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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

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

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015

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 No. 1-13881

MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

52-2055918

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

10400 Fernwood Road, Bethesda, Maryland
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

20817
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code (301) 380-3000

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	Nasdaq Global Select Market
(253,481,935 shares outstanding as of February 5, 2016)	Chicago Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: NONE

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ 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 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 if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ☐

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

Large accelerated filer ☒ Accelerated filer ☐ Non-accelerated filer ☐ Smaller reporting company ☐
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

The aggregate market value of shares of common stock held by non-affiliates at June 30, 2015, was \$14,801,193,156

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Proxy Statement prepared for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference into

Part III of this report.

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Throughout this report, we refer to Marriott International, Inc., together with its consolidated subsidiaries, as “we,” “us,” or “the Company.”

Beginning in 2013, we changed our financial reporting cycle to a calendar year-end reporting cycle and an end-of-month quarterly reporting cycle. Historically, our fiscal year was a 52-53 week fiscal year that ended on the Friday nearest to December 31. Unless otherwise specified, each reference to a particular year means the fiscal year ended on the date and containing the specified number of days that we show in the table under the caption “Fiscal Year” in Footnote No. 1, “Basis of Presentation,” to the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In order to make this report easier to read, we also refer throughout to (i) our Consolidated Financial Statements as our “Financial Statements,” (ii) our Consolidated Statements of Income as our “Income Statements,” (iii) our Consolidated Balance Sheets as our “Balance Sheets,” (iv) our properties, brands, or markets in the United States (“U.S.”) and Canada as “North America” or “North American,” and (v) our properties, brands, or markets outside of the United States and Canada as “International.” References throughout to numbered “Footnotes” refer to the numbered Notes to our Financial Statements that we include in the Financial Statements section of this report.

PART I

Item 1. Business.

Corporate Structure and Business

We are a worldwide operator, franchisor, and licensor of hotels and timeshare properties under numerous brand names at different price and service points. Consistent with our focus on management, franchising, and licensing, we own very few of our lodging properties. We also operate, market, and develop residential properties and provide services to home/condominium owner associations.

We were organized as a corporation in Delaware in 1997 and became a public company in 1998 when we were “spun off” as a separate entity by the company formerly named “Marriott International, Inc.” We operate, franchise, or license 4,424 properties worldwide, with 759,330 rooms as of year-end 2015. We believe that our portfolio of brands is the broadest of any lodging company in the world. Our principal brands are listed in the following table:

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| • The Ritz-Carlton® | • Gaylord Hotel® |
| • Bulgari® Hotels & Resorts | • AC Hotels by Marriott® |
| • EDITION® | • Courtyard by Marriott® (“Courtyard®”) |
| • JW Marriott® | • Residence Inn by Marriott® (“Residence Inn®”) |
| • Autograph Collection® Hotels | • SpringHill Suites by Marriott® (“SpringHill Suite®”) |
| • Renaissance® Hotels | • Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott® (“Fairfield Inn & Suite®”) |
| • Marriott Hotel® | • TownePlace Suites by Marriott® (“TownePlace Suite®”) |
| • Delta Hotels and Resorts® | • Protea Hotel® |
| • Marriott Executive Apartments® | • Moxy Hotels® |
| • Marriott Vacation Club® | |

As of year-end 2015, we group operations into three business segments: North American Full-Service, North American Limited-Service, and International, and provide financial information by segment for 2015, 2014, and 2013 in Footnote No. 16, “Business Segments” and Footnote No. 12, “Property and Equipment.”

Pending Combination with Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc.

On November 15, 2015, we entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”) to combine with Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. (“Starwood”). The Merger Agreement provides for the Company to combine with Starwood in a series of transactions after which Starwood will be an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (the “Starwood Combination”). If these transactions are completed, shareholders of Starwood will receive 0.920 shares of our Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and \$2.00 in cash, without interest, for each share of Starwood common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, that they own immediately before these transactions. We expect that the combination will close in mid-2016, after customary conditions are satisfied, including shareholder approvals, required antitrust approvals, and the

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completion of Starwood's previously announced spin-off of its vacation ownership business, or another spin-off, split-off, analogous disposition, or sale of its vacation ownership business.

Company-Operated Properties

At year-end 2015, we operated 1,116 properties (300,305 rooms) under long-term management agreements with property owners, 41 properties (9,206 rooms) under long-term lease agreements with property owners (management and lease agreements together, "the Operating Agreements"), and six properties (1,437 rooms) that we own. In addition, we operated under long-term management agreements 41 home and condominium products (4,203 units) for which we manage the related owners' associations.

Terms of our management agreements vary, but we earn a management fee that is typically composed of a base management fee, which is a percentage of the revenues of the hotel, and an incentive management fee, which is based on the profits of the hotel. Our management agreements also typically include reimbursement of costs of operations (both direct and indirect). Such agreements are generally for initial periods of 20 to 30 years, with options for us to renew for up to 50 or more additional years. Our lease agreements also vary, but may include fixed annual rentals plus additional rentals based on a percentage of annual revenues in excess of a fixed amount. Many of our Operating Agreements are subordinated to mortgages or other liens securing indebtedness of the owners. Many of our Operating Agreements also permit the owners to terminate the agreement if we do not meet certain performance metrics and financial returns fail to meet defined levels for a period of time and we have not cured such deficiencies. In certain circumstances, some of our management agreements allow owners to convert company-operated properties to franchised properties under our brands.

For lodging facilities that we operate, we generally are responsible for hiring, training, and supervising the managers and employees who are needed to operate the facilities and for purchasing supplies, and owners are required to reimburse us for those costs. We provide centralized reservation services and national advertising, marketing, and promotional services, as well as various accounting and data processing services, and owners are also required to reimburse us for those costs.

Franchised, Licensed, and Unconsolidated Joint Venture Properties

We have franchising, licensing, and joint venture programs that permit other hotel owners and operators and Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corporation ("MVW"), our former timeshare subsidiary that we spun off in 2011, to use many of our lodging brand names and systems. Under our franchising program, we generally receive an initial application fee and continuing royalty fees, which typically range from four to six percent of room revenues for all brands, plus two to three percent of food and beverage revenues for certain full-service hotels. We are a partner in unconsolidated joint ventures that manage hotels. Some of these joint ventures also provide services to franchised hotels. We recognize our share of these joint ventures' net income or loss in the "Equity in earnings (losses)" caption of our Income Statements. Franchisees and joint ventures contribute to our national marketing and advertising programs and pay fees for use of our centralized reservation systems. Under license agreements with us, MVW is both the exclusive developer and operator of timeshare, fractional, and related products under the Marriott brand and the exclusive developer of fractional and related products under The Ritz-Carlton brand. We receive license fees under licensing agreements with MVW consisting of a fixed annual fee, adjusted for inflation, of \$50 million plus two percent of the gross sales price paid to MVW for initial developer sales of interests in vacation ownership units and residential real estate units and one percent of the gross sales price paid to MVW for resales of interests in vacation ownership units and residential real estate units, in each case that are identified with or use the Marriott or The Ritz-Carlton marks.

At year-end 2015, we had 3,074 franchised properties (420,562 rooms), 88 unconsolidated joint venture properties (10,810 rooms), and 58 licensed timeshare, fractional, and related properties (12,807 units).

Residential

We use or license our trademarks for the sale of residential real estate, typically in conjunction with hotel development and receive branding fees for sales of such branded residential real estate by others. Residences are typically constructed and sold by third-party owners with limited amounts, if any, of our capital at risk. We have used or licensed our The Ritz-Carlton, Bulgari Hotels & Resorts, EDITION, Autograph Collection Hotels, JW Marriott, and Marriott Hotels brand names and trademarks for residential real estate sales. While the worldwide residential market is very large, we believe the luxurious nature of our residential properties, the quality and exclusivity associated with our

brands, and the hospitality services that we provide, all serve to make our residential properties distinctive.

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Seasonality

In general, business at company-operated and franchised properties fluctuates only moderately with the seasons and is relatively stable. Business at some resort properties may be seasonal depending on location.

Relationship with Major Customer

We operate a number of properties under long-term management agreements that are owned or leased by Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. (“Host”). In addition, Host is a partner in several partnerships that own properties operated by us under long-term management agreements. See Footnote No. 18, “Relationship with Major Customer,” for more information.

Intellectual Property

We operate in a highly competitive industry and our brand names, trademarks, service marks, trade names, and logos are very important to the sales and marketing of our properties and services. We believe that our brand names and other intellectual property have come to represent the highest standards of quality, caring, service, and value to our customers and the traveling public. Accordingly, we register and protect our intellectual property where we deem appropriate and otherwise protect against its unauthorized use.

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Our Brand Portfolio

At year-end 2015, we operated, franchised, or licensed properties in the following geographical regions:

	North America		Europe	Middle East & Africa	Asia Pacific	Caribbean & Latin America	Total
	U.S.	Canada					
Properties	39	1	12	10	27	7	96
Rooms	11,572	267	2,929	3,166	7,231	1,966	27,131
Countries and Territories	1	1	10	6	8	6	32
Properties	—	—	2	—	1	—	3
Rooms	—	—	143	—	59	—	202
Countries and Territories	—	—	2	—	1	—	3
Properties	2	—	2	—	—	—	4
Rooms	568	—	251	—	—	—	819
Countries and Territories	1	—	2	—	—	—	3
Properties	24	1	6	4	29	13	77
Rooms	13,938	221	2,065	2,708	11,764	3,346	34,042
Countries and Territories	1	1	6	3	7	9	27
Properties	53	2	30	1	3	6	95
Rooms	12,675	460	4,344	446	785	4,098	22,808
Countries and Territories	1	1	13	1	3	6	25
Properties	80	2	36	3	31	8	160
Rooms	26,798	561	8,632	921	12,116	2,565	51,593
Countries and Territories	1	1	16	2	7	8	35
Properties	327	15	94	18	45	27	526
Rooms	129,070	5,355	23,071	6,206	15,804	7,771	187,277
Countries and Territories	1	1	19	8	9	16	54
Properties	—	36	—	—	—	—	36
Rooms	—	9,385	—	—	—	—	9,385
Countries and Territories	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Properties	—	—	5	6	15	2	28
Rooms	—	—	408	759	2,774	240	4,181
Countries and Territories	—	—	5	4	5	2	16
Properties	5	—	—	—	—	—	5
Rooms	8,098	—	—	—	—	—	8,098
Countries and Territories	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Properties	5	—	78	—	—	—	83
Rooms	911	—	9,551	—	—	—	10,462
Countries and Territories	1	—	6	—	—	—	7

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Properties	891	25	49	5	37	30	1,037
Rooms	124,630	4,411	9,220	1,041	9,243	4,872	153,417
Countries and Territories	1	1	18	3	8	15	46
Properties	669	21	3	3	—	1	697
Rooms	81,387	3,025	307	301	—	109	85,129
Countries and Territories	1	1	3	3	—	1	9
Properties	334	2	—	—	—	—	336
Rooms	39,451	299	—	—	—	—	39,750
Countries and Territories	1	1	—	—	—	—	2

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		North America			Middle	Asia	Caribbean	
		U.S.	Canada	Europe	East & Africa	Pacific	& Latin America	Total
Residences ⁽¹⁾	Properties	743	18	—	—	2	5	768
	Rooms	67,946	2,024	—	—	314	788	71,072
	Countries and Territories	1	1	—	—	1	1	4
	Properties	263	7	—	—	—	—	270
	Rooms	26,272	856	—	—	—	—	27,128
	Countries and Territories	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
	Properties	—	—	—	102	—	—	102
	Rooms	—	—	—	9,609	—	—	9,609
	Countries and Territories	—	—	—	8	—	—	8
	Properties	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
	Rooms	—	—	162	—	—	—	162
	Countries and Territories	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
	Properties	31	2	2	—	2	5	42
	Rooms	3,623	214	106	—	63	252	4,258
	Countries and Territories	1	1	2	—	2	2	8
	Properties	45	—	5	—	3	5	58
	Rooms	10,540	—	919	—	332	1,016	12,807
	Countries and Territories	1	—	3	—	1	3	8
Timeshare ⁽²⁾	Total Properties	3,511	132	325	152	195	109	4,424
	Total Rooms	557,479	27,078	62,108	25,157	60,485	27,023	759,330

⁽¹⁾ Figures include home and condominium products for which we manage the related owners' association.

⁽²⁾ Timeshare properties are licensed by MVW under the Marriott Vacation Club, The Ritz-Carlton Destination Club, The Ritz-Carlton Residences, and Grand Residences by Marriott brand names.

The Ritz-Carlton is a luxury hospitality brand where the genuine care and comfort of guests is the highest mission. Ritz-Carlton properties provide the finest personal service and facilities for its guests so that they will enjoy a warm, relaxed, yet refined ambience. The Ritz-Carlton experience enlivens the senses, instills well-being, and fulfills even the unexpressed wishes and needs of its guests. Established in 1983 with the purchase of The Ritz-Carlton, Boston and the rights to the name, the brand has grown worldwide with award-winning luxury hotels, residences, golf communities, elegant spas, innovative retail outlets, and acclaimed restaurants.

Bulgari Hotels & Resorts, developed in partnership with jeweler and luxury goods designer Bulgari Spa, is a collection of sophisticated, intimate luxury properties located in exclusive destinations. With properties in London, Milan, and Bali and food and beverage outlets in Tokyo, premium individuality is the rule - no detail is too small, no experience too grand. Each intimate location offers guests an exclusive celebration of contemporary design and superior service.

EDITION is a luxury lifestyle hotel brand that combines a personal, individualized, and unique hotel experience with the global reach and scale of Marriott International and creative vision of Ian Schrager. EDITION encompasses not only great design and true innovation, but also great personal, friendly, modern service as well as outstanding, one-of-a-kind food, beverage, and entertainment offerings. Each hotel with its rare individuality, authenticity, originality, and unique ethos reflects the best of the cultural and social milieu of its location and of the time.

JW Marriott is a global luxury brand of beautiful hotels and resorts located in gateway cities and exotic destinations around the world. JW Marriott properties have awe-inspiring spaces influenced by modern residential design, exceptional amenities and culinary experiences, and warm and engaging associates delivering intuitive service. JW Marriott's elegant yet approachable positioning provides a differentiated offering in the luxury hotel market, bridging the gap between full-service hotel brands and the super luxury brands at the top of the tier.

Autograph Collection Hotels are high personality upper-upscale and luxury independent hotels that deliver unique experiences and design across a global portfolio. Each property has been selected for its originality, rich character, uncommon details, remarkable design, or for its best-in-class resort amenities. From iconic to chic and artsy to luxurious, Autograph Collection is designed to attract guests who prefer original, locally authentic, and unique hotel experiences that other conventional brands do not offer.

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Renaissance Hotels is a global, full-service brand in the upper-upscale tier that targets lifestyle-oriented business travelers. Each Renaissance hotel offers its own personality, local flavor, and distinctive style. Innovations include the Navigator program, which helps guests discover the soul of the neighborhood, and Evenings at Renaissance, which helps guests experience the unexpected with live music, mixology demonstrations, art exhibits, and more in the comfort of the hotel lobby bars and lounges. The diverse portfolio of properties includes historic icons, modern boutiques, resorts, and convention hotels.

Marriott Hotels is the Company's global flagship premium brand, primarily serving business and leisure upper-upscale travelers and meeting groups. Marriott Hotels properties deliver premium choices, sophisticated style, and well-crafted details. Properties are located in downtown, urban, and suburban areas, near airports, and at resort locations. Typically, properties offer well-appointed guest rooms, convention and banquet facilities, destination-driven restaurants and lounges, concierge lounges, fitness centers, and swimming pools. Many resort properties have additional recreational facilities, such as tennis courts, golf courses, additional restaurants and lounges, and spa facilities.

Delta Hotels and Resorts is a full-service brand, primarily serving business travelers within the upscale and upper-upscale tiers. Delta Hotels and Resorts are focused on elevating and delivering on the essentials of business travel, through pragmatic and efficient design, thoughtfully appointed guest rooms, large functional work spaces, and complimentary Wi-Fi. Located in gateway cities, suburban areas, near airports, and resort locations, properties also feature flexible meeting spaces, food and beverage options, and premium fitness centers.

Marriott Executive Apartments provides international, five-star serviced apartments in emerging market gateway cities, designed for business executives who require housing outside their home country, usually for a month or longer. These one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments are designed with upscale finishes, amenities, and services, including on-site gyms and other recreational facilities, a 24-hour front desk, weekly housekeeping services, laundry facilities within the apartment, and often on-site restaurants.

Gaylord Hotels offers guests an entertaining, upscale experience at world-class group and convention-oriented hotels. Gaylord Hotels is a leader in the group and meetings business and complements the Company's network of large convention hotels. Properties are designed to celebrate the heritage of their destinations near Washington, D.C., Nashville, Tennessee, Orlando, Florida, Dallas, Texas, and opening late 2018 in Aurora, Colorado. Gaylord Hotels properties typically have between 1,400 rooms and 2,900 rooms, 400,000 to 600,000 square feet of meeting and convention space, world-class dining and entertainment offerings, and retail outlets in magnificent settings.

AC Hotels by Marriott is designed to attract the next generation design-conscious business traveler in the upper-moderate tier, who seeks a sleek, modern hotel with unique European touches. With hotels across Europe, and now in North America, and coming soon to South America, AC Hotels by Marriott properties are located in destination, downtown, and lifestyle centers. Properties feature the "AC Lounge," offering cocktails, tapas-inspired appetizers, and shareable plates, where guests can work and collaborate during the day and relax and unwind in the evening.

Courtyard is our hotel product designed for the upscale tier, and is focused primarily on transient business travel. Hotels feature functionally designed guest rooms and meeting rooms, and offer free Wi-Fi, a swimming pool, an exercise room, and The Bistro (a self-serve food store open 24 hours a day). Courtyard Refreshing Business lobby fuses functionality, aesthetics, and technology to offer guests greater control of their environment. High-tech and high-touch meet high-style, providing flexibility to work, relax, eat, drink, and socialize all at one's own pace.

Residence Inn is the leading upscale extended-stay hotel brand designed for frequent and extended stay business and leisure travelers staying five or more nights. Residence Inn provides upscale design and style with spacious suites that feature separate living, sleeping, and working areas, as well as kitchens with full-size appliances. Guests can maintain their own pace and routines through free Wi-Fi, on-site exercise rooms, and comfortable places to work and relax. Additional amenities include free hot breakfast, evening social events three times a week, free grocery shopping services, 24-hour friendly and knowledgeable staffing, and on-site laundry facilities.

SpringHill Suites is the largest all-suites style hotel brand in the upscale tier that delivers industry leading service to guests who are enthusiastic about travel. The brand delivers a fresh and interesting hotel, focused on fusing form and function with modern décor. The suites feature proprietary West Elm furniture as a new standard. In addition,

properties offer enhanced food and beverage choices, with craft beers and wine available in most markets, free hot breakfast, and fitness and wellness zones.

Fairfield Inn & Suites is a well-established leader in the moderate tier and targets no-nonsense travelers seeking a stress-free stay experience. Fairfield is committed to supporting guests' desire to maintain balance and momentum by providing healthy options with our free hot breakfast, 24/7 Corner Market offerings, and on property fitness facilities. The hotels feature a

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multi-functional lobby and guest rooms and suite rooms that are uniquely designed for restful sleep and productivity. Fairfield is our second largest distributed brand, located across three continents from urban gateway cities and exciting leisure destinations to secondary and tertiary markets.

TownePlace Suites is our extended-stay hotel brand in the upper-moderate tier, designed to appeal to business and leisure travelers who stay for five nights or more. Each suite provides functional spaces for living and working, including a full kitchen and a home office. Each hotel specializes in delivering service that helps guests make the best of long trips by helping them stay productive and upbeat. Additional amenities include daily housekeeping services, free hot breakfast, exercise facilities, a pool, 24-hour In A Pinch (food and beverage) Market, laundry facilities, and free Wi-Fi.

Protea Hotels is the leading hospitality brand in Africa and boasts the highest brand awareness and largest strategic footprint among all the major hospitality brands in Africa. Competing in the moderate and upper moderate tiers, Protea Hotels is ideal for both business and leisure travelers by offering properties in primary and secondary business centers and desirable leisure destinations. Protea Hotels offers modern facilities, proactive and friendly service, and consistent amenities such as full-service restaurants, meeting spaces, complimentary Wi-Fi, and well-appointed rooms, ensuring global standards for a high quality, relaxed, and successful stay.

Moxy Hotels is a design-led, lifestyle moderate tier brand with a chic, modern, and edgy personality. Moxy Hotels offers a vibrant and stylish public space and a fun, energetic, and lively social scene. The brand opened its first hotel in Italy in 2014 and is expanding to other European countries and the United States.

Licensed Brands

In 2011 we spun off our timeshare operations and timeshare development business through a special tax-free dividend to our shareholders of all of the issued and outstanding common stock of our then wholly owned subsidiary MVW.

Before the spin-off, we developed, operated, marketed, and sold timeshare interval, fractional ownership, and residential properties as part of our former Timeshare segment under the brand names discussed below, and in conjunction with the spin-off, we entered into licensing agreements with MVW for those brands.

Under those licensing agreements, MVW is the exclusive worldwide developer, marketer, seller, and manager of vacation ownership and related products under the Marriott Vacation Club and Grand Residences by Marriott brands.

MVW is also the exclusive global developer, marketer, and seller of vacation ownership and related products under The Ritz-Carlton Destination Club brand. The Ritz-Carlton generally provides on-site management for Ritz-Carlton branded properties. We receive license fees under the licensing agreements with MVW for the following brands:

Marriott Vacation Club is MVW's signature offering in the upscale tier of the vacation ownership industry. Marriott Vacation Club resorts typically combine spacious accommodations with one-, two-, and three-bedroom options, living and dining areas, and in-unit kitchens and laundry facilities, with resort amenities.

Grand Residences by Marriott is an upscale tier vacation ownership and whole ownership residence brand. The ownership structure and physical products for these locations are similar to those MVW offers to Marriott Vacation Club owners, although the time period for each Grand Residences by Marriott ownership interest ranges between three and 13 weeks. MVW also offers whole ownership residential products under this brand.

The Ritz-Carlton Destination Club is MVW's vacation ownership offering in the luxury tier of the industry. The Ritz-Carlton Destination Club provides luxurious vacation experiences commensurate with The Ritz-Carlton brand. The Ritz-Carlton Destination Club resorts typically feature luxurious two-, three- and four-bedroom units, and luxury resort amenities.

MVW offers Marriott Rewards® Points and The Ritz-Carlton Rewards® Points to its owners or potential owners as sales, tour, and financing incentives, in exchange for vacation ownership usage rights, for customer referrals, and to resolve customer service issues. MVW buys these points from our Marriott Rewards and The Ritz-Carlton Rewards programs.

At year-end 2015, MVW operated 58 properties, primarily in the United States, but also in other countries and territories. Many of MVW's resorts are located adjacent to hotels we operate, such as Marriott Hotels and The Ritz-Carlton, and owners have access to certain hotel facilities during their vacation.

Other Activities

Credit Card Programs. At year-end 2015, we had six credit card programs in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, which include both Marriott Rewards and The Ritz-Carlton Rewards credit cards. We earn licensing fees based on card usage, and the cards are designed to encourage loyalty to our brands.

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Sales and Marketing, Reservation Systems, and Loyalty Programs. We focus on increasing value for the consumer and “selling the way the customer wants to buy.” Our Look No Further[®] Best Rate Guarantee gives customers access to the same rates whether they book through our telephone reservation system, our website, or any other Marriott reservation channel and ensures best rate integrity, strengthening consumer confidence in our brand. Our strong Marriott Rewards and The Ritz-Carlton Rewards guest recognition programs and our information-rich and easy-to-use Marriott.com website and mobile app are also integral to our success.

Marriott.com and Marriott Mobile are two of our fastest growing booking channels. Now averaging over 60 million visitors each month, and with updated designs, personalized experiences, and a new direct booking campaign - It Pays to Book Direct - Marriott.com is making it easier and more rewarding for our guests to book directly with us. Beyond the booking, Marriott Mobile also now gives our guests unprecedented access to services on-the-go, like mobile check-in and check-out (one of our most widely-used digital features). In 2015, we also launched mobile service requests at all full-service hotels around the globe where guests can use the Marriott Mobile App to engage in a two-way chat with the hotel prior to their arrival and throughout their stay. Marriott Rewards members now enjoy a superior stay experience thanks to these member-exclusive digital services. We continue to explore and test other digital offerings that could make the hotel booking and the hotel stay experience at any one of our hotels more convenient, easy, and personalized.

At year-end 2015, we operated 17 hotel reservation centers, eight in the United States and Canada and nine in other countries and territories, which handle reservation requests for our lodging brands worldwide, including franchised properties. We own one of the U.S. facilities and either lease the others or share space with an existing Marriott property. While pricing is set by our hotels, our reservation system manages and controls inventory and allows us to utilize third party agents where cost effective. Economies of scale enable us to minimize costs per occupied room, drive profits for our owners and franchisees, and enhance our fee revenue.

We believe our global sales and revenue management organization is a key competitive advantage due to our unrelenting focus on optimizing our investment in people, processes, and systems. Our above-property sales deployment strategy aligns our sales efforts around the customer, reducing duplication of sales efforts by individual hotels and allowing us to cover a larger number of accounts. We also utilize innovative sophisticated revenue management systems, many of which are proprietary, which we believe provide a competitive advantage in pricing decisions, increase efficiency in analysis and decision making, and produce higher property-level revenue for the hotels in our system. Most of the hotels in our system utilize web-based programs to effectively manage the rate set up and modification processes which provides for greater pricing flexibility, reduces time spent on rate program creation and maintenance, and increases the speed to market of new products and services.

Our customer loyalty programs, Marriott Rewards and The Ritz-Carlton Rewards, had over 54 million members and 16 participating brands as of year-end 2015. MVW and other program partners also participate in our rewards programs. The rewards programs yield repeat guest business by rewarding frequent stays with points toward free hotel stays and other rewards, or airline miles with any of 41 participating airline programs. We believe that our rewards programs generate substantial repeat business that might otherwise go to competing hotels. In 2015, rewards program members purchased over 50 percent of our room nights. We continue to enhance our rewards program offerings and strategically market to this large and growing customer base. Our loyal rewards member base provides a low cost and high impact vehicle for our revenue generation efforts. See the “Rewards Programs” caption in Footnote No. 2, “Summary of Significant Accounting Policies” for more information.

As we further discuss in Part I, Item 1A “Risk Factors” later in this report, we utilize sophisticated technology and systems in our reservation, revenue management, and property management systems, in our Marriott Rewards and The Ritz-Carlton Rewards programs, and in other aspects of our business. We also make certain technologies available to our guests. Keeping pace with developments in technology is important for our operations and our competitive position. Furthermore, the integrity and protection of customer, employee, and company data is critical to us as we use such data for business decisions and to maintain operational efficiency.

Environmental Responsibility and Sustainable Hotels. Our sustainability strategy supports business growth, conservation of natural resources, and protecting our planet through wide-reaching environmental initiatives.

Marriott’s environmental goals are to: (1) reduce energy and water consumption by 20 percent by 2020; (2) empower

our hotel development partners to build sustainable hotels; (3) green our multi-billion dollar supply chain; (4) educate and inspire associates and guests to conserve and preserve; and (5) address environmental challenges through innovative conservation initiatives including rainforest protection and water conservation. We recently achieved our goal of reducing water consumption by 20 percent by 2020 and are continuing to make progress on our other 2020 goals.

We recognize our responsibility to reduce waste as well as water and energy consumption in our hotels and corporate offices. Our focus remains on continually integrating greater environmental sustainability throughout our business. In the year

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ahead, we intend to build upon our progress and begin to set the stage for our next generation of sustainability goals. We were the first major hotel chain to calculate our carbon footprint and launch a plan to improve energy efficiency, conserve water, and support globally significant projects that reduce deforestation. We use Energy and Environmental Action (EEAP) plans, our best-practice auditing tool, to help our properties achieve energy and water reduction goals. Working in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) certification, Marriott is empowering our hotel development partners to build sustainable hotels. We developed the first LEED Volume Program (LVP) for the hospitality industry to provide a streamlined path to certification through a pre-certified hotel prototype. The LEED Volume Program can save our owners 25 percent in energy and water consumption for the life of their buildings and should recover their initial investment in two to six years. Marriott has one of the largest portfolios of LEED-certified buildings in the hospitality industry (over 50), with dozens more in the development pipeline.

Global Design Division. Our Global Design division provides design, development, construction, refurbishment, and procurement services to owners and franchisees of lodging properties on a voluntary basis outside the scope of and separate from our management or franchise contracts. Similar to third-party contractors, Global Design provides these services on a fee basis to owners and franchisees of our branded properties.

Marriott Golf. At year-end 2015, Marriott Golf managed 35 golf course facilities as part of our management of hotels and for other golf course owners. In addition, we provide similar services to three facilities operated by others.

Competition

We encounter strong competition both as a lodging operator and as a franchisor. There are approximately 873 lodging management companies in the United States, including approximately 11 that operate more than 100 properties. These operators are primarily private management firms, but also include several large national and international chains that own and operate their own hotels and also franchise their brands. Our management contracts are typically long-term in nature, but most allow the hotel owner to replace the management firm if it does not meet certain financial or performance criteria.

During the last recession, demand for hotel rooms declined significantly, particularly in 2009, and we took steps to reduce operating costs and improve efficiency. Due to the competitive nature of our industry, we focused these efforts on areas that had limited or no impact on the guest experience. While demand trends globally improved from 2010 through 2015, cost reductions could again become necessary if demand trends reverse. We would expect to implement any such efforts in a manner designed to maintain customer loyalty, owner preference, and associate satisfaction, in order to help maintain or increase our market share.

Affiliation with a national or regional brand is common in the U.S. lodging industry, and we believe that our brand recognition assists us in attracting and retaining guests, owners, and franchisees. In 2015, approximately 70 percent of U.S. hotel rooms were brand-affiliated. Most of the branded properties are franchises, under which the operator pays the franchisor a fee for use of its hotel name and reservation system. In the franchising business, we face a number of competitors that have strong brands and customer appeal, including Hilton, Intercontinental Hotels Group, Hyatt, Starwood, Wyndham, Accor, Choice, Carlson Rezidor, Best Western, La Quinta, and others.

Outside the United States, branding is much less prevalent and most markets are served primarily by independent operators, although branding is more common for new hotel development. We believe that chain affiliation will increase in many overseas markets as local economies grow, trade barriers decline, international travel accelerates, and hotel owners seek the economies of centralized reservation systems and marketing programs.

Based on lodging industry data, we have more than a 10 percent share of the U.S. hotel market (based on number of rooms) and we estimate less than a two percent share of the lodging market outside the United States. We believe that our hotel brands are attractive to hotel owners seeking a management company or franchise affiliation because our hotels typically generate higher Revenue per Available Room ("RevPAR") than our direct competitors in most market areas. We attribute this performance premium to our success in achieving and maintaining strong customer preference. We believe that the location and quality of our lodging facilities, our marketing programs, our reservation systems, and our emphasis on guest service and guest and associate satisfaction contribute to customer preference across all of our brands.

Properties that we operate, franchise, or license are regularly upgraded to maintain their competitiveness. Most of our management agreements provide for the allocation of funds to be set aside, generally a fixed percentage of revenue, for periodic renovation of buildings and replacement of furnishings. These ongoing refurbishment programs, along with periodic brand initiatives, are generally adequate to preserve or enhance the competitive position and earning power of the properties. Properties converting to one of our brands typically complete renovations as needed in conjunction with the conversion.

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Employee Relations

At year-end 2015, we had approximately 127,500 employees, approximately 11,000 of whom were represented by labor unions. We believe relations with our employees are positive.

Environmental Compliance

The properties we operate or develop are subject to national, state, and local laws and regulations that govern the discharge of materials into the environment or otherwise relate to protecting the environment. Those environmental provisions include requirements that address health and safety; the use, management, and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes; and emission or discharge of wastes or other materials. We believe that our operation and development of properties complies, in all material respects, with environmental laws and regulations. Compliance with such provisions has not materially impacted our capital expenditures, earnings, or competitive position, and we do not anticipate that it will have a material impact in the future.

Internet Address and Company SEC Filings

Our Internet address is Marriott.com. On the investor relations portion of our website, Marriott.com/investor, we provide a link to our electronic filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), including our annual report on Form 10-K, our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, our current reports on Form 8-K and any amendments to these reports. We make all such filings available free of charge as soon as reasonably practicable after filing. The information found on our website is not part of this or any other report we file with or furnish to the SEC.

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Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Forward-Looking Statements

We make forward-looking statements in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and elsewhere in this report based on the beliefs and assumptions of our management and on information currently available to us. Forward-looking statements include information about our possible or assumed future results of operations, which follow under the headings "Business and Overview," "Liquidity and Capital Resources," and other statements throughout this report preceded by, followed by or that include the words "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "estimates" or similar expressions.

Any number of risks and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from those we express in our forward-looking statements, including the risks and uncertainties we describe below and other factors we describe from time to time in our periodic filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). We therefore caution you not to rely unduly on any forward-looking statement. The forward-looking statements in this report speak only as of the date of this report, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments, or otherwise.

Risks and Uncertainties

We are subject to various risks that could have a negative effect on us or on our financial condition. You should understand that these risks could cause results to differ materially from those we express in forward-looking statements contained in this report or in other Company communications. Because there is no way to determine in advance whether, or to what extent, any present uncertainty will ultimately impact our business, you should give equal weight to each of the following:

Our industry is highly competitive, which may impact our ability to compete successfully with other hotel properties and home and apartment sharing services for customers. We operate in markets that contain many competitors. Each of our hotel brands competes with major hotel chains, as well as home and apartment sharing services, in national and international venues and with independent companies in regional markets. Our ability to remain competitive and to attract and retain business and leisure travelers depends on our success in distinguishing the quality, value, and efficiency of our lodging products and services, including our loyalty programs and consumer-facing technology platforms and services, from those offered by others. If we cannot compete successfully in these areas, our operating margins could contract, our market share could decrease, and our earnings could decline. Further, new lodging supply in individual markets could have a negative impact on the hotel industry and hamper our ability to increase room rates or occupancy in those markets.

Economic uncertainty could continue to impact our financial results and growth. Weak economic conditions in Europe and other parts of the world, the strength or continuation of recovery in countries that have experienced improved economic conditions, changes in oil prices and currency values, potential disruptions in the U.S. economy as a result of governmental action or inaction on the federal deficit, budget, and related issues, political instability in some areas, and the uncertainty over how long any of these conditions will continue, could continue to have a negative impact on the lodging industry. U.S. government travel is also a significant part of our business, and this aspect of our business may continue to suffer due to U.S. federal spending cuts and any further limitations that may result from congressional action or inaction. As a result of such current economic conditions and uncertainty, we continue to experience weakened demand for our hotel rooms in some markets. Recent improvements in demand trends in other markets may not continue, and our future financial results and growth could be further harmed or constrained if the recovery stalls or conditions worsen.

Risks Relating to the Starwood Combination

We will be subject to various uncertainties and contractual restrictions, including the risk of litigation, while the Starwood Combination is pending that could cause disruption and may make it more difficult to maintain relationships with employees, hotel owners, hotel franchisees, suppliers or customers. Uncertainty about the effect of the Starwood Combination on employees, hotel owners, hotel franchisees, suppliers and customers may have an adverse effect on our business. Although we intend to take steps designed to reduce any adverse effects, these uncertainties could impair our ability to attract, retain and motivate key personnel until the Starwood Combination is completed and for a period of time after that, and could cause customers, suppliers and others that deal with us to seek to change our existing

business relationships.

The pursuit of the Starwood Combination and the preparation for the integration may place a significant burden on our management and internal resources. The diversion of management's attention away from day-to-day business concerns and any difficulties encountered in the transition and integration process could adversely affect our financial results.

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In addition, the Merger Agreement restricts each company, without the other's consent, from making certain acquisitions and taking other specified actions until the Starwood Combination closes or the Merger Agreement terminates. These restrictions could prevent us from pursuing otherwise attractive business opportunities and making other changes to our business before completion of the Starwood Combination or termination of the Merger Agreement.

A number of lawsuits challenging the Starwood Combination were filed on behalf of purported shareholders of Starwood, naming various combinations of Starwood's directors, Starwood, Marriott, and others, as defendants. Although Marriott was dismissed from these lawsuits, an adverse ruling in any pending or future actions may prevent or delay the Starwood Combination from being completed. Starwood's board of directors has also received demand letters from purported shareholders alleging that Starwood's board of directors breached its fiduciary duties in connection with its approval of the Starwood Combination and demanding that Starwood's board of directors conduct an investigation and take other actions. Similar lawsuits could be filed and similar demand letters could in the future be received by Starwood, Marriott, and their respective boards of directors. One of the conditions to the closing of the Starwood Combination is the absence of any judgment, order, law or other legal restraint by a court or other governmental entity of competent jurisdiction that prevents the consummation of the Starwood Combination. Accordingly, if any of the plaintiffs is successful in obtaining an injunction prohibiting the consummation of the Starwood Combination, then such injunction could prevent the Starwood Combination from becoming effective, or delay its becoming effective within the expected time frame.

Failure to complete the Starwood Combination could negatively impact our stock price and our future business and financial results. If we do not complete the Starwood Combination, our ongoing business could be adversely affected, and we may be subject to several risks, including the following:

- being required to pay a termination fee under certain circumstances as provided in the Merger Agreement;
- having to pay certain costs relating to the Starwood Combination, such as legal, accounting, financial advisor and other fees and expenses;
- our stock price could decline to the extent that the current market prices reflect a market assumption that the Starwood Combination will be completed; and
- having had our management focus on the Starwood Combination instead of on pursuing other opportunities that could have been beneficial to us.

If the Starwood Combination is not completed, we cannot assure you that these risks will not materialize and will not materially adversely affect our business, financial results and stock price.

Our ability to complete the Starwood Combination is subject to certain closing conditions and the receipt of consents and approvals from government entities which may impose conditions that could adversely affect us or cause the Starwood Combination to be abandoned. The Merger Agreement contains certain closing conditions, including, among others:

- the approval by the holders of a majority of all outstanding shares of Starwood common stock of the transactions;
- the approval by the holders of a majority of the votes cast at the special meeting of Marriott shareholders in favor of the proposal to issue shares of Marriott common stock to Starwood shareholders;
- the absence of any judgment, order, law or other legal restraint by a court or other governmental entity of competent jurisdiction that prevents the consummation of the Starwood Combination;
- the approval for listing by NASDAQ of the shares of Marriott common stock issuable in the Starwood Combination; and

the spin-off of Starwood's Vistana vacation ownership business ("Vistana"), or, if the spin-off of Vistana and Vistana's subsequent merger with a wholly owned subsidiary of Interval Leisure Group, Inc. is not consummated, the completion of another spin-off, split-off or analogous distribution of Vistana or the sale of Vistana by Starwood. We cannot assure you that the various closing conditions will be satisfied, or that any required conditions will not materially adversely affect the combined company after the Starwood Combination closes, or will not result in the abandonment or delay of the Starwood Combination. For instance, the consummation of the disposition of Starwood's Vistana business may be delayed or not occur, which could cause the Starwood Combination to be delayed or abandoned.

In addition, before the Starwood Combination may be completed, various approvals and declarations of non-objection must be obtained from certain regulatory and governmental authorities, including the expiration or termination of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act and receipt of consents and approvals from the

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European Commission and various other governmental entities. These regulatory and governmental entities could impose conditions on the granting of such approvals. Such conditions and the process of obtaining regulatory approvals could have the effect of delaying closing of the Starwood Combination or of imposing additional costs or limitations on the combined company following the closing. The regulatory approvals may not be received at all, may not be received in a timely fashion, or may contain conditions. In addition, Starwood's and Marriott's respective obligations to complete the Starwood Combination are conditioned on the receipt of certain regulatory approvals or waiver by the other party of such condition.

Any delay in completing the Starwood Combination could reduce or eliminate the benefits that we expect to achieve. As discussed above, the Starwood Combination is subject to a number of conditions beyond Starwood's and our control that could prevent, delay or otherwise materially adversely affect the completion of the combination. We cannot predict whether and when these conditions will be satisfied. Any delay in completing the Starwood Combination could cause the combined company not to realize some or all of the synergies that we expect to achieve if the Starwood Combination is successfully completed within the expected time frame.

The combined company may not be able to integrate successfully and many of the anticipated benefits of combining Starwood and Marriott may not be realized. We entered into the Merger Agreement with the expectation that the Starwood Combination will result in various benefits, including, among other things, operating efficiencies. Achieving those anticipated benefits is subject to a number of uncertainties, including whether we can integrate the business of Starwood in an efficient and effective manner.

The integration process could also take longer than we anticipate and could result in the loss of valuable employees, the disruption of each company's ongoing businesses, processes and systems or inconsistencies in standards, controls, procedures, practices, policies and compensation arrangements, any of which could adversely affect the combined company's ability to achieve the benefits we anticipate. The combined company's resulting portfolio of approximately 30 brands could be challenging for us to maintain and grow, and the harmonization of our different reservations and other systems and business practices could be more difficult, disruptive, and time consuming than we anticipate. The combined company's results of operations could also be adversely affected by any issues attributable to either company's operations that arise or are based on events or actions that occur before the Starwood Combination closes. The combined company may also have difficulty addressing possible differences in corporate cultures and management philosophies. The integration process is subject to a number of uncertainties, and we cannot assure you that the benefits we anticipate will be realized at all or as quickly as we expect. If we don't achieve those benefits, our costs could increase, our expected net income could decrease, and the combined company's future business, financial condition, operating results and prospects could suffer.

We will incur substantial transaction costs in connection with the Starwood Combination. We expect to incur a number of non-recurring expenses both before and after completing the Starwood Combination, including in obtaining necessary consents and approvals and combining the operations of the two companies. These fees and costs will be substantial. We may also incur unanticipated costs in the integration of the businesses of Starwood and Marriott. Although we expect that the elimination of certain duplicative costs, as well as the realization of other efficiencies related to the integration of the two businesses, will offset the incremental transaction-related costs over time, this net benefit may not be achieved in the near term, or at all. Further, if the Starwood Combination is not completed, we would have to recognize certain of these expenses without realizing the expected benefits of the combination.

Our shareholders will be diluted by the Starwood Combination. The Starwood Combination will dilute the ownership position of our current shareholders. We currently estimate that, upon completion of the combination, our shareholders before the merger will own approximately 61% and former Starwood shareholders will own approximately 39% of the combined company's outstanding common stock. Because of this, our current shareholders may have less influence on the management and policies of the combined company than they now have on us.

Our future results will suffer if we do not effectively manage our expanded operations following the completion of the Starwood Combination. Following the completion of the Starwood Combination, the size of the business of the combined company will increase significantly beyond the current size of our business. Our future success depends, in part, upon our ability to manage this expanded business, which will pose substantial challenges for management, including challenges related to the management and monitoring of new operations and associated increased costs and

complexity. We cannot assure you that we will be successful or that we will realize the expected operating efficiencies, cost savings and other benefits from the combination that we currently anticipate.

The combined company may not be able to retain Marriott and/or Starwood personnel successfully after the Starwood Combination is completed. The success of the Starwood Combination will depend in part on the combined company's ability to retain the talents and dedication of key employees that Marriott and Starwood currently employ. It is possible that these employees may decide not to remain with Marriott or Starwood, as applicable, while the Starwood Combination is pending or

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with the combined company after the combination is consummated. If key employees terminate their employment, or if the combined company cannot maintain a sufficient number of employees to maintain effective operations, the combined company's business activities could be adversely affected and management's attention could be diverted from successfully integrating Starwood to hiring suitable replacements, all of which may cause the combined company's business to suffer. In addition, we may not be able to locate suitable replacements for any key employees who leave either company, or offer employment to potential replacements on reasonable terms.

Risks Relating to Our Business

Operational Risks

Premature termination of our management or franchise agreements could hurt our financial performance. Our hotel management and franchise agreements may be subject to premature termination in certain circumstances, such as the bankruptcy of a hotel owner or franchisee, or a failure under some agreements to meet specified financial or performance criteria that are subject to the risks described in this section, which we fail or elect not to cure. In addition, some courts have applied principles of agency law and related fiduciary standards to managers of third-party hotel properties, including us (or have interpreted hotel management agreements as "personal services contracts"). This means, among other things, that property owners may assert the right to terminate management agreements even where the agreements provide otherwise, and some courts have upheld such assertions about our management agreements and may do so in the future. In addition, some management and franchise agreements may be terminated, or property owners may attempt to terminate such agreements, in connection with the Starwood Combination. If terminations occur for these or other reasons, we may need to enforce our right to damages for breach of contract and related claims, which may cause us to incur significant legal fees and expenses. Any damages we ultimately collect could be less than the projected future value of the fees and other amounts we would have otherwise collected under the management agreement. A significant loss of agreements due to premature terminations could hurt our financial performance or our ability to grow our business.

Our lodging operations are subject to global, regional, and national conditions. Because we conduct our business on a global platform, changes in global and regional economies impact our activities. In recent years, decreases in travel resulting from weak economic conditions and the heightened travel security measures that have resulted from the threat of further terrorism have hurt our business. Our future performance could be similarly affected by the economic environment in each of our operating regions, the resulting unknown pace of business travel, and any future incidents in those regions.

The growing significance of our operations outside of the United States, particularly following the Starwood Combination, makes us increasingly susceptible to the risks of doing business internationally, which could lower our revenues, increase our costs, reduce our profits, disrupt our business, or damage our reputation. We currently operate or franchise hotels and resorts in 87 countries, and our operations outside the United States represented approximately 19 percent of our revenues in 2015. In addition, Starwood reported that as of September 30, 2015 it operated or franchised hotels and resorts in approximately 100 countries, and its operations outside the United States (including operations associated with Starwood's Vistana vacation ownership business which it is to spin off prior to our combination) represented a majority of Starwood's revenues in both 2014 and the nine months ending September 30, 2015. We expect that our international revenues will continue to grow, particularly following the Starwood Combination. As a result, we are increasingly exposed to the challenges and risks of doing business outside the United States, many of which are outside of our control, and which could reduce our revenues or profits, increase our costs, result in significant liabilities or sanctions, otherwise disrupt our business, or damage our reputation. These challenges include: (1) compliance with complex and changing laws, regulations and government policies that may impact our operations, such as foreign ownership restrictions, import and export controls, and trade restrictions; (2) compliance with U.S. and foreign laws that affect the activities of companies abroad, such as competition laws, currency regulations, and other laws affecting dealings with certain nations; (3) limitations on our ability to repatriate non-U.S. earnings in a tax effective manner; (4) the difficulties involved in managing an organization doing business in many different countries; (5) uncertainties as to the enforceability of contract and intellectual property rights under local laws; (6) rapid changes in government policy, political or civil unrest in the Middle East and elsewhere, acts of terrorism, or the threat of international boycotts or U.S. anti-boycott legislation; and (7) currency exchange rate

fluctuations, which may impact the results and cash flows of our international operations.

Any failure by our international operations to comply with anti-corruption laws or trade sanctions could increase our costs, reduce our profits, limit our growth, harm our reputation, or subject us to broader liability. We are subject to restrictions imposed by the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and anti-corruption laws and regulations of other countries applicable to our operations, such as the UK Bribery Act. Anti-corruption laws and regulations generally prohibit companies and their intermediaries from making improper payments to government officials or other persons in order to receive or retain business. The compliance programs, internal controls and policies we maintain and enforce to promote compliance with applicable anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws may not prevent our associates, contractors or agents from acting in ways prohibited by these

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laws and regulations. We are also subject to trade sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control and the U.S. Department of Commerce. Our compliance programs and internal controls also may not prevent conduct that is prohibited under these rules. The United States may impose additional sanctions at any time against any country in which or with whom we do business. Depending on the nature of the sanctions imposed, our operations in the relevant country could be restricted or otherwise adversely affected. Any violations of anti-corruption laws and regulations or trade sanctions could result in significant civil and criminal penalties, reduce our profits, disrupt our business or damage our reputation. In addition, an imposition of further restrictions in these areas could increase our cost of operations, reduce our profits or cause us to forgo development opportunities that would otherwise support growth. Exchange rate fluctuations and foreign exchange hedging arrangements could result in significant foreign currency gains and losses and affect our business results. We earn revenues and incur expenses in foreign currencies as part of our operations outside of the United States. Accordingly, fluctuations in currency exchange rates may significantly increase the amount of U.S. dollars required for foreign currency expenses or significantly decrease the U.S. dollars we receive from foreign currency revenues. We are also exposed to currency translation risk because the results of our business outside of the U.S. are generally reported in local currency, which we then translate to U.S. dollars for inclusion in our consolidated financial statements. As a result, changes between the foreign exchange rates and the U.S. dollar affect the amounts we record for our foreign assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and could have a negative effect on our financial results. We expect that our exposure to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations will grow as the relative contribution of our non-U.S. operations increases. Our efforts to mitigate some of our foreign currency exposure by entering into foreign exchange hedging agreements with financial institutions to reduce exposures to some of the principal currencies in which we receive management and franchise fees may not be successful. In this regard, these hedging agreements do not cover all currencies in which we do business, do not eliminate foreign currency risk entirely for the currencies that they do cover, and involve costs and risks of their own in the form of transaction costs, credit requirements and counterparty risk.

Some of our management agreements and related contracts require us to make payments to owners if the hotels do not achieve specified levels of operating profit. Some of our contracts with hotel owners require that we fund shortfalls if the hotels do not attain specified levels of operating profit. We may not be able to recover any fundings of such performance guarantees, which could lower our profits and reduce our cash flows.

Our new programs and new branded products may not be successful. We cannot assure you that recently launched, newly acquired, or recently announced brands, such as EDITION, AC Hotels by Marriott in the Americas, Protea Hotels, Moxy Hotels, and Delta Hotels and Resorts, and those expected to be acquired as a result of the Starwood Combination, or any other new programs or products we may launch in the future will be accepted by hotel owners, potential franchisees, or the traveling public or other customers. We also cannot be certain that we will recover the costs we incurred in developing or acquiring the brands or any new programs or products, or that the brands or any new programs or products will be successful. In addition, some of our new brands involve or may involve cooperation and/or consultation with one or more third parties, including some shared control over product design and development, sales and marketing, and brand standards. Disagreements with these third parties could slow the development of these new brands and/or impair our ability to take actions we believe to be advisable for the success and profitability of such brands.

Risks relating to natural or man-made disasters, contagious disease, terrorist activity, and war could reduce the demand for lodging, which may adversely affect our revenues. So called “Acts of God,” such as hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, and other natural disasters, such as Hurricane Sandy in the Northeastern United States, the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, and man-made disasters in recent years as well as the potential spread of contagious diseases such as MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome), Zika virus, and Ebola in locations where we own, manage, or franchise significant properties and areas of the world from which we draw a large number of customers, could cause a decline in business or leisure travel and reduce demand for lodging. Actual or threatened war, terrorist activity, political unrest, or civil strife, such as recent events in Ukraine and Russia, the Middle East, and other geopolitical uncertainty could have a similar effect. Any one or more of these events may reduce the overall demand for hotel rooms and corporate apartments or limit the prices that we can obtain for them, both of which could adversely affect our profits.

Disagreements with owners of hotels that we manage or franchise may result in litigation or may delay implementation of product or service initiatives. Consistent with our focus on management and franchising, we own very few of our lodging properties. The nature of our responsibilities under our management agreements to manage each hotel and enforce the standards required for our brands under both management and franchise agreements may be subject to interpretation and will from time to time give rise to disagreements, which may include disagreements over the need for or payment for new product or service initiatives and the timing and amount of capital investments. Such disagreements may be more likely when hotel returns are weaker. We seek to resolve any disagreements in order to develop and maintain positive relations with current and potential hotel owners and joint venture partners, but we are not always able to do so. Failure to resolve such disagreements has resulted in litigation, and could do so in the future. If any such litigation results in a significant adverse judgment, settlement, or court

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order, we could suffer significant losses, our profits could be reduced, or our future ability to operate our business could be constrained.

Our business depends on the quality and reputation of our brands, and any deterioration in the quality or reputation of these brands could have an adverse impact on our market share, reputation, business, financial condition, or results of operations. Events that may be beyond our control could affect the reputation of one or more of our properties or more generally impact the reputation of our brands. If the reputation or perceived quality of our brands declines, our market share, reputation, business, financial condition, or results of operations could be affected.

Actions by our franchisees and licensees could adversely affect our image and reputation. We franchise and license many of our brand names and trademarks to third parties in connection with lodging, timeshare, residential services, and our credit card programs. Under the terms of their agreements with us, our franchisees and licensees interact directly with customers and other third parties under our brand and trade names. If these franchisees or licensees fail to maintain or act in accordance with applicable brand standards; experience operational problems, including any data breach involving customer information; or project a brand image inconsistent with ours, our image and reputation could suffer. Although our franchise and license agreements provide us with recourse and remedies in the event of a breach by the franchisee or licensee, including termination of the agreements under certain circumstances, pursuing any such recourse, remedy, or termination could be expensive and time consuming. In addition, we cannot assure you that a court would ultimately enforce our contractual termination rights in every instance.

Damage to, or losses involving, properties that we own, manage, or franchise may not be covered by insurance. We have comprehensive property and liability insurance policies for our managed, leased, and owned properties with coverage features and insured limits that we believe are customary, and require our franchisees to maintain similar levels of insurance. Market forces beyond our control may nonetheless limit the scope of the insurance coverage we or our franchisees can obtain, or our or their ability to obtain coverage at reasonable rates. Certain types of losses, generally of a catastrophic nature, such as earthquakes, hurricanes and floods, or terrorist acts, or liabilities that result from breaches in the security of our information systems, may be uninsurable or too expensive to justify obtaining insurance. As a result, we and our franchisees may not be successful in obtaining insurance without increases in cost or decreases in coverage levels. In addition, in the event of a substantial loss, the insurance coverage we or our franchisees carry may not be sufficient to pay the full market value or replacement cost of any lost investment or in some cases could result in certain losses being totally uninsured. As a result, we could lose some or all of any capital that we have invested in a property, as well as the anticipated future revenue from the property, and we could remain obligated for guarantees, debt, or other financial obligations for the property.

Development and Financing Risks

While we are predominantly a manager and franchisor of hotel properties, our hotel owners depend on capital to buy, develop, and improve hotels, and our hotel owners may be unable to access capital when necessary. In order to fund new hotel investments, as well as refurbish and improve existing hotels, both we and current and potential hotel owners must periodically spend money. The availability of funds for new investments and improvement of existing hotels by our current and potential hotel owners depends in large measure on capital markets and liquidity factors, over which we can exert little control. The difficulty of obtaining financing on attractive terms may be constrained by the capital markets for hotel and real estate investments. In addition, owners of existing hotels that we franchise or manage may have difficulty meeting required debt service payments or refinancing loans at maturity.

Our growth strategy depends upon third-party owners/operators, and future arrangements with these third parties may be less favorable. Our growth strategy for development of additional lodging facilities entails entering into and maintaining various arrangements with property owners. The terms of our management agreements, franchise agreements, and leases for each of our lodging facilities are influenced by contract terms offered by our competitors, among other things. We cannot assure you that any of our current arrangements will continue or that we will be able to enter into future collaborations, renew agreements, or enter into new agreements in the future on terms that are as favorable to us as those that exist today.

Our ability to grow our management and franchise systems is subject to the range of risks associated with real estate investments. Our ability to sustain continued growth through management or franchise agreements for new hotels and the conversion of existing facilities to managed or franchised Marriott brands is affected, and may potentially be

limited, by a variety of factors influencing real estate development generally. These include site availability, financing, planning, zoning and other local approvals, and other limitations that may be imposed by market and submarket factors, such as projected room occupancy, changes in growth in demand compared to projected supply, territorial restrictions in our management and franchise agreements, costs of construction, and anticipated room rate structure.

Our development activities expose us to project cost, completion, and resale risks. We develop new hotel and residential properties, both directly and through partnerships, joint ventures, and other business structures with third parties. As

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demonstrated by the impairment charges that we recorded in 2015 and 2014 in connection with our development and construction of three EDITION hotels and residences, our ongoing involvement in the development of properties presents a number of risks, including that: (1) continued weakness in the capital markets may limit our ability, or that of third parties with whom we do business, to raise capital for completion of projects that have commenced or for development of future properties; (2) properties that we develop could become less attractive due to decreases in demand for hotel and residential properties, market absorption or oversupply, with the result that we may not be able to sell such properties for a profit or at the prices or selling pace we anticipate, potentially requiring additional changes in our pricing strategy that could result in further charges; (3) construction delays, cost overruns, lender financial defaults, or so called “Acts of God” such as earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, or fires may increase overall project costs or result in project cancellations; and (4) we may be unable to recover development costs we incur for any projects that we do not pursue to completion.

Development activities that involve our co-investment with third parties may result in disputes that could increase project costs, impair project operations, or increase project completion risks. Partnerships, joint ventures, and other business structures involving our co-investment with third parties generally include some form of shared control over the operations of the business and create added risks, including the possibility that other investors in such ventures could become bankrupt or otherwise lack the financial resources to meet their obligations, or could have or develop business interests, policies, or objectives that are inconsistent with ours. Although we actively seek to minimize such risks before investing in partnerships, joint ventures, or similar structures, actions by another investor may present additional risks of project delay, increased project costs, or operational difficulties following project completion. Such disputes may also be more likely in difficult business environments.

Risks associated with development and sale of residential properties associated with our lodging properties or brands may reduce our profits. In certain hotel and timeshare projects we participate, directly or through noncontrolling interests and/or licensing agreements, in the development and sale of residential properties associated with our brands, including residences and condominiums under our The Ritz-Carlton, EDITION, JW Marriott, Autograph Collection, and Marriott brand names and trademarks. Such projects pose further risks beyond those generally associated with our lodging business, which may reduce our profits or compromise our brand equity, including the following: (1) weakness in residential real estate and demand generally may reduce our profits and could make it more difficult to convince future hotel development partners of the value added by our brands; (2) increases in interest rates, reductions in mortgage availability, or increases in the costs of residential ownership could prevent potential customers from buying residential products or reduce the prices they are willing to pay; and (3) residential construction may be subject to warranty and liability claims, and the costs of resolving such claims may be significant.

Some hotel openings in our existing development pipeline and approved projects may be delayed or not result in new hotels, which could adversely affect our growth prospects. We report a significant number of hotels in our development pipeline, including hotels under construction and under signed contracts, as well as hotels approved for development but not yet under signed contracts. The eventual opening of such pipeline hotels and, in particular, the hotels approved for development that are not yet under contract, is subject to numerous risks, including in some cases the owner’s or developer’s ability to obtain adequate financing or governmental or regulatory approvals. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that our development pipeline, and in particular hotels not yet under contract, will result in new hotels that enter our system, or that those hotels will open when we anticipate.

If we incur losses on loans or loan guarantees that we have made to third parties, our profits could decline. At times, we make loans for hotel development or renovation expenditures in connection with entering into or amending management or franchise agreements. From time to time we also provide third-party lenders financial guarantees for the timely repayment of all or a portion of debt related to hotels that we manage or franchise, generally subject to an obligation that the owner reimburse us for any fundings. We could suffer losses if hotel owners or franchisees default on loans that we provide or fail to reimburse us for loan guarantees that we have funded.

If owners of hotels that we manage or franchise cannot repay or refinance mortgage loans secured by their properties, our revenues and profits could decrease and our business could be harmed. The owners of many of our managed or franchised properties have pledged their hotels as collateral for mortgage loans that they entered into when those properties were purchased or refinanced. If those owners cannot repay or refinance maturing indebtedness on

favorable terms or at all, the lenders could declare a default, accelerate the related debt, and repossess the property. Such sales or repossessions could, in some cases, result in the termination of our management or franchise agreements and eliminate our anticipated income and cash flows, which could negatively affect our results of operations. Planned transactions we announce may be delayed, not occur at all, or involve unanticipated costs. From time to time we announce transactions that we expect will close at a future date, such as our anticipated acquisition of Starwood Hotels &

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Resorts. If the conditions to consummating these transactions are neither satisfied nor waived by the time we expect, the closings could be delayed or not occur at all.

Technology, Information Protection, and Privacy Risks

A failure to keep pace with developments in technology could impair our operations or competitive position. The lodging industry continues to demand the use of sophisticated technology and systems, including those used for our reservation, revenue management, and property management systems, our Marriott Rewards and The Ritz-Carlton Rewards programs, and technologies we make available to our guests. These technologies and systems must be refined, updated, and/or replaced with more advanced systems on a regular basis, and if we cannot do so as quickly as our competitors or within budgeted costs and time frames, our business could suffer. We also may not achieve the benefits that we anticipate from any new technology or system, and a failure to do so could result in higher than anticipated costs or could impair our operating results.

An increase in the use of third-party Internet services to book online hotel reservations could adversely impact our business. Some of our hotel rooms are booked through Internet travel intermediaries such as Expedia.com[®], Priceline.com[®], Booking.com[™], Travelocity.com[®] and Orbitz.com[®], as well as lesser-known online travel service providers. These intermediaries initially focused on leisure travel, but now also provide offerings for corporate travel and group meetings. Although Marriott's Look No Further[®] Best Rate Guarantee has helped prevent customer preference shift to the intermediaries and greatly reduced the ability of intermediaries to undercut the published rates at our hotels, intermediaries continue to use a variety of aggressive online marketing methods to attract customers, including the purchase, by certain companies, of trademarked online keywords such as "Marriott" from Internet search engines such as Google[®], Bing[®], Yahoo[®], and Baidu[®] to steer customers toward their websites (a practice that has been challenged by various trademark owners in federal court). Although Marriott has successfully limited these practices through contracts with key online intermediaries, the number of intermediaries and related companies that drive traffic to intermediaries' websites is too large to permit us to eliminate this risk entirely. Our business and profitability could be harmed if online intermediaries succeed in significantly shifting loyalties from our lodging brands to their travel services, diverting bookings away from Marriott.com, or through their fees increasing the overall cost of Internet bookings for our hotels. In addition, if we fail to reach satisfactory agreements with intermediaries as our contracts with them come up for periodic renewal, our hotels might no longer appear on their websites and we could lose business as a result.

We are exposed to risks and costs associated with protecting the integrity and security of internal and customer data. Our businesses process, use, and transmit large volumes of internal employee and customer data, including credit card numbers and other personal information in various information systems that we maintain and in those maintained by third parties, including our owners, franchisees and licensees, as well as our service providers, in areas such as human resources outsourcing, website hosting, and various forms of electronic communications. The integrity and protection of that customer, employee, and company data is critical to our business. If that data is inaccurate or incomplete, we could make faulty decisions.

Our customers and employees also have a high expectation that we, as well as our owners, franchisees, licensees, and service providers, will adequately protect their personal information. The information, security, and privacy requirements imposed by governmental regulation and the requirements of the payment card industry are also increasingly demanding, in both the United States and other jurisdictions where we operate. Our systems and the systems maintained or used by our owners, franchisees, licensees, and service providers may not be able to satisfy these changing requirements and employee and customer expectations, or may require significant additional investments or time in order to do so.

Cyber-attacks could have a disruptive effect on our business. Efforts to hack or breach security measures, failures of systems or software to operate as designed or intended, viruses, operator error, or inadvertent releases of data may materially impact our, including our owners', franchisees', licensees', or service providers', information systems and records. Our reliance on computer, Internet-based and mobile systems and communications and the frequency and sophistication of efforts by hackers to gain unauthorized access to such systems have increased significantly in recent years. A significant theft, loss, or fraudulent use of customer, employee, or company data could adversely impact our reputation and could result in remedial and other expenses, fines, or litigation. Breaches in the security of our

information systems or those of our owners, franchisees, licensees, or service providers or other disruptions in data services could lead to an interruption in the operation of our systems, resulting in operational inefficiencies and a loss of profits. In addition, although we carry cyber/privacy liability insurance that is designed to protect us against certain losses related to cyber risks, such insurance coverage may be insufficient to cover all losses or all types of claims that may arise in connection with cyber-attacks, security breaches, and other related breaches.

Changes in privacy law could increase our operating costs and adversely affect our ability to market our products effectively. We are subject to numerous laws, regulations, and contractual obligations designed to protect personal information, including foreign data protection laws, various U.S. federal and state laws, and credit card industry security standards and other

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applicable information privacy and security standards. Compliance with changes in applicable privacy regulations may increase our operating costs.

Additionally, we rely on a variety of direct marketing techniques, including email marketing, online advertising, and postal mailings. Any further restrictions in laws such as the CANSPAM Act, and various U.S. state laws, or new federal laws on marketing and solicitation or international data protection laws that govern these activities could adversely affect the continuing effectiveness of email, online advertising, and postal mailing techniques and could force further changes in our marketing strategy. If this occurs, we may not be able to develop adequate alternative marketing strategies, which could impact the amount and timing of our sales of certain products. We also obtain access to potential customers from travel service providers or other companies with whom we have substantial relationships and market to some individuals on these lists directly or by including our marketing message in the other company's marketing materials. If access to these lists was prohibited or otherwise restricted, our ability to develop new customers and introduce them to our products could be impaired.

Any disruption in the functioning of our reservation system, such as in connection with the Starwood Combination, could adversely affect our performance and results. We manage a global reservation system that communicates reservations to our branded hotels that individuals make directly with us online, through our mobile app, or through our telephone call centers, or through intermediaries like travel agents, Internet travel web sites and other distribution channels. The cost, speed, accuracy and efficiency of our reservation system are critical aspects of our business and are important considerations for hotel owners when choosing our brands. Our business may suffer if we fail to maintain, upgrade, or prevent disruption to our reservation system. In addition, the risk of disruption in the functioning of our global reservation system could increase in connection with the system integration that we anticipate undertaking following consummation of the Starwood Combination. Disruptions in or changes to our reservation system could result in a disruption to our business and the loss of important data.

Other Risks

Changes in laws and regulations could reduce our profits or increase our costs. We are subject to a wide variety of laws, regulations, and policies in jurisdictions around the world, including those for financial reporting, taxes, healthcare, and the environment. Changes to these laws, regulations, or policies, including those associated with health care, tax or financial reforms, could reduce our profits. We also anticipate that many of the jurisdictions where we do business will continue to review taxes and other revenue raising measures, and any resulting changes could impose new restrictions, costs, or prohibitions on our current practices or reduce our profits. In particular, governments may revise tax laws, regulations, or official interpretations in ways that could significantly impact us, including modifications that could reduce the profits that we can effectively realize from our non-U.S. operations, or that could require costly changes to those operations, or the way in which they are structured. For example, most U.S. company effective tax rates reflect the fact that income earned and reinvested outside the United States is generally taxed at local rates, which are often much lower than U.S. tax rates. If changes in tax laws, regulations, or interpretations significantly increase the tax rates on non-U.S. income, our effective tax rate could increase and our profits could be reduced. If such increases resulted from our status as a U.S. company, those changes could place us at a disadvantage to our non-U.S. competitors if those competitors remain subject to lower local tax rates.

If we cannot attract and retain talented associates, our business could suffer. We compete with other companies both within and outside of our industry for talented personnel. If we cannot recruit, train, develop, and retain sufficient numbers of talented associates, we could experience increased associate turnover, decreased guest satisfaction, low morale, inefficiency, or internal control failures. Insufficient numbers of talented associates could also limit our ability to grow and expand our businesses. Any shortage of skilled labor could also require higher wages that would increase our labor costs, which could reduce our profits.

Delaware law and our governing corporate documents contain, and our Board of Directors could implement, anti-takeover provisions that could deter takeover attempts. Under the Delaware business combination statute, a shareholder holding 15 percent or more of our outstanding voting stock could not acquire us without Board of Director consent for at least three years after the date the shareholder first held 15 percent or more of the voting stock. Our governing corporate documents also, among other things, require supermajority votes for mergers and similar transactions. In addition, our Board of Directors could, without shareholder approval, implement other anti-takeover

defenses, such as a shareholder rights plan.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

Item 2. Properties.

We describe our company-operated properties in Part I, Item 1. “Business” earlier in this report, and under the “Properties by Segment ” caption in Part II, Item 7. “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of

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Operations.” We believe our properties are in generally good physical condition with the need for only routine repairs and maintenance and periodic capital improvements. Most of our regional offices and reservation centers are located in leased facilities. We also lease space in a number of buildings with combined space of approximately 1.1 million square feet in Maryland where our corporate and The Ritz-Carlton headquarters are located.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

See the information under “Legal Proceedings” in Footnote No. 7, “Commitments and Contingencies” which we incorporate here by reference.

From time to time, we are also subject to other legal proceedings and claims in the ordinary course of business, including adjustments proposed during governmental examinations of the various tax returns we file. While management presently believes that the ultimate outcome of these proceedings, individually and in the aggregate, will not materially harm our financial position, cash flows, or overall trends in results of operations, legal proceedings are inherently uncertain, and unfavorable rulings could, individually or in aggregate, have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, or operating results.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

Executive Officers of the Registrant

See the information under “Executive Officers of the Registrant” in Part III, Item 10 of this report for information about our executive officers, which we incorporate here by reference.

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PART II

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

Market Information and Dividends

The table below presents the price range of our Class A Common Stock (our "common stock") and the per share cash dividends we declared for each fiscal quarter during the last two years.

		Stock Price		Dividends
		High	Low	Declared per Share
2015	First Quarter	\$85.00	\$72.77	\$0.2000
	Second Quarter	84.33	73.77	0.2500
	Third Quarter	78.76	63.95	0.2500
	Fourth Quarter	79.88	64.64	0.2500
		Stock Price		Dividends
		High	Low	Declared per Share
2014	First Quarter	\$56.20	\$47.21	\$0.1700
	Second Quarter	64.31	55.00	0.2000
	Third Quarter	73.28	63.37	0.2000
	Fourth Quarter	79.25	59.61	0.2000

At February 5, 2016, 253,481,935 shares of our common stock were outstanding and were held by 32,947 shareholders of record. Since October 21, 2013, our common stock has traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market ("NASDAQ") and the Chicago Stock Exchange. Before October 21, 2013, our common stock traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Stock Exchange. The fiscal year-end closing price for our stock was \$67.04 on December 31, 2015, and \$78.03 on December 31, 2014. All prices are reported on the consolidated transaction reporting system.

Fourth Quarter 2015 Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

(in millions, except per share amounts)

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs ⁽¹⁾	Maximum Number of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs ⁽¹⁾
October 1, 2015-October 31, 2015	0.7	74.24	0.7	15.0
November 1, 2015-November 30, 2015	—	—	—	15.0
December 1, 2015-December 31, 2015	0.6	68.54	0.6	14.4

On February 12, 2015, we announced that our Board of Directors had increased the authorization to repurchase our common stock by 25 million shares as part of an ongoing share repurchase program. At year-end 2015, 14.4

⁽¹⁾ million shares remained available for repurchase under previous authorizations. In addition, on February 11, 2016, we announced that our Board of Directors further increased our common stock repurchase authorization by 25 million shares. We repurchase shares in the open market and in privately negotiated transactions.

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Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

The following table presents a summary of our selected historical financial data derived from our last 10 years of Financial Statements. Because this information is only a summary and does not provide all of the information contained in our Financial Statements, including the related notes, you should read “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and our Financial Statements for each year for more detailed information including, among other items, restructuring costs and other charges we incurred in 2008 and 2009, timeshare strategy-impairment charges we incurred in 2009 and 2011, and our 2011 spin-off of our former timeshare operations and timeshare development business. For periods before the 2011 spin-off, we continue to include our former Timeshare segment in our historical financial results as a component of continuing operations because of our significant continuing involvement in MVW’s future operations.

	Fiscal Year ⁽¹⁾								
(\$ in millions, except per share data)	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Income Statement Data:									
Revenues ⁽²⁾	\$14,486	\$13,796	\$12,784	\$11,814	\$12,317	\$11,691	\$10,908	\$12,879	\$12,990
Operating income (loss) ⁽²⁾	\$1,350	\$1,159	\$988	\$940	\$526	\$695	\$(152)	\$765	\$1,183
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to Marriott	\$859	\$753	\$626	\$571	\$198	\$458	\$(346)	\$359	\$697
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle ⁽³⁾	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Discontinued operations ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	(1
Net income (loss) attributable to Marriott	\$859	\$753	\$626	\$571	\$198	\$458	\$(346)	\$362	\$696
Per Share Data ⁽⁵⁾ :									
Diluted earnings (losses) per share from continuing operations attributable to Marriott shareholders	\$3.15	\$2.54	\$2.00	\$1.72	\$0.55	\$1.21	\$(0.97)	\$0.97	\$1.73
Diluted losses per share from cumulative effect of accounting change	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diluted earnings per share from discontinued operations attributable to Marriott shareholders	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.01	—
Diluted earnings (losses) per share attributable to Marriott shareholders	\$3.15	\$2.54	\$2.00	\$1.72	\$0.55	\$1.21	\$(0.97)	\$0.98	\$1.73
Cash dividends declared per share	\$0.9500	\$0.7700	\$0.6400	\$0.4900	\$0.3875	\$0.2075	\$0.0866	\$0.3339	\$0.2844
Balance Sheet Data (at year-end):									
Total assets ⁽⁸⁾	\$6,082	\$6,833	\$6,794	\$6,342	\$5,910	\$8,983	\$7,933	\$8,903	\$8,942
Long-term debt ⁽⁸⁾	3,807	3,447	3,147	2,528	1,816	2,691	2,234	2,975	2,790
Shareholders’ (deficit) equity	(3,590)	(2,200)	(1,415)	(1,285)	(781)	1,585	1,142	1,380	1,429
Other Data:									
Base management fees	\$698	\$672	\$621	\$581	\$602	\$562	\$530	\$635	\$620
Franchise fees	853	745	666	607	506	441	400	451	439
Incentive management fees	319	302	256	232	195	182	154	311	369
Total fees	\$1,870	\$1,719	\$1,543	\$1,420	\$1,303	\$1,185	\$1,084	\$1,397	\$1,428
Fee Revenue-Source:									
North America ⁽⁶⁾	\$1,458	\$1,319	\$1,186	\$1,074	\$970	\$878	\$806	\$1,038	\$1,115
Total Outside North America ⁽⁷⁾	412	400	357	346	333	307	278	359	313
Total fees	\$1,870	\$1,719	\$1,543	\$1,420	\$1,303	\$1,185	\$1,084	\$1,397	\$1,428

(1)

In 2013, we changed to a calendar year-end reporting cycle. All fiscal years presented before 2013 included 52 weeks, except for 2008 which included 53 weeks.

Balances do not reflect the impact of discontinued operations. Also, for periods prior to 2009, we reclassified our

- (2) provision for loan losses associated with our lodging operations to the “General, administrative, and other” caption of our Income Statements to conform to our presentation for periods beginning in 2009. This reclassification only affected operating income.

We adopted certain provisions of Accounting Standards Certification Topic 978 (previously Statement of Position

- (3) 04-2, “Accounting for Real Estate Time Sharing Transactions”), in 2006, which we reported in our Income Statements as a cumulative effect of change in accounting principle.

- (4) The following businesses became discontinued operations in the year we announced that we would sell or exit them: synthetic fuel (2007).

- (5) We issued stock dividends in the third and fourth quarters of 2009, and a stock split in the form of a stock dividend on June 9, 2006. We have adjusted all per share data retroactively to reflect those stock dividends.

- (6) Represents fee revenue from the United States (but not Hawaii before 2011) and Canada.

- (7) Represents fee revenue outside of North America, as defined in footnote (6) above.

Effective year-end 2014, we adopted ASU No. 2015-03, which changes the presentation of debt issuance costs, and

- (8) ASU No. 2015-17, which changes the classification of deferred taxes. Prior periods have not been adjusted for these new accounting standards.

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

BUSINESS AND OVERVIEW

Overview

We are a worldwide operator, franchisor, and licensor of hotels and timeshare properties in 87 countries and territories under 19 brand names. We also develop, operate, and market residential properties and provide services to home/condominium owner associations. Under our business model, we typically manage or franchise hotels, rather than own them. We group our operations into three business segments: North American Full-Service, North American Limited-Service, and International.

We earn base management fees and in many cases incentive management fees from the properties that we manage, and we earn franchise fees on the properties that others operate under franchise agreements with us. Base fees typically consist of a percentage of property-level revenue while incentive fees typically consist of a percentage of net house profit adjusted for a specified owner return. Net house profit is calculated as gross operating profit (house profit) less non-controllable expenses such as insurance, real estate taxes, and capital spending reserves.

Our emphasis on long-term management contracts and franchising tends to provide more stable earnings in periods of economic softness, while adding new hotels to our system generates growth, typically with little or no investment by the Company. This strategy has driven substantial growth while minimizing financial leverage and risk in a cyclical industry. In addition, we believe minimizing our capital investments and adopting a strategy of recycling the investments that we do make maximizes and maintains our financial flexibility.

We remain focused on doing the things that we do well; that is, selling rooms, taking care of our guests, and making sure we control costs both at company-operated properties and at the corporate level ("above-property"). Our brands remain strong as a result of skilled management teams, dedicated associates, superior customer service with an emphasis on guest and associate satisfaction, significant distribution, our Marriott Rewards and The Ritz-Carlton Rewards loyalty programs, a multichannel reservations system, and desirable property amenities. We strive to effectively leverage our size and broad distribution.

We, along with owners and franchisees, continue to invest in our brands by means of new, refreshed, and reinvented properties, new room and public space designs, and enhanced amenities and technology offerings. We address, through various means, hotels in our system that do not meet standards. We continue to enhance the appeal of our proprietary, information-rich, and easy-to-use website, Marriott.com, and of our associated mobile smartphone applications and mobile website that connect to Marriott.com, through functionality and service improvements, and we expect to continue capturing an increasing proportion of property-level reservations via this cost-efficient channel. Our profitability, as well as that of owners and franchisees, has benefited from our approach to property-level and above-property productivity. Properties in our system continue to maintain very tight cost controls. We also control above-property costs, some of which we allocate to hotels, by remaining focused on systems, processing, and support areas.

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Pending Combination with Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc.

On November 15, 2015, we entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”) to combine with Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. (“Starwood”). The Merger Agreement provides for the Company to combine with Starwood in a series of transactions after which Starwood will be an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (the “Starwood Combination”). If these transactions are completed, shareholders of Starwood will receive 0.920 shares of our Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and \$2.00 in cash, without interest, for each share of Starwood common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, that they own immediately before these transactions. We expect that the combination will close in mid-2016, after customary conditions are satisfied, including shareholder approvals, required antitrust approvals, and the completion of Starwood’s previously announced spin-off of its vacation ownership business, or another spin-off, split-off, analogous disposition, or sale of its vacation ownership business.

Performance Measures

We believe Revenue per Available Room (“RevPAR”), which we calculate by dividing room sales for comparable properties by room nights available for the period, is a meaningful indicator of our performance because it measures the period-over-period change in room revenues for comparable properties. RevPAR may not be comparable to similarly titled measures, such as revenues. We also believe occupancy and average daily rate (“ADR”), which are components of calculating RevPAR, are meaningful indicators of our performance. Occupancy, which we calculate by dividing occupied rooms by total rooms available, measures the utilization of a property’s available capacity. ADR, which we calculate by dividing property room revenue by total rooms sold, measures average room price and is useful in assessing pricing levels.

References to year-end 2015 RevPAR statistics throughout this report, including occupancy and ADR, reflect the twelve months ended December 31, 2015, as compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2014. For the properties located in countries that use currencies other than the U.S. dollar, the comparisons to the prior year period are on a constant U.S. dollar basis. We calculate constant dollar statistics by applying exchange rates for the current period to the prior comparable period.

We define our comparable properties as those that were open and operating under one of our brands since the beginning of the last full calendar year (since January 1, 2014 for the current period), and have not, in either the current or previous year: (i) undergone significant room or public space renovations or expansions, (ii) been converted between company-operated and franchised, or (iii) sustained substantial property damage or business interruption. Comparable properties represented the following percentages of our properties for each year indicated: (1) 86% of North American properties (87% excluding Delta Hotels and Resorts) in 2015, 87% in 2014, and 89% in 2013; (2) 57% of International properties (68% excluding Protea Hotels) in 2015, 57% (71% excluding Protea Hotels) in 2014, and 75% in 2013; and (3) 82% of total properties (85% excluding Protea Hotels and Delta Hotels and Resorts) in 2015, 82% of total properties (85% excluding Protea Hotels) in 2014, and 87% in 2013.

We also believe company-operated house profit margin, which is the ratio of property-level gross operating profit to total property-level revenue, is a meaningful indicator of our performance because this ratio measures our overall ability as the operator to produce property-level profits by generating sales and controlling the operating expenses over which we have the most direct control. House profit includes room, food and beverage, and other revenue and the related expenses including payroll and benefits expenses, as well as repairs and maintenance, utility, general and administrative, and sales and marketing expenses. House profit does not include the impact of management fees, furniture, fixtures and equipment replacement reserves, insurance, taxes, or other fixed expenses.

Business Trends

Our 2015 results reflected a favorable economic climate and demand for our brands in many markets around the world, reflecting generally low supply growth in the U.S. and Europe, moderate GDP growth in North America, improved pricing in most North American markets, and a year-over-year increase in the number of properties in our system. Comparable worldwide systemwide RevPAR for 2015 increased 5.2 percent to \$112.25, average daily rates increased 4.1 percent on a constant dollar basis to \$152.30, and occupancy increased 0.8 percentage points to 73.7 percent, compared to 2014.

Generally strong U.S. group business and transient demand contributed to increased room rate growth in 2015, allowing us to eliminate discounts, shift business into higher rated price categories, and raise room rates. The growth was partially constrained by new select-service lodging supply and moderating GDP growth late in the year.

In 2015, bookings for future group business in the U.S. improved. New group business booked in 2015 for any period in the future increased 9 percent year over year. The 2016 group revenue pace for systemwide full-service hotels (Marriott, JW Marriott, Renaissance, The Ritz-Carlton, and Gaylord brands) in North America was up more than 6 percent as of year-end 2015, compared to the 2015 group booking pace measured as of year-end 2014. In North America, RevPAR from transient

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guests increased 5 percent in 2015 reflecting strong demand from professional services, technology, and defense firms moderated somewhat by weaker demand from manufacturing, pharmaceutical, and energy companies.

The Europe region experienced higher demand in 2015 across most countries, primarily due to increased group and transient business driven by special events and the weak currency, partially constrained by weaker demand in France, particularly late in the year. Results improved in Russia due to increased domestic travel. In the Asia Pacific region, demand increased led by growth from corporate and other transient business in Japan, India, Thailand, and Indonesia. The growth was partially offset by weaker results in South Korea. RevPAR in Greater China moderated in 2015 due to the impact of supply growth in certain Southern China markets, continued austerity in Beijing, and lower inbound travel to Hong Kong, while demand in Shanghai remained strong. Middle East demand was weaker in 2015, reflecting the region's instability and lower oil prices, partially offset by strong government and group demand in Saudi Arabia. Demand in the United Arab Emirates was constrained mainly by new supply and, to a lesser extent, a reduction in travelers from Russia. In Africa, results were favorable in 2015. In the Caribbean and Latin America, strong performance in the region in 2015 was driven by greater demand in Mexico and increased leisure travel to our Caribbean and Mexican resorts for most of the year, constrained somewhat by oversupply of hotels in Panama and weaker economies in Brazil and Puerto Rico.

We monitor market conditions and provide the tools for our hotels to price rooms daily in accordance with individual property demand levels, generally adjusting room rates as demand changes. Our hotels modify the mix of business to improve revenue as demand changes. Demand for higher rated rooms improved in most markets in 2015, which allowed our hotels to reduce discounting and special offers for transient business in many markets. This mix improvement benefited ADR. For our company-operated properties, we continue to focus on enhancing property-level house profit margins and making productivity improvements.

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

The following discussion presents an analysis of results of our operations for 2015, 2014, and 2013.

Revenues**2015 Compared to 2014**

(\$ in millions)	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	Increase (decrease) from prior year	Percentage change from prior year	
Base management fees	\$698	\$672	\$26	4	%
Franchise fees	853	745	108	14	%
Incentive management fees	319	302	17	6	%
	1,870	1,719	151	9	%
Owned, leased, and other revenue	986	1,022	(36)	(4)	%
Cost reimbursements	11,630	11,055	575	5	%
	\$14,486	\$13,796	\$690	5	%

The \$26 million increase in base management fees reflected stronger RevPAR (\$29 million) and the impact of unit growth across our system (\$25 million), partially offset by the impact of unfavorable foreign exchange rates (\$11 million), lower fees due to properties that converted from managed to franchised (\$7 million), and decreased recognition of previously deferred fees (\$8 million).

The \$108 million increase in total franchise fees reflected the impact of unit growth across our system (\$55 million), stronger RevPAR due to increased demand (\$31 million), increased relicensing and application fees (\$22 million), and higher fees from properties that converted to franchised from managed (\$7 million), partially offset by the impact of unfavorable foreign exchange rates (\$7 million).

The \$17 million increase in incentive management fees reflected higher RevPAR and house profit margins primarily at company-managed North American properties, particularly at a few large portfolios of managed hotels whose improved net house profits allowed them to reach their owners priority threshold and begin to record incentive fees. Higher incentive fees also reflected the addition of hotels included in the Delta Hotels and Resorts acquisition, partially offset by \$15 million in unfavorable foreign exchange rates and \$7 million of lower incentive fees from

properties under renovation.

The \$36 million decrease in owned, leased, and other revenue reflected \$44 million of lower owned and leased revenue, partially offset by \$8 million in higher other revenue predominantly from branding fees and hotel service programs that we

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acquired as part of our acquisition of Protea Hotels in the 2014 second quarter. Lower owned and leased revenue reflected net weaker performance impacted by unfavorable foreign exchange rates, a decrease of \$27 million attributable to properties that converted to managed or franchised or left our system, and \$16 million net unfavorable impact of properties under renovation, partially offset by increases of \$10 million from Protea Hotel leases we acquired in the 2014 second quarter and \$6 million from The Miami Beach EDITION hotel, which opened in the 2014 fourth quarter and which we subsequently sold in the 2015 first quarter as discussed in Footnote No. 3, “Acquisitions and Dispositions.”

Cost reimbursements revenue represents reimbursements of costs incurred on behalf of managed and franchised properties and relates, predominantly, to payroll costs at managed properties where we are the employer but also includes reimbursements for other costs, such as those associated with our rewards programs, reservations, and marketing programs. As we record cost reimbursements based upon costs incurred with no added markup, this revenue and related expense has no impact on either our operating or net income. The \$575 million increase in total cost reimbursements revenue reflected the impact of higher occupancies and growth across our system. Since the end of 2014, our managed rooms increased by 12,668 rooms and our franchised rooms increased by 31,883 rooms, net of rooms at hotels exiting our system.

2014 Compared to 2013

(\$ in millions)	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	Increase from prior year	Percentage change from prior year	
Base management fees	\$672	\$621	\$51	8	%
Franchise fees	745	666	79	12	%
Incentive management fees	302	256	46	18	%
	1,719	1,543	176	11	%
Owned, leased, and other revenue	1,022	950	72	8	%
Cost reimbursements	11,055	10,291	764	7	%
	\$13,796	\$12,784	\$1,012	8	%

The \$51 million increase in total base management fees, largely reflected stronger RevPAR due to increased demand (\$34 million), the impact of unit growth across our system (\$21 million), and increased recognition of previously deferred fees (\$16 million), partially offset by a decrease in fees from terminated units (\$8 million), decreased fees due to properties that converted from managed to franchised (\$8 million), unfavorable foreign exchange rates (\$6 million), and three fewer days of activity (\$2 million).

The \$79 million increase in total franchise fees, reflected stronger RevPAR due to increased demand (\$35 million), new unit growth across our system (\$35 million), increased relicensing fees (\$10 million), and fees from properties that converted to franchised from managed (\$7 million), partially offset by a decrease in fees from terminated units (\$4 million) and three fewer days of activity (\$3 million).

The \$46 million increase in incentive management fees largely reflected higher net house profit at our North American and International managed hotels in addition to unit growth in International markets, partially offset by the impact of unfavorable foreign exchange rates (\$5 million) and higher North American Full-Service deferred fees recognized in 2013 (\$5 million). We estimate that the three fewer days of activity in 2014 compared to 2013 reduced fee revenues by approximately \$5 million.

The \$72 million increase in owned, leased, and other revenue, predominantly reflected \$56 million of higher owned and leased revenue, \$17 million in revenue from various Protea Hotels programs, \$9 million in higher branding fees, and \$2 million in other program revenue, partially offset by \$14 million lower termination fee revenue in 2014.

Higher owned and leased revenue reflected \$43 million from Protea Hotel leases associated with the acquisition, \$30 million in revenue from a North American Full-Service managed property that we acquired in the 2013 fourth quarter, and stronger performance across our new and existing owned and leased International properties, partially offset by \$37 million attributable to five International properties that converted to managed or franchised properties. Combined branding fees for credit card endorsements and the sale of branded residential real estate by others totaled \$127 million in 2014 and \$118 million in 2013.

The \$764 million increase in total cost reimbursements revenue reflected the impact of higher occupancies at our properties and growth across our system.

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Operating Income

2015 Compared to 2014

Operating income increased by \$191 million to \$1,350 million in 2015 from \$1,159 million in 2014. The \$191 million increase in operating income reflected a \$108 million increase in franchise fees, a \$26 million increase in base management fees, a \$25 million decrease in general, administrative, and other expenses, a \$17 million increase in incentive management fees, a \$9 million decrease in depreciation, amortization, and other expense, and \$6 million of higher owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses. We discuss the reasons for the increases in base management fees, franchise fees, and incentive management fees compared to 2014 in the preceding “Revenues” section.

The \$6 million (2 percent) increase in owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses was largely attributable to \$4 million in higher branding fees. Owned and leased revenue, net of direct expenses was unchanged as stronger results at several of our International properties, including \$4 million of lower lease payments for properties that moved to managed, franchised, or left our system, were offset by \$10 million of weaker performance due to renovations.

Depreciation, amortization and other expense decreased by \$9 million (6 percent) to \$139 million in 2015 from \$148 million in 2014. The decrease reflected a \$25 million favorable variance to the 2014 impairment charge on the EDITION hotels, partially offset by the 2015 impairment charges of \$6 million for The Miami Beach EDITION residences and \$6 million for The New York (Madison Square Park) EDITION, which are both discussed in Footnote No. 3, “Acquisitions and Dispositions,” and a \$4 million impairment charge on corporate equipment.

General, administrative, and other expenses decreased by \$25 million (4 percent) to \$634 million in 2015 from \$659 million in 2014. The decrease largely reflected a \$28 million net favorable impact to our legal expenses associated with litigation resolutions, \$24 million of development costs that we deferred in 2015 related to our growing franchise pipeline, and \$5 million in lower foreign exchange losses compared to the 2014 devaluation of assets denominated in Venezuelan Bolivars, partially offset by \$20 million of higher costs incurred to grow our brands globally, \$5 million of transaction costs related to the Starwood Combination, and \$5 million from the Delta Hotels and Resorts acquisition.

2014 Compared to 2013

Operating income increased by \$171 million to \$1,159 million in 2014 from \$988 million in 2013. The \$171 million increase in operating income reflected a \$79 million increase in franchise fees, a \$51 million increase in base management fees, a \$46 million increase in incentive management fees, and \$26 million of higher owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses, partially offset by a \$21 million increase in depreciation, amortization, and other expense, and a \$10 million increase in general, administrative, and other expenses. We discuss the reasons for the increases in base management fees, franchise fees, and incentive management fees compared to 2013 in the preceding “Revenues” section.

The \$26 million (12 percent) increase in owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses was largely attributable to \$23 million of higher owned and leased revenue, net of direct expenses, \$9 million in higher branding fees, \$4 million from various programs at Protea Hotels, and \$2 million in other program revenue, partially offset by \$14 million in higher termination fees in 2013. Higher owned and leased revenue, net of direct expenses of \$23 million primarily reflects \$14 million in net favorable results at several leased properties, \$10 million of revenue, net of direct expenses for a North American Full-Service managed property that we acquired in the 2013 fourth quarter, and \$7 million of revenue, net of direct expenses for new Protea Hotel leases, partially offset by \$6 million attributable to International properties that converted to managed or franchised.

Depreciation, amortization and other expense increased by \$21 million (17 percent) to \$148 million in 2014 from \$127 million in 2013. The increase reflected the \$25 million net impairment charge on the EDITION hotels discussed in Footnote No. 3, “Acquisitions and Dispositions,” \$5 million in accelerated amortization related to contract terminations, \$5 million in higher contract amortization primarily from Protea Hotels, and \$3 million in higher depreciation related to a North American Full-Service property that we acquired in the 2013 fourth quarter, partially offset by \$13 million of accelerated amortization related to contract terminations in 2013 and \$5 million of 2013 depreciation for two International properties that converted to managed contracts.

General, administrative, and other expenses increased by \$10 million (2 percent) to \$659 million in 2014 from \$649 million in 2013. The increase largely reflected \$9 million from the addition of Protea Hotels and related transition costs, \$7 million from net unfavorable foreign exchange rates, primarily from the devaluation of assets denominated in Venezuelan Bolivars, and \$6 million of increased guarantee funding, partially offset by \$8 million litigation settlements recognized in 2013, and a \$5 million performance cure payment in 2013 for an International property.

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Gains and Other Income, Net

2015 Compared to 2014

Gains and other income, net increased by \$19 million (238 percent) to \$27 million in 2015 compared to \$8 million in 2014. The increase primarily reflects the \$41 million gain on the redemption of our preferred equity ownership interest, discussed in Footnote No. 14, "Fair Value of Financial Instruments." The increase was partially offset by an \$11 million disposal loss for an International property and a \$4 million expected disposal loss for a North American Limited-Service segment plot of land, both discussed in Footnote No. 3, "Acquisitions and Dispositions."

2014 Compared to 2013

Gains and other income, net decreased by \$3 million (27 percent) to \$8 million in 2014 compared to \$11 million in 2013. This decrease in gains and other income, net reflected a gain of \$8 million on the sale of a portion of our shares of a publicly traded company in the 2013 second quarter, partially offset by \$4 million in net distribution from cost method investments (not allocated to any of our segments) in 2014.

Interest Expense

2015 Compared to 2014

Interest expense increased by \$52 million (45 percent) to \$167 million in 2015 compared to \$115 million in 2014. The increase was due to net lower capitalized interest expense as a result of the completion of The Miami Beach EDITION in the 2014 fourth quarter and The New York (Madison Square Park) EDITION in the 2015 second quarter (\$25 million), interest on the Series O Notes and Series P Notes that we issued in the 2015 third quarter and the Series N Notes that we issued in the 2014 fourth quarter (\$17 million), and an unfavorable variance to the 2014 debt premium accretion true-up (\$7 million).

2014 Compared to 2013

Interest expense decreased by \$5 million (4 percent) to \$115 million in 2014 compared to \$120 million in 2013. This decrease was principally from \$8 million in higher debt premium accretion which included a true-up, \$2 million in lower interest on an exited lease obligation, \$2 million decrease due to lower interest rates on our Marriott Rewards program, and a \$2 million increase in capitalized interest primarily related to development of EDITION hotels in Miami Beach and New York, offset by completion of The London EDITION in the 2013 fourth quarter. This was partially offset by a net \$8 million increase due to the issuance of higher net senior note borrowings.

Interest Income

2015 Compared to 2014

Interest income decreased by \$1 million (3 percent) to \$29 million in 2015 compared to \$30 million in 2014. This decrease was primarily due to lower interest income on the preferred equity ownership interest that was redeemed in the 2015 second quarter (\$5 million), partially offset by higher interest income on the \$85 million mezzanine loan (net of a \$15 million discount) we provided to an owner in conjunction with entering into a franchise agreement for an International property in the 2014 second quarter (\$5 million).

2014 Compared to 2013

Interest income increased by \$7 million (30 percent) to \$30 million in 2014 compared to \$23 million in 2013. The increase was primarily due to \$6 million earned on the \$85 million mezzanine loan (net of a \$15 million discount) provided to an owner in conjunction with entering into a franchise agreement for an International property in the 2014 second quarter, and \$2 million earned on the mandatorily redeemable preferred equity ownership interest acquired in the 2013 second quarter. See Footnote No. 13, "Notes Receivable" for more information on the mezzanine loan.

Equity in Earnings (Losses)

2015 Compared to 2014

Equity in earnings of \$16 million in 2015 increased by \$10 million from equity in earnings of \$6 million in 2014. The increase reflects a \$22 million year-over-year impact from the reversal in 2015 of an \$11 million litigation reserve that was recorded in 2014 and associated with an equity investment and a \$5 million benefit recorded in 2015 following an adjustment to an International investee's liabilities. The increase was partially offset by a \$6 million impairment charge relating to an

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International joint venture and an unfavorable variance to a \$9 million benefit recorded in 2014 for two of our International investments, following the reversal of their liabilities associated with a tax law change in a country in which they operate.

2014 Compared to 2013

Equity in earnings of \$6 million in 2014 improved by \$11 million from equity in losses of \$5 million in 2013. The increase was driven by a \$9 million reversal of deferred tax liabilities associated with a tax law change in a country in which two of our International joint ventures operate, \$9 million in higher earnings from three of our International and one of our North American Full-Service joint ventures, and a favorable variance from a \$4 million impairment charge in the 2013 second quarter associated with a corporate investment (not allocated to any of our segments) that we determined was fully impaired because we do not expect to recover the investment. This was partially offset by an \$11 million litigation reserve associated with another equity investment discussed above (not allocated to any of our segments).

Provision for Income Tax

2015 Compared to 2014

Our tax provision increased by \$61 million (18 percent) to \$396 million in 2015 from \$335 million in 2014. The increase was primarily due to higher pre-tax earnings and unfavorable comparisons to the 2014 resolution of a U.S. federal tax issue relating to a guest marketing program, the 2014 release of an international valuation allowance, and the 2014 resolution of an international financing activity tax issue. The increase was partially offset by a favorable IRS settlement relating to share-based compensation (\$12 million), a tax benefit from an International property disposition (\$7 million), and a favorable comparison to the 2014 tax on unrealized foreign exchange gains that were taxed within a foreign jurisdiction (\$5 million).

2014 Compared to 2013

Our tax provision increased by \$64 million (24 percent) to \$335 million in 2014 from \$271 million in 2013. The increase was primarily due to higher pre-tax earnings, unrealized foreign exchange gains that were taxed within a foreign jurisdiction, and non-recurring favorable foreign true-ups in 2013. The increase was partially offset by the favorable resolution of a U.S. federal tax issue relating to a guest marketing program (\$21 million), the release of an international valuation allowance (\$7 million), and the resolution of an international financing activity tax issue (\$5 million).

Adjusted Earnings Before Interest Expense, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (“Adjusted EBITDA”)

Earnings Before Interest Expense, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (“EBITDA”), a financial measure not required by, or presented in accordance with, U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”), reflects net income excluding the impact of interest expense, provision for income taxes, and depreciation and amortization. Our non-GAAP measure of Adjusted EBITDA further adjusts EBITDA to exclude (1) the pre-tax EDITION impairment charges of \$12 million in 2015 and \$25 million in 2014, which we recorded in the “Depreciation, amortization, and other” caption of our Income Statements following an evaluation of our EDITION hotels and residences for recovery; (2) the \$15 million pre-tax loss on dispositions of real estate, which we recorded in the “Gains and other income, net” caption of our Income Statements in 2015; (3) the \$41 million pre-tax gain triggered by a mandatory redemption feature of a preferred equity investment in 2015; and (4) share-based compensation expense for all periods presented. We believe that Adjusted EBITDA is a meaningful indicator of our operating performance because it permits period-over-period comparisons of our ongoing core operations before the excluded items and facilitates our comparison of results before these items with results from other lodging companies, and because it excludes certain items that can vary widely across different industries or among companies within the lodging industry. For example, interest expense can be dependent on a company’s capital structure, debt levels, and credit ratings, and accordingly interest expense’s impact on earnings varies significantly among companies. Similarly, tax positions will vary among companies as a result of their differing abilities to take advantage of tax benefits and the tax policies of the jurisdictions in which they operate. As a result, effective tax rates and provision for income taxes can vary considerably among companies. Our Adjusted EBITDA also excludes depreciation and amortization expense which we report under “Depreciation, amortization, and other,” as well as depreciation included under “Reimbursed costs” in our Income Statements, because companies utilize productive assets of different ages and use different methods of both

acquiring and depreciating productive assets. These differences can result in considerable variability in the relative costs of productive assets and the depreciation and amortization expense among companies. We also exclude share-based compensation expense to address the considerable variability among companies in recording compensation expense because companies use share-based payment awards differently, both in the type and quantity of awards granted.

Adjusted EBITDA has limitations and should not be considered in isolation or a substitute for performance measures calculated under GAAP. This non-GAAP measure excludes certain cash expenses that we are obligated to make. In addition,

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other companies in our industry may calculate Adjusted EBITDA differently than we do or may not calculate it at all, which limits the usefulness of Adjusted EBITDA as a comparative measure.

We present our 2015 and 2014 Adjusted EBITDA calculations that reflect the changes we describe above and reconcile this measure with Net Income in the following table:

(\$ in millions)	2015	2014
Net Income	\$859	\$753
Interest expense	167	115
Tax provision	396	335
Depreciation and amortization	127	123
Depreciation classified in Reimbursed costs	58	51
Interest expense from unconsolidated joint ventures	2	3
Depreciation and amortization from unconsolidated joint ventures	10	10
EBITDA	\$1,619	\$1,390
EDITION impairment charge	12	25
Loss on dispositions of real estate	15	—
Gain on redemption of preferred equity ownership interest	(41) —
Share-based compensation (including share-based compensation reimbursed by third-party owners)	113	109
Adjusted EBITDA	\$1,718	\$1,524

BUSINESS SEGMENTS

We are a diversified global lodging company with operations in three reportable business segments: North American Full-Service, North American Limited-Service, and International. See Footnote No. 16, “Business Segments,” to our Financial Statements for other information about each segment, including revenues and a reconciliation of segment profits to net income.

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Properties by Segment

At year-end 2015, we operated, franchised, and licensed the following properties by segment and brand:

	Company-Operated		Franchised / Licensed		Other ⁽²⁾	
	Properties	Rooms	Properties	Rooms	Properties	Rooms
North American Full-Service						
Marriott Hotels	132	69,954	200	61,556	—	—
JW Marriott	15	9,690	10	4,469	—	—
Marriott Conference Centers	10	2,915	—	—	—	—
Renaissance Hotels	28	12,229	54	15,130	—	—
Autograph Collection Hotels	3	1,065	52	12,070	—	—
Delta Hotels and Resorts	26	6,828	10	2,557	—	—
Gaylord Hotels	5	8,098	—	—	—	—
The Ritz-Carlton	39	11,410	1	429	—	—
The Ritz-Carlton Residences ⁽¹⁾	31	3,757	1	55	—	—
EDITION	2	568	—	—	—	—
EDITION Residences ⁽¹⁾	1	25	—	—	—	—
Total North American Full-Service	292	126,539	328	96,266	—	—
North American Limited-Service						
Courtyard	276	43,890	640	85,151	—	—
Residence Inn	111	16,719	579	67,693	—	—
Fairfield Inn & Suites	5	1,324	756	68,646	—	—
SpringHill Suites	30	4,720	306	35,030	—	—
TownePlace Suites	15	1,740	255	25,388	—	—
AC Hotels by Marriott	—	—	—	—	5	911
Total North American Limited-Service	437	68,393	2,536	281,908	5	911
Total North American Locations	729	194,932	2,864	378,174	5	911
International						
Marriott Hotels	145	41,201	39	11,651	—	—
JW Marriott	48	18,789	4	1,094	—	—
Marriott Executive Apartments	28	4,181	—	—	—	—
Renaissance Hotels	53	17,194	25	7,040	—	—
Autograph Collection Hotels	3	584	32	8,741	5	348
Protea Hotels	47	5,680	55	3,929	—	—
The Ritz-Carlton	52	14,713	—	—	—	—
The Ritz-Carlton Residences ⁽¹⁾	8	416	—	—	—	—
The Ritz-Carlton Serviced Apartments	4	579	—	—	—	—
Bulgari Hotels & Resorts	2	117	1	85	—	—
Bulgari Residences ⁽¹⁾	1	5	—	—	—	—
EDITION	1	173	1	78	—	—
Courtyard	73	15,354	48	9,022	—	—
Residence Inn	5	517	2	200	—	—
Fairfield Inn & Suites	5	716	2	386	—	—
AC Hotels by Marriott	—	—	—	—	78	9,551
Moxy Hotels	—	—	1	162	—	—
Total International	475	120,219	210	42,388	83	9,899

Timeshare ⁽³⁾	—	—	58	12,807	—	—
Total	1,204	315,151	3,132	433,369	88	10,810

(1) Represents projects where we manage the related owners' association. We include residential properties once they possess a certificate of occupancy.

(2) We present results for all AC Hotels by Marriott properties and five International Autograph Collection properties in the "Equity in earnings (losses)" caption of our Income Statements.

(3) Timeshare properties licensed by MVW under the Marriott Vacation Club, The Ritz-Carlton Destination Club, The Ritz-Carlton Residences, and Grand Residences by Marriott brand names. Includes products that are in active sales as well as those sold out. MVW reports its property and room counts on a fiscal year basis for the MVW fiscal year ended January 1, 2016.

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The following discussion reflects all three of our reportable segments. We consider total segment revenues and total segment profits (as defined in Footnote No. 16, “Business Segments”) to be meaningful indicators of our performance because they measure our growth in profitability and enable investors to compare the revenues and profits of our operations to our competitors.

2015 Compared to 2014

We added 300 properties (51,547 rooms) and 51 properties (6,328 rooms) exited our system in 2015.

Total segment revenues increased by \$678 million to \$14,218 million in 2015, a five percent increase from revenues of \$13,540 million in 2014, and total segment profits increased by \$111 million to \$1,504 million in 2015, an eight percent increase from \$1,393 million in 2014.

The year-over-year increase in segment revenues of \$678 million was a result of a \$572 million increase in cost reimbursements revenue, a \$109 million increase in franchise fees, a \$26 million increase in base management fees, and a \$17 million increase in incentive management fees, partially offset by a \$46 million decrease in owned, leased, and other revenue. The year-over-year increase of \$111 million in segment profits reflected a \$109 million increase in franchise fees, a \$26 million increase in base management fees, and a \$17 million increase in incentive management fees, partially offset by a \$20 million decrease in gains and other income, net, a \$12 million decrease in equity in earnings, a \$6 million increase in general, administrative, and other expenses, and a \$3 million decrease in owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses. For more information on the variances, see the preceding sections beginning with “Revenues.”

In 2015, 68 percent of our managed properties paid incentive management fees to us versus 50 percent in 2014.

Managed properties that paid incentive management fees in 2015 represented 63 percent of properties in North America and 74 percent outside of North America, compared to 36 percent in North America and 73 percent outside of North America in 2014. The percentage of North American properties that paid incentive management fees to us increased compared to 2014 due to a few large North American Limited-Service portfolios of properties that paid incentive management fees in 2015 but did not do so in 2014. In addition, in 2015, 51 percent of our incentive fees came from properties outside of North America versus 56 percent in 2014.

Compared to 2014, worldwide comparable company-operated house profit margins in 2015 increased by 80 basis points and worldwide comparable company-operated house profit per available room (“HP-PAR”) increased by 7.5 percent on a constant U.S. dollar basis, reflecting higher occupancy, rate increases, improved productivity, and solid cost controls. These same factors contributed to North American company-operated house profit margins increasing by 80 basis points compared to 2014. HP-PAR at those same properties increased by 7.8 percent. International company-operated house profit margins increased by 70 basis points, and HP-PAR at those properties increased by 6.9 percent reflecting increased demand and higher RevPAR in most locations and improved productivity.

See “Statistics” below for detailed information on Systemwide RevPAR and Company-operated RevPAR by segment, region, and brand.

2014 Compared to 2013

We added 311 properties (46,050 rooms) and 52 properties (6,418 rooms) exited our system in 2014. These figures do not include residential units. During 2014, we also added two residential properties (30 units) and no residential properties or units exited our system.

Total segment revenues increased by \$1,022 million to \$13,540 million in 2014, an 8 percent increase from revenues of \$12,518 million in 2013, and total segment profits increased by \$196 million to \$1,393 million in 2014 from \$1,197 million in 2013.

The year-over-year increase in segment revenues of \$1,022 million was a result of a \$787 million increase in cost reimbursements revenue, an \$80 million increase in franchise fees, a \$58 million increase in owned, leased, and other revenue, a \$51 million increase in base management fees, and a \$46 million increase in incentive management fees. The year-over-year increase of \$196 million in segment profits reflected an \$80 million increase in franchise fees, a \$51 million increase in base management fees, a \$46 million increase in incentive management fees, \$19 million of lower joint venture equity losses, a \$11 million increase in owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses, and \$4 million of lower depreciation, amortization, and other expense, partially offset by a \$16 million increase in general, administrative, and other expenses. For more information on the variances, see the preceding sections

beginning with “Revenues.”

In 2014, 50 percent of our managed properties paid incentive management fees to us versus 38 percent in 2013. Managed properties that paid incentive management fees in 2014 represented 36 percent of properties in North America and 73 percent

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outside of North America, compared to 21 percent in North America and 70 percent outside of North America in 2013. In addition, in 2014, 56 percent of our incentive fees came from properties outside of North America versus 58 percent in 2013. Further, we earned \$24 million in incentive management fees in 2014 from properties that did not earn any incentive management fees in 2013.

Compared to 2013, worldwide comparable company-operated house profit margins in 2014 increased by 120 basis points and HP-PAR increased by 9.7 percent on a constant U.S. dollar basis, reflecting higher occupancy, rate increases, improved productivity, and solid cost controls. These same factors contributed to North American company-operated house profit margins increasing by 150 basis points compared to 2013. HP-PAR at those same properties increased by 11.4 percent. International company-operated house profit margins increased by 70 basis points, and HP-PAR at those properties increased by 6.6 percent reflecting increased demand and higher RevPAR in most locations and improved productivity. Note that 2014 had three fewer days of activity when compared to 2013. See “Statistics” below for detailed information on Systemwide RevPAR and Company-operated RevPAR by segment, region, and brand.

Development

In 2015, we added 300 properties with 51,547 rooms across our brands, including 9,590 rooms from the acquisition of Delta Hotels and Resorts, and 51 properties (6,328 rooms) left our system. No residential properties entered or left our system. Highlights of the year included:

- Converting 39 properties (7,301 rooms), or 14 percent of our gross room additions for the year, to our brands;

- Adding approximately 32 percent of all the new rooms outside North America; and

- Adding 173 properties (19,712 rooms) to our North American Limited-Service brands.

We have over 270,000 hotel rooms in our development pipeline as of year-end 2015, which includes hotel rooms under construction and under signed contracts, as well as nearly 27,000 hotel rooms approved for development but not yet under signed contracts. We expect the number of our open hotel rooms (gross) to increase approximately 8 percent in 2016. This development pipeline and expected hotel room growth information does not include rooms that will join our system through the Starwood Combination.

We believe that we have access to sufficient financial resources to finance our growth, as well as to support our ongoing operations and meet debt service and other cash requirements. Nonetheless, our ability to develop and update our brands and the ability of hotel developers to build or acquire new Marriott-branded properties, both of which are important parts of our growth plan, depend in part on capital access, availability and cost for other hotel developers and third-party owners. These growth plans are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, many of which are outside of our control. See the “Forward-Looking Statements” and “Risks and Uncertainties” captions earlier in this report and the “Liquidity and Capital Resources” caption later in this report.

Statistics

The following tables show occupancy, average daily rate, and RevPAR for comparable properties, for each of the brands in our North American Full-Service and North American Limited-Service segments, and for our International properties by region. Systemwide statistics include data from our franchised properties, in addition to our owned, leased, and managed properties.

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	Comparable Company-Operated North American Properties			Comparable Systemwide North American Properties		
	2015	Change vs. 2014		2015	Change vs. 2014	
Marriott Hotels						
Occupancy	75.4	% 0.6	% pts.	72.6	% 0.6	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$195.28	3.8	%	\$175.53	4.2	%
RevPAR	\$147.33	4.7	%	\$127.52	5.0	%
Renaissance Hotels						
Occupancy	75.2	% 0.8	% pts.	73.9	% 0.8	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$182.13	4.4	%	\$164.02	4.3	%
RevPAR	\$136.91	5.5	%	\$121.20	5.4	%
Autograph Collection Hotels						
Occupancy	*	*	pts.	77.5	% 1.1	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	*	*		\$229.90	1.9	%
RevPAR	*	*		\$178.16	3.5	%
The Ritz-Carlton						
Occupancy	72.1	% (0.1	)% pts.	72.1	% (0.1	)% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$359.92	2.9	%	\$359.92	2.9	%
RevPAR	\$259.41	2.7	%	\$259.41	2.7	%
Composite North American Full-Service						
Occupancy	74.9	% 0.6	% pts.	73.1	% 0.6	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$209.72	3.5	%	\$187.40	3.8	%
RevPAR	\$157.10	4.3	%	\$136.95	4.6	%
Courtyard						
Occupancy	72.8	% 0.7	% pts.	73.1	% 0.8	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$139.08	5.2	%	\$136.58	5.0	%
RevPAR	\$101.18	6.3	%	\$99.88	6.1	%
Residence Inn						
Occupancy	78.5	% 0.4	% pts.	79.4	% 0.1	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$143.14	6.0	%	\$139.51	5.3	%
RevPAR	\$112.33	6.5	%	\$110.75	5.5	%
Fairfield Inn & Suites						
Occupancy	nm	nm	pts.	70.6	% 0.3	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	nm	nm		\$108.71	4.2	%
RevPAR	nm	nm		\$76.70	4.7	%
TownePlace Suites						
Occupancy	72.7	% 0.1	% pts.	74.8	% 0.3	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$102.99	8.2	%	\$101.83	4.6	%
RevPAR	\$74.83	8.3	%	\$76.15	5.0	%
SpringHill Suites						
Occupancy	76.0	% 1.6	% pts.	74.8	% 0.3	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$125.24	5.1	%	\$118.64	4.8	%
RevPAR	\$95.21	7.5	%	\$88.80	5.2	%
Composite North American Limited-Service						
Occupancy	74.5	% 0.7	% pts.	74.4	% 0.5	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$137.92	5.5	%	\$127.65	4.9	%

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RevPAR	\$ 102.76	6.5	%	\$ 94.99	5.6	%
Composite North American - All						
Occupancy	74.7	% 0.6	% pts.	73.9	% 0.5	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$ 179.53	4.2	%	\$ 148.53	4.5	%
RevPAR	\$ 134.18	5.0	%	\$ 109.83	5.2	%

* There are no company-operated comparable properties.

nm means not meaningful as the brand is predominantly franchised.

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	Comparable Company-Operated Properties				Comparable Systemwide Properties			
	2015		Change vs. 2014		2015		Change vs. 2014	
Caribbean and Latin America								
Occupancy	72.4	%	0.2	% pts.	70.7	%	0.6	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$248.05		4.9	%	\$210.46		3.3	%
RevPAR	\$179.58		5.2	%	\$148.86		4.1	%
Europe								
Occupancy	75.9	%	1.7	% pts.	74.3	%	1.5	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$173.07		4.1	%	\$167.63		4.0	%
RevPAR	\$131.43		6.5	%	\$124.59		6.2	%
Middle East and Africa								
Occupancy	61.2	%	2.7	% pts.	61.6	%	2.8	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$181.16		(3.5	)%	\$178.37		(3.0)%
RevPAR	\$110.85		0.9	%	\$109.80		1.6	%
Asia Pacific								
Occupancy	74.1	%	3.4	% pts.	74.6	%	3.2	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$153.83		—	%	\$155.24		0.9	%
RevPAR	\$114.00		4.7	%	\$115.77		5.5	%
Total International ⁽¹⁾								
Occupancy	72.9	%	2.3	% pts.	72.5	%	2.1	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$176.24		1.7	%	\$171.20		2.1	%
RevPAR	\$128.50		5.0	%	\$124.13		5.1	%
Total Worldwide ⁽²⁾								
Occupancy	74.1	%	1.2	% pts.	73.7	%	0.8	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$178.46		3.4	%	\$152.30		4.1	%
RevPAR	\$132.30		5.0	%	\$112.25		5.2	%

Includes properties located outside of the United States and Canada for The Ritz-Carlton, Bulgari Hotels &

⁽¹⁾ Resorts, EDITION, Autograph Collection Hotels, Renaissance Hotels, Marriott Hotels, Courtyard, Residence Inn, and Fairfield Inn & Suites brands.

Includes properties worldwide for The Ritz-Carlton, Bulgari Hotels & Resorts, EDITION, Autograph Collection

⁽²⁾ Hotels, Renaissance Hotels, Marriott Hotels, Gaylord Hotels, Courtyard, Residence Inn, SpringHill Suites, Fairfield Inn & Suites, and TownePlace Suites brands.

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	Comparable Company-Operated North American Properties ⁽¹⁾			Comparable Systemwide North American Properties ⁽¹⁾		
	2014	Change vs. 2013		2014	Change vs. 2013	
Marriott Hotels						
Occupancy	75.1	% 1.6	% pts.	72.6	% 1.5	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$188.39	3.5	%	\$171.43	4.0	%
RevPAR	\$141.42	5.7	%	\$124.49	6.2	%
Renaissance Hotels						
Occupancy	73.1	% 1.1	% pts.	72.6	% 1.9	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$177.42	3.7	%	\$160.77	3.9	%
RevPAR	\$129.76	5.2	%	\$116.69	6.7	%
Autograph Collection Hotels						
Occupancy	*	*	pts.	75.4	% (1.0)	)% pts.
Average Daily Rate	*	*		\$229.58	8.9	%
RevPAR	*	*		\$173.04	7.5	%
The Ritz-Carlton North America						
Occupancy	72.9	% 1.5	% pts.	72.9	% 1.5	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$338.48	4.0	%	\$338.48	4.0	%
RevPAR	\$246.89	6.2	%	\$246.89	6.2	%
Composite North American Full-Service						
Occupancy	74.5	% 1.6	% pts.	72.8	% 1.5	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$200.77	3.6	%	\$182.00	4.1	%
RevPAR	\$149.48	5.8	%	\$132.44	6.4	%
Residence Inn						
Occupancy	78.4	% 2.2	% pts.	79.3	% 1.9	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$135.58	4.4	%	\$130.82	4.2	%
RevPAR	\$106.24	7.4	%	\$103.79	6.7	%
Courtyard						
Occupancy	71.8	% 3.0	% pts.	72.5	% 2.3	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$129.72	5.0	%	\$129.32	4.5	%
RevPAR	\$93.18	9.6	%	\$93.77	7.8	%
Fairfield Inn & Suites						
Occupancy	nm	nm	pts.	70.1	% 2.2	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	nm	nm		\$102.80	3.9	%
RevPAR	nm	nm		\$72.11	7.3	%
TownePlace Suites						
Occupancy	72.6	% 6.3	% pts.	74.7	% 3.2	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$95.23	8.7	%	\$96.84	5.3	%
RevPAR	\$69.09	19.0	%	\$72.38	9.9	%
SpringHill Suites						
Occupancy	73.8	% 1.9	% pts.	74.6	% 2.6	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$112.14	4.8	%	\$112.16	3.9	%
RevPAR	\$82.78	7.5	%	\$83.65	7.6	%
Composite North American Limited-Service						
Occupancy	73.7	% 2.8	% pts.	74.0	% 2.3	% pts.

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Average Daily Rate	\$128.82	4.9	%	\$120.36	4.2	%
RevPAR	\$94.95	9.0	%	\$89.11	7.5	%
Composite North American - All						
Occupancy	74.2	%	2.0	% pts.	73.6	% 2.0 % pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$173.11	3.8	%	\$143.27	4.1	%
RevPAR	\$128.39	6.7	%	\$105.39	7.0	%

* There are no company-operated comparable properties.

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⁽¹⁾ Statistics include only properties located in the United States.

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	Comparable Company-Operated Properties ⁽¹⁾			Comparable Systemwide Properties ⁽¹⁾		
	2014	Change vs. 2013		2014	Change vs. 2013	
Caribbean and Latin America						
Occupancy	73.6	% 2.7	% pts.	71.3	% 2.2	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$239.95	6.9	%	\$205.88	5.9	%
RevPAR	\$176.66	11.0	%	\$146.83	9.4	%
Europe						
Occupancy	74.9	% 1.4	% pts.	73.1	% 1.3	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$193.20	1.3	%	\$185.06	0.9	%
RevPAR	\$144.61	3.2	%	\$135.28	2.7	%
Middle East and Africa						
Occupancy	60.1	% 5.8	% pts.	60.3	% 5.4	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$190.60	(2.5)	)%	\$186.19	(1.6))%
RevPAR	\$114.47	7.9	%	\$112.26	8.1	%
Asia Pacific						
Occupancy	73.7	% 1.9	% pts.	74.1	% 1.8	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$176.48	2.1	%	\$176.43	2.4	%
RevPAR	\$130.04	4.8	%	\$130.71	5.0	%
Total International ⁽²⁾						
Occupancy	72.6	% 2.2	% pts.	71.9	% 2.0	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$192.04	2.2	%	\$185.39	2.1	%
RevPAR	\$139.35	5.4	%	\$133.37	5.1	%
Total Worldwide ⁽³⁾						
Occupancy	73.7	% 2.1	% pts.	73.3	% 2.0	% pts.
Average Daily Rate	\$178.96	3.3	%	\$150.23	3.7	%
RevPAR	\$131.83	6.3	%	\$110.09	6.6	%

(1) International includes properties located outside the United States and Canada, except for worldwide, which includes the United States.

Company-operated statistics include the Marriott Hotels, Renaissance Hotels, Autograph Collection Hotels, The

(2) Ritz-Carlton, Bulgari Hotels & Resorts, Courtyard, and Residence Inn brands. In addition to the foregoing brands, systemwide statistics also include the Fairfield Inn & Suites brand.

Company-operated and systemwide statistics include properties worldwide for the Marriott Hotels, Renaissance

(3) Hotels, Autograph Collection Hotels, Gaylord Hotels, The Ritz-Carlton, Bulgari Hotels & Resorts, Courtyard, Residence Inn, Fairfield Inn & Suites, TownePlace Suites, and SpringHill Suites brands.

North American Full-Service includes The Ritz-Carlton, EDITION, JW Marriott, Autograph Collection Hotels, Renaissance Hotels, Marriott Hotels, Delta Hotels and Resorts, and Gaylord Hotels located in the United States and Canada.

(\$ in millions)

	2015	2014	2013	Annual Change		
				Change 2015/2014	Change 2014/2013	
Segment revenues	\$8,825	\$8,323	\$7,978	6	% 4	%
Segment profits	\$561	\$524	\$490	7	% 7	%

2015 Compared to 2014

In 2015, across our North American Full-Service segment we added 57 properties (15,345 rooms), including 37 properties (9,590 rooms) from the Delta Hotels and Resorts acquisition, and five properties (1,398 rooms) left our system.

For the twelve months ended December 31, 2015, compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, RevPAR for comparable systemwide North American Full-Service properties increased by 4.6 percent to \$136.95, occupancy for these properties increased by 0.6 percentage points to 73.1 percent, and average daily rates increased by 3.8 percent to \$187.40.

The \$37 million increase in segment profits, compared to 2014, was driven by \$44 million of higher base management and franchise fees and \$10 million of higher incentive management fees, partially offset by \$6 million of lower owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses, \$4 million of higher general, administrative, and other expenses, \$4 million of lower gains and other income, net, and \$3 million of higher depreciation, amortization, and other expense.

Base management and franchise fees were higher due to stronger RevPAR driven by rate and unit growth, partially offset by \$5 million of contract modifications and terminations. Increased incentive management fees were primarily driven by higher net house profits at managed hotels.

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Lower owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses primarily reflected \$8 million of weaker performance at a North American Full-Service property under renovation.

General, administrative, and other expenses were higher due to \$5 million from the Delta Hotels and Resorts acquisition and \$2 million in higher reserves for guarantee funding, partially offset by \$3 million of other property expenses incurred in 2014.

Cost reimbursements revenue and expenses for our North American Full-Service segment properties totaled \$7,911 million in 2015, compared to \$7,465 million in 2014.

2014 Compared to 2013

In 2014, across our North American Full-Service segment we added 23 properties (5,093 rooms) and no properties (zero rooms) left our system.

For the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2013, RevPAR for comparable systemwide North American Full-Service properties increased by 6.4 percent to \$132.44, occupancy for these properties increased by 1.5 percentage points to 72.8 percent, and average daily rates increased by 4.1 percent to \$182.00.

The \$34 million increase in segment profits, compared to 2013, was driven by \$30 million of higher base management and franchise fees, \$17 million of higher incentive management fees, and \$5 million of lower depreciation, amortization, and other expense, partially offset by \$11 million of lower owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses, and \$8 million of higher general, administrative, and other expenses.

Base management and franchise fees were higher due to stronger RevPAR as a result of increased demand and unit growth, partially offset by \$7 million from terminated units. The increase in incentive management fees was primarily driven by higher net house profit at managed hotels, partially offset by \$5 million in deferred fees recognized in 2013.

The decrease in depreciation, amortization, and other expense primarily reflected \$11 million of accelerated amortization related to contract terminations in 2013, partially offset by \$3 million of higher depreciation for a property that we acquired in the 2013 fourth quarter and \$2 million in higher accelerated amortization related to contract terminations in 2014.

The decrease in owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses primarily reflected \$7 million of lower termination fees, \$6 million of lower branding fees, and \$6 million of pre-opening costs, partially offset by \$10 million in revenue, net of direct expenses, for a property we acquired in the 2013 fourth quarter.

General, administrative, and other expenses increased primarily due to a \$4 million increase in guarantee funding and \$3 million of other property expenses.

Cost reimbursements revenue and expenses for our North American Full-Service segment properties totaled \$7,465 million in 2014, compared to \$7,190 million in 2013.

North American Limited-Service includes AC Hotels by Marriott, Courtyard, Residence Inn, SpringHill Suites, Fairfield Inn & Suites, and TownePlace Suites located in the United States and Canada.

(\$ in millions)

	2015	2014	2013	Annual Change Change 2015/2014	Change Change 2014/2013	
Segment revenues	\$3,193	\$2,962	\$2,583	8	% 15	%
Segment profits	\$651	\$574	\$479	13	% 20	%

2015 Compared to 2014

In 2015, across our North American Limited-Service segment we added 173 properties (19,712 rooms) and 26 properties (2,820 rooms) left our system. The majority of the properties that left our system were Fairfield Inn & Suites and Residence Inn properties.

For the twelve months ended December 31, 2015, compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, RevPAR for comparable systemwide North American Limited-Service properties increased by 5.6 percent to \$94.99, occupancy for these properties increased by 0.5 percentage points to 74.4 percent, and average daily rates increased by 4.9 percent to \$127.65.

The \$77 million increase in segment profits, compared to 2014, reflected \$73 million of higher base management and franchise fees, \$13 million of higher incentive management fees, \$2 million of lower general, administrative, and

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expenses, and \$1 million of lower depreciation, amortization, and other expense, partially offset by \$5 million of lower owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses, \$4 million of lower gains and other income, net, and \$3 million of lower equity in earnings.

Base management and franchise fees were higher due to unit growth and stronger room rates, including \$19 million of higher franchise licensing and application fees, partially offset by a \$5 million reduction in previously deferred fees and \$3 million of contract terminations. Increased incentive management fees were primarily driven by a few large portfolios of managed hotels whose improved net house profits allowed them to reach their owners priority threshold and begin to record incentive fees.

Lower owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses primarily reflected \$7 million of lower termination fees, partially offset by \$3 million of higher net earnings at several leased properties.

Gains and other income, net were lower due to a \$4 million expected disposal loss on a plot of land. See Footnote No. 3, "Acquisitions and Dispositions" for more information.

Lower equity in earnings was driven by the redemption of our investment in an entity that owns two hotels.

Cost reimbursements revenue and expenses for our North American Limited-Service segment properties totaled \$2,366 million in 2015, compared to \$2,217 million in 2014.

2014 Compared to 2013

In 2014, across our North American Limited-Service segment we added 120 properties (13,928 rooms) and 32 properties (3,030 rooms) left our system. The majority of the properties that left our system were Fairfield Inn & Suites and Residence Inn properties.

For the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2013, RevPAR for comparable systemwide North American Limited-Service properties increased by 7.5 percent to \$89.11, occupancy for these properties increased by 2.3 percentage points to 74.0 percent, and average daily rates increased by 4.2 percent to \$120.36.

The \$95 million increase in segment profits, compared to 2013, primarily reflected \$80 million of higher base management and franchise fees, \$11 million of higher owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses, and \$7 million of higher incentive management fees.

Higher base management and franchise fees were primarily driven by higher RevPAR for comparable properties and unit growth, and included \$15 million of higher deferred management fees and \$10 million of higher relicensing fees. Increased incentive management fees resulted from net house profit growth at managed hotels.

The increase in owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses, primarily reflected \$5 million of higher net earnings at several leased properties and \$4 million of higher termination fees.

Cost reimbursements revenue and expenses for our North American Limited-Service segment properties totaled \$2,217 million in 2014, compared to \$1,939 million in 2013.

International includes properties, regardless of brand, that are located outside the United States and Canada. (\$ in millions)

	2015	2014	2013	Annual Change			
				Change	Change		
				2015/2014	2014/2013		
Segment revenues	\$2,200	\$2,255	\$1,957	(2	)%	15	%
Segment profits	\$292	\$295	\$228	(1	)%	29	%

2015 Compared to 2014

In 2015, across our International regions we added 70 properties (16,490 rooms) and 20 properties (2,110 rooms) left our system.

For the twelve months ended December 31, 2015, compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, RevPAR for comparable systemwide international properties increased by 5.1 percent to \$124.13, occupancy for these properties increased by 2.1 percentage points to 72.5 percent, and average daily rates increased by 2.1 percent to \$171.20. See "Business and Overview" for a discussion of trends in the various International regions.

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The \$3 million decrease in segment profits in 2015, compared to 2014, consisted of \$12 million of lower gains and other income, net, \$9 million of lower equity in earnings, \$6 million of lower incentive management fees, and \$4 million of higher general, administrative, and other expenses, partially offset by \$18 million of higher base management and franchise fees, \$8 million of higher owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses, and \$2 million of lower depreciation, amortization, and other expense.

Base management and franchise fees increased due to stronger RevPAR, driven by both occupancy and rate, and unit growth, partially offset by the impact of \$16 million in unfavorable foreign exchange rates. Lower incentive management fees reflected \$15 million in unfavorable foreign exchange rates, partially offset by higher net house profit at managed hotels and unit growth.

Higher owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses largely reflected favorable operating results at several of our properties, including \$4 million of lower lease payments for properties that moved to managed, franchised, or left our system, and \$7 million of increased termination fees, partially offset by \$4 million in lower branding fees, and \$2 million from a property that converted to managed.

Lower depreciation, amortization, and other expense was driven by amortization true-ups and lower depreciation from an International property sold in 2015, partially offset by \$5 million of higher depreciation at several of our leased properties.

General, administrative, and other expenses increased primarily due to higher costs for branding and service initiatives to grow our brands globally.

Lower gains and other income, net primarily reflected an \$11 million loss on the sale of an International property discussed in Footnote No. 3, "Acquisitions and Dispositions."

Lower equity in earnings reflected an unfavorable variance to a \$9 million benefit recorded in 2014 for two of our International investments, following the reversal of their liabilities associated with a tax law change in a country in which they operate, and a \$6 million impairment charge relating to an International joint venture, partially offset by a \$5 million benefit recorded in 2015 following an adjustment to an International investee's liabilities.

Cost reimbursements revenue and expenses for our International properties totaled \$1,282 million in 2015, compared to \$1,305 million in 2014.

2014 Compared to 2013

In 2014, across our International regions we added 170 properties (26,737 rooms) and 16 properties (3,130 rooms) left our system.

For the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2013, RevPAR for comparable systemwide international properties increased by 5.1 percent to \$133.37, occupancy for these properties increased by 2.0 percentage points to 71.9 percent, and average daily rates increased by 2.1 percent to \$185.39. See "Business and Overview" for a discussion of results in the various International regions.

The \$67 million increase in segment profits in 2014, compared to 2013, primarily consisted of \$22 million in higher incentive management fees, \$21 million of higher base management and franchise fees, \$17 million of higher equity in earnings, and \$11 million of higher owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses, partially offset by \$6 million higher general, administrative, and other expenses.

The increase in base management and franchise fees was driven by unit growth and higher RevPAR, partially offset by the impact of \$3 million in unfavorable foreign exchange rates and \$4 million from terminated units. Increased incentive management fees were primarily driven by higher net house profit at managed hotels and unit growth, partially offset by the impact of \$4 million in unfavorable foreign exchange rates.

The increase of equity in earnings was driven by a \$9 million reversal of deferred tax liabilities associated with a tax law change in a country in which two of our International joint ventures operate and \$7 million in increased earnings at three of our joint ventures.

The increase in owned, leased, and other revenue, net of direct expenses largely reflected \$10 million from Protea Hotels programs and leases acquired in the 2014 second quarter, \$5 million in higher costs in 2013 related to three leases we terminated, \$5 million of pre-opening costs in 2013, \$4 million from new units, and \$4 million of favorable operating profits, partially offset by an unfavorable variance of \$12 million in termination fees recognized in 2013, and \$6 million in earnings from properties that converted to managed or franchised.

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The increase in general, administrative, and other expenses was primarily due to \$5 million related to the Protea Hotels acquisition and \$5 million in higher compensation, partially offset by a \$5 million performance cure payment for one property in 2013.

Cost reimbursements revenue and expenses for our International properties totaled \$1,305 million in 2014, compared to \$1,071 million in 2013.

SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

Under our Stock and Cash Incentive Plan, we award: (1) stock options to purchase our common stock; (2) stock appreciation rights (“SARs”) for our common stock; (3) restricted stock units (“RSUs”) of our common stock; and (4) deferred stock units. We also issue performance-based RSUs (“PSUs”) to named executive officers and some of their direct reports under the Stock and Cash Incentive Plan.

During 2015, we granted 1.3 million RSUs, 0.1 million PSUs, and 0.3 million SARs. See Footnote No. 5, “Share-Based Compensation,” for more information.

NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

See Footnote No. 2 “Summary of Significant Accounting Policies,” to our Financial Statements for information on our anticipated adoption of recently issued accounting standards.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash Requirements and Our Credit Facilities

Our multicurrency revolving credit agreement (the “Credit Facility”) provides for \$2,000 million of aggregate effective borrowings to support general corporate needs, including working capital, capital expenditures, share repurchases, letters of credit, and acquisitions. The availability of the Credit Facility also supports our commercial paper program. In addition, we may use borrowings under the Credit Facility, or commercial paper supported by the Credit Facility, to finance all or part of the cash component of the consideration to Starwood shareholders in connection with the Starwood Combination and certain fees and expenses incurred in connection with the combination. Borrowings under the Credit Facility generally bear interest at LIBOR (the London Interbank Offered Rate) plus a spread, based on our public debt rating. We also pay quarterly fees on the Credit Facility at a rate based on our public debt rating. The term of the Credit Facility expires on July 18, 2018.

The Credit Facility contains certain covenants, including a single financial covenant that limits our maximum leverage (consisting of the ratio of Adjusted Total Debt to Consolidated EBITDA, each as defined in the Credit Facility) to not more than 4 to 1. Our outstanding public debt does not contain a corresponding financial covenant or a requirement that we maintain certain financial ratios. We currently satisfy the covenants in our Credit Facility and public debt instruments, including the leverage covenant under the Credit Facility, and do not expect that the covenants will restrict our ability to meet our anticipated borrowing and guarantee levels or increase those levels should we decide to do so in the future.

We believe the Credit Facility and our access to capital markets, together with cash we expect to generate from operations, remain adequate to meet our short-term and long-term liquidity requirements, finance our long-term growth plans, meet debt service, and fulfill other cash requirements.

We issue commercial paper in the United States. We do not have purchase commitments from buyers for our commercial paper; therefore, our ability to issue commercial paper is subject to market demand. We classify any outstanding commercial paper and Credit Facility borrowings as long-term based on our ability and intent to refinance them on a long-term basis. We reserve unused capacity under our Credit Facility to repay outstanding commercial paper borrowings in the event that the commercial paper market is not available to us for any reason when outstanding borrowings mature. We do not expect that fluctuations in the demand for commercial paper will affect our liquidity, given our borrowing capacity under the Credit Facility.

At year-end 2015, our available borrowing capacity amounted to \$1,158 million and reflected borrowing capacity of \$1,062 million under our Credit Facility and our cash balance of \$96 million. We calculated that borrowing capacity by taking \$2,000 million of effective aggregate bank commitments under our Credit Facility and subtracting \$938 million of outstanding commercial paper (there being no outstanding letters of credit under our Credit Facility).

We monitor the status of the capital markets and regularly evaluate the effect that changes in capital market conditions may have on our ability to execute our announced growth plans. We expect to continue meeting part of our financing

and liquidity needs primarily through commercial paper borrowings, issuances of senior notes, and access to long-term committed

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credit facilities. If conditions in the lodging industry deteriorate, or if disruptions in the capital markets take place as they did in the immediate aftermath of both the 2008 worldwide financial crisis and the events of September 11, 2001, we may be unable to place some or all of our commercial paper on a temporary or extended basis and may have to rely more on borrowings under the Credit Facility, which we believe will be adequate to fund our liquidity needs, including repayment of debt obligations, but which may or may not carry a higher cost than commercial paper. Since we continue to have ample flexibility under the Credit Facility's covenants, we expect that undrawn bank commitments under the Credit Facility will remain available to us even if business conditions were to deteriorate markedly.

Cash from Operations

Cash from operations and non-cash items for the last three fiscal years are as follows:

(\$ in millions)	2015	2014	2013
Cash from operations	\$1,430	\$1,224	\$1,140
Non-cash items ⁽¹⁾	395	328	316

⁽¹⁾ Includes depreciation, amortization, impairments, share-based compensation, and deferred income taxes.

Our ratio of current assets to current liabilities was 0.4 to 1.0 at year-end 2015 and 0.5 to 1.0 at year-end 2014. We minimize working capital through cash management, strict credit-granting policies, and aggressive collection efforts. We also have significant borrowing capacity under our Credit Facility should we need additional working capital. Our ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the last five fiscal years, the calculations of which we detail in Exhibit 12 to this 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K, are as follows:

Fiscal Years

2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
6.4x	6.2x	5.1x	4.6x	2.3x

Spin-off Cash Tax Benefits

Tax matters that could affect our cash tax benefits related to the 2011 spin-off of our timeshare operations and timeshare development business were resolved in 2013. As we expected, the spin-off resulted in our realization through 2015 of approximately \$480 million of cash tax benefits, relating to the value of the timeshare business. We realized \$447 million of those benefits through 2014 and expect to realize approximately \$33 million of cash tax benefits in 2015.

Investing Activities Cash Flows

Capital Expenditures and Other Investments. We made capital expenditures of \$305 million in 2015, \$411 million in 2014, and \$296 million in 2013. These included expenditures related to the development and construction of new hotels and acquisitions of hotel properties, improvements to existing properties, and systems initiatives. Capital expenditures in 2015 decreased by \$106 million compared to 2014, primarily related to the 2014 development of two EDITION hotels, partially offset by 2015 renovations at a North American Full-Service property and investments in our reservations system. Capital expenditures in 2014 increased by \$115 million compared to 2013, primarily related to developing two EDITION hotels and our 2014 acquisition of an International property, partially offset by the completion of The London EDITION in the 2013 fourth quarter.

We expect 2016 investment spending will total approximately \$450 million to \$550 million, including approximately \$100 million for maintenance capital spending. Investment spending also includes other capital expenditures, loan advances, contract acquisition costs, acquisitions, and equity and other investments. See our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for information on investment spending for 2015. Our anticipated investment spending does not include additional investments we may make in connection with the Starwood Combination, which we expect will close in mid-2016, after customary conditions are satisfied, including shareholder approvals, required antitrust approvals, and the completion of Starwood's previously announced spin-off of its vacation ownership business, or another spin-off, split-off, analogous disposition, or sale of its vacation ownership business. See Footnote No. 3, "Acquisitions and Dispositions," for more information about the Starwood Combination.

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Over time, we have sold lodging properties, both completed and under development, subject to long-term management agreements. The ability of third-party purchasers to raise the debt and equity capital necessary to acquire such properties depends in part on the perceived risks inherent in the lodging industry and other constraints inherent in the capital markets as a whole. We monitor the status of the capital markets and regularly evaluate the potential impact of changes in capital market conditions on our business operations. We expect to continue making selective and opportunistic investments to add units to our lodging business, which may include loans and noncontrolling equity investments.

Fluctuations in the values of hotel real estate generally have little impact on our overall business results because:

(1) we own less than one percent of hotels that we operate or franchise; (2) management and franchise fees are generally based upon hotel revenues and profits rather than current hotel property values; and (3) our management agreements generally do not terminate upon hotel sale or foreclosure.

Dispositions. Property and asset sales generated \$673 million cash proceeds in 2015 and \$435 million in 2014. See Footnote No. 3, “Acquisitions and Dispositions,” for more information on completed dispositions and planned dispositions.

Loan Activity. From time to time we make loans to owners of hotels that we operate or franchise. Loan collections, net of loan advances, amounted to \$26 million in 2015 compared to net advances of \$69 million in 2014. At year-end 2015, we had a \$3 million senior loan (current) and \$218 million of mezzanine and other loans (\$215 million noncurrent and \$3 million current) outstanding, compared with a \$3 million senior loan (current) and \$239 million of mezzanine and other loans (\$215 million noncurrent and \$24 million current) outstanding at year-end 2014. In 2015, our notes receivable balance for senior, mezzanine, and other loans decreased by \$21 million, primarily reflecting \$86 million of collections on MVW notes receivable issued to us in 2011 in conjunction with our Timeshare spin-off, partially offset by the issuance of the \$58 million mezzanine loan (net of a \$6 million discount) described in Footnote No. 13, “Notes Receivable.”

Equity and Cost Method Investments. Cash outflows of \$7 million in 2015, \$6 million in 2014, and \$16 million in 2013 for equity and cost method investments primarily reflects our investments in a number of joint ventures.

Cash from Financing Activities

Debt. Debt increased by \$336 million in 2015, to \$4,107 million at year-end 2015 from \$3,771 million at year-end 2014, and reflected \$790 million (\$800 million face amount) in Series O and P Notes issuances, partially offset by \$314 million from the redemption of Series G Notes and a \$134 million decrease in commercial paper borrowings. See Footnote No. 10, “Long-Term Debt” for additional information on the debt issuances.

Our financial objectives include diversifying our financing sources, optimizing the mix and maturity of our long-term debt, and reducing our working capital. At year-end 2015, our long-term debt had an average interest rate of 2.9 percent and an average maturity of approximately 4.6 years. The ratio of our fixed-rate long-term debt to our total long-term debt was 0.8 to 1.0 at year-end 2015.

See the “Cash Requirements and Our Credit Facilities,” caption in this “Liquidity and Capital Resources” section for more information on our Credit Facility.

Share Repurchases. We purchased 25.7 million shares of our common stock in 2015 at an average price of \$75.48 per share, 24.2 million shares in 2014 at an average price of \$62.09 per share, and 20.0 million shares in 2013 at an average price of \$41.46 per share. At year-end 2015, 14.4 million shares remained available for repurchase under authorizations from our Board of Directors. On February 11, 2016, we announced that our Board of Directors increased, by 25 million shares, the authorization to repurchase our common stock. We purchase shares in the open market and in privately negotiated transactions.

Dividends. Our Board of Directors declared and paid the following quarterly cash dividends in 2015: (1) \$0.20 per share declared on February 12, 2015 and paid March 27, 2015 to shareholders of record on February 27, 2015; (2) \$0.25 per share declared on May 8, 2015 and paid June 26, 2015 to shareholders of record on May 22, 2015; (3) \$0.25 per share declared on August 6, 2015 and paid September 25, 2015 to shareholders of record on August 20, 2015; and (4) \$0.25 per share declared November 5 and paid December 28 to shareholders of record on November 19. Our Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.25 per share on February 11, 2016, payable on March 31, 2016 to shareholders of record on February 25, 2016.

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Contractual Obligations and Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

Contractual Obligations

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations at year-end 2015:

(\$ in millions)	Total	Payments Due by Period			
		Less Than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	After 5 Years
Debt ⁽¹⁾	\$4,661	\$415	\$1,429	\$1,105	\$1,712
Capital lease obligations ⁽¹⁾	5	1	2	1	1
Operating leases where we are the primary obligor:					
Recourse	776	114	209	136	317
Nonrecourse	186	12	26	18	130
Purchase obligations	173	71	99	3	—
Other noncurrent liabilities	48	1	8	2	37
Total contractual obligations	\$5,849	\$614	\$1,773	\$1,265	\$2,197

⁽¹⁾ Includes principal as well as interest payments.

The preceding table does not reflect unrecognized tax benefits at year-end 2015 of \$24 million. See Footnote No. 6, "Income Taxes" for additional information.

In addition to the purchase obligations noted in the preceding table, in the normal course of business we enter into purchase commitments to manage the daily operating needs of the hotels that we manage. Since we are reimbursed from the cash flows of the hotels, these obligations have minimal impact on our net income and cash flow.

Guarantee Commitments

The following table summarizes our guarantee commitments at year-end 2015:

(\$ in millions)	Total Amounts Committed	Amount of Guarantee Commitments Expiration by Period			
		Less Than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	After 5 Years
Total guarantees where we are the primary obligor	\$228	\$ 5	\$ 29	\$ 97	\$ 97
Total guarantees where we are secondarily liable	92	24	51	9	8
Total guarantee commitments	\$320	\$ 29	\$ 80	\$ 106	\$ 105

In conjunction with financing obtained for specific projects or properties owned by joint ventures in which we are a party, we may provide industry standard indemnifications to the lender for loss, liability or damage occurring as a result of our actions or the actions of the other joint venture owner.

Investment and Loan Commitments

We also had the following investment and loan commitments outstanding at year-end 2015:

(\$ in millions)	Total Amounts Committed	Amount of Expected Funding by Period			
		Less Than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	After 5 Years
Total investment and loan commitments	\$85	\$38	\$47	\$—	\$—

For further information on our investment and loan commitments, including the nature of the commitments and their expirations, see the "Commitments" caption in Footnote No. 7, "Commitments and Contingencies."

Letters of Credit

At year-end 2015, we also had \$82 million of letters of credit outstanding (all outside the Credit Facility), the majority of which were for our self-insurance programs. Surety bonds issued as of year-end 2015 totaled \$159 million, the majority of which federal, state, and local governments requested in connection with our self-insurance programs.

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RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Equity Method Investments

We have equity method investments in entities that own properties for which we provide management and/or franchise services and receive fees. We also have equity method investments in entities that provide management and/or franchise services to hotels and receive fees. In addition, in some cases we provide loans, preferred equity, or guarantees to these entities.

Other Related Parties

We provide management services for and receive fees from properties owned by JWM Family Enterprises, L.P., which is beneficially owned and controlled by J.W. Marriott, Jr., Deborah Marriott Harrison, and other members of the Marriott family.

For more information, including the impact to our financial statements of transactions with these related parties, see Footnote No. 17, "Related Party Transactions."

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Our preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts and related disclosures. Management considers an accounting estimate to be critical if: (1) we must make assumptions that were uncertain at the time the estimate was made; and (2) changes in the estimate, or selection of a different estimate methodology could have a material effect on our consolidated results of operations or financial condition.

While we believe that our estimates, assumptions, and judgments are reasonable, they are based on information available at the time the estimate or assumption was made. Actual results may differ significantly. Additionally, changes in our assumptions, estimates or assessments as a result of unforeseen events or otherwise could have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

Management has discussed the development and selection of its critical accounting policies with the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, and the Audit Committee has reviewed the disclosure presented below relating to them. See Footnote No. 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," for further information on our critical accounting policies and estimates, which are as follows:

Rewards Programs, including how members earn points, how we estimate the value of future redemption obligation, and how we recognize revenue for these programs;

Goodwill, including how we evaluate the fair value of reporting units and when we record an impairment loss on goodwill;

Intangibles and Long-Lived Assets, including how we evaluate the fair value of intangibles and long-lived assets and when we record impairment losses on intangibles and long-lived assets;

Investments, including information on how we evaluate the fair value of investments and when we record impairment losses on investments;

Loan Loss Reserves, including information on how we measure impairment on senior, mezzanine, and other loans of these types; and

Income Taxes, including information on how we determine our current year amounts payable or refundable, as well as our estimate of deferred tax assets and liabilities.

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

We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates, stock prices, currency exchange rates, and debt prices.

We manage our exposure to these risks by monitoring available financing alternatives, through development and application of credit granting policies and by entering into derivative arrangements. We do not foresee any significant changes in either our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates or currency rates or how we manage such exposure in the future.

We are exposed to interest rate risk on our floating-rate notes receivable and floating-rate debt. Changes in interest rates also impact the fair value of our fixed-rate notes receivable and the fair value of our fixed-rate long-term debt.

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We are also subject to risk from changes in debt prices from our investments in debt securities and fluctuations in stock price from our investment in a publicly traded company. Changes in the price of the underlying stock can impact the fair value of our investment. We account for our investments as available-for-sale securities under the guidance for accounting for certain investments in debt and equity securities. At year-end 2015, our investments had a fair value of \$37 million.

We use derivative instruments, including cash flow hedges, net investment in non-U.S. operations hedges, and other derivative instruments, as part of our overall strategy to manage our exposure to market risks associated with fluctuations in interest rates and currency exchange rates. As a matter of policy, we only enter into transactions that we believe will be highly effective at offsetting the underlying risk, and we do not use derivatives for trading or speculative purposes. See Footnote No. 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," for more information on derivative instruments.

The following table sets forth the scheduled maturities and the total fair value as of year-end 2015 for our financial instruments that are impacted by market risks:

	Maturities by Period							
(\$ in millions)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	There- after	Total Carrying Amount	Total Fair Value
Assets - Maturities represent expected principal receipts, fair values represent assets.								
Fixed-rate notes receivable	\$2	\$2	\$19	\$1	\$2	\$39	\$65	\$65
Average interest rate							2.09	%
Floating-rate notes receivable	\$4	\$1	\$41	\$4	\$—	\$106	\$156	\$151
Average interest rate							5.73	%
Liabilities - Maturities represent expected principal payments, fair values represent liabilities.								
Fixed-rate debt	\$(299)	\$(301)	\$(9)	\$(605)	\$(357)	\$(1,593)	\$(3,164)	\$(2,943)
Average interest rate							3.68	%
Floating-rate debt	\$—	\$—	\$(938)	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$(938)	\$(938)
Average interest rate							0.62	%

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Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

The following financial information is included on the pages indicated:

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MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of Marriott International, Inc. (the "Company") is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting and for assessing the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. The Company has designed its internal control over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance on the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

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

Because of inherent limitations in internal control over financial reporting, such controls may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of internal controls to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In connection with the preparation of the Company's annual consolidated financial statements, management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in the Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 Framework) (the "COSO criteria").

Based on this assessment, management has concluded that, applying the COSO criteria, as of December 31, 2015, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective to provide reasonable assurance of the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Ernst & Young LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm that audited the Company's consolidated financial statements included in this report, has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, a copy of which appears on the following page.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Shareholders of Marriott International, Inc.

We have audited Marriott International, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 Framework) (the COSO criteria). Marriott International, Inc.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Marriott International, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Marriott International, Inc. as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, shareholders' (deficit) equity and cash flows for each of the three fiscal years in the period ended December 31, 2015 of Marriott International, Inc. and our report dated February 18, 2016 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP
McLean, Virginia
February 18, 2016

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Shareholders of Marriott International, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Marriott International, Inc. as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, shareholders' (deficit) equity and cash flows for each of the three fiscal years in the period ended December 31, 2015. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Marriott International, Inc. at December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three fiscal years in the period ended December 31, 2015, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Marriott International, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 Framework) and our report dated February 18, 2016 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP
McLean, Virginia
February 18, 2016

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

Fiscal Years 2015, 2014, and 2013

(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
REVENUES			
Base management fees ⁽¹⁾	\$698	\$672	\$621
Franchise fees	853	745	666
Incentive management fees ⁽¹⁾	319	302	256
Owned, leased, and other revenue ⁽¹⁾	986	1,022	950
Cost reimbursements ⁽¹⁾	11,630	11,055	10,291
	14,486	13,796	12,784
OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES			
Owned, leased, and other-direct	733	775	729
Reimbursed costs ⁽¹⁾	11,630	11,055	10,291
Depreciation, amortization, and other ⁽¹⁾	139	148	127
General, administrative, and other ⁽¹⁾	634	659	649
	13,136	12,637	11,796
OPERATING INCOME	1,350	1,159	988
Gains and other income, net ⁽¹⁾	27	8	11
Interest expense ⁽¹⁾	(167	) (115	) (120
Interest income ⁽¹⁾	29	30	23
Equity in earnings (losses) ⁽¹⁾	16	6	(5
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	1,255	1,088	897
Provision for income taxes	(396	) (335	) (271
NET INCOME	\$859	\$753	\$626
EARNINGS PER SHARE			
Earnings per share - basic	\$3.22	\$2.60	\$2.05
Earnings per share - diluted	\$3.15	\$2.54	\$2.00

⁽¹⁾ See Footnote No. 17, "Related Party Transactions," to our Consolidated Financial Statements for disclosure of related party amounts.

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Fiscal Years 2015, 2014, and 2013

(\$ in millions)

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	
Net income	\$859	\$753	\$626	
Other comprehensive (loss) income:				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(123	) (41	) 1
Other derivative instrument adjustments, net of tax	10	8	—	
Unrealized (loss) gain on available-for-sale securities, net of tax	(7	) 5	5
Reclassification of (gains) losses, net of tax	(6) 2	(6)
Total other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	(126) (26) —	
Comprehensive income	\$733	\$727	\$626	

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MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
Fiscal Years-Ended 2015 and 2014
(\$ in millions)

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and equivalents	\$96	\$104
Accounts and notes receivable, net ⁽¹⁾	1,103	1,100
Prepaid expenses	77	64
Other ⁽¹⁾	30	109
Assets held for sale	78	233
	1,384	1,610
Property and equipment, net	1,029	1,460
Intangible assets		
Contract acquisition costs and other ⁽¹⁾	1,451	1,351
Goodwill	943	894
	2,394	2,245
Equity and cost method investments ⁽¹⁾	165	224
Notes receivable, net	215	215
Deferred taxes, net ⁽¹⁾	672	819
Other noncurrent assets ⁽¹⁾	223	260
	\$6,082	\$6,833
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT		
Current liabilities		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$300	\$324
Accounts payable ⁽¹⁾	593	605
Accrued payroll and benefits	861	799
Liability for guest loyalty programs	952	677
Accrued expenses and other ⁽¹⁾	527	633
	3,233	3,038
Long-term debt	3,807	3,447
Liability for guest loyalty programs	1,622	1,657
Other noncurrent liabilities ⁽¹⁾	1,010	891
Shareholders' deficit		
Class A Common Stock	5	5
Additional paid-in-capital	2,821	2,802
Retained earnings	4,878	4,286
Treasury stock, at cost	(11,098)	(9,223)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(196)	(70)
	(3,590)	(2,200)
	\$6,082	\$6,833

⁽¹⁾ See Footnote No. 17, "Related Party Transactions," to our Consolidated Financial Statements for disclosure of related party amounts.

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MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
Fiscal Years 2015, 2014, and 2013
(\$ in millions)

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net income	\$859	\$753	\$626
Adjustments to reconcile to cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation, amortization, and other	139	148	127
Share-based compensation	113	109	116
Income taxes	143	71	73
Liability for guest loyalty program	233	175	99
Working capital changes	(126)	) (120)	) 50
Other	69	88	49
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,430	1,224	1,140
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Capital expenditures	(305)	) (411)	) (296)
Dispositions	673	435	—
Loan advances	(66)	) (103)	) (7)
Loan collections	92	34	77
Equity and cost method investments	(7)	) (6)	) (16)
Contract acquisition costs	(121)	) (65)	) (61)
Acquisition of a business, net of cash acquired	(137)	) (184)	) (112)
Redemption of / (investment in) debt security	121	—	(65)
Other	117	(13)	) (39)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	367	(313)	) (519)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Commercial paper/Credit Facility, net	(140)	) 235	311
Issuance of long-term debt	790	394	345
Repayment of long-term debt	(325)	) (7)	) (407)
Issuance of Class A Common Stock	40	178	199
Dividends paid	(253)	) (223)	) (196)
Purchase of treasury stock	(1,917)	) (1,510)	) (834)
Other	—	—	(1)
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,805)	) (933)	) (583)
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	(8)	) (22)	) 38
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	104	126	88
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$96	\$104	\$126
See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.			

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MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' (DEFICIT) EQUITY

Fiscal Years 2015, 2014, and 2013

(in millions)

Common Shares Outstanding		Total	Class A Common Stock	Additional Paid-in- Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock, at Cost	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss
310.9	Balance at December 28, 2012	\$(1,285)	\$5	\$ 2,585	\$3,509	\$(7,340)	\$ (44)
—	Net income	626	—	—	626	—	—
—	Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	Dividends	(195)	—	—	(195)	—	—
7.1	Employee stock plan	269	—	131	(103)	241	—
(20)	Purchase of treasury stock	(830)	—	—	—	(830)	—
298.0	Balance at December 31, 2013	(1,415)	5	2,716	3,837	(7,929)	(44)
—	Net income	753	—	—	753	—	—
—	Other comprehensive income	(26)	—	—	—	—	(26)
—	Dividends	(223)	—	—	(223)	—	—
6.1	Employee stock plan	211	—	86	(81)	206	—
(24.2)	Purchase of treasury stock	(1,500)	—	—	—	(1,500)	—
279.9	Balance at December 31, 2014	(2,200)	5	2,802	4,286	(9,223)	(70)
—	Net income	859	—	—	859	—	—
—	Other comprehensive loss	(126)	—	—	—	—	(126)
—	Dividends	(253)	—	—	(253)	—	—
2.1	Employee stock plan	70	—	19	(14)	65	—
(25.7)	Purchase of treasury stock	(1,940)	—	—	—	(1,940)	—
256.3 ⁽¹⁾	Balance at December 31, 2015	\$(3,590)	\$5	\$ 2,821	\$4,878	\$(11,098)	\$ (196)

Our restated certificate of incorporation authorizes 800 million shares of our common stock, with a par value of

⁽¹⁾ \$.01 per share and 10 million shares of preferred stock, without par value. At year-end 2015, we had 265.3 million of these authorized shares of our common stock and no preferred stock outstanding.

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MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The consolidated financial statements present the results of operations, financial position, and cash flows of Marriott International, Inc. (“Marriott,” and together with its consolidated subsidiaries, as “we,” “us,” or “the Company”). In order to make this report easier to read, we also refer throughout to (i) our Consolidated Financial Statements as our “Financial Statements,” (ii) our Consolidated Statements of Income as our “Income Statements,” (iii) our Consolidated Balance Sheets as our “Balance Sheets,” (iv) our properties, brands, or markets in the United States (“U.S.”) and Canada as “North America” or “North American,” and (v) our properties, brands, or markets outside of the United States and Canada as “International.” In addition, references throughout to numbered “Footnotes” refer to the numbered Notes in these Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, unless otherwise noted.

Preparation of financial statements that conform with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements, the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods, and the disclosures of contingent liabilities. Accordingly, ultimate results could differ from those estimates.

The accompanying Financial Statements reflect all normal and recurring adjustments necessary to present fairly our financial position at fiscal year-end 2015 and fiscal year-end 2014 and the results of our operations and cash flows for fiscal years 2015, 2014, and 2013. We have eliminated all material intercompany transactions and balances between entities consolidated in these Financial Statements. In addition, in 2015, we recorded a cumulative \$25 million adjustment to “Retained earnings” to correct immaterial errors attributable to excess tax benefits for share-based compensation that we allocated to foreign affiliates, which had previously resulted in immaterial overstatements in both the “Provision for income taxes” in our Income Statements and “Additional paid-in-capital” in our Balance Sheets for the years 2003-2014.

Fiscal Year

Beginning with our 2013 fiscal year, we changed our financial reporting cycle to a calendar year-end reporting cycle and an end-of-month quarterly reporting cycle. Accordingly, our 2013 fiscal year began on December 29, 2012 (the day after the end of the 2012 fiscal year) and ended on December 31, 2013. Historically, our fiscal year was a 52-53 week fiscal year that ended on the Friday nearest to December 31. As a result, our 2015 and 2014 fiscal years had three fewer days than our 2013 fiscal year.

The table below presents each completed fiscal year we refer to in this report, the date the fiscal year ended, and the number of days in that fiscal year, and unless otherwise specified, each reference to a particular year means the fiscal year ended on the date shown below:

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year-End Date	Number of Days	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year-End Date	Number of Days
2015	December 31, 2015	365	2010	December 31, 2010	364
2014	December 31, 2014	365	2009	January 1, 2010	364
2013	December 31, 2013	368	2008	January 2, 2009	371
2012	December 28, 2012	364	2007	December 28, 2007	364
2011	December 30, 2011	364	2006	December 29, 2006	364

Beginning in 2014, our fiscal years are the same as the corresponding calendar year (each beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31, and containing 365 or 366 days).

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue Recognition

Our revenues include: (1) base management and incentive management fees; (2) franchise fees (including licensing fees from MVW after the spin-off of \$59 million for 2015, \$60 million for 2014, and \$61 million for 2013); (3) revenues from lodging properties we own or lease; and (4) cost reimbursements. Management fees are typically composed of a base fee, which is a percentage of the revenues of hotels, and an incentive fee, which is generally based on hotel profitability. Franchise fees are typically composed of initial application fees and continuing royalties generated from our franchise programs, which permit the hotel owners and operators to use certain of our brand names. Cost reimbursements include direct and indirect costs that are reimbursed to us by properties that we manage, franchise, or license.

Base Management and Incentive Management Fees: We recognize base management fees as revenue when we earn them under the contracts. In interim periods and at year-end, we recognize incentive management fees that would be due as if the contracts were to terminate at that date, exclusive of any termination fees payable or receivable by us.

Franchise Fee and License Fee Revenue: We recognize franchise fees and license fees as revenue in each accounting period as we earn those fees from the franchisee or licensee under the contracts.

Owned and Leased Units: We recognize room sales and revenues from other guest services for our owned and leased units when rooms are occupied and when we have rendered the services.

Cost Reimbursements: We recognize cost reimbursements from managed, franchised, and licensed properties when we incur the related reimbursable costs. These costs primarily consist of payroll and related expenses at managed properties where we are the employer and also include certain operational and administrative costs as provided for in our contracts with the owners. As these costs have no added markup, the revenue and related expense have no impact on either our operating or net income.

Other Revenue: Includes other third-party licensing fees, branding fees for third-party residential sales and credit card licensing, land rental income, and other revenue. We generally recognize other revenue as services are rendered and when collection is reasonably assured. Amounts received in advance are deferred as liabilities.

Real Estate Sales

We reduce gains on sales of real estate by our maximum exposure to loss if we have continuing involvement with the property and do not transfer substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership. In sales transactions where we retain a management contract, the terms and conditions of the management contract are generally comparable to the terms and conditions of the management contracts obtained directly with third-party owners in competitive bid processes.

Rewards Programs

Marriott Rewards and The Ritz-Carlton Rewards are our frequent guest loyalty programs. Program members earn points based on the money they spend at our hotels, purchases of timeshare interval, fractional ownership, and residential products and, to a lesser degree, through participation in affiliated partners' programs, such as those offered by car rental and credit card companies. Members can redeem points, which we track on their behalf, for stays at most of our hotels, airline tickets, airline frequent flyer program miles, rental cars, and a variety of other awards. Points cannot be redeemed for cash. We provide Marriott Rewards and The Ritz-Carlton Rewards as marketing programs to participating properties, with the objective of operating the programs on a break-even basis to us. We collect amounts that we expect will, in the aggregate, equal the costs of point redemptions and program operating costs over time. We defer revenue we receive from managed, franchised, and Marriott-owned/leased hotels and program partners. Our management and franchise agreements require that properties reimburse us currently for the costs of operating the rewards programs, including marketing, promotion, communication with, and performing member services for rewards program members. Due to the requirement that properties reimburse us for program operating costs as incurred, we recognize the related cost reimbursements revenues from properties for our rewards programs when we incur and expense such costs. We also recognize the component of revenue from program partners that corresponds to program maintenance services when we incur and expense such costs. When points are redeemed we recognize the amounts we previously deferred as revenue and the corresponding expense relating to the costs of the awards redeemed.

The recorded liability related to these programs totaled \$2,574 million at year-end 2015 and \$2,334 million at year-end 2014. We estimate the reasonableness and the value of the future redemption obligations using statistical formulas that project timing of future point redemptions based on historical levels, including an estimate of the “breakage” for points that members

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will never redeem, and an estimate of the points that members will eventually redeem. A ten percent reduction in the estimate of “breakage” would have increased the estimated year-end 2015 liability by \$164 million.

Profit Sharing Plan

We contribute to a profit sharing plan for the benefit of employees meeting certain eligibility requirements who elect to participate in the plan. Participating employees specify the percentage of salary deferred. We recognized compensation costs from profit sharing of \$80 million in 2015, \$76 million in 2014, and \$75 million in 2013.

Non-U.S. Operations

The U.S. dollar is the functional currency of our consolidated and unconsolidated entities operating in the United States. The functional currency of our consolidated and unconsolidated entities operating outside of the United States is generally the principal currency of the economic environment in which the entity primarily generates and expends cash. We translate the financial statements of consolidated entities whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar into U.S. dollars, and we do the same, as needed, for unconsolidated entities whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar. We translate assets and liabilities at the exchange rate in effect as of the financial statement date, and translate income statement accounts using the weighted average exchange rate for the period. We include translation adjustments from currency exchange and the effect of exchange rate changes on intercompany transactions of a long-term investment nature as a separate component of shareholders’ equity. We report gains and losses from currency exchange rate changes for intercompany receivables and payables that are not of a long-term investment nature, as well as gains and losses from non-U.S. currency transactions, currently in operating costs and expenses, and those amounted to losses of \$6 million in 2015, \$16 million in 2014, and \$5 million in 2013.

Share-Based Compensation

We grant share-based compensation awards at exercise prices or strike prices that equal the market price of our common stock on the date of grant. For all share-based awards, we measure compensation costs for our share-based payment transactions at fair value on the grant date, and we recognize those costs in our Financial Statements over the vesting period during which the employee provides service (“the service period”) in exchange for the award.

On the grant date, we use a binomial lattice-based valuation model to estimate the fair value of each stock appreciation right and stock option granted. This valuation model uses a range of possible stock price outcomes over the term of the award, discounted back to a present value using a risk-free rate. Because of the limitations with closed-form valuation models, such as the Black-Scholes model, we have determined that this more flexible binomial model provides a better estimate of the fair value of our stock appreciation rights and stock options because it takes into account employee and non-employee director exercise behavior based on changes in the price of our stock and also allows us to use other dynamic assumptions. See Footnote No. 5, “Share-Based Compensation” for further information.

Income Taxes

We record the amounts of taxes payable or refundable for the current year, as well as deferred tax liabilities and assets for the future tax consequences of events we have recognized in our Financial Statements or tax returns, using judgment in assessing future profitability and the likely future tax consequences of those events. We base our estimates of deferred tax assets and liabilities on current tax laws, rates and interpretations, and, in certain cases, business plans and other expectations about future outcomes. We develop our estimates of future profitability based on our historical data and experience, industry projections, micro and macro general economic condition projections, and our expectations.

Changes in existing tax laws and rates, their related interpretations, and the uncertainty generated by the current economic environment may affect the amounts of our deferred tax liabilities or the valuations of our deferred tax assets over time. Our accounting for deferred tax consequences represents management’s best estimate of future events that can be appropriately reflected in the accounting estimates.

For tax positions we have taken or expect to take in a tax return, we apply a more likely than not threshold, under which we must conclude a tax position is more likely than not to be sustained, assuming that the position will be examined by the appropriate taxing authority that has full knowledge of all relevant information, in order to continue to recognize the benefit. In determining our provision for income taxes, we use judgment, reflecting our estimates and assumptions, in applying the more likely than not threshold. We recognize accrued interest and penalties for our

unrecognized tax benefits as a component of tax expense. See Footnote No. 6, "Income Taxes," for further information.

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Cash and Equivalents

We consider all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less at date of purchase to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable

Our accounts receivable primarily consist of amounts due from hotel owners with whom we have management and franchise agreements and include reimbursements of costs we incurred on behalf of managed and franchised properties. We generally collect these receivables within 30 days. We record an accounts receivable reserve when losses are probable, based on an assessment of historical collection activity and current business conditions. Our accounts receivable reserve was \$25 million at year-end 2015 and \$33 million at year-end 2014.

Assets Held for Sale

We consider properties to be assets held for sale when (1) management commits to a plan to sell the property; (2) it is unlikely that the disposal plan will be significantly modified or discontinued; (3) the property is available for immediate sale in its present condition; (4) actions required to complete the sale of the property have been initiated; (5) sale of the property is probable and we expect the completed sale will occur within one year; and (6) the property is actively being marketed for sale at a price that is reasonable given our estimate of current market value. Upon designation of a property as an asset held for sale, we record the property's value at the lower of its carrying value or its estimated fair value, less estimated costs to sell, and we cease depreciation. See Footnote No. 3, "Acquisitions and Dispositions" for additional information on planned dispositions.

Goodwill

We assess goodwill for potential impairment at the end of each fiscal year, or during the year if an event or other circumstance indicates that we may not be able to recover the carrying amount of the net assets of the reporting unit. In evaluating goodwill for impairment, we may first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not (that is, a likelihood of more than 50 percent) that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. Qualitative factors that we consider include, for example, macroeconomic and industry conditions, overall financial performance, and other relevant entity-specific events. If we bypass the qualitative assessment, or if we conclude that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value, then we perform a two-step goodwill impairment test to identify potential goodwill impairment and measure the amount of goodwill impairment we will recognize, if any.

In the first step of the two-step goodwill impairment test ("Step 1"), we compare the estimated fair value of the reporting unit with its carrying value. If the estimated fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, no further analysis is needed. If, however, the estimated fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, we proceed to the second step and calculate the implied fair value of the reporting unit goodwill to determine whether any impairment is required. We calculate the implied fair value of the reporting unit goodwill by allocating the estimated fair value of the reporting unit to all of the unit's assets and liabilities as if the unit had been acquired in a business combination. If the carrying value of the reporting unit's goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of the goodwill, we recognize an impairment loss in the amount of that excess. In allocating the estimated fair value of the reporting unit to all of the assets and liabilities of the reporting unit, we use industry and market data, as well as knowledge of the industry and our past experience.

We calculate the estimated fair value of a reporting unit using the income approach. For the income approach, we use internally developed discounted cash flow models that include the following assumptions, among others: projections of revenues, expenses, and related cash flows based on assumed long-term growth rates and demand trends; expected future investments to grow new units; and estimated discount rates. We base these assumptions on our historical data and experience, third-party appraisals, industry projections, micro and macro general economic condition projections, and our expectations.

We have had no goodwill impairment charges for the last three fiscal years.

Intangibles and Long-Lived Assets

We assess indefinite-lived intangible assets for potential impairment and continued indefinite use at the end of each fiscal year, or during the year if an event or other circumstance indicates that we may not be able to recover the carrying amount of the asset. Similar to goodwill, we may first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is

more likely than not that the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible is less than its carrying amount. If the carrying value of the asset exceeds the implied fair value, we recognize an impairment loss in the amount of that excess. We test definite-lived intangibles and long-lived asset groups for recoverability when changes in circumstances indicate that we may not be able to recover the carrying value; for example, when there are material adverse changes in projected

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revenues or expenses, significant under performance relative to historical or projected operating results, or significant negative industry or economic trends. We also test recoverability when management has committed to a plan to sell or otherwise dispose of an asset group and we expect to complete the plan within a year. We evaluate recoverability of an asset group by comparing its carrying value to the future net undiscounted cash flows that we expect the asset group will generate. If the comparison indicates that we will not be able to recover the carrying value of an asset group, we recognize an impairment loss for the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value. When we recognize an impairment loss for assets to be held and used, we depreciate the adjusted carrying amount of those assets over their remaining useful life.

We calculate the estimated fair value of an intangible asset or asset group using the income approach or the market approach. We utilize the same assumptions and methodology for the income approach that we describe in the “Goodwill” caption. For the market approach, we use internal analyses based primarily on market comparables and assumptions about market capitalization rates, growth rates, and inflation.

Investments

We may hold an equity interest in ventures established to develop or acquire and own hotel properties. These ventures are generally limited liability companies or limited partnerships. We account for investments in such entities using the cost method of accounting when we own a minimal investment and the equity method of accounting when we own more than a minimal investment. We account for investments in other ventures using the equity method of accounting when we exercise significant influence over the entities. If we do not exercise significant influence, we account for the investment using the cost method of accounting. We consolidate entities that we control.

Under the accounting guidance for the consolidation of variable interest entities, we analyze our variable interests, including equity investments, loans, and guarantees, to determine if an entity in which we have a variable interest is a variable interest entity. Our analysis includes both quantitative and qualitative reviews. We base our quantitative analysis on the forecasted cash flows of the entity, and our qualitative analysis on our review of the design of the entity, its organizational structure including decision-making ability, and relevant financial agreements. We also use our qualitative analysis to determine if we must consolidate a variable interest entity as its primary beneficiary.

We evaluate an investment for impairment when circumstances indicate that we may not be able to recover the carrying value. For example, when evaluating our ventures, we consider loan defaults, significant under-performance relative to historical or projected operating performance, or significant negative industry or economic trends.

We impair investments we account for using the equity and cost methods of accounting when we determine that there has been an “other-than-temporary” decline in the venture’s estimated fair value compared to its carrying value.

Additionally, a venture’s commitment to a plan to sell some or all of its assets could cause us to evaluate the recoverability of the venture’s individual long-lived assets and possibly the venture itself.

We calculate the estimated fair value of an investment using either a market approach or an income approach. We utilize the same assumptions and methodology for the income approach that we describe in the “Goodwill” caption. For the market approach, we use internal analyses based primarily on market comparables and assumptions about market capitalization rates, growth rates, and inflation.

For investments in securities classified as available-for-sale, we determine the cost basis of the securities sold using specific identification, meaning that we track our securities individually.

Fair Value Measurements

We have various financial instruments we must measure at fair value on a recurring basis, including certain marketable securities and derivatives. See Footnote No. 14, “Fair Value of Financial Instruments” for further information. We also apply the provisions of fair value measurement to various nonrecurring measurements for our financial and nonfinancial assets and liabilities.

Accounting standards define fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). We measure our assets and liabilities using inputs from the following three levels of the fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 inputs are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that we have the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the

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asset or liability (i.e., interest rates, yield curves, etc.), and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means (market corroborated inputs).

Level 3 includes unobservable inputs that reflect our assumptions about what factors market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. We develop these inputs based on the best information available, including our own data.

Derivative Instruments

We record derivatives at fair value. The designation of a derivative instrument as a hedge and its ability to meet the hedge accounting criteria determine how we reflect the change in fair value of the derivative instrument in our Financial Statements. A derivative qualifies for hedge accounting if, at inception, we expect the derivative will be highly effective in offsetting the underlying hedged cash flows or fair value and we fulfill the hedge documentation standards at the time we enter into the derivative contract. We designate a hedge as a cash flow hedge, fair value hedge, or a net investment in non-U.S. operations hedge based on the exposure we are hedging. For the effective portion of qualifying cash flow hedges, we record changes in fair value in other comprehensive income ("OCI"). We release the derivative's gain or loss from OCI to match the timing of the underlying hedged items' effect on earnings. We review the effectiveness of our hedging instruments quarterly, recognize current period hedge ineffectiveness immediately in earnings, and discontinue hedge accounting for any hedge that we no longer consider to be highly effective. We recognize changes in fair value for derivatives not designated as hedges or those not qualifying for hedge accounting in current period earnings. Upon termination of cash flow hedges, we release gains and losses from OCI based on the timing of the underlying cash flows or revenue recognized, unless the termination results from the failure of the intended transaction to occur in the expected time frame. Such untimely transactions require us to immediately recognize in earnings the gains and/or losses that we previously recorded in OCI.

Changes in interest rates, currency exchange rates, and equity securities expose us to market risk. We manage our exposure to these risks by monitoring available financing alternatives, as well as through development and application of credit granting policies. We also use derivative instruments, including cash flow hedges, net investment in non-U.S. operations hedges, fair value hedges, and other derivative instruments, as part of our overall strategy to manage our exposure to market risks. As a matter of policy, we only enter into transactions that we believe will be highly effective at offsetting the underlying risk, and we do not use derivatives for trading or speculative purposes.

Loan Loss Reserves

We may make senior, mezzanine, and other loans to owners of hotels that we operate or franchise, generally to facilitate the development of a hotel and sometimes to facilitate brand programs or initiatives. We expect the owners to repay the loans in accordance with the loan agreements, or earlier as the hotels mature and capital markets permit. We use metrics such as loan-to-value ratios and debt service coverage, and other information about collateral and from third party rating agencies to assess the credit quality of the loan receivable, both upon entering into the loan agreement and on an ongoing basis as applicable.

On a regular basis, we individually assess loans for impairment. We use internally generated cash flow projections to determine if we expect the loans to be repaid under the terms of the loan agreements. If we conclude that it is probable a borrower will not repay a loan in accordance with its terms, we consider the loan impaired and begin recognizing interest income on a cash basis. To measure impairment, we calculate the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's original effective interest rate or the estimated fair value of the collateral. If the present value or the estimated collateral is less than the carrying value of the loan receivable, we establish a specific impairment reserve for the difference.

If it is likely that a loan will not be collected based on financial or other business indicators, including our historical experience, our policy is to charge off the loan in the quarter in which we deem it uncollectible.

Guarantees

We measure and record our liability for the fair value of a guarantee on a nonrecurring basis, that is when we issue or modify a guarantee, using Level 3 internally developed inputs, as described above in this footnote under the heading "Fair Value Measurements." We base our calculation of the estimated fair value of a guarantee on the income approach or the market approach, depending on the type of guarantee. For the income approach, we use internally developed discounted cash flow and Monte Carlo simulation models that include the following assumptions, among others: projections of revenues and expenses and related cash flows based on assumed growth rates and demand trends;

historical volatility of projected performance; the guaranteed obligations; and applicable discount rates. We base these assumptions on our historical data and experience, industry projections, micro and macro general economic condition projections, and our expectations. For the market approach,

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we use internal analyses based primarily on market comparable data and our assumptions about market capitalization rates, credit spreads, growth rates, and inflation.

The offsetting entry for the guarantee liability depends on the circumstances in which the guarantee was issued. Funding under the guarantee reduces the recorded liability. In most cases, when we do not forecast any funding, we amortize the liability into income on a straight-line basis over the remaining term of the guarantee. On a quarterly basis, we evaluate all material estimated liabilities based on the operating results and the terms of the guarantee. If we conclude that it is probable that we will be required to fund a greater amount than previously estimated, we record a loss except to the extent that the applicable contracts provide that the advance can be recovered as a loan.

Self-Insurance Programs

We self-insure for certain levels of property, liability, workers' compensation and employee medical coverage. We accrue estimated costs of these self-insurance programs at the present value of projected settlements for known and incurred but not reported claims. We use a discount rate of 2.0 percent to determine the present value of the projected settlements, which we consider to be reasonable given our history of settled claims, including payment patterns and the fixed nature of the individual settlements.

We are subject to a variety of assessments for our insurance activities, including those by state guaranty funds and workers' compensation second-injury funds. We record our liabilities for these assessments in the "Accrued expenses and other" caption of our Balance Sheets. These liabilities, which are not discounted, totaled \$5 million at year-end 2015 and \$4 million at year-end 2014. We expect to pay the \$5 million liability for assessments by the end of 2016.

Legal Contingencies

We are subject to various legal proceedings and claims, the outcomes of which are uncertain. We record an accrual for legal contingencies when we determine that it is probable that we have incurred a liability and we can reasonably estimate the amount of the loss. In making such determinations we evaluate, among other things, the probability of an unfavorable outcome and, when we believe it probable that a liability has been incurred, our ability to make a reasonable estimate of the loss. We review these accruals each reporting period and make revisions based on changes in facts and circumstances.

Business Combinations

We allocate the purchase price of an acquisition to the tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at the acquisition date. We recognize as goodwill the amount by which the purchase price of an acquired entity exceeds the net of the fair values assigned to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. In determining the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed, we use various recognized valuation methods including the income and market approaches. Further, we make assumptions within certain valuation techniques, including discount rates, royalty rates, and timing of future cash flows. We record the net assets and results of operations of an acquired entity in our Financial Statements from the acquisition date. We initially perform these valuations based upon preliminary estimates and assumptions by management or independent valuation specialists under our supervision, where appropriate, and make revisions as estimates and assumptions are finalized. We expense acquisition-related costs as incurred.

New Accounting Standards

Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09 - "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" ("ASU No. 2014-09") ASU No. 2014-09 supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Topic 605, Revenue Recognition, as well as most industry-specific guidance, and significantly enhances comparability of revenue recognition practices across entities and industries by providing a principles-based, comprehensive framework for addressing revenue recognition issues. In order for a provider of promised goods or services to recognize as revenue the consideration that it expects to receive in exchange for the promised goods or services, the provider should apply the following five steps: (1) identify the contract with a customer(s); (2) identify the performance obligations in the contract; (3) determine the transaction price; (4) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract; and (5) recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation. ASU No. 2014-09 also specifies the accounting for some costs to obtain or fulfill a contract with a customer and provides enhanced disclosure requirements. The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") has deferred ASU No. 2014-09 for one year, and with that deferral, the standard will be effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim

periods within that reporting period, which for us will be our 2018 first quarter. We are permitted to use either the retrospective or the modified retrospective method when adopting ASU No. 2014-09. We are still assessing the potential impact that ASU No. 2014-09 will have on our financial statements and disclosures, but we believe that there could be changes to the revenue recognition of real estate sales, franchise fees, and incentive management fees.

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Accounting Standards Update No. 2015-03 - “Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs” (“ASU No. 2015-03”) In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, which requires entities to present debt issuance costs in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the related debt liability rather than as an asset. We adopted the standard in the 2015 fourth quarter and retrospectively applied the standard to the 2014 Balance Sheet by reclassifying \$10 million of debt issuance costs from “Other noncurrent assets” to “Long-term debt.”

Accounting Standards Update No. 2015-17 - “Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes” (“ASU No. 2015-17”) In November 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-17, which requires entities with a classified balance sheet to present all deferred tax assets and liabilities as noncurrent. We adopted the standard in the 2015 fourth quarter and retrospectively applied the standard to the 2014 Balance Sheet, resulting in reclassifications of \$311 million of current deferred tax assets and \$22 million of current deferred tax liabilities to noncurrent deferred tax assets.

3. ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS

2016 Planned Acquisition

On November 15, 2015, we entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”) to combine with Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. (“Starwood”). The Merger Agreement provides for the Company to combine with Starwood in a series of transactions after which Starwood will be an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. If these transactions are completed, shareholders of Starwood will receive 0.920 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and \$2.00 in cash, without interest, for each share of Starwood common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, that they own immediately before these transactions. We expect that the combination will close in mid-2016, after customary conditions are satisfied, including shareholder approvals, required antitrust approvals, and the completion of Starwood’s previously announced spin-off of its vacation ownership business, or another spin-off, split-off, analogous disposition, or sale of its vacation ownership business.

2015 Acquisitions

In the 2015 second quarter, we acquired the Delta Hotels and Resorts brand, management and franchise business, together with related intellectual property, from Delta Hotels Limited Partnership, a subsidiary of British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (“bcIMC”) for approximately \$134 million (C\$170 million), plus \$2 million (C\$2 million) of working capital, for a total purchase price of \$136 million (C\$172 million) in cash. We finalized the purchase accounting during the 2015 third quarter and recognized approximately: \$127 million (C\$161 million) in intangible assets consisting of contract assets of \$17 million (C\$22 million), an indefinite-lived brand intangible of \$91 million (C\$115 million), and goodwill of \$19 million (C\$24 million); and \$9 million (C\$11 million) of tangible assets consisting of property and equipment and other assets. As a result of the transaction, we added 37 open hotels and resorts with 9,590 rooms across Canada, including 27 properties under management agreements (13 of which have new 30-year management agreements with bcIMC-affiliated entities) and 10 properties under franchise agreements, plus five hotels under development (including one under a new 30-year management agreement with a bcIMC-affiliated entity).

2015 Dispositions and Planned Dispositions as of Year-End 2015

We sold The Miami Beach EDITION during the 2015 first quarter, and we sold The New York (Madison Square Park) EDITION at the beginning of the 2015 second quarter. We received total cash proceeds of \$566 million in 2015. In the 2015 first quarter, we recorded a \$6 million impairment charge for The New York (Madison Square Park) EDITION in the “Depreciation, amortization, and other” caption of our Income Statements as our cost estimates exceeded our total fixed sales price. We did not allocate the charge to any of our segments.

In the 2015 first quarter, we sold our interest in an International property and received \$27 million (€24 million) in cash.

In the 2015 third quarter, our equity method investment in an entity that owns two hotels was redeemed. We received \$42 million in cash, which was our basis in the investment, and included the proceeds in the “other” caption of our Investing Activities section of our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

In the 2015 fourth quarter, we sold an International property and received \$62 million in cash. We recorded a loss of \$11 million in the “Gains and other income, net” caption of our Income Statements.

At year-end 2015, we held \$78 million of assets classified as “Assets held for sale” and \$3 million of liabilities associated with those assets, which we recorded under “Accrued expenses and other” on our Balance Sheet for assets

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sell by early 2016. We determined that the carrying values of those assets exceeded their fair values, which we estimated using a market approach and Level 3 inputs. Consequently, we recorded charges for the expected disposal loss, which represents the amount by which the carrying values, including any goodwill we must allocate, exceeds the fair values, less our anticipated cost to sell. We classified assets as held for sale and associated liabilities that relate to the following:

\$47 million in assets and \$1 million in liabilities for a North American Limited-Service segment plot of land. During the 2015 second quarter, we determined that achieving certain milestones outlined in a signed purchase and sale agreement was likely, and we recorded a \$4 million expected loss in the “Gains and other income, net” caption of our Income Statements.

\$31 million in assets and \$2 million in liabilities for The Miami Beach EDITION residences (the “residences”). During the 2015 first quarter, we recorded a \$6 million charge, which we did not allocate to any of our segments, following a review of comparable property values. We classified the residences charge in the “Depreciation, amortization, and other” caption of our Income Statements because it is part of a larger mixed-use project for which we had recorded similar charges in prior periods. During 2015, we sold five residences and received \$20 million in cash.

2014 Acquisitions

In the 2014 second quarter, we acquired the Protea Hotel Group’s brands and hotel management business (“Protea Hotels”) for \$195 million (ZAR 2.059 billion) in cash. We finalized the purchase accounting during the 2015 second quarter, adjusting fair value amounts that we had provisionally recognized in the 2014 second quarter following refinements to our intangible valuation models. The 2015 second quarter adjustments included a decrease to our contract assets of \$40 million and a decrease to our indefinite-lived brand intangible of \$12 million, with a corresponding increase to goodwill. These adjustments, and the related contract asset amortization impacts, did not have a significant impact on our previously reported Financial Statements, and accordingly, we did not retrospectively adjust those Financial Statements.

In the 2014 fourth quarter, we acquired a property under construction in Brazil for \$31 million (R\$74 million) in cash.

2014 Dispositions

In the 2014 first quarter, we sold The London EDITION to a third party, received approximately \$233 million in cash, and simultaneously entered into definitive agreements to sell The Miami Beach and The New York (Madison Square Park) EDITION hotels upon completion of construction to the same third party. The total sales price for the three EDITION hotels was approximately \$816 million in cash and assumed liabilities. We retained long-term management agreements for each of the hotels. During 2014, we evaluated the three hotels for recovery and recorded a \$25 million net impairment charge, primarily attributable to The Miami Beach EDITION, in the “Depreciation, amortization, and other” caption of our Income Statements as our cost estimates exceeded our total fixed sales price. We did not allocate the charge to any of our segments.

At year-end 2014, we had \$233 million in assets related to The Miami Beach EDITION hotel and residences (the hotel representing \$157 million in property and equipment and \$17 million in current assets) classified in the “Assets held for sale” caption of the Balance Sheet and \$26 million in liabilities (the hotel representing \$14 million) classified in liabilities held for sale in the “Accrued expenses and other” caption of the Balance Sheet. We did not classify The New York (Madison Square Park) EDITION assets and liabilities as held for sale because the hotel was under construction and not yet available for immediate sale in its present condition.

In the 2014 fourth quarter, we sold a portion of The Miami Beach EDITION residences and received approximately \$100 million in cash.

In the 2014 fourth quarter, we sold for approximately \$42 million in cash a land parcel to a third-party that agreed to develop a property. We retained certain repurchase rights in the event the buyer breaches covenants. We reclassified the property to “Other” current assets and offset this amount with a liability for the cash received.

In the 2014 first quarter, we sold our right to acquire the landlord’s interest in a leased real estate property and certain attached assets of the property, consisting of \$106 million (€77 million) in property and equipment and \$48 million (€35 million) in liabilities. We received \$62 million (€45 million) in cash and transferred \$45 million (€33 million) of related obligations. We continue to operate the property under a long-term management agreement.

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4. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The table below illustrates the reconciliation of the earnings and number of shares used in our calculations of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	2015	2014	2013
(in millions, except per share amounts)			
Computation of Basic Earnings Per Share			
Net income	\$859	\$753	\$626
Weighted average shares outstanding	267.3	289.9	305.0
Basic earnings per share	\$3.22	\$2.60	\$2.05
Computation of Diluted Earnings Per Share			
Net income	\$859	\$753	\$626
Weighted average shares outstanding	267.3	289.9	305.0
Effect of dilutive securities			
Employee stock option and appreciation right plans	2.3	3.1	4.0
Deferred stock incentive plans	0.6	0.7	0.8
Restricted stock units	2.6	3.1	3.2
Shares for diluted earnings per share	272.8	296.8	313.0
Diluted earnings per share	\$3.15	\$2.54	\$2.00

We compute the effect of dilutive securities using the treasury stock method and average market prices during the period. We excluded the following antidilutive stock options and stock appreciation rights in our calculation of diluted earnings per share because their exercise prices were greater than the average market prices for the applicable periods: 0.2 million for 2015, zero for 2014, and 0.4 million for 2013.

5. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

Under our Stock and Cash Incentive Plan (the “Stock Plan”), we award: (1) stock options (our “Stock Option Program”) to purchase our Class A Common Stock (“common stock”); (2) stock appreciation rights (“SARs”) for our common stock (our “SAR Program”); (3) restricted stock units (“RSUs”) of our common stock; and (4) deferred stock units. We also issue performance-based RSUs (“PSUs”) to named executive officers and some of their direct reports under the Stock Plan. We grant awards at exercise prices or strike prices that equal the market price of our common stock on the date of grant.

During 2015, we granted 1.3 million RSUs, 0.1 million PSUs, and 0.3 million SARs.

We recorded share-based compensation expense for award grants of \$113 million in 2015, \$109 million in 2014, and \$116 million in 2013. Deferred compensation costs for unvested awards totaled \$116 million at year-end 2015 and \$114 million at year-end 2014. As of year-end 2015, we expect to recognize these deferred compensation expenses over a weighted average period of two years.

We present the tax benefits and costs resulting from the exercise or vesting of share-based awards as financing cash flows. The exercise of share-based awards resulted in tax benefits of \$34 million in 2015, \$92 million in 2014, and \$121 million in 2013.

We received cash from the exercise of stock options of \$6 million in 2015, \$86 million in 2014, and \$78 million in 2013.

RSUs and PSUs

We issue RSUs under the Stock Plan to certain officers and key employees, and those units vest generally over four years in equal annual installments commencing one year after the grant date. We recognize compensation expense for RSUs over the service period equal to the fair market value of the stock units on the date of issuance. Upon vesting, RSUs convert to shares of our common stock which we distribute from treasury shares. In addition to being subject to pro-rata annual vesting conditioned on continued service consistent with the standard form of RSUs, PSUs are also subject to the satisfaction of certain performance conditions based on achievement of pre-established targets for EBITDA, RevPAR Index, room openings, and net administrative expense over, or at the end of, a three-year vesting period. The following information on RSUs includes PSUs.

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We had deferred compensation costs for RSUs of approximately \$112 million at year-end 2015 and \$109 million at year-end 2014. The weighted average remaining term for RSU grants outstanding at year-end 2015 was two years. The following table provides additional information on RSUs for the last three fiscal years:

	2015	2014	2013
Share-based compensation expense (in millions)	\$103	\$98	\$101
Weighted average grant-date fair value (per RSU)	\$78	\$52	