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(Mark One)

Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

For the quarterly period ended July 31, 2017.

or

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission file number 1-6991

WAL-MART STORES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 71-0415188

(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

702 S.W. 8th Street 72716
Bentonville, Arkansas
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (479) 273-4000

Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report: N/A

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 such shorter periods that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer Smaller Reporting Company

Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

The registrant had 2,987,201,643 shares of common stock outstanding as of August 29, 2017.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income
(Unaudited)

(Amounts in millions, except per share data)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	July 31, 2017	2016	July 31, 2017	2016
Revenues:				
Net sales	\$121,949	\$119,405	\$238,475	\$234,391
Membership and other income	1,406	1,449	2,422	2,367
Total revenues	123,355	120,854	240,897	236,758
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of sales	91,521	89,485	179,209	176,029
Operating, selling, general and administrative expenses	25,865	25,204	50,482	49,289
Operating income	5,969	6,165	11,206	11,440
Interest:				
Debt	522	509	1,028	1,008
Capital lease and financing obligations	91	79	183	165
Interest income	(38)	(22)	(73)	(46)
Interest, net	575	566	1,138	1,127
Loss on extinguishment of debt	788	—	788	—
Income before income taxes	4,606	5,599	9,280	10,313
Provision for income taxes	1,502	1,710	3,024	3,208
Consolidated net income	3,104	3,889	6,256	7,105
Consolidated net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(205)	(116)	(318)	(253)
Consolidated net income attributable to Walmart	\$2,899	\$3,773	\$5,938	\$6,852
Net income per common share:				
Basic net income per common share attributable to Walmart	\$0.96	\$1.21	\$1.97	\$2.19
Diluted net income per common share attributable to Walmart	0.96	1.21	1.96	2.18
Weighted-average common shares outstanding:				
Basic	3,008	3,109	3,021	3,126
Diluted	3,021	3,119	3,034	3,136
Dividends declared per common share	\$—	\$—	\$2.04	\$2.00

See accompanying notes.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
(Unaudited)

(Amounts in millions)	Three Months		Six Months	
	Ended July 31, 2017	2016	Ended July 31, 2017	2016
Consolidated net income	\$3,104	\$3,889	\$6,256	\$7,105
Less consolidated net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(205)	(116)	(318)	(253)
Consolidated net income attributable to Walmart	2,899	3,773	5,938	6,852
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes				
Currency translation and other	1,026	(950)	2,185	(329)
Unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities	727	—	1,208	—
Net investment hedges	(36)	288	(149)	210
Cash flow hedges	115	(87)	143	56
Minimum pension liability	27	(7)	32	(106)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes	1,859	(756)	3,419	(169)
Less other comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	(5)	79	(287)	94
Other comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Walmart	1,854	(677)	3,132	(75)
Comprehensive income, net of income taxes	4,963	3,133	9,675	6,936
Less comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	(210)	(37)	(605)	(159)
Comprehensive income attributable to Walmart	\$4,753	\$3,096	\$9,070	\$6,777
See accompanying notes.				

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(Unaudited)

(Amounts in millions)	July 31, 2017	January 31, 2017	July 31, 2016
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$6,469	\$6,867	\$7,676
Receivables, net	5,395	5,835	5,275
Inventories	43,442	43,046	43,453
Prepaid expenses and other	1,457	1,941	1,828
Total current assets	56,763	57,689	58,232
Property and equipment:			
Property and equipment	183,545	179,492	178,596
Less accumulated depreciation	(75,375)	(71,782)	(69,729)
Property and equipment, net	108,170	107,710	108,867
Property under capital lease and financing obligations:			
Property under capital lease and financing obligations	12,581	11,637	11,544
Less accumulated amortization	(5,398)	(5,169)	(5,001)
Property under capital lease and financing obligations, net	7,183	6,468	6,543
Goodwill	18,037	17,037	16,339
Other assets and deferred charges	11,413	9,921	7,905
Total assets	\$201,566	\$198,825	\$197,886
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Current liabilities:			
Short-term borrowings	\$3,262	\$1,099	\$1,932
Accounts payable	42,389	41,433	39,902
Dividends payable	3,057	—	3,101
Accrued liabilities	19,686	20,654	19,651
Accrued income taxes	505	921	720
Long-term debt due within one year	3,254	2,256	2,265
Capital lease and financing obligations due within one year	658	565	551
Total current liabilities	72,811	66,928	68,122
Long-term debt	33,706	36,015	36,673
Long-term capital lease and financing obligations	6,763	6,003	6,070
Deferred income taxes and other	9,240	9,344	7,877
Commitments and contingencies			
Equity:			
Common stock	299	305	310
Capital in excess of par value	2,352	2,371	1,915
Retained earnings	84,838	89,354	85,972
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(11,100)	(14,232)	(11,672)
Total Walmart shareholders' equity	76,389	77,798	76,525

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Noncontrolling interest	2,657	2,737	2,619
Total equity	79,046	80,535	79,144
Total liabilities and equity	\$201,566	\$198,825	\$197,886
See accompanying notes.			

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Shareholders' Equity
(Unaudited)

(Amounts in millions)	Common Stock		Capital in Excess of Par Value	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interest	Total Equity
	Shares	Amount						
Balances as of February 1, 2017	3,048	\$ 305	\$ 2,371	\$ 89,354	\$ (14,232)	\$ 77,798	\$ 2,737	\$ 80,535
Consolidated net income	—	—	—	5,938	—	5,938	318	6,256
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes	—	—	—	—	3,132	3,132	287	3,419
Cash dividends declared (\$2.04 per share)	—	—	—	(6,142)	—	(6,142)	—	(6,142)
Purchase of Company stock	(60)	(6)	(114)	(4,306)	—	(4,426)	—	(4,426)
Cash dividend declared to noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	(679)	(679)
Other	5	—	95	(6)	—	89	(6)	83
Balances as of July 31, 2017	2,993	\$ 299	\$ 2,352	\$ 84,838	\$ (11,100)	\$ 76,389	\$ 2,657	\$ 79,046

See accompanying notes.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended July 31,	
	2017	2016
(Amounts in millions)		
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Consolidated net income	\$6,256	\$7,105
Adjustments to reconcile consolidated net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	5,169	4,905
Deferred income taxes	94	33
Other operating activities	772	(361)
Changes in certain assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions:		
Receivables, net	585	443
Inventories	233	1,055
Accounts payable	535	1,864
Accrued liabilities	(1,720)	(387)
Accrued income taxes	(564)	274
Net cash provided by operating activities	11,360	14,931
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Payments for property and equipment	(4,423)	(4,619)
Proceeds from the disposal of property and equipment	212	260
Proceeds from the disposal of certain operations	1,012	—
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(363)	—
Other investing activities	3	(57)
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,559)	(4,416)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net change in short-term borrowings	2,144	(857)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	1,503	130
Repayments of long-term debt	(4,177)	(2,026)
Dividends paid	(3,088)	(3,133)
Purchase of Company stock	(4,447)	(4,852)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interest	(473)	(270)
Purchase of noncontrolling interest	(8)	(103)
Other financing activities	(85)	(103)
Net cash used in financing activities	(8,631)	(11,214)
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	432	(330)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(398)	(1,029)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	6,867	8,705
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$6,469	\$7,676
See accompanying notes.		

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and its subsidiaries ("Walmart" or the "Company") and the accompanying notes included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are unaudited. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for the fair presentation of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been included. Such adjustments are of a normal, recurring nature. The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, and the accompanying notes, are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP") and do not contain certain information included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2017 ("fiscal 2017"). Therefore, the interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with that Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements are based on a fiscal year ending on January 31 for the United States ("U.S.") and Canadian operations. The Company consolidates all other operations generally using a one-month lag and based on a calendar year. There were no intervening events during the month of July 2017 related to the operations consolidated using a lag that materially affected the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. The Company's business is seasonal to a certain extent due to calendar events and national and religious holidays, as well as weather patterns. Historically, the Company's highest sales volume and operating income have occurred in the fiscal quarter ending January 31.

Receivables

Receivables are stated at their carrying values, net of a reserve for doubtful accounts. Receivables consist primarily of amounts due from:

- insurance companies resulting from pharmacy sales;
- banks for customer credit and debit cards and electronic bank transfers that take in excess of seven days to process;
- consumer financing programs in certain international operations;
- suppliers for marketing or incentive programs; and
- real estate transactions.

The Walmart International segment offers a limited number of consumer credit products, primarily through its financial institutions in Canada and Chile to customers in those markets. The receivable balance from consumer credit products was \$1.3 billion, net of a reserve for doubtful accounts of \$87 million at July 31, 2017, compared to a receivable balance of \$1.2 billion, net of a reserve for doubtful accounts of \$79 million at January 31, 2017. These balances are included in receivables, net, in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Inventories

The Company values inventories at the lower of cost or market as determined primarily by the retail inventory method of accounting, using the last-in, first-out ("LIFO") method for substantially all of the Walmart U.S. segment's inventories. The inventory at the Walmart International segment is valued primarily by the retail inventory method of accounting, using the first-in, first-out ("FIFO") method. The retail inventory method of accounting results in inventory being valued at the lower of cost or market, since permanent markdowns are immediately recorded as a reduction of the retail value of inventory. The inventory at the Sam's Club segment is valued using the LIFO method. At July 31, 2017 and January 31, 2017, the Company's inventories valued at LIFO approximated those inventories as if they were valued at FIFO.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Revenue Recognition

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). This ASU is a comprehensive new revenue recognition model that requires a company to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to a customer at an amount that reflects the consideration it expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

While management continues to evaluate the impact of this ASU, it is not expected to materially impact the Company's consolidated net income, balance sheet or cash flows. Although not material, the ASU will impact the timing of recognition of revenue associated with the unredeemed portion of Company issued gift cards, which will be recognized over the expected redemption period of the gift card rather than waiting until the likelihood of redemption becomes remote or waiting for the gift card to expire. Additionally, management continues to evaluate certain contracts to determine whether gross presentation will continue to be appropriate under this ASU and is still

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evaluating the required disclosures. The Company will adopt this ASU on February 1, 2018 under the modified retrospective approach, which will result in a cumulative adjustment to retained earnings.

Leases

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842), which requires lease assets and liabilities to be recorded on the balance sheet. Certain qualitative and quantitative disclosures are also required, as well as retrospective recognition and measurement of impacted leases. The Company will adopt the ASU on February 1, 2019 and is implementing new lease systems in connection with the adoption. Management is evaluating this ASU and expects it will have a material impact on the Company's consolidated balance sheet. Management is still evaluating the effect on consolidated net income, cash flows and disclosures.

Financial Instruments

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-01, Financial Instruments—Overall (Topic 825), which updates certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of financial instruments. The Company will adopt the ASU on February 1, 2018. Management is evaluating this ASU and expects it to primarily impact the Company's accounting for its investment in JD.com ("JD"). Subsequent to adoption, changes in the value of the Company's investment in JD will be recorded in consolidated net income.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326), which modifies the measurement of expected credit losses of certain financial instruments. The Company will adopt the ASU on February 1, 2020. Management is currently evaluating this ASU to determine its impact on the Company's consolidated net income, balance sheet, cash flows and disclosures.

Stock Compensation

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-09, Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718), which is intended to simplify accounting for share-based payment transactions. The ASU changed several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment award transactions, including accounting for income taxes, forfeitures and minimum statutory tax withholding requirements. Management adopted this ASU beginning February 1, 2017, with an immaterial impact to the Company's consolidated net income and cash flows.

Note 2. Net Income Per Common Share

Basic net income per common share attributable to Walmart is based on the weighted-average common shares outstanding during the relevant period. Diluted net income per common share attributable to Walmart is based on the weighted-average common shares outstanding during the relevant period adjusted for the dilutive effect of share-based awards. The Company did not have significant share-based awards outstanding that were antidilutive and not included in the calculation of diluted net income per common share attributable to Walmart for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017 and 2016.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the numerators and denominators used to determine basic and diluted net income per common share attributable to Walmart:

(Amounts in millions, except per share data)	Three Months		Six Months	
	Ended July 31, 2017	2016	Ended July 31, 2017	2016
Numerator				
Consolidated net income	\$3,104	\$3,889	\$6,256	\$7,105
Consolidated net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(205)	(116)	(318)	(253)
Consolidated net income attributable to Walmart	\$2,899	\$3,773	\$5,938	\$6,852
Denominator				
Weighted-average common shares outstanding, basic	3,008	3,109	3,021	3,126
Dilutive impact of stock options and other share-based awards	13	10	13	10
Weighted-average common shares outstanding, diluted	3,021	3,119	3,034	3,136

Net income per common share attributable to Walmart

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Basic	\$0.96	\$1.21	\$1.97	\$2.19
Diluted	0.96	1.21	1.96	2.18

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Note 3. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The following table provides the changes in the composition of total accumulated other comprehensive loss for the six months ended July 31, 2017:

(Amounts in millions and net of income taxes)	Currency Translation and Other	Unrealized Gain on Available-for-Sale Securities	Net Investment Hedges	Cash Flow Hedges	Minimum Pension Liability	Total
Balances as of February 1, 2017	\$(14,507)	\$ 145	\$ 1,435	\$(315)	\$(990)	\$(14,232)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications, net ⁽¹⁾	1,898	1,208	(149)	128	3	3,088
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss, net ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	15	29	44
Balances as of July 31, 2017	\$(12,609)	\$ 1,353	\$ 1,286	\$(172)	\$(958)	\$(11,100)

(1) Income tax impact is immaterial.

Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss for derivative instruments are recorded in interest, net, in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income, and the amounts for the minimum pension liability are recorded in operating, selling, general and administrative expenses in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

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Note 4. Long-term Debt

The following table provides the changes in the Company's long-term debt for the six months ended July 31, 2017:

(Amounts in millions)	Long-term debt due within one year	Long-term debt	Total
Balances as of February 1, 2017	\$ 2,256	\$ 36,015	\$ 38,271
Proceeds from long-term debt	—	1,503	1,503
Repayments of long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	(1,526)	(1,875)	(3,401)
Reclassifications of long-term debt	2,500	(2,500)	—
Other	24	563	587
Balances as of July 31, 2017	\$ 3,254	\$ 33,706	\$ 36,960

(1) Total repayments of long-term debt excludes \$0.8 billion of premiums paid to extinguish debt.

Debt Issuances

Information on significant long-term debt issued during the six months ended July 31, 2017, is as follows:

(Amounts in millions)

Issue Date	Principal Amount	Maturity Date	Fixed vs. Floating	Interest Rate	Proceeds
July 18, 2017	70,000 JPY	July 15, 2022	Fixed	0.183%	\$ 619
July 18, 2017	40,000 JPY	July 18, 2024	Fixed	0.298%	354
July 18, 2017	60,000 JPY	July 16, 2027	Fixed	0.520%	530
Total					\$ 1,503

As described in Note 6, these issuances of foreign-currency-denominated long-term debt are designated as a hedge of the Company's net investment in Japan.

Maturities and Extinguishments

The following table provides details of debt repayments during the six months ended July 31, 2017:

(Amounts in millions)

Maturity Date	Principal Amount	Fixed vs. Floating	Interest Rate	Repayment ⁽¹⁾
April 5, 2017	1,000 USD	Fixed	5.375%	\$ 1,000
April 21, 2017	500 USD	Fixed	1.000%	500
Total repayment of matured debt				1,500
August 15, 2037	3,000 USD	Fixed	6.500%	1,238
April 15, 2038	2,000 USD	Fixed	6.200%	178
January 19, 2039	1,000 GBP	Fixed	4.875%	459
Total repayment of extinguished debt				1,875
Total				\$ 3,375

(1) Represents portion of the principal amount repaid during the six months ended July 31, 2017.

In connection with extinguishing debt, the Company recorded a loss of \$0.8 billion which is included in loss on extinguishment of debt in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

The Company also repaid other, smaller long-term debt as it matured in its non-U.S. markets.

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Note 5. Fair Value Measurements

The Company records and discloses certain financial and non-financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The fair value of an asset is the price at which the asset could be sold in an ordinary transaction between unrelated, knowledgeable and willing parties able to engage in the transaction. The fair value of a liability is the amount that would be paid to transfer the liability to a new obligor in a transaction between such parties, not the amount that would be paid to settle the liability with the creditor. Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value are measured using the fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. The levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

Level 1: observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets;

Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable; and

Level 3: unobservable inputs for which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring the Company to develop its own assumptions.

Recurring Fair Value Measurements

The Company holds derivative instruments that are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The fair values are the estimated amounts the Company would receive or pay upon termination of the related derivative agreements as of the reporting dates. The fair values have been measured using the income approach and Level 2 inputs, which include the relevant interest rate and foreign currency forward curves. As of July 31, 2017 and January 31, 2017, the notional amounts and fair values of these derivatives were as follows:

(Amounts in millions)	July 31, 2017		January 31, 2017	
	Notional Amount	Fair Value	Notional Amount	Fair Value
Receive fixed-rate, pay variable-rate interest rate swaps designated as fair value hedges	\$5,000	\$27	\$5,000	\$(4)
Receive fixed-rate, pay fixed-rate cross-currency swaps designated as net investment hedges	2,250	390	2,250	471
Receive fixed-rate, pay fixed-rate cross-currency swaps designated as cash flow hedges	4,282	(269)	3,957	(618)
Total	\$11,532	\$148	\$11,207	\$(151)

Additionally, the Company's available-for-sale securities are measured at fair value on a recurring basis using Level 1 inputs. Changes in fair value are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss. The cost basis and fair value of the Company's available-for-sale securities as of July 31, 2017 and January 31, 2017, are as follows:

(Amounts in millions)	July 31, 2017		January 31, 2017	
	Cost Basis	Fair Value	Cost Basis	Fair Value
Available-for-sale securities	\$1,901	\$ 3,254	\$1,901	\$ 2,046

Nonrecurring Fair Value Measurements

In addition to assets and liabilities that are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis, the Company's assets and liabilities are also subject to nonrecurring fair value measurements. Generally, assets are recorded at fair value on a nonrecurring basis as a result of impairment charges. The Company did not record any significant impairment charges to assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis during the three and six months ended July 31, 2017 or for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2017.

Other Fair Value Disclosures

The Company records cash and cash equivalents and short-term borrowings at cost. The carrying values of these instruments approximate their fair value due to their short-term maturities.

The Company's long-term debt is also recorded at cost. The fair value is estimated using Level 2 inputs based on the Company's current incremental borrowing rate for similar types of borrowing arrangements. The carrying value and fair value of the Company's long-term debt as of July 31, 2017 and January 31, 2017, are as follows:

July 31, 2017	January 31, 2017
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(Amounts in millions)	Carrying Value	Carrying Value	Carrying Value	Carrying Value
Long-term debt, including amounts due within one year	\$36,960	\$44,000	\$38,271	\$44,602

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Note 6. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company uses derivative financial instruments for hedging and non-trading purposes to manage its exposure to changes in interest and currency exchange rates, as well as to maintain an appropriate mix of fixed- and variable-rate debt. Use of derivative financial instruments in hedging programs subjects the Company to certain risks, such as market and credit risks. Market risk represents the possibility that the value of the derivative financial instrument will change. In a hedging relationship, the change in the value of the derivative financial instrument is offset to a great extent by the change in the value of the underlying hedged item. Credit risk related to a derivative financial instrument represents the possibility that the counterparty will not fulfill the terms of the contract. The notional, or contractual, amount of the Company's derivative financial instruments is used to measure interest to be paid or received and does not represent the Company's exposure due to credit risk. Credit risk is monitored through established approval procedures, including setting concentration limits by counterparty, reviewing credit ratings and requiring collateral (generally cash) from the counterparty when appropriate.

The Company only enters into derivative transactions with counterparties rated "A-" or better by nationally recognized credit rating agencies. Subsequent to entering into derivative transactions, the Company regularly monitors the credit ratings of its counterparties. In connection with various derivative agreements, including master netting arrangements, the Company held cash collateral from counterparties of \$279 million and \$242 million at July 31, 2017 and January 31, 2017, respectively. The Company records cash collateral received as amounts due to the counterparties exclusive of any derivative asset. Furthermore, as part of the master netting arrangements with each of these counterparties, the Company is also required to post collateral with a counterparty if the Company's net derivative liability position exceeds \$150 million with such counterparties. The Company did not have any cash collateral posted with counterparties at July 31, 2017 and January 31, 2017, respectively. The Company records cash collateral it posts with counterparties as amounts receivable from those counterparties exclusive of any derivative liability.

The Company uses derivative financial instruments for the purpose of hedging its exposure to interest and currency exchange rate risks and, accordingly, the contractual terms of a hedged instrument closely mirror those of the hedged item, providing a high degree of risk reduction and correlation. Contracts that are effective at meeting the risk reduction and correlation criteria are recorded using hedge accounting. If a derivative financial instrument is recorded using hedge accounting, depending on the nature of the hedge, changes in the fair value of the instrument will either be offset against the change in fair value of the hedged assets, liabilities or firm commitments through earnings or be recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss until the hedged item is recognized in earnings. Any hedge ineffectiveness is immediately recognized in earnings. The Company's net investment and cash flow instruments are highly effective hedges and the ineffective portion has not been, and is not expected to be, significant. Instruments that do not meet the criteria for hedge accounting, or contracts for which the Company has not elected hedge accounting, are recorded at fair value with unrealized gains or losses reported in earnings during the period of the change.

Fair Value Instruments

The Company is a party to receive fixed-rate, pay variable-rate interest rate swaps that the Company uses to hedge the fair value of fixed-rate debt. The notional amounts are used to measure interest to be paid or received and do not represent the Company's exposure due to credit loss. The Company's interest rate swaps that receive fixed-interest rate payments and pay variable-interest rate payments are designated as fair value hedges. As the specific terms and notional amounts of the derivative instruments match those of the fixed-rate debt being hedged, the derivative instruments are assumed to be perfectly effective hedges. Changes in the fair values of these derivative instruments are recorded in earnings, but are offset by corresponding changes in the fair values of the hedged items, also recorded in earnings, and, accordingly, do not impact the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. These fair value instruments will mature on dates ranging from October 2020 to April 2024.

Net Investment Instruments

The Company is a party to cross-currency interest rate swaps that the Company uses to hedge its net investments. The agreements are contracts to exchange fixed-rate payments in one currency for fixed-rate payments in another currency. All changes in the fair value of these instruments are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss, offsetting the currency translation adjustment of the related investment that is also recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss. These instruments will mature on dates ranging from July 2020 to February 2030.

The Company has issued foreign-currency-denominated long-term debt as hedges of net investments of certain of its foreign operations. These foreign-currency-denominated long-term debt issuances are designated and qualify as nonderivative hedging instruments. Accordingly, the foreign currency translation of these debt instruments is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss, offsetting the foreign currency translation adjustment of the related net investments that is also recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss. At July 31, 2017 and January 31, 2017, the Company had ¥180 billion and ¥10 billion, respectively, of outstanding long-term debt designated as a hedge of its net investment in Japan, as well as outstanding long-term debt of £2.1 billion and £2.5 billion at July 31, 2017 and January 31, 2017, respectively, that was designated as a hedge of its net investment in the United Kingdom. These nonderivative net investment hedges will mature on dates ranging from July 2020 to January 2039.

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Cash Flow Instruments

The Company is a party to receive fixed-rate, pay fixed-rate cross-currency interest rate swaps to hedge the currency exposure associated with the forecasted payments of principal and interest of certain non-U.S. denominated debt. The swaps are designated as cash flow hedges of the currency risk related to payments on the non-U.S. denominated debt. The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives designated as cash flow hedges of foreign exchange risk is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss and is subsequently reclassified into earnings in the period that the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings. The hedged items are recognized foreign currency-denominated liabilities that are re-measured at spot exchange rates each period, and the assessment of effectiveness (and measurement of any ineffectiveness) is based on total changes in the related derivative's cash flows. As a result, the amount reclassified into earnings each period includes an amount that offsets the related transaction gain or loss arising from that re-measurement and the adjustment to earnings for the period's allocable portion of the initial spot-forward difference associated with the hedging instrument. These cash flow instruments will mature on dates ranging from April 2022 to March 2034.

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Although subject to master netting arrangements, the Company does not offset derivative assets and derivative liabilities in its Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Derivative instruments with an unrealized gain are recorded in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as either current or non-current assets, based on maturity date, and those hedging instruments with an unrealized loss are recorded as either current or non-current liabilities, based on maturity date. Refer to Note 5 for the net presentation of the Company's derivative instruments.

The Company's derivative instruments, as well as its nonderivative debt instruments designated and qualifying as net investment hedges, were classified as follows in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets:

(Amounts in millions)	July 31, 2017			January 31, 2017		
	Fair Value Instruments	Net Investment Instruments	Cash Flow Instruments	Fair Value Instruments	Net Investment Instruments	Cash Flow Instruments
Derivative instruments						
Derivative assets:						
Other assets and deferred charges	\$ 30	\$ 390	\$ 79	\$ 8	\$ 471	\$ —
Derivative liabilities:						
Deferred income taxes and other	3	—	348	12	—	618
Nonderivative hedging instruments						
Long-term debt	—	4,444	—	—	3,209	—

Gains and losses related to the Company's derivatives primarily relate to interest rate hedges, which are recorded in interest, net, in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. Amounts related to the Company's derivatives expected to be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss to net income during the next 12 months are not significant.

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Note 7. Share Repurchases

From time to time, the Company repurchases shares of its common stock under share repurchase programs authorized by the Company's Board of Directors. The current \$20.0 billion share repurchase program has no expiration date or other restrictions limiting the period over which the Company can make share repurchases. At July 31, 2017, authorization for \$4.8 billion of share repurchases remained under the current share repurchase program. Any repurchased shares are constructively retired and returned to an unissued status.

The Company considers several factors in determining when to execute share repurchases, including, among other things, current cash needs, capacity for leverage, cost of borrowings and the market price of its common stock. The following table provides, on a settlement date basis, the number of shares repurchased, average price paid per share and total amount paid for share repurchases for the six months ended July 31, 2017 and 2016:

(Amounts in millions, except per share data)	Six Months Ended July 31,	
	2017	2016
Total number of shares repurchased	60.6	71.0
Average price paid per share	\$73.38	\$68.39
Total amount paid for share repurchases	\$4,447	\$4,852

Note 8. Common Stock Dividends

Dividends Declared

On February 21, 2017, the Board of Directors approved the fiscal year ending January 31, 2018 ("fiscal 2018") annual dividend of \$2.04 per share, an increase over the fiscal 2017 annual dividend of \$2.00 per share. For fiscal 2018, the annual dividend will be paid in four quarterly installments of \$0.51 per share, according to the following record and payable dates:

Record Date	Payable Date
March 10, 2017	April 3, 2017
May 12, 2017	June 5, 2017
August 11, 2017	September 5, 2017
December 8, 2017	January 2, 2018

The dividend installments payable on April 3, 2017 and June 5, 2017 were paid as scheduled.

Note 9. Contingencies

Legal Proceedings

The Company is involved in a number of legal proceedings. The Company has made accruals with respect to these matters, where appropriate, which are reflected in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. For some matters, a liability is not probable or the amount cannot be reasonably estimated and therefore an accrual has not been made. However, where a liability is reasonably possible and may be material, such matters have been disclosed. The Company may enter into discussions regarding settlement of these matters, and may enter into settlement agreements, if it believes settlement is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders.

Unless stated otherwise, the matters discussed below, if decided adversely to or settled by the Company, individually or in the aggregate, may result in a liability material to the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

ASDA Equal Value Claims

ASDA Stores, Ltd. ("ASDA"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, is a defendant in over 10,000 "equal value" claims that are proceeding before an Employment Tribunal in Manchester (the "Employment Tribunal") in the United Kingdom ("UK") on behalf of current and former ASDA store employees. The claimants allege that the work performed by female employees in ASDA's retail stores is of equal value in terms of, among other things, the demands of their jobs to that of male employees working in ASDA's warehouse and distribution facilities, and that the disparity in pay between these different job positions is not objectively justified. Claimants are requesting differential back pay based on higher wage rates in the warehouse and distribution facilities. The claimants are also requesting higher wage

rates on a prospective basis as part of these equal value proceedings. ASDA believes that further claims may be asserted in the future.

On March 23, 2015, ASDA asked the Employment Tribunal to stay all proceedings and to "strike out" substantially all of the claims because the claimants had not adhered to the Tribunal's procedural rule for including multiple claimants on a the same claim form. On July 23, 2015, the Employment Tribunal denied ASDA's requests. Following additional proceedings, on June 20, 2017, the Employment Appeal Tribunal ruled in favor of ASDA on the "strike out" issue and remitted the matter to the

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Employment Tribunal to determine whether the improperly filed claims should be struck out. On July 12, 2017, claimants sought permission from the Court of Appeals to appeal this ruling.

As to the initial phase of the Equal Value claims, on October 14, 2016, following a preliminary hearing, the Employment Tribunal ruled that claimants could compare their positions in ASDA's retail stores with those of employees in ASDA's warehouse and distribution facilities. On August 31, 2017, the Employment Appeal Tribunal affirmed the Employment Tribunal's ruling. Claimants are now proceeding in the next phase of their claims. That phase will determine whether the work performed by the claimants is of equal value to the work performed by employees in ASDA's warehouse and distribution facilities.

At present, the Company cannot predict the number of such claims that may be filed, and cannot reasonably estimate any loss or range of loss that may arise from these proceedings. The Company believes it has substantial factual and legal defenses to these claims, and intends to defend the claims vigorously.

FCPA Investigation and Related Matters

The Audit Committee (the "Audit Committee") of the Board of Directors of the Company has been conducting an internal investigation into, among other things, alleged violations of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA") and other alleged crimes or misconduct in connection with foreign subsidiaries, including Wal-Mart de México, S.A.B. de C.V. ("Walmex"), and whether prior allegations of such violations and/or misconduct were appropriately handled by the Company. The Audit Committee and the Company have engaged outside counsel from a number of law firms and other advisors who are assisting in the on-going investigation of these matters.

The Company has also been conducting a voluntary global review of its policies, practices and internal controls for anti-corruption compliance. The Company is engaged in strengthening its global anti-corruption compliance program through appropriate remedial anti-corruption measures. In November 2011, the Company voluntarily disclosed that investigative activity to the U.S. Department of Justice (the "DOJ") and the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Since the implementation of the global review and the enhanced anti-corruption compliance program, the Audit Committee and the Company have identified or been made aware of additional allegations regarding potential violations of the FCPA. When such allegations have been reported or identified, the Audit Committee and the Company, together with their third party advisors, have conducted inquiries and when warranted based on those inquiries, opened investigations. Inquiries or investigations regarding allegations of potential FCPA violations were commenced in a number of foreign markets where the Company operates, including, but not limited to, Brazil, China and India.

As previously disclosed, the Company is under investigation by the DOJ and the SEC regarding possible violations of the FCPA. The Company has been cooperating with the agencies and discussions have been ongoing regarding the resolution of these matters. As these discussions are ongoing, the Company cannot currently predict the timing, the outcome or the impact of a possible resolution of these matters.

A number of federal and local government agencies in Mexico have also initiated investigations of these matters. Walmex is cooperating with the Mexican governmental agencies conducting these investigations. Furthermore, lawsuits relating to the matters under investigation have been filed by several of the Company's shareholders against it, certain of its current directors, certain of its former directors, certain of its former officers and certain of Walmex's former officers.

The Company could be exposed to a variety of negative consequences as a result of the matters noted above. There could be one or more enforcement actions in respect of the matters that are the subject of some or all of the on-going government investigations, and such actions, if brought, may result in judgments, settlements, fines, penalties, injunctions, cease and desist orders, debarment or other relief, criminal convictions and/or penalties and the shareholder lawsuits referenced above may result in judgments against the Company and its current and former directors and officers named in those proceedings. The Company expects that there will be on-going media and governmental interest, including additional news articles from media publications on these matters, which could impact the perception among certain audiences of the Company's role as a corporate citizen.

In addition, the Company has incurred and expects to continue to incur costs in responding to requests for information or subpoenas seeking documents, testimony and other information in connection with the government investigations, in defending the shareholder lawsuits, and in conducting the review and investigations. These costs will be expensed

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as incurred. For the three and six months ended July 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company incurred the following third-party expenses in connection with the FCPA investigation and related matters:

	Three		Six	
	Months		Months	
	Ended		Ended	
	July 31,		July 31,	
(Amounts in millions)	2017	2016	2017	2016
Ongoing inquiries and investigations	\$7	\$23	\$20	\$44
Global compliance program and organizational enhancements	5	5	8	9
Total	\$12	\$28	\$28	\$53

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While the Company believes that it is probable that it will incur a loss from these matters, given the on-going nature and complexity of the review, inquiries and investigations, the Company cannot yet reasonably estimate a loss or range of loss that may arise from the conclusion of these matters. Although the Company does not presently believe that these matters will have a material adverse effect on its business, given the inherent uncertainties in such situations, the Company can provide no assurance that these matters will not be material to its business in the future.

Note 10. Acquisitions, Disposals and Related Items

The Company completed certain e-commerce acquisitions during the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, which were immaterial, individually and in the aggregate, to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. The following significant transaction primarily impacts the operations of the Company's Walmart U.S. segment: Jet.com, Inc. ("jet.com")

In September 2016, the Company completed the acquisition of jet.com, a U.S.-based e-commerce company. The integration of jet.com into the Walmart U.S. segment is building upon the current e-commerce foundation, allowing for synergies from talent, logistical operations and access to a broader customer base. The total purchase price for the acquisition was \$2.4 billion, net of cash acquired. The preliminary allocation of the purchase price includes \$1.7 billion in goodwill and \$0.6 billion in intangible assets. As part of the transaction, the Company will pay additional compensation of approximately \$0.8 billion over a five-year period.

The following significant transactions impact the operations of the Company's Walmart International segment:

Suburbia

In April 2017, one of the Company's subsidiaries sold Suburbia, the apparel retail division in Mexico, for \$1.0 billion. As part of the sales agreement, the Company is also leasing certain real estate to the purchaser. The sale resulted in a pre-tax gain of \$0.7 billion, of which \$0.4 billion was recognized in the second quarter of fiscal 2018 in membership and other income, and the remainder was deferred and is being recognized over the lease terms of approximately 20 years.

Yihaodian and JD

In June 2016, the Company sold certain assets relating to Yihaodian, its e-commerce operations in China, including the Yihaodian brand, website and application, to JD in exchange for Class A ordinary shares of JD representing approximately five percent of JD's outstanding ordinary shares on a fully diluted basis. The \$1.5 billion investment in JD is carried at cost and is included in other assets and deferred charges in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. The sale resulted in the recognition of a \$535 million noncash gain, which was included in membership and other income. Subsequently, during fiscal 2017, the Company purchased \$1.9 billion of additional JD shares classified as available for sale securities, representing an incremental ownership percentage of approximately five percent, for a total ownership of approximately ten percent of JD's outstanding ordinary shares.

Note 11. Segments

The Company is engaged in retail and wholesale operations located in the U.S., Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, India, Japan, Mexico and the United Kingdom, as well as countries located in Africa and Central America. The Company's operations are conducted in three business segments: Walmart U.S., Walmart International and Sam's Club. The Company defines its segments as those operations whose results its chief operating decision maker ("CODM") regularly reviews to analyze performance and allocate resources. The Company sells similar individual products and services in each of its segments. It is impractical to segregate and identify revenues for each of these individual products and services.

The Walmart U.S. segment includes the Company's mass merchant concept in the U.S. operating under the "Walmart" or "Wal-Mart" brands, as well as digital retail. The Walmart International segment consists of the Company's operations outside of the U.S., including various retail websites. The Sam's Club segment includes the warehouse membership clubs in the U.S., as well as samsclub.com. Corporate and support consists of corporate overhead and other items not allocated to any of the Company's segments.

The Company measures the results of its segments using, among other measures, each segment's net sales and operating income, which includes certain corporate overhead allocations. From time to time, the Company revises the

measurement of each segment's operating income, including any corporate overhead allocations, as determined by the information regularly reviewed by its CODM. When the measurement of a segment changes, previous period amounts and balances are reclassified to be comparable to the current period's presentation.

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Net sales by segment are as follows:

	Three Months Ended July 31,		Six Months Ended July 31,	
(Amounts in millions)	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net sales:				
Walmart U.S.	\$78,738	\$76,241	\$154,174	\$149,536
Walmart International	28,331	28,621	55,428	56,704
Sam's Club	14,880	14,543	28,873	28,151
Net sales	\$121,949	\$119,405	\$238,475	\$234,391

Operating income by segment, as well as operating loss for corporate and support, and interest, net, are as follows:

	Three Months Ended July 31,		Six Months Ended July 31,	
(Amounts in millions)	2017	2016	2017	2016
Operating income (loss):				
Walmart U.S.	\$4,618	\$4,519	\$8,887	\$8,751
Walmart International	1,592	1,727	2,755	2,891
Sam's Club	404	472	818	885
Corporate and support	(645)	(553)	(1,254)	(1,087)
Operating income	5,969	6,165	11,206	11,440
Interest, net	575	566	1,138	1,127
Loss on extinguishment of debt	788	—	788	—
Income before income taxes	\$4,606	\$5,599	\$9,280	\$10,313

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

Overview

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. ("Walmart," the "Company" or "we") is engaged in retail and wholesale operations in various formats around the world. Through our operations, we help people around the world save money and live better – anytime and anywhere – in retail stores or through our e-commerce and mobile capabilities. Through innovation, we are striving to create a customer-centric experience that seamlessly integrates digital and physical shopping and saves time for our customers. Physical retail encompasses our brick and mortar presence in each of the markets in which we operate. Digital retail is comprised of our e-commerce websites and mobile commerce applications. Each week, we serve over 260 million customers who visit our more than 11,600 stores under 59 banners in 28 countries and e-commerce websites in 11 countries. Our strategy is to lead on price, invest to differentiate on access, be competitive on assortment and deliver a great experience. By leading on price we earn the trust of our customers every day by providing a broad assortment of quality merchandise and services at everyday low prices ("EDLP"). EDLP is our pricing philosophy under which we price items at a low price every day so our customers trust that our prices will not change under frequent promotional activity. Price leadership is core to who we are. Everyday low cost ("EDLC") is our commitment to control expenses so our cost savings can be passed along to our customers. Our digital and physical presence, which we continue to integrate, provides customers access to our broad assortment anytime and anywhere. We strive to give our customers and members a great digital and physical shopping experience.

Our operations consist of three reportable segments: Walmart U.S., Walmart International and Sam's Club.

Walmart U.S. is our largest segment with three primary store formats, as well as digital retail, including recent acquisitions of several e-commerce entities such as Jet.com, Inc. Of our three reportable segments, Walmart U.S. has historically had the highest gross profit as a percentage of net sales ("gross profit rate"). In addition, it has historically contributed the greatest amount to the Company's net sales and operating income.

Walmart International consists of our operations outside of the U.S. and includes retail, wholesale and other businesses. These businesses consist of numerous formats, including supercenters, supermarkets, hypermarkets, warehouse clubs, including Sam's Clubs, cash & carry, home improvement, specialty electronics, drug stores and convenience stores, as well as digital retail. The overall gross profit rate for Walmart International is lower than that of Walmart U.S. primarily because of its merchandise mix. Walmart International is our second largest segment and has grown through acquisitions, as well as by adding retail, wholesale and other units, and expanding digital retail.

Sam's Club consists of membership-only warehouse clubs as well as digital retail. As a membership-only warehouse club, membership income is a significant component of the segment's operating income. Sam's Club operates with a lower gross profit rate and lower operating expenses as a percentage of net sales than our other segments.

Each of our segments contributes to the Company's operating results differently. Each, however, has generally maintained a consistent contribution rate to the Company's net sales and operating income in recent years other than minor changes to the contribution rate for the Walmart International segment due to fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

Our fiscal year ends on January 31 for our U.S. and Canadian operations. We consolidate all other operations generally using a one-month lag and on a calendar year basis. Our business is seasonal to a certain extent due to calendar events and national and religious holidays, as well as weather patterns. Historically, our highest sales volume and operating income have occurred in the fiscal quarter ending January 31.

This discussion, which presents our results for periods occurring in the fiscal year ending January 31, 2018 ("fiscal 2018") and the fiscal year ended January 31, 2017 ("fiscal 2017"), should be read in conjunction with our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements as of and for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, and the accompanying notes included in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as our Consolidated Financial Statements as of and for the year ended January 31, 2017, the accompanying notes and the related Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, contained in our Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended January 31, 2017, and incorporated by reference in, and included as Exhibit 13 to, our Annual Report of Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2017.

We intend for this discussion to provide the reader with information that will assist in understanding our financial statements, the changes in certain key items in those financial statements from period to period and the primary factors

that accounted for those changes. We also discuss certain performance metrics that management uses to assess the Company's performance. Additionally, the discussion provides information about the financial results of the three segments of our business to provide a better understanding of how each of those segments and its results of operations affect the financial condition and results of operations of the Company as a whole.

Throughout this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, we discuss segment operating income, comparable store and club sales and other measures. Management measures the results of the Company's segments using each segment's operating income, including certain corporate overhead allocations, as well as other measures. From time to time, we revise the measurement of each segment's operating income, including certain corporate overhead allocations, and other measures as determined by the information regularly reviewed by our chief operating decision maker. When we do so, the previous period amounts and balances are reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

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Comparable store and club sales, or comparable sales, is a metric that indicates the performance of our existing stores and clubs by measuring the change in sales for such stores and clubs, including e-commerce sales, for a particular period from the corresponding period in the previous year. Walmart's definition of comparable sales includes sales from stores and clubs open for the previous 12 months, including remodels, relocations, expansions and conversions, as well as e-commerce sales. We measure the e-commerce sales impact by including those sales initiated through websites and mobile commerce applications and fulfilled through our e-commerce distribution facilities, as well as an estimate for sales initiated online and on our mobile commerce applications, but fulfilled through our stores and clubs. Sales of a store that has changed in format are excluded from comparable sales when the conversion of that store is accompanied by a relocation or expansion that results in a change in the store's retail square feet of more than five percent. Additionally, sales related to e-commerce acquisitions are excluded from comparable sales until such acquisitions have been owned for 12 months. Comparable sales are also referred to as "same-store" sales by others within the retail industry. The method of calculating comparable sales varies across the retail industry. As a result, our calculation of comparable sales is not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

In discussing our operating results, we use the term "currency exchange rates" to refer to the currency exchange rates we use to convert the operating results for all countries where the functional currency is not the U.S. dollar into U.S. dollars for financial reporting purposes. We calculate the effect of changes in currency exchange rates from the prior period to the current period as the difference between current period activity translated using the current period's currency exchange rates, and current period activity translated using the comparable prior year period's currency exchange rates. Throughout our discussion, we refer to the results of this calculation as the impact of currency exchange rate fluctuations. Volatility in currency exchange rates may impact the results, including net sales and operating income, of the Company and the Walmart International segment in the future.

The Retail Industry

We operate in the highly competitive retail industry in all of the markets we serve. We face strong sales competition from other discount, department, drug, dollar, variety and specialty stores, warehouse clubs and supermarkets, as well as e-commerce and catalog businesses. Many of these competitors are national, regional or international chains or have a national or international online presence. We compete with a number of companies for prime retail site locations, as well as in attracting and retaining quality employees (whom we call "associates"). We, along with other retail companies, are influenced by a number of factors including, but not limited to: catastrophic events, weather, competitive pressures, consumer disposable income, consumer debt levels and buying patterns, consumer credit availability, cost of goods, currency exchange rate fluctuations, customer preferences, deflation, inflation, fuel and energy prices, general economic conditions, insurance costs, interest rates, labor costs, tax rates, cybersecurity attacks and unemployment.

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Company Performance Metrics

We are committed to helping customers save money and live better through everyday low prices, supported by everyday low costs. At times, we adjust our business strategies to maintain and strengthen our competitive positions in the countries in which we operate. We recently redefined our financial framework as:

- strong, efficient growth;
- operating discipline; and
- strategic capital allocation.

As we execute on this financial framework, particularly in the U.S., we believe our returns on capital will improve over time.

Strong, Efficient Growth

Our objective of prioritizing strong, efficient growth means we will focus on increasing comparable store and club sales and accelerating e-commerce sales growth while slowing the rate of growth of new stores and clubs. At times, we make strategic investments which are focused on the long-term growth of the Company, which may not benefit comparable sales in the near term.

Comparable sales is a metric that indicates the performance of our existing stores and clubs by measuring the change in sales for such stores and clubs, including e-commerce sales, for a particular period over the corresponding period in the previous year. The retail industry generally reports comparable sales using the retail calendar (also known as the 4-5-4 calendar). To be consistent with the retail industry, we provide comparable sales using the retail calendar in our quarterly earnings releases. However, when we discuss our comparable sales below, we are referring to our calendar comparable sales calculated using our fiscal calendar. As our fiscal calendar differs from the retail calendar, our fiscal calendar comparable sales also differ from the retail calendar comparable sales provided in our quarterly earnings releases. Calendar comparable sales, as well as the impact of fuel, for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017 and 2016, were as follows:

	Three Months Ended July 31,				Six Months Ended July 31,			
	2017		2016		2017		2016	
	With Fuel	Fuel Impact	With Fuel	Fuel Impact	With Fuel	Fuel Impact	With Fuel	Fuel Impact
Walmart U.S.	1.7%	1.4%	0.1%	0.0%	1.4%	2.1%	0.1%	0.0%
Sam's Club	1.5%	(1.7)%	0.2%	(1.7)%	1.8%	(0.8)%	0.8%	(1.9)%
Total U.S.	1.6%	0.9%	0.1%	(0.3)%	1.4%	1.6%	0.1%	(0.4)%

Comparable sales in the U.S., including fuel, increased 1.6% and 1.4% for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, respectively, when compared to the same periods in the previous fiscal year. Total U.S. comparable sales were positively impacted by continued traffic improvement and higher e-commerce sales at both Walmart U.S. and Sam's Club. E-commerce sales positively impacted comparable sales by approximately 0.8% and 0.7% for the three months ended July 31, 2017 for Walmart U.S. and Sam's Club, respectively, and by approximately 0.8% and 0.7% for the six months ended July 31, 2017 for Walmart U.S. and Sam's Club, respectively.

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Operating Discipline

We prioritize disciplined expense management and optimizing the efficiency of how we work. We measure operating discipline through expense leverage, which we define as net sales growing at a faster rate than operating expenses.

(Amounts in millions, except unit counts)	Three Months Ended July 31,		Six Months Ended July 31,		
	2017	2016	2017	2016	
Net sales	\$121,949	\$119,405	\$238,475	\$234,391	
Percentage change from comparable period	2.1	% 0.1	% 1.7	% 0.5	%
Operating, selling, general and administrative expenses	\$25,865	\$25,204	\$50,482	\$49,289	
Percentage change from comparable period	2.6	% 4.6	% 2.4	% 5.4	%
Operating, selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales	21.2	% 21.1	% 21.2	% 21.0	%

For the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, operating, selling, general and administrative ("operating") expenses as a percentage of net sales increased 10 and 14 basis points, respectively, when compared to the same periods in the previous fiscal year. For both the three and six months ended July 31, 2017 we did not leverage expenses primarily due to our continued investments in e-commerce and technology.

Strategic Capital Allocation

We are allocating more capital to remodels, e-commerce, technology and supply chain and less to new store and club openings, when compared to prior years. This allocation aligns with our initiatives of improving our customer proposition in stores and clubs and integrating digital and physical shopping. The following table provides additional detail:

(Amounts in millions)	Six Months Ended July 31,	
	2017	2016
Allocation of Capital Expenditures		
New stores and clubs, including expansions and relocations	\$520	\$1,170
Remodels	1,124	863
E-commerce, technology, supply chain and other	1,776	1,515
Total U.S.	3,420	3,548
Walmart International	1,003	1,071
Total capital expenditures	\$4,423	\$4,619

Total U.S. capital expenditures decreased \$128 million for the six months ended July 31, 2017, when compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year. Capital expenditures related to new stores and clubs, including expansions and relocations, decreased \$650 million, partially offset by increases to capital expenditures for remodels and for e-commerce, technology, supply chain and other. These changes were a result of our shift in capital allocation strategy to support growth in comparable store and club sales and e-commerce, while slowing the rate at which we open new stores and clubs.

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Returns

As we execute our financial framework, we believe our returns on capital will improve over time. We measure returns on capital with our return on investment and free cash flow metrics. In addition, we provide returns in the form of share repurchases and dividends, which are discussed in the Liquidity and Capital Resources section.

Return on Assets and Return on Investment

We include Return on Assets ("ROA"), the most directly comparable measure based on our financial statements presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. ("GAAP"), and Return on Investment ("ROI") as metrics to assess returns on assets. While ROI is considered a non-GAAP financial measure, management believes ROI is a meaningful metric to share with investors because it helps investors assess how effectively Walmart is deploying its assets. Trends in ROI can fluctuate over time as management balances long-term potential strategic initiatives with possible short-term impacts. ROA was 6.7% and 7.7% for the trailing twelve months ended July 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. ROI was 15.0% and 15.5% for the trailing twelve months ended July 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The decline in ROA was primarily due to the decrease in operating income over the trailing twelve months ended July 31, 2017 and the loss on extinguishment of debt. The decline in ROI was primarily due to the decrease in operating income over the trailing twelve months ended July 31, 2017.

We define ROI as adjusted operating income (operating income plus interest income, depreciation and amortization, and rent expense) for the fiscal year or trailing 12 months divided by average invested capital during that period. We consider average invested capital to be the average of our beginning and ending total assets, plus average accumulated depreciation and average accumulated amortization, less average accounts payable and average accrued liabilities for that period, plus a rent factor equal to the rent for the fiscal year or trailing 12 months multiplied by a factor of eight. When we have discontinued operations, we exclude the impact of the discontinued operations.

Our calculation of ROI is considered a non-GAAP financial measure because we calculate ROI using financial measures that exclude and include amounts that are included and excluded in the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. For example, we exclude the impact of depreciation and amortization from our reported operating income in calculating the numerator of our calculation of ROI. In addition, we include a factor of eight for rent expense that estimates the hypothetical capitalization of our operating leases. As mentioned above, we consider ROA to be the financial measure computed in accordance with GAAP that is the most directly comparable financial measure to our calculation of ROI. ROI differs from ROA (which is consolidated net income for the period divided by average total assets for the period) because ROI: adjusts operating income to exclude certain expense items and adds interest income; adjusts total assets for the impact of accumulated depreciation and amortization, accounts payable and accrued liabilities; and incorporates a factor of rent to arrive at total invested capital. Because of the adjustments mentioned above, we believe ROI more accurately measures how we are deploying our key assets and is more meaningful to investors than ROA.

Although ROI is a standard financial metric, numerous methods exist for calculating a company's ROI. As a result, the method used by management to calculate our ROI may differ from the methods used by other companies to calculate their ROI.

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The calculation of ROA and ROI, along with a reconciliation of ROI to the calculation of ROA, the most comparable GAAP financial measure, is as follows:

(Amounts in millions)	For the Trailing Twelve Months Ending July 31,			
	2017	2016		
CALCULATION OF RETURN ON ASSETS				
Numerator				
Consolidated net income	\$13,444	\$15,267		
Denominator				
Average total assets ⁽¹⁾	\$199,726	\$198,253		
Return on assets (ROA)	6.7	%	7.7	%
CALCULATION OF RETURN ON INVESTMENT				
Numerator				
Operating income	\$22,530	\$23,796		
+ Interest income	127	83		
+ Depreciation and amortization	10,344	9,701		
+ Rent	2,608	2,453		
= Adjusted operating income	\$35,609	\$36,033		
Denominator				
Average total assets ⁽¹⁾	\$199,726	\$198,253		
+ Average accumulated depreciation and amortization ⁽¹⁾	77,752	72,156		
- Average accounts payable ⁽¹⁾	41,146	38,564		
- Average accrued liabilities ⁽¹⁾	19,669	18,971		
+ Rent x 8	20,864	19,624		
= Average invested capital	\$237,527	\$232,498		
Return on investment (ROI)	15.0	%	15.5	%

Certain Balance Sheet Data	As of July 31,		
	2017	2016	2015
Total assets	\$201,566	\$197,886	\$198,620
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	80,773	74,730	69,582
Accounts payable	42,389	39,902	37,225
Accrued liabilities	19,686	19,651	18,290

(1) The average is based on the addition of the account balance at the end of the current period to the account balance at the end of the prior period and dividing by 2.

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Free Cash Flow

Free cash flow is considered a non-GAAP financial measure. Management believes, however, that free cash flow, which measures our ability to generate additional cash from our business operations, is an important financial measure for use in evaluating the Company's financial performance. Free cash flow should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, consolidated net income as a measure of our performance and net cash provided by operating activities as a measure of our liquidity. See Liquidity and Capital Resources for discussions of GAAP metrics including net cash provided by operating activities, net cash used in investing activities and net cash used in financing activities.

We define free cash flow as net cash provided by operating activities in a period minus payments for property and equipment made in that period. We had net cash provided by operating activities of \$11.4 billion and \$14.9 billion for the six months ended July 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. We generated free cash flow of \$6.9 billion and \$10.3 billion for the six months ended July 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The decreases in net cash provided by operating activities and free cash flow were primarily due to an increase in incentive payments and timing of other payments. Additionally, the six months ended July 31, 2016 included a greater benefit from improvement in working capital management.

Walmart's definition of free cash flow is limited in that it does not represent residual cash flows available for discretionary expenditures due to the fact that the measure does not deduct the payments required for debt service and other contractual obligations or payments made for business acquisitions. Therefore, we believe it is important to view free cash flow as a measure that provides supplemental information to our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Although other companies report their free cash flow, numerous methods may exist for calculating a company's free cash flow. As a result, the method used by Walmart's management to calculate our free cash flow may differ from the methods used by other companies to calculate their free cash flow.

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of free cash flow, a non-GAAP financial measure, to net cash provided by operating activities, which we believe to be the GAAP financial measure most directly comparable to free cash flow, as well as information regarding net cash used in investing activities and net cash used in financing activities.

(Amounts in millions)	Six Months Ended	
	July 31,	
	2017	2016
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$11,360	\$14,931
Payments for property and equipment	(4,423)	(4,619)
Free cash flow	\$6,937	\$10,312

Net cash used in investing activities ⁽¹⁾	\$(3,559)	\$(4,416)
Net cash used in financing activities	(8,631)	(11,214)

(1) "Net cash used in investing activities" includes payments for property and equipment, which is also included in our computation of free cash flow.

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Results of Operations

Consolidated Results of Operations

(Amounts in millions, except unit counts)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended July	
	July 31, 2017	2016	31, 2017	2016
Total revenues	\$123,355	\$120,854	\$240,897	\$236,758
Percentage change from comparable period	2.1	% 0.5	% 1.7	% 0.7
Net sales	\$121,949	\$119,405	\$238,475	\$234,391
Percentage change from comparable period	2.1	% 0.1	% 1.7	% 0.5
Total U.S. calendar comparable store and club sales increase	1.6	% 0.9	% 1.4	% 1.6
Gross profit margin as a percentage of net sales	25.0	% 25.1	% 24.9	% 24.9
Operating income	\$5,969	\$6,165	\$11,206	\$11,440
Operating income as a percentage of net sales	4.9	% 5.2	% 4.7	% 4.9
Consolidated net income	\$3,104	\$3,889	\$6,256	\$7,105
Unit counts at period end	11,652	11,539	11,652	11,539
Retail square feet at period end	1,159	1,153	1,159	1,153

Our total revenues, which are mostly comprised of net sales, but also include membership and other income, increased \$2.5 billion or 2.1% and \$4.1 billion or 1.7% for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, when compared to the same periods in the previous fiscal year. Net sales increased 2.1% and 1.7% for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, when compared to the same periods in the previous fiscal year. Net sales for both the three and six months ended July 31, 2017 were positively impacted by overall positive comparable sales and a 0.5% year-over-year growth in consolidated retail square feet. Partially offsetting these increases was the negative impact of fluctuations in currency exchange rates of \$1.0 billion and \$2.2 billion for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, respectively. Our gross profit rate decreased 11 basis points for the three months ended July 31, 2017, when compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year. The decrease was primarily due to strategic price investments in key markets and the mix impact from e-commerce. Our gross profit rate was relatively flat for the six months ended July 31, 2017, when compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year.

Membership and other income decreased \$43 million for the three months ended July 31, 2017, when compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year. The decrease in membership and other income for the three months ended July 31, 2017 was primarily due to the prior year recognition of a \$535 million gain from the sale of certain assets relating to Yihaodian, which included the Yihaodian brand, website and application, partially offset by the recognition of a \$387 million gain from the sale of Suburbia in the current year and higher recycling income from our sustainability efforts. Membership and other income increased \$55 million for the six months ended July 31, 2017, when compared to the same period in the previous year. The increase in membership and other income for the six months ended July 31, 2017 was primarily due to the recognition of a \$387 million gain from the sale of Suburbia, higher recycling income from our sustainability efforts and a \$47 million gain from a land sale, partially offset by the prior year recognition of a \$535 million gain from the sale of certain assets relating to Yihaodian.

For the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, operating expenses as a percentage of net sales increased 10 and 14 basis points, respectively, when compared to the same periods in the previous fiscal year, primarily due to our continued investments in e-commerce and technology.

Our effective income tax rate was 32.6% for both the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, compared to 30.5% and 31.1%, respectively, for the same periods in the previous fiscal year. Our effective income tax rate may fluctuate from quarter to quarter as a result of factors including changes in our assessment of certain tax contingencies, valuation allowances, changes in tax law, outcomes of administrative audits, the impact of discrete items and the mix of earnings among our U.S. operations and international operations, which are subject to statutory rates that are generally lower than the U.S. statutory rate.

As a result of the factors discussed above, as well as a \$788 million loss on extinguishment of debt, we reported \$3.1 billion and \$6.3 billion of consolidated net income for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, respectively, a decrease of \$0.8 billion, respectively, when compared to the same periods in the previous fiscal year. Diluted net

income per common share attributable to Walmart ("EPS") was \$0.96 and \$1.96 for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, respectively, decreases of \$0.25 and \$0.22, respectively, when compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year.

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Walmart U.S. Segment

(Amounts in millions, except unit counts)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended July		
	July 31, 2017	2016	31, 2017	2016	
Net sales	\$78,738	\$76,241	\$154,174	\$149,536	
Percentage change from comparable period	3.3	% 3.1	% 3.1	% 3.7	%
Calendar comparable sales increase	1.7	% 1.4	% 1.4	% 2.1	%
Operating income	\$4,618	\$4,519	\$8,887	\$8,751	
Operating income as a percentage of net sales	5.9	% 5.9	% 5.8	% 5.9	%
Unit counts at period end	4,741	4,629	4,741	4,629	
Retail square feet at period end	703	695	703	695	

Net sales for the Walmart U.S. segment increased \$2.5 billion or 3.3% and \$4.6 billion or 3.1% for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, respectively, when compared to the same periods in the previous fiscal year. The increases in net sales were primarily due to increases in comparable sales of 1.7% and 1.4% for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, respectively, year-over-year growth in retail square feet of 1.1% and sales from recent e-commerce acquisitions.

Gross profit rate was relatively flat for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, when compared to the same periods in the previous fiscal year, due to continued investments in price and the mix impact from e-commerce, which were mostly offset by the impact of savings from procuring merchandise.

For the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, operating expenses as a percentage of segment net sales increased 13 and 14 basis points, respectively, when compared to the same periods in the previous fiscal year. The increases in operating expenses as a percentage of segment net sales were primarily driven by our continued investments in e-commerce and technology.

As a result of the factors discussed above, segment operating income increased \$99 million and \$136 million for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, respectively, when compared to the same periods in the previous fiscal year.

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Walmart International Segment

(Amounts in millions, except unit counts)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended July	
	July 31,	2016	31,	2016
Net sales	\$28,331	\$28,621	\$55,428	\$56,704
Percentage change from comparable period	(1.0)%	(6.6)%	(2.3)%	(6.9)%
Operating income	\$1,592	\$1,727	\$2,755	\$2,891
Operating income as a percentage of net sales	5.6 %	6.0 %	5.0 %	5.1 %
Unit counts at period end	6,250	6,256	6,250	6,256
Retail square feet at period end	368	371	368	371

Net sales for the Walmart International segment decreased \$0.3 billion or 1.0% and \$1.3 billion or 2.3% for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, respectively, when compared to the same periods in the previous fiscal year. The decreases in net sales for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017 were due to \$1.0 billion and \$2.2 billion, respectively, of negative impacts from fluctuations in currency exchange rates and reductions in net sales of \$0.5 billion and \$0.9 billion, respectively, related to both our divested Yihaodian and Suburbia businesses. These negative effects were partially offset primarily by positive comparable store sales in the majority of our markets.

Gross profit rate decreased 27 basis points for the three months ended July 31, 2017 when compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year. The decrease in the gross profit rate was primarily due to strategic price investments in key markets. Gross profit rate was relatively flat for the six months ended July 31, 2017.

Membership and other income decreased \$141 million and \$82 million for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, respectively, when compared to the same periods in the previous fiscal year. The decreases in membership and other income were primarily due to the prior year recognition of a \$535 million gain from the sale of certain assets relating to Yihaodian, which included the Yihaodian brand, website and application, partially offset by the recognition of a \$387 million gain from the sale of Suburbia in the current year. Additionally, in the six months ended July 31, 2017, membership and other income was positively impacted by a \$47 million gain from a land sale.

Operating expenses as a percentage of segment net sales decreased 32 basis points for the three months ended July 31, 2017 when compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year. The decrease in operating expenses as a percentage of segment net sales was primarily due to an increased focus on expense management through store labor productivity. Operating expenses as a percentage of segment net sales was relatively flat for the six months ended July 31, 2017.

Segment operating income for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017 was negatively impacted by fluctuations in currency exchange rates of \$100 million and \$206 million, respectively, and as a result of the factors discussed above, decreased \$135 million and \$136 million for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, respectively, when compared to the same periods in the previous fiscal year.

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Sam's Club Segment

We believe the information in the following table under the caption "Excluding Fuel" is useful to investors because it permits investors to understand the effect of the Sam's Club segment's fuel sales on its results of operations, which are impacted by the volatility of fuel prices. Volatility in fuel prices may continue to impact the operating results of the Sam's Club segment in the future.

(Amounts in millions, except unit counts)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended July	
	July 31,		31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Including Fuel				
Net sales	\$14,880	\$14,543	\$28,873	\$28,151
Percentage change from comparable period	2.3	% (1.3)%	2.6	% (0.2)%
Calendar comparable sales increase (decrease)	1.5	% (1.7)%	1.8	% (0.8)%
Operating income	\$404	\$472	\$818	\$885
Operating income as a percentage of net sales	2.7	% 3.2 %	2.8	% 3.1 %
Unit counts at period end	661	654	661	654
Retail square feet at period end	89	88	89	88
Excluding Fuel				
Net sales	\$13,725	\$13,449	\$26,634	\$26,176
Percentage change from comparable period	2.1	% 0.4 %	1.7	% 1.6 %
Operating income	\$368	\$454	\$774	\$862
Operating income as a percentage of net sales	2.7	% 3.4 %	2.9	% 3.3 %

Net sales for the Sam's Club segment increased \$337 million or 2.3% and \$722 million or 2.6% for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, respectively, when compared to the same periods in the previous fiscal year. The increases in net sales were primarily due to increases in comparable sales which were benefited by increases of \$61 million and \$264 million in fuel sales from higher fuel prices for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, respectively. Year-over-year growth in retail square feet of 1.1% benefited net sales in both periods.

Gross profit rate decreased 30 and 33 basis points for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, respectively, when compared to the same periods in the previous fiscal year, primarily due to a reclassification of certain supply expenses from operating expenses to cost of goods sold, the investment in cash rewards, higher inventory shrink and increased shipping costs at samsclub.com.

Membership and other income increased 2.1% and 2.7% for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, respectively, when compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year. The increases were primarily due to higher recycling income from our sustainability efforts and increases of 1.3% and 1.1%, for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, respectively, in membership income resulting from increased Plus Member penetration.

For the three months ended July 31, 2017, operating expenses as a percentage of segment net sales increased 23 basis points compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year. The increase was primarily due to a charge of approximately \$50 million resulting from the impairment of certain assets and our decision to close four underperforming clubs. Operating expenses as a percentage of segment net sales was relatively flat for the six months ended July 31, 2017 due to a reclassification of certain supply expenses from operating expenses to cost of goods sold offset by the \$50 million charge described above.

As a result of the factors discussed above, segment operating income decreased \$68 million and \$67 million for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, respectively, when compared to the same periods in the previous fiscal year.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity

The strength and stability of our operations have historically supplied us with a significant source of liquidity. Our cash flows provided by operating activities, supplemented with our long-term debt and short-term borrowings, have been sufficient to fund our operations while allowing us to invest in activities that support the long-term growth of our operations. Generally, some or all of the remaining available cash flow has been used to fund the dividends on our common stock and share repurchases. We believe our sources of liquidity will continue to be adequate to fund operations, finance our global investment and expansion activities, pay dividends and fund our share repurchases for the foreseeable future.

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities

(Amounts in millions)	Six Months Ended July 31,	
	2017	2016
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$11,360	\$14,931

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$11.4 billion and \$14.9 billion for the six months ended July 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The decrease in net cash provided by operating activities was due to an increase in incentive payments and timing of other payments. Additionally, the six months ended July 31, 2016 included a greater benefit from improvement in working capital management.

Cash Equivalents and Working Capital

Cash and cash equivalents were \$6.5 billion and \$7.7 billion at July 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Our working capital deficit was \$16.0 billion and \$9.9 billion at July 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. We generally operate with a working capital deficit due to our efficient use of cash in funding operations, consistent access to the capital markets and returns provided to our shareholders in the form of payments of cash dividends and share repurchases.

We use intercompany financing arrangements in an effort to ensure cash can be made available in the country in which it is needed with the minimum cost possible. We do not believe it will be necessary to repatriate earnings held outside of the U.S. and anticipate our domestic liquidity needs will be met through cash flows provided by domestic operating activities, supplemented with long-term debt and short-term borrowings. Accordingly, we intend, with only certain exceptions, to continue to indefinitely reinvest our earnings held outside of the U.S. in our foreign operations. When the income earned, either from operations or through intercompany financing arrangements, and indefinitely reinvested outside of the U.S. is taxed at local country tax rates, which are generally lower than the U.S. statutory rate, we realize an effective tax rate benefit. If our intentions with respect to reinvestment were to change, most of the amounts held within our foreign operations could be repatriated to the U.S., although any repatriation under current U.S. tax laws would be subject to U.S. federal income taxes, less applicable foreign tax credits. Although there can be no assurance of the impact on the Company of potential federal tax reform in the U.S., we do not expect current local laws, other existing limitations or potential taxes on anticipated future repatriations of cash amounts held outside of the U.S. to have a material effect on our overall liquidity, financial condition or results of operations.

As of July 31, 2017 and January 31, 2017, cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$0.9 billion and \$1.0 billion, respectively, may not be freely transferable to the U.S. due to local laws or other restrictions.

Net Cash Used in Investing Activities

(Amounts in millions)	Six Months Ended July 31,	
	2017	2016
Net cash used in investing activities	\$(3,559)	\$(4,416)

Net cash used in investing activities was \$3.6 billion and \$4.4 billion for the six months ended July 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and generally consisted of payments to remodel existing stores and clubs, expand our e-commerce capabilities, invest in other technologies and add stores and clubs. Partially offsetting the net cash outflows for investing activities in the six months ended July 31, 2017 was cash received of approximately \$1.0 billion related to the sale of Suburbia in Mexico.

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Net Cash Used in Financing Activities

(Amounts in millions)	Six Months Ended	
	July 31,	
	2017	2016
Net cash used in financing activities	\$(8,631)	\$(11,214)

Net cash used in financing activities generally consists of transactions related to our short-term and long-term debt, financing obligations, dividends paid and the repurchase of Company stock. Transactions with noncontrolling interest shareholders are also classified as cash flows from financing activities. Net cash used in financing activities decreased \$2.6 billion for the six months ended July 31, 2017, when compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year, primarily due to an increase in short-term borrowings.

Long-term Debt

The following table provides the changes in our long-term debt for the six months ended July 31, 2017:

(Amounts in millions)	Long-term		
	debt due within one year	Long-term debt	Total
Balances as of February 1, 2017	\$ 2,256	\$ 36,015	\$ 38,271
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	—	1,503	1,503
Repayments of long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	(1,526)	(1,875)	(3,401)
Reclassifications of long-term debt	2,500	(2,500)	—
Other	24	563	587
Balances as of July 31, 2017	\$ 3,254	\$ 33,706	\$ 36,960

(1) Total repayments of long-term debt excludes \$0.8 billion of premiums paid to extinguish debt.

Our total outstanding long-term debt balance decreased \$1.3 billion for the six months ended July 31, 2017, primarily due to maturities and the extinguishment of certain long-term debt, partially offset by the issuance of long-term debt.

The extinguishment of certain long-term debt allowed us to retire higher rate debt.

Dividends

On February 21, 2017, the Board of Directors approved the fiscal 2018 annual dividend of \$2.04 per share, an increase over the fiscal 2017 annual dividend of \$2.00 per share. For fiscal 2018, the annual dividend will be paid in four quarterly installments of \$0.51 per share, according to the following record and payable dates:

Record Date	Payable Date
March 10, 2017	April 3, 2017
May 12, 2017	June 5, 2017
August 11, 2017	September 5, 2017
December 8, 2017	January 2, 2018

The dividend installments payable on April 3, 2017 and June 5, 2017 were paid as scheduled.

Company Share Repurchase Program

From time to time, we repurchase shares of our common stock under share repurchase programs authorized by the Company's Board of Directors. The current \$20.0 billion share repurchase program has no expiration date or other restrictions limiting the period over which the Company can make share repurchases. At July 31, 2017, authorization for \$4.8 billion of share repurchases remained under the current share repurchase program. Any repurchased shares are constructively retired and returned to an unissued status.

We regularly review share repurchase activity and consider several factors in determining when to execute share repurchases, including, among other things, current cash needs, capacity for leverage, cost of borrowings, our results of operations and the market price of our common stock. We anticipate that a significant majority of the ongoing share repurchase program will be funded through the Company's free cash flow. The following table provides, on a settlement date basis, the number of shares repurchased, average price paid per share and total amount paid for share repurchases for the six months ended July 31, 2017 and 2016:

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(Amounts in millions, except per share data)	Six Months	
	Ended July 31,	
	2017	2016
Total number of shares repurchased	60.6	71.0
Average price paid per share	\$73.38	\$68.39
Total amount paid for share repurchases	\$4,447	\$4,852

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Share repurchases decreased \$0.4 billion for the six months ended July 31, 2017, when compared to the same period in the previous year.

Capital Resources

We believe cash flows from operations, our current cash position and access to capital markets will continue to be sufficient to meet our anticipated operating cash needs, which include funding seasonal buildups in merchandise inventories and funding our capital expenditures, dividend payments and share repurchases.

We have strong commercial paper and long-term debt ratings that have enabled and should continue to enable us to refinance our debt as it becomes due at favorable rates in capital markets. At July 31, 2017, the ratings assigned to our commercial paper and rated series of our outstanding long-term debt were as follows:

Rating agency	Commercial paper	Long-term debt
Standard & Poor's	A-1+	AA
Moody's Investors Service	P-1	Aa2
Fitch Ratings	F1+	AA

Credit rating agencies review their ratings periodically and, therefore, the credit ratings assigned to us by each agency may be subject to revision at any time. Accordingly, we are not able to predict whether our current credit ratings will remain consistent over time. Factors that could affect our credit ratings include changes in our operating performance, the general economic environment, conditions in the retail industry, our financial position, including our total debt and capitalization, and changes in our business strategy. Any downgrade of our credit ratings by a credit rating agency could increase our future borrowing costs or impair our ability to access capital and credit markets on terms commercially acceptable to us. In addition, any downgrade of our current short-term credit ratings could impair our ability to access the commercial paper markets with the same flexibility that we have experienced historically, potentially requiring us to rely more heavily on more expensive types of debt financing. The credit rating agency ratings are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold our commercial paper or debt securities. Each rating may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating organization and should be evaluated independently of any other rating. Moreover, each credit rating is specific to the security to which it applies.

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Other Matters

In Note 9 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, which is captioned "Contingencies" and appears in Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q under the caption "Item 1. Financial Statements," we discuss, under the sub-caption "FCPA Investigation and Related Matters," our existing FCPA investigation and related matters and possible effects of those matters on Walmart's business. In that Note 9, we also discuss, under the sub-caption "Legal Proceedings-ASDA Equal Value Claims," certain existing employment claims against ASDA. We also discuss various legal proceedings related to the FCPA investigation in Part II of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q under the caption "Item 1. Legal Proceedings," under the sub-caption "II. Certain Other Proceedings." The foregoing matters and other matters described elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q represent contingent liabilities of the Company that may or may not result in the incurrence of a material liability by the Company upon their final resolution.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Market risks relating to our operations result primarily from changes in interest rates or currency exchange rates, as well as changes in the market value of our investments. Our market risks at July 31, 2017 are similar to those disclosed in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2017.

Interest Rate Risk

At July 31, 2017, the fair value of our derivative instruments had increased approximately \$299 million since January 31, 2017, primarily due to fluctuations in market interest rates and currency rates during the six months ended July 31, 2017.

Currency Exchange Risk

Movements in currency exchange rates and the related impact on the translation of the balance sheets of the Company's subsidiaries in the UK, Mexico and Canada were the primary cause of the \$1.9 billion net gain for the six months ended July 31, 2017, in the currency translation and other category of accumulated other comprehensive loss.

Investment Risk

At July 31, 2017, the fair value of our available-for-sale investments had increased approximately \$1.2 billion since January 31, 2017, due to an increase in the market value of certain publicly traded securities held by the Company. The information concerning market risk under the sub-caption "Market Risk" of the caption "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" on pages 19 and 20 of the parts of our Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2017, which is incorporated in and included as Exhibit 13 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2017, is hereby incorporated by reference into this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information, which is required to be timely disclosed, is accumulated and communicated to management in a timely fashion. In designing and evaluating such controls and procedures, we recognize that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives. Our management is necessarily required to use judgment in evaluating controls and procedures. Also, we have investments in unconsolidated entities. Since we do not control or manage those entities, our controls and procedures with respect to those entities are substantially more limited than those we maintain with respect to our consolidated subsidiaries. In the ordinary course of business, we review our internal control over financial reporting and make changes to our systems and processes to improve such controls and increase efficiency, while ensuring that we maintain an effective internal control environment. Changes may include such activities as implementing new, more efficient systems, updating existing systems, automating manual processes, standardizing controls globally, migrating certain processes to our shared services organizations and increasing monitoring controls. These changes have not materially affected, and are not reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting. However, they allow us to continue to enhance our internal controls over financial reporting and ensure that they remain effective.

An evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report was performed under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and are effective to provide reasonable assurance that such information is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC's rules and forms.

There has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of July 31, 2017, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

I. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: We discuss certain legal proceedings in Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q under the caption "Item 1. Financial Statements," in Note 9 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, which is captioned "Contingencies," under the sub-caption "Legal Proceedings," and refer you to that discussion, which is incorporated herein by reference to that Note 9, for important information concerning those legal proceedings, including the basis for such actions and, where known, the relief sought. We provide the following additional information concerning those legal proceedings, including the name of the lawsuit, the court in which the lawsuit is pending, and the date on which the petition commencing the lawsuit was filed.

ASDA Equal Value Claims: Ms S Brierley & Others v ASDA Stores Ltd (2406372/2008 & Others - Manchester Employment Tribunal); ASDA Stores Ltd v Brierley & Ors (A2/2016/0973 - United Kingdom Court of Appeal); ASDA Stores Ltd v Ms S Brierley & Others (UKEAT/0059/16/DM - United Kingdom Employment Appeal Tribunal); ASDA Stores Ltd v Ms S Brierley & Others (UKEAT/0009/16/JOJ - United Kingdom Employment Appeal Tribunal).

II. CERTAIN OTHER PROCEEDINGS: The Company is a defendant in several lawsuits in which the complaints closely track the allegations set forth in a news story that appeared in The New York Times (the "Times") on April 21, 2012. One of these is a securities lawsuit that was filed on May 7, 2012, in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, and subsequently transferred to the Western District of Arkansas, in which the plaintiff alleges various violations of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (the "FCPA") beginning in 2005, and asserts violations of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, relating to certain prior disclosures of the Company. The plaintiff seeks to represent a class of shareholders who purchased or acquired stock of the Company between December 8, 2011, and April 20, 2012, and seeks damages and other relief based on allegations that the defendants' conduct affected the value of such stock. On September 20, 2016, the court granted plaintiff's motion for class certification. On October 6, 2016, the defendants filed a petition to appeal the class certification ruling to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. On November 7, 2016, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit denied the Company's petition.

In addition, a number of derivative complaints have been filed in Delaware and Arkansas, also tracking the allegations of the Times story, and naming various current and former directors and certain former officers as additional defendants. The plaintiffs in the derivative suits (in which the Company is a nominal defendant) allege, among other things, that the defendants who are or were directors or officers of the Company breached their fiduciary duties in connection with their oversight of FCPA compliance. All of the derivative suits have been combined into two consolidated proceedings, one of which was consolidated in the United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas and the other in the Delaware Court of Chancery. On March 31, 2015, the Western District of Arkansas granted the defendants' motion to dismiss the consolidated derivative proceedings in that court. On April 15, 2015, plaintiffs filed their notice of appeal with the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. On July 22, 2016, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit affirmed the dismissal of the consolidated derivative proceedings in Arkansas. There was no appeal from that ruling. On May 13, 2016, the Delaware Court of Chancery granted the defendants' motion to dismiss the consolidated derivative proceedings in that court. On June 10, 2016, plaintiffs in the Delaware consolidated derivative proceedings filed their notice of appeal to the Delaware Supreme Court. On January 18, 2017, the Delaware Supreme Court remanded those proceedings to the Court of Chancery for further briefing and an additional ruling on due process issues raised by the plaintiffs, before the Delaware Supreme Court renders its ultimate decision on the appeal. On July 25, 2017, the Court of Chancery issued a supplemental opinion relating to the due process issues, and the case was then returned to the Delaware Supreme Court for a decision on the plaintiffs' appeal.

Management does not believe any possible loss or the range of any possible loss that may be incurred in connection with these proceedings will be material to the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

Securities Class Action: City of Pontiac General Employees Retirement System v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., USDC, Western Dist. of AR; 5/7/12.

Derivative Lawsuits: In re Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Delaware Derivative Litigation, Delaware Ct. of Chancery, 4/25/12; Delaware Supreme Court, Dover, DE; 6/10/16.

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III. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS: Item 103 of SEC Regulation S-K requires disclosure of certain environmental matters. The following matters are disclosed in accordance with that requirement. For the matters listed below, management does not believe any possible loss or the range of any possible loss that may be incurred in connection with each matter, individually or in the aggregate, will be material to the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

In May 2017, Walmart Brazil self-reported to the relevant municipal environmental agency, and proposed a remediation plan for, an oil contamination in the soil and underground water at the Walmart and Sam's Club store location in Barueri, São Paulo (Tamboré), which contamination had been confirmed by an internal investigation in April 2017. Walmart Brazil is cooperating with the agency, including seeking authorization to start a remediation plan.

In May 2017, in connection with the licensing process for Walmart Brazil's gas station in Posto Maranguape, such station was closed by the local environmental agency due to an alleged diesel leak in the soil. Shortly thereafter, Walmart Brazil furnished information that there was no leak from the Company's pumps, tanks or lines and the fuel station was re-opened in late May, though the environmental assessment remained open. An investigation conducted by Walmart Brazil in July 2017 found an increase in the amount of diesel in the soil and a potential disruption in the lines at the fueling point. Walmart Brazil subsequently closed that station and is cooperating with the environmental agency regarding a remediation plan.

In November and December 2016, the Environmental and Natural History Ministry of Chiapas, Mexico ("Ministry") notified a subsidiary of the Company, Arrendadora de Centros Comerciales, S. de R.L. de C.V. ("Arrendadora"), that it was proposing aggregated penalties approximating \$430,000 in respect to four stores which the Ministry believed may have been constructed without first obtaining a required environmental impact license. Arrendadora has challenged the penalties before an administrative court and the trials remain in process. The Ministry had previously proposed penalties of approximately \$640,000 related to this matter in 2014, but Arrendadora was released by an administrative court from payment of such penalties on the basis that the Ministry had failed to comply with legal formalities in connection with their imposition.

On April 23, 2015, Wal-Mart Transportation LLC, a subsidiary of the Company, received a Finding and Notice of Violation from the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") alleging that Walmart Transportation violated the California Air Resources Board's Truck and Bus regulations ("Regulations") by failing to install particulate matter filters on some diesel fueled vehicles and verify third-party carrier compliance with the Regulations. In July 2017, the Company and EPA reached an agreement in principle to settle the matter, pursuant to which the Company would implement certain compliance actions, pay a \$100,000 penalty, and complete a supplemental environmental project valued at \$300,000.

On April 6, 2015, representatives for the Brazilian Institute of the Environment alleged that Walmart Brazil had failed to file required reports documenting the number of tires imported, sold and recycled. The agency proposed a penalty of approximately \$857,000, which may be doubled and excludes additional amounts in respect of inflation and interest, and prohibited Walmart Brazil from selling or importing tires until the matter is resolved. In October 2015, Walmart Brazil filed its defense with the agency against the imposition of this penalty.

In April 2013, a subsidiary of the Company, Corporacion de Compañías Agroindustriales, operating in Costa Rica, became aware that the Municipality of Curridabat is seeking a penalty of approximately \$380,000 in connection with the construction of a retaining wall seventeen years ago for a perishables distribution center that is situated along a protected river bank. The subsidiary obtained permits from the Municipality and the Secretaria Técnica Nacional Ambiental at the time of construction, but the Municipality now alleges that the wall is non-conforming.

In January 2011, the Environmental Department of Porto Alegre Municipality formally notified Walmart Brazil of soil inspection reports indicating soil contamination due to leakage of oil from power generating equipment at nine store locations in Brazil. Walmart Brazil is cooperating with the agency as well as the District Attorney's Office for the State of Rio Grande do Sul and has filed a mitigation plan to address the situation.

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Item 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the risk factors disclosed in Item 1A, "Risk Factors" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2017, which risks could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, and liquidity. The Company is supplementing those risk factors by updating the risk factors below. Our business operations could also be affected by additional factors that apply to all companies operating in the U.S. and globally.

We rely extensively on information systems to process transactions, summarize results and manage our business.

Disruptions in our systems could harm our ability to conduct our operations.

Given the number of individual transactions we have each year, it is crucial that we maintain uninterrupted operation of our business-critical information systems. Our information systems are subject to damage or interruption from power outages, computer and telecommunications failures, computer viruses, worms, other malicious computer programs, denial-of-service attacks, security breaches (through cyber-attacks from cyber-attackers and sophisticated organizations), catastrophic events such as fires, tornadoes, earthquakes and hurricanes, and usage errors by our associates. Our information systems are essential to our business operations, including the processing of transactions, management of our associates, facilities, logistics, inventories, physical stores and clubs and our online operations.

Our information systems are not fully redundant and if our systems are damaged, breached or cease to function properly, we may have to make a significant investment to repair or replace them, and we may suffer interruptions in our business operations in the interim. Any interruption to our information systems may have a material adverse effect on our business or results of operations and we may not have adequate insurance coverage to compensate for all of our losses. In addition, we are pursuing complex initiatives to transform our information technology processes and systems. The risk of system disruption is increased when significant system changes are undertaken. If we fail to integrate our information systems and processes, we may fail to realize the cost savings anticipated to be derived from these initiatives.

If the technology-based systems that give our customers the ability to shop with us online do not function effectively, our operating results, as well as our ability to grow our e-commerce business globally, could be materially adversely affected.

Many of our customers shop with us over our e-commerce websites and mobile commerce applications, which are a part of our multi-channel sales strategy. Increasingly, customers are using computers, tablets, and smart phones to shop online and through mobile commerce applications with us and with our competitors and to do comparison shopping. We use social media and electronic mail to interact with our customers and as a means to enhance their shopping experience. As a part of our multi-channel sales strategy, in addition to home delivery, we offer "Walmart Pickup," "Pickup Today" and "Club Pickup" and in a growing number of locations, "Online Grocery" programs under which many products available for purchase online can be picked up by the customer at a local Walmart store or Sam's Club, which provides additional customer traffic at such stores and clubs. Multi-channel retailing is a rapidly evolving part of the retail industry and of our operations in the U.S. (whether through organic growth or e-commerce acquisitions) and in a number of markets in which our Walmart International segment operates.

We must anticipate and meet our customers' changing expectations while adjusting for technology investments and developments in our competitors' operations through focusing on the building and delivery of a seamless shopping experience across all channels by each operating segment. Any failure on our part to provide attractive, user-friendly secure e-commerce platforms that offer a wide assortment of merchandise at competitive prices and with low cost and rapid delivery options and that continually meet the changing expectations of online shoppers and developments in online and mobile commerce application merchandising and related technology could place us at a competitive disadvantage, result in the loss of e-commerce and other sales, harm our reputation with customers, have a material adverse impact on the growth of our e-commerce business globally and have a material adverse impact on our business and results of operations.

Our e-commerce websites and mobile commerce applications, which are increasingly important to our business and continue to grow in complexity and scope, and the computer systems and operating systems on which they run, including those applications and systems in our acquired e-commerce businesses, may be subject to cyber-attacks. Those attacks could involve attempts to gain access to the website or mobile commerce application to obtain and

make unauthorized use of customers' or members' payment information and related risks discussed below. Such attacks, if successful, can also create denials of service or otherwise disable, degrade or sabotage one or more of our retail websites or mobile commerce applications and otherwise significantly disrupt our customers' and members' shopping experience on any of our retail website or mobile commerce applications. If we are unable to maintain the security of our retail e-commerce websites and mobile commerce applications and keep them operating within acceptable parameters, we could suffer loss of sales, reductions in traffic, reputational damage and deterioration of our competitive position and incur liability for any damage to customers whose personal information is unlawfully obtained and used, any of which events could have a material adverse impact on our business and results of operations and impede the execution of our strategy for the growth of our business.

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Any failure to maintain the security of the information relating to our company, customers, members, associates and vendors, whether as a result of cybersecurity attacks on our information systems or otherwise, could damage our reputation, result in litigation or other legal actions against us, cause us to incur substantial additional costs, and materially adversely affect our business and operating results.

As do most retailers, we receive and store in our digital information systems certain personal information about our customers and members, and we receive and store personal information concerning our associates and vendors. Some of that information is stored digitally in connection with our e-commerce websites and mobile commerce applications. We also utilize third-party service providers for a variety of reasons, including, without limitation, for encryption and authentication technology, content delivery to customers and members, back-office support, and other functions. Such providers may have access to information we hold about our customers, members, associates or vendors. In addition, our online operations depend upon the secure transmission of confidential information over public networks, including information permitting cashless payments.

Cyber threats are rapidly evolving and those threats and the means for obtaining access to information in digital and other storage media are becoming increasingly sophisticated. Cyber threats and cyber-attackers can be sponsored by countries or sophisticated criminal organizations or be the work of single "hackers" or small groups of "hackers." Each year, cyber-attackers make numerous attempts to access the information stored in our information systems. As cyber threats evolve, change and become more difficult to detect and successfully defend against, one or more cyber-attacks might defeat our or a third-party service provider's security measures in the future and obtain the personal information of customers, members, associates and vendors.

Associate error or malfeasance, faulty password management or other irregularities may also result in a defeat of our or our third-party service providers' security measures and a breach of our or their information systems. Moreover, hardware, software or applications we use may have inherent defects of design, manufacture or operations or could be inadvertently or intentionally implemented or used in a manner that could compromise information security. We or our third-party service providers may not discover any security breach and loss of information for a significant period of time after the security breach occurs.

Any breach of our security measures or any breach, error or malfeasance of those of our third-party service providers and loss of our confidential information, or any failure by us to comply with applicable privacy and information security laws and regulations, could cause us to incur significant costs to protect any customers, members, associates and vendors whose personal data was compromised and to restore their confidence in us and to make changes to our information systems and administrative processes to address security issues and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

In addition, such events could be widely publicized and could materially adversely affect our reputation with our customers, members, associates, vendors and shareholders, as well as our operations, net sales, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows and liquidity, could result in the release to the public of confidential information about our operations and financial condition and performance and could result in litigation or other legal actions against us or the imposition of penalties, fines, fees or liabilities, which may not be covered by our insurance policies. Moreover, a security breach could require us to devote significant management resources to address the problems created by the security breach and to expend significant additional resources to upgrade further the security measures we employ to guard personal information against cyber-attacks and other attempts to access such information and could result in a disruption of our operations, particularly our digital retail operations.

We accept payments using a variety of methods, including cash, checks, credit and debit cards, our private label credit cards and gift cards, and we may offer new payment options over time, which may have information security risk implications. As a retailer accepting debit and credit cards for payment, we are subject to various industry data protection standards and protocols, such as payment network security operating guidelines and the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard. We cannot be certain that the security measures we maintain to protect all of our information technology systems are able to prevent, contain or detect any cyber-attacks, cyber terrorism, or security breaches from known cyber-attacks or malware that may be developed in the future. To the extent that any cyber-attack or incursion in our or one of our third-party service provider's information systems results in the loss, damage or misappropriation of information, we may be materially adversely affected by claims from customers,

financial institutions, regulatory authorities, payment card networks and others. In certain circumstances, payment card association rules and obligations to which we are subject under our contracts with payment card processors make us liable to payment card issuers if information in connection with payment cards and payment card transactions that we hold is compromised, which liabilities could be substantial. In addition, the cost of complying with stricter and more complex data privacy, data collection and information security laws and standards could be significant to us.

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

From time to time, the Company repurchases shares of its common stock under share repurchase programs authorized by the Company's Board of Directors. The current \$20.0 billion share repurchase program has no expiration date or other restrictions limiting the period over which the Company can make share repurchases. At July 31, 2017, authorization for \$4.8 billion of share repurchases remained under the current share repurchase program. Any repurchased shares are constructively retired and returned to an unissued status.

The Company regularly reviews its share repurchase activity and considers several factors in determining when to execute share repurchases, including, among other things, current cash needs, capacity for leverage, cost of borrowings and the market price of its common stock. Share repurchase activity under our share repurchase program, on a trade date basis, for the three months ended July 31, 2017, was as follows:

Fiscal Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (billions)
May 1-31, 2017	9,193,901	\$ 76.99	9,193,901	\$ 6.3
June 1-30, 2017	10,409,244	77.33	10,409,244	5.5
July 1-31, 2017	9,948,617	76.28	9,948,617	4.8
Total	29,551,762		29,551,762	

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Item 5. Other Information

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains statements that Walmart believes are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Those forward-looking statements are intended to enjoy the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided by that Act.

Forward-looking Statements

The forward-looking statements in this report include:

statements in Note 1 to Walmart's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements as of and for the three and six months ended July 31, 2017, regarding management's expectations of or determinations regarding the materiality of any impact of certain ASUs issued by the FASB; statements in Note 6 to those Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements regarding the expected insignificance of any ineffective portion of certain net investment and cash flow derivative financial instruments to which Walmart is a party and of the amounts relating to such derivative financial instruments expected to be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss to net income in the next 12 months; a statement in Note 8 to those Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements regarding the payment of dividends in fiscal 2018; statements in Note 9 to those Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements regarding the possible outcome of, and future effect on Walmart's financial condition and results of operations of, certain litigation and other proceedings to which Walmart is a party, the possible outcome of, and future effect on Walmart's business of, certain other matters to which Walmart is subject, including Walmart's existing FCPA matters, and the liabilities, losses, expenses and costs that Walmart may incur in connection with such matters; and statements in Note 10 to those Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements regarding the anticipated benefits of the acquisition of Jet.com, Inc.;

in Part I, Item 2 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations":

statements under the caption "Overview" relating to the possible impact of volatility in currency exchange rates on the results, including net sales and operating income, of Walmart and the Walmart International segment; statements under the caption "Company Performance Metrics", and the "- Returns" sub-heading under that caption, regarding our belief that returns on capital will improve as we execute on our strategic framework; statements under the caption "Company Performance Metrics - Strong, Efficient Growth" regarding the focus of our investments and the impact of such investments; statements under the caption "Results of Operations - Consolidated Results of Operations" regarding the possibility of fluctuations in Walmart's effective income tax rate from quarter to quarter and the factors that may cause those fluctuations; a statement under the caption "Results of Operations - Sam's Club Segment" relating to the possible continuing impact of volatility in fuel prices on the future operating results of the Sam's Club segment; a statement under the caption "Liquidity and Capital Resources - Liquidity" that Walmart's sources of liquidity will be adequate to fund its operations, finance its global investment and expansion activities, pay dividends and fund share repurchases; statements under the caption "Liquidity and Capital Resources - Liquidity - Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities - Cash Equivalents and Working Capital" regarding management's expectation that domestic liquidity needs will be met through funding sources other than earnings held outside of the United States, Walmart's intent with respect to its reinvestment of such earnings in its foreign operations, its need to repatriate such earnings and management's expectations with respect to the effect on Walmart's overall liquidity, financial condition and results of operations of local laws, other limitations or potential taxes on repatriation of such cash; a statement under the caption "Liquidity and Capital Resources Liquidity - Net Cash Used in Financing Activities - Dividends" regarding the payment of dividends in fiscal 2018; and statements under the caption "Liquidity and Capital Resources - Capital Resources" regarding management's expectations regarding the Company's cash flows from operations, current cash position and access to capital markets continuing to be sufficient to meet its anticipated operating cash needs, the Company's commercial paper and long-term debt ratings continuing to enable it to refinance its debts at favorable rates, factors that could affect its credit ratings, and the effect that lower credit ratings would have on its access to capital and credit markets and borrowing costs;

in Part I, Item 4 "Controls and Procedures": the statements regarding the effect of changes to systems and processes on our internal control over financial reporting; and

statements in Part II, Item 1 "Legal Proceedings" regarding the effect that possible losses or the range of possible losses that might be incurred in connection with the legal proceedings and other matters discussed therein may have on our financial condition or results of operations.

Risks, Factors and Uncertainties Regarding our Business

These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, domestically and internationally, including:

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Economic Factors

economic, geo-political, capital markets and business conditions, trends and events around the world and in the markets in which Walmart operates;

currency exchange rate fluctuations;

changes in market rates of interest;

changes in market levels of wages;

changes in the size of various markets, including e-commerce markets;

unemployment levels;

inflation or deflation, generally and in certain product categories;

transportation, energy and utility costs;

commodity prices, including the prices of oil and natural gas;

consumer confidence, disposable income, credit availability, spending levels, shopping patterns, debt levels, and demand for certain merchandise;

trends in consumer shopping habits around the world and in the markets in which Walmart operates;

- consumer enrollment in health and drug insurance programs and such programs' reimbursement rates; and

initiatives of competitors, competitors' entry into and expansion in Walmart's markets, and competitive pressures;

Operating Factors

the amount of Walmart's net sales and operating expenses denominated in U.S. dollar and various foreign currencies;

the financial performance of Walmart and each of its segments, including the amounts of Walmart's cash flow during various periods;

the Company's need to repatriate earnings held outside of the U.S.;

customer traffic and average ticket in Walmart's stores and clubs and on its e-commerce websites;

the mix of merchandise Walmart sells;

the availability of goods from suppliers and the cost of goods acquired from suppliers;

the effectiveness of the implementation and operation of Walmart's strategies, plans, programs and initiatives;

the impact of acquisitions, divestitures and store and club closures;

Walmart's ability to successfully integrate acquired businesses, including within the e-commerce space;

the amount of shrinkage Walmart experiences;

consumer acceptance of and response to Walmart's stores and clubs, e-commerce websites, mobile apps, programs and merchandise offerings, including the Walmart U.S. segment's Grocery Pickup program;

Walmart's gross profit margins, including pharmacy margins and margins of other product categories;

the selling prices of gasoline and diesel fuel;

disruption of seasonal buying patterns in Walmart's markets;

Walmart's expenditures for FCPA and other compliance-related matters;

disruptions in Walmart's supply chain;

cybersecurity events affecting Walmart and related costs;

Walmart's labor costs, including healthcare and other benefit costs;

Walmart's casualty and accident-related costs and insurance costs;

the size of and turnover in Walmart's workforce and the number of associates at various pay levels within that workforce;

unexpected changes in Walmart's objectives and plans;

the availability of necessary personnel to staff Walmart's stores, clubs and other facilities;

the availability of skilled labor in areas in which new units are to be constructed or existing units are to be relocated, expanded or remodeled;

delays in the opening of new, expanded or relocated units;

developments in, and the outcome of, legal and regulatory proceedings and investigations to which Walmart is a party or is subject, and the liabilities, obligations and expenses, if any, that Walmart may incur in connection therewith;

• changes in the credit ratings assigned to the Company's commercial paper and debt securities by credit rating agencies;

• Walmart's effective tax rate; and

• unanticipated changes in accounting judgments and estimates;

Regulatory and Other Factors

• changes in existing, tax, labor and other laws and changes in tax rates, including the enactment of laws and the adoption and interpretation of administrative rules and regulations;

• governmental policies, programs, initiatives and actions in the markets in which Walmart operates and elsewhere;

• tariff rates and trade restrictions;

• changes in currency control laws;

• changes in the level of public assistance payments;

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natural disasters, public health emergencies, civil disturbances, and terrorist attacks; and changes in generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

Other Risks Factors; No Duty to Update

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with Walmart's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2017 and all of Walmart's subsequent other filings, including Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, made with the SEC. Walmart urges the reader to consider all of these risks, uncertainties and other factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. The Company cannot assure you that the results or developments anticipated by the Company and reflected or implied by any forward-looking statement contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that those results or developments will result in the forecasted or expected consequences for the Company or affect the Company, its operations or its financial performance as the Company has forecasted or expected. As a result of the matters discussed above and other matters, including changes in facts, assumptions not being realized or other factors, the actual results relating to the subject matter of any forward-looking statement in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q may differ materially from the anticipated results expressed or implied in that forward-looking statement. The forward-looking statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are made only as of the date of this report, and Walmart undertakes no obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

Item 6. Exhibits

The required exhibits are included at the end of the Form 10-Q or are incorporated herein by reference and are described in the Index to Exhibits immediately following the signatures page.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

WAL-MART STORES, INC.

Date: August 31, 2017 By: /s/ C. Douglas McMillon
C. Douglas McMillon
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: August 31, 2017 By: /s/ M. Brett Biggs
M. Brett Biggs
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: August 31, 2017 By: /s/ David M. Chojnowski
David M. Chojnowski
Senior Vice President and Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)

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Index to Exhibits

The following documents are filed as an exhibit to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

Exhibit 3.1 Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, the Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation executed August 19, 1991, and the Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation executed July 27, 1999 are incorporated herein by reference to Exhibits 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, respectively, to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 of the Company (File Number 333-178385) filed with the SEC on December 8, 2011.

Exhibit 3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., effective as of June 5, 2014, are incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 30, 2014 as filed with the SEC on June 6, 2014.

Exhibit 12.1* Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges

Exhibit 31.1* Chief Executive Officer Section 302 Certification

Exhibit 31.2* Chief Financial Officer Section 302 Certification

Exhibit 32.1** Chief Executive Officer Section 906 Certification

Exhibit 32.2** Chief Financial Officer Section 906 Certification

Exhibit 99 The information incorporated by reference in Part I, Item 3 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is incorporated herein by reference to the material set forth under the sub-caption "Market Risk" in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, which is contained in Exhibit 13 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2017, as filed with the SEC.

Exhibit 101.INS* XBRL Instance Document

Exhibit 101.SCH* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document

Exhibit 101.CAL* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document

Exhibit 101.DEF* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document

Exhibit 101.LAB* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document

Exhibit 101.PRE* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

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