 2,458 | $\$$ | 963 |

Interest expense for Fiscal 2016 increased from the prior year primarily due to higher average borrowings outstanding during the year and the write off of approximately $\$ 0.3$ million of deferred financing costs associated with our amendment and restatement of our revolving credit agreement.

Income taxes

|  |  | Fiscal 2016 | Fiscal 2015 | \$ Change | \% Change |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Income taxes | $\$$ | 31,964 | $\$$ | 36,519 | $\$$ | $(4,555)$ |
| Effective tax rate |  | $37.0 \%$ | $38.4 \%$ |  |  |  |

Income tax expense for Fiscal 2016 decreased, reflecting lower earnings and a lower effective tax rate. The lower effective tax rate in Fiscal 2016 compared to Fiscal 2015 was primarily due to (1) improved operating results in our Hong Kong-based sourcing operations and Tommy Bahama Asia-Pacific retail operations resulting in the utilization of certain foreign net operating loss carryforwards, (2) the reversal of valuation allowances in certain foreign jurisdictions based on our assessment of the facts and circumstances related to our ability to realize those net operating loss carryforwards in future periods, (3) lower domestic earnings and (4) certain favorable discrete items, including the tax benefit associated with the vesting of certain restricted stock awards.

## Net earnings from continuing operations

|  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net earnings from continuing operations | \$ | 54,499 | \$ | 58,537 |
| Net earnings from continuing operations per diluted share | \$ | 3.27 | \$ | 3.54 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted |  | 16,649 |  | 16,559 |

The primary reasons for the lower earnings from continuing operations per diluted share in Fiscal 2016 were the lower operating income in Tommy Bahama and increased interest expense partially offset by higher income in Lilly Pulitzer, improved operating results in Corporate and Other and a lower effective tax rate.

## Discontinued operations

|  |  | Fiscal 2016 | Fiscal 2015 | \$ Change | \% Change |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes | $\$$ | $(2,038)$ | $(27,975)$ | $\$$ | NM |

The loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes in Fiscal 2016 primarily reflects an additional loss related to the retained lease obligations of our discontinued operations primarily due to the default and failure to pay by a sub-tenant and an updated assessment of the anticipated losses considering anticipated sublease income to be earned, timing of obtaining a tenant, lease incentives and market rents. Fiscal 2015 reflects the loss on the sale of our former Ben Sherman business, which was sold in the Second Quarter of Fiscal 2015, as well as the operations of the discontinued operations prior to disposal and any charges related to the discontinued operations subsequent to disposal.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our primary source of revenue and cash flow is through our design, sourcing, marketing and distribution of branded apparel products bearing the trademarks of our Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide lifestyle brands, other owned brands and licensed brands, and private label apparel products. Our primary uses of cash flow include the purchase of products in the operation of our business from third party contract manufacturers outside of the United States, as well as operating expenses, including employee compensation and benefits, occupancy-related costs, marketing and advertising costs, distribution costs, other general and administrative expenses and the payment of periodic interest payments related to our financing arrangements.

Additionally, we use cash for the funding of capital expenditures, dividends and repayment of indebtedness. In the ordinary course of business, we maintain certain levels of inventory, extend credit to our wholesale customers and pay our operating
expenses. Thus, we require a certain amount of working capital to operate our business. If cash inflows are less than cash outflows, we have access to amounts under our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement, subject to its terms, which is described below. We may seek to finance our future cash requirements through various methods, including cash flow from operations, borrowings under our current or additional credit facilities, sales of debt or equity securities, and cash on hand.

As of February 3, 2018, we had $\$ 6.3$ million of cash and cash equivalents on hand, with $\$ 45.8$ million of borrowings outstanding and $\$ 219.7$ million of availability under our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement. We believe our balance sheet and anticipated future positive cash flow from operating activities provide sufficient cash flow to satisfy our ongoing cash requirements as well as ample opportunity to continue to invest in our brands, direct to consumer initiatives and other strategic initiatives.

## Key Liquidity Measures

| (\$ in thousands) | February 3, 2018 |  | January 28, 2017 |  |  | \$ Change | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Current Assets | \$ | 236,118 | \$ | 231,628 | \$ | 4,490 | 1.9\% |
| Total Current Liabilities |  | 135,010 |  | 131,396 |  | 3,614 | 2.8\% |
| Working capital | \$ | 101,108 | \$ | 100,232 | \$ | 876 | 0.9\% |
| Working capital ratio |  | 1.75 |  | 1.76 |  |  |  |
| Debt to total capital ratio |  | 10\% |  | 20\% |  |  |  |

Our working capital ratio is calculated by dividing total current assets by total current liabilities. Current assets increased from January 28, 2017 to February 3, 2018 primarily due to higher receivables and prepaid expenses partially offset by lower inventories. Current liabilities increased from January 28 , 2017 to February 3, 2018 primarily due to higher accrued compensation and other accrued expenses and liabilities partially offset by lower accounts payable. Changes in current assets and current liabilities are discussed below.

For the ratio of debt to total capital, debt is defined as short-term and long-term debt, and total capital is defined as debt plus shareholders' equity. Debt was $\$ 45.8$ million at February 3, 2018 and $\$ 91.5$ million at January 28, 2017, while shareholders' equity was $\$ 429.8$ million at February 3 , 2018 and $\$ 376.1$ million at January 28, 2017. The decrease in debt since January 28, 2017 was primarily due to $\$ 118.6$ million of cash flow from operations which was partially offset by cash payments of $\$ 38.7$ million for capital expenditures, $\$ 18.2$ million for dividends and $\$ 15.5$ million for various acquisitions including post-closing payments for certain acquisitions completed in Fiscal 2016. Shareholders' equity increased from January 28, 2017, primarily as a result of net earnings less dividends paid during the period. Our debt levels and ratio of debt to total capital in future periods may not be comparable to historical amounts as we continue to assess, and possibly make changes to, our capital structure. Changes in our capital structure in the future, if any, will depend on prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements, contractual restrictions and other factors. The amounts involved may be material.

## Balance Sheet

The following tables set forth certain information included in our consolidated balance sheets (in thousands). Below each table are explanations for any significant changes in the balances from January 28, 2017 to February 3, 2018.

## Current Assets:

|  | February 3, 2018 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 28, } \\ 2017 \end{gathered}$ |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 6,343 | \$ | 6,332 | \$ | 11 | 0.2 \% |
| Receivables, net |  | 67,542 |  | 58,279 |  | 9,263 | 15.9 \% |
| Inventories, net |  | 126,812 |  | 142,175 |  | $(15,363)$ | (10.8)\% |
| Prepaid expenses |  | 35,421 |  | 24,842 |  | 10,579 | 42.6 \% |
| Total Current Assets | \$ | 236,118 | \$ | 231,628 | \$ | 4,490 | 1.9 \% |

Cash and cash equivalents as of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017 represent typical cash amounts maintained on an ongoing basis in our operations, which generally ranges from $\$ 5$ million to $\$ 10$ million at any given time. Any excess cash is generally used to repay amounts outstanding under our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement. The increase in receivables, net as of February 3, 2018 was primarily due to a $\$ 5.0$ million income tax receivable as of February 3 , 2018 with no meaningful income
tax receivable as of January 28, 2017 as well as higher trade receivables primarily reflecting higher wholesale sales in the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal 2017 and lower wholesale allowance amounts.

Inventories, net as of February 3, 2018 decreased from January 28, 2017. This decrease includes decreases in Tommy Bahama, Corporate and Other, Lanier Apparel and Southern Tide, partially offset by increased inventory in Lilly Pulitzer. Tommy Bahama's inventory decreased primarily due to a focus on more closely managing inventory purchases, the sale of certain prior season inventory through off-price wholesale channels and outlet stores during Fiscal 2017 and lower inventory in transit at year end due in part to the timing of Chinese New Year and the 53rd week of Fiscal 2017. The inventory reduction in Corporate and Other reflects the impact of LIFO accounting including changes in the amount of inventory markdowns requiring reversal as part of LIFO accounting as well as an increase in the LIFO reserve due to the increase in the PPI. The reduced inventory in Lanier Apparel was primarily due to the exit from and changes in certain replenishment programs resulting in lower inventory levels. Southern Tide's inventory decreased primarily due to initiatives to reduce on-hand inventory levels and clear prior season inventory more quickly. The increase in inventory at Lilly Pulitzer was primarily due to anticipated growth, including sales at the new retail store locations opened or acquired during Fiscal 2017. We believe that inventory levels in each operating group are appropriate to support anticipated sales for the First Quarter of Fiscal 2018.

Prepaid expenses as of February 3, 2018 increased from January 28, 2017 as a result of higher (1) prepaid advertising associated with Spring and Summer 2018 advertising campaigns and the timing of certain advertising payments, (2) prepaid rent due to the timing of payment of monthly rent amounts as February 2018 rent payments were paid prior to February 3, 2018, but certain February 2017 rent payments had not been paid prior to January 28, 2017, and (3) other prepaid operating expenses primarily related to information technology related maintenance, services and software licenses. These increases were partially offset by lower prepaid taxes.
Non-current Assets:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { February 3, } \\ 2018 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 28, } \\ 2017 \end{gathered}$ |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Property and equipment, net | \$ | 193,533 | \$ | 193,931 | \$ | (398) | (0.2)\% |
| Intangible assets, net |  | 178,858 |  | 175,245 |  | 3,613 | 2.1 \% |
| Goodwill |  | 66,703 |  | 60,015 |  | 6,688 | 11.1 \% |
| Other non-current assets, net |  | 24,729 |  | 24,340 |  | 389 | 1.6 \% |
| Total non-current assets, net | \$ | 463,823 | \$ | 453,531 | \$ | 10,292 | 2.3 \% |

Property and equipment, net as of February 3, 2018 is comparable to January 28, 2017 as capital expenditures and depreciation expense were generally comparable in Fiscal 2017. The increase in intangible assets, net and goodwill at February 3, 2018 were primarily due to the acquisitions of certain Lilly Pulitzer Signature Stores and Beaufort Bonnet during Fiscal 2017, partially offset by the amortization of intangible assets in Fiscal 2017.

Liabilities:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { February 3, } \\ 2018 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 28, } \\ 2017 \end{gathered}$ |  | \$ Change |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Current Liabilities | \$ | 135,010 | \$ | 131,396 | \$ | 3,614 | 2.8 \% |
| Long-term debt |  | 45,809 |  | 91,509 |  | $(45,700)$ | (49.9)\% |
| Other non-current liabilities |  | 74,029 |  | 70,002 |  | 4,027 | 5.8 \% |
| Deferred taxes |  | 15,269 |  | 13,578 |  | 1,691 | 12.5 \% |
| Liabilities related to discontinued operations |  | - |  | 2,544 |  | $(2,544)$ | (100.0)\% |
| Total liabilities | \$ | 270,117 | \$ | 309,029 | \$ | $(38,912)$ | (12.6)\% |

Current liabilities as of February 3, 2018 increased compared to January 28, 2017 primarily due to increased (1) accrued compensation resulting from increased bonuses in Tommy Bahama, Corporate and Other and Lanier Apparel partially offset by lower bonuses in Lilly Pulitzer and (2) other accrued expenses and liabilities resulting from higher sales taxes, duties payable and estimated direct to consumer returns generally as a result of higher direct to consumer sales during the period. The increased accrued compensation and other accrued expenses and liabilities were partially offset by lower (1) accounts payable primarily due to the lower inventory in transit amounts and the timing of payment of other amounts and (2) liabilities related to discontinued operations. The decrease in debt as of February 3 , 2018 was primarily due to $\$ 118.6$ million of cash flow from operations which was partially offset by cash payments of $\$ 38.7$ million for capital expenditures, $\$ 18.2$ million for dividends and $\$ 15.5$ million for various acquisitions.

Other non-current liabilities increased as of February 3, 2018 compared to January 28, 2017 primarily due to increases in deferred rent liabilities, including tenant improvement allowances from landlords, and deferred compensation liabilities. Deferred taxes increased as of February 3, 2018 compared to January 28,2017 primarily due to timing differences associated with (1) depreciation recognized for tax and book purposes, including the $\$ 12$ million impact of a cost segregation analysis completed in Fiscal 2017 and (2) amortization of intangible assets recognized for tax purposes, which were partially offset by (1) the $\$ 11.5$ million impact of the revaluation of deferred tax amounts related to the U.S. Tax Reform, which reduced enacted tax rates in the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal 2017, and (2) timing differences associated with inventories. Liabilities related to discontinued operations, including current and non-current amounts, as of February 3, 2018 decreased primarily as a result of negotiated lease terminations in Fiscal 2017 for both lease agreements, with the final satisfaction of the $\$ 2.1$ million liability associated with the lease obligations completed in February 2018. We do not anticipate cash flows or earnings related to the discontinued operations in future periods as we have satisfied all obligations related to these lease agreements.

## Statement of Cash Flows

The following table sets forth the net cash flows, including continuing and discontinued operations, resulting in the change in our cash and cash equivalents (in thousands):

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 | Fiscal 2015 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash provided by operating activities | $\$$ | 118,593 | $\$$ | 118,565 |
| Cash used in investing activities |  | $(54,277)$ | 105,373 |  |
| Cash (used in) provided by financing activities |  | $(64,712)$ | 27,367 | $(91,466)$ |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | $\$$ | $(396) \$$ | $(559) \$$ | $(39)$ |

Cash and cash equivalents on hand were $\$ 6.3$ million and $\$ 6.3$ million at February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017, respectively. Changes in cash flows in Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015 related to operating activities, investing activities and financing activities are discussed below.

## Operating Activities:

In Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, operating activities provided $\$ 118.6$ million, $\$ 118.6$ million and $\$ 105.4$ million of cash, respectively. The cash flow from operating activities for each period was primarily the result of net earnings for the relevant period adjusted, as applicable, for non-cash activities including depreciation, amortization and equity-based compensation, as well as the net impact of changes in deferred taxes and our working capital accounts. In each of Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, working capital account changes had a favorable impact on cash flow from operations.

In Fiscal 2017, the more significant changes in working capital accounts were decreases in inventories, which increased cash flow from operations, partially offset by increases in prepaid expenses and receivables, each of which decreased cash flow from operations. In Fiscal 2016, in addition to the favorable impact of deferred taxes, the more significant changes in working capital accounts were decreases in receivables and inventories, each of which increased cash flow from operations. In Fiscal 2015, the more significant changes in working capital accounts were a decrease in receivables and an increase in non-current liabilities, each of which increased cash flow from operations, partially offset by an increase in inventories, which decreased cash flow from operations.

## Investing Activities:

During Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, investing activities used $\$ 54.3$ million, $\$ 146.5$ million and $\$ 13.9$ million, respectively, of cash. Our cash flow used in investing activities on an ongoing basis typically consists of our capital expenditure investments in our existing brands and acquisitions of assets and operations of new businesses. Our capital expenditures primarily consist of costs associated with information technology initiatives, including e-commerce capabilities; opening, relocating and remodeling full-price retail stores and restaurants; and facilities enhancements for distribution centers and offices.

In Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, we paid $\$ 38.7$ million, $\$ 49.4$ million and $\$ 73.1$ million, respectively, for capital expenditures. During Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2016, we paid $\$ 15.5$ million and $\$ 95.0$ million, respectively, for acquisitions. Fiscal 2017 included amounts paid for various smaller acquisitions including the acquisition of the operations and assets of Beaufort Bonnet and 12 Lilly Pulitzer Signature Stores as well as post-closing payments for certain acquisitions completed in Fiscal 2016, while Fiscal 2016 included amounts paid for the acquisition of the operations and assets of Southern Tide, as well as other smaller acquisitions. Additionally, in Fiscal 2015 we received $\$ 59.3$ million of proceeds for the sale of
our Ben Sherman business, while in Fiscal 2016 we paid $\$ 2.0$ million for the final working capital settlement associated with the sale of Ben Sherman.

## Financing Activities:

During Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, financing activities used $\$ 64.7$ million of cash, provided $\$ 27.4$ million of cash and used $\$ 91.5$ million of cash, respectively. In Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2015, we decreased debt as our cash flow from operations exceeded our capital expenditures, payment of dividends and amounts paid related to acquisitions. During Fiscal 2016, we increased debt primarily for funding our Fiscal 2016 acquisition of Southern Tide, funding our capital expenditures and payment of dividends, which in the aggregate exceeded our cash flow from operations. During Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015 we paid \$18.2 million, $\$ 18.1$ million and $\$ 16.6$ million of dividends, respectively. Additionally, in Fiscal 2015, we also paid $\$ 12.5$ million for the final payment for the contingent consideration arrangement related to the Lilly Pulitzer acquisition.

We anticipate that cash flow provided by or used in financing activities in the future will be dependent upon whether our cash flow from operating activities exceeds our capital expenditures, dividend payments, acquisitions and any other investing or financing activities. Generally, we anticipate that excess cash, if any, will be used to repay debt on our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

We had $\$ 45.8$ million outstanding as of February 3, 2018 under our $\$ 325$ million Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement ("U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement") compared to $\$ 91.5$ million of borrowings outstanding as of January 28, 2017. The U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement generally (1) is limited to a borrowing base consisting of specified percentages of eligible categories of assets, (2) accrues variable-rate interest (weighted average borrowing rate of $3.5 \%$ as of February 3, 2018), unused line fees and letter of credit fees based upon average unused availability or utilization, (3) requires periodic interest payments with principal due at maturity (May 2021) and (4) is secured by a first priority security interest in substantially all of the assets of Oxford Industries, Inc. and its domestic subsidiaries, including accounts receivable, books and records, chattel paper, deposit accounts, equipment, certain general intangibles, inventory, investment property (including the equity interests of certain subsidiaries), negotiable collateral, life insurance policies, supporting obligations, commercial tort claims, cash and cash equivalents, eligible trademarks, proceeds and other personal property.

To the extent cash flow needs exceed cash flow provided by our operations we will have access, subject to its terms, to our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement to provide funding for operating activities, capital expenditures and acquisitions, if any. Our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement is also used to establish collateral for certain insurance programs and leases and to finance trade letters of credit for product purchases, which reduce amounts available under our line of credit when issued. As of February 3, 2018, $\$ 4.7$ million of letters of credit were outstanding against our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement. After considering these limitations and the amount of eligible assets in our borrowing base, as applicable, as of February 3, 2018, we had \$219.7 million in unused availability under the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement, subject to certain limitations on borrowings.

Covenants, Other Restrictions and Prepayment Penalties

The U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement is subject to a number of affirmative covenants regarding the delivery of financial information, compliance with law, maintenance of property, insurance requirements and conduct of business. Also, the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement is subject to certain negative covenants or other restrictions including, among other things, limitations on our ability to (1) incur debt, (2) guaranty certain obligations, (3) incur liens, (4) pay dividends to shareholders, (5) repurchase shares of our common stock, (6) make investments, (7) sell assets or stock of subsidiaries, (8) acquire assets or businesses, (9) merge or consolidate with other companies or (10) prepay, retire, repurchase or redeem debt.

Additionally, the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement contains a financial covenant that applies if excess availability under the agreement for three consecutive days is less than the greater of (1) \$23.5 million or (2) $10 \%$ of availability. In such case, our fixed charge coverage ratio as defined in the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement must not be less than 1.0 to 1.0 for the immediately preceding 12 fiscal months for which financial statements have been delivered. This financial covenant continues to apply until we have maintained excess availability under the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement of more than the greater of (1) $\$ 23.5 \mathrm{million}$ or ( 2 ) $10 \%$ of availability for 30 consecutive days.

We believe that the affirmative covenants, negative covenants, financial covenants and other restrictions under the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement are customary for those included in similar facilities entered into at the time we entered into the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement. During Fiscal 2017 and as of February 3, 2018, no financial covenant testing was required
pursuant to our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement as the minimum availability threshold was met at all times. As of February 3, 2018, we were compliant with all covenants related to the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement.

## Other Liquidity Items:

We anticipate that we will be able to satisfy our ongoing cash requirements, which generally consist of working capital and other operating activity needs, capital expenditures, interest payments on our debt and dividends, if any, primarily from positive cash flow from operations supplemented by borrowings under our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement. Our need for working capital is typically seasonal with the greatest requirements generally in the fall and spring of each year. Our capital needs will depend on many factors including our growth rate, the need to finance inventory levels and the success of our various products. We anticipate that at the maturity of the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement or as otherwise deemed appropriate, we will be able to refinance the facility or obtain other financing on terms available in the market at that time. The terms of any future financing arrangements may not be as favorable as the terms of the current agreement or current market terms.

On March 27, 2018, our Board of Directors approved a cash dividend of $\$ 0.34$ per share payable on May 4, 2018 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on April 20, 2018. This represents a $26 \%$ increase from the quarterly cash dividend of $\$ 0.27$ per share paid in each quarter of Fiscal 2017, as noted in the table above. Although we have paid dividends in each quarter since we became a public company in July 1960, we may discontinue or modify dividend payments at any time if we determine that other uses of our capital, including payment of outstanding debt, funding of acquisitions, funding of capital expenditures or repurchases of outstanding shares, may be in our best interest; if our expectations of future cash flows and future cash needs outweigh the ability to pay a dividend; or if the terms of our credit facility, other debt instruments or applicable law limit our ability to pay dividends. We may borrow to fund dividends in the short term based on our expectation of operating cash flows in future periods subject to the terms and conditions of our credit facility, other debt instruments and applicable law. All cash flow from operations will not be paid out as dividends in all periods. For details about limitations on our ability to pay dividends, see the discussion of the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement above.

## Contractual Obligations

The following table summarizes our contractual cash obligations, as of February 3, 2018, by future period (in thousands):

|  | Payments Due by Period |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Less Than } \\ 1 \text { year } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | 1-3 Years | 3-5 Years | $\begin{gathered} \text { More Than } \\ 5 \text { Years } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | Total |
| Contractual Obligations: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement (1) | \$ | - \$ | -\$ | - | \$ | - \$ | - |
| Operating leases (2) |  | 67,624 | 127,898 | 114,092 |  | 144,906 | 454,520 |
| Minimum royalty and advertising payments pursuant to royalty agreements |  | 5,574 | 10,064 | 3,330 |  | - | 18,968 |
| Letters of credit | \$ | 4,661 | - | - |  | - | 4,661 |
| Other (3)(4) |  | - | - | - |  | - | - |
| Total | \$ | 77,859 \$ | 137,962 \$ | \$ 117,422 | \$ | 144,906 \$ | 478,149 |

(1) Principal and interest amounts payable in future periods on our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement have been excluded from the table above, as the amount that will be outstanding and interest rate during any fiscal year will be dependent upon future events which are not known at this time. During Fiscal 2017, we paid $\$ 2.8$ million of interest.
(2) Amounts to be paid in future periods for real estate taxes, insurance, other operating expenses and contingent rent applicable to the properties pursuant to the respective operating leases have been excluded from the table above, as the amounts payable in future periods are, in most cases, not quantified in the lease agreements and are dependent on factors which are not known at this time. Such amounts incurred in Fiscal 2017 totaled \$24.8 million.
(3) Amounts totaling $\$ 12.2$ million of deferred compensation obligations, which are included in other non-current liabilities in our consolidated balance sheet as of February 3, 2018, have been excluded from the table above, due to the uncertainty of the timing of the payment of these obligations, which are generally at the discretion of the individual employees or upon the death of the individual.
(4) Non-current deferred taxes, which is the net amount of deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets, of $\$ 15.3$ million included in our consolidated balance sheet as of February 3, 2018 and discussed in Note 8 to our consolidated financial statements included in this report have been excluded from the above table, as deferred income tax liabilities are calculated based on temporary differences between the tax basis and book basis of assets and liabilities, which will result in taxable amounts in future years when the amounts are settled at their reported financial statement amounts. As the results of these calculations do not have a direct connection with the amount of cash taxes to be paid in any future periods, scheduling deferred income tax amounts by period could be misleading.

Our anticipated capital expenditures for Fiscal 2018, which are excluded from the table above as we are generally not contractually obligated to pay these amounts as of February 3, 2018, are expected to approach $\$ 60$ million. These expenditures are expected to consist primarily of costs associated with information technology initiatives, including e-commerce capabilities; opening, relocating and remodeling full-price retail stores and restaurants; and facilities enhancements. Our capital expenditure amounts in future years may increase or decrease from the amounts incurred in prior years depending on the information technology initiatives, fullprice retail store and restaurant openings, relocations and remodels and other infrastructure requirements deemed appropriate for that year to support future expansion of our businesses.

## Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have not entered into agreements which meet the SEC's definition of an off balance sheet financing arrangement, other than operating leases, and have made no financial commitments to or guarantees with respect to any unconsolidated subsidiaries or special purpose entities.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP in a consistent manner. The preparation of these financial statements requires the selection and application of accounting policies. Further, the application of GAAP requires us to make estimates and judgments about future events that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosures. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those discussed below. We base our estimates on historical experience, current trends and various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. We believe it is possible that other professionals, applying reasonable judgment to the same set of facts and circumstances, could develop and support a range of alternative estimated amounts. We believe that we have appropriately applied our critical accounting policies. However, in the event that inappropriate assumptions or methods were used relating to the critical accounting policies below, our consolidated statements of operations could be misstated.

A detailed summary of significant accounting policies is included in Note 1 to our consolidated financial statements contained in this report. The following is a brief discussion of the more significant estimates, assumptions and judgments we use or the amounts most sensitive to change from outside factors.

## Revenue Recognition and Accounts Receivable

Our revenue consists of direct to consumer sales, which includes retail store, e-commerce and restaurant sales, as well as wholesale sales. We consider revenue realized or realizable and earned when the following criteria are met: (1) persuasive evidence of an agreement exists, (2) delivery has occurred, (3) our price to the buyer is fixed or determinable and (4) collectibility is reasonably assured.

An area of judgment affecting reported revenues and net earnings involves estimating sales reserves, which represent a portion of revenues not expected to be realized. We record our revenues net of estimated discounts, allowances, cooperative advertising, operational chargebacks and returns, as appropriate. As certain allowances and other deductions are not finalized until the end of a season, program or other event which may not have occurred yet, we estimate such discounts and allowances on an ongoing basis. Significant considerations in determining our estimates for discounts, allowances, operational chargebacks and returns for wholesale customers may include historical and current trends, agreements with customers, projected seasonal results, an evaluation of current economic conditions, specific program or product expectations and retail performance. Actual discounts and allowances to our wholesale customers have not differed materially from our estimates in prior periods. As of February 3, 2018, our total reserves for discounts, returns and allowances for our wholesale businesses were $\$ 6.5$ million and,
therefore, if the allowances changed by $10 \%$ it would have had a pre-tax impact of $\$ 0.7$ million on earnings in Fiscal 2017. The substantial majority of these reserves as of February 3, 2018 relate to our Lanier Apparel business.

As direct to consumer products may be returned after the date of original purchase by the consumer, we must make estimates of reserves for products which were sold prior to the balance sheet date but that we anticipate may be returned by the consumer subsequent to that date. The determination of direct to consumer return reserve amounts requires judgment and consideration of historical and current trends, evaluation of current economic trends and other factors. Our historical estimates of direct to consumer return reserves have not differed materially from actual results. As of February 3, 2018, our direct to consumer return reserve was $\$ 4.2$ million. A $10 \%$ change in the direct to consumer return reserve as of February 3, 2018 would have had a $\$ 0.3$ million pre-tax impact on earnings in Fiscal 2017.

For our wholesale receivables, we recognize estimated reserves for bad debts based on our historical collection experience, the financial condition of our customers, an evaluation of current economic conditions and anticipated trends, each of which is subjective and requires certain assumptions. Actual charges for bad debts have not differed materially from our estimates in prior periods. As of February 3, 2018, our allowance for bad debts was $\$ 1.7$ million, and therefore, if the allowance for bad debts changed by $10 \%$ it would have had a pre-tax impact of $\$ 0.2$ million on earnings in Fiscal 2017. While the amounts deemed uncollectible have not been significant in recent years if, in the future, amounts due from significant customer(s) were deemed to be uncollectible as a result of events that occur subsequent to February 3, 2018 this could result in a material charge to our consolidated statements of operations in future periods.

We will adopt the revised guidance for revenue recognition on the first day of Fiscal 2018. Adoption of this standard will result in a change to our revenue recognition policy, but the changes are not expected to result in a material change in the timing or amounts of revenue recognized. Refer to Note 1 in our consolidated financial statements for additional information on the anticipated impact of the new revenue recognition guidance.

## Inventories, net

For operating group reporting, inventory is carried at the lower of the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method cost or market. We continually evaluate the composition of our inventories, substantially all of which is finished goods inventory, for identification of distressed inventory. In performing this evaluation, we consider slow-turning products, an indication of lack of consumer acceptance of particular products, prior seasons' fashion products and current levels of replenishment program products as compared to future sales estimates. We estimate the amount of goods that we will not be able to sell in the normal course of business and write down the value of these goods as necessary. As the amount to be ultimately realized for the goods is not necessarily known at period end, we must utilize certain assumptions considering historical experience, inventory quantity, quality, age and mix, historical sales trends, future sales projections, consumer and retailer preferences, market trends, general economic conditions and our plans to sell the inventory. Also, we provide an allowance for shrinkage, as appropriate, for the period between the last physical inventory count and each balance sheet date. Historically, our estimates of inventory markdowns and inventory shrinkage have not varied significantly from actual results.

For consolidated financial reporting, $\$ 118.0$ million, or $93 \%$, of our inventories are valued at the lower of the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method cost or market after deducting the $\$ 61.5$ million LIFO reserve as of February 3, 2018. The remaining $\$ 8.8$ million of our inventories are valued at the lower of FIFO cost or market as of February 3, 2018. LIFO reserves are based on the Producer Price Index (PPI) as published by the United States Department of Labor. We write down inventories valued at the lower of LIFO cost or market when LIFO cost exceeds market value. We deem LIFO accounting adjustments to not only include changes in the LIFO reserve, but also changes in markdown reserves which are considered in LIFO accounting. As our LIFO inventory pool does not correspond to our operating group definitions, LIFO inventory accounting adjustments are not allocated to the respective operating groups. Thus, the impact of accounting for inventories on the LIFO method is reflected in Corporate and Other for operating group reporting purposes.

As of February 3, 2018, we had recorded a reserve of $\$ 1.1$ million related to inventory on the lower of FIFO cost or market method and for inventory on the lower of LIFO cost or market method with markdowns in excess of our LIFO reserve. A $10 \%$ change in the amount of such markdowns would have a pre-tax impact of $\$ 0.1$ million on earnings in Fiscal 2017. A change in the markdowns of our inventory valued at the lower of LIFO cost or market method that is not marked down in excess of our LIFO reserve typically would not be expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. A change in inventory levels, or the mix by inventory category, at the end of future fiscal years compared to inventory balances as of February 3, 2018 could result in a material impact on our consolidated financial statements as such a change may erode portions of our earlier base year layers for purposes of making our annual LIFO computation. Additionally, a change in the PPI as published by the United States Department of Labor as compared to the indexes as of February 3, 2018 could result in a material impact on our consolidated financial statements as inflation or deflation would change the amount of our LIFO reserve.

Given the significant amount of uncertainty surrounding the year-end LIFO calculation, including the estimate of year-end inventory balances, the proportion of inventory in each inventory category and the year-end PPI, we typically do not adjust our LIFO reserve in the first three quarters of a fiscal year. This policy may result in significant LIFO accounting adjustments in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year resulting from the year over year changes in inventory levels, the PPI and markdown reserves. We do recognize on a quarterly basis during each of the first three quarters of the fiscal year changes in markdown reserves as those amounts can be estimated on a quarterly basis.

Accounting for business combinations requires that assets and liabilities, including inventories, are recorded at fair value at the acquisition date. In accordance with GAAP, the definition of fair value of inventories acquired generally will equal the expected sales price less certain costs associated with selling the inventory, which may exceed the actual cost of producing the acquired inventories. Based on the inventory turn of the acquired inventories, amounts are recognized as additional cost of goods sold in the periods subsequent to the acquisition as the acquired inventory is sold in the ordinary course of business. In determining the fair value of the acquired inventory, as well as the appropriate period to recognize the charge in our consolidated statements of operations as the acquired inventory is sold, we must make certain assumptions regarding costs incurred prior to acquisition for the acquired inventory, an appropriate profit allowance, estimates of the costs to sell the inventory and the timing of the sale of the acquired inventory. Such estimates involve significant uncertainty, and the use of different assumptions could have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

## Goodwill and Intangible Assets, net

The cost of each acquired business is allocated to the individual tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed or incurred as a result of the acquisition based on their estimated fair values. The assessment of the estimated fair values of assets and liabilities acquired requires us to make certain assumptions regarding the use of the acquired assets, anticipated cash flows, probabilities of cash flows, discount rates and other factors. In certain of our acquisitions, significant intangible assets and goodwill were acquired resulting in $\$ 178.9$ million of intangible assets and $\$ 66.7$ million of goodwill in our consolidated balance sheet as of February 3, 2018.

Our intangibles assets primarily consist of trademarks, reacquired rights and customer relationships. Goodwill is recognized as the amount by which the cost to acquire a company or group of assets exceeds the fair value of assets acquired less any liabilities assumed at acquisition. See Note 4 in our consolidated financial statements included in this report for further details about our various intangible assets and goodwill amounts.

The fair values and useful lives of these acquired intangible assets and goodwill are estimated based on our assessment as well as independent third party appraisals in some cases. Such valuations, which are dependent upon a number of uncertain factors, may include a discounted cash flow analysis of anticipated revenues and expenses or cost savings resulting from the acquired intangible asset using an estimate of a risk-adjusted market-based cost of capital as the discount rate. The valuation of intangible assets and goodwill requires significant judgment due to the variety of uncertain factors, including planned use of the intangible assets as well as estimates of net sales, royalty income, operating income, growth rates, royalty rates for the trademarks, discount rates and income tax rates, among other factors. The use of different assumptions related to these uncertain factors at acquisition or a later date could result in a material change to the amounts of intangible assets and goodwill initially recorded at acquisition, which could result in a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Trademarks with indefinite lives and goodwill are not amortized but instead evaluated, either qualitatively or quantitatively, for impairment annually as of the first day of the fourth quarter of our fiscal year or more frequently if events or circumstances indicate that the intangible asset or goodwill might be impaired. The evaluation of the recoverability of trademarks with indefinite lives and goodwill includes valuations based on a discounted cash flow analysis which is typically similar to the analysis performed at acquisition. This approach is dependent upon a number of uncertain factors, including those used in the initial valuation of the intangible assets and goodwill listed above. Such estimates involve significant uncertainty, and if our plans or anticipated results change, the impact on our financial statements could be significant. If this analysis indicates an impairment of a trademark with an indefinite useful life, the amount of the impairment is recognized in the consolidated financial statements based on the amount that the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value of the asset.

Amortization of intangible assets with finite lives, which primarily consist of trademarks, reacquired rights and customer relationships, is recognized over their estimated useful lives using the straight line method of amortization or another method of amortization that reflects the pattern in which the economic benefits of the intangible assets are consumed or otherwise realized. We amortize our intangible assets with finite lives for periods of up to 20 years. The determination of an appropriate useful life for amortization is based on the remaining contractual period, as applicable, our plans for the intangible asset as well as factors outside of our control, including expected customer attrition. Intangible assets with finite lives are reviewed for impairment periodically if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. If expected future discounted cash flows from operations are less than their carrying amounts, an asset is determined to be impaired and a loss is recorded for the amount by which the carrying value of the asset exceeds its fair value. Amortization
related to intangible assets with finite lives totaled \$2.4 million during Fiscal 2017 and is anticipated to be approximately \$2.6 million in Fiscal 2018.

Goodwill is quantitatively evaluated for possible impairment by comparing the estimated fair value of the goodwill to its carrying value. The quantitative test includes valuations of each applicable underlying business using fair value techniques and market comparables, which may include a discounted cash flow analysis or an independent appraisal. Significant estimates, some of which may be very subjective, considered in such a discounted cash flow analysis are future cash flow projections of the business, a risk-adjusted market-based cost of capital as the discount rate, income tax rates and other assumptions. The estimates and assumptions included in the evaluation of the recoverability of goodwill involve significant uncertainty, and if our plans or anticipated results change, the impact on our financial statements could be significant. If an annual or interim analysis indicates an impairment of goodwill balances, the impairment is recognized in our consolidated financial statements as the amount that the carrying value of the goodwill exceeds the estimated fair value of the goodwill.

Intangible assets and goodwill acquired in recent transactions are naturally more susceptible to impairment, primarily since they are recorded at fair value based on recent operating plans and macroeconomic conditions present at the time of acquisition. Consequently, if operating results, plans for the acquired business and/or macroeconomic conditions change after an acquisition, it could result in the impairment of the acquired assets. A change in macroeconomic conditions may not only impact the estimated operating cash flows used in our cash flow models but may also impact other assumptions used in our analysis, including but not limited to, the risk-adjusted market-based cost of capital and/or discount rates. Additionally, we are required to ensure that assumptions used to determine fair value in our analyses are consistent with the assumptions a hypothetical market participant would use. Therefore, the cost of capital discount rates used in our analyses may increase or decrease based on market conditions and trends regardless of whether our actual cost of capital changed. As we acquired Southern Tide in Fiscal 2016 and recorded a significant amount of intangible assets and goodwill related to this acquisition, the assets recognized are more sensitive to changes in assumptions than our other intangible assets and goodwill amounts.

In Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, no impairment charges related to intangible assets or goodwill were recognized.

## Other Fair Value Measurements

For many assets and liabilities, the determination of fair value may not require the use of many assumptions or other estimates. However, in some cases the assumptions or inputs associated with the determination of fair value as of a measurement date may require the use of many assumptions and may be internally derived or otherwise unobservable. We utilize certain market-based and internally derived information and make assumptions about the information in determining (1) the fair values of assets and liabilities acquired as part of a business combination, (2) adjusting recognized assets and liabilities to fair value and (3) and assessing recognized assets for impairment, including intangible assets, goodwill and property and equipment.

As noted above, the cost of each acquired business is allocated to the individual tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed or incurred as a result of the acquisition based on its estimated fair value. The assessment of the estimated fair values of assets and liabilities acquired requires us to make certain assumptions regarding the use of the acquired assets, anticipated cash flows, probabilities of cash flows, discount rates and other factors. To the extent information to revise the allocation becomes available during the allocation period the allocation of the purchase price will be adjusted. Should information become available after the allocation period indicating that adjustments to the allocation are appropriate, those adjustments will be included in operating results.

For the determination of fair value for assets and liabilities acquired as part of a business combination, adjusting recognized assets and liabilities to fair value and assessing, and possibly adjusting, recognized assets for impairment, the assumptions, or the timing of changes in these assumptions, that we make regarding the valuation of these assets could differ significantly from the assumptions made by other parties. The use of different assumptions could result in materially different valuations for the respective assets and liabilities, which would impact our consolidated financial statements.

In connection with certain acquisitions, we have entered into contingent consideration arrangements to compensate the sellers if certain targets are achieved. For a contingent consideration arrangement, if any, as of the date of acquisition we must determine the fair value of the contingent consideration which would estimate the discounted fair value of any expected payments. Such valuation requires assumptions regarding anticipated cash flows, probabilities of cash flows, discount rates and other factors, each requiring a significant amount of judgment. Subsequent to the date of acquisition, we are required to periodically adjust the liability for the contingent consideration to reflect the fair value of the contingent consideration by reassessing any valuation assumptions as of the balance sheet date.

From time to time, we may recognize certain obligations related to certain leased space associated with exiting retail or office space. In these cases, we must determine the net loss related to the space if the anticipated cash outflows for the space
exceed the estimated cash inflows related to the space. While estimated cash outflows are generally known since there is an underlying lease, the estimated cash inflows for sublease rental income and other costs are often very subjective if there is not a sub-lease agreement in place at that time since those amounts are dependent upon many factors including, but not limited to, whether a sub-tenant will be obtained, the time required to obtain the sub-tenant as well as the rent payments and any tenant allowances agreed with the sub-tenant as part of the future lease negotiations. Also, it is possible that we could negotiate a lease termination in the future that would differ from the amount of the required payments pursuant to the lease agreement. Thus, our estimate of a liability related to a lease obligation could change significantly as we obtain better information in the future or if our current assumptions do not materialize. The assumptions made by another party related to such leases could be different than the assumptions made by us.

## Income Taxes

We recognize deferred tax assets to the extent we believe it is more likely than not that these assets will be realized. In making such a determination, we consider all available positive and negative evidence, including future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, projected future taxable income, taxable income in carryback years, tax-planning strategies, and results of recent operations. Valuation allowances are established when we determine that it is more-likely-than-not that some portion or all of a deferred tax asset will not be realized.

Valuation allowances, which total $\$ 5.6$ million as of February 3, 2018, are analyzed periodically and adjusted as events occur or circumstances change that would indicate adjustments to the valuation allowances are appropriate. Valuation allowance amounts could have a material impact on our consolidated statements of operations in the future if assumptions related to realizability of the deferred tax assets changed significantly. Additionally, the timing of recognition of a valuation allowance or any reversal of a valuation allowance requires a significant amount of judgment to assess all the positive and negative evidence, particularly when operating results in the respective jurisdiction have changed or are expected to change from losses to income or from income to losses. As realization of deferred tax assets and liabilities is dependent upon future taxable income in specific jurisdictions, changes in tax laws and rates and shifts in the amount of taxable income among state and foreign jurisdictions may have a significant impact on the amount of benefit ultimately realized for deferred tax assets and liabilities.

As a global company, we are subject to income taxes in a number of domestic and foreign jurisdictions. Therefore, our income tax provision involves many uncertainties due to not only the timing differences of income for financial statement reporting and tax return reporting, but also the application of complex tax laws and regulations, which are subject to interpretation and management judgment. The use of different assumptions or a change in our assumptions related to book to tax timing differences, our determination of whether foreign investments or earnings are permanently reinvested, the ability to realize uncertain tax positions, the appropriateness of valuation allowances, a reduction in valuation allowances or other considerations, transfer pricing practices, the impact of our tax planning strategies and the jurisdictions or significance of earnings in future periods each could have a significant impact on our income tax rate. Additionally, factors impacting income taxes including changes in tax laws or interpretations, court case decisions, statute of limitation expirations or audit settlements could have a significant impact on our income tax rate. An increase in our consolidated income tax rate from $21.9 \%$ to $22.9 \%$ during Fiscal 2017 would have reduced net earnings by $\$ 0.8$ million.
U.S. Tax Reform, as enacted on December 22, 2017, made significant changes in the taxation of our domestic and foreign earnings. The federal tax was lowered from $35 \%$ to $21 \%$ effective January 1, 2018, resulting in a blended federal rate applicable to our fiscal year ended February 3, 2018 to reflect the weighted average of the rate applicable to the period prior to the effective date and the period on and after the effective date. The change in the federal tax rate also required revaluation of our deferred tax assets and liabilities to reflect the enacted rate at which we expect those differences to reverse. The Act moves to a territorial taxation system under which the earnings of foreign subsidiaries will generally not be subject to United States tax upon distribution and imposed a one-time transition tax on the amount of previously untaxed earnings of those foreign subsidiaries measured as of November 2, 2017 or December 31, 2017, whichever resulted in the greater taxable amount. Additional changes included the increase in bonus depreciation available for certain assets acquired after September 27, 2017 and limitations on the deduction for certain expenses, including executive compensation and interest incurred in taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018. New taxes were imposed related to foreign income, including a tax on global intangible low-taxed income ("GILTI") and disallowance of deduction for certain payments (the base erosion anti-abuse tax, or "BEAT") and new deductions enacted for certain foreign-derived intangible income ("FDII"). As a result of the provisional revaluation impact on our deferred taxes and certain other items related to U.S. Tax Reform, we recognized a reduction in tax expense of $\$ 11.5$ million in our Fiscal 2017 statement of operations.

The SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118 ("SAB 118"), which provides us with up to one year to finalize accounting for the impacts of U.S. Tax Reform. We have estimated provisional tax amounts related to our deferred income tax assets and liabilities, including the impacts of the change in the corporate tax rate, executive compensation, our indefinite
reinvestment assertion, the transition tax, GILTI, BEAT, and FDII. We have not yet elected an accounting policy related to how we will account for GILTI and therefore have not provided any deferred tax impacts of GILTI in our consolidated financial statements as of February 3, 2018. We are still finalizing our calculations related to the impact of U.S. Tax Reform on our deferred tax assets and liabilities. The final impact of U.S. Tax Reform may differ from our provisional amounts recognized in Fiscal 2017 due to additional regulatory guidance that may be issued, us obtaining additional information to refine our estimated tax amounts and changes in current interpretations and assumptions. We expect to finalize our accounting for the impacts of U.S. Tax Reform during Fiscal 2018.

Income tax expense recorded during interim periods is generally based on the expected tax rate for the year, considering projections of earnings and book to tax differences as of the balance sheet date, subject to certain limitations associated with separate foreign jurisdiction losses in interim periods. The tax rate ultimately realized for the year may increase or decrease due to actual operating results or book to tax differences varying from the amounts on which our interim calculations were based. Any changes in assumptions related to the need for a valuation allowance, the ability to realize an uncertain tax position, changes in enacted tax rates, the expected operating results in total or by jurisdiction for the year, or other assumptions are accounted for in the period in which the change occurs. As certain of our foreign operations are in a loss position and realization of a future benefit for the losses is uncertain, a significant variance in losses in such jurisdictions from our expectations can have a significant impact on our expected annual tax rate. The recognition of the benefit of losses expected to be realized may be limited in an interim period and may require adjustments to tax expense in the interim period that yield an effective tax rate for the interim period that is not representative of the expected tax rate for the full year.

See Note 8 in our consolidated financial statements included in this report for further discussion of income taxes.

## RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Refer to Note 1 in our consolidated financial statements included in this report for a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements issued by the FASB that we have not yet adopted that are expected to possibly have a material affect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

## SEASONALITY

Each of our operating groups is impacted by seasonality as the demand by specific product or style, as well as by distribution channel, may vary significantly depending on the time of year. For information regarding the seasonality impact on individual operating groups and for our total company, see Part I, Item 1, Business, included in this report.

## Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

## Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates on our indebtedness, which could impact our financial condition and results of operations in future periods. We may attempt to limit the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flow, primarily through a mix of variable-rate and fixed-rate debt, although at times all of our debt may be either variable-rate or fixed-rate debt. Further, at times we may enter into interest rate swap arrangements related to certain of our variablerate debt in order to fix the interest rate if we determine that our exposure to interest rate changes is higher than optimal. Our assessment also considers our need for flexibility in our borrowing arrangements resulting from the seasonality of our business, anticipated future cash flows and our expectations about the risk of future interest rate changes, among other factors. We continuously monitor interest rates to consider the sources and terms of our borrowing facilities in order to determine whether we have achieved our interest rate management objectives. We do not enter into debt agreements or interest rate hedging transactions on a speculative basis.

As of February 3, 2018, all of our $\$ 45.8$ million of debt outstanding was subject to variable interest rates. Our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement accrues interest based on variable interest rates while providing the necessary borrowing flexibility we require due to the seasonality of our business and our need to fund certain product purchases with trade letters of credit. During Fiscal 2017, our interest expense was $\$ 3.1$ million. Based on the average amount of variable-rate debt outstanding in Fiscal 2017, a 100 basis point increase in interest rates would have increased our interest expense by $\$ 0.7$ million. To the extent that the amounts outstanding under our variable-rate lines of credit increase or decrease, our exposure to changes in interest rates would also change.

While we anticipate that our average borrowings in Fiscal 2018 will be lower than our average borrowings in Fiscal 2017, we anticipate the increase in interest rates that occurred in Fiscal 2017 as well as anticipated further increases in interest rates in Fiscal 2018 will generally offset the impact of the lowering borrowings.

## Foreign Currency Risk

To the extent that we have assets, liabilities, revenues or expenses denominated in foreign currencies that are not hedged, we are subject to foreign currency transaction and translation gains and losses. As of February 3, 2018, our foreign currency exchange risk exposure primarily results from transactions of our businesses operating outside of the United States, which is primarily related to (1) our Tommy Bahama operations in Canada, Australia and Japan purchasing goods in U.S. dollars or other currencies which are not the functional currency of the business and (2) certain other transactions, including intercompany transactions.

Less than 5\% of our net sales in Fiscal 2017 were denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, while substantially all of our inventory purchases, including goods for operations in Canada, Japan and Australia, from contract manufacturers throughout the world are denominated in U.S. dollars. Purchase prices for our products may be impacted by fluctuations in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the local currencies of the contract manufacturers, which may have the effect of increasing our cost of goods sold in the future even though our inventory is purchased on a U.S. dollar arrangement. Additionally, to the extent that the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the currency that the inventory will be sold in (e.g. the Canadian dollar, Australian dollar or Japanese Yen) changes, the gross margins of those businesses could be impacted significantly, particularly if we are not able to increase sales prices to our customers.

We may enter into short-term forward foreign currency exchange contracts in the ordinary course of business to mitigate a portion of the risk associated with foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations related to purchases of inventory or selling goods in currencies other than the functional currencies by certain of our foreign operations. As of February 3,2018 , we were not a party to any foreign currency forward exchange contracts. Due to the limited magnitude and the uncertainty about timing of cash flows provided by or used in the Tommy Bahama operations in Canada, Australia and Japan, we have not historically entered into forward foreign currency exchange contract for these operations. However, it may be appropriate in the future to enter into hedging arrangements for these operations. At this time, we do not anticipate that the impact of foreign currency changes on Tommy Bahama's international operations would have a material impact on Tommy Bahama's operating income or our consolidated net earnings in Fiscal 2018 given the proportion of Tommy Bahama's operations in international markets.

In addition to foreign currency risks related to specific transactions listed above, we also have foreign currency exposure risk associated with translating the financial statements of our foreign operations with a functional currency other than the U.S. dollar into U.S. dollars for financial reporting purposes. A strengthening U.S. dollar could result in lower levels of sales and earnings in our consolidated statements of operations in future periods although the sales and earnings in the foreign currencies could be equal to or greater than amounts as reported in the prior year. Alternatively, if foreign operations have operating losses, then a strengthening U.S. dollar could result in lower losses although the losses in foreign currencies could be equal to or greater than amounts as previously reported.

We view our foreign investments as long term and we generally do not hedge such foreign investments. Also, we do not hold or issue any derivative financial instruments related to foreign currency exposure for speculative purposes.

## Commodity and Inflation Risk

We are affected by inflation and changing prices through the purchase of full-package finished goods from contract manufacturers, who manufacture products consisting of various raw material components. Inflation/deflation risks are managed by each operating group, when possible, through negotiating product prices in advance, selective price increases and cost containment initiatives. We have not historically entered into significant long-term sales or purchase contracts or engaged in hedging activities with respect to our commodity risk.

OXFORD INDUSTRIES, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (\$ in thousands, except par amounts)

|  | February 3, 2018 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 28, } \\ 2017 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASSETS |  |  |  |  |
| Current Assets |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 6,343 | \$ | 6,332 |
| Receivables, net |  | 67,542 |  | 58,279 |
| Inventories, net |  | 126,812 |  | 142,175 |
| Prepaid expenses |  | 35,421 |  | 24,842 |
| Total Current Assets | \$ | 236,118 | \$ | 231,628 |
| Property and equipment, net |  | 193,533 |  | 193,931 |
| Intangible assets, net |  | 178,858 |  | 175,245 |
| Goodwill |  | 66,703 |  | 60,015 |
| Other non-current assets, net |  | 24,729 |  | 24,340 |
| Total Assets | \$ | 699,941 | \$ | 685,159 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |  |  |
| Current Liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts payable | \$ | 66,175 | \$ | 76,825 |
| Accrued compensation |  | 29,941 |  | 19,711 |
| Other accrued expenses and liabilities |  | 36,802 |  | 32,000 |
| Liabilities related to discontinued operations |  | 2,092 |  | 2,860 |
| Total Current Liabilities | \$ | 135,010 | \$ | 131,396 |
| Long-term debt |  | 45,809 |  | 91,509 |
| Other non-current liabilities |  | 74,029 |  | 70,002 |
| Deferred taxes |  | 15,269 |  | 13,578 |
| Liabilities related to discontinued operations |  | - |  | 2,544 |
| Commitments and contingencies |  |  |  |  |
| Shareholders' Equity |  |  |  |  |
| Common stock, \$1.00 par value per share |  | 16,839 |  | 16,769 |
| Additional paid-in capital |  | 136,664 |  | 131,144 |
| Retained earnings |  | 280,395 |  | 233,493 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss |  | $(4,074)$ |  | $(5,276)$ |
| Total Shareholders' Equity | \$ | 429,824 | \$ | 376,130 |
| Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity | \$ | 699,941 | \$ | 685,159 |

See accompanying notes.

## OXFORD INDUSTRIES, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(\$ and shares in thousands, except per share amounts)

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 1,086,211 | \$ | 1,022,588 | \$ | 969,290 |
| Cost of goods sold |  | 473,579 |  | 442,284 |  | 412,699 |
| Gross profit | \$ | 612,632 | \$ | 580,304 | \$ | 556,591 |
| SG\&A |  | 540,517 |  | 504,600 |  | 473,517 |
| Royalties and other operating income |  | 13,885 |  | 14,180 |  | 14,440 |
| Operating income | \$ | 86,000 | \$ | 89,884 | \$ | 97,514 |
| Interest expense, net |  | 3,109 |  | 3,421 |  | 2,458 |
| Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes | \$ | 82,891 | \$ | 86,463 | \$ | 95,056 |
| Income taxes |  | 18,190 |  | 31,964 |  | 36,519 |
| Net earnings from continuing operations | \$ | 64,701 | \$ | 54,499 | \$ | 58,537 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes |  | 389 |  | $(2,038)$ |  | $(27,975)$ |
| Net earnings | \$ | 65,090 | \$ | 52,461 | \$ | 30,562 |


| Net earnings from continuing operations per share: |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Basic | $\$$ | $3.90 \$$ | 3.30 | $\$$ | 3.56 |
| Diluted | $\$$ | $3.87 \$$ | 3.27 | $\$$ | 3.54 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes, per share: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | $\$$ | $0.02 \$$ | $(0.12) \$$ | $(1.70)$ |  |
| Diluted | $\$$ | $0.02 \$$ | $(0.12) \$$ | $(1.69)$ |  |
| Net earnings per share: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | $\$$ | $3.92 \$$ | $3.18 \$$ | 1.86 |  |
| Diluted | $\$$ | $3.89 \$$ | 3.15 | $\$$ | 1.85 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic |  | 16,600 | 16,522 | 16,456 |  |
| Diluted |  | 16,734 | 16,649 | 16,559 |  |
| Dividends declared per share | $\$$ | $1.08 \$$ | $1.08 \$$ | 1.00 |  |

See accompanying notes.

OXFORD INDUSTRIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

## (\$ in thousands)

|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Fiscal } \\ 2017 \end{array}$ |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net earnings | \$ | 65,090 | \$ | 52,461 | \$ | 30,562 |
| Other comprehensive income, net of taxes: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment |  | 1,202 |  | 1,553 |  | 24,071 |
| Net loss on cash flow hedges |  | - |  | - |  | (746) |
| Total other comprehensive income, net of taxes | \$ | 1,202 | \$ | 1,553 | \$ | 23,325 |
| Comprehensive income | \$ | 66,292 | \$ | 54,014 | \$ | 53,887 |

See accompanying notes.

OXFORD INDUSTRIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
(\$ in thousands)

|  | Common Stock |  | Additional Paid-In Capital |  | Retained Earnings |  | Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January 31, 2015 | \$ | 16,478 | \$ | 119,052 | \$ | 185,229 | \$ | $(30,154)$ | \$ | 290,605 |
| Net earnings and other comprehensive income |  | - |  | - |  | 30,562 |  | 23,325 |  | 53,887 |
| Shares issued under equity plans |  | 123 |  | 1,184 |  | - |  | - |  | 1,307 |
| Compensation expense for equity awards |  | - |  | 5,241 |  | - |  | - |  | 5,241 |
| Cash dividends declared and paid |  | - |  | - |  | $(16,640)$ |  | - |  | $(16,640)$ |
| January 30, 2016 | \$ | 16,601 | \$ | 125,477 | \$ | 199,151 | \$ | $(6,829)$ | \$ | 334,400 |
| Net earnings and other comprehensive income |  | - |  | - |  | 52,461 |  | 1,553 |  | 54,014 |
| Shares issued under equity plans |  | 196 |  | 1,061 |  | - |  | - |  | 1,257 |
| Compensation expense for equity awards |  | - |  | 6,445 |  | - |  | - |  | 6,445 |
| Repurchase of shares |  | (28) |  | $(1,839)$ |  | - |  | - |  | $(1,867)$ |
| Cash dividends declared and paid |  | - |  | - |  | $(18,119)$ |  | - |  | $(18,119)$ |
| January 28, 2017 | \$ | 16,769 | \$ | 131,144 | \$ | 233,493 | \$ | $(5,276)$ | \$ | 376,130 |
| Net earnings and other comprehensive income |  | - |  | - |  | 65,090 |  | 1,202 |  | 66,292 |
| Shares issued under equity plans |  | 110 |  | 1,273 |  | - |  | - |  | 1,383 |
| Compensation expense for equity awards |  | - |  | 6,413 |  | - |  | - |  | 6,413 |
| Repurchase of shares |  | (40) |  | $(2,166)$ |  | - |  | - |  | $(2,206)$ |
| Cash dividends declared and paid |  | - |  | - |  | $(18,188)$ |  | - |  | $(18,188)$ |
| February 3, 2018 | \$ | 16,839 | \$ | 136,664 | \$ | 280,395 | \$ | $(4,074)$ | \$ | 429,824 |

See accompanying notes.

## OXFORD INDUSTRIES, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (\$ in thousands)

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash Flows From Operating Activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net earnings | \$ | 65,090 | \$ | 52,461 | \$ | 30,562 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation |  | 39,998 |  | 40,069 |  | 34,476 |
| Amortization of intangible assets |  | 2,404 |  | 2,150 |  | 1,951 |
| Equity compensation expense |  | 6,413 |  | 6,445 |  | 5,241 |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs |  | 431 |  | 693 |  | 385 |
| Loss on sale of discontinued operations |  | - |  | - |  | 20,517 |
| Gain on sale of property and equipment |  | - |  | - |  | (853) |
| Deferred income taxes |  | 1,817 |  | 7,880 |  | (361) |
| Changes in working capital, net of acquisitions and dispositions, if any: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receivables, net |  | $(8,270)$ |  | 7,377 |  | 11,371 |
| Inventories, net |  | 19,504 |  | 4,222 |  | $(8,058)$ |
| Prepaid expenses |  | $(10,479)$ |  | $(1,799)$ |  | $(2,641)$ |
| Current liabilities |  | 1,287 |  | 434 |  | (553) |
| Other non-current assets, net |  | (642) |  | $(2,086)$ |  | 1,819 |
| Other non-current liabilities |  | 1,040 |  | 719 |  | 11,517 |
| Cash provided by operating activities | \$ | 118,593 | \$ | 118,565 | \$ | 105,373 |
| Cash Flows From Investing Activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acquisitions, net of cash acquired |  | $(15,529)$ |  | $(95,046)$ |  |  |
| Purchases of property and equipment |  | $(38,748)$ |  | $(49,415)$ |  | $(73,082)$ |
| (Payments for) proceeds from sale of discontinued operations |  | - |  | $(2,030)$ |  | 59,336 |
| Other investing activities |  | - |  | - |  | (200) |
| Cash used in investing activities | \$ | $(54,277)$ |  | $(146,491)$ |  | $(13,946)$ |
| Cash Flows From Financing Activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Repayment of revolving credit arrangements |  | $(295,326)$ |  | $(430,995)$ |  | $(345,485)$ |
| Proceeds from revolving credit arrangements |  | 249,625 |  | 478,529 |  | 281,852 |
| Deferred financing costs paid |  | - |  | $(1,438)$ |  | - |
| Payment of contingent consideration amounts earned |  | - |  | - |  | $(12,500)$ |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock |  | 1,383 |  | 1,257 |  | 1,307 |
| Repurchase of stock awards for employee tax withholding liabilities |  | $(2,206)$ |  | $(1,867)$ |  | - |
| Cash dividends declared and paid |  | $(18,188)$ |  | $(18,119)$ |  | $(16,640)$ |
| Cash (used in) provided by financing activities | \$ | $(64,712)$ |  | 27,367 | \$ | $(91,466)$ |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | \$ | (396) |  | (559) | \$ | (39) |
| Effect of foreign currency translation on cash and cash equivalents |  | 407 |  | 568 |  | 1,081 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of year |  | 6,332 |  | 6,323 |  | 5,281 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year | \$ | 6,343 | \$ | 6,332 | \$ | 6,323 |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash paid for interest, net | \$ | 2,773 | \$ | 2,626 | \$ | 2,301 |
| Cash paid for income taxes | \$ | 20,653 | \$ | 29,872 | \$ | 35,369 |

See accompanying notes.

# OXFORD INDUSTRIES, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS February 3, 2018 

## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

## Principal Business Activity

We are a global apparel company that designs, sources, markets and distributes products bearing the trademarks of our Tommy Bahama ${ }^{\circledR}$, Lilly Pulitzer ${ }^{\circledR}$ and Southern Tide ${ }^{\circledR}$ lifestyle brands, other owned brands and licensed brands as well as private label apparel products. We distribute our owned lifestyle branded products through our direct to consumer channel, consisting of retail stores and e-commerce sites, and our wholesale distribution channel, which includes better department stores, specialty stores and multi-branded e-commerce retailers. Additionally, we operate Tommy Bahama restaurants, generally adjacent to selected Tommy Bahama retail stores. Our branded and private label apparel products of Lanier Apparel are distributed through department stores, national chains, warehouse clubs, specialty stores, specialty catalogs, and multi-branded e-commerce retailers.

Unless otherwise indicated, all references to assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses in our consolidated financial statements reflect continuing operations and exclude any amounts related to the discontinued operations of our former Ben Sherman operating group, as discussed in Note 13.

## Fiscal Year

We operate and report on a 52/53 week fiscal year. Our fiscal year ends on the Saturday closest to January 31. As used in our consolidated financial statements, the terms Fiscal 2015, Fiscal 2016, Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2018 reflect the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2016; 52 weeks ended January 28, 2017; 53 weeks ended February 3, 2018 and 52 weeks ending February 2, 2019, respectively.

## Principles of Consolidation

Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Oxford Industries, Inc. and any other entities in which we have a controlling financial interest, including our wholly-owned domestic and foreign subsidiaries, or variable interest entities for which we are the primary beneficiary. Generally, we consolidate businesses that we control through ownership of a majority voting interest. However, there are situations in which consolidation is required even though the usual condition of consolidation (ownership of a majority voting interest) does not apply. In determining whether a controlling financial interest exists, we consider ownership of voting interests, as well as other rights of the investors which might indicate which investor is the primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary has both the power to direct the activities of the entity that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance and the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could potentially be significant to the entity.

We account for investments in which we exercise significant influence, but do not control via voting rights and were determined to not be the primary beneficiary, using the equity method of accounting. Generally, we determine that we exercise significant influence over a corporation or a limited liability company when we own $20 \%$ or more or $3 \%$ or more, respectively, of the voting interests unless the facts and circumstances of that investment do not indicate that we have the ability to exhibit significant influence. Under the equity method of accounting, original investments are recorded at cost, and are subsequently adjusted for our contributions to, distributions from and share of income or losses of the entity. Our investments accounted for using the equity method of accounting are included in other non-current assets in our consolidated balance sheets, while the income or loss related to our investments accounted for using the equity method of accounting is included in royalties and other operating income in our consolidated statements of operations.

All significant intercompany accounts and transactions are eliminated in consolidation.

## Business Combinations

The cost of each acquired business is allocated to the individual tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values. The assessment of the estimated fair values of assets and liabilities acquired requires us to make certain assumptions regarding the use of the acquired assets, anticipated cash flows, probabilities of cash flows, discount rates and other factors. The purchase price allocation may be revised during an allocation period as necessary when, and if, information becomes available to revise the fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed. The allocation period will not exceed one year from the date of the acquisition. Should information become available after the allocation period indicating that an adjustment to the purchase price allocation is appropriate, that adjustment will be included in our consolidated statements of operations. The results of operations of acquired businesses are included in our consolidated

## OXFORD INDUSTRIES, INC.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

statements of operations from the respective dates of the acquisitions. Transaction costs related to business combinations are included in SG\&A in our consolidated statements of operations as incurred. Refer to Note 12 for additional disclosures related to business combinations.

## Revenue Recognition and Receivables

Our revenue consists of direct to consumer sales, including retail store, e-commerce and restaurant operations, and wholesale sales. We consider revenue realized or realizable and earned when the following criteria are met: (1) persuasive evidence of an agreement exists, (2) delivery has occurred, (3) our price to the buyer is fixed or determinable and (4) collectibility is reasonably assured. The table below quantifies the amount of sales by distribution channel (in thousands).

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 | Fiscal 2015 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Retail | $\$$ | 427,439 | $\$$ | 411,390 |
| E-commerce | 205,475 | 184,686 | 408,216 |  |
| Restaurant | 83,900 | 74,079 | 161,608 |  |
| Wholesale | 366,123 | 349,196 | 68,667 |  |
| Other | 3,274 | 3,237 | 329,530 |  |
| Net sales | $1,086,211 ~ \$$ | $1,022,588 ~ \$$ | 1,269 |  |
|  | $\$$ |  | 969,290 |  |

Our revenue, including any freight income, is recognized net of applicable taxes in our consolidated statements of operations. Retail store, e-commerce and restaurant revenues are recognized at the time of sale to consumers, which is at the time of purchase for retail and restaurant transactions and the time of delivery to consumers for e-commerce sales. Each of these types of transactions requires payment at the time of the transaction, which is typically made via a credit card and collected by us upon settlement of the credit card transaction within a few days. Retail store, e-commerce and restaurant revenues are recorded net of estimated returns and discounts, as applicable.

For sales within our wholesale operations, we consider a submitted purchase order or some form of electronic communication from the customer requesting shipment of the goods to be persuasive evidence of an agreement. For substantially all of our wholesale sales, our products are considered sold and delivered at the time of shipment from our distribution center. For certain transactions in which the goods do not pass through our owned or third party distribution centers and the title, risks and rewards of ownership transfer at the time the goods leave the foreign port, revenue is recognized at the foreign port.

In the ordinary course of business, we offer certain discounts or allowances to our wholesale customers. Wholesale sales are recorded net of such discounts and allowances, as well as cooperative advertising support for our customers, operational chargebacks and provisions for estimated returns. As certain allowances and other deductions are not finalized until the end of a season, program or other event which may not have occurred yet, we estimate such discounts and allowances on an ongoing basis. Significant considerations in determining our estimates for discounts, allowances, operational chargebacks and returns for wholesale customers may include historical and current trends, agreements with customers, projected seasonal results, an evaluation of current economic conditions, specific program or product expectations and retailer performance. We record the discounts, returns and allowances as a reduction to net sales in our consolidated statements of operations and a reduction to receivables, net in our consolidated balance sheets. As of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017, reserve balances related to these items were $\$ 6.5$ million and $\$ 9.3$ million, respectively.

We extend credit to certain wholesale customers based on an evaluation of the customer's financial capacity and condition, usually without requiring collateral. In circumstances where we become aware of a specific wholesale customer's inability to meet its financial obligations, a specific reserve for bad debt is taken as a reduction to accounts receivable to reduce the net recognized receivable to the amount reasonably expected to be collected. Such amounts are written off at the time that the amounts are not considered collectible. For all other wholesale customers, we recognize estimated reserves for bad debts based on our historical collection experience, the financial condition of our customers, an evaluation of current economic conditions and anticipated trends, each of which is subjective and requires certain assumptions. We include such charges and write-offs in SG\&A in our consolidated statements of operations and as a reduction to receivables, net in our consolidated balance sheets. As of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017, bad debt reserve balances were $\$ 1.7$ million and $\$ 0.8$ million, respectively.

## OXFORD INDUSTRIES, INC.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

In addition to trade and other receivables, an income tax receivable of $\$ 5.3$ million is included in receivables, net in our consolidated balance sheet as of February 3, 2018, with no material income tax receivable as of January 28, 2017.

Gift cards and merchandise credits issued by us are recorded as a liability until they are redeemed, at which point revenue is recognized. We recognize breakage income for gift cards and merchandise credits, subject to applicable laws in certain states, using the redemption recognition method or in some cases when we determine that the likelihood of the redemption of the gift cards and merchandise credits is remote. Deferred revenue for gift cards purchased by consumers and merchandise credits received by customers but not yet redeemed, less any breakage income recognized to date, is included in other accrued expenses and liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets and totaled $\$ 9.9$ million and $\$ 9.5$ million as of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017, respectively. Gift card breakage, which was not material in any period presented, is included in net sales in our consolidated statements of operations.

Royalties from the license of our owned brands, which are generally based on the greater of a percentage of the licensee's actual net sales or a contractually determined minimum royalty amount, are recorded based upon the guaranteed minimum levels and adjusted as sales data, or estimates thereof, is received from licensees. Amounts received as initial payments for the grant of license rights, if any, are recognized as revenue over the term of the license agreement. Royalty income was $\$ 13.5$ million, $\$ 14.0$ million and $\$ 14.2$ million during Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, respectively, and is included in royalties and other operating income in our consolidated statements of operations.

## Cost of Goods Sold

We include in cost of goods sold all sourcing and procurement costs and expenses incurred prior to or in association with the receipt of finished goods at our distribution facilities, as well as freight from our warehouse to our own retail stores, wholesale customers and e-commerce consumers. The costs prior to receipt at our distribution facilities include product cost, inbound freight charges, import costs, purchasing costs, internal transfer costs, direct labor, manufacturing overhead, insurance, duties, brokers' fees, consolidators' fees and depreciation and amortization expense associated with our manufacturing, sourcing and procurement operations. We generally classify amounts billed to customers for freight in net sales, and classify freight costs in cost of goods sold in our consolidated statements of operations. Our gross margins may not be directly comparable to those of our competitors, as statement of operations classifications of certain expenses may vary by company.

## SG\&A

We include in SG\&A costs incurred subsequent to the receipt of finished goods at our distribution facilities, such as the cost of inspection, stocking, warehousing, picking and packing, and all costs associated with the operations of our retail stores, e-commerce sites, restaurants and concessions, such as labor, occupancy costs, store and restaurant pre-opening costs (including rent, marketing, store set-up costs and training expenses) and other fees. SG\&A also includes product design costs, selling costs, royalty costs, advertising, promotion and marketing expenses, professional fees, other general and administrative expenses, our corporate overhead costs and amortization of intangible assets.

Distribution network costs, including costs associated with preparing goods to ship to customers and our costs to operate our distribution facilities, are included as a component of SG\&A. We consider distribution network costs to be the costs associated with operating our distribution centers, as well as the costs paid to third parties who perform those services for us. In Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, distribution network costs included in SG\&A totaled $\$ 25.0$ million, $\$ 23.6$ million and \$21.6 million, respectively.

All costs associated with advertising, promotion and marketing of our products are expensed during the period when the advertisement is first shown. Costs associated with cooperative advertising programs under which we agree to make general contributions to our wholesale customers' advertising and promotional funds are generally recorded as a reduction to net sales as recognized. Advertising, promotion and marketing expenses recognized in SG\&A, including employment costs for our advertising and marketing employees, for Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015 were $\$ 55.2$ million, $\$ 53.0$ million and $\$ 46.0$ million, respectively. Prepaid advertising, promotion and marketing expenses included in prepaid expenses in our consolidated balance sheets as of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017 were $\$ 8.6$ million and \$3.7 million, respectively.

Royalties related to our license of third party brands, which are generally based on the greater of a percentage of our actual net sales for the brand or a contractually determined minimum royalty amount, are recorded based upon the guaranteed minimum levels and adjusted based on net sales of the branded products, as appropriate. In some cases, we may be required to make certain up-front payments for the license rights, which are deferred and recognized as royalty expense over the term of the license agreement. Royalty expenses recognized as SG\&A in Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015 were $\$ 6.0$ million, $\$ 4.8$ million and $\$ 4.6$ million, respectively.

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

We consider cash equivalents to be short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less for purposes of our consolidated statements of cash flows.

## Inventories, net

Substantially all of our inventories are finished goods inventories of apparel, accessories, footwear and related products. Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market.

For operating group reporting, inventory is carried at the lower of FIFO cost or market. We continually evaluate the composition of our inventories for identification of distressed inventory. In performing this evaluation, we consider slow-turning products, an indication of lack of consumer acceptance of particular products, prior-seasons' fashion products, broken assortments, and current levels of replenishment program products as compared to expected sales. We estimate the amount of goods that we will not be able to sell in the normal course of business and write down the value of these goods as necessary. As the amount to be ultimately realized for the goods is not necessarily known at period end, we must utilize certain assumptions considering historical experience, inventory quantity, quality, age and mix, historical sales trends, future sales projections, consumer and retailer preferences, market trends, general economic conditions and our plans to sell the inventory. Also, we provide an allowance for shrinkage, as appropriate, for the period between the last physical inventory count and each balance sheet date.

For consolidated financial reporting, as of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017, $\$ 118.0$ million, or $93 \%$, and $\$ 133.8$ million, or $94 \%$, of our inventories were valued at the lower of the LIFO cost or market after deducting our LIFO reserve. The remaining $\$ 8.8$ million and $\$ 8.4$ million of our inventories were valued at the lower of FIFO cost or market as of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017, respectively. Generally, inventories of our domestic operations are valued at the lower of LIFO cost or market, and our inventories of our international operations are valued at the lower of FIFO cost or market. LIFO reserves are based on the Producer Price Index as published by the United States Department of Labor. We write down inventories valued at the lower of LIFO cost or market when LIFO cost exceeds market value. We deem LIFO accounting adjustments to not only include changes in the LIFO reserve, but also changes in markdown reserves which are considered in LIFO accounting. As our LIFO inventory pool does not correspond to our operating group definitions, LIFO inventory accounting adjustments are not allocated to the respective operating groups. Thus, the impact of accounting for inventories on the LIFO method is reflected in Corporate and Other for operating group reporting purposes included in Note 2.

There were no LIFO inventory layer liquidations that had a material impact on our net earnings in Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 or Fiscal 2015. As of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017, the LIFO reserves included in our consolidated balance sheets were $\$ 61.5$ million and $\$ 58.0$ million, respectively.

Accounting for business combinations requires that assets and liabilities, including inventories, are recorded at fair value at acquisition. In accordance with GAAP, the definition of fair value of inventories acquired generally will equal the expected sales price less certain costs associated with selling the inventory, which may exceed the actual cost of the acquired inventories.

## Property and Equipment, net

Property and equipment, including leasehold improvements that are reimbursed by landlords as a tenant improvement allowance and assets under capital leases, if any, is carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Additions are capitalized while repair and maintenance costs are charged to our consolidated statements of operations as incurred. Depreciation is calculated using both straight-line and accelerated methods generally over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

| Leasehold improvements | Lesser of remaining life of the asset or lease term |
| :--- | :--- |
| Furniture, fixtures, equipment and technology | $2-15$ years |
| Buildings and improvements | $7-40$ years |

Property and equipment is reviewed periodically for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Events that would typically result in such an assessment would include a change in the estimated useful life of the assets, including a change in our plans of the anticipated period of operating a leased retail store or restaurant location, the discontinued use of an asset and other factors. This review includes the evaluation of any under-performing stores and assessing the recoverability of the carrying value of the assets related to the store. We calculate the fair value of long-lived assets using the age-life method. If the estimated fair value is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an

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## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

asset is determined to be impaired and a loss is recorded for the amount by which the carrying value of the asset exceeds its fair value.

Substantially all of our depreciation expense is included in SG\&A in our consolidated statements of operations, with the only depreciation included elsewhere within our consolidated statements of operations reflecting depreciation associated with our manufacturing, sourcing and procurement processes, which is included in cost of goods sold. During Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2016, $\$ 0.9$ million and $\$ 1.9$ million, respectively, of property and equipment impairment charges were recognized in SG\&A primarily related to retail store assets and information technology assets. No material impairment of fixed assets was recognized in Fiscal 2015. Depreciation expense as disclosed in our consolidated statements of cash flows and Note 2 includes fixed asset impairment charges.

## Intangible Assets

At acquisition, we estimate and record the fair value of purchased intangible assets, which primarily consist of trademarks, reacquired rights and customer relationships. The fair values and useful lives of these intangible assets are estimated based on our assessment as well as independent third party appraisals in some cases. Such valuations, which are dependent upon a number of uncertain factors, may include a discounted cash flow analysis of anticipated revenues and expenses or cost savings resulting from the acquired intangible asset using an estimate of a risk-adjusted market-based cost of capital as the discount rate. Any costs associated with extending or renewing recognized intangible assets are generally expensed as incurred.

Intangible assets with indefinite lives, which consist of our Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide trademarks, are not amortized but instead evaluated for impairment annually or more frequently if events or circumstances indicate that the intangible asset might be impaired. The evaluation of the recoverability of trademarks with indefinite lives includes valuations based on a discounted cash flow analysis utilizing the relief from royalty method, among other considerations. Like the initial valuation, the evaluation of recoverability is dependent upon a number of uncertain factors which require certain assumptions to be made by us, including estimates of net sales, royalty income, operating income, growth rates, royalty rates for the trademark, discount rates and income tax rates, among other factors. If an annual or interim analysis indicates an impairment of a trademark with an indefinite useful life, the amount of the impairment is recognized in our consolidated financial statements based on the amount that the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value of the asset.

We have the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that an indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the quantitative impairment test. We also have the option to bypass the qualitative assessment for any indefinite-lived intangible asset in any period and proceed directly to performing the quantitative impairment test. Bypassing the qualitative assessment in any period does not prohibit us from performing the qualitative assessment in any subsequent period.

We test, either quantitatively or qualitatively, intangible assets with indefinite lives for impairment as of the first day of the fourth quarter of our fiscal year, or at an interim date if indicators of impairment exist at that date. No impairment of intangible assets with indefinite lives was recognized during any period presented.

We recognize amortization of intangible assets with finite lives, which primarily consist of certain trademarks, including Beaufort Bonnet and Lanier Apparel's owned brands, reacquired rights and customer relationships, over the estimated useful lives of the intangible assets using the straight line method or a method of amortization that reflects the pattern in which the economic benefits of the intangible assets are consumed or otherwise realized. Certain of our intangible assets with finite lives may be amortized over periods of up to 20 years in some cases. The determination of an appropriate useful life for amortization considers our plans for the intangible assets, the remaining contractual period of the reacquired right, and factors outside of our control, including expected customer attrition. Amortization of intangible assets is included in SG\&A in our consolidated statements of operations. Intangible assets with finite lives are reviewed for impairment periodically if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. If expected future discounted cash flows resulting from the intangible assets are less than their carrying amounts, an asset is determined to be impaired and a loss is recorded for the amount by which the carrying value of the asset exceeds its fair value. No impairment of intangible assets with finite lives was recognized during any period presented.

## Goodwill, net

Goodwill is recognized as the amount by which the cost to acquire a company or group of assets exceeds the fair value of tangible and intangible assets acquired less any liabilities assumed at acquisition. Thus, the amount of goodwill recognized in connection with a business combination is dependent upon the fair values assigned to the individual assets acquired and

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## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

liabilities assumed in a business combination. Goodwill is allocated to the respective reporting unit at the time of acquisition. Goodwill is not amortized but instead is evaluated for impairment annually or more frequently if events or circumstances indicate that the goodwill might be impaired.

We test, either qualitatively or quantitatively, goodwill for impairment as of the first day of the fourth quarter of our fiscal year or when impairment indicators exist. The qualitative factors that we use to determine the likelihood of goodwill impairment, as well as to determine if an interim test is appropriate, include: (a) macroeconomic conditions, (b) industry and market considerations, (c) cost factors, (d) overall financial performance, (e) other relevant entity-specific events, (f) events affecting a reporting unit, (g) a sustained decrease in share price, or (h) other factors as appropriate. In the event we determine that we will bypass the qualitative impairment option or if we determine that a quantitative test is appropriate, the quantitative test includes valuations of each applicable underlying business using fair value techniques and market comparables, which may include a discounted cash flow analysis or an independent appraisal. Significant estimates, some of which may be very subjective, considered in such a discounted cash flow analysis are future cash flow projections of the business, an estimate of the risk-adjusted market-based cost of capital as the discount rate, income tax rates and other assumptions. The estimates and assumptions included in the evaluation of the recoverability of goodwill involve significant uncertainty, and if our plans or anticipated results change, the impact on our financial statements could be significant.

If an annual or interim analysis indicates an impairment of goodwill balances, the impairment is recognized in our consolidated financial statements. No impairment of goodwill was recognized during any period presented.

## Prepaid Expenses and Other Non-Current Assets, net

Amounts included in prepaid expenses primarily consist of prepaid operating expenses, including advertising, rent, taxes, maintenance and other services contracts, royalties, insurance, samples and retail supplies. Other non-current assets primarily consist of assets set aside for potential deferred compensation liabilities related to our deferred compensation plan as discussed below, assets related to certain investments in officers' life insurance policies, security deposits, investments in unconsolidated entities and deferred financing costs related to our revolving credit agreement.

Officers' life insurance policies that are owned by us, substantially all of which are included in other non-current assets, net, are recorded at their cash surrender value, less any outstanding loans associated with the life insurance policies that are payable to the life insurance company with which the policy is outstanding. As of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017, officers' life insurance policies, net, recorded in our consolidated balance sheets totaled $\$ 5.3$ million and $\$ 5.1$ million, respectively.

Deferred financing costs for our revolving credit agreements are included in other non-current assets, net in our consolidated financial statements. Deferred financing costs are amortized on a straight-line basis, which approximates the effective interest method over the term of the related debt. Amortization expense and write-off of deferred financing costs, which are included in interest expense in our consolidated statements of operations, was $\$ 0.4$ million, $\$ 0.7$ million and $\$ 0.4$ million during Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, respectively. Unamortized deferred financing costs included in other non-current assets, net totaled \$1.4 million and $\$ 1.8$ million at February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017, respectively.

## Deferred Compensation

We have a non-qualified deferred compensation plan offered to a select group of highly compensated employees and our non-employee directors. The plan provides participants with the opportunity to defer a portion of their cash compensation in a given plan year, of which a percentage may be matched by us in accordance with the terms of the plan. We make contributions to rabbi trusts or other investments to provide a source of funds for satisfying these deferred compensation liabilities. Investments held for our deferred compensation plan consist of insurance contracts and are recorded based on valuations which generally incorporate unobservable factors. A change in the value of the underlying assets would substantially be offset by a change in the liability to the participant resulting in an immaterial net impact on our consolidated financial statements. These securities approximate the participant-directed investment selections underlying the deferred compensation liabilities.

The total value of the assets set aside for potential deferred compensation liabilities, substantially all of which are included in other non-current assets, net, as of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017 was $\$ 12.5$ million and $\$ 11.0$ million, respectively, substantially all of which are held in a rabbi trust. Substantially all the assets set aside for potential deferred compensation liabilities are life insurance policies recorded at their cash surrender value, less any outstanding loans associated with the life insurance policies that are payable to the life insurance company with which the policy is outstanding. The liabilities associated with the non-qualified deferred compensation plan are included in other non-current liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets and totaled $\$ 12.2$ million and $\$ 10.9$ million at February 3 , 2018 and January 28, 2017, respectively.

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## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

## Accounts Payable, Accrued Compensation and Other Accrued Expenses and Liabilities

Liabilities for accounts payable, accrued compensation and other accrued expenses and liabilities are carried at cost, which reflects the fair value of the consideration expected to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to us. Accruals for employee insurance and workers' compensation, which are included in other accrued expenses and liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets, include estimated settlements for known claims, as well as accruals for estimates of incurred but not reported claims based on our claims experience and statistical trends.

## Legal and Other Contingencies

We are subject to certain claims and assessments in the ordinary course of business. The claims and assessments may relate, among other things, to disputes about intellectual property, real estate and contracts, as well as labor, employment, environmental, customs and tax matters. For those matters where it is probable that we have incurred a loss and the loss, or range of loss, can be reasonably estimated, we have recorded reserves in other accrued expenses and liabilities or other non-current liabilities in our consolidated financial statements for the estimated loss and related expenses, such as legal fees. In other instances, because of the uncertainties related to both the probable outcome or amount or range of loss, we are unable to make a reasonable estimate of a liability, if any, and therefore have not recorded a reserve. As additional information becomes available or as circumstances change, we adjust our assessment and estimates of such liabilities accordingly. Additionally, for any potential gain contingencies, we do not recognize the gain until the period that all contingencies have been resolved and the amounts are realizable. We believe the outcome of outstanding or pending matters, individually and in the aggregate, will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements, based on information currently available.

In connection with acquisitions, we may enter into contingent consideration arrangements, which provide for the payment of additional purchase consideration to the sellers if certain performance criteria are achieved during a specified period. We must recognize the fair value of the contingent consideration based on its estimated fair value at the date of acquisition. Such valuation requires assumptions regarding anticipated cash flows, probabilities of cash flows, discount rates and other factors. Each of these assumptions may involve a significant amount of uncertainty. Subsequent to the date of acquisition, we must periodically adjust the liability for the contingent consideration to reflect the fair value of the contingent consideration by reassessing our valuation assumptions as of that date. A change in assumptions related to contingent consideration amounts could have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. Any change in the fair value of the contingent consideration is recognized in SG\&A in our consolidated statements of operations.

## Other Non-current Liabilities

Amounts included in other non-current liabilities primarily consist of deferred rent related to our operating lease agreements as discussed below and deferred compensation as discussed above.

## Leases

In the ordinary course of business, we enter into lease agreements for retail, restaurant, office and warehouse/distribution space, as well as leases for certain equipment. The leases have varying terms and expirations and frequently have provisions to extend, renew or terminate the lease agreement, among other terms and conditions. We assess the lease at inception and determine whether the lease qualifies as a capital or operating lease. Assets leased under operating leases are not recognized as assets and liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets.

When a non-cancelable operating lease includes fixed escalation clauses, lease incentives for rent holidays or landlord build-out-related allowances, rent expense is generally recognized on a straight-line basis over the initial term of the lease from the date that we take possession of the space and does not assume that any termination options included in the lease will be exercised. The amount by which rents payable under the lease differs from the amount recognized on a straight-line basis is recorded in other non-current liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets, except for certain amounts recorded in other accrued expenses and liabilities. Deferred rent, including amounts in non-current and current liabilities, as of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017 was $\$ 61.4$ million and $\$ 57.3$ million, respectively. Contingent rents, including those based on a percentage of retail sales over stated levels, and rental payment increases based on a contingent future event are recognized as the expense is incurred.

If we vacate leased space and determine that we do not plan to use the space in the future, we recognize a loss for any future rent payments, less any anticipated future sublease income and adjusted for any deferred rent amounts included in our consolidated balance sheet on that date. Additionally, for any lease that we terminate and agree to a lease termination payment,

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## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

we recognize in SG\&A in our consolidated statements of operations a loss for the lease termination payment at the time of the agreement.

## Foreign Currency Transactions and Translation

We are exposed to foreign currency exchange risk when we generate net sales or incur expenses in currencies other than the functional currency of the respective operations. The resulting assets and liabilities denominated in amounts other than the respective functional currency are re-measured into the respective functional currency at the rate of exchange in effect on the balance sheet date, and income and expenses are re-measured at the average rates of exchange prevailing during the relevant period. The impact of any such re-measurement is recognized in our consolidated statements of operations in that period. Net gains (losses) related to foreign currency transactions recognized in Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015 were not material to our consolidated financial statements.

Additionally, the financial statements of our operations for which the functional currency is a currency other than the U.S. dollar are translated into U.S. dollars at the rate of exchange in effect on the balance sheet date for the balance sheet and at the average rates of exchange prevailing during the relevant period for the statements of operations. The impact of such translation is recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in our consolidated balance sheets and included in other comprehensive income (loss) in our consolidated statements of comprehensive income resulting in no impact on net earnings for the relevant period.

## Derivative Financial Instruments

Derivative financial instruments, if any, are measured at their fair values in our consolidated balance sheets. Fair values of any derivative financial instruments are determined by us based on dealer quotes or other valuation methods, which may be based on a variety of factors including observable and unobservable inputs. Unrealized gains and losses are recognized as prepaid expenses or accrued expenses, respectively. The accounting for changes in the fair value of derivative instruments depends on whether the derivative has been designated and qualifies for hedge accounting. The criteria used to determine if a derivative financial instrument qualifies for hedge accounting treatment are whether an appropriate hedging instrument has been identified and designated to reduce a specific exposure and whether there is a high correlation between changes in the fair value of the hedging instrument and the identified exposure based on the nature of the hedging relationship. Based on the nature of the hedging relationship, a qualifying derivative is designated for accounting purposes as a fair value hedge, a cash flow hedge or a hedge of a net investment in a foreign business.

We may formally document hedging instruments and hedging relationships at the inception of each contract. Further, we assess both at the inception of a contract and on an ongoing basis whether the hedging instrument is effective in offsetting the risk of the hedged transaction. For any derivative financial instrument that is designated and qualifies for hedge accounting treatment and has not been settled as of period-end, the unrealized gains (losses) on the outstanding derivative financial instrument is recognized, to the extent the hedge relationship has been effective, as a component of comprehensive income in our consolidated statements of comprehensive income and accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in our consolidated balance sheets. For any financial instrument that is not designated as a hedge for accounting purposes, or for any ineffective portion of a hedge, the unrealized gains (losses) on the outstanding derivative financial instrument is included in net earnings. Cash flows related to hedging transactions are classified in our consolidated statements of cash flows and consolidated statements of operations in the same category as the items hedged. We do not use derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

## Foreign Currency Risk Management

As of February 3, 2018, our foreign currency exchange risk exposure primarily results from our businesses operating outside of the United States, which are primarily related to (1) our Tommy Bahama operations in Canada, Australia and Japan purchasing goods in U.S. dollars or other currencies which are not the functional currency of the business and (2) certain other transactions, including intercompany transactions. We may enter into short-term forward foreign currency exchange contracts in the ordinary course of business to mitigate a portion of the risk associated with foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations related to purchases of inventory or selling goods in currencies other than the functional currencies by certain of our foreign operations. As of February 3, 2018, we were not a party to any forward foreign currency exchange contracts.

## Interest Rate Risk Management

As of February 3, 2018, we are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates on our variable-rate indebtedness under our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement. We may attempt to limit the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash

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## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

flow, primarily through a mix of variable-rate and fixed-rate debt, although at times all of our debt may be either variable-rate or fixed-rate debt. At times we may enter into interest rate swap arrangements related to certain of our variable-rate debt in order to fix the interest rate if we determine that our exposure to interest rate changes is higher than optimal. Our assessment also considers our need for flexibility in our borrowing arrangements resulting from the seasonality of our business, anticipated future cash flows and our expectations about the risk of future interest rate changes, among other factors. We continuously monitor interest rates to consider the sources and terms of our borrowing facilities to determine whether we have achieved our interest rate management objectives. As of February 3, 2018, we do not have any interest rate swap agreements, thus all of our debt is variable-rate debt with exposure to changes in interest rates.

## Fair Value Measurements

Fair value, in accordance with GAAP, is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. As such, fair value is a market-based measurement that should be determined based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. Valuation techniques include the market approach (comparable market prices), the income approach (present value of future income or cash flow), and the cost approach (cost to replace the service capacity of an asset or replacement cost). These valuation techniques may be based upon observable and unobservable inputs. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value pursuant to the guidance are as follows:

- Level 1—Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2-Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3—Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities, which includes certain pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies and similar techniques that use significant unobservable inputs.

Our financial instruments consist primarily of our cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued expenses and debt. Given their shortterm nature, the carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, accounts payable and accrued expenses generally approximate their fair values. Additionally, we believe the carrying amounts of our variable-rate borrowings approximate fair value. Additionally, we have determined that our property and equipment, intangible assets and goodwill, for which the book values are disclosed in Notes 3 and 4, are non-financial assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis. We have determined that our approaches for determining fair values of our property and equipment, intangible assets and goodwill generally are based on Level 3 inputs. Additionally, for contingent consideration fair value amounts, we have determined that our approaches for determining fair value are generally based on Level 3 inputs.

## Equity Compensation

We have certain equity compensation plans as described in Note 7, which provide for the ability to grant restricted shares, restricted share units, options and other equity awards to our employees and non-employee directors. We recognize equity awards to employees and non-employee directors in SG\&A in our consolidated statements of operations based on their fair values on the grant date. The fair values of restricted shares and restricted share units are determined based on the fair value of our common stock on the grant date, regardless of whether the awards are performance or service based.

Using the fair value method, compensation expense, with a corresponding entry to additional paid-in capital, is recognized related to the equity awards over the specified service and performance period, as applicable. For awards with specified service requirements, the fair value of the equity awards granted to employees is recognized over the respective service period. For performance-based awards, during the performance period we assess expected performance versus the predetermined performance goals and adjust the cumulative equity compensation expense to reflect the relative expected performance achievement. The equity compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the aggregate performance period and any additional required service period. No estimate of future stock award forfeitures is considered in our calculation of compensation expense as the impact of forfeitures on compensation expense is recognized at the time of forfeit.

## Comprehensive Income and Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

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## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Comprehensive income consists of net earnings and specified components of other comprehensive income (loss). Other comprehensive income includes changes in assets and liabilities that are not included in net earnings pursuant to GAAP, such as foreign currency translation adjustments and the net unrealized gain (loss) associated with cash flow hedges which qualify for hedge accounting, if any. These amounts of other comprehensive income (loss) are deferred in accumulated other comprehensive loss, which is included in shareholders' equity in our consolidated balance sheets.

## Dividends

Dividends are accrued at the time declared by our Board of Directors and typically paid within the same fiscal quarter.

## Concentration of Credit Risk and Significant Customers

We are exposed to concentrations of credit risk as a result of our receivables balances, for which the total exposure is limited to the amount recognized in our consolidated balance sheets. We sell our merchandise to customers operating in a number of retail distribution channels in the United States and other countries. We extend credit to certain wholesale customers based on an evaluation of the customer's credit history, financial capacity and condition, usually without requiring collateral. Credit risk is impacted by conditions or occurrences within the economy and the retail industry and is principally dependent on each customer's financial condition. Additionally, a decision by the controlling owner of a group of stores or any significant customer to decrease the amount of merchandise purchased from us or to cease carrying our products could have an adverse effect on our results of operations in future periods. No individual customer represented greater than $10 \%$ of our consolidated net sales in Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 or Fiscal 2015. As of February 3, 2018, two customers each represented 12\% of our receivables included in our consolidated balance sheet.

## Income Taxes

Income taxes included in our consolidated financial statements are determined using the asset and liability method. Under this method, income taxes are recognized based on amounts of income taxes payable or refundable in the current year as well as the impact of any items that are recognized in different periods for consolidated financial statement reporting and tax return reporting purposes. Prepaid income taxes and income taxes payable are recognized in prepaid expenses and other accrued expenses and liabilities, respectively, in our consolidated balance sheets. As certain amounts are recognized in different periods for consolidated financial statement and tax return reporting purposes, financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities differ, resulting in the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities. The deferred tax assets and liabilities reflect the estimated future tax effects attributable to these differences, as well as the impact of net operating loss, capital loss and federal and state credit carry-forwards, each as determined under enacted tax laws and rates expected to apply in the period in which such amounts are expected to be realized or settled.

We recognize deferred tax assets to the extent we believe it is more likely than not that these assets will be realized. In making such a determination, we consider all available positive and negative evidence, including future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, projected future taxable income, taxable income in carryback years, tax-planning strategies, and results of recent operations. Valuation allowances are established when we determine that it is more-likely-than-not that some portion or all of a deferred tax asset will not be realized.

Valuation allowances are analyzed periodically and adjusted as events occur or circumstances change that would indicate adjustments to the valuation allowances are appropriate. If we determine that we are more likely than not to realize our deferred tax assets in the future in excess of their net recorded amount, we will reduce the deferred tax asset valuation allowance, which will reduce income tax expense. As realization of deferred tax assets and liabilities is dependent upon future taxable income in specific jurisdictions, changes in tax laws and rates and shifts in the amount of taxable income among state and foreign jurisdictions may have a significant impact on the amount of benefit ultimately realized for deferred tax assets and liabilities. We account for the effect of changes in tax laws or rates in the period of enactment.

We utilize a two-step approach for evaluating uncertain tax positions. Under the two-step method, recognition occurs when we conclude that a tax position, based solely on technical merits, is more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon examination. The second step, measurement, is only addressed if step one has been satisfied. The tax benefit recorded is measured as the largest amount of benefit determined on a cumulative probability basis that is more-likely-than-not to be realized upon ultimate settlement. Those tax positions failing to qualify for initial recognition are recognized in the first subsequent interim period they meet the more-likely-than-not threshold or are resolved through negotiation or litigation with the relevant taxing authority or upon expiration of the statute of limitations. Alternatively, de-recognition of a tax position that was previously recognized occurs when we subsequently determine that a tax position no longer meets the more-likely-than-not threshold of being sustained. Interest and penalties associated with unrecognized tax positions are recorded within income tax

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## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

expense in our consolidated statements of operations. As of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017 and during Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, we did not have any material unrecognized tax benefit amounts, including any related potential penalty or interest expense, or material changes in such amounts.

In the case of foreign subsidiaries there are certain exceptions to the requirement that deferred tax liabilities be recognized for the difference in the financial and tax bases of assets. When the financial basis of the investment in a foreign subsidiary, excluding undistributed earnings, exceeds the tax basis in such investment, the deferred liability is not recognized if management considers the investment to be essentially permanent in duration. Further, deferred tax liabilities are not required to be recognized for undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries when management considers those earnings to be permanently reinvested outside the United States. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("U.S. Tax Reform") as enacted on December 22, 2017 changed the way federal tax is applied to distributions of earnings of foreign subsidiaries. Generally, the aggregate of all post-1986 accumulated undistributed earnings and profits of the of foreign subsidiaries as of November 2 , 2017 or December 31, 2017 is, if positive, subject to a U.S. "transition tax", and future distributions of foreign earnings will generally not be subject to federal tax. We have calculated the undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries as of the measurement dates and determined, on a provisional basis, that no transition tax will be due and accordingly have not recorded a transition tax amount in our Fiscal 2017 statement of operations. While future distributions of foreign subsidiary earnings are not subject to federal tax, there are other possible tax impacts, including state taxes and foreign withholding tax, that must be considered if the earnings are not considered to be permanently reinvested. Additionally, U.S. Tax Reform does not exempt from federal tax the gain realized upon the sale of a foreign subsidiary, and consideration must be given to the impact of differences in book and tax basis of foreign subsidiaries not arising from earnings when determining whether a liability must be recorded if the investment is not considered to be permanently reinvested. We consider substantially all of our investments in and undistributed earnings of our foreign subsidiaries to be permanently reinvested outside the United States as of February 3, 2018 and therefore have not recorded a deferred tax liability on these amounts in our consolidated financial statements. These assertions are made on a provisional basis, as we are still finalizing calculations related to the international provisions of U.S. Tax Reform that could impact the permanent investment analysis.

We generally receive a U.S. income tax benefit upon the vesting of shares granted to employees. The benefit is equal to the difference, multiplied by the appropriate tax rate, between the fair value of the share and the taxes payable by the employee at the time of vesting of a restricted share award. We record the tax benefit associated with the vesting of share awards granted to employees as a reduction to income taxes payable. Beginning in Fiscal 2016 upon the adoption of new guidance issued by the FASB in March 2016, all tax benefit or expense associated with the vesting of share awards granted to employees is recorded as a reduction to income taxes in our consolidated statements of operations. Prior to Fiscal 2016, to the extent the tax benefit related to the value of awards recognized as compensation expense in our financial statements, income tax expense was reduced, while any additional tax benefit was recorded directly to shareholders' equity in our consolidated balance sheets.

We file income tax returns in the United States and various state, local and foreign jurisdictions. Our federal, state, local and foreign income tax returns filed for years prior to Fiscal 2014, with limited exceptions, are no longer subject to examination by tax authorities.

## Earnings (Loss) Per Share

Basic net earnings from continuing operations, net earnings from discontinued operations and net earnings per share are calculated by dividing the respective earnings amount by the weighted average shares outstanding during the period. Shares repurchased are removed from the weighted average number of shares outstanding upon repurchase and delivery.

Diluted net earnings from continuing operations, net earnings from discontinued operations and net earnings per share are calculated similarly to the amounts above, except that the weighted average shares outstanding in the diluted calculations also includes the potential dilution using the treasury stock method that could occur if dilutive securities, including restricted share awards, options or other dilutive awards, were converted to shares. The treasury stock method assumes that shares are issued for any restricted share awards, options or other dilutive awards that are "in the money," and that we use the proceeds received to repurchase shares at the average market value of our shares for the respective period. For purposes of the treasury stock method, proceeds consist of cash to be paid and future compensation expense to be recognized.

## Use of Estimates

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported as assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

## Reclassifications

In order to conform to the Fiscal 2017 classification, certain gift with purchase amounts, totaling $\$ 2.5$ million and $\$ 1.5$ million previously reported as SG\&A, have been reclassified to cost of goods sold for Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, respectively. This reclassification resulted in a decrease in SG\&A and a corresponding increase in cost of goods sold in Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, with no impact on previously reported net earnings.

## Accounting Standards Adopted in Fiscal 2017

In January 2017, the FASB issued guidance that provides a more narrow framework to be used in evaluating whether a set of assets and activities constitute a business. We adopted this guidance in the Second Quarter of Fiscal 2017. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. The impact of the guidance in the future will depend on the facts and circumstances of any specific future transactions.

In January 2017, the FASB issued guidance on the subsequent measurement of goodwill by eliminating the second step from the quantitative goodwill impairment test. The single quantitative step test requires companies to compare the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount and record an impairment charge for the amount that the carrying amount exceeds the fair value, up to the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit. We adopted this revised guidance in the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal 2017 in connection with our annual goodwill impairment testing. The adoption of the new guidance did not have an impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2017, the FASB issued guidance that clarifies when changes to the terms and conditions of equity-based payment awards must be accounted for as modifications. Companies must apply the modification accounting guidance if the value, vesting conditions or classification of an award changes as a result of a modification. We adopted this guidance in the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal 2017. The adoption of the guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. The impact of the guidance on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows in future periods will be dependent upon the terms and conditions of any modifications made to equity-based awards in the future.

Other recently issued guidance that was adopted in Fiscal 2017 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements upon adoption.

## Recently Issued Accounting Standards Applicable to Future Years

In May 2014, the FASB issued guidance which provides a single, comprehensive accounting model for revenue arising from contracts with customers. This guidance has been revised and clarified through supplemental adoption guidance subsequent to May 2014. This new revenue recognition guidance supersedes most of the existing revenue recognition guidance which specifies that revenue is recognized when risks and rewards transfer to a customer. Under the new guidance, revenue will be recognized at an amount that reflects the consideration to which we expect to be entitled for transferring goods to a customer pursuant to a five-step approach: (1) identify the contracts with the customer; (2) identify the separate performance obligations in the contracts; (3) determine the transaction price; (4) allocate the transaction price to separate performance obligations; and (5) recognize revenue when, or as, each performance obligation is satisfied. The new guidance also requires additional disclosures about the nature, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flow arising from customer contracts, including significant judgments and changes in judgments.

We will adopt the revised guidance for revenue recognition on the first day of Fiscal 2018 using the modified retrospective method of adoption. We have reviewed our revenue streams, including retail, e-commerce, restaurant, wholesale, gift card breakage and royalty income, to evaluate the potential impact of the adoption of the revised guidance on our consolidated financial statements. While we are substantially complete with the process of quantifying the impacts that will result from applying the new guidance, our assessment will be finalized during the First Quarter of Fiscal 2018. Adoption of this standard will result in a change to our revenue recognition policy, but the changes are not expected to result in a material change in the timing or amounts of revenue recognized, our financial position or cash flows.

In February 2016, the FASB issued revised guidance on leasing. The guidance will require companies to record substantially all leases as assets and liabilities on the balance sheet. For these leases, we will be required to recognize (1) a right to use asset which will represent our right to use, or control the use of, a specified asset for a lease term and (2) a lease liability equal to our obligation to make lease payments arising from a lease measured on a discounted basis. Additionally, we are evaluating the impact of the new guidance on our systems, processes and controls. This guidance will be effective in Fiscal 2019 with early adoption permitted. The guidance requires the use of the modified retrospective transition approach. We are currently in the process of evaluating the impact of the new guidance on our consolidated balance sheet, statement of operations and statement of cash flows. Considering the magnitude of our existing operating leases, we anticipate that the new lease

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## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

guidance will have a significant impact on our consolidated balance sheet by requiring the recognition of a significant amount of lease-related assets and liabilities. As the impact of this guidance is non-cash in nature, we do not anticipate the adoption of the guidance will have an impact on our consolidated statement of cash flows.

In June 2016, the FASB issued guidance on the measurement of credit losses on financial instruments. This guidance amends the impairment model by requiring companies to use a forward-looking approach based on expected losses to estimate credit losses on certain financial instruments, including trade receivables. This guidance will be effective in Fiscal 2020 with early adoption permitted. We are currently assessing the impact that adopting this guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements.

In October 2016, the FASB issued guidance on the recognition of current and deferred income taxes for intra-entity asset transfers. The revised guidance requires an entity to recognize the income tax consequences of an intra-entity transfer of an asset (other than inventory) when the transfer occurs. This guidance will be effective in Fiscal 2018 and requires the use of the modified retrospective method of adoption which results in a cumulative adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the period of adoption. We are currently in the process of assessing the impact that adopting this guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements, but do not anticipate a material impact on our financial statements upon adoption.

Other recently issued guidance was assessed and determined to be either not applicable or expected to have a minimal impact on our consolidated financial statements upon adoption in the future

## Note 2. Operating Groups

Our business is primarily operated through our Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer, Lanier Apparel and Southern Tide operating groups. We identify our operating groups based on the way our management organizes the components of our business for purposes of allocating resources and assessing performance. Our operating group structure reflects a brand-focused management approach, emphasizing operational coordination and resource allocation across each brand's direct to consumer, wholesale and licensing operations, as applicable.

Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Southern Tide each design, source, market and distribute apparel and related products bearing their respective trademarks and license their trademarks for other product categories, while Lanier Apparel designs, sources and distributes branded and private label men's tailored clothing, sportswear and other products. Corporate and Other is a reconciling category for reporting purposes and includes our corporate offices, substantially all financing activities, elimination of inter-segment sales, LIFO accounting adjustments for inventory, other costs that are not allocated to the operating groups and operations of our other businesses which are not included in our operating groups, including our Lyons, Georgia distribution center and Beaufort Bonnet operations, which was acquired in December 2017. Our LIFO inventory pool does not correspond to our operating group definitions; therefore, LIFO inventory accounting adjustments are not allocated to our operating groups.

The tables below present certain financial information (in thousands) about our operating groups, as well as Corporate and Other.

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Note 2. Operating Groups (Continued)

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Sales |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tommy Bahama | \$ | 686,021 | \$ | 658,911 | \$ | 658,467 |
| Lilly Pulitzer |  | 248,931 |  | 233,294 |  | 204,626 |
| Lanier Apparel |  | 106,852 |  | 100,753 |  | 105,106 |
| Southern Tide |  | 40,940 |  | 27,432 |  | - |
| Corporate and Other |  | 3,467 |  | 2,198 |  | 1,091 |
| Total | \$ | 1,086,211 | \$ | 1,022,588 | \$ | 969,290 |
| Depreciation and Amortization of Intangible Assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tommy Bahama | \$ | 30,998 | \$ | 31,796 | \$ | 28,103 |
| Lilly Pulitzer |  | 9,021 |  | 7,968 |  | 5,644 |
| Lanier Apparel |  | 583 |  | 478 |  | 456 |
| Southern Tide |  | 441 |  | 390 |  | - |
| Corporate and Other |  | 1,359 |  | 1,451 |  | 1,557 |
| Total | \$ | 42,402 | \$ | 42,083 | \$ | 35,760 |
| Operating Income (Loss) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tommy Bahama | \$ | 55,002 | \$ | 44,101 | \$ | 65,993 |
| Lilly Pulitzer |  | 46,608 |  | 51,995 |  | 42,525 |
| Lanier Apparel |  | 6,546 |  | 6,955 |  | 7,700 |
| Southern Tide |  | 4,504 |  | (282) |  | - |
| Corporate and Other (1) |  | $(26,660)$ |  | $(12,885)$ |  | $(18,704)$ |
| Total Operating Income |  | 86,000 |  | 89,884 |  | 97,514 |
| Interest expense, net |  | 3,109 |  | 3,421 |  | 2,458 |
| Earnings Before Income Taxes | \$ | 82,891 | \$ | 86,463 | \$ | 95,056 |

(1) Corporate and Other included a LIFO accounting charge of $\$ 7.8$ million, a LIFO accounting credit of $\$ 5.9$ million and a LIFO accounting charge of $\$ 0.3$ million, in Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, respectively.

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Purchases of Property and Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tommy Bahama | \$ | 24,962 | \$ | 34,191 | \$ | 54,490 |
| Lilly Pulitzer |  | 11,150 |  | 14,142 |  | 17,197 |
| Lanier Apparel |  | 305 |  | 295 |  | 206 |
| Southern Tide |  | 1,138 |  | 27 |  | - |
| Corporate and Other |  | 1,193 |  | 760 |  | 529 |
| Total | \$ | 38,748 | \$ | 49,415 | \$ | 72,422 |

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 2. Operating Groups (Continued)

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { February 3, } \\ 2018 \end{gathered}$ |  | January 28, 2017 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Assets |  |  |  |  |
| Tommy Bahama | \$ | 439,871 | \$ | 451,990 |
| Lilly Pulitzer |  | 142,882 |  | 126,506 |
| Lanier Apparel |  | 31,575 |  | 30,269 |
| Southern Tide |  | 94,032 |  | 96,208 |
| Corporate and Other (1) |  | $(8,419)$ |  | $(19,814)$ |
| Total | \$ | 699,941 | \$ | 685,159 |

(1) Total assets for Corporate and Other include LIFO reserves of $\$ 61.5$ million and $\$ 58.0$ million as of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017, respectively.

Net book value of our property and equipment, by geographic area is presented below (in thousands):

|  | February 3, 2018 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 28, } \\ 2017 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| United States | \$ | 187,109 | \$ | 186,549 |
| Other foreign (1) |  | 6,424 |  | 7,382 |
| Total | \$ | 193,533 | \$ | 193,931 |

(1) The net book value of our property and equipment outside of the United States primarily relates to property and equipment associated with our Tommy Bahama operations in Canada, Australia and Japan.

Net sales recognized by geographic area is presented below (in thousands):

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| United States | \$ | 1,048,619 | \$ | 986,062 | \$ | 932,878 |
| Other foreign (1) |  | 37,592 |  | 36,526 |  | 36,412 |
| Total | \$ | 1,086,211 | \$ | 1,022,588 | \$ | 969,290 |

(1) The net sales outside of the United States primarily relates to our Tommy Bahama international retail operations in Canada, Australia and Japan.

## Note 3. Property and Equipment, Net

Property and equipment, carried at cost, is summarized as follows (in thousands):

|  | February 3, 2018 |  | January 28, 2017 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Land | \$ | 3,166 | \$ | 3,166 |
| Buildings and improvements |  | 36,331 |  | 34,986 |
| Furniture, fixtures, equipment and technology |  | 205,854 |  | 185,498 |
| Leasehold improvements |  | 231,108 |  | 223,253 |
|  |  | 476,459 |  | 446,903 |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization |  | $(282,926)$ |  | $(252,972)$ |
| Property and equipment, net | \$ | 193,533 | \$ | 193,931 |

## Note 4. Intangible Assets and Goodwill

Intangible assets by category are summarized below (in thousands):

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|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { February 3, } \\ 2018 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 28, } \\ 2017 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Intangible assets with finite lives | \$ | 52,470 | \$ | 46,030 |
| Accumulated amortization |  | $(38,612)$ |  | $(35,785)$ |
| Total intangible assets with finite lives, net |  | 13,858 |  | 10,245 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Intangible assets with indefinite lives: |  |  |  |  |
| Trademarks |  | 165,000 |  | 165,000 |
| Total intangible assets, net | \$ | 178,858 | \$ | 175,245 |

The changes in carrying amount of intangible assets, by operating group and in total, for Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015 are as follows (in thousands):

|  | Tommy <br> Bahama |  | Lilly Pulitzer |  | Lanier <br> Apparel |  | Southern Tide |  | Corporate and Other |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance, January 31, 2015 | \$ | 117,102 | \$ | 29,032 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 146,134 |
| Amortization |  | $(1,688)$ |  | (238) |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | $(1,926)$ |
| Other, including foreign currency |  | (470) |  | - |  | - |  | - |  |  |  | (470) |
| Balance, January 30, 2016 |  | 114,944 |  | 28,794 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 143,738 |
| Acquisition |  | - |  | - |  | 3,137 |  | 30,240 |  | - |  | 33,377 |
| Amortization |  | $(1,599)$ |  | (199) |  | (89) |  | (263) |  | - |  | $(2,150)$ |
| Other, including foreign currency |  | 280 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 280 |
| Balance, January 28, 2017 |  | 113,625 |  | 28,595 |  | 3,048 |  | 29,977 |  | - |  | 175,245 |
| Acquisition |  | - |  | 1,500 |  | - |  | - |  | 4,440 |  | 5,940 |
| Amortization |  | $(1,580)$ |  | (346) |  | (172) |  | (288) |  | (18) |  | $(2,404)$ |
| Other, including foreign currency |  | 112 |  | - |  | (35) |  | - |  | - |  | 77 |
| Balance, February 3, 2018 | \$ | 112,157 | \$ | 29,749 | \$ | 2,841 | \$ | 29,689 | \$ | 4,422 | \$ | 178,858 |

Based on the current estimated useful lives assigned to our intangible assets, amortization expense for each of the next five years is expected to be $\$ 2.6$ million, $\$ 1.2$ million, $\$ 1.2$ million, $\$ 1.0$ million and $\$ 0.8$ million.

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by operating group and in total, for Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015 are as follows (in thousands):

|  | Tommy Bahama |  | Lilly Pulitzer |  |  | Southern Tide |  | Corporate and Other | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance, January 31, 2015 | \$ | 801 | \$ | 16,495 | \$ | -\$ | \$ | -\$ | 17,296 |
| Other, including foreign currency |  | (73) |  | - |  | - |  | - | (73) |
| Balance, January 30, 2016 |  | 728 |  | 16,495 |  | - |  | - | 17,223 |
| Acquisition |  | - |  | - |  | 42,745 |  | - | 42,745 |
| Other, including foreign currency |  | 47 |  | - |  | - |  | - | 47 |
| Balance, January 28, 2017 |  | 775 |  | 16,495 |  | 42,745 |  | - | 60,015 |
| Acquisition |  | - |  | 3,027 |  | - |  | 3,615 | 6,642 |
| Other, including foreign currency |  | 46 |  | - |  | - |  | - | 46 |
| Balance, February 3, 2018 | \$ | 821 | \$ | 19,522 | \$ | 42,745 \$ | \$ | 3,615 \$ | 66,703 |

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All goodwill for Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Corporate and Other is deductible for income tax purposes, while the majority of the goodwill included in the balance sheet for Southern Tide is deductible for income tax purposes.

## Note 5. Debt

We had \$45.8 million outstanding as of February 3, 2018 under our \$325 million Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement ("U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement") compared to $\$ 91.5$ million of borrowings outstanding as of January 28, 2017. On May 24, 2016, the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement amended and restated our Third Amended Restated Credit Agreement ("Prior Credit Agreement") to (1) increase the borrowing capacity of the facility, (2) extend the maturity of the facility and (3) modify certain other provisions and restrictions of the Prior Credit Agreement. The U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement generally (1) is limited to a borrowing base consisting of specified percentages of eligible categories of assets, (2) accrues variable-rate interest (weighted average borrowing rate of $3.5 \%$ as of February 3, 2018), unused line fees and letter of credit fees based upon average unused availability or utilization, (3) requires periodic interest payments with principal due at maturity (May 2021) and (4) is secured by a first priority security interest in substantially all of the assets of Oxford Industries, Inc. and its domestic subsidiaries, including accounts receivable, books and records, chattel paper, deposit accounts, equipment, certain general intangibles, inventory, investment property (including the equity interests of certain subsidiaries), negotiable collateral, life insurance policies, supporting obligations, commercial tort claims, cash and cash equivalents, eligible trademarks, proceeds and other personal property.

To the extent cash flow needs exceed cash flow provided by our operations we will have access, subject to its terms, to our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement to provide funding for operating activities, capital expenditures and acquisitions, if any. Our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement is also used to establish collateral for certain insurance programs and leases and to finance trade letters of credit for product purchases, which reduce amounts available under our line of credit when issued. As of February 3, 2018, $\$ 4.7$ million of letters of credit were outstanding against our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement. After considering these limitations and the amount of eligible assets in our borrowing base, as applicable, as of February 3, 2018, we had \$219.7 million in unused availability under the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement, subject to certain limitations on borrowings.

## Covenants, Other Restrictions and Prepayment Penalties

The U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement is subject to a number of affirmative covenants regarding the delivery of financial information, compliance with law, maintenance of property, insurance requirements and conduct of business. Also, the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement is subject to certain negative covenants or other restrictions including, among other things, limitations on our ability to (1) incur debt, (2) guaranty certain obligations, (3) incur liens, (4) pay dividends to shareholders, (5) repurchase shares of our common stock, (6) make investments, (7) sell assets or stock of subsidiaries, (8) acquire assets or businesses, (9) merge or consolidate with other companies or (10) prepay, retire, repurchase or redeem debt.

Additionally, the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement contains a financial covenant that applies if excess availability under the agreement for three consecutive days is less than the greater of (1) $\$ 23.5$ million or (2) $10 \%$ of availability. In such case, our fixed charge coverage ratio as defined in the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement must not be less than 1.0 to 1.0 for the immediately preceding 12 fiscal months for which financial statements have been delivered. This financial covenant continues to apply until we have maintained excess availability under the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement of more than the greater of (1) $\$ 23.5 \mathrm{million}$ or ( 2 ) $10 \%$ of availability for 30 consecutive days.

We believe that the affirmative covenants, negative covenants, financial covenants and other restrictions under the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement are customary for those included in similar facilities entered into at the time we entered into the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement. During Fiscal 2017 and as of February 3, 2018, no financial covenant testing was required pursuant to our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement as the minimum availability threshold was met at all times. As of February 3, 2018, we were compliant with all covenants related to the U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement.

## Note 6. Commitments and Contingencies

We have operating lease agreements for retail space, restaurants, warehouses and sales and administrative offices as well as equipment with varying terms. Total rent expense, which includes minimum rents, real estate taxes, insurance and other

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operating expenses and contingent rents incurred under all leases was $\$ 92.1$ million, $\$ 87.8$ million and $\$ 82.6$ million in Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, respectively. Most of our leases provide for payments of real estate taxes, insurance and other operating expenses applicable to the property and most of our retail and restaurant leases also provide for contingent rent based on sales. Payments for real estate taxes, insurance, other operating expenses and contingent percentage rent are included in rent expense above, but are generally not included in the aggregate minimum rental commitments below, as, in many cases, the amounts payable in future periods are not quantified in the lease agreement and are dependent on future events. The total amount of such charges included in total rent expense above were $\$ 24.8$ million, $\$ 23.9$ million and $\$ 22.1$ million in Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, respectively, which includes $\$ 1.6$ million, $\$ 1.1$ million and $\$ 1.0$ million of contingent percentage rent during Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, respectively.

As of February 3, 2018, the aggregate minimum base rental commitments for all non-cancelable operating real property leases with original terms in excess of one year are $\$ 67.6$ million, $\$ 65.3$ million, $\$ 62.6$ million, $\$ 59.4$ million, and $\$ 54.7$ million for each of the next five years and $\$ 144.9$ million thereafter.

As of February 3, 2018, we are also obligated under certain apparel license and design agreements to make future minimum royalty and advertising payments of $\$ 5.6$ million, $\$ 5.1$ million, $\$ 5.0$ million, $\$ 3.3$ million, and $\$ 0.0$ million for each of the next five years and none thereafter. These amounts do not include amounts, if any, that exceed the minimums required pursuant to the agreements.

During the 1990s, we discovered the presence of hazardous waste on one of our properties. We believe that remedial or other activities may be required, including continued investigation and monitoring of groundwater and soil, although the timing and extent of such activities is uncertain. As of February 3, 2018 and January 28 , 2017, the reserve for the remediation of this site was $\$ 0.5$ million and $\$ 1.2$ million, respectively, which is included in other non-current liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets. The amount recorded represents our estimate of the costs, on an undiscounted basis, to clean up and monitor the site as well as any associated legal and consulting fees, based on currently available information. This estimate may change in future periods as more information on the activities required and timing of those activities become known.

In Fiscal 2016, we recognized a charge of $\$ 1.3$ million related to an assertion of underpaid customs duties concerning the method used to determine the dutiable value of certain imported inventory, reflecting the full amount of the assessment through January 28, 2017 with the assertion amount and recognized liability as of February 3, 2018 totaling $\$ 1.9$ million. We have appealed this assessment in accordance with the standard procedures of the relevant customs authorities. The charge may be adjusted or reversed as the matter progresses and additional information becomes available, but the outcome is subject to risk and uncertainty.

In connection with our Fiscal 2017 acquisition of Beaufort Bonnet, as disclosed in Note 12, we entered into a contingent consideration agreement which requires us to pay cash payments to the sellers of up to $\$ 3.5$ million in the aggregate subject to Beaufort Bonnet's achievement of certain earnings targets over a four year period subsequent to the acquisition. As of February 3, 2018, no amounts had been earned or paid pursuant to this contingent consideration agreement.

## Note 7. Shareholders' Equity

## Common Stock

We had 60 million shares of $\$ 1.00$ par value per share common stock authorized for issuance as of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017. We had 16.8 million and 16.8 million shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017, respectively.

## Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan

As of February 3, 2018, 0.9 million shares were available for issuance under our Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan"). The Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan allows us to grant equity-based awards to employees and non-employee directors in the form of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted shares and/or restricted share units. No additional grants are available under any predecessor plans.

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Restricted share awards granted to officers and other key employees generally vest three or four years from the date of grant if (1) the performance threshold, if any, was met and (2) the employee is still employed by us on the vesting date. At the time that restricted shares are issued, the shareholder is generally, subject to the terms of the respective agreement, be entitled to the same dividend and voting rights as other holders of our common stock as long as the restricted shares are outstanding. The employee generally is restricted from transferring or selling any restricted shares and generally forfeits the awards upon the termination of employment prior to the end of the vesting period. The specific provisions of the awards, including exercisability and term of the award, are evidenced by agreements with the employee as determined by the compensation committee of our Board of Directors, as applicable.

The table below summarizes the restricted share award activity for officers and other key employees (in shares) during Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016, and Fiscal 2015:


The following table summarizes information about the unvested restricted share awards as of February 3, 2018. The unvested restricted share awards will be settled in shares of our common stock on the vesting date, subject to the employee still being an employee at that time.

|  | Average <br> Market <br> Price on <br> Date of <br> Grant |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- |

Restricted shares pursuant to performance-based awards are not issued until approved by our compensation committee following completion of the performance period. During Fiscal 2017, approximately 70,000 restricted shares were earned by recipients related to the Fiscal 2017 performance period; however, these share awards were not included in the tables above as

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the awards had not been issued as of February 3, 2018. The grant date fair value of these 70,000 awards was $\$ 56$ per share, and the awards vest in April 2020 .

As of February 3, 2018, there was $\$ 7.6$ million of unrecognized compensation expense related to the unvested restricted share awards, which have been granted to employees but have not yet vested, including the Fiscal 2017 performance-based awards issued in the First Quarter of Fiscal 2018.

In addition, we grant restricted shares to our non-employee directors for a portion of each non-employee director's compensation. The non-employee directors must complete certain service requirements; otherwise, the restricted shares are subject to forfeiture. On the date of issuance, the non-employee directors are entitled to the same dividend and voting rights as other holders of our common stock. The non-employee directors are restricted from transferring or selling the restricted shares prior to the end of the vesting period.

## Employee Stock Purchase Plan

There were 0.4 million shares of our common stock authorized for issuance under our Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of February 3, 2018. The ESPP allows qualified employees to purchase shares of our common stock on a quarterly basis, based on certain limitations, through payroll deductions. The shares purchased pursuant to the ESPP are not subject to any vesting or other restrictions. On the last day of each calendar quarter, the accumulated payroll deductions are applied toward the purchase of our common stock at a price equal to $85 \%$ of the closing market price on that date. Equity compensation expense related to the employee stock purchase plan recognized was $\$ 0.2$ million, $\$ 0.2$ million and $\$ 0.2$ million in Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015, respectively.

## Preferred Stock

We had 30 million shares of $\$ 1.00$ par value preferred stock authorized for issuance as of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017. No preferred shares were issued or outstanding as of February 3, 2018 or January 28, 2017.

## Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The following table details the changes in our accumulated other comprehensive loss by component (in thousands), net of related income taxes during Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015.

|  | Foreign currency translation gain (loss) |  | Net unrealized gain (loss) on cash flow hedges | Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance, January 31, 2015 | \$ | $(30,900)$ | 746 | \$ | $(30,154)$ |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) |  | 24,071 | (746) |  | 23,325 |
| Balance, January 30, 2016 |  | $(6,829)$ | - |  | $(6,829)$ |
| Other comprehensive income |  | 1,553 | - |  | 1,553 |
| Balance, January 28, 2017 |  | $(5,276)$ | - |  | $(5,276)$ |
| Other comprehensive income |  | 1,202 | - |  | 1,202 |
| Balance, February 3, 2018 | \$ | $(4,074)$ \$ | - | \$ | $(4,074)$ |

The change in accumulated other comprehensive loss in Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2016 primarily resulted from changes in foreign currency exchange rates between certain functional and reporting currencies in the respective period. No material amounts of accumulated other comprehensive loss were reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss into our consolidated statements of operations during Fiscal 2017 or Fiscal 2016. The balance in accumulated other comprehensive loss as of February 3, 2018 primarily relates to our Tommy Bahama operations in Canada, Japan and Australia. Substantially all of the change in accumulated other comprehensive loss during Fiscal 2015 resulted from the sale of our discontinued operations as the related amounts previously classified in accumulated other comprehensive loss were recognized in net loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes in our consolidated statement of operations.

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## Note 8. Income Taxes

U.S. Tax Reform made significant changes in the taxation of our domestic and foreign earnings. The federal tax was lowered from $35 \%$ to $21 \%$ effective January 1, 2018, resulting in a blended federal rate applicable to our fiscal year ended February 3, 2018 to reflect the weighted average of the rate applicable to the period prior to the effective date and the period on and after the effective date. The change in the federal tax rate also required revaluation of our deferred tax assets and liabilities to reflect the enacted rate at which we expect those differences to reverse. U.S. Tax Reform moves the U.S. to a territorial taxation system under which the earnings of foreign subsidiaries will generally not be subject to U.S. tax upon distribution and imposed a one-time transition tax on the amount of previously untaxed earnings of those foreign subsidiaries measured as of November 2, 2017 or December 31, 2017, whichever resulted in the greater taxable amount. Additional changes included the increase in bonus depreciation available for certain assets acquired after September 27, 2017 and limitations on the deduction for certain expenses, including executive compensation and interest incurred in taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018. New taxes were imposed related to foreign income including, for years beginning after December 31, 2017, a tax on global intangible low-taxed income ("GILTI") and disallowance of deduction for certain payments (the base erosion antiabuse tax, or "BEAT") and new deductions enacted for certain foreign-derived intangible income ("FDII"). As a result of the provisional revaluation impact on our deferred taxes and certain other items related to U.S. Tax Reform, we recognized a reduction in tax expense of $\$ 11.5$ million in our Fiscal 2017 statement of operations.

The SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118 ("SAB 118"), which provides us with up to one year to finalize accounting for the impacts of U.S. Tax Reform. Since our initial accounting for U.S Tax Reform impact is incomplete, we may include provisional amounts when reasonable estimates can be made or continue to apply the prior tax law if a reasonable estimate cannot be made. We have estimated provisional tax amounts related to our deferred income tax assets and liabilities, including the impacts of the change in corporate tax rate, executive compensation, our indefinite reinvestment assertion, the transition tax, GILTI, BEAT, and FDII. We have not yet elected an accounting policy related to how we will account for GILTI and therefore have not provided any deferred tax impacts of GILTI in our consolidated financial statements as of February 3, 2018. We are still finalizing our calculations related to the impact of U.S. Tax Reform on our deferred tax assets and liabilities. The final impact of U.S. Tax Reform may differ from our provisional amounts recognized in Fiscal 2017 due to additional regulatory guidance that may be issued, us obtaining additional information to refine our estimated tax amounts and changes in current interpretations and assumptions. We expect to finalize our accounting for the impacts of U.S. Tax Reform during Fiscal 2018.

The following table summarizes our distribution between domestic and foreign earnings (loss) before income taxes and the provision (benefit) for income taxes (in thousands):

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$\left.\begin{array}{lccccc} & & \text { Fiscal } & \text { Fiscal } & \text { Fiscal } \\ & & \mathbf{2 0 1 7} & \mathbf{2 0 1 6} & \mathbf{2 0 1 5}\end{array}\right]$

| Income taxes: |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Current: |  |  |  |  |
| Federal | $\$$ | 11,710 | $\$$ | 19,704 |

Reconciliations of the United States federal statutory income tax rates and our effective tax rates are summarized as follows:

|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Fiscal } \\ 2017 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Fiscal } \\ 2016 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Fiscal } \\ 2015 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Statutory tax rate (1) | 33.7 \% | 35.0 \% | 35.0 \% |
| State income taxes-net of federal income tax benefit | 3.6 \% | 3.8 \% | 3.3 \% |
| Impact of foreign operations rate differential (2) | (0.6)\% | (0.4)\% | 0.6 \% |
| Valuation allowance against foreign losses and other carry-forwards (3) | 1.1 \% | (0.6)\% | 0.3 \% |
| U.S. Tax Reform impact of change in tax rate on deferred tax amounts | (14.4)\% | - \% | - \% |
| Other, net | (1.5)\% | (0.8)\% | (0.8)\% |
| Effective tax rate for continuing operations | 21.9 \% | 37.0 \% | 38.4 \% |

(1) The statutory tax rate for Fiscal 2017 is a blended rate that reflects the reduction of the federal corporate marginal tax rate from $35 \%$ to $21 \%$ effective January 1, 2018.
(2) Impact of foreign operations rate differential primarily reflects the rate differential between the United States and the respective foreign jurisdictions for any foreign income or losses, and the impact of any permanent differences.
(3) Valuation allowance against foreign losses and other carry-forwards primarily reflects the valuation allowance recorded due to our inability to recognize an income tax benefit related to certain operating loss carry-forwards and deferred tax assets during the period. The benefit in Fiscal 2016 was primarily due to the utilization of certain operating loss carryforward benefits against current year earnings and changes in our assessment of the likelihood of recognition of certain foreign operating loss carryforwards.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities included in our consolidated balance sheets are comprised of the following (in thousands):

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|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { February 3, } \\ 2018 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 28, } \\ 2017 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Deferred Tax Assets: |  |  |  |  |
| Inventories | \$ | 12,207 | \$ | 14,886 |
| Accrued compensation and benefits |  | 7,660 |  | 11,817 |
| Receivable allowances and reserves |  | 1,630 |  | 2,561 |
| Deferred rent and lease obligations |  | 3,322 |  | 6,671 |
| Operating loss and other carry-forwards |  | 4,218 |  | 3,691 |
| Other, net |  | 3,739 |  | 3,960 |
| Deferred tax assets |  | 32,776 |  | 43,586 |
| Deferred Tax Liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization |  | $(10,210)$ |  | $(5,360)$ |
| Acquired intangible assets |  | $(31,327)$ |  | $(46,524)$ |
| Deferred tax liabilities |  | $(41,537)$ |  | $(51,884)$ |
| Valuation allowance |  | $(5,624)$ |  | $(4,115)$ |
| Net deferred tax liability | \$ | $(14,385)$ | \$ | $(12,413)$ |

As of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017 our operating loss and other carry-forwards primarily relate to our operations in Canada, Hong Kong and Japan, as well as certain states. The majority of these operating loss carry-forwards allow for carry-forward of at least 20 years and in some cases, indefinitely. The substantial majority of our valuation allowance of $\$ 5.6$ million and $\$ 4.1$ million as of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017, respectively, relates to the foreign and state operating loss carry-forwards and the deferred tax assets in those jurisdictions. The recent history of operating losses in certain jurisdictions is considered significant negative evidence against the realizability of these tax benefits. The amount of the valuation allowance considered necessary, however, could change in the future if our operating results or estimates of future taxable operating results changes, particularly if, in future years, objective evidence in the form of cumulative losses is no longer present in certain jurisdictions. Alternatively, if we generate operating losses in future periods in certain jurisdictions, we may determine it is necessary to increase valuation allowances for certain deferred tax assets.

No deferred tax liabilities related to our original investments in our foreign subsidiaries and foreign earnings and profits ("E\&P"), if any, have historically been recorded in our consolidated balance sheet date, as substantially all our original investments and earnings related to our foreign subsidiaries have been considered reinvested outside of the United States. U.S. Tax Reform has made significant changes to how foreign earnings are taxed. We continue to assert that our investment in foreign subsidiaries and earnings are permanently reinvested on a provisional basis.

Accounting for income taxes requires that we offset all deferred tax liabilities and assets within each tax jurisdiction and present them as a single amount in our consolidated balance sheets, with all net deferred tax assets or deferred tax liabilities by jurisdiction recognized as non-current deferred tax assets or deferred tax liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets. The amounts of deferred income taxes included in the following line items in our consolidated balance sheets are as follows (in thousands):

|  | February 3, 2018 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 28, } \\ 2017 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets: |  |  |  |  |
| Deferred tax assets | \$ | 884 | \$ | 1,165 |
| Liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| Deferred tax liabilities |  | $(15,269)$ |  | $(13,578)$ |
| Net deferred tax liability | \$ | $(14,385)$ | \$ | $(12,413)$ |

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## Note 9. Defined Contribution Plans

We have a tax-qualified voluntary retirement savings plan covering substantially all full-time United States employees and other similar plans covering certain foreign employees. If a participant decides to contribute, a portion of the contribution is matched by us. Additionally, we incur certain charges related to our nonqualified deferred compensation plan as discussed in Note 1. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on the deferred compensation plan investments are recorded in SG\&A in our consolidated statements of operations and substantially offset the changes in deferred compensation liabilities to participants resulting from changes in market values. Our aggregate expense under these defined contribution and non-qualified deferred compensation plans in Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015 was $\$ 3.6$ million, $\$ 3.5$ million and $\$ 3.3$ million, respectively.

## Note 10. Related Party Transactions

## SunTrust

Mr. E. Jenner Wood, III, one of our directors, served as Corporate Executive Vice President of SunTrust Banks, Inc. ("SunTrust") until his retirement at the end of 2016. We maintain a syndicated credit facility under which SunTrust serves as agent and lender, and a SunTrust affiliate acted as lead arranger and book runner in connection with our Fiscal 2016 refinancing of our U.S. Revolving Credit Agreement. The services provided and fees paid to SunTrust in connection with such services for each period are set forth below (in thousands):

| Service | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest and agent fees for our credit facility | \$ | 640 | \$ | 1,190 | \$ | 459 |
| Cash management services | \$ | 98 | \$ | 92 | \$ | 90 |
| Lead arranger, book runner and upfront fees | \$ | - | \$ | 657 | \$ | - |
| Other | \$ | 9 | \$ | 10 | \$ | 56 |

Our credit facilities were entered into in the ordinary course of business. Our aggregate payments to SunTrust and its subsidiaries for these services did not exceed $1 \%$ of our gross revenues during the periods presented or $1 \%$ of SunTrust's gross revenues during its fiscal years ended December 31, 2017, December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

## Contingent Consideration Agreements

In connection with our acquisition of the Lilly Pulitzer brand and operations in December 2010, we entered into a contingent consideration agreement pursuant to which the beneficial owners of the Lilly Pulitzer brand and operations prior to the acquisition were entitled to earn up to an additional $\$ 20$ million in cash, in the aggregate, over the four years following the closing of the acquisition based on Lilly Pulitzer's achievement of certain earnings targets. The potential contingent consideration was comprised of: (1) four individual performance periods, consisting of the period from the date of our acquisition through the end of Fiscal 2011, Fiscal 2012, Fiscal 2013 and Fiscal 2014, in respect of which the prior owners of the Lilly Pulitzer brand and operations were entitled to receive up to $\$ 2.5$ million for each performance period; and (2) a cumulative performance period consisting of the period from the date of our acquisition through the end of Fiscal 2014, in respect of which the prior owners of the Lilly Pulitzer brand and operations were entitled to receive up to $\$ 10$ million.

Mr. Scott A. Beaumont, one of our former executive officers who was appointed CEO, Lilly Pulitzer Group, in connection with our acquisition of the Lilly Pulitzer brand and operations, together with various trusts for the benefit of certain family members, held a $50 \%$ ownership interest in the Lilly Pulitzer brand and operations prior to the acquisition. The principals who owned the Lilly Pulitzer brand and operations prior to the acquisition remained involved in the Lilly Pulitzer operations through March 2016. As a result of Lilly Pulitzer exceeding the earnings targets specified in the contingent consideration agreement, the maximum $\$ 20$ million amount was earned in full. The final payment of $\$ 12.5$ million related to the contingent consideration agreement was made in Fiscal 2015.

In connection with our Fiscal 2017 acquisition of Beaufort Bonnet, we entered into a contingent consideration agreement pursuant to which we will be obligated to pay cash payments to the sellers of up to $\$ 3.5$ million in the aggregate subject to Beaufort Bonnet's achievement of certain earnings targets over a four year period subsequent to the acquisition. One of the

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sellers of Beaufort Bonnet is an employee and continues to manage the operations of Beaufort Bonnet. As of February 3, 2018, no amounts had been earned or paid pursuant to this contingent consideration agreement.

## Note 11. Summarized Quarterly Data (unaudited)

Each of our fiscal quarters consists of thirteen week periods, beginning on the first day after the end of the prior fiscal quarter, except that the fourth quarter in a year with 53 weeks (such as Fiscal 2017) includes 14 weeks. Following is a summary of our Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2016, quarterly results (in thousands, except per share amounts):

|  | First | Second | Third | Fourth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quarter | Quarter | Quarter | Quarter | Total |


| Fiscal 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 272,363 | \$ | 284,709 | \$ | 235,960 | \$ | 293,179 | \$ | 1,086,211 |
| Gross profit | \$ | 159,410 | \$ | 165,969 | \$ | 125,176 | \$ | 162,077 | \$ | 612,632 |
| Operating income | \$ | 29,959 | \$ | 36,402 | \$ | 1,124 | \$ | 18,515 | \$ | 86,000 |
| Net earnings from continuing operations | \$ | 17,197 | \$ | 22,689 | \$ | 1,072 | \$ | 23,743 | \$ | 64,701 |
| Income from discontinued operations, net of taxes | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 389 | \$ | 389 |
| Net earnings | \$ | 17,197 | \$ | 22,689 | \$ | 1,072 | \$ | 24,132 | \$ | 65,090 |

Net earnings from continuing operations per share:

| Basic | \$ | 1.04 \$ | 1.37 \$ | 0.06 | \$ | 1.43 | \$ | 3.90 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Diluted | \$ | 1.03 \$ | 1.36 \$ | 0.06 | \$ | 1.41 | \$ | 3.87 |

Income from discontinued operations, net of taxes, per share:

| Basic | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 0.02 | \$ | 0.02 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Diluted | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 0.02 | \$ | 0.02 |
| Net earnings per share: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ | 1.04 | \$ | 1.37 | \$ | 0.06 | \$ | 1.45 | \$ | 3.92 |
| Diluted | \$ | 1.03 | \$ | 1.36 | \$ | 0.06 | \$ | 1.44 | \$ | 3.89 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic |  | 16,549 |  | 16,605 |  | 16,618 |  | 16,624 |  | 16,600 |
| Diluted |  | 16,695 |  | 16,700 |  | 16,735 |  | 16,802 |  | 16,734 |
| Fiscal 2016 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net sales | \$ | 256,235 | \$ | 282,996 | \$ | 222,308 | \$ | 261,049 | \$ | 1,022,588 |
| Gross profit | \$ | 151,464 | \$ | 164,795 | \$ | 118,054 | \$ | 145,991 | \$ | 580,304 |
| Operating income (loss) | \$ | 32,006 | \$ | 38,689 | \$ | (327) | \$ | 19,516 | \$ | 89,884 |
| Net earnings (loss) from continuing operations | \$ | 20,177 | \$ | 23,875 | \$ | $(1,597)$ | \$ | 12,044 | \$ | 54,499 |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | $(2,038)$ | \$ | $(2,038)$ |
| Net earnings (loss) | \$ | 20,177 | \$ | 23,875 | \$ | $(1,597)$ | \$ | 10,006 | \$ | 52,461 |

Net earnings (loss) from continuing operations per share:

| Basic | $\$$ | $1.22 \$$ | $1.45 \$$ | $(0.10) \$$ | 0.73 | $\$$ | 3.30 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Diluted | $\$$ | $1.21 \$$ | $1.44 \$$ | $(0.10) \$$ | 0.72 | $\$$ | 3.27 |

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Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes, per share:

| Basic | $\$$ | $-\$$ | $-\$$ | $-\$$ | $(0.12) \$$ | $(0.12)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Diluted | $\$$ | $-\$$ | $-\$$ | $-\$ \$$ | $(0.12) \$$ | $(0.12)$ |
| Net earnings (loss) per share: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | $\$$ | $1.22 \$$ | $1.45 \$$ | $(0.10) \$$ | 0.61 | $\$$ |
| Diluted | $\$$ | $1.21 \$$ | $1.44 \$$ | $(0.10) \$$ | 0.60 | $\$$ |
| Weighted average shares outstanding: |  |  |  |  |  | 3.18 |
| Basic | 16,503 | 16,515 | 16,531 | 16,537 | 16,522 |  |
| Diluted | 16,617 | 16,623 | 16,531 | 16,689 | 16,649 |  |

The sum of the quarterly net earnings (loss) per share amounts may not equal the amounts for the full year due to rounding. The Fourth Quarters of Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2016 included a LIFO accounting charge of $\$ 4.1$ million and charge of $\$ 3.6$ million, respectively. The full years of Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2016 included a LIFO accounting charge of $\$ 7.8$ million and a LIFO accounting credit of $\$ 5.9$ million, respectively. Additionally, the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2017 included a reduction of tax expense of $\$ 11.5$ million related to the U.S. Tax Reform as disclosed in Note 8.

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## Note 12. Business Combinations

## Fiscal 2017 Business Combinations

During Fiscal 2017 we completed certain acquisitions which resulted in our acquisition of Beaufort Bonnet and 12 Lilly Pulitzer Signature Stores. Beaufort Bonnet designs, sources, markets and distributes premium childrenswear including bonnets, hats, apparel, swimwear and accessories through the Beaufort Bonnet ecommerce website as well as wholesale specialty retailers. The Lilly Pulitzer Signature Stores that were acquired are located in Massachusetts, Virginia and Maryland. We believe the Beaufort Bonnet acquisition further advances our strategic goal of owning a diversified portfolio of lifestyle brands, while the acquisition of the Lilly Pulitzer Signature Stores allows for growth of Lilly Pulitzer's direct to consumer business, particularly in some key markets. Subsequent to their respective acquisitions, the acquired Lilly Pulitzer Signature Stores are included in our Lilly Pulitzer operating group, while the Beaufort Bonnet operations are included in Corporate and Other.

The purchase price, in the aggregate, of our Fiscal 2017 acquisitions was $\$ 17.5$ million primarily consisting of cash, subject to adjustment based on net working capital or inventory amounts as of the closing dates of the respective acquisitions. We used borrowings under our revolving credit facility to finance the transactions. Transaction and integration costs related to the acquisitions totaled \$1.0 million and are included in SG\&A in Fiscal 2017.

Our allocations of the purchase price for Fiscal 2017 acquisitions are preliminary. The allocations may be revised during the one year allocation period as we obtain additional information about the estimated fair values of the acquired assets, identify and quantify assumed liabilities and finalize working capital amounts related to the acquisitions. The following table summarizes our preliminary allocation of the purchase price for the Fiscal 2017 acquisitions, in the aggregate (in thousands):

|  | Fiscal 2017 acquisitions |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 406 |
| Inventories (1) |  | 3,910 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets |  | 595 |
| Property and equipment |  | 682 |
| Intangible assets |  | 5,940 |
| Goodwill |  | 6,642 |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities |  | (640) |
| Purchase price (2) | \$ | 17,535 |

(1) Includes a step-up of acquired inventory from cost to fair value of $\$ 1.3$ million with $\$ 1.2$ million of this step-up amount recognized in Fiscal 2017 in cost of goods sold in our consolidated statement of operations.
(2) In connection with the Beaufort Bonnet acquisition, we entered into a contingent consideration agreement pursuant to which we will be obligated to pay cash payments to the sellers of up to $\$ 3.5$ million in the aggregate subject to Beaufort Bonnet's achievement of certain earnings targets over a four year period subsequent to the acquisition. Estimated fair value of the contingent consideration amount as the acquisition date was $\$ 0.3$ million.

Goodwill represents the amount by which the cost to acquire the businesses exceeds the fair value of individual acquired assets less liabilities of the business at acquisition. Intangible assets allocated in connection with our purchase price allocation consisted of the following (in thousands):

|  | Useful life | Fiscal 2017 acquisitions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Finite lived intangible assets acquired: |  |  |
| Trade names and trademarks | 20 years \$ | 4,220 |
| Other intangible assets including reacquired rights, customer relationships and non-compete agreements | 3-10 years \$ | 1,720 |
|  | \$ | 5,940 |

## Fiscal 2016 Business Combinations

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On April 19, 2016, we acquired Southern Tide, LLC, which owns the Southern Tide lifestyle apparel brand. Southern Tide carries an extensive selection of men's shirts, pants, shorts, outerwear, ties, swimwear, footwear and accessories, as well as a women's collection. The brand's products are sold through its wholesale operations to specialty stores and department stores as well as through its direct to consumer operations on the Southern Tide website. We believe that the acquisition of Southern Tide further advances our strategic goal of owning a diversified portfolio of lifestyle brands. The acquisition provides strategic benefits through growth opportunities and further diversification of our business.

The purchase price for the acquisition of Southern Tide was $\$ 85$ million in cash, subject to adjustment based on net working capital as of the closing date of the acquisition. After giving effect to the final working capital adjustment paid in Fiscal 2016, the purchase price paid was $\$ 92.0$ million, net of acquired cash of $\$ 2.4$ million. We used borrowings under our revolving credit facility to finance the transaction. Transaction costs related to this acquisition totaled $\$ 0.8$ million and are included in SG\&A in Corporate and Other in Fiscal 2016.

The following table summarizes our allocation of the purchase price for the Southern Tide acquisition (in thousands):

|  | Southern Tide acquisition |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 2,423 |
| Receivables |  | 6,616 |
| Inventories (1) |  | 16,251 |
| Prepaid expenses |  | 740 |
| Property and equipment |  | 220 |
| Intangible assets |  | 30,240 |
| Goodwill |  | 42,745 |
| Other non-current assets |  | 344 |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities |  | $(3,473)$ |
| Deferred taxes |  | $(1,812)$ |
| Purchase price | \$ | 94,294 |

(1) Includes a step-up of acquired inventory from cost to fair value of $\$ 2.7$ million. This step-up amount was recognized in Fiscal 2016 in cost of goods sold in our consolidated statement of operations.

Goodwill represents the amount by which the cost to acquire Southern Tide exceeds the fair value of individual acquired assets less liabilities of the business at acquisition. Intangible assets allocated in connection with our purchase price allocation consisted of the following (in thousands):

|  | Useful life | Southern Tide acquisition |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Finite lived intangible assets acquired, primarily consisting of customer relationships | 5-20 years \$ | 3,440 |
| Trade names and trademarks | Indefinite | 26,800 |
|  | \$ | 30,240 |

## Pro Forma Information (unaudited)

The consolidated pro forma information presented below (in thousands, except per share data) gives effect to the April 19, 2016 acquisition of Southern Tide as if the acquisition had occurred as of the beginning of Fiscal 2015. The information presented below is for illustrative purposes only, is not indicative of results that would have been achieved if the acquisition had occurred as of the beginning of Fiscal 2015 and is not intended to be a projection of future results of operations. The pro forma statements of operations have been prepared from our and Southern Tide's historical statements of operations for the periods presented, including without limitation, purchase accounting adjustments, but excluding any seller specific management/advisory or similar expenses and any synergies or operating cost reductions that may be achieved from the combined operations in the future.

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

|  |  | Fiscal 2016 | Fiscal 2015 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| Net sales | $\$$ | $1,034,369$ | $\$$ |
| Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes | $\$$ | 92,212 | $\$$ |
| Earnings from continuing operations | $\$$ | 58,035 | $\$$ |
| Earnings from continuing operations per share: |  |  |  |
| Basic | $\$$ | 35,963 |  |
| Diluted | $\$$ | 38,609 |  |

Fiscal 2016 pro forma information above includes amortization of acquired intangible assets but excludes the transaction expenses associated with the transaction and the incremental cost of goods sold associated with the step-up of inventory at acquisition that were recognized by us in our Fiscal 2016 consolidated statement of operations. Fiscal 2015 pro forma information above includes amortization of acquired intangible assets, transaction expenses associated with the transaction and incremental cost of goods sold associated with the step-up of inventory at acquisition. Additionally, the pro forma adjustments for each period prior to the date of acquisition reflect an estimate of incremental interest expense associated with additional borrowings and income tax expense that would have been incurred subsequent to the acquisition.

In addition to the Southern Tide acquisition, Lanier Apparel completed two acquisitions resulting in total cash payments of \$3.1 million during Fiscal 2016. Assets acquired in these acquisitions primarily consisted of intangible assets, as disclosed in Note 4, and inventory.

## OXFORD INDUSTRIES, INC.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 13. Discontinued Operations

On July 17, 2015, we sold $100 \%$ of the equity interests of our Ben Sherman business, consisting of Ben Sherman Limited and its subsidiaries and Ben Sherman Clothing LLC, for $£ 40.8$ million before any working capital or other purchase price adjustments. The final purchase price received by us was subject to adjustment based on, among other things, the actual debt and net working capital of the Ben Sherman business on the closing date, which was finalized during February 2016. The total liabilities related to discontinued operations, including current and non-current, of $\$ 5.4$ million as of January 28 , 2017 represented our estimate as of January 28, 2017 of the future net loss anticipated in connection with certain retained lease obligations. During Fiscal 2017, we negotiated settlements in respect of these outstanding lease obligations by agreeing to make one-time cash payments lower in the aggregate than the total outstanding liabilities at the time of payment. These settlements resulted in liabilities related to discontinued operations of $\$ 2.1$ million as of February 3, 2018, with the final satisfaction completed in February 2018. We do not anticipate cash flows or earnings related to the discontinued operations in future periods as we have satisfied all obligations related to these lease agreements. Operating results of the discontinued operations are shown below (in thousands):

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 |  | Fiscal 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 28,081 |
| Cost of goods sold |  | - |  | - |  | 17,414 |
| Gross profit | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 10,667 |
| SG\&A |  | (629) |  | 2,928 |  | 20,698 |
| Royalties and other operating income |  | - |  | - |  | 1,919 |
| Operating income (loss) | \$ | 629 | \$ | $(2,928)$ | \$ | $(8,112)$ |
| Interest expense, net |  | - |  | - |  | 146 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations before income taxes | \$ | 629 | \$ | $(2,928)$ | \$ | $(8,258)$ |
| Income taxes |  | 240 |  | (890) |  | (800) |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes | \$ | 389 | \$ | $(2,038)$ | \$ | $(7,458)$ |
| Loss on sale of discontinued operations, net of taxes |  | - |  | - |  | $(20,517)$ |
| Net income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes | \$ | 389 | \$ | $(2,038)$ | \$ | $(27,975)$ |

Certain information pertaining to depreciation and amortization as well as capital expenditures associated with our discontinued operations, which is included in our consolidated statements of cash flows, has been shown below (in thousands):

|  | Fiscal 2017 |  | Fiscal 2016 | Fiscal 2015 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Depreciation and amortization | $\$$ | $-\$$ | $136 ~ \$ ~$ | 667 |
| Capital expenditures | $\$$ | $-\$$ | $-\$$ | 660 |

## SCHEDULE II

Oxford Industries, Inc.

## Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

| Column A | Column B | Column C |  |  | Column D |  | mn E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Description | Balance at Beginning of Period | Additions Charged to Costs and Expenses | Charged to Other AccountsDescribe |  | DeductionsDescribe |  |  |
|  | (In thousands) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fiscal 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deducted from asset accounts: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts receivable reserves(1) | \$ 9,301 | \$ 9,059 | - | (3) \$ | \$ $(11,875)(4)$ | \$ | 6,485 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts(2) | 811 | 1,366 | - | (3) | (518) (5) | \$ | 1,659 |
| Fiscal 2016 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deducted from asset accounts: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts receivable reserves(1) | \$ 8,402 | \$ 10,032 | 153 | (3) \$ | \$ $(9,286)(4)$ | \$ | 9,301 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts(2) | 454 | 506 | 80 | (3) | (229) (5) | \$ | 811 |
| Fiscal 2015 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deducted from asset accounts: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts receivable reserves(1) | \$ 8,265 | \$ 10,288 | - | \$ | \$ $(10,151)(4)$ | \$ | 8,402 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts(2) | 571 | 8 | - |  | (125) (5) | \$ | 454 |

(1) Accounts receivable reserves include estimated reserves for allowances, returns and discounts related to our wholesale operations as discussed in our significant accounting policy disclosure for Revenue Recognition and Accounts Receivable in Note 1 of our consolidated financial statements.
(2) Allowance for doubtful accounts consists of amounts reserved for our estimate of a customer's inability to meet its financial obligations as discussed in our significant accounting policy disclosure for Revenue Recognition and Accounts Receivable in Note 1 of our consolidated financial statements.
(3) Addition due to business combinations in Fiscal 2016.
(4) Principally amounts written off related to customer allowances, returns and discounts.
(5) Principally accounts written off as uncollectible.

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of Oxford Industries, Inc.

## Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Oxford Industries, Inc. (the Company) as of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017 , and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended February 3 , 2018, and the related notes and the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a) (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended February 3, 2018, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of February 3, 2018, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework), and our report dated April 2, 2018 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

## Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.
/s/ Ernst \& Young LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2002.
Atlanta, Georgia
April 2, 2018

## Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

## Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

## Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our company, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by us in our Securities Exchange Act reports is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

## Changes in and Evaluation of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have not been any changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2017 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## Report of Management on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of our consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Our internal control over financial reporting is supported by a program of appropriate reviews by management, written policies and guidelines, careful selection and training of qualified personnel, and a written code of conduct.

We assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of February 3, 2018. In making this assessment, management used the updated framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") in Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013). Based on this assessment, we believe that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of February 3, 2018.

Ernst \& Young LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, has audited our internal control over financial reporting as of February 3, 2018, and its report thereon is included herein.
/s/ THOMAS C. CHUBB III
Thomas C. Chubb III
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President (Principal Executive Officer)
April 2, 2018
/s/ K. SCOTT GRASSMYER
K. Scott Grassmyer

Executive Vice President - Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Controller
(Principal Financial Officer)
April 2, 2018

## Limitations on the Effectiveness of Controls

Because of their inherent limitations, our disclosure controls and procedures and our internal controls over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Projections of any evaluation of effectiveness for future periods are subject to the risks that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that a control system's objectives will be met.

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of Oxford Industries, Inc.

## Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited Oxford Industries, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of February 3, 2018, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the COSO criteria). In our opinion, Oxford Industries, Inc. (the Company) maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of February 3, 2018, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended February 3, 2018, and the related notes and the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a) and our report dated April 2, 2018 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

## Basis for Opinion

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Report of Management on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

## Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed 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. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.
/s/ Ernst \& Young LLP
Atlanta, Georgia
April 2, 2018

## Item 9B. Other Information

On March 27, 2018, our Board of Directors amended our Bylaws to increase the number of members of our full Board of Directors from nine to 10 . Our Bylaws, as so amended effective as of March 27, 2018, are filed with this report as Exhibit 3.2 and incorporated in this Item 9B by reference.

## PART III

## Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The following table sets forth certain information concerning the members of our Board of Directors:

| Name | Principal Occupation |
| :--- | :--- |
| Helen Ballard | Ms. Ballard is the owner of Helen Ballard LLC, a home furnishing product design business. |
| Thomas C. Chubb III | Mr. Chubb is our Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President. | | Thomas C. Gallagher | Mr. Gallagher is Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of Genuine Parts Company, a <br> distributor of automotive replacement parts, industrial replacement parts, office products and <br> electrical/electronic materials. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Virginia A. Hepner | Ms. Hepner served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Woodruff Arts Center, one of the <br> world’s largest arts centers, until her retirement in 2017. |
| John R. Holder | Mr. Holder is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Holder Properties, a full-service commercial <br> and residential real estate developer. |
| Dennis M. Love | Mr. Love served as Chairman of Printpack Inc., a manufacturer of flexible and specialty rigid <br> packaging, until his retirement in 2017. |
| Clarence H. Smith | Mr. Smith is Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Haverty Furniture <br> Companies, Inc., a home furnishings retailer. |
| Clyde C. Tuggle | Mr. Tuggle is Senior Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer of The Coca-Cola Company. |
| E. Jenner Wood III | Mr. Wood served as Corporate Executive Vice President of SunTrust Banks, Inc. until his retirement in <br> 2016. |

The following table sets forth certain information concerning our executive officers:

| Name | Position Held |
| :--- | :--- |
| Thomas C. Chubb III | Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President |
| Thomas E. Campbell | Executive Vice President - Law and Administration, General Counsel and Secretary |
| K. Scott Grassmyer | Executive Vice President - Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Controller |
| J. Wesley Howard, Jr. President, Lanier Apparel |  |
| Michelle M. Kelly | CEO, Lilly Pulitzer Group |
| Douglas B. Wood | CEO, Tommy Bahama Group |

Additional information required by this Item 10 of Part III will appear in our definitive proxy statement under the headings "Corporate Governance and Board Matters—Directors," "Executive Officers," "Common Stock Ownership by Management and Certain Beneficial Owners—Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance," "Corporate Governance and Board Matters—Website Information," "Additional Information—Submission of Director Candidates by Shareholders," and "Corporate Governance and Board Matters—Board Meetings and Committees of our Board of Directors," and is incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required by this Item 11 of Part III will appear in our definitive proxy statement under the headings "Corporate Governance and Board MattersDirector Compensation," "Executive Compensation," "Nominating, Compensation \& Governance Committee Report" and "Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation" and is incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The information required by this Item 12 of Part III will appear in our definitive proxy statement under the headings "Equity Compensation Plan Information" and "Common Stock Ownership by Management and Certain Beneficial Owners" and is incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

The information required by this Item 13 of Part III will appear in our definitive proxy statement under the headings "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" and "Corporate Governance and Board Matters-Director Independence" and is incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services

The information required by this Item 14 of Part III will appear in our definitive proxy statement under the heading "Audit-Related Matters-Fees Paid to Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" and "Audit-Related Matters—Audit Committee Pre-Approval of Audit and Permissible Non-Audit Services of Independent Auditors" and is incorporated herein by reference.

## PART IV

## Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules

(a) 1. Financial Statements

The following consolidated financial statements are included in Part II, Item 8 of this report:

- Consolidated Balance Sheets as of February 3, 2018 and January 28, 2017.
- Consolidated Statements of Operations for Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015.
- Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015.
- Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity for Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015.
- Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015.
- Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for Fiscal 2017, Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2015.


## 2. Financial Statement Schedules

- Schedule II—Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

All other schedules for which provisions are made in the applicable accounting regulation of the SEC are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable and, therefore, have been omitted.
(b) Exhibits

| 2.1 | Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of the Entire Issued Share Capital of Ben Sherman Limited and $100 \%$ of the Limited Liability Company Interests in Ben Sherman Clothing LLC, dated July 17, 2015, between the Company and Ben Sherman UK Acquisition Limited (filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on July 22, 2015). |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2.2 | Membership Interest and Stock Purchase Agreement, dated April 19, 2016, by and among S/T Group Blocker, Inc.; GCP Southern Tide Coinvest, Inc.; S/T Group Holdings, LLC; the Sellers identified therein; Brazos Equity GP III, as the Sellers' Representative; and Oxford of South Carolina, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on April 20, 2016) |
| 3.1 | Restated Articles of Incorporation of Oxford Industries, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended July 29, 2017). |
| 3.2 | Bylaws of Oxford Industries, Inc.,_(as amended and restated, effective March 27,2018)* |
| 10.1 | Amended and Restated Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan, effective as of March 24, 2015 (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015) 1 |
| 10.2 | Form of Oxford Industries, Inc. Performance Equity Award Agreement (Fiscal 2015 Performance <br> Based)_(filed as Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 30, <br> $\underline{2016) 工}$ |
| 10.3 | Oxford Industries, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan (as amended and rested effective June 13, 2012) (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended October 27, 2012) |
| 10.4 | First Amendment to Oxford Industries, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan dated July 1, 2016 (filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Form 10-Q/A for the fiscal quarter ended on July 30, 2016) $\pm$ |
| 10.5 | Oxford Industries, Inc. Executive Performance Incentive Plan (as amended and restated, effective March 27, 2013)*十 |
| 10.6 | Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of May 24, 2016, by and among Oxford Industries, Inc.; Tommy Bahama Group, Inc.; the Persons party thereto from time to time as Guarantors, the financial institutions party thereto as lenders, the financial institutions party thereto as Exhibit 2.1: Issuing Banks; and SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. as a Joint Lead Arranger and a Joint Bookrunner; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as a Joint Lead Arranger, a Joint Bookrunner, and the Syndication Agent; and Bank of America, N.A. and KeyBank National Association, as the CoDocumentation Agents (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on May 24, 2016) |
| 10.7 | Fourth Amended and Restated Pledge and Security Agreement, dated as of May 24, 2016, among Oxford Industries, Inc.; Tommy Bahama Group, Inc.; the additional entities grantor thereto, as Grantors, and SunTrust Bank, as administrative agent (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on May 24, 2016). |
| 21 | Subsidiaries of Oxford Industries, Inc.* |
| 23 | Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm* |
| 24 | Power of Attorney* |
| 31.1 | Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley_Act of 2002* |
| 31.2 | Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002* |
| 32 | Certification by Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002* |
| 101INS | XBRL Instance Document |
| 101SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document |
| 101CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document |
| 101DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document |
| 101LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document |
| 101PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document |

* Filed herewith
$\dagger$ Management contract or compensation plan or arrangement required to be filed as an exhibit to this form pursuant to Item 15(b) of this report.
We agree to file upon request of the SEC a copy of all agreements evidencing long-term debt omitted from this report pursuant to Item 601(b)(4)(iii) of Regulation S-K. Shareholders may obtain copies of Exhibits without charge upon written request to the Corporate Secretary, Oxford Industries, Inc., 999 Peachtree Street, N.E., Ste. 688, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.


## Item 16. Form 10-K Summary

None.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

Oxford Industries, Inc.
By:
/s/ THOMAS C. CHUBB III
Thomas C. Chubb III
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President

Date: April 2, 2018

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Signature | Capacity | Date |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| /s/ THOMAS C. CHUBB III |  |  |
| Thomas C. Chubb III | Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and President (Principal Executive Officer) | April 2, 2018 |
| /s/ K. SCOTT GRASSMYER |  |  |
| K. Scott Grassmyer | Executive Vice President - Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Controller (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer) | April 2, 2018 |
| * |  |  |
| Helen Ballard | Director | April 2, 2018 |
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| Thomas C. Gallagher | Director | April 2, 2018 |
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| Virginia A. Hepner | Director | April 2, 2018 |
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| John R. Holder | Director | April 2, 2018 |
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| Dennis M. Love | Director | April 2, 2018 |
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| Clarence H. Smith | Director | April 2, 2018 |
| * |  |  |
| Clyde C. Tuggle | Director | April 2, 2018 |
| * |  |  |
| E. Jenner Wood III | Director | April 2, 2018 |
|  |  |  |
| *By |  |  |
| /s/ SURAJ A. PALAKSHAPPA |  |  |
| Suraj A. Palakshappa as Attorney-in-Fact |  |  |

## BYLAWS

## OF

## OXFORD INDUSTRIES, INC.

## ARTICLE I

## STOCKHOLDERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The Annual Meeting of the stockholders for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting shall be held at such place, either within or without the State of Georgia, on such date, and at such time, as the Board of Directors may by resolution provide, or if the Board of Directors fails to provide for such meeting by action by November 1 of any year, then such meeting shall be held at the principal office of the Company in Atlanta, Georgia, at 11 a.m. on the third Wednesday in November of each year, if not a legal holiday under the laws of the State of Georgia, and if a legal holiday, on the next succeeding business day.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the stockholders may be called by the persons specified in the Company's Articles of Incorporation. Such meetings may be held at such place, either within or without the State of Georgia, as is stated in the call and notice thereof. Business transacted at any special meeting of stockholders shall be limited to the purposes stated in the notice of such meeting delivered or mailed by the Secretary of the Company.

Section 3. Notice of Meeting. A written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting, and in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered or mailed by the Secretary of the Company to each holder of record of stock of the Company at the time entitled to vote, at his address as appears upon the record of the Company, not less than 10 nor more than 50 days prior to such meeting. If the Secretary fails to give such notice within 20 days after the call of a meeting, the person or persons calling such meeting, or any person designated by them, may give such notice. Notice of such meeting may be waived in writing by any stockholder. Attendance at any meeting, in person or by proxy, shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting. Notice of any adjourned meeting of the stockholders shall not be required.

Section 4. Quorum. A majority in interest of the outstanding capital stock of the Company represented either in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any annual or special meeting of the stockholders. If a quorum shall not be present, the holders of a majority of the stock represented may adjourn the meeting to some later time. When a quorum is present, a vote of a majority of the stock represented in person or by proxy shall determine any question, except as otherwise provided by the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or by law.

Section 5. Proxies. A stockholder may vote, either in person or by proxy duly executed in writing by the stockholder. A proxy for any meeting shall be valid for any adjournment of such meeting.

Section 6. Record Date. The Board of Directors shall have power to close the stock transfer books of the Company for a period not exceeding seventy days preceding the date of any meeting of stockholders or the date for payment of any dividend or the date for allotment of rights or the date when any change or conversion or exchange of capital stock shall go into effect; provided, however, that in lieu of closing the stock transfer books as aforesaid, the Board of Directors may fix in advance a date, not exceeding seventy days preceding the date of any meeting of stockholders or the date for the payment of any dividend, or the date for allotment of rights, or the date when any change or conversion or exchange of capital stock shall go into effect, as a record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to such notice of, and to vote at, any such meeting, or entitled to receive payment of any such dividend or to any such allotment of rights, or to exercise the rights in respect of any such change, conversion or exchange of capital stock, and in such case only such stockholders as shall be stockholders of record on the date so fixed shall be entitled to such notice of, and to vote at, such meeting, or to receive payment of such dividend, or to receive such allotment of rights, or to exercise such rights, as the case may be, notwithstanding any transfer of any stock on the books of the Company after any such record date fixed as aforesaid.

## Section 7. Business at Annual Meetings of Stockholders.

(a) Only such business (other than nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors, which must be made in compliance with and is governed exclusively by Section 8 of Article II of these Bylaws) shall be conducted at an Annual Meeting of the stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting (i) specified in the notice of meeting (or any supplement thereto) given by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, (ii) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, or (iii) by any stockholder of the Company who (A) was a stockholder of record at the time of giving of notice provided for in this Section 7 and at the time of the meeting, (B) is entitled to vote at the meeting, and (C) complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 7. For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing clause (iii) of this Section 7(a) shall be the exclusive means for a stockholder to propose such business (other than business included in the Company's proxy materials pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) before an Annual Meeting of the stockholders.
(b) For business (other than nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors, which must be made in compliance with and is governed exclusively by Section 8 of Article II of these Bylaws) to be properly brought before an Annual Meeting of the stockholders by a stockholder, the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in proper written form as described in Section 7(c) of Article I of these Bylaws to the Secretary of the Company and such business must otherwise be appropriate for stockholder action under the provisions of the Georgia Business Corporation Code (the "Code"). To be timely, a stockholder's notice for such business must be delivered to the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive offices of the Company in proper written form not less than ninety (90) days and not more than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's Annual Meeting of the stockholders; provided, however, that if and only if the Annual Meeting of the stockholders is not scheduled to be held within a period that commences thirty (30) days before such anniversary date and ends thirty (30) days after such anniversary date, such stockholder's notice must be delivered by the later of (i) the tenth ( $10^{\text {th }}$ ) day following the day of the Public Announcement (as defined in Section 7(g) of Article I of these Bylaws) of the date of the Annual Meeting of the stockholders or (ii) the date which is ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting of the stockholders. In no event shall any adjournment, deferral or postponement of an Annual Meeting of the stockholders or the announcement thereof commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.
(c) To be in proper written form, a stockholder's notice to the Secretary of the Company shall set forth as to each matter of business the stockholder proposes to bring before the Annual Meeting of the stockholders (i) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting (including the specific text of any resolutions or actions proposed for consideration and if such business includes a proposal to amend the Company's Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, the specific language of the proposed amendment) and the reasons for conducting such business at the annual meeting, (ii) the name and address of the stockholder proposing such business, as they appear on the Company's books, the name and residential address (if different from the Company's books) of such proposing stockholder, and the name and address of any Stockholder Associated Person (as defined in Section 7(g) of Article I of these Bylaws) covered by clauses (iii), (iv) and (v) below, (iii) the class and number of shares of stock of the Company which are directly or indirectly held of record or beneficially owned by such stockholder or by any Stockholder Associated Person with respect to the Company's securities, a description of any Derivative Positions (as defined in Section 7(g) of Article I of these Bylaws) directly or indirectly held or beneficially held by the stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person, and whether and the extent to which a Hedging Transaction (as defined in Section 7(g) of Article I of these Bylaws) has been entered into by or on behalf of such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person, (iv) a description of all arrangements or understandings between such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person and any other person or entity (including their names) in connection with the proposal of such business by such stockholder and any material interest of such stockholder, any Stockholder Associated Person or such other person or entity in such business, (v) a representation as to whether such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person intends to deliver a proxy statement or form of proxy to holders of at least the percentage of the Company's outstanding shares required to approve the proposal or otherwise to solicit proxies from stockholders in support of the proposal, and (vi) such other information as the Board of Directors reasonably determines is necessary to consider the proposal. In addition, any stockholder who submits a notice pursuant to this Section 7 is required to update and supplement the information disclosed in such notice, if necessary, in accordance with Section 7(e) of Article I of these Bylaws.
(d) Notwithstanding anything in these Bylaws to the contrary, no business (other than nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors, which must be made in compliance with and is governed exclusively by Section 8 of Article II of these Bylaws) shall be conducted at an Annual Meeting of the stockholders except in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 7. At an Annual Meeting of the stockholders, the presiding officer of the meeting shall determine, if the facts warrant, that business was not properly brought before the meeting and in accordance with the provisions prescribed by these Bylaws, and if such officer should so determine, such officer shall so declare to the meeting, and any such business not properly brought before the meeting shall not be transacted.
(e) Any stockholder who submits a notice of proposal for business pursuant to this Section 7 is required to update and supplement the information disclosed in such notice, if necessary, so that the information provided or required to be provided in such notice shall be true and correct as of the record date for the Annual Meeting of the stockholders and as of the date that is ten (10) business days prior to such annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof, and such update and supplement shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive offices of the Company not later than five (5) business days after the record date for the Annual Meeting of the stockholders (in the case of the update and supplement required to be made as of the record date), and not later than eight (8) business days prior to the date for the meeting of stockholders or any adjournment or postponement thereof (in the case of the update and supplement required to be made as of ten (10) business days prior to the meeting of stockholders or any adjournment or postponement thereof).
(f) In addition to the foregoing provisions of this Section 7, a stockholder shall also comply with all applicable requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to the matters set forth in these Bylaws; provided, however, that any references in these

Bylaws to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder are not intended to and shall not limit the requirements of these Bylaws applicable to proposals as to any other business to be considered pursuant to these Bylaws regardless of the stockholder's intent to utilize Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Nothing in this Section 7 shall be deemed to affect any rights of stockholders to request inclusion of proposals in the Company's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
(g) For purposes of Section 7 of Article I of these Bylaws and Section 8 of Article II of these Bylaws, the term:
(i) "Derivative Positions" means, with respect to a stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person, any derivative positions including, without limitation, any short position, profits interest, option, warrant, convertible security, stock appreciation right, or similar right with an exercise or conversion privilege or a settlement payment or mechanism at a price related to any class or series of shares of the Company or with a value derived in whole or in part from the value of any class or series of shares of the Company, whether or not such instrument or right shall be subject to settlement in the underlying class or series of capital stock of the Company or otherwise and any performance-related fees to which such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person is entitled based, directly or indirectly, on any increase or decrease in the value of shares of capital stock of the Company;
(ii) "Hedging Transaction" means, with respect to a stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person, any hedging or other transaction (such as borrowed or loaned shares) or series of transactions, or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding, the effect or intent of which is to increase or decrease the voting power of such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person with respect to the Company's securities;
(iii) "Public Announcement" means disclosure in a press release reported by the Dow Jones News Service, Associated Press, Business Wire, PR Newswire or comparable news service or in a document publicly filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Sections 13, 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
(iv) "Stockholder Associated Person" of any stockholder means (A) any person controlling, directly or indirectly, or acting in concert with, such stockholder, (B) any beneficial owner of shares of stock of the Company owned of record or beneficially by such stockholder, or (C) any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with such Stockholder Associated Person.

## ARTICLE II

## DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the management of business of the Company, and, subject to any restriction imposed by law, by the charter, or by these Bylaws, may exercise all the powers of the corporation.

Section 2. Number of Directors. Effective March 27, 2018, the Board of Directors shall consist of ten (10) members.

Section 3. Meeting of Directors. The Board may by resolution provide for the time and place of regular meetings, and no notice need be given of such regular meetings. Special Meetings of the Directors may be called by the Chairman of the Board or by the Chief Executive Officer or by at least 30 percent of the Directors.

Section 4. Notice of Meeting. Notice of each meeting of the Directors shall be given by the Secretary (i) mailing the same at least five days before the meeting or (ii) by facsimile, email or other electronic transmission to such facsimile number, email address or other location as such Director shall have furnished to the Secretary at least three days before the meeting or (iii) in person at least three days before the meeting, to each Director, except that no notice need be given of regular meetings fixed by the resolution of the Board or of the meeting of the Board held at the place of and immediately following the Annual Meeting of the stockholders.

Section 5. Executive Committee. The Board may by resolution provide for an Executive Committee consisting of such Directors as are designated by the Board. Any vacancy in such Committee may be filled by the Board. Except as otherwise provided by the law, by these Bylaws, or by resolution of the full Board, such Executive Committee shall have and may exercise the full powers of the Board of Directors during the interval between the meetings of the Board and wherever by these Bylaws, or by resolution of the stockholders, the Board of Directors is authorized to take action or to make a determination, such action or determination may be taken or made by such Executive Committee, unless these Bylaws or such resolution expressly require that such action or determination be taken or made by the full Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall by resolution fix its own rules of procedure, and the time and place of its meetings, and the person or persons who may call, and the method of call, of its meetings. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be a member of the Executive Committee and shall act as Chairman thereof.

Section 6. Compensation. A fee and reimbursement for expenses for attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors or any Committee thereof may be fixed by resolution of the full Board.

Section 7. Retirement of Directors. Any person who has concurrently served, or would concurrently serve, as a Director and as an employee of the Company, other than a person who is serving or has served as the Chief Executive Officer, shall be ineligible for election or appointment as a Director after the Company's fiscal year during which such person reaches sixty-five (65) years of age. Except for those individuals described in the preceding sentence, all other persons shall be ineligible for election or appointment as a Director after the Company's fiscal year during which such person reaches seventy-two (72) years of age.

## Section 8. Nominations of Directors.

(a) Subject to the rights of holders of any class or series of capital stock of the Company then outstanding, only persons who are nominated in accordance and compliance with the procedures set forth in this Section 8 shall be eligible for election to the Board of Directors at an Annual Meeting of the stockholders. Any stockholder of record entitled to vote generally in the election of Directors may nominate one or more persons for election as directors at a meeting only in accordance and compliance with the procedures set forth in this Section 8.
(b) Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors of the Company at an Annual Meeting of the stockholders may be made only (i) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (ii) by any stockholder of the Company who (A) was a stockholder of record at the time of giving of notice provided for in this Section 8(b) and at the time of the meeting, (B) is entitled to vote at the meeting and (C) complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 8. For the avoidance of doubt, clause (ii) of this Section 8(b) shall be the exclusive means for a stockholder to make nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors at an Annual Meeting of
the stockholders. Any nominations by stockholders at an Annual Meeting of stockholders shall be made pursuant to timely notice in proper written form as described in Section 8(c) of Article II of these Bylaws to the Secretary of the Company. To be timely, a stockholder's notice for the nomination of persons for election to the Board of Directors must be delivered to the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive offices of the Company in proper written form not less than ninety (90) days and not more than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's Annual Meeting of the stockholders; provided, however, that if and only if the Annual Meeting of the stockholders is not scheduled to be held within a period that commences thirty (30) days before such anniversary date and ends thirty (30) days after such anniversary date, such stockholder's notice must be delivered by the later of (1) the tenth ( $10^{\text {th }}$ ) day following the day of the Public Announcement of the date of the Annual Meeting of the stockholders or (2) the date which is ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting of the stockholders. In no event shall any adjournment, deferral or postponement of an Annual Meeting of the stockholders or the announcement thereof commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.
(c) To be in proper written form, a stockholder's notice to the Secretary of the Company shall set forth: (i) as to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or re-election as a director of the Company, (A) the name, age, business address and residential address of the person, (B) the principal occupation or employment of the person, (C) the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of the Company which are directly or indirectly owned beneficially or of record by the person, (D) the date such shares were acquired and the investment intent of such acquisition and (E) any other information relating to the person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for a contested election of directors (even if an election contest or proxy solicitation is not involved), or is otherwise required, pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (including such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee, if applicable, and to serving if elected); and (ii) as to the stockholder giving the notice (A) the name and address of such stockholder, as they appear on the Company's books, the name and residential address (if different from the Company's books) of such proposing stockholder, and the name and address of any Stockholder Associated Person covered by clauses (B), (C), (D) and (E) below, (B) the class and number of shares of stock of the Company which are directly or indirectly held of record or beneficially owned by such stockholder or by any Stockholder Associated Person with respect to the Company's securities, a description of any Derivative Positions directly or indirectly held or beneficially held by the stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person, and whether and the extent to which a Hedging Transaction has been entered into by or on behalf of such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person, (C) a description of all arrangements or understandings (including financial transactions and direct or indirect compensation) between such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person and each proposed nominee and any other person or entity (including their names) pursuant to which the nomination(s) are to be made by such stockholder, ( D ) any other information relating to such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for a contested election of directors (even if an election contest or proxy solicitation is not involved), or otherwise required, pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, (E) a representation as to whether such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person intends to deliver a proxy statement or form of proxy to the holders of any of the Company's outstanding shares to elect such nominee or otherwise to solicit proxies from stockholders in support of the nomination, and (F) such other information as may reasonably be required by the Company to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as a Director. In addition, any stockholder who submits a notice pursuant to this Section 8 is required to update and supplement the information disclosed in such notice, if necessary, in accordance with Section 8(e) of Article II of these Bylaws. At an Annual Meeting of the stockholders, the presiding officer of the meeting shall determine, if the facts warrant, that a nomination was not made in accordance
with the procedures prescribed by these Bylaws, and if such officer should so determine, such officer shall so declare to the meeting, and the defective nomination shall be disregarded.
(d) Notwithstanding anything in the fourth sentence of Section 8(b) of Article II of these Bylaws to the contrary, if the number of directors to be elected to the Board of Directors is increased and there is no Public Announcement naming all of the nominees for director or specifying the size of the increased Board of Directors made by the Company at least 100 days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's Annual Meeting of the stockholders, a stockholder's notice required by Section 8(b) of Article II of these Bylaws shall also be considered timely, but only with respect to nominees for any new positions created by such increase, if it shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive offices of the Company not later than the close of business on the tenth ( $10^{\text {th }}$ ) day following the day on which such Public Announcement is first made by the Company.
(e) Any shareholder who submits a nomination for election pursuant to this Section 8 is required to update and supplement the information disclosed in such notice, if necessary, so that the information provided or required to be provided in such notice shall be true and correct as of the record date for the Annual Meeting of the stockholders and as of the date that is ten (10) business days prior to such annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof, and such update and supplement shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive offices of the Company not later than five (5) business days after the record date for the Annual Meeting of the stockholders (in the case of the update and supplement required to be made as of the record date), and not later than eight (8) business days prior to the date for the meeting of stockholders or any adjournment or postponement thereof (in the case of the update and supplement required to be made as of ten (10) business days prior to the meeting of stockholders or any adjournment or postponement thereof).
(f) In addition to the foregoing provisions of this Section 8, a stockholder shall also comply with all applicable requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to the matters set forth in these Bylaws; provided, however, that any references in these Bylaws to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder are not intended to and shall not limit the requirements of these Bylaws applicable to proposals as to any other business to be considered pursuant to these Bylaws regardless of the stockholder's intent to utilize Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Nothing in this Section 8 shall be deemed to affect any rights of stockholders to request inclusion of proposals in the Company's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Section 9. Election of Directors. Except as provided in the Company's Articles of Incorporation with respect to filling vacancies on the Board of Directors, each Director shall be elected to serve on the Board of Directors by the vote of the majority of the votes cast with respect to the Director at any meeting of the stockholders for the election of Directors at which a quorum is present, provided that if the number of nominees exceeds the number of Directors to be elected at such meeting, the Directors shall be elected by the vote of a plurality of the shares represented in person or by proxy at any such meeting and entitled to vote on the election of Directors. For purposes of this Section, a majority of the votes cast means that the number of shares voted "for" a Director must exceed the number of votes cast "against" that Director. If a Director standing for election is not elected, the Director shall offer to tender his or her resignation to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, in consultation with any committee thereof so designated, shall determine whether to accept or reject the resignation, or whether other action should be taken. The Board of Directors will publicly disclose its decision and the rationale behind it within 90 days from the date of the certification of the election results.

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Company may consist of a Chairman of the Board of Directors, a Chief Executive Officer, a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers or assistant officers as may be elected by the Board of Directors. Any two offices may be held by the same person, except that the same person shall not be Chief Executive Officer or President, on one hand, and Secretary, on the other. The Board may designate a Vice President as an Executive Vice President, Group Vice President or Senior Vice President, and may designate the order in which the Vice Presidents may act.

Section 2. Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, who may, but is not required to, be an officer or employee of the Company, shall preside at all meetings of the stockholders, of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee, unless he designates another Director or officer to preside. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall act in a consultative capacity and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time direct.

Section 3. Chief Executive Officer. Subject to the directions of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer shall give general supervision and direction to the affairs of the Company. The Chief Executive Officer shall have authority to conduct all ordinary business on behalf of the Company and may execute and deliver on behalf of the Company any contract, conveyance, or similar document not requiring approval by the Board of Directors or stockholders, and to delegate such authority to others.

Section 4. President. Subject to the directions of the Chief Executive Officer, the President shall assist the Chief Executive Officer in giving general supervision and direction to the affairs of the Company. The President shall have such further duties and powers as from time to time may be assigned by or under the authority of the Board of Directors. In case of the absence or disability of the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer, the President shall perform the duties of the Chief Executive Officer and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chief Executive Officer.

Section 5. Vice President. There shall be one or more Vice Presidents of the Company, as the Board of Directors may from time to time elect. Each Vice President shall have such power and perform such duties as may be assigned to the officer by the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer.

Section 6. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall perform all duties and acts incident to the position of Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of the Company's funds and securities, and shall deposit all money and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Company in such depositories as may be designated by or under the authority of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Company as may be authorized, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the Board of Directors, whenever required, an account of all the transactions of the Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Company.

In the absence of the Treasurer or at the designation of the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer is authorized to assume all or such designated duties herein imposed upon the Treasurer.

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the stockholders and of the Board of Directors, and shall keep, or cause to be kept, minutes of all meetings of committees of the Board of Directors, except where such responsibility is otherwise fixed by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall issue all notices
for meetings of the stockholders and Board of Directors and shall have charge of and keep the seal of the Company and shall affix the seal attested by the Secretary's signature to such instruments as may properly require the same. The Secretary shall cause to be kept such books and records as the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or the President may require; and shall cause to be prepared, recorded, transferred, issued, sealed and cancelled certificates of stock as required by the transactions of the Company and its stockholders. The Secretary shall attend to such correspondence and such other duties as may be incident to the office of the Secretary or assigned by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or the President.

In the absence of the Secretary or at the designation of the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or the Secretary, an Assistant Secretary is authorized to assume all or such designated duties herein imposed upon the Secretary.

Section 8. Other Duties and Authorities. Each officer, employee, and agent shall have such other duties and authorities as may be conferred on him by the Board of Directors and, subject to any directions of the Board, by the Chairman of the Board.

Section 9. Removal. Any officer may be removed at any time by the Board of Directors. A contract of employment for a definite term shall not prevent the removal of any officer; but this provision shall not prevent the making of a contract of employment with any officer and any officer removed in breach of his contract of employment shall have cause of action therefor.

## ARTICLE IV

## DEPOSITORIES, SIGNATURES AND SEAL

Section 1. Form and Execution of Certificates. The certificates of shares of capital stock of the Company shall be in such form as may be approved by the Board of Directors and shall be signed by the Chief Executive Officer, the President, or Vice President and by the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary or the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer, provided that any such certificate may be signed by the facsimile of the signature of either or both of such officers imprinted thereon if the same is countersigned by a transfer agent of the Company, and provided further that certificates bearing a facsimile of the signature of such officers imprinted thereon shall be valid in all respects as if such person or persons were still in office, even though such officer or officers shall have died or otherwise ceased to be officers.

Section 2. Contracts. All contracts and other instruments shall be signed on behalf of the Company by such officer, officers, agent or agents, as these Bylaws or the Board may from time to time by resolution provide.

Section 3. Seal. The corporate seal of the Company shall be as follows:

The seal may be affixed to any instrument by any officer of the Company and may be lithographed or otherwise printed on any document with the same force and effect as if it had been imprinted manually.

## ARTICLE V

## STOCK TRANSFERS

Section 1. Form and Execution of Certificates. The certificates of shares of capital stock of the Company shall be in such form as may be approved by the Board of Directors and shall be signed by the Chief Executive Officer, the President or a Vice President and by the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary or the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer, provided that any such certificate may be signed by the facsimile of the signature of either or both of such officers imprinted thereon if the same is countersigned by a transfer agent of the Company, and provided further that certificates bearing a facsimile of the signature of such officers imprinted thereon shall be valid in all respects as if such person or persons were still in office, even though such officer or officers shall have died or otherwise ceased to be officers.

Section 2. Transfer of Shares. Shares of stock in the Company shall be transferable only on the books of the Company by proper transfer signed by the holder of record thereof or by a person duly authorized to sign for such holder of record. The Company or its transfer agent shall be authorized to refuse any transfer unless and until it is furnished such evidence as it may reasonably require showing that the requested transfer is proper.

Section 3. Lost, Destroyed or Mutilated Certificates. The Board may by resolution provide for the issuance of certificates in lieu of lost, destroyed or mutilated certificates and may authorize such officer or agent as it may designate to determine the sufficiency of the evidence of such loss, destruction or mutilation and the sufficiency of any security furnished to the Company and to determine whether such duplicate certificate should be issued.

Section 4. Transfer Agent and Registrar. The Board may appoint a transfer agent or agents and a registrar or registrars of transfer, and may require that all stock certificates bear the signature of such transfer agent or such transfer agent and registrar.

ARTICLE VI

## INDEMNITY

Section 1. Mandatory Indemnification. The Company shall indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by the Code, and to the extent that applicable law from time to time in effect shall permit indemnification that is broader than provided in these Bylaws, then to the maximum extent authorized by law, any individual made a party (as defined in the Code) to a proceeding (as defined in the Code) because he is or was a director or officer (in each case as defined in the Code) against liability (as defined in the Code), incurred in the proceeding, if he or she acted in good faith and, while acting in an official capacity as a director or officer, acted in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the Company, and in all other cases, acted in a manner he or she reasonably believed was not opposed to the best interest of the Company, and with respect to any criminal proceeding, if he or she had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

Section 2. Permissive Indemnification. The Company shall have the power to indemnify, to the fullest extent permitted by the Code, any individual made a party to a proceeding because he or she is or was an employee or agent of the Company against liability, incurred in the proceeding, if he or she acted in good faith and, while acting in an official capacity as an employee or agent, acted in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the Company, and in all other cases, acted in a manner he or she reasonably believed was not opposed to the best interest of the Company, and with respect to any criminal proceeding, if he or she had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

## Section 3. Advances for Expenses.

(a) The Company shall pay for or reimburse the reasonable expenses (as defined in the Code) incurred by a director or officer who is a party to a proceeding, and shall have the authority to pay for or reimburse the reasonable expenses of an employee or agent of the Company who is a party to a proceeding, in each case in advance of the final disposition of a proceeding if:
(i) Such person furnishes the Company a written affirmation of his or her good faith belief that he has met the standard of conduct set forth in Section 1 or Section 2 of Article VI of these Bylaws, as applicable, or that the proceeding involves conduct for which liability has been eliminated under a provision of the Company's Articles of Incorporation as authorized by Section 14-2-202(b)(4) of the Code; and
(ii) Such person furnishes the Company a written undertaking, executed personally on his or her behalf to repay any advances if it is ultimately determined that he or she is not entitled to indemnification.
(b) The written undertaking required by paragraph (ii) above must be an unlimited general obligation of such person but need not be secured and may be accepted without reference to financial ability to make repayment.

## Section 4. Indemnification Not Exclusive.

(a) The right to indemnification and the payment of expenses incurred in defending a proceeding in advance of its final disposition conferred in this Article VI of these Bylaws shall not be exclusive of any other right which any person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provision of the Company's Articles of Incorporation, provision of these Bylaws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.
(b) The Company may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any director, officer, employee or agent of the Company against any liability, whether or not the Company would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the Code. The Company may enter into contracts with any indemnitee in furtherance of the provisions of this Article VI of these Bylaws and may create a trust fund, grant a security interest or use other means (including, without limitation, a letter of credit) to ensure the payment of such amounts as may be necessary to effect indemnification as provided in this Article VI of these Bylaws.
(c) The Company may without reference to Sections 1 through 4(a) and (b) of Article VI of these Bylaws, pay the expenses incurred by any director, officer, employee or agent of the Company who is subpoenaed, interviewed or deposed as a witness or otherwise incurs expenses in connection with any civil, arbitration, criminal or administrative proceeding or governmental or internal investigation to which the Company is a party, target, or
potentially a party or target, or of any such individual who appears as a witness at any trial, proceeding or hearing to which the Company is a party, if the Company determines that such payments will benefit the Company and if, at the time such expenses are incurred by such individual and paid by the Company, such individual is not a party, and is not threatened to be made a party, to such proceeding or investigation.

Section 5. Amendment or Repeal; Nature of Rights. Any repeal or modification of the foregoing provisions of this Article VI of these Bylaws shall not adversely affect any right or protection hereunder of any person in respect of any act or omission occurring prior to the time of such repeal or modification. The rights conferred upon indemnitees in this Article VI of these Bylaws are intended to be retroactive and shall be available with respect to events occurring prior to the adoption hereof.

## ARTICLE VII

## AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments. Except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation or in resolutions of the Board of Directors pursuant to which preferred stock is issued, the Board of Directors or the stockholders shall have the power to alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws or to adopt new Bylaws. The stockholders may prescribe that any Bylaw or Bylaws adopted by them shall not be altered, amended or repealed by the Board of Directors. Except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation or in resolutions of the Board of Directors pursuant to which preferred stock is issued, action by the Board of Directors with respect to the Bylaws shall be taken by the affirmative vote of a majority of all Directors then holding office, and action by the stockholders with respect to the Bylaws shall be taken by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of all shares of common stock.

ARTICLE VIII

## BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

Section 1. Business Combinations. All the requirements of Article 11A of the Code, which includes Sections 14-2-1131, 14-2-1132 and 14-2-1133 of the Code, shall be applicable to the Company.

## ARTICLE IX

FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. Fiscal Year. Effective with the Company's fiscal year which commenced on June 2, 2007, the fiscal year of the Company shall end at the end of the Saturday closest to January 31 and shall, in each case, begin at the beginning of the day next succeeding the last day of the preceding fiscal year.

## OXFORD INDUSTRIES, INC.

## EXECUTIVE PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN

(as amended and restated, effective March 27, 2013)

## Section 1

Purpose

The purpose of the Oxford Industries, Inc. Executive Performance Incentive Plan is as follows: (i) to attract and retain qualified executives by providing performancebased compensation as an incentive for their efforts to achieve Oxford Industries, Inc.'s financial and strategic objectives; and (ii) to generally qualify compensation paid under the Plan as "performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Code Section 162(m), in order to preserve the Company's tax deduction for compensation paid under the Plan to Eligible Employees.

## Section 2

## Definitions

The following words and phrases as used in this Plan shall have the meanings set forth in this Section unless a different meaning is clearly required by the context.
2.1 "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
2.2 "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
2.3 "Committee" means the committee appointed by the Board to administer the Plan pursuant to Section 8.2.
2.4 "Company" means Oxford Industries, Inc.
"Eligible Employee" means the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and any other employee of the Company (or of any Subsidiary) who, in the opinion of the Committee, (i) will have compensation for the applicable fiscal year sufficient to result in the employee being listed in the Summary Compensation Table appearing in the Company's proxy statement distributed to shareholders following such fiscal year, as required by Item 402(a)(3) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended; or (ii) otherwise qualifies as a key executive of the Company or a Subsidiary.
2.6 "Maximum Performance Award" means an amount not greater than $\$ 5$ million with respect to the award of all bonuses to a Participant under the Plan with respect to performance periods (or portions thereof) falling within any twelve (12) consecutive month period.
"Outside Directors" means members of the Board who qualify as outside directors, as that term is defined in Code Section 162(m) and the regulations proposed or adopted thereunder.
"Participant" means an Eligible Employee designated by the Committee under Section 3 to participate in the Plan.
"Performance Award" means the bonus awarded to a Participant under the terms of the Plan.
"Performance Measures" means the specified objectives and measurements established by the Committee which, if satisfied, will result in a Performance Award.
"Plan" means this Oxford Industries, Inc. Executive Performance Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.
"Plan Year," with respect to any Performance Award to a Participant or with respect to any Performance Measure, means the Company's applicable fiscal year or such other period designated by the Committee.
"Subsidiary" means any corporation, joint venture or partnership in which the Company owns directly or indirectly (i) with respect to a corporation, stock possessing at least fifty percent (50\%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in the corporation, or (ii) in the case of a joint venture or partnership, a fifty percent (50\%) or more interest in the capital or profits of such joint venture or partnership.

## Section 3

Participation

Following the commencement of each Plan Year, the Committee shall specify by name or position the Participants. The Committee shall retain discretion to name as a Participant an employee hired or promoted after the commencement of the Plan Year.
4.1 Time of Establishment. No later than ninety (90) days after the commencement of the Plan Year, the Committee shall specify in writing the Performance Measures and Performance Awards which are to apply for that Plan Year, subject to the provisions of Sections 4.2 and 4.3.
4.2 Performance Awards. Performance Awards may vary among Participants and from Plan Year to Plan Year; however, Performance Awards to a Participant with respect to the performance periods (or portions thereof) falling within any twelve (12) consecutive month period shall in no event exceed the Maximum Performance Award. Performance Awards may be established as a percentage or multiple of base salary, or as a percentage or multiple of an established target bonus.
4.3 Performance Measures. Performance Measures may include the achievement of a specified target of, or target growth in, one or more of the following: (i) earnings before interest expense, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA"); (ii) earnings before interest expense and taxes ("EBIT"); (iii) net earnings; (iv) net income; (v) operating income; (vi) earnings per share; (vii) book value per share; (viii) return on shareholders’ equity; (ix) capital expenditures; (x) expenses and expense ratio management; (xi) return on investment; (xii) improvements in capital structure; (xiii) profitability of an identifiable business unit or product; (xiv) maintenance or improvement of profit margins; (xv) stock price; (xvi) market share; (xvii) revenues or sales; (xviii) costs; (xix) cash flow; (xx) working capital; (xxi) return on (net) assets; (xxii) economic value added; (xxiii) gross or net profit before or after taxes; (xxiv) total shareholder return; (xxv) objectively determinable goals with respect to service or product delivery, service or product quality, inventory management, customer satisfaction, meeting budgets and/or retention of employees; or (xxvi) other individual objectives that are measurable and consistent with Code Section 162(m).

Performance Measures may relate to the Company and/or one or more of its subsidiaries, one or more of its divisions or units or any combination of the foregoing, on a consolidated or nonconsolidated basis, and may be applied on an absolute basis or be relative to one or more peer group companies or indices, or any combination thereof, all as the Committee determines. These factors will not be altered or replaced by any other criteria without ratification by the shareholders of the Company if failure to obtain such approval would result in jeopardizing the tax deductibility of Performance Awards to Participants.

## Section 5

## Determination of Amount of Performance Awards

5.1 Committee Certification Regarding Performance Measures. As soon as possible following the end of each Plan Year, the Committee shall certify for each Participant whether the Performance Measures for that Plan Year have been met. If such Performance Measures have been met, the Committee will award such Participant the Performance Award established under Section 4 hereof, subject to the discretion reserved in Section 5.3 to reduce such awards, but with no discretion to increase the Performance Award.
5.2 Maximum Award. Performance Awards to a Participant with respect to the performance periods (or portions thereof) falling within any twelve (12) consecutive month period shall in no event exceed the Maximum Performance Award.
5.3 Reduction of Award Amount. The Committee in its sole discretion may award to a Participant less than the Performance Award regardless of the fact that the Performance Measures for the Plan Year have been met.
5.4 Adjustments. The Committee may provide, to the extent permitted by Code Section 162(m) and at the time of establishing the Performance Measures for a Plan Year, that the Performance Measures for the Plan Year will be determined without regard to (i) a change in accounting standards or principles, (ii) a significant acquisition or divestiture, (iii) a significant capital transaction, (iv) other unusual, nonrecurring items, (v) any other extraordinary items or events, or (v) any objectively determinable adjustments to the Performance Measures.

## Section 6

Payment of Awards

Performance Awards for a given Plan Year shall be paid in cash (or as otherwise determined by the Committee) as soon as practicable following the close of that Plan Year. However, such payment may be subject to deferral pursuant to the provisions of any applicable deferred compensation plan maintained by the Company or a Subsidiary.

## Section 7

Termination of Employment

If a Participant's employment with the Company (and its Subsidiaries, if applicable) terminates prior to the end of a Plan Year for cause, as determined by the Committee, such Participant shall not receive any Performance Award for such Plan Year. The Committee shall have authority to establish policies or guidelines with respect to what, if any, portion of a Performance Award may be payable to a Participant whose employment with the Company (and its Subsidiaries, if applicable) terminates prior to the end of a Plan Year for any other reason, including for reasons of death, disability or retirement (as determined by the Committee).
8.1 Administration by Committee. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee, which shall have the authority in its sole discretion, subject to the provisions of the Plan, to administer the Plan and to exercise all the powers either specifically granted to it under the Plan or necessary or advisable in the administration of the Plan.
8.2 Appointment of Committee. The Board shall appoint the Committee from among its members to serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Board from time to time may remove members from, or add members to, the Committee and shall fill all vacancies thereon. The Committee shall at all times consist solely of two or more Outside Directors.
8.3 Interpretation of Plan Provisions. The Committee shall have complete discretion to construe and interpret the Plan and may adopt rules and regulations governing administration of the Plan. The Committee may consult with the management of the Company but shall retain responsibility for administration of the Plan. The Committee's decisions, actions and interpretations regarding the Plan shall be final and binding upon all Participants.
8.4 Participation Limited to this Plan. A Participant in this Plan with respect to a Plan Year shall not be entitled to participate in the Company's Performance Bonus Program for such Plan Year, notwithstanding any provision of such Performance Bonus Program to the contrary.

## Section 9

## Compliance with Code Section 162(프)

The Company intends that Performance Awards under this Plan satisfy the applicable requirements of Code Section 162(m) so that such Code section does not deny the Company a tax deduction for such Performance Awards. It is intended that the Plan shall be operated and interpreted such that Performance Awards remain tax deductible by the Company.

Section 10
Nonassignability

No Performance Award granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be assignable or transferable, except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution.

## Section 11 <br> Effective Date and Term of Plan

The Plan, as amended and restated, shall be effective as of March 27, 2013, subject to approval by the shareholders of the Company. The Plan shall continue from year to year until terminated by the Board.

## Section 12

## Amendment of the Plan

The Board may amend, modify or terminate the Plan at any time and from time to time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no such amendment, modification or termination shall affect the payment of a Performance Award for a Plan Year already ended. In addition, any amendment or modification of the Plan shall be subject to shareholder approval if necessary for purposes of qualifying compensation paid under the Plan as "performance-based compensation" under Code Section 162(m).

## Section 13

General Provisions
13.1 Unfunded Plan. The Plan shall be an unfunded incentive compensation arrangement for a select group of key management employees of the Company and its participating Subsidiaries. Nothing contained in the Plan, and no action taken pursuant to the Plan, shall create or be construed to create a trust of any kind. A Participant's right to receive a Performance Award shall be no greater than the right of an unsecured general creditor of the Company. All Performance Awards shall be paid from the general funds of the Company, and no segregation of assets shall be made to ensure payment of Performance Awards.
13.2 Governing Law. The Plan shall be interpreted, construed and administered in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia, without giving effect to principles of conflicts of law.
13.3 Section Headings. The section headings contained in the Plan are for purposes of convenience only and are not intended to define or limit the contents of the Plan's sections.
13.4 Other Awards. Nothing contained in the Plan shall be deemed or construed to limit the right or discretion of the Board, the Committee or the Company or a Subsidiary to award or grant to any Participant a discretionary bonus or other award outside the scope of the Plan.
13.5 Effect on Employment. Nothing contained in the Plan shall affect or be construed as affecting the terms of employment of any Eligible Employee except as expressly provided in the Plan. Nothing in the Plan shall affect or be construed as affecting the right of the Company or a Subsidiary to terminate the employment of an Eligible Employee at any time for any reason, with or without cause.
13.6 Successors. All obligations of the Company with respect to Performance Awards granted under the Plan shall be binding upon any successor to the Company, whether such successor is the result of an acquisition of stock or assets of the Company, a merger, a consolidation or otherwise.
13.7 Withholding of Taxes. The Company shall deduct from each Performance Award the amount of any taxes required to be withheld by any governmental authority.

## SUBSIDIARIES OF OXFORD INDUSTRIES, INC.

The following table lists each subsidiary of Oxford Industries, Inc. indented under the name of its immediate parent, the percentage of each subsidiary's voting securities beneficially owned by its immediate parent and the jurisdiction under the laws of which each subsidiary was organized:

| Name | \% of Voting Securities | Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oxford Industries, Inc. |  |  |
| Camisas Bahia Kino S.A. de C.V. | 100 | Mexico |
| Industrias Lanier de Honduras S. de R.L. | $50{ }^{(1)}$ | Honduras |
| Manufacturera de Sonora, S.A. de CV | $99^{(2)}$ | Mexico |
| Oxford Caribbean, Inc. | 100 | Delaware |
| Oxford de Colon, S.A. |  | Costa Rica |
| Oxford Garment, Inc. |  | Delaware |
| Oxford Industries (UK1) Limited |  | United Kingdom |
| Oxford International, Inc. |  | Georgia |
| Oxford of South Carolina, Inc. | 100 | South Carolina |
| Oxford Products (International) Limited | 99.99 ${ }^{(3)}$ | Hong Kong |
| Servicios de Manufactura de Mérida, S. de R.L. de C.V. | 99.9 ${ }^{(4)}$ | Mexico |
| Sugartown Worldwide LLC | 100 | Delaware |
| The Beaufort Bonnet Company, LLC |  | Kentucky |
| Tommy Bahama Group, Inc. | 100 | Delaware |
| Viewpoint Marketing, Inc. | 100 | Florida |
| Oxford Caribbean, Inc. |  |  |
| Q.R. Fashions S. de R.L. |  | Honduras |
| Oxford Industries (UK2) Limited |  |  |
| Oxford Industries (UK3) Limited |  | United Kingdom |
| Oxford Products (International) Limited |  |  |
| Industrias Oxford de Merida, S.A. de CV | $99{ }^{(5)}$ | Mexico |
| Oxford Industries (UK2) Limited | $75{ }^{(6)}$ | United Kingdom |
| Oxford Philippines, Inc. | $96.25{ }^{(7)}$ | Philippines |
| Tommy Bahama Global Sourcing Limited |  | Hong Kong |
| Oxford of South Carolina, Inc. |  |  |
| GCP Southern Tide Coinvest, Inc. |  | Delaware |
| S/T Group Blocker, Inc. |  | Delaware |
| S/T Group Blocker, Inc. |  |  |
| S/T Group Holdings, LLC | $50^{(8)}$ | Delaware |
| S/T Group Holdings, LLC |  |  |
| Southern Tide, LLC | 100 | South Carolina |
| Tommy Bahama Beverages, LLC |  |  |
| Tommy Bahama Texas Beverages, LLC |  | Texas |
| Tommy Bahama Global Sourcing Limited |  |  |
| Tommy Bahama Australia Pty Ltd | 100 | Australia |
| Tommy Bahama Canada ULC |  | Canada |
| Tommy Bahama International, Pte. Ltd. |  | Singapore |
| Tommy Bahama K. K. |  | Japan |
| Tommy Bahama Limited |  | Hong Kong |
| Tommy Bahama Trading (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd. |  | China |
| Tommy Bahama Group, Inc. |  |  |
| Tommy Bahama R\&R Holdings, Inc. | 100 | Delaware |
| Tommy Bahama R\&R Holdings, Inc. |  |  |
| Tommy Bahama Beverages, LLC | 100 | Delaware |

(1) $50 \%$ of the voting securities of Industrias Lanier de Honduras S. de R.L. is owned by Oxford Caribbean, Inc.
(2) $1 \%$ of the voting securities of Manufacturera de Sonora, S.A. de CV is owned by Oxford International, Inc.
(3) One share of the voting securities of Oxford Products (International) Limited is owned by Oxford International, Inc. Oxford Products (International) Limited has 150,000 shares issued and outstanding.
(4) $0.1 \%$ of the voting securities of Servicios de Manufactura de Mérida, S. de R.L. de C.V. is owned by Oxford International, Inc.
(5) $1 \%$ of the voting securities of Industrias Oxford de Merida, S.A. de CV is owned by Oxford Industries, Inc.
(6) Approximately 25\% of the voting securities of Oxford Industries (UK2) Limited is owned by Oxford Industries (UK1) Limited.
(7) $3.74 \%$ of the voting securities of Oxford Phillipines, Inc. is owned by Oxford Industries, Inc. Nominal ownership interests of certain of the voting securities of Oxford Phillippines, Inc. are owned by various individuals.
(8) $48 \%$ of the voting securities of S/T Group Holdings, LLC is owned by Oxford of South Carolina, Inc. and $2 \%$ of the voting securities of S/T Group Holdings, LLC is owned by GCP Southern Tide Coinvest, Inc.

## Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the following Registration Statements:
(1) Registration Statements (Form S-8 Nos. 333-121538 and 333-161902) pertaining to the Oxford Industries, Inc. Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan,
(2) Registration Statements (Form S-8 Nos. 333-121535 and 333-161904) pertaining to the Oxford Industries, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, and
(3) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-130010) pertaining to the Oxford Industries, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan;
of our reports dated March 30, 2018, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of Oxford Industries, Inc. and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Oxford Industries, Inc. included in this Annual Report (Form 10-K) of Oxford Industries, Inc. for the year ended February 3, 2018.
/s/ Ernst \& Young LLP
Atlanta, Georgia
April 2, 2018

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned, a director of Oxford Industries, Inc. (the "Company"), does hereby constitute and appoint each of Thomas E. Campbell, Mary Margaret Heaton and Suraj A. Palakshappa, or any one of them, my true and lawful attorneys-in-fact for me and in my name for the purpose of executing on my behalf in any and all capacities the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2018, or any amendment or supplement thereto, and causing such Annual Report or any such amendment or supplement to be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"). In addition, each such attorney-in-fact shall have full power and authority to execute on my behalf in my capacity as a director of the Company subject to the reporting requirements of the Act, all Forms required to be filed by me under the Act, including Forms 4 and 5, in accordance with the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. In addition, each such attorney-in-fact shall have full power and authority to do and perform any and all acts on my behalf which may be necessary or desirable to complete, execute and timely file any such Forms with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority.

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/s/ Virginia A. Hepner
Virginia A. Hepner

Date: March 27, 2018

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/s/ John R. Holder
John R. Holder

Date: March 27, 2018

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/s/ Dennis M. Love
Dennis M. Love

Date: March 27, 2018

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/s/ Clarence H. Smith
Clarence H. Smith

Date: March 27, 2018

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/s/ E. Jenner Wood III
E. Jenner Wood III

## CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) AND SECTION 302 OF

## THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Thomas C. Chubb III, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Oxford Industries, 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.

## CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) AND SECTION 302 OF

## THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, K. Scott Grassmyer, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Oxford Industries, 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.

Date: April 2, 2018
/s/ K. SCOTT GRASSMYER
K. Scott Grassmyer

Executive Vice President - Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Controller (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

In connection with the annual report of Oxford Industries, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K ("Form 10-K") for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2018 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Thomas C. Chubb III, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, and I, K. Scott Grassmyer, Executive Vice President - Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Controller of the Company, each certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:
(1) The Form 10-K fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
(2) The information contained in the Form 10-K fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.
/s/ THOMAS C. CHUBB III

## Thomas C. Chubb III

Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President
(Principal Executive Officer)
April 2, 2018
/s/ K. SCOTT GRASSMYER
K. Scott Grassmyer

Executive Vice President - Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Controller
(Principal Financial Officer)
April 2, 2018

