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FORM 10-K

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

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 28, 2008

OR

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

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_.

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WENDY'S/ARBY'S GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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Delaware

38-0471180

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1155 Perimeter Center West, Atlanta,  
Georgia

30338

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (678) 514-4100

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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, \$.10 par value

New York 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 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 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 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 smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer    Accelerated filer     Non-accelerated filer    S m a l l e r r e p o r t i n g  
company

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

The aggregate market value of the registrant's common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 29, 2008 was approximately \$414,171,684. As of February 27, 2009, there were 469,236,315 shares of the registrant's Class A Common Stock outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The information required by Part III of this Form 10-K, to the extent not set forth herein, is incorporated herein by reference from the registrant's definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A not later than 120 days after December 28, 2008.

## PART 1

### Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements and Projections

Effective September 29, 2008, in conjunction with the merger with Wendy's International, Inc. ("Wendy's"), the corporate name of Triarc Companies, Inc. ("Triarc") changed to Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. ("Wendy's/Arby's" or, together with its subsidiaries, the "Company" or "we"). This Annual Report on Form 10-K and oral statements made from time to time by representatives of the Company may contain or incorporate by reference certain statements that are not historical facts, including, most importantly, information concerning possible or assumed future results of operations of the Company. Those statements, as well as statements preceded by, followed by, or that include the words "may," "believes," "plans," "expects," "anticipates," or the negation thereof, or similar expressions, constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Reform Act"). All statements that address future operating, financial or business performance; strategies or expectations; future synergies, efficiencies or overhead savings; anticipated costs or charges; future capitalization; and anticipated financial impacts of recent or pending transactions are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Reform Act. The forward-looking statements are based on our expectations at the time such statements are made, speak only as of the dates they are made and are susceptible to a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors. Our actual results, performance and achievements may differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements. For all of our forward-looking statements, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Reform Act. Many important factors could affect our future results and could cause those results to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by the forward-looking statements contained herein. Such factors, all of which are difficult or impossible to predict accurately, and many of which are beyond our control, include, but are not limited to, the following:

- competition, including pricing pressures, aggressive marketing and the potential impact of competitors' new unit openings on sales of Wendy's® and Arby's® restaurants;
  - consumers' perceptions of the relative quality, variety, affordability and value of the food products we offer;
- success of operating initiatives, including advertising and promotional efforts and new product and concept development by us and our competitors;
  - development costs, including real estate and construction costs;
  - changes in consumer tastes and preferences, including changes resulting from concerns over nutritional or safety aspects of beef, poultry, French fries or other foods or the effects of food-borne illnesses such as "mad cow disease" and avian influenza or "bird flu," and changes in spending patterns and demographic trends, such as the extent to which consumers eat meals away from home;
- certain factors affecting our franchisees, including the business and financial viability of key franchisees, the timely payment of such franchisees' obligations due to us, and the ability of our franchisees to open new restaurants in accordance with their development commitments, including their ability to finance restaurant development and remodels;
  - availability, location and terms of sites for restaurant development by us and our franchisees;
  - delays in opening new restaurants or completing remodels of existing restaurants;
  - the timing and impact of acquisitions and dispositions of restaurants;

- our ability to successfully integrate acquired restaurant operations;
- anticipated or unanticipated restaurant closures by us and our franchisees;
- our ability to identify, attract and retain potential franchisees with sufficient experience and financial resources to develop and operate Wendy's and Arby's restaurants successfully;
- availability of qualified restaurant personnel to us and to our franchisees, and the ability to retain such personnel;
- our ability, if necessary, to secure alternative distribution of supplies of food, equipment and other products to Wendy's and Arby's restaurants at competitive rates and in adequate amounts, and the potential financial impact of any interruptions in such distribution;
- changes in commodity costs (including beef and chicken), labor, supply, fuel, utilities, distribution and other operating costs;
  - availability and cost of insurance;

- adverse weather conditions;
  - availability, terms (including changes in interest rates) and deployment of capital;
- changes in legal or self-regulatory requirements, including franchising laws, accounting standards, payment card industry rules, overtime rules, minimum wage rates, government-mandated health benefits and taxation legislation;
  - the costs, uncertainties and other effects of legal, environmental and administrative proceedings;
- the impact of general economic conditions on consumer spending, including a slower consumer economy particularly in geographic regions that contain a high concentration of Wendy's or Arby's restaurants, and the effects of war or terrorist activities;
- the impact of our continuing investment in series A senior secured notes of Deerfield Capital Corp. following our 2007 corporate restructuring; and
- other risks and uncertainties affecting us and our subsidiaries referred to in this Form 10-K (see especially "Item 1A. Risk Factors" and "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations") and in our other current and periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

All future written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or any person acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to in this section. New risks and uncertainties arise from time to time, and it is impossible for us to predict these events or how they may affect us. We assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements after the date of this Form 10-K as a result of new information, future events or developments, except as required by federal securities laws. In addition, it is our policy generally not to make any specific projections as to future earnings, and we do not endorse any projections regarding future performance that may be made by third parties.

## Item 1. Business.

### Introduction

We are the parent company of Wendy's International, Inc. ("Wendy's") and Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc. ("ARG"), which are the franchisors of the Wendy's® and Arby's® restaurant systems. As of December 28, 2008, the Wendy's restaurant system was comprised of 6,630 restaurants, of which 1,406 were owned and operated by the Company. As of December 28, 2008, the Arby's restaurant system was comprised of 3,756 restaurants, of which 1,176 were owned and operated by the Company. References in this Form 10-K to restaurants that we "own" or that are "company-owned" include owned and leased restaurants. Our corporate predecessor was incorporated in Ohio in 1929. We reincorporated in Delaware in June 1994. Effective September 29, 2008, in conjunction with the merger with Wendy's, our corporate name was changed from Triarc Companies, Inc. ("Triarc") to Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Our principal executive offices are located at 1155 Perimeter Center West, Atlanta, Georgia 30338, and our telephone number is (678) 514-4100. We make our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to such reports, as well as our annual proxy statement, available, free of charge, on our website as soon as reasonably practicable after such reports are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission. Our website address is [www.wendysarbys.com](http://www.wendysarbys.com). Information contained on our website is not part of this annual report on Form 10-K.

### Merger with Wendy's

On September 29, 2008, Triarc and Wendy's completed their previously announced merger (the "Wendy's Merger") in an all-stock transaction in which Wendy's shareholders received 4.25 shares of Wendy's/Arby's Class A common stock (the "Class A Common Stock") for each Wendy's common share owned.

In the Wendy's Merger, approximately 377,000,000 shares of Wendy's/Arby's common stock were issued to Wendy's shareholders. The merger value of approximately \$2.5 billion for financial reporting purposes is based on the 4.25 conversion factor of the Wendy's outstanding shares as well as previously issued restricted stock awards both at a value of \$6.57 per share which represents the average closing market price of Triarc Class A Common Stock two days before and after the merger announcement date of April 24, 2008. Wendy's shareholders held approximately 80%, in the aggregate, of Wendy's/Arby's outstanding common stock immediately following the Wendy's Merger. In addition, effective on the date of the Wendy's Merger, our Class B common stock (the "Class B Common Stock") was converted into Class A Common Stock.

The Wendy's and Arby's brands continue to operate independently, with headquarters in Dublin, Ohio and Atlanta, Georgia, respectively. A consolidated support center is based in Atlanta, Georgia and oversees all public company responsibilities, as well as other shared service functions.

## Business Strategy

Our business strategy is focused on growing same-store sales, restaurant margins and operating income at the Wendy's and Arby's brands with improved marketing, menu development, restaurant operations and customer service. We are also focused on effectively managing the integration of our brands and building a shared services organization to achieve significant synergies and efficiencies. Our goal is to produce consolidated revenue and operating income growth with attractive return on investment, resulting in increased shareholder value. We will also continue to evaluate various acquisitions and business combinations in the restaurant industry, which may result in increases in expenditures and related financing activities. See "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." Unless circumstances dictate otherwise, it is our policy to publicly announce an acquisition or business combination only after a definitive agreement with respect to such acquisition or business combination has been reached.

On November 1, 2005, Nelson Peltz, our Chairman and former Chief Executive Officer, Peter W. May, our Vice Chairman and former President and Chief Operating Officer, and Edward P. Garden, our Former Vice Chairman and a member of our Board of Directors (collectively, the "Principals"), started a series of equity investment funds (the "Funds") that are separate and distinct from the Company and that are being managed by the Principals and certain other former senior officers and former employees of the Company through a management company (the "Management Company") formed by the Principals. The investment strategy of the Funds is to achieve capital appreciation by investing in equity securities of publicly traded companies and effecting positive change in those companies through active influence and involvement. Before agreeing to acquire more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of a company in the quick service restaurant industry, the Principals have agreed to offer us such acquisition opportunity, which may result in acquisition opportunities being made available to us from time to time. See Note 27 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on our agreements with the Management Company.

## Fiscal Year

We use a 52/53 week fiscal year convention whereby our fiscal year ends each year on the Sunday that is closest to December 31 of that year. Wendy's used the same fiscal periods for all periods presented in this Form 10-K. Each fiscal year generally is comprised of four 13-week fiscal quarters, although in the years with 53 weeks, including 2009, the fourth quarter represents a 14-week period.

## Business Segments

We operate in two business segments, Wendy's and Arby's. See Note 30 of the Financial Statements and Supplementary Data included in Item 8 herein, for financial information attributable to our business segments.

### The Wendy's Restaurant System

Wendy's was incorporated in 1969 under the laws of the State of Ohio. Wendy's and its subsidiaries are collectively referred to herein as "Wendy's." Wendy's is the 3rd largest restaurant franchising system specializing in the hamburger sandwich segment of the quick service restaurant industry. According to Nation's Restaurant News, Wendy's is the 4th largest quick service restaurant chain in the United States.

## Overview

Wendy's is primarily engaged in the business of operating, developing and franchising a system of distinctive quick-service restaurants serving high quality food. At December 28, 2008, there were 6,630 Wendy's restaurants in

operation in the United States and in 21 foreign countries and U. S. territories. Of these restaurants, 1,406 were operated by Wendy's and 5,224 by a total of 469 franchisees. See "Item 2. Properties" for a listing of the number of Company-owned and franchised locations in the United States and in foreign countries and U.S. territories.

The revenues from our restaurant business are derived from four principal sources: (1) sales at company-owned restaurants; (2) sales of bakery items and kid's meal promotional items to franchisees (3) franchise royalties received from all Wendy's franchised restaurants; and (4) up-front franchise fees from restaurant operators for each new unit opened

#### Wendy's Restaurants

During 2008, Wendy's opened 15 new restaurants and closed 16 generally underperforming restaurants. In addition, Wendy's disposed of 7 existing restaurants to its franchisees. During 2008, Wendy's franchisees opened 82 new restaurants and closed 96 generally underperforming restaurants. You should read the information contained in "Item 1A. Risk Factors—Our restaurant business is significantly dependent on new restaurant openings, which may be affected by factors beyond our control."



The following table sets forth the number of Wendy's restaurants at the beginning and end of each year from 2006 to 2008:

	2008	2007	2006
Restaurants open at beginning of period	6,645	6,673	6,746
Restaurants opened during period	97	92	122
Restaurants closed during period	(112)	(120)	(195)
Restaurants open at end of period	6,630	6,645	6,673

During the period from January 2, 2006, through December 28, 2008, 311 Wendy's restaurants were opened and 427 generally underperforming Wendy's restaurants were closed.

### Operations

Each Wendy's restaurant offers a relatively standard menu featuring hamburgers and filet of chicken breast sandwiches and wraps, which are prepared to order with the customer's choice of condiments. Wendy's menu also includes chicken nuggets, chili, baked and French fried potatoes, freshly prepared salads, soft drinks, milk, Frosty™ desserts, floats and kids meals. In addition, the restaurants sell a variety of promotional products on a limited basis.

Wendy's strives to maintain quality and uniformity throughout all restaurants by publishing detailed specifications for food products, preparation and service, by continual in-service training of employees, restaurant reviews and by field visits from Wendy's supervisors. In the case of franchisees, field visits are made by Wendy's personnel who review operations, including quality, service and cleanliness and make recommendations to assist in compliance with Wendy's specifications.

Generally, Wendy's does not sell food or supplies, other than sandwich buns and kids' meal toys, to its franchisees. However, Wendy's has arranged for volume purchases of many food and supply products. Under the purchasing arrangements, independent distributors purchase certain products directly from approved suppliers and then store and sell them to local company and franchised restaurants. These programs help assure availability of products and provide quantity discounts, quality control and efficient distribution. These advantages are available both to Wendy's and to its franchisees.

The New Bakery Co. of Ohio, Inc. ("Bakery"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Wendy's, is a producer of buns for some Wendy's restaurants, and to a lesser extent for outside parties. At December 28, 2008, the Bakery supplied 666 restaurants operated by Wendy's and 2,377 restaurants operated by franchisees. The Bakery also manufactures and sells some products to customers in the grocery and food service businesses.

See Note 30 of the Financial Statements and Supplementary Data included in Item 8 herein, for financial information attributable to certain geographical areas.

### Raw Materials

Wendy's and its franchisees have not experienced any material shortages of food, equipment, fixtures or other products that are necessary to maintain restaurant operations. Wendy's anticipates no such shortages of products and believes that alternate suppliers are available.

### Trademarks and Service Marks

Wendy's has registered certain trademarks and service marks in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and in international jurisdictions, some of which include Wendy's, Old Fashioned Hamburgers® and Quality Is Our Recipe®. Wendy's believes that these and other related marks are of material importance to its business. Domestic trademarks and service marks expire at various times from 2009 to 2018, while international trademarks and service marks have various durations of 10 to 15 years. Wendy's generally intends to renew trademarks and service marks that are scheduled to expire.

Wendy's entered into an Assignment of Rights Agreement with the company's founder, R. David Thomas, and his wife dated as of November 5, 2000 (the "Assignment"). Wendy's had used Mr. Thomas, who was Senior Chairman of the Board until his death on January 8, 2002, as a spokesperson and focal point for its products and services for many years. With the efforts and attributes of Mr. Thomas, Wendy's has, through its extensive investment in the advertising and promotional use of Mr. Thomas' name, likeness, image, voice, caricature, endorsement rights and photographs (the "Thomas Persona"), made the Thomas Persona well known in the U.S. and throughout North America and a valuable asset for both Wendy's and Mr. Thomas' estate. Under the terms of the Assignment, Wendy's acquired the entire right, title, interest and ownership in and to the Thomas Persona, including the sole and exclusive right to commercially use the Thomas Persona.

### Seasonality

Wendy's restaurant operations are moderately seasonal. Wendy's average restaurant sales are normally higher during the summer months than during the winter months. Because the business is moderately seasonal, results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be achieved for any other quarter or for the full fiscal year.

### Competition

Each Wendy's restaurant is in competition with other food service operations within the same geographical area. The quick-service restaurant segment is highly competitive. Wendy's competes with other restaurant companies and food outlets, primarily through the quality, variety, convenience, price and value perception of food products offered. The number and location of units, quality and speed of service, attractiveness of facilities, effectiveness of marketing and new product development by Wendy's and its competitors are also important factors. The price charged for each menu item may vary from market to market (and within markets) depending on competitive pricing and the local cost structure.

Wendy's competitive position is differentiated by a focus on quality, its use of fresh, never frozen ground beef in North America and certain other countries, its unique and diverse menu, promotional products, its wide choice of condiments and the atmosphere and decor of its restaurants.

### Quality Assurance

Wendy's Quality Assurance program is designed to verify that the food products supplied to our restaurants are processed in a safe, sanitary environment and in compliance with our food safety and quality standards. Wendy's Quality Assurance personnel conduct multiple on-site sanitation and production audits throughout the year at all of our core menu product processing facilities, which includes beef, poultry, pork, buns, french fries, Frosty™ dessert ingredients, and produce. Animal welfare audits are also conducted every year at all beef, poultry, and pork facilities to confirm compliance to our required animal welfare and handling policies and procedures. In addition to our facility audit program, weekly samples of beef, poultry, and other core menu products from our distribution centers are randomly sampled and analyzed by a third party laboratory to test conformance to our quality specifications. Each year, Wendy's representatives conduct unannounced inspections of all company and franchise restaurants to test conformance to our sanitation, food safety, and operational requirements. Wendy's has the right to terminate franchise agreements if franchisees fail to comply with quality standards.

### Acquisitions and Dispositions of Wendy's Restaurants

Wendy's has from time to time acquired the interests of and sold Wendy's restaurants to franchisees, and it is anticipated that the company may have opportunities for such transactions in the future. Wendy's generally retains a right of first refusal in connection with any proposed sale of a franchisee's interest. Wendy's will continue to sell and acquire restaurants in the future where prudent.

### International Operations

Wendy's has 138 company owned and 235 franchised restaurants in Canada and 352 franchised restaurants in 20 other countries and U.S. territories. Wendy's is evaluating further expansion into other international markets. Wendy's has granted development rights for the countries and U. S. territories listed under Item 2 of this Form 10-K.

### Franchised Restaurants

As of December 28, 2008, Wendy's franchisees operated 5,224 Wendy's restaurants in 50 states, Canada and 20 other countries and U. S. territories.

The rights and obligations governing the majority of franchised restaurants operating in the United States are set forth in the Wendy's Unit Franchise Agreement. This document provides the franchisee the right to construct, own and operate a Wendy's restaurant upon a site accepted by Wendy's and to use the Wendy's system in connection with the operation of the restaurant at that site. The Unit Franchise Agreement provides for a 20-year term and a 10-year renewal subject to certain conditions. Wendy's has in the past franchised under different agreements on a multi-unit basis; however, Wendy's now generally grants new Wendy's franchises on a unit-by-unit basis.

The Wendy's Unit Franchise Agreement requires that the franchisee pay a royalty of 4% of gross sales, as defined in the agreement, from the operation of the restaurant. The agreement also typically requires that the franchisee pay Wendy's a technical assistance fee. In the United States, the standard technical assistance fee required under a newly executed Unit Franchise Agreement is currently \$25,000 for each restaurant.

The technical assistance fee is used to defray some of the costs to Wendy's in providing technical assistance in the development of the Wendy's restaurant, initial training of franchisees or their operator and in providing other assistance associated with the opening of the Wendy's restaurant. In certain limited instances (like the regranting of franchise rights or the relocation of an existing restaurant), Wendy's may charge a reduced technical assistance fee or may waive the technical assistance fee. Wendy's does not select or employ personnel on behalf of franchisees.

Wendy's currently does not offer any financing arrangements to franchisees seeking to build new franchised units. However, Wendy's had previously made such financing available to qualified franchisees and Wendy's had guaranteed payment on a portion of the loans made by third-party lenders to those franchisees.

See "Management Discussion and Analysis – Liquidity and Capital Resources – Guarantees and Other Contingencies" in Item 7 herein, for further information regarding guaranty obligations.

Wendy's Restaurants of Canada, Inc. ("WROC"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Wendy's, holds master franchise rights for Canada. The rights and obligations governing the majority of franchised restaurants operating in Canada are set forth in a Single Unit Sub-Franchise Agreement. This document provides the franchisee the right to construct, own and operate a Wendy's restaurant upon a site accepted by WROC and to use the Wendy's system in connection with the operation of the restaurant at that site. The Single Unit Sub-Franchise Agreement provides for a 20-year term and a 10-year renewal subject to certain conditions. The sub-franchisee pays to WROC a monthly royalty of 4% of gross sales, as defined in the agreement, from the operation of the restaurant or C\$1,000, whichever is greater. The agreement also typically requires that the franchisee pay WROC a technical assistance fee. The standard technical assistance fee is currently C\$35,000 for each restaurant.

The rights and obligations governing franchisees who wish to develop outside the United States and Canada are currently contained in the Franchise Agreement and Services Agreement (the "International Agreements"). The International Agreements may be for an initial term of 10 years or 20 years depending on the country and a 10-year renewal, subject to certain conditions. The term will expire with expiration of the term of the lease for the restaurant site, if shorter. The International Agreements license the franchisee to use the Wendy's trademarks and know-how in the operation of a Wendy's restaurant at a specified location. Upon execution of the International Agreements, the franchisee is required to pay a technical assistance fee. The current technical assistance fee is US\$30,000 for each restaurant. Currently, the franchisee is required to pay a monthly royalty equal to 2% of the monthly gross sales of the restaurant, as defined in the International Agreements, or US\$1,000, whichever is greater, and a monthly service fee equal to 2% of the monthly gross sales of the restaurant. In certain foreign markets, Wendy's and the franchisee may sign a development agreement under which the franchisee undertakes to develop a specified number of new Wendy's restaurants based on a negotiated schedule. Wendy's may agree to modify the technical assistance and/or the monthly fees conditioned on the franchisee meeting its annual development obligations.

See Note 7 and Note 26 of the Financial Statements and Supplementary Data included in Item 8 herein, and the information under "Management's Discussion and Analysis" in Item 7 herein, for further information regarding reserves, commitments and contingencies involving franchisees.

#### Advertising and Promotions

Wendy's participates in two national advertising funds established to collect and administer funds contributed for use in advertising through television, radio, newspapers, the Internet and a variety of promotional campaigns. Separate national advertising funds are administered for Wendy's U.S and Canadian locations. Contributions to the national advertising funds are required to be made from both company-owned and franchised restaurants and are based on a percent of restaurant retail sales. In addition to the contributions to the national advertising funds, Wendy's requires additional contributions to be made for both company-owned and franchised restaurants based on a percent of

restaurant retail sales for the purpose of local and regional advertising programs. Required franchisee contributions to the national advertising funds and for local and regional advertising programs are governed by the Wendy's Unit Franchise Agreement. Required contributions by company-owned restaurants for advertising and promotional programs are at the same percent of retail sales as franchised restaurants within the Wendy's system. Currently the contribution rate for U.S. and Canadian restaurants is generally 3% of retail sales for national advertising and 1% of retail sales for local and regional advertising.

See Note 29 of the Financial Statements and Supplementary Data included in Item 8 herein, for further information regarding advertising.

#### The Arby's Restaurant System

Arby's is the largest restaurant franchising system specializing in the roast beef sandwich segment of the quick service restaurant industry. According to Nation's Restaurant News, Arby's is the 2nd largest sandwich chain restaurant in the United States. We acquired our company-owned Arby's restaurants principally through the acquisitions of Sybra, Inc. in December 2002 and the RTM Restaurant Group in July 2005. We increase the number of our company-owned restaurants from time to time through acquisitions as well as the development and construction of new restaurants. There are over 3,700 Arby's restaurants in the United States and Canada.

As of December 28, 2008, there were 1,176 company-owned Arby's restaurants and 2,580 Arby's restaurants owned by 468 franchisees. Of the 2,580 franchisee-owned restaurants, 2,457 operated within the United States and 123 operated outside the United States, principally in Canada.

ARG also owns the T.J. Cinnamons® concept, which consists of gourmet cinnamon rolls, gourmet coffees and other related products. As of December 28, 2008, there were a total of 144 T.J. Cinnamons outlets, 132 of which are multi-branded with domestic Arby's restaurants.

In addition to various slow-roasted roast beef sandwiches, Arby's offers an extensive menu of chicken, turkey and ham sandwiches, snack items and salads. In 2001, Arby's introduced its Market Fresh® line of premium sandwiches on a nationwide basis. Since its introduction, the Arby's Market Fresh line has grown to include fresh salads made with premium ingredients. Arby's also offers Market Fresh wrap sandwiches inside a tortilla wrap. In 2007, Arby's added Toasted Subs to its sandwich selections, which is Arby's largest menu expansion since the 2001 introduction of its Market Fresh line. Arby's initial lineup of Toasted Sub offerings included four varieties on toasted ciabatta rolls: the French Dip & Swiss, the Philly Beef, the Classic Italian and the Turkey Bacon Club. Additional varieties of the Toasted Subs are offered on a limited time basis.

#### Overview

As the franchisor of the Arby's restaurant system, ARG, through its subsidiaries, owns and licenses the right to use the Arby's brand name and trademarks in the operation of Arby's restaurants. ARG provides Arby's franchisees with services designed to increase both the revenue and profitability of their Arby's restaurants. The most important of these services are providing strategic leadership for the brand, product development, quality control, operational training and counseling regarding site selection.

The revenues from our restaurant business are derived from three principal sources: (1) sales at company-owned restaurants; (2) franchise royalties received from all Arby's franchised restaurants; and (3) up-front franchise fees from restaurant operators for each new unit opened.

#### Arby's Restaurants

Arby's opened its first restaurant in Boardman, Ohio in 1964. As of December 28, 2008, ARG and Arby's franchisees operated Arby's restaurants in 48 states, and four foreign countries. See "Item 2. Properties" for a listing of the number of Company-owned and franchised locations in the United States and in foreign countries.

Arby's restaurants in the United States and Canada typically range in size from 2,500 square feet to 3,000 square feet, and almost all of the freestanding system-wide restaurants feature drive-thru windows. Restaurants typically have a manager, at least one assistant manager and as many as 30 full and part-time employees. Staffing levels, which vary during the day, tend to be heaviest during the lunch hours.

During 2008, ARG opened 40 new Arby's restaurants and closed 15 generally underperforming Arby's restaurants. In addition, ARG acquired 42 existing Arby's restaurants from its franchisees, including one that was previously operated by ARG under a management agreement. During 2008, Arby's franchisees opened 87 new Arby's restaurants and closed 44 generally underperforming Arby's restaurants. In addition, during 2008, Arby's franchisees closed 52 T.J. Cinnamons outlets located in Arby's units, and franchisees closed an additional six T.J. Cinnamons outlets located outside of Arby's units. As of December 28, 2008, franchisees have committed to open 415 Arby's restaurants over the next ten years. You should read the information contained in "Item 1A. Risk Factors—Our restaurant business is significantly dependent on new restaurant openings, which may be affected by factors beyond our control."

As of December 28, 2008, Canadian franchisees have committed to open 11 Arby's restaurants over the next ten years. During 2008, five new Arby's units were opened in Canada and six Arby's units in Canada were closed. During 2008, no other Arby's units were opened or closed outside the United States.

The following table sets forth the number of Arby's restaurants at the beginning and end of each year from 2006 to 2008:

	2008	2007	2006
Restaurants open at beginning of period	3,688	3,585	3,506
Restaurants opened during period	127	148	131
Restaurants closed during period	(59)	(45)	(52)
Restaurants open at end of period	3,756	3,688	3,585

During the period from January 2, 2006, through December 28, 2008, 406 Arby's restaurants were opened and 156 generally underperforming Arby's restaurants were closed. We believe that closing underperforming Arby's restaurants has a positive effect on the average annual unit sales volume of the Arby's system, as well as improves the overall brand image of Arby's.



As of December 28, 2008, ARG owned or operated 1,176 domestic Arby's restaurants, of which 1,147 were freestanding units, twelve were in shopping malls, five were in office buildings/urban in-line locations, four were in convenience stores, five were in travel plazas and three were in strip center locations.

#### Provisions and Supplies

As of December 28, 2008, three independent meat processors (five total production facilities) supplied all of Arby's beef for roasting in the United States. Franchise operators are required to obtain beef for roasting from these approved suppliers.

ARCOP, Inc., a not-for-profit purchasing cooperative, negotiates contracts with approved suppliers on behalf of ARG and Arby's franchisees. Suppliers to the Arby's system must comply with United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") and United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") regulations governing the manufacture, packaging, storage, distribution and sale of all food and packaging products. Franchisees may obtain other products, including food, ingredients, paper goods, equipment and signs, from any source that meets ARG's specifications and approval. Through ARCOP, ARG and Arby's franchisees purchase food, beverage, proprietary paper and operating supplies under national contracts with pricing based upon total system volume.

#### Trademarks and Service Marks

ARG, through its subsidiaries, owns several trademarks that we consider to be material to our restaurant business, including Arby's®, Arby's Market Fresh®, Market Fresh®, Horsey Sauce®, Sidekickers® and Roastburger™.

ARG's material trademarks are registered in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and various foreign jurisdictions. Our registrations for such trademarks in the United States will last indefinitely as long as ARG continues to use and police the trademarks and renew filings with the applicable governmental offices. There are no pending challenges to ARG's right to use any of its material trademarks in the United States.

#### Seasonality

Arby's restaurant operations are not significantly impacted by seasonality. However, our restaurant revenues are somewhat lower in our first quarter.

#### Competition

Arby's faces direct and indirect competition from numerous well-established competitors, including national and regional non-burger sandwich chains, such as Panera Bread®, Subway® and Quiznos®, as well as hamburger chains, such as McDonald's®, Burger King® and Wendy's®, and other quick service restaurant chains, such as Taco Bell®, Chick-Fil-A® and Kentucky Fried Chicken®. In addition, Arby's competes with locally owned restaurants, drive-ins, diners and other similar establishments. Key competitive factors in the quick service restaurant industry are price, quality of products, convenience, quality and speed of service, advertising, brand awareness, restaurant location and attractiveness of facilities. Arby's also competes within the food service industry and the quick service restaurant sector not only for customers, but also for personnel, suitable real estate sites and qualified franchisees.

Many of the leading restaurant chains have focused on new unit development as one strategy to increase market share through increased consumer awareness and convenience. This has led to increased competition for available development sites and higher development costs for those sites. Competitors also employ marketing strategies such as frequent use of price discounting, frequent promotions and heavy advertising expenditures. Continued price discounting in the quick service restaurant industry and the emphasis on value menus has had and could continue to

have an adverse impact on us. In addition, the growth of fast casual chains and other in-line competitors could cause some fast food customers to “trade up” to a more traditional dining out experience while keeping the benefits of quick service dining.

Other restaurant chains have also competed by offering higher quality sandwiches made with fresh ingredients and artisan breads. Several chains have also sought to compete by targeting certain consumer groups, such as capitalizing on trends toward certain types of diets (e.g., low carbohydrate or low trans fat) by offering menu items that are promoted as being consistent with such diets.

Additional competitive pressures for prepared food purchases come from operators outside the restaurant industry. A number of major grocery chains offer fresh deli sandwiches and fully prepared food and meals to go as part of their deli sections. Some of these chains also have in-store cafes with service counters and tables where consumers can order and consume a full menu of items prepared especially for that portion of the operation. Additionally, convenience stores and retail outlets at gas stations frequently offer sandwiches and other foods.

Many of our competitors have substantially greater financial, marketing, personnel and other resources than we do.

### Quality Assurance

ARG has developed a quality assurance program designed to maintain standards and the uniformity of menu offerings at all Arby's restaurants. ARG assigns a quality assurance employee to each of the independent facilities that process beef for domestic Arby's restaurants. The quality assurance employee inspects the beef for quality, uniformity and to assure compliance with quality and safety requirements of the USDA and the FDA. In addition, ARG periodically evaluates randomly selected samples of beef and other products from its supply chain. Each year, ARG representatives conduct unannounced inspections of operations of a number of franchisees to ensure that required policies, practices and procedures are being followed. ARG field representatives also provide a variety of on-site consulting services to franchisees. ARG has the right to terminate franchise agreements if franchisees fail to comply with quality standards.

### Acquisitions and Dispositions of Arby's Restaurants

As part of ARG's continuous efforts to enhance the Arby's brand, grow the Arby's system and improve Arby's system operations, ARG from time to time acquires or sells individual or multiple Arby's restaurants. ARG may use such transactions as a way of further developing a targeted market. For example, ARG may sell a number of restaurants in a particular market to a franchisee and obtain a commitment from the franchisee to develop additional restaurants in that market. Or, ARG may acquire restaurants from a franchisee demonstrating a limited desire to grow and then seek to further penetrate that market through the development of additional company-owned restaurants. ARG believes that dispositions of multiple restaurants at once can also be an effective strategy for attracting new franchisees who seek to be multiple unit operators with the opportunity to benefit from economies of scale. In addition, ARG may acquire restaurants from a franchisee who wishes to exit the Arby's system. When ARG acquires underperforming restaurants, it seeks to improve their results of operations and then either continues to operate them as company-owned restaurants or re-sells them to new or existing franchisees.

### Franchised Restaurants

ARG seeks to identify potential franchisees that have experience in owning and operating quick service restaurant units, have a willingness to develop and operate Arby's restaurants and have sufficient net worth. ARG identifies applicants through its website, targeted mailings, maintaining a presence at industry trade shows and conventions, existing customer and supplier contacts and regularly placed advertisements in trade and other publications. Prospective franchisees are contacted by an ARG sales agent and complete an application for a franchise. As part of the application process, ARG requires and reviews substantial documentation, including financial statements and documents relating to the corporate or other business organization of the applicant. Franchisees that already operate one or more Arby's restaurants must satisfy certain criteria in order to be eligible to enter into additional franchise agreements, including capital resources commensurate with the proposed development plan submitted by the franchisee, a commitment by the franchisee to employ trained restaurant management and to maintain proper staffing levels, compliance by the franchisee with all of its existing franchise agreements, a record of operation in compliance with Arby's operating standards, a satisfactory credit rating and the absence of any existing or threatened legal disputes with Arby's. The initial term of the typical "traditional" franchise agreement is 20 years.

ARG currently does not offer any financing arrangements to franchisees seeking to build new franchised units.

ARG offers franchises for the development of both single and multiple "traditional" and "non-traditional" restaurant locations. As compared to traditional restaurants, non-traditional restaurants generally occupy a smaller retail space, offer no or very limited seating, may cater to a captive audience, have a limited menu, and possibly have reduced services, labor and storage and different hours of operation. Both new and existing franchisees may enter into a

development agreement, which requires the franchisee to develop one or more Arby's restaurants in a particular geographic area or at a specific site within a specific time period. All franchisees are required to execute standard franchise agreements. ARG's standard U.S. franchise agreement for new Arby's traditional restaurant franchises currently requires an initial \$37,500 franchise fee for the first franchised unit, \$25,000 for each subsequent unit and a monthly royalty payment equal to 4.0% of restaurant sales for the term of the franchise agreement. ARG's non-traditional restaurant franchise agreement requires an initial \$12,500 franchise fee for the first and all subsequent units, and a monthly royalty payment ranging from 4.0% to 6.8%, depending upon the non-traditional restaurant category. Franchisees of traditional restaurants typically pay a \$10,000 commitment fee, and franchisees of non-traditional restaurants typically pay a \$12,500 commitment fee, which is credited against the franchise fee during the development process for a new restaurant.

In 2007 and 2008, ARG introduced several programs designed to accelerate the development of restaurants. In 2007, in order to increase development of traditional Arby's restaurants in selected markets, our Select Market Initiative ("SMI") program was introduced. ARG's franchise agreement for participants in the SMI program currently requires an initial \$27,500 franchise fee for the first franchised unit, \$15,000 for each subsequent unit and a monthly royalty payment equal to 1.0% of restaurant sales for the first 36 months the unit is open. After 36 months, the monthly royalty rate reverts to the prevailing 4% rate for the remaining term of the agreement. The commitment fee is \$5,000 per restaurant, which is credited against the franchise fee during the development process.

In 2008, in order to promote conversion of other quick service restaurants into Arby's restaurants, our U.S. Conversion Incentive ("CI") program was introduced. The CI applies to freestanding properties, and calls for an initial \$13,500 franchise fee for the first franchised unit, \$1,000 for each subsequent unit, and a graduated scale monthly royalty payment equal to 1% for the first twelve months the unit is open, 2% for the for the second twelve months the unit is open, 3% for the third twelve months the unit is open, and the prevailing 4% for the remaining term of the agreement. The commitment fee is \$1,000 per restaurant, which is credited against the franchise fee during the development process. Another eligibility requirement is that CI units must be open and operating by November 30, 2010.

Because of lower royalty rates still in effect under certain agreements, the average royalty rate paid by U.S. ARG franchisees was approximately 3.6% in each of 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Franchised restaurants are required to be operated under uniform operating standards and specifications relating to the selection, quality and preparation of menu items, signage, decor, equipment, uniforms, suppliers, maintenance and cleanliness of premises and customer service. ARG monitors franchisee operations and inspects restaurants periodically to ensure that required practices and procedures are being followed.

#### Advertising and Marketing

Arby's advertises nationally on cable television networks. In addition, from time to time, Arby's will sponsor a nationally televised event or participate in a promotional tie-in for a movie. Locally, Arby's primarily advertises through regional network and cable television, radio and newspapers. The AFA Service Corporation (the "AFA"), an independent membership corporation in which every domestic Arby's franchisee is required to participate, was formed to create advertising and perform marketing for the Arby's system. ARG's chief marketing officer currently serves as president of the AFA. The AFA is managed by ARG pursuant to a management agreement, as described below. The AFA is funded primarily through member dues. As of January 1, 2009, ARG and most domestic Arby's franchisees must pay 1.2% of gross sales as dues to AFA. Domestic franchisee participants in our SMI program pay an extra 1% (currently 2.2% total) of gross sales as AFA dues for the first 36 months of operation, then their dues revert to the lower prevailing rate.

Effective October 2005, ARG and the AFA entered into a management agreement (the "Management Agreement") that ARG believes has enabled a closer working relationship between ARG and the AFA, allowed for improved collaboration on strategic marketing decisions and created certain operational efficiencies, thus benefiting the Arby's system as a whole. Pursuant to the Management Agreement, ARG assumed general responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the AFA, including preparing annual operating budgets, developing the brand marketing strategy and plan, recommending advertising and media buying agencies, and implementing all marketing/media plans. ARG performs these tasks subject to the approval of the AFA's Board of Directors. In addition to these responsibilities, ARG is obligated to pay for the general and administrative costs of the AFA, other than the cost of an annual audit of the AFA and certain other expenses specifically retained by the AFA. ARG provided AFA with general and administrative services in 2008, a portion of which was offset by the AFA's payment of \$0.5 million to ARG, as required under the Management Agreement. Beginning in 2009 and for each year thereafter, the AFA will no longer be required to make any such offsetting payments to ARG. Under the Management Agreement, ARG is also required to provide the AFA with appropriate office space at no cost to the AFA. The Management Agreement with the AFA continues in effect until terminated by either party upon one year's prior written notice. In addition, the AFA may terminate the Management Agreement upon six months' prior written notice if there is a change in the identity of any two of the individuals holding the titles of Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer or Chief Administrative Officer of ARG in any period of 36 months. See Note 29 of the Financial Statements and Supplementary Data included in Item 8 herein, for further information on the Management Agreement with AFA.

In addition to their contributions to the AFA, ARG and Arby's domestic franchisees are also required to spend a reasonable amount, but not less than 3% of gross sales of their Arby's restaurants, for local advertising. This amount is divided between (i) individual local market advertising expenses and (ii) expenses of a cooperative area advertising program. Contributions to the cooperative area advertising program, in which both company-owned and franchisee-owned restaurants participate, are determined by the local cooperative participants and are generally in the range of 3% to 7% of gross sales. Domestic franchisee participants in our SMI program are not, however, required to make any expenditure for local advertising until their restaurants have been in operation for 36 months.

#### General

#### Governmental Regulations

Various state laws and the Federal Trade Commission regulate Wendy's and Arby's franchising activities. The Federal Trade Commission requires that franchisors make extensive disclosure to prospective franchisees before the execution of a franchise agreement. Several states require registration and disclosure in connection with franchise offers and sales and have "franchise relationship laws" that limit the ability of franchisors to terminate franchise agreements or to withhold consent to the renewal or transfer of these agreements. In addition, Wendy's and Arby's and their respective franchisees must comply with the federal Fair Labor Standards Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (the "ADA"), which requires that all public accommodations and commercial facilities meet federal requirements related to access and use by disabled persons, and various state and local laws

governing matters that include, for example, the handling, preparation and sale of food and beverages, the provision of nutritional information on menu boards, minimum wages, overtime and other working and safety conditions. Compliance with the ADA requirements could require removal of access barriers and non-compliance could result in imposition of fines by the U.S. government or an award of damages to private litigants. As described more fully under “Item 3. Legal Proceedings,” one of ARG’s subsidiaries was a defendant in a lawsuit alleging failure to comply with Title III of the ADA at approximately 775 company-owned restaurants acquired as part of the July 2005 acquisition of the RTM Restaurant Group. Under a court approved settlement of that lawsuit, we estimate that ARG will spend approximately \$1.15 million per year of capital expenditures over a seven-year period which commenced in 2008 to bring these restaurants into compliance with the ADA, in addition to paying certain legal fees and expenses. We do not believe that the costs related to this matter or any other costs relating to compliance with the ADA will have a material adverse effect on the Company’s consolidated financial position or results of operations. We cannot predict the effect on our operations, particularly on our relationship with franchisees, of any pending or future legislation.

#### Environmental Matters

Our past and present operations are governed by federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations concerning the discharge, storage, handling and disposal of hazardous or toxic substances. These laws and regulations provide for significant fines, penalties and liabilities, sometimes without regard to whether the owner or operator of the property knew of, or was responsible for, the release or presence of the hazardous or toxic substances. In addition, third parties may make claims against owners or operators of properties for personal injuries and property damage associated with releases of hazardous or toxic substances. We cannot predict what environmental legislation or regulations will be enacted in the future or how existing or future laws or regulations will be administered or interpreted. We similarly cannot predict the amount of future expenditures that may be required to comply with any environmental laws or regulations or to satisfy any claims relating to environmental laws or regulations. We believe that our operations comply substantially with all applicable environmental laws and regulations. Accordingly, the environmental matters in which we are involved generally relate either to properties that our subsidiaries own, but on which they no longer have any operations, or properties that we or our subsidiaries have sold to third parties, but for which we or our subsidiaries remain liable or contingently liable for any related environmental costs. Our company-owned Wendy’s and Arby’s restaurants have not been the subject of any material environmental matters. Based on currently available information, including defenses available to us and/or our subsidiaries, and our current reserve levels, we do not believe that the ultimate outcome of the environmental matter discussed below or other environmental matters in which we are involved will have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations. See “Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” below.

In 2001, a vacant property owned by Adams Packing Association, Inc. (“Adams”), an inactive subsidiary of the Company, was listed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency on the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (“CERCLIS”) list of known or suspected contaminated sites. The CERCLIS listing appears to have been based on an allegation that a former tenant of Adams conducted drum recycling operations at the site from some time prior to 1971 until the late 1970s. The business operations of Adams were sold in December 1992. In February 2003, Adams and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (the “FDEP”) agreed to a consent order that provided for development of a work plan for further investigation of the site and limited remediation of the identified contamination. In May 2003, the FDEP approved the work plan submitted by Adams’ environmental consultant and during 2004 the work under that plan was completed. Adams submitted its contamination assessment report to the FDEP in March 2004. In August 2004, the FDEP agreed to a monitoring plan consisting of two sampling events which occurred in January and June 2005 and the results were submitted to the FDEP for its review. In November 2005, Adams received a letter from the FDEP identifying certain

open issues with respect to the property. The letter did not specify whether any further actions are required to be taken by Adams. Adams sought clarification from the FDEP in order to attempt to resolve this matter. On May 1, 2007, the FDEP sent a letter clarifying their prior correspondence and reiterated the open issues identified in their November 2005 letter. In addition, the FDEP offered Adams the option of voluntarily taking part in a recently adopted state program that could lessen site clean up standards, should such a clean up be required after a mandatory further study and site assessment report. With our consultants and outside counsel, we reviewed this option and sent our response and proposed work plan to FDEP on April 24, 2008 and have commenced additional testing as suggested by the FDEP and pursuant to the work plan submitted. Once testing is completed Adams will provide an amended response to the FDEP. Nonetheless, based on amounts spent prior to 2007 of approximately \$1.7 million for all of these costs and after taking into consideration various legal defenses available to the Company, including Adams, the Company expects that the final resolution of this matter will not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations. See "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations--Legal and Environmental Matters."

In addition to the environmental matter described above, we are involved in other litigation and claims incidental to our current and prior businesses. We and our subsidiaries have reserved for all of our legal and environmental matters aggregating \$6.9 million as of December 28, 2008. Although the outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty and some of these matters may be disposed of unfavorably to us, based on currently available information, including legal defenses available to us and/or our subsidiaries, and given the aforementioned reserves and our insurance coverages, we do not believe that the outcome of these legal and environmental matters will have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

#### Employees

As of December 28, 2008, Wendy's/Arby's and its subsidiaries had approximately 70,000 employees, including 11,677 salaried employees and 58,613 hourly employees. We believe that our employee relations are satisfactory.



Item 1A. Risk Factors.

We wish to caution readers that in addition to the important factors described elsewhere in this Form 10-K, the following important factors, among others, sometimes have affected, or in the future could affect, our actual results and could cause our actual consolidated results during 2009, and beyond, to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf.

Risks Related to Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc.

We may not be able to successfully consolidate business operations and realize the anticipated benefits of the merger with Wendy's International, Inc.

Realization of the anticipated benefits of the Wendy's Merger, which was completed on September 29, 2008, including anticipated synergies and overhead savings, will depend, in large part, on our ability to successfully eliminate redundant corporate functions and consolidate public company and shared service responsibilities. We will be required to devote significant management attention and resources to the consolidation of business practices and support functions while maintaining the independence of the Arby's and Wendy's standalone brands. The challenges we may encounter include the following:

- preserving franchisee, supplier and other important relationships and resolving potential conflicts between the standalone brands that may arise as a result of the Wendy's Merger;
  - consolidating redundant operations, including corporate functions;
  - realizing targeted margin improvements at Company-owned Wendy's restaurants; and
- addressing differences in business cultures between Arby's and Wendy's, preserving employee morale and retaining key employees, maintaining focus on providing consistent, high quality customer service, meeting the operational and financial goals of the Company and maintaining the operational goals of each of the standalone brands.

The process of consolidating corporate level operations could cause an interruption of, or loss of momentum in, our business and financial performance. The diversion of management's attention and any delays or difficulties encountered in connection with the Wendy's Merger and the realization of corporate synergies and operational improvements could have an adverse effect on our business, financial results, financial condition or stock price. The consolidation and integration process may also result in additional and unforeseen expenses. There can be no assurance that the contemplated expense savings, improvements in Wendy's store-level margins and synergies anticipated from the Wendy's Merger will be realized.

There can be no assurance regarding whether or to what extent we will pay dividends on our common stock in the future.

Holders of our common stock will only be entitled to receive such dividends as our board of directors may declare out of funds legally available for such payments. Any dividends will be made at the discretion of the board of directors and will depend on our earnings, financial condition, cash requirements and such other factors as the board of directors may deem relevant from time to time.

Because we are a holding company, our ability to declare and pay dividends is dependent upon cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments on hand and cash flows from our subsidiaries. The ability of any of our subsidiaries to pay cash dividends and/or make loans or advances to the holding company will be dependent upon their respective abilities to achieve sufficient cash flows after satisfying their respective cash requirements, including debt service and

revolving credit agreements, to enable the payment of such dividends or the making of such loans or advances. The ability of any of our subsidiaries to pay cash dividends or other payments to us will also be limited by restrictions in debt instruments currently existing or subsequently entered into by such subsidiaries.

A substantial amount of our common stock is concentrated in the hands of certain stockholders.

Nelson Peltz, our Chairman and former Chief Executive Officer, and Peter May, our Vice Chairman and former President and Chief Operating Officer beneficially own shares of our outstanding common stock that collectively constitute approximately 22% of our total voting power.

Messrs. Peltz and May may, from time to time, acquire beneficial ownership of additional shares of common stock. On November 5, 2008, in connection with the tender offer of Trian Fund Management, L.P. and certain affiliates thereof for up to 40 million shares of our common stock, we entered into an agreement (the "Trian Agreement") with Messrs. Peltz and May and several of their affiliates (the "Covered Persons") thereof which provides, among other things, that: (i) to the extent the Covered Persons acquire any rights in respect of our common stock so that the effect of such acquisition would increase their aggregate beneficial ownership in our common stock to greater than 25%, the Covered Persons may not engage in a business combination (within the meaning of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law ) for a period of three years following the date of such occurrence unless such transaction would be subject to the exceptions set forth in Section 203(b)(3) through (7) (assuming for these purposes that 15% in the definition of interested stockholder contained in Section 203 was deemed to be 25%); (ii) for so long as we have a class of equity securities that is listed for trading on the

New York Stock Exchange or any other national securities exchange, none of the Covered Persons shall solicit proxies or submit any proposal for the vote of our stockholders or recommend or request or induce any other person to take any such actions or seek to advise, encourage or influence any other person with respect to our common stock, in each case, if the result of such action would be to cause the Board of Directors to be comprised of less than a majority of independent directors; and (iii) for so long as we have a class of equity securities that is listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange or any other national securities exchange, none of the Covered Persons shall engage in certain affiliate transactions with us without the prior approval of a majority of the Audit Committee or other committee of the Board of Directors that is comprised of independent directors. The Trian Agreement will terminate upon the earliest to occur of (i) the Covered Persons beneficially owning less than 15% of our common stock, (ii) November 5, 2011 and (iii) at such time as any person not affiliated with the Covered Persons makes an offer to purchase an amount of our common stock which when added to our common stock already beneficially owned by such person and its affiliates and associates equals or exceeds 50% or more of our common stock or all or substantially all of our assets or solicits proxies with respect to a majority slate of directors.

This concentration of ownership gives Messrs. Peltz and May significant influence over the outcome of actions requiring majority stockholder approval. If in the future Messrs. Peltz and May were to acquire more than a majority of our outstanding voting power, they would be able to determine the outcome of the election of members of the board of directors and the outcome of corporate actions requiring majority stockholder approval, including mergers, consolidations and the sale of all or substantially all of our assets. They would also be in a position to prevent or cause a change in control of us.

Our success depends substantially upon the continued retention of certain key personnel.

We believe that over time our success has been dependent to a significant extent upon the efforts and abilities of our senior management team. The failure by us to retain members of our senior management team could adversely affect our ability to build on the efforts we have undertaken to increase the efficiency and profitability of our businesses.

Acquisitions have been a key element of our business strategy, but we cannot assure you that we will be able to identify appropriate acquisition targets in the future and that we will be able to successfully integrate any future acquisitions into our existing operations.

Acquisitions involve numerous risks, including difficulties assimilating new operations and products. In addition, acquisitions may require significant management time and capital resources. We cannot assure you that we will have access to the capital required to finance potential acquisitions on satisfactory terms, that any acquisition would result in long-term benefits to stockholders or that management would be able to manage effectively the resulting business. Future acquisitions, if any, may result in the incurrence of additional indebtedness, which could contain restrictive covenants, or the issuance of additional equity securities, which could dilute our existing stockholders.

Our investment of excess funds in accounts managed by third parties is subject to risks associated with the underlying investment strategy of the accounts.

From time to time we place our excess cash in investment funds or accounts managed by third parties (including the Management Company). These funds or accounts are subject to inherent risks associated with the underlying investment strategy, which may include significant exposure to the equity and credit markets, the use of leverage and a lack of diversification.

Our certificate of incorporation contains certain anti-takeover provisions and permits our board of directors to issue preferred stock without stockholder approval.

Certain provisions in our certificate of incorporation are intended to discourage or delay a hostile takeover of control of us. Our certificate of incorporation authorizes the issuance of shares of “blank check” preferred stock, which will have such designations, rights and preferences as may be determined from time to time by our board of directors. Accordingly, our board of directors is empowered, without stockholder approval, to issue preferred stock with dividend, liquidation, conversion, voting or other rights that could adversely affect the voting power and other rights of the holders of our common stock. The preferred stock could be used to discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of us that is determined by our board of directors to be undesirable. Although we have no present intention to issue any shares of preferred stock, we cannot assure you that we will not do so in the future.

Our certificate of incorporation prohibits the issuance of preferred stock to our affiliates, unless offered ratably to the holders of our common stock, subject to an exception in the event that we are in financial distress and the issuance is approved by our audit committee. This prohibition limits our ability to raise capital from affiliates.

#### Risks Related to the Wendy's and Arby's Businesses

Growth of our restaurant businesses is significantly dependent on new restaurant openings, which may be affected by factors beyond our control.

Our restaurant businesses derive earnings from sales at company-owned restaurants, franchise royalties received from franchised restaurants and franchise fees from franchise restaurant operators for each new unit opened. Growth in our restaurant revenues and

earnings is significantly dependent on new restaurant openings. Numerous factors beyond our control may affect restaurant openings. These factors include but are not limited to:

- our ability to attract new franchisees;
- the availability of site locations for new restaurants;
- the ability of potential restaurant owners to obtain financing, which has become more difficult due to current market conditions and operating results;
  - the ability of restaurant owners to hire, train and retain qualified operating personnel;
  - construction and development costs of new restaurants, particularly in highly-competitive markets;
- the ability of restaurant owners to secure required governmental approvals and permits in a timely manner, or at all; and
  - adverse weather conditions.

Although as of December 28, 2008, franchisees had signed commitments to open 493 Wendy's or Arby's restaurants over the next seven years and have made or are required to make non-refundable deposits, we cannot assure you that franchisees will meet these commitments and that they will result in new restaurants. See "Item 1. Business—The Wendy's Restaurant System—Franchised Restaurants" and "—The Arby's Restaurant System—Franchised Restaurants."

Wendy's and Arby's franchisees could take actions that could harm our business.

Wendy's and Arby's franchisees are contractually obligated to operate their restaurants in accordance with the standards set forth in agreements with them. Each brand also provides training and support to franchisees. However, franchisees are independent third parties that we do not control, and the franchisees own, operate and oversee the daily operations of their restaurants. As a result, the ultimate success and quality of any franchise restaurant rests with the franchisee. If franchisees do not successfully operate restaurants in a manner consistent with required standards, royalty payments to us will be adversely affected and the brand's image and reputation could be harmed, which in turn could hurt our business and operating results.

Our success depends on franchisees' participation in brand strategies.

Wendy's and Arby's franchisees are an integral part of our business. Each brand may be unable to successfully implement brand strategies that it believes are necessary for further growth if franchisees do not participate in that implementation. The failure of franchisees to focus on the fundamentals of restaurant operations such as quality, service, food safety and cleanliness would have a negative impact on our business.

Our financial results are affected by the operating results of franchisees.

As of December 28, 2008, approximately 79% of the Wendy's system and 69% of the Arby's system were franchise restaurants. We receive revenue in the form of royalties, which are generally based on a percentage of sales at franchised restaurants, rent and fees from franchisees. Accordingly, a substantial portion of our financial results is to a large extent dependent upon the operational and financial success of our franchisees. If sales trends or economic conditions worsen for franchisees, their financial results may worsen and our royalty, rent and other fee revenues may decline. In addition, accounts receivable and related reserves may increase. When company-owned restaurants are sold, one of our subsidiaries is often required to remain responsible for lease payments for these restaurants to the extent that the purchasing franchisees default on their leases. Additionally, if franchisees fail to renew their franchise agreements, or if we decide to restructure franchise agreements in order to induce franchisees to renew these agreements, then our royalty revenues may decrease.

Each brand may be unable to manage effectively its strategy of acquiring and disposing of restaurants, which could adversely affect our business and financial results.

Each brand's strategy of acquiring restaurants from franchisees and eventually "re-franchising" these restaurants by selling them to new or existing franchisees is dependent upon the availability of sellers and buyers, the availability of financing, and the brand's ability to negotiate transactions on terms deemed acceptable. In addition, the operations of restaurants that each brand acquires may not be integrated successfully, and the intended benefits of such transactions may not be realized. Acquisitions of franchised restaurants pose various risks to brand operations, including:

- diversion of management attention to the integration of acquired restaurant operations;
- increased operating expenses and the inability to achieve expected cost savings and operating efficiencies;
- exposure to liabilities arising out of sellers' prior operations of acquired restaurants; and
- incurrence or assumption of debt to finance acquisitions or improvements and/or the assumption of long-term, non-cancelable leases.

In addition, engaging in acquisitions and dispositions places increased demands on the brand's operational and financial management resources and may require us to continue to expand these resources. If either brand is unable to manage the acquisition and disposition strategy effectively, its business and financial results could be adversely affected.

ARG does not exercise ultimate control over advertising for its restaurant system, which could harm sales and the brand.

Arby's franchisees control the provision of national advertising and marketing services to the Arby's franchise system through the AFA, a company controlled by Arby's franchisees. Subject to ARG's right to protect its trademarks, and except to the extent that ARG participates in the AFA through its company-owned restaurants, the AFA has the right to approve all significant decisions regarding the national marketing and advertising strategies and the creative content of advertising for the Arby's system. Although ARG has entered into a management agreement pursuant to which ARG, on behalf of the AFA, manages the day-to-day operations of the AFA, many areas are still subject to ultimate approval by the AFA's independent board of directors, and the management agreement may be terminated by either party for any reason upon one year's prior notice. See "Item 1. Business—The Arby's Restaurant System—Advertising and Marketing." In addition, local cooperatives run by operators of Arby's restaurants in a particular local area (including ARG) make their own decisions regarding local advertising expenditures, subject to spending the required minimum amounts. ARG's lack of control over advertising could hurt sales and the Arby's brand.

ARG does not exercise ultimate control over purchasing for Arby's restaurant system, which could harm sales and the Arby's brand.

Although ARG ensures that all suppliers to the Arby's system meet quality control standards, Arby's franchisees control the purchasing of food, proprietary paper, equipment and other operating supplies from such suppliers through ARCOP, Inc., a not-for-profit entity controlled by Arby's franchisees. ARCOP negotiates national contracts for such food, equipment and supplies. ARG is entitled to appoint one representative on the board of directors of ARCOP and participate in ARCOP through its company-owned restaurants, but otherwise does not control the decisions and activities of ARCOP except to ensure that all suppliers satisfy Arby's quality control standards. If ARCOP does not properly estimate the product needs of the Arby's system, makes poor purchasing decisions, or decides to cease its operations, system sales and operating costs could be adversely affected and the financial condition of ARG or the financial condition of Arby's franchisees could be hurt.

Shortages or interruptions in the supply or delivery of perishable food products could damage the Wendy's and/or Arby's brand reputation and adversely affect our operating results.

Each brand and its franchisees are dependent on frequent deliveries of perishable food products that meet brand specifications. Shortages or interruptions in the supply of perishable food products caused by unanticipated demand, problems in production or distribution, disease or food-borne illnesses, inclement weather or other conditions could adversely affect the availability, quality and cost of ingredients, which could lower our revenues, increase operating costs, damage brand reputation and otherwise harm our business and the businesses of our franchisees.

Instances of mad cow disease or other food-borne illnesses, such as bird flu or salmonella, could adversely affect the price and availability of beef, poultry or other meats and create negative publicity, which could result in a decline in sales.

Instances of mad cow disease or other food-borne illnesses, such as bird flu, salmonella, e-coli or hepatitis A, could adversely affect the price and availability of beef, poultry or other meats. Incidents may cause consumers to shift their preferences to other meats. As a result, Wendy's and/or Arby's restaurants could experience a significant increase in food costs if there are instances of mad cow disease or other food-borne illnesses.

In addition to losses associated with higher prices and a lower supply of our food ingredients, instances of food-borne illnesses could result in negative publicity for Wendy's and/or Arby's. This negative publicity, as well as any other negative publicity concerning types of food products Wendy's or Arby's serves, may reduce demand for Wendy's and/or Arby's food and could result in a decrease in guest traffic to our restaurants. A decrease in guest traffic to our restaurants as a result of these health concerns or negative publicity could result in a decline in sales at company-owned restaurants or in royalties from sales at franchised restaurants.

Changes in consumer tastes and preferences and in discretionary consumer spending could result in a decline in sales at company-owned restaurants and in the royalties that we receive from franchisees.

The quick service restaurant industry is often affected by changes in consumer tastes, national, regional and local economic conditions, discretionary spending priorities, demographic trends, traffic patterns and the type, number and location of competing restaurants. Our success depends to a significant extent on discretionary consumer spending, which is influenced by general economic conditions and the availability of discretionary income. Accordingly, we may experience declines in sales during economic downturns. Any material decline in the amount of discretionary spending or a decline in consumer food-away-from-home spending could hurt our revenues, results of operations, business and financial condition.



In addition, if company-owned and franchised restaurants are unable to adapt to changes in consumer preferences and trends, company-owned and franchised restaurants may lose customers and the resulting revenues from company-owned restaurants and the royalties that we receive from franchisees may decline.

The recent disruptions in the national and global economies and the financial markets may adversely impact our revenues, results of operations, business and financial condition.

The recent disruptions in the national and global economies and financial markets, and the related reductions in the availability of credit, have resulted in declines in consumer confidence and spending and have made it more difficult for businesses to obtain financing. If such conditions persist, then they may result in significant declines in consumer food-away-from-home spending and customer traffic in our restaurants and those of our franchisees. Such conditions may also adversely impact the ability of franchisees to build or purchase restaurants, remodel existing restaurants, renew expiring franchise agreements and make timely royalty and other payments. There can be no assurance that government responses to the disruptions in the financial markets will restore consumer confidence, stabilize the markets or increase liquidity and the availability of credit. If we or our franchisees are unable to obtain borrowed funds on acceptable terms, or if conditions in the economy and the financial markets do not improve, our revenues, results of operations, business and financial condition could be adversely affected as a result.

Additionally, we enter into total return and interest rate swaps and other derivative contracts as described in Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K. We are exposed to potential losses in the event of nonperformance by counterparties on these instruments, which could adversely affect our results of operations, financial condition and liquidity.

Changes in food and supply costs could harm results of operations.

Our profitability depends in part on our ability to anticipate and react to changes in food and supply costs. Any increase in food prices, especially those of beef or chicken, could harm operating results. Ethanol production has increased the cost of corn, which has raised corn oil prices and contributed to higher beef and chicken prices stemming from increased corn feed pricing. In addition, each brand is susceptible to increases in food costs as a result of other factors beyond its control, such as weather conditions, global demand, food safety concerns, product recalls and government regulations. Additionally, prices for feed ingredients used to produce beef and chicken could be adversely affected by changes in global weather patterns, which are inherently unpredictable. We cannot predict whether we will be able to anticipate and react to changing food costs by adjusting our purchasing practices and menu prices, and a failure to do so could adversely affect our operating results. In addition, we may not seek to or be able to pass along price increases to our customers.

Competition from other restaurant companies could hurt our brands.

The market segments in which company-owned and franchised Wendy's and Arby's restaurants compete are highly competitive with respect to, among other things, price, food quality and presentation, service, location, and the nature and condition of the restaurant facility. Wendy's and Arby's restaurants compete with a variety of locally-owned restaurants, as well as competitive regional and national chains and franchises. Several of these chains compete by offering high quality sandwiches and/or menu items that are targeted at certain consumer groups. Additionally, many of our competitors have introduced lower cost, value meal menu options. Our revenues and those of our franchisees may be hurt by this product and price competition.

Moreover, new companies, including operators outside the quick service restaurant industry, may enter our market areas and target our customer base. For example, additional competitive pressures for prepared food purchases have

come from deli sections and in-store cafes of a number of major grocery store chains, as well as from convenience stores and casual dining outlets. Such competitors may have, among other things, lower operating costs, lower debt service requirements, better locations, better facilities, better management, more effective marketing and more efficient operations. Many of our competitors have substantially greater financial, marketing, personnel and other resources than we do, which may allow them to react to changes in pricing and marketing strategies in the quick service restaurant industry better than we can. Many of our competitors spend significantly more on advertising and marketing than we do, which may give them a competitive advantage through higher levels of brand awareness among consumers. All such competition may adversely affect our revenues and profits by reducing revenues of company-owned restaurants and royalty payments from franchised restaurants.

Current restaurant locations may become unattractive, and attractive new locations may not be available for a reasonable price, if at all.

The success of any restaurant depends in substantial part on its location. There can be no assurance that our current restaurant locations will continue to be attractive as demographic patterns change. Neighborhood or economic conditions where our restaurants are located could decline in the future, thus resulting in potentially reduced sales in those locations. In addition, rising real estate prices in some areas may restrict our ability and the ability of franchisees to purchase or lease new desirable locations. If desirable locations cannot be obtained at reasonable prices, each brand's ability to effect its growth strategies will be adversely affected.

Wendy's and Arby's business could be hurt by increased labor costs or labor shortages.

Labor is a primary component in the cost of operating our company-owned restaurants. Each brand devotes significant resources to recruiting and training its managers and hourly employees. Increased labor costs due to competition, increased minimum wage or employee benefits costs or other factors would adversely impact our cost of sales and operating expenses. In addition, each brand's success depends on its ability to attract, motivate and retain qualified employees, including restaurant managers and staff. If either brand is unable to do so, our results of operations could be adversely affected.

Each brand's leasing and ownership of significant amounts of real estate exposes it to possible liabilities and losses, including liabilities associated with environmental matters.

As of December 28, 2008, Wendy's leased or owned the land and/or the building for 1,406 Wendy's restaurants and ARG leased or owned the land and/or the building for 1,170 Arby's restaurants. Accordingly, each brand is subject to all of the risks associated with leasing and owning real estate. In particular, the value of our real property assets could decrease, and costs could increase, because of changes in the investment climate for real estate, demographic trends, supply or demand for the use of the restaurants, which may result from competition from similar restaurants in the area, and liability for environmental matters.

Each brand is subject to federal, state and local environmental, health and safety laws and regulations concerning the discharge, storage, handling, release and disposal of hazardous or toxic substances. These environmental laws provide for significant fines, penalties and liabilities, sometimes without regard to whether the owner, operator or occupant of the property knew of, or was responsible for, the release or presence of the hazardous or toxic substances. Third parties may also make claims against owners, operators or occupants of properties for personal injuries and property damage associated with releases of, or actual or alleged exposure to, such substances. A number of our restaurant sites were formerly gas stations or are adjacent to current or former gas stations, or were used for other commercial activities that can create environmental impacts. We may also acquire or lease these types of sites in the future. We have not conducted a comprehensive environmental review of all of our properties. We may not have identified all of the potential environmental liabilities at our leased and owned properties, and any such liabilities identified in the future could cause us to incur significant costs, including costs associated with litigation, fines or clean-up responsibilities.

Each brand leases real property generally for initial terms of 20 years with two to four additional options to extend the term of the leases in consecutive five-year increments. Many leases provide that the landlord may increase the rent over the term of the lease and any renewals thereof. Most leases require us to pay all of the costs of insurance, taxes, maintenance and utilities. We generally cannot cancel these leases. If an existing or future restaurant is not profitable, and we decide to close it, we may nonetheless be committed to perform its obligations under the applicable lease including, among other things, paying the base rent for the balance of the lease term. In addition, as each lease expires, we may fail to negotiate additional renewals or renewal options, either on commercially acceptable terms or at all, which could cause us to close stores in desirable locations.

Complaints or litigation may hurt each brand.

Occasionally, Wendy's and Arby's customers file complaints or lawsuits against us alleging that we are responsible for an illness or injury they suffered at or after a visit to a Wendy's or Arby's restaurant, or alleging that there was a problem with food quality or operations at a Wendy's or Arby's restaurant. We are also subject to a variety of other claims arising in the ordinary course of our business, including personal injury claims, contract claims, claims from franchisees (which tend to increase when franchisees experience declining sales and profitability) and claims alleging violations of federal and state law regarding workplace and employment matters, discrimination and similar

matters. We could also become subject to class action lawsuits related to these matters in the future. Regardless of whether any claims against us are valid or whether we are found to be liable, claims may be expensive to defend and may divert management's attention away from operations and hurt our performance. A judgment significantly in excess of our insurance coverage for any claims could materially adversely affect our financial condition or results of operations. Further, adverse publicity resulting from these allegations may hurt us and our franchisees.

Additionally, the restaurant industry has been subject to a number of claims that the menus and actions of restaurant chains have led to the obesity of certain of their customers. Adverse publicity resulting from these allegations may harm the reputation of our restaurants, even if the allegations are not directed against our restaurants or are not valid, and even if we are not found liable or the concerns relate only to a single restaurant or a limited number of restaurants. Moreover, complaints, litigation or adverse publicity experienced by one or more of Wendy's or Arby's franchisees could also hurt our business as a whole.

Our current insurance may not provide adequate levels of coverage against claims that may be filed.

We currently maintain insurance we believe is customary for businesses of our size and type. However, there are types of losses we may incur that cannot be insured against or that we believe are not economically reasonable to insure, such as losses due to natural disasters or acts of terrorism. In addition, we currently self-insure a significant portion of expected losses under workers compensation, general liability and property insurance programs. Unanticipated changes in the actuarial assumptions and management estimates underlying our reserves for these losses could result in materially different amounts of expense under these programs, which could harm our business and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

Changes in governmental regulation may hurt our ability to open new restaurants or otherwise hurt our existing and future operations and results.

Each Wendy's and Arby's restaurant is subject to licensing and regulation by health, sanitation, safety and other agencies in the state and/or municipality in which the restaurant is located. State and local government authorities may enact laws, rules or regulations that impact restaurant operations and the cost of conducting those operations. For example, recent efforts to require the listing of specified nutritional information on menus and menu boards could adversely affect consumer demand for our products, could make our menu boards less appealing and could increase our costs of doing business. There can be no assurance that we and/or our franchisees will not experience material difficulties or failures in obtaining the necessary licenses or approvals for new restaurants, which could delay the opening of such restaurants in the future. In addition, more stringent and varied requirements of local governmental bodies with respect to tax, zoning, land use and environmental factors could delay or prevent development of new restaurants in particular locations. We and our franchisees are also subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act, which governs such matters as minimum wages, overtime and other working conditions, along with the ADA, family leave mandates and a variety of other laws enacted by the states that govern these and other employment law matters. As described more fully under "Item 3. Legal Proceedings," one of our subsidiaries was a defendant in a lawsuit alleging failure to comply with Title III of the ADA at approximately 775 company-owned restaurants acquired as part of the RTM acquisition in July 2005. Under a court approved settlement of that lawsuit, ARG estimates that it will spend approximately \$1.15 million per year of capital expenditures over a seven-year period commencing in 2008 to bring these restaurants into compliance with the ADA, in addition to paying certain legal fees and expenses. We cannot predict the amount of any other future expenditures that may be required in order to permit company-owned restaurants to comply with any changes in existing regulations or to comply with any future regulations that may become applicable to our businesses.

Our operations are influenced by adverse weather conditions.

Weather, which is unpredictable, can impact Wendy's and Arby's restaurant sales. Harsh weather conditions that keep customers from dining out result in lost opportunities for our restaurants. A heavy snowstorm in the Northeast or Midwest or a hurricane in the Southeast can shut down an entire metropolitan area, resulting in a reduction in sales in that area. Our first quarter includes winter months and historically has a lower level of sales at company-owned restaurants. Because a significant portion of our restaurant operating costs is fixed or semi-fixed in nature, the loss of sales during these periods hurts our operating margins, and can result in restaurant operating losses. For these reasons, a quarter-to-quarter comparison may not be a good indication of either brand's performance or how it may perform in the future.

Due to the concentration of Wendy's and Arby's restaurants in particular geographic regions, our business results could be impacted by the adverse economic conditions prevailing in those regions regardless of the state of the national economy as a whole.

As of December 28, 2008, we and our franchisees operated Wendy's or Arby's restaurants in 50 states and 21 foreign countries. As of December 28, 2008 as detailed in "Item 2. Properties", the six leading states by number of operating units were: Ohio, Florida, Texas, Michigan, Georgia and Pennsylvania. This geographic concentration can cause economic conditions in particular areas of the country to have a disproportionate impact on our overall results of operations. It is possible that adverse economic conditions in states or regions that contain a high concentration of Wendy's and Arby's restaurants could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations in the future.

Wendy's and its subsidiaries, and ARG and its subsidiaries, are subject to various restrictions, and substantially all of their non-real estate assets are pledged subject to certain restrictions, under a Credit Agreement.

Under an amended and restated Credit Agreement entered into as of March 11, 2009 by Wendy's and its subsidiaries and ARG and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Borrowers"), substantially all of the assets of the Borrowers (other than real property) are pledged as collateral security. The amended and restated Credit Agreement also contains financial covenants that, among other things, require the Borrowers to maintain certain aggregate leverage and interest coverage ratios and restrict their ability to incur debt, pay dividends or make other distributions, make certain capital expenditures, enter into certain fundamental transactions (including sales of assets and certain mergers and consolidations) and create or permit liens. If the Borrowers are unable to generate sufficient cash flow or otherwise obtain the funds necessary to make required payments of interest or principal under, or are unable to comply with covenants of, the Credit Agreement, then they would be in default under the terms of the agreement, which would preclude the payment of dividends to Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc., restrict access to their revolving lines of credit and, under certain circumstances, permit the lenders to accelerate the maturity of the indebtedness. See Note 10 of the Financial Statements and Supplementary Data included in Item 8 herein, for further information regarding the Credit Agreement.

We may not be able to adequately protect our intellectual property, which could harm the value of our brands and hurt our business.

Our intellectual property is material to the conduct of our business. We rely on a combination of trademarks, copyrights, service marks, trade secrets and similar intellectual property rights to protect our brands and other intellectual property. The success of our business strategy depends, in part, on our continued ability to use our existing trademarks and service marks in order to increase brand awareness and further develop our branded products in both existing and new markets. If our efforts to protect our intellectual property are not adequate, or if any third party misappropriates or infringes on our intellectual property, either in print or on the Internet, the

value of our brands may be harmed, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, including the failure of our brands to achieve and maintain market acceptance. This could harm our image, brand or competitive position and, if we commence litigation to enforce our rights, cause us to incur significant legal fees.

We franchise our restaurant brands to various franchisees. While we try to ensure that the quality of our brands is maintained by all of our franchisees, we cannot assure you that these franchisees will not take actions that hurt the value of our intellectual property or the reputation of the Wendy's and/or Arby's restaurant system.

We have registered certain trademarks and have other trademark registrations pending in the United States and certain foreign jurisdictions. The trademarks that we currently use have not been registered in all of the countries outside of the United States in which we do business or may do business in the future and may never be registered in all of these countries. We cannot assure you that all of the steps we have taken to protect our intellectual property in the United States and foreign countries will be adequate. The laws of some foreign countries do not protect intellectual property rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States.

In addition, we cannot assure you that third parties will not claim infringement by us in the future. Any such claim, whether or not it has merit, could be time-consuming, result in costly litigation, cause delays in introducing new menu items or investment products or require us to enter into royalty or licensing agreements. As a result, any such claim could harm our business and cause a decline in our results of operations and financial condition.

Wendy's has re-focused its breakfast initiative on key markets and reduced the number of restaurants offering a breakfast menu from 1,070 to approximately 600 in 2008. The breakfast daypart remains competitive and markets may prove difficult to penetrate.

The roll out and expansion of breakfast has been accompanied by challenging competitive conditions, varied consumer tastes and discretionary spending patterns that differ from existing dayparts. In addition, breakfast sales could cannibalize sales during other parts of the day and may have negative implications on food and labor costs and restaurant margins. Wendy's has re-focused its breakfast initiative on key markets and reduced the number of restaurants offering a breakfast menu to approximately 600. Wendy's will need to reinvest royalties earned and other amounts to build breakfast brand awareness through greater investments in advertising and promotional activities. Capital investments will also be required at company-owned restaurants. As a result of the foregoing, breakfast sales and resulting profits may take longer to reach expected levels.

Our international operations are subject to various factors of uncertainty and there is no assurance that international operations will be profitable.

Each brand's business outside of the United States is subject to a number of additional factors, including international economic and political conditions, differing cultures and consumer preferences, currency regulations and fluctuations, diverse government regulations and tax systems, uncertain or differing interpretations of rights and obligations in connection with international franchise agreements and the collection of royalties from international franchisees, the availability and cost of land and construction costs, and the availability of experienced management, appropriate franchisees, and joint venture partners. Although we believe we have developed the support structure required for international growth, there is no assurance that such growth will occur or that international operations will be profitable.

We rely on computer systems and information technology to run our business. Any material failure, interruption or security breach of our computer systems or information technology may adversely affect the operation of our business and results of operations.

We are significantly dependent upon our computer systems and information technology to properly conduct our business. A failure or interruption of computer systems or information technology could result in the loss of data, business interruptions or delays in business operations. Also, despite our considerable efforts and technological resources to secure our computer systems and information technology, security breaches, such as unauthorized access and computer viruses, may occur resulting in system disruptions, shutdowns or unauthorized disclosure of confidential information. Any security breach of our computer systems or information technology may result in adverse publicity, loss of sales and profits, penalties or loss resulting from misappropriation of information.

We may be required to recognize additional asset impairment and other asset-related charges.

We have significant amounts of long-lived assets, goodwill and intangible assets and have incurred impairment charges in the past with respect to those assets. In accordance with applicable accounting standards, we test for impairment generally annually, or more frequently, if there are indicators of impairment, such as

- significant adverse changes in the business climate;
- current period operating or cash flow losses combined with a history of operating or cash flow losses or a projection or forecast that demonstrates continuing losses associated with long-lived assets;
- a current expectation that more-likely-than-not (e.g., a likelihood that is more than 50%) long-lived assets will be sold or otherwise disposed of significantly before the end of their previously estimated useful life; and



- a significant drop in our stock price.

Based upon future economic and capital market conditions, as well as the operating performance of our reporting units, future impairment charges could be incurred.

The collectability of the notes receivable due from Deerfield Capital Corp. may affect our financial position.

Due to significant financial weakness in the credit markets, current publicly available information of DFR, and our ongoing assessment of the likelihood of full repayment of the principal amount of the DFR Notes, we recorded an allowance for doubtful collectability of \$21.2 million on the DFR Notes for the fourth quarter of 2008. This charge is included in "Other than temporary losses on investments." The repayment of the \$48.0 million principal amount of DFR Notes due in 2012 received in connection with the Deerfield Sale and the payment of related interest are dependent on the cash flow of DFR, including Deerfield. DFR's investment portfolio is comprised primarily of fixed income investments, including mortgage-backed securities and corporate debt and its activities also include the asset management business of Deerfield. Among the factors that may affect DFR's ability to continue to pay the notes receivable and related interest are the current dislocation in the sub-prime mortgage sector and the current weakness in the broader credit market. These factors could result in increases in its borrowing costs and reductions in its liquidity and in the value of its investments, which could reduce DFR's cash flows and may result in an additional provision for uncollectible notes receivable for us.

#### Other Risks

One of our subsidiaries remains contingently liable with respect to certain obligations relating to a business that we have sold.

In July 1999, we sold 41.7% of our then remaining 42.7% interest in National Propane Partners, L.P. and a sub-partnership, National Propane, L.P. to Columbia Energy Group, and retained less than a 1% special limited partner interest in AmeriGas Eagle Propane, L.P. (formerly known as National Propane, L.P. and as Columbia Propane, L.P.). As part of the transaction, our subsidiary, National Propane Corporation, agreed that while it remains a special limited partner of AmeriGas, it would indemnify the owner of AmeriGas for any payments the owner makes under certain debt of AmeriGas (aggregating approximately \$138.0 million as of December 28, 2008), if AmeriGas is unable to repay or refinance such debt, but only after recourse to the assets of AmeriGas. Either National Propane Corporation or AmeriGas Propane, L.P., the owner of AmeriGas, may require AmeriGas to repurchase the special limited partner interest. However, we believe it is unlikely that either party would require repurchase prior to July, 19, 2009 as either AmeriGas Propane, L.P. would owe us tax indemnification payments or we would accelerate payment of deferred taxes, which amount to approximately \$34.7 million as of December 28, 2008, associated with our sale of the propane business if National Propane required the repurchase. As of December 28, 2008, we have net operating tax loss carryforwards sufficient to offset substantially all of these deferred taxes.

Although we believe that it is unlikely that we will be called upon to make any payments under the indemnification described above, if we are required to make such payments it could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations. You should read the information in "Item. 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations-Liquidity and Capital Resources" and in Note 26 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Changes in environmental regulation may adversely affect our existing and future operations and results.

Certain of our current and past operations are or have been subject to federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations concerning the discharge, storage, handling and disposal of hazardous or toxic substances that provide for significant fines, penalties and liabilities, in certain cases without regard to whether the owner or operator of the property knew of, or was responsible for, the release or presence of such hazardous or toxic substances. In addition, third parties may make claims against owners or operators of properties for personal injuries and property damage associated with releases of hazardous or toxic substances. Although we believe that our operations comply in all material respects with all applicable environmental laws and regulations, we cannot predict what environmental legislation or regulations will be enacted in the future or how existing or future laws or regulations will be administered or interpreted. We cannot predict the amount of future expenditures that may be required in order to comply with any environmental laws or regulations or to satisfy any such claims. See "Item 1. Business--General--Environmental Matters."

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

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## Item 2. Properties.

We believe that our properties, taken as a whole, are generally well maintained and are adequate for our current and foreseeable business needs.

The following table contains information about our material facilities as of December 28, 2008:

ACTIVE FACILITIES	FACILITIES-LOCATION	LAND TITLE	APPROXIMATE SQ. FT. OF FLOOR SPACE
Corporate and Arby's Headquarters	Atlanta, GA	Leased	184,251*
Former Corporate Headquarters	New York, NY	Leased	31,237**
Wendy's Corporate Headquarters	Dublin, OH	Owned	249,025
Wendy's Restaurants of Canada Inc.	Oakville, Ontario Canada	Leased	35,125

\*ARCOP, the independent Arby's purchasing cooperative, and the Arby's Foundation, a not-for-profit charitable foundation in which ARG has non-controlling representation on the board of directors, sublease approximately 2,680 and 3,800 square feet, respectively, of this space from ARG.

\*\*The Management Company subleases approximately 26,600 square feet of this space from us.

At December 28, 2008, Wendy's and its franchisees operated 6,630 Wendy's restaurants. Of the 1,406 company-owned Wendy's restaurants, Wendy's owned the land and building for 629 restaurants, owned the building and held long-term land leases for 585 restaurants and held leases covering land and building for 192 restaurants. Wendy's land and building leases are generally written for terms of 10 to 25 years with one or more five-year renewal options. In certain lease agreements Wendy's has the option to purchase the real estate. Certain leases require the payment of additional rent equal to a percentage, generally less than 6%, of annual sales in excess of specified amounts. Wendy's also owned land and buildings for, or leased, 192 Wendy's restaurant locations which were leased or subleased to franchisees. Surplus land and buildings are generally held for sale.

The Bakery operates two facilities in Zanesville, Ohio that produce hamburger buns for Wendy's restaurants. The hamburger buns are distributed to both company-owned and franchised restaurants using primarily the Bakery's fleet of trucks. As of December 28, 2008 the Bakery employed approximately 342 people at the two facilities that had a combined size of approximately 205,000 square feet.

As of December 28, 2008, Arby's and its franchisees operated 3,756 Arby's restaurants. Of the 1,176 company-owned Arby's restaurants, ARG owned the land and/or the buildings with respect to 138 of these restaurants and leased or subleased the remainder. As of December 28, 2008, ARG also owned 15 and leased 93 properties that were either leased or sublet principally to franchisees. Our other subsidiaries also owned or leased a few inactive facilities and undeveloped properties, none of which are material to our financial condition or results of operations.

The location of company-owned and franchised restaurants as of December 28, 2008 is set forth below.

State	Wendy's		Arby's	
	Company	Franchise	Company	Franchise
Alabama	—	96	71	32
Alaska	—	7	—	9
Arizona	48	54	—	83
Arkansas	—	64	—	44
California	57	220	42	91
Colorado	47	80	—	64
Connecticut	5	44	12	2
Delaware	—	15	—	19
Florida	189	308	94	90
Georgia	55	240	93	59
Hawaii	7	—	—	7
Idaho	—	29	—	22
Illinois	97	90	5	146
Indiana	5	171	99	82
Iowa	—	46	—	52
Kansas	11	64	—	50
Kentucky	3	140	36	100
Louisiana	65	64	—	31
Maine	5	15	—	8
Maryland	—	114	17	30
Massachusetts	71	22	—	6
Michigan	21	252	112	81
Minnesota	—	69	84	2
Mississippi	8	88	3	23
Missouri	23	57	4	76
Montana	—	17	—	18
Nebraska	—	34	—	50
Nevada	—	45	—	35
New Hampshire	4	22	—	1
New Jersey	21	120	18	10
New Mexico	—	38	—	31
New York	66	157	1	90
North Carolina	40	211	60	82
North Dakota	—	9	—	14
Ohio	79	352	106	185
Oklahoma	—	38	—	95
Oregon	20	33	22	17
Pennsylvania	79	180	92	60
Rhode Island	9	11	—	—
South Carolina	—	132	13	58
South Dakota	—	9	—	15
Tennessee	—	181	55	57
Texas	75	323	71	109
Utah	57	28	33	38
Vermont	—	5	—	—

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Virginia	52	166	2	108
Washington	27	45	25	40
West Virginia	22	51	1	34
Wisconsin	—	63	4	86
Wyoming	—	14	1	15
District of Columbia	—	4	—	—
Domestic Subtotal	1,268	4,637	1,176	2,457

Country/Territory	Wendy's		Arby's	
	Company	Franchise	Company	Franchise
Aruba	—	3	—	—
Bahamas	—	7	—	—
Canada	138	235	—	114
Cayman Islands	—	3	—	—
Costa Rica	—	4	—	—
Dominican Republic	—	2	—	—
El Salvador	—	14	—	—
Guam	—	2	—	—
Guatemala	—	7	—	—
Honduras	—	29	—	—
Indonesia	—	23	—	—
Jamaica	—	3	—	—
Japan	—	75	—	—
Malaysia	—	7	—	—
Mexico	—	14	—	—
New Zealand	—	15	—	—
Panama	—	5	—	—
Philippines	—	31	—	—
Puerto Rico	—	66	—	—
Qatar	—	—	—	1
Turkey	—	—	—	7
United Arab Emirate	—	—	—	1
Venezuela	—	40	—	—
U. S. Virgin Islands	—	2	—	—
International Subtotal	138	587	—	123
Grand Total	1,406	5,224	1,176	2,580

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

In November 2002, Access Now, Inc. and Edward Resnick, later replaced by Christ Soter Tavantzis, on their own behalf and on the behalf of all those similarly situated, brought an action in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida against RTM Operating Company (“RTM”), which became a subsidiary of ours following our acquisition of the RTM Restaurant Group in July 2005. The complaint alleged that the approximately 775 Arby’s restaurants owned by RTM and its affiliates failed to comply with Title III of the ADA. The plaintiffs requested class certification and injunctive relief requiring RTM and such affiliates to comply with the ADA in all of their restaurants. The complaint did not seek monetary damages, but did seek attorneys’ fees. Without admitting liability, RTM entered into a settlement agreement with the plaintiffs on a class-wide basis, which was approved by the court on August 10, 2006. The settlement agreement calls for the restaurants owned by RTM and certain of its affiliates to be brought into ADA compliance over an eight year period at a rate of approximately 100 restaurants per year. The settlement agreement also applies to restaurants subsequently acquired by RTM and such affiliates. ARG estimates

that it will spend approximately \$1.15 million per year of capital expenditures over a seven-year period commencing in 2008 to bring the restaurants into compliance under the settlement agreement, in addition to paying certain legal fees and expenses.

On April 25, 2008, a putative class action complaint was filed by Ethel Guiseppone, on behalf of herself and others similarly situated, against Wendy's, its directors, the Company (then known as Triarc Companies, Inc.), and Triarc Partners, in the Franklin County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas. A motion for leave to file an amended complaint was filed on June 19, 2008. The proposed amended complaint alleged breach of fiduciary duties arising out of the Wendy's board of directors' search for a merger partner and out of its approval of the merger agreement on April 23, 2008, and failure to disclose material information related to the merger in Amendment No. 3 to the Form S-4 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Form S-4"). The proposed amended complaint sought certification of the proceeding as a class action; preliminary and permanent injunctions against disenfranchising the purported class and consummating the merger; a declaration that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties; costs and attorneys fees; and any other relief the court deems proper and just.

Also on April 25, 2008, a putative class action and derivative complaint was filed by Cindy Henzel, on behalf of herself and others similarly situated, and derivatively on behalf of Wendy's, against Wendy's and its directors in the Franklin County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas. A motion for leave to file an amended complaint was filed on June 16, 2008. The proposed amended complaint alleges breach of fiduciary duties arising out of the Wendy's board of directors' search for a merger partner and out of its approval of the merger agreement on April 23, 2008, and failure to disclose material information related to the merger in the Form S-4. The proposed amended complaint seeks certification of the proceeding as a derivative and class action; an injunction against consummating the merger and requiring the defendants to promptly hold an annual meeting and to seek another merger partner; rescission of any part

of the merger agreement already implemented; a declaration that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties; costs and attorneys fees; and any other relief the court deems proper and just.

On May 22, 2008, a putative class action complaint was filed by Ronald Donald Smith, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated, against Wendy's and its directors in the Franklin County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas. A motion for leave to file an amended complaint was filed on June 30, 2008. The proposed amended complaint alleged breach of fiduciary duties arising out of the Wendy's board of directors' search for a merger partner and out of its approval of the merger agreement on April 23, 2008, and failure to disclose material information related to the merger in the Form S-4. The proposed amended complaint sought certification of the proceeding as a derivative and class action; an injunction against consummating the merger and requiring the defendants to promptly hold an annual meeting and to seek another merger partner; rescission of any part of the merger agreement already implemented; a declaration that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties; costs and attorneys fees; and any other relief the court deems proper and just.

On June 13, 2008, a putative class action complaint was filed by Peter D. Ravanis and Dorothea Ravanis, on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated, against Wendy's, its directors, and Triarc Companies, Inc. in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County. An amended complaint was filed on June 20, 2008. The amended complaint alleges breach of fiduciary duties arising out of the Wendy's board of directors' search for a merger partner and out of its approval of the merger agreement on April 23, 2008, and failure to disclose material information related to the merger in the Form S-4. The amended complaint seeks certification of the proceeding as a class action; preliminary and permanent injunctions against consummating the merger; other equitable relief; attorneys' fees; and any other relief the court deems proper and just. All parties to this case have jointly requested that the court stay the action pending resolution of the Ohio cases.

On July 9, 2008, the parties to the three Ohio actions described above filed a stipulation and proposed order that would consolidate the cases, provide for the proposed amended complaint in the Henzel case to be the operative complaint in each of the cases, designate one law firm as lead plaintiffs' counsel, and establish an answer date for the defendants in the consolidated case. The court entered the order as proposed in all three cases on July 9, 2008.

On August 13, 2008, counsel for the parties to the Guiseppone, Henzel, Smith and Ravanis cases described above entered into a memorandum of understanding in which they agreed upon the terms of a settlement of all such lawsuits, which would include the dismissal with prejudice, and release, of all claims against all the defendants, including Wendy's, its directors, us and Triarc Partners. In connection with the settlement, Wendy's agreed to make certain additional disclosures to its shareholders, which were contained in the Form S-4 and to pay plaintiffs' legal fees.

On January 30, 2009 the parties entered into a Class and Derivative Action Stipulation of Settlement. The settlement is subject to approval by the Common Pleas of Court of Franklin County, Ohio. On January 30, 2009, the plaintiffs submitted an application for an order preliminarily approving the settlement, certifying a class for settlement purposes only, providing for notice to the class and setting a final settlement hearing. The court has not yet ruled on that application. Although we expect the court to approve the settlement, there can be no assurance that the court will do so. If the court withholds approval, the proposed settlement may be terminated.

The defendants believe that the Guiseppone, Henzel, Smith and Ravanis cases described above are without merit and intend to vigorously defend them in the event that court approval is not obtained. While we do not believe that these actions will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations, unfavorable rulings could occur. Were an unfavorable ruling to occur, there exists the possibility of a material adverse impact on our results of operations for the period in which the ruling occurs or for future periods.

In addition to the legal matters described above and the environmental matter described under “Item 1. Business--General--Environmental Matters”, we are involved in other litigation and claims incidental to our current and prior businesses. We and our subsidiaries have reserves for all of our legal and environmental matters aggregating \$6,943,000 as of December 28, 2008. Although the outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty and some of these matters may be disposed of unfavorably to us, based on our currently available information, including legal defenses available to us and/or our subsidiaries, and given the aforementioned reserves and our insurance coverages, we do not believe that the outcome of these legal and environmental matters will have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On September 15, 2008, the Company held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The matters acted upon by the stockholders at that meeting were reported in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 28, 2008.



## PART II

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

The principal market for our Class A Common Stock is the New York Stock Exchange (symbol: WEN). Prior to the Wendy's Merger on September 29, 2008, the principal market for our Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock was the New York Stock Exchange (symbols: TRY and TRY.B, respectively). In connection with the Wendy's Merger, our Class B Common Stock was converted to Class A Common Stock. The high and low market prices for our Class A Common Stock and former Class B Common Stock, as reported in the consolidated transaction reporting system, are set forth below:

FISCAL QUARTERS	MARKET PRICE			
	CLASS A		CLASS B	
	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
2008				
First Quarter ended March 30	\$ 9.82	\$ 6.47	\$ 10.11	\$ 6.76
Second Quarter ended June 29	7.35	5.88	7.91	5.90
Third Quarter ended September 28	6.65	4.75	7.06	4.72
Fourth Quarter ended December 28	6.90	2.63	6.75 (a)	4.20 (a)
2007				
First Quarter ended April 1	21.99	18.13	20.55	16.65
Second Quarter ended July 1	19.74	15.64	18.99	15.25
Third Quarter ended September 30	16.22	12.17	16.90	11.38
Fourth Quarter ended December 30	14.50	7.89	15.00	7.82

(a) In connection with the Wendy's Merger effective September 29, 2008, Wendy's/Arby's stockholders approved a charter amendment to convert each share of the then existing Triarc Class B common stock into one share of Wendy's/Arby's Class A Common Stock. The prices for the fourth quarter of 2008 are for the September 29 trading day only.

Our Class A Common Stock is entitled to one vote per share on all matters on which stockholders are entitled to vote. Prior to the Wendy's Merger, our Class B Common Stock was entitled to one-tenth of a vote per share. Our Class B Common Stock was also entitled to vote as a separate class with respect to any merger or consolidation in which the Company was a party unless each holder of a share of Class B Common Stock received the same consideration as a holder of Class A Common Stock, other than consideration paid in shares of common stock that differed as to voting rights, liquidation preference and dividend preference to the same extent that our Class A and Class B Common Stock differed. In accordance with the Certificate of Designation for our Class B Common Stock, and resolutions adopted by our board of directors on June 5, 2007, our Class B Common Stock was entitled, through March 30, 2008, to receive regular quarterly cash dividends equal to at least 110% of any regular quarterly cash dividends paid on our Class A Common Stock. Thereafter, each share of our Class B Common Stock was entitled to at least 100% of the regular quarterly cash dividend paid on each share of our Class A Common Stock. In addition, our Class B Common Stock had a \$.01 per share preference in the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company and, after each share of our Class A Common Stock also received \$.01 per share in any such liquidation, dissolution or winding up, our Class B Common Stock would thereafter participate equally on a per share basis with our Class A Common Stock in any remaining assets of the Company.

During our 2008 and 2007 fiscal years, we paid regular quarterly cash dividends of \$0.08 and \$0.09 per share on our Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock, respectively, through June 16, 2008. The dividend declared on September 19, 2008 and paid on October 3, 2008 for both Class A and Class B common stock was for \$0.08 per share. The dividend declared on December 1, 2008 and paid on December 15, 2008 was for \$0.015 per share of Class A Common Stock.

The company declared a dividend of \$0.015 per share of Class A Common Stock on March 13, 2009 with a record date of March 20, 2009 and payment date of March 30, 2009.

Although we currently intend to continue to declare and pay regular quarterly cash dividends, there can be no assurance that any additional regular quarterly cash dividends will be declared or paid or the amount or timing of such dividends, if any. Any future dividends will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and will be based on such factors as our earnings, financial condition, cash requirements and other factors.

Our ability to meet our cash requirements is primarily dependent upon our cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments on hand, cash flows from ARG and Wendy's, including loans, cash dividends, reimbursement by ARG to us in connection with providing certain management services, and payments by ARG and Wendy's under tax sharing agreements, as well as investment income. Our cash requirements include, but are not limited to, interest and principal payments on our indebtedness as well as required quarterly payments to a management company formed by certain former executives of ours. Under the terms of the

amended and restated Credit Agreement (see “Item 1A. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Wendy’s and Arby’s Businesses – Wendy’s International, Inc. and its subsidiaries, and ARG and its subsidiaries, are subject to various restrictions, and substantially all of their non-real estate assets are pledged subject to certain restrictions, under a Credit Agreement”), there are restrictions on the ability of the Co-Borrowers to pay any dividends or make any loans or advances to us. The ability of Wendy’s and ARG to pay cash dividends or make any loans or advances as well as to make payments for the management services and under the tax sharing agreement to us is also dependent upon their ability to achieve sufficient cash flows after satisfying their cash requirements, including debt service. See Note 10 of the Financial Statements and Supplementary Data included in Item 8 herein, and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis – Results of Operations and Liquidity and Capital Resources” in Item 7 herein, for further information on the Credit Agreement.

As of February 27, 2009, there were approximately 46,024 holders of record of our Class A Common Stock. We have no class of equity securities currently issued and outstanding except for our Class A Common Stock, Series 1. However, we are currently authorized to issue up to 100 million shares of preferred stock.

The following table provides information with respect to repurchases of shares of our common stock by us and our “affiliated purchasers” (as defined in Rule 10b-18(a)(3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) during the fourth fiscal quarter of 2008:

#### Issuer Repurchases of Equity Securities

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased (1)	Average Price Paid per Share (1)	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plan (2)	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plan (2)
September 29, 2008 through October 26, 2008	591,257	\$4.80	---	\$50,000,000
October 27, 2008 through November 23, 2008	28,248	\$3.51	---	\$50,000,000
November 24, 2008 through December 28, 2008	49,395,394	\$4.15	---	\$50,000,000
Total	50,014,899	\$4.16	---	\$50,000,000

(1) Includes 619,505 shares re-acquired by the Company from holders of restricted stock awards, either to satisfy tax withholding requirements or upon forfeiture of non-vested shares. Also included are 49,395,394 shares of Class A Common Stock which were purchased by affiliates of the Company in conjunction with a partial tender offer at a price of \$4.15 per share. The shares were valued at the closing prices of our Class A Common Stock, Series 1, on the dates of activity.

(2)

On July 1, 2007 a new stock repurchase program became effective pursuant to which we were authorized to repurchase up to \$50 million of our Class A Common Stock and/or Class B Common Stock during the period from July 1, 2007 through and including December 28, 2008 when and if market conditions warranted and to the extent legally permissible. No transactions were effected under our stock repurchase program during the fourth fiscal quarter of 2008. This repurchase program expired on December 28, 2008 in accordance with its terms and has not been extended for the 2009 fiscal year.

## Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

Year Ended (1)

	December 28, 2008	December 30, 2007(2)	December 31, 2006(2)	January 1, 2006(2)	January 2, 2005(2)
(In millions, except per share amounts)					
Sales	\$ 1,662.3	\$ 1,113.4	\$ 1,073.3	\$ 570.8	\$ 205.6
Franchise revenues	160.5	87.0	82.0	91.2	100.9
Asset management and related fees	-	63.3	88.0	65.3	22.1
Revenues	1,822.8	1,263.7	1,243.3	727.3	328.6
Operating (loss) profit	(413.6)(5)	19.9(6)	44.6	(31.4)(8)	2.6
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(482.0)(5)	15.1(6)	(10.8)(7)	(58.5)(8)	1.4(9)
Income from discontinued operations	2.2	1.0	-	3.3	12.5
Net (loss) income	(479.8)(5)	16.1(6)	(10.9)(7)	(55.2)(8)	13.8(9)
Basic (loss) income per share(3):					
Class A common stock:					
Continuing operations	(3.06)	.15	(.13)	(.84)	.02
Discontinued operations	.01	.01	-	.05	.18
Net (loss) income	(3.05)	.16	(.13)	(.79)	.20
Class B common stock:					
Continuing operations	(1.26)	.17	(.13)	(.84)	.02
Discontinued operations	.02	.01	-	.05	.21
Net (loss) income	(1.24)	.18	(.13)	(.79)	.23
Diluted (loss) income per share(3):					
Class A common stock:					
Continuing operations	(3.06)	.15	(.13)	(.84)	.02
Discontinued operations	.01	.01	-	.05	.17
Net income (loss)	(3.05)	.16	(.13)	(.79)	.19
Class B common stock:					
Continuing operations	(1.26)	.17	(.13)	(.84)	.02
Discontinued operations	.02	.01	-	.05	.20
Net income (loss)	(1.24)	.18	(.13)	(.79)	.22
Cash dividends per share:					
Class A common stock	.26	.32	.77	.29	.26
Class B common stock	.26	.36	.81	.33	.30
Working (deficiency) capital	(121.7)	(36.9)	161.2	295.6	462.6
Properties	1,770.4	504.9	488.5	443.9	103.4
Total assets	4,645.6	1,454.6	1,560.4	2,809.5	1,067.0
Long-term debt	1,081.2	711.5	701.9	894.5	446.5
Stockholders' equity	2,383.3	448.9	477.8	398.3	305.5
Weighted average shares outstanding(4):					
Class A common stock	137.7	28.8	27.3	23.8	22.2
Class B common stock	48.0	63.5	59.3	46.2	40.8

(1) Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company") reports on a fiscal year consisting of 52 or 53 weeks ending on the Sunday closest to December 31. The financial position and results of operations of Wendy's International, Inc. ("Wendy's") are included commencing with the date of the Wendy's Merger, September 29, 2008. The financial position and results of operations of RTM Restaurant Group ("RTM") are included commencing with its acquisition by the Company on July 25, 2005. Deerfield & Company LLC ("Deerfield"), in which the Company held a 63.6% capital interest from July 22, 2004 through its sale on December 21, 2007, Deerfield Opportunities Fund, LLC (the "Opportunities Fund"), which commenced on October 4, 2004 and in which our investment was effectively redeemed on September 29, 2006, and DM Fund LLC, which commenced on March 1, 2005 and in which our investment was effectively redeemed on December 31, 2006, reported on a calendar year ending on December 31 through their respective sale or redemption dates. In accordance with this method, each of the Company's fiscal years presented above contained 52 weeks except for the 2004 fiscal year which contained 53 weeks. All references to years relate to fiscal years rather than calendar years.

(2) Selected financial data reflects the changes related to the adoption of the following accounting standards:

(a) The Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes" ("FIN 48") as of January 1, 2007. FIN 48 clarifies how uncertainties in income taxes should

be reflected in financial statements in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (“SFAS”) No. 109, “Accounting for Income Taxes.” FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for financial statement recognition and measurement of potential tax benefits associated with tax positions taken or expected to be taken in income tax returns. FIN 48 prescribes a two-step process of evaluating a tax position, whereby an entity first determines if it is more likely than not that a tax position will be sustained upon examination, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. A tax position that meets the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold is then measured for purposes of financial statement recognition as the largest amount of benefit that is greater than 50 percent likely of being realized upon being effectively settled. There was no effect on the 2007 or prior period statements of operations upon the adoption of FIN 48. However, there was a net reduction of \$2.3 in stockholders’ equity as of January 1, 2007.

(b) The Company adopted FASB Board Staff Position No. AUG AIR-1, “Accounting for Planned Major Maintenance Activities” (“FSP AIR-1”) as of January 1, 2007. As a result, the Company accounts for scheduled major aircraft maintenance overhauls in accordance with the direct expensing method under which the actual cost of such overhauls is recognized as expense in the period it is incurred. Previously, the Company accounted for scheduled major maintenance activities in accordance with the accrue-in-advance method under which the estimated cost of such overhauls was recognized as expense in periods through the scheduled date of the respective overhaul with any difference between estimated and actual cost recorded in results from operations at the time of the actual overhaul. In accordance with the retroactive application of FSP AIR-1, the Company has credited (charged) \$0.6, \$0.7 and \$(0.2) to operating profit (loss) and \$0.4, \$0.5 and \$(0.1) to income (loss) from continuing operations and net income (loss) for 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

(c) The Company adopted SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), “Share-Based Payment” (“SFAS 123(R)”), which revised SFAS No. 123, “Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation” (“SFAS 123”) effective January 2, 2006. As a result, the Company now measures the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments, including grants of employee stock options and restricted stock, based on the fair value of the award at the date of grant. The Company previously used the intrinsic value method to measure employee share-based compensation. Under the intrinsic value method, compensation cost for the Company’s stock options was measured as the excess, if any, of the market price of the Company’s Class A common stock (the “Class A Common Stock” or “Class A Common Shares”), and/or Class B common stock, series 1 (the “Class B Common Stock” or “Class B Common Shares”), as applicable, at the date of grant, or at any subsequent measurement date as a result of certain types of modifications to the terms of its stock options, over the amount an employee must pay to acquire the stock. As the Company used the modified prospective adoption method under SFAS 123(R), there was no effect from the adoption of this standard on the financial statements for all periods presented prior to the adoption date.

(3) Income (loss) per share amounts for 2008 reflects the conversion of Triarc Companies, Inc. (“Triarc” and the former name of Wendy’s/Arby’s Group, Inc.) Class B Common Stock into Wendy’s/Arby’s Class A Common Stock (the “Conversion”) on September 29, 2008. In connection with the Wendy’s Merger, Wendy’s/Arby’s stockholders approved a charter amendment to convert each of the then existing Triarc Class B Common Stock into one share of Wendy’s/Arby’s Class A Common Stock. For the purposes of calculating income per share, net income was allocated between the shares of the Company’s Class A Common Stock and the Company’s Class B Common Stock based on the actual dividend payment ratio. For the purposes of calculating loss per share, the net loss for any year was allocated equally through the Conversion date.

(4) The number of shares used in the calculation of diluted income (loss) per share is the same as basic income (loss) per share for 2008, 2006 and 2005 since all potentially dilutive securities would have had an antidilutive effect based on the loss from continuing operations for these years. The numbers of shares used in the calculation of diluted income per share of the Company’s Class A and the Company’s Class B Common Stock for 2007 are 28,965 and 64,282 respectively. The number of shares used in the calculation of diluted income per share of the

Company's Class A and the Company's Class B Common Stock for 2004 are 23,415 and 43,206, respectively. These shares used for the calculation of diluted income per share in 2007 and 2004 consist of the weighted average common shares outstanding for each class of common stock and potential shares of common stock reflecting the effect of dilutive stock options and nonvested restricted shares of 129 for the Company's Class A Common Stock and 759 for the Company's Class B Common Stock in 2007, and 1,182 for the Company's Class A Common Stock and 2,366 for the Company's Class B Common Stock in 2004.

(5) Reflects certain significant charges and credits recorded during 2008 as follows: \$460.1 charged to operating profit consisting of a goodwill impairment for the Arby's Company-owned restaurant reporting unit; \$484.0 charged to income from continuing operations and net income representing the aforementioned \$460.1 charged to operating profit and other than temporary losses on investments of \$112.7 partially offset by \$88.8 of income tax benefit related to the above charges.



- (6) Reflects certain significant charges and credits recorded during 2007 as follows: \$45.2 charged to operating profit, consisting of facilities relocation and corporate restructuring costs of \$85.4 less \$40.2 from the gain on sale of the Company's interest in Deerfield; \$16.6 charged to income from continuing operations and net income representing the aforementioned \$45.2 charged to operating profit offset by \$15.8 of income tax benefit related to the above charge, and a \$12.8 previously unrecognized prior year contingent tax benefit related to certain severance obligations to certain of the Company's former executives.
- (7) Reflects a significant charge recorded during 2006 as follows: \$9.0 charged to loss from continuing operations and net loss representing a \$14.1 loss on early extinguishments of debt related to conversions or effective conversions of the Company's 5% convertible notes due 2023 and prepayments of term loans under the Company's senior secured term loan facility, partially offset by an income tax benefit of \$5.1 related to the above charge.
- (8) Reflects certain significant charges and credits recorded during 2005 as follows: \$58.9 charged to operating loss representing (1) share-based compensation charges of \$28.3 representing the intrinsic value of stock options which were exercised by the Chairman and then Chief Executive Officer and the Vice Chairman and then President and Chief Operating Officer and subsequently replaced on the date of exercise, the grant of contingently issuable performance-based restricted shares of the Company's Class A and Class B common stock and the grant of equity interests in two of the Company's then subsidiaries, (2) a \$17.2 loss on settlements of unfavorable franchise rights representing the cost of settling franchise agreements acquired as a component of the acquisition of RTM with royalty rates below the 2005 standard 4% royalty rate that the Company receives on new franchise agreements and (3) facilities relocation and corporate restructuring charges of \$13.5; \$67.5 charged to loss from continuing operations representing the aforementioned \$58.9 charged to operating loss and a \$35.8 loss on early extinguishments of debt upon a debt refinancing in connection with the acquisition of RTM, both partially offset by \$27.2 of income tax benefit relating to the above charges; and \$64.2 charged to net loss representing the aforementioned \$67.5 charged to loss from continuing operations partially offset by income from discontinued operations of \$3.3 principally resulting from the release of reserves for state income taxes that were no longer required.
- (9) Reflects certain significant credits recorded during 2004 as follows: \$17.3 credited to income from continuing operations representing (1) \$14.6 of income tax benefit due to the release of income tax reserves which were no longer required upon the finalization of the examination of certain of the Company's prior year's Federal income tax returns, the finalization of a state income tax examination and the expiration of the statute of limitations for the examination of certain of the Company's state income tax returns and (2) a \$2.7 credit, net of a \$1.6 income tax provision, representing the release of related interest accruals that were no longer required; and \$29.8 credited to net income representing the aforementioned \$17.3 credited to income from continuing operations and \$12.5 of additional gain on disposal of the Company's beverage businesses that were previously sold resulting from the release of income tax reserves related to discontinued operations which were no longer required upon finalization of an Internal Revenue Service examination of certain prior year's Federal income tax returns and the expiration of the statute of limitations for examinations of certain of the Company's state income tax returns.

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

Effective September 29, 2008, in conjunction with the merger ("Wendy's Merger") with Wendy's International, Inc. ("Wendy's") described below under "Introduction and Executive Overview – Merger with Wendy's International, Inc.", the corporate name of Triarc Companies, Inc., ("Triarc"), changed to Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. ("Wendy's/Arby's" or, together with its subsidiaries, the "Company" or "we"). The references to the "Company" or "we" for periods prior to September 29, 2008 refer to Triarc and its subsidiaries. Certain statements we make under this Item 7 constitute "forward-looking statements" under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. See "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements and Projections" in "Part 1" preceding "Item 1 - Business." You should consider our

forward-looking statements in light of the risks discussed under the heading “Risk Factors” in Item 1A above as well as our consolidated financial statements, related notes, and other financial information appearing elsewhere in this report and our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

This “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” of the Company should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the related notes that appear elsewhere within this report.

Because the merger with Wendy’s did not occur until the first day of our 2008 fourth quarter, only the fourth quarter results of operations of Wendy’s are included in this report. The results of operations discussed below will not be indicative of future results due to the consummation of the merger transaction with Wendy’s as well as the 2007 sale of our interest in Deerfield & Company LLC (“Deerfield”) discussed below.

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## Introduction and Executive Overview

### Our Business

We currently manage and internally report our operations as two business segments, the operation and franchising of Wendy's restaurants and the operation and franchising of Arby's restaurants. In 2007, we also operated in the asset management business through our 63.6% capital interest in Deerfield, which was sold on December 21, 2007 to Deerfield Capital Corp. ("DFR"). As a result of this sale, our 2008 financial statements include only the financial position, results of operations and cash flows from the restaurant businesses.

Restaurant business revenues for 2008 include: (1) \$1,632.9 million recognized upon delivery of food to the customer, (2) \$29.4 million from the sale of bakery items and kid's meal promotion items to our franchisees, (3) \$149.5 million from royalty income from franchisees, (4) \$7.6 million from rental income from properties leased to franchisees, and (5) \$3.4 million from franchise and related fees. Our revenues increased significantly in the 2008 fourth quarter due to the Wendy's Merger. The Wendy's royalty rate was 4.0% for the quarter ended December 28, 2008. While over 78% of our existing Arby's royalty agreements and substantially all of our new domestic royalty agreements provide for royalties of 4% of franchise revenues, our average Arby's royalty rate was 3.6% for the year ended December 28, 2008. In our former asset management business, revenues were derived through the date of the Deerfield Sale in the form of asset management and related fees from our management of (1) collateralized debt obligation vehicles, ("CDOs"), and (2) investment funds and private investment accounts ("Funds").

In our discussions of "Sales" and "Franchise Revenues" below, we discuss North American same-store sales. Beginning in 2008, we have been reporting Arby's same-store sales commencing after a store has been open for fifteen continuous months (the "Fifteen Month Method") consistent with the metrics used by our management for internal reporting and analysis. Prior thereto, and including the 2007 fiscal year, the calculation of same-store sales commenced after a store was open for twelve continuous months (the "Twelve Month Method"). Wendy's same-store sales are reported after a store has been open for at least fifteen continuous months as of the beginning of the fiscal year. The tables summarizing the results of operations below provide the same-store sales percentage change using the current Fifteen Month Methods, as well as our former Twelve Month Method for Arby's.

Our primary goal is to enhance the value of our Company by:

- improving the quality and affordability of our core menu items;
- increasing traffic in the restaurants and revitalizing the Wendy's and Arby's brands with new marketing programs, menu development and an improved customer experience;
  - improving company-owned restaurant margins;
- achieving significant progress on synergies and efficiencies resulting from the Wendy's Merger;
  - reducing capital spending to maximize cash flow;
- expanding the breakfast daypart at many of our restaurants over the next several years; and
  - the possibility of acquiring other restaurant brands.

Our restaurant businesses have recently experienced trends in the following areas:

### Revenues

- Significant decreases in general consumer confidence in the economy as well as decreases in many consumers' discretionary income caused by factors such as continuing deterioration in the financial markets and in economic conditions, including high unemployment levels and significant displacement in the real estate market, significant fluctuations in fuel costs, and high food costs;

- Increasing price competition in the quick service restaurant (“QSR”) industry, as evidenced by (1) value menu concepts, which offer comparatively lower prices on some menu items, (2) the use of coupons and other price discounting, (3) many recent product promotions focused on lower prices of certain menu items and (4) combination meal concepts, which offer a complete meal at an aggregate price lower than the price of individual food and beverage items;
- Competitive pressures due to extended hours of operation by many QSR competitors, including breakfast and late night hours;
- Competitive pressures from operators outside the QSR industry, such as the deli sections and in-store cafes of major grocery and other retail store chains, convenience stores and casual dining outlets offering prepared and take-out food purchases;
- Increased availability to consumers of product choices, including (1) healthy products driven by a greater consumer awareness of nutritional issues, (2) products that tend to offer a variety of portion sizes and more ingredients; (3) beverage programs which offer a wider selection of premium non-carbonated beverages, including coffee and tea products and (4) sandwiches with perceived higher levels of freshness, quality and customization; and
- Competitive pressures from an increasing number of franchise opportunities seeking to attract qualified franchisees.

#### Cost of Sales

- Higher commodity prices which have increased our food costs during 2008, but have recently moderated;
- The recent volatility in fuel prices which, when at much higher than current levels, contributed to an increase in utility costs and distribution costs;
- Federal, state and local legislative activity, such as minimum wage increases and mandated health and welfare benefits which have and are expected to continue to increase wages and related fringe benefits, including health care and other insurance costs; and
- Legal or regulatory activity related to nutritional content or menu labeling which result in increased operating costs.

#### Other

- Continued competition for development sites among QSR competitors and other businesses and higher development costs associated with those sites; and
- Tightening of the overall credit markets and higher borrowing costs in the lending markets typically used to finance new unit development and remodels. These tightened credit conditions could negatively impact the renewal of franchisee licenses as well as the ability of a franchisee to meet its commitments under development, rental and franchise license agreements.
- We experience these trends directly to the extent they affect the operations of our Company-owned restaurants and indirectly to the extent they affect sales by our franchisees and, accordingly, the royalties and franchise fees we receive from them.

#### Merger with Wendy's International, Inc.

On September 29, 2008, we completed the Wendy's Merger in an all-stock transaction in which Wendy's shareholders received a fixed ratio of 4.25 shares of Wendy's/Arby's Class A Common Stock for each share of Wendy's common stock owned. We expect that the Wendy's Merger will better position the Company to deliver long-term value to our stockholders through enhanced operational efficiencies, improved product offerings, and shared services. Wendy's operates, develops and franchises a system of distinctive quick service restaurants specializing in hamburgers. At September 28, 2008, there were 6,625 Wendy's restaurants in operation in the United States and in 21 other countries and U.S. territories. Of these restaurants, 1,404 were operated by Wendy's and 5,221 by Wendy's franchisees.

In the Wendy's Merger, 376.8 million shares of Wendy's/Arby's common stock, formerly Triarc Class A Common Stock, were issued to Wendy's shareholders. The equity consideration is based on the 4.25 conversion factor of the Wendy's outstanding shares at a value of \$6.57 per share which represents the average closing market price of Triarc Class A Common Stock two days before and after the merger announcement date of April 24, 2008. In addition, immediately prior to the Wendy's Merger, our Class B Common Stock was converted into Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis (the "Conversion").

Outstanding Wendy's stock options were converted upon completion of the Wendy's Merger into stock options with respect to Wendy's/Arby's common stock, based on the 4.25:1 exchange ratio.

Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Wendy's subsequent to September 29, 2008.

### The Deerfield Sale

On December 21, 2007, we completed the sale of our majority capital interest in Deerfield resulting in non-cash proceeds aggregating \$134.6 million, consisting of 9.6 million shares of convertible preferred stock of DFR (“the DFR Preferred Stock”) with a then estimated fair value of \$88.4 million and \$48.0 million principal amount of series A senior secured notes of DFR due in December 2012 (the “DFR Notes”) with a then estimated fair value of \$46.2 million. We also retained ownership of 0.2 million common shares in DFR as part of a pro rata distribution to the members of Deerfield prior to the Deerfield Sale. The Deerfield Sale resulted in a pretax gain of \$40.2 million which was recorded in the fourth quarter of 2007. At December 30, 2007, the carrying value of the DFR Preferred Stock was \$70.4 million, net of a deferred gain of \$6.9 million for our then remaining interest in Deerfield.

The DFR Notes bear interest at the three-month LIBOR (1.47% at December 28, 2008) plus a factor, initially 5% through December 31, 2009, increasing 0.5% each quarter from January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 and 0.25% each quarter from July 1, 2011 through their maturity. The DFR Notes are secured by certain equity interests of DFR and certain of its subsidiaries.

### Conversion of Convertible Preferred Stock and Dividend of DFR Common Stock

On March 11, 2008, DFR stockholders approved the one-for-one conversion of all its outstanding convertible preferred stock into DFR common stock which converted the 9.6 million preferred shares we held into a like number of shares of common stock. On March 11, 2008, our Board of Directors approved the distribution of our 9.8 million shares of DFR common stock, which also included the 0.2 million common shares of DFR discussed above, to our stockholders. The dividend, which was valued at \$14.5 million, was paid on

April 4, 2008 to holders of record of our Class A common stock (the "Class A Common Stock") and our Class B common stock (the "Class B Common Stock") on March 29, 2008.

#### Other than Temporary Losses and Equity in Losses of DFR

On March 18, 2008, in response to unanticipated credit and liquidity events in the first quarter of 2008, DFR announced that it was repositioning its investment portfolio to focus on agency-only residential mortgage-backed securities and away from its principal investing segment to its asset management segment with its fee-based revenue streams. In addition, it stated that during the first quarter of 2008, its portfolio was adversely impacted by deterioration of the global credit markets and, as a result, it sold \$2,800.0 million of its agency and \$1,300.0 million of its AAA-rated non-agency mortgage-backed securities and reduced the net notional amount of interest rate swaps used to hedge a portion of its mortgage-backed securities by \$4,200.0 million, all at a net after-tax loss of \$294.3 million to DFR.

Based on the events described above and their negative effect on the market price of DFR common stock, we concluded that the fair value and, therefore, the carrying value of our investment in the 9.8 million common shares were impaired. As a result, as of March 11, 2008, we recorded an other than temporary loss which is included in "Other than temporary losses on investments," of \$67.6 million (without tax benefit as described below) which included \$11.1 million of pre-tax unrealized holding losses previously recorded as of December 30, 2007 which were included in "Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)", a component of stockholder's equity. These common shares were considered available-for-sale securities due to the limited period they were to be held as of March 11, 2008 (the "Determination Date") before the dividend distribution of the shares to our stockholders. We also recorded an additional impairment charge from March 11, 2008 through the March 29, 2008 record date of the dividend of \$0.5 million. As a result of the dividend, the income tax loss that resulted from the decline in value of our investment of \$68.1 million is not deductible for income tax purposes and no income tax benefit was recorded related to this loss.

Additionally, from December 31, 2007 through the Determination Date, we recorded approximately \$0.8 million of equity in net losses of DFR which are included in "Other expense, net" related to our investment in the 0.2 million common shares of DFR discussed above which were accounted for using the Equity Method through the Determination Date.

#### DFR Notes

The dislocation in the mortgage sector and continuing weakness in the broader financial market has adversely impacted, and may continue to adversely impact, DFR's cash flows. DFR reported operating losses for the first nine months of 2008. Updated financial information from DFR for the year ended December 31, 2008 will not be available until the filing of DFR's Form 10-K expected to be filed on March 16, 2009.

We have received timely and full cash payment of all four quarterly interest payments due on the DFR Notes to date. Additionally, in October 2008 we received a \$1.1 million dividend payment on the convertible preferred stock which we previously held. Based on the Deerfield Sale agreement, payment of a dividend by DFR on this preferred stock was dependent on DFR's board of directors declaring and paying a dividend on DFR's common stock. The first dividend to be declared on their common stock following the date of the Deerfield Sale was declared by DFR and recognized by us in our 2008 third quarter and paid in October 2008. Certain expenses totaling \$6.2 million related to the Deerfield Sale, which were a liability of the Company and for which we had an equal offsetting receivable from DFR as of December 30, 2007, were paid by DFR during the first half of 2008. Accordingly, we did not record any allowance for doubtful collection on these notes prior to the fourth quarter of 2008.

Due to significant financial weakness in the credit markets, current publicly available information of DFR, and our ongoing assessment of the likelihood of full repayment of the principal amount of the DFR Notes, we recorded an allowance for doubtful collectability of \$21.2 million on the DFR Notes in the fourth quarter of 2008. This charge is included in "Other than temporary losses on investments."

Other

In early 2008, we completed the transition that was announced in April 2007 whereby we closed our New York headquarters and combined our corporate operations with our restaurant operations in Atlanta, Georgia (the "Corporate Restructuring"). To facilitate this transition, we had entered into contractual settlements (the "Contractual Settlements") with our Chairman, who was also our then Chief Executive Officer, and our Vice Chairman, who was our then President and Chief Operating Officer, (collectively, the "Former Executives") evidencing the termination of their employment agreements and providing for their resignation as executive officers as of June 29, 2007 (the "Separation Date"). In addition, we sold properties and other assets at our former New York headquarters in 2007 to an affiliate of the Former Executives and we incurred charges for the transition severance arrangements of other New York headquarters' executives and employees who continued to provide services as employees through the 2008 first quarter. The Corporate Restructuring included the transfer of substantially all of our senior executive responsibilities to the executive team of Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc. ("ARG"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of ours, in Atlanta, Georgia.



We also maintain an investment portfolio principally from the investment of our excess cash with the objective of generating investment income, including an account (the "Equities Account") which is managed by a management company (the "Management Company") formed by the Former Executives and a director, who was also our former Vice Chairman (collectively, the "Principals"). The Equities Account is invested principally in equity securities, including derivative instruments, of a limited number of publicly-traded companies. In addition, the Equities Account sells securities short and invests in market put options in order to lessen the impact of significant market downturns. Investment income (loss) from this account includes realized investment gains (losses) from marketable security transactions, realized and unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments and securities sold with an obligation to purchase, other than temporary losses, interest and dividends. The Equities Account, including restricted cash equivalents and equity derivatives, had a fair value of \$37.7 million as of December 28, 2008. The cost of available-for-sale securities within the Equities Account has been reduced by \$12.7 million included in "Other than temporary losses on investments." The fair value of the Equities Account at December 28, 2008 excludes \$47.0 million of restricted cash released from the Equities Account to Wendy's/Arby's in 2008. We obtained permission from the Management Company to release this amount from the Equities Account and we are obligated to return this amount to the Equities Account by January 29, 2010. As of February 27, 2009, as a result of continuing weakness in the economy during the first quarter of 2009 and its effect on the equity markets, there has been a decrease of approximately \$3.6 million in the fair value of the available for sale securities held in the Equities Account as compared to their value on December 28, 2008.

We also had invested in several funds managed by Deerfield, including Deerfield Opportunities Fund, LLC ("the Opportunities Fund"), and DM Fund LLC ("the DM Fund"). Prior to 2006, we invested \$100.0 million in the Opportunities Fund and transferred \$4.8 million of that amount to the DM Fund. We redeemed our investments in the Opportunities Fund and the DM Fund effective September 29, 2006 and December 31, 2006, respectively. The Opportunities Fund through September 29, 2006 and the DM Fund through December 31, 2006 were accounted for as consolidated subsidiaries of ours, with minority interests to the extent of participation by investors other than us. The Opportunities Fund was a multi-strategy hedge fund that principally invested in various fixed income securities and their derivatives and employed substantial leverage in its trading activities which significantly impacted our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows. When we refer to Deerfield, we mean only Deerfield & Company, LLC and not the Opportunities Fund or the DM Fund.

#### Presentation of Financial Information

Our fiscal reporting periods consist of 52 weeks ending on the Sunday closest to December 31 and are referred to herein as (1) "the year ended December 28, 2008" or "2008" which commenced on December 31, 2007 and ended on December 28, 2008 (and includes Wendy's for the fourth quarter of 2008), (2) "the year ended December 30, 2007" or "2007" which commenced on January 1, 2007 and ended on December 30, 2007 except that Deerfield is included from January 1, 2007 through its December 21, 2007 sale date, and (3) "the year ended December 31, 2006" or "2006" which commenced on January 2, 2006 and ended on December 31, 2006 except that (a) Deerfield and the DM Fund are included on a calendar year basis and (b) the Opportunities Fund is included from January 1, 2006 through its September 29, 2006 redemption date. Balances presented as of December 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007 are referred to herein as "as of Year-End 2008" and "as of Year-End 2007," respectively. With the exception of Deerfield, the Opportunities Fund, and the DM Fund, which reported on a calendar year basis, all references to years relate to fiscal periods rather than calendar periods. The difference in reporting basis in 2006 is not material.

## Results of Operations

Presented below is a table that summarizes our results of operations and compares the amount of the change between 2008 and 2007 (the "2008 Change"). Certain percentage changes between these years are considered not measurable or not meaningful ("n/m").

	2008	2007	2008 Change	
			Amount	Percent
	(In Millions)			
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Sales	\$ 1,662.3	\$ 1,113.4	\$ 548.9	49.3%
Franchise revenues	160.5	87.0	73.5	84.5%
Asset management and related fees	-	63.3	(63.3)	(100.0%)
	1,822.8	1,263.7	559.1	44.2%
<b>Costs and expenses:</b>				
Cost of sales	1,415.5	894.5	521.0	58.2%
Cost of services	-	25.2	(25.2)	(100.0%)
General and administrative	248.7	205.4	43.3	21.1%
Depreciation and amortization	88.3	66.2	22.1	33.4%
Goodwill impairment	460.1	-	460.1	n/m
Impairment of other long-lived assets	19.2	7.1	12.1	n/m
Facilities relocation and corporate restructuring	3.9	85.4	(81.5)	(95.4%)
Gain on sale of consolidated business	-	(40.2)	40.2	100.0%
Other operating income, net	0.7	0.2	0.5	n/m
	2,236.4	1,243.8	992.6	79.8%
Operating (loss) profit	(413.6)	19.9	(433.5)	n/m
Interest expense	(67.0)	(61.3)	(5.7)	(9.3%)
Gain on early extinguishments of debt	3.6	-	3.6	n/m
Investment income, net	9.4	62.1	(52.7)	(84.9%)
Other than temporary losses on investments	(112.7)	(9.9)	(102.8)	n/m
Other expense, net	(0.6)	(1.4)	0.8	57.1%
<b>(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interests</b>				
	(580.9)	9.4	(590.3)	n/m
Benefit from income taxes	99.3	8.4	90.9	n/m
Minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries	(0.3)	(2.7)	2.4	85.2%
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(481.9)	15.1	(497.0)	n/m
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes:	2.2	1.0	1.2	n/m
Net (loss) income	\$ (479.7)	\$ 16.1	\$ (495.8)	n/m

## Restaurant Statistics:

Wendy's same-store sales (a): Fourth Quarter 2008

North America Company-owned restaurants	3.6%
North America Franchise restaurants	3.8%
North America Systemwide	3.7%

	Fifteen Month Method		Twelve Month Method	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Arby's same-store sales:				
North America Company-owned restaurants	(5.8)%	(1.3)%	(5.8)%	(1.5)%
North America Franchised restaurants	(3.6)%	1.1%	(3.5)%	0.9%
North America Systemwide	(4.3)%	0.3%	(4.3)%	0.1%

## Restaurant Margin:

Fourth Quarter 2008

Wendy's	11.7%
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Full Year 2008 2007

Arby's	16.1%	19.7%
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Restaurant count:	Company-owned	Franchised	Systemwide
Wendy's restaurant count (a):			
Restaurant count at September 29, 2008	1,404	5,221	6,625
Opened since September 29, 2008	6	32	38
Closed since September 29, 2008	(5)	(28)	(33)
Net purchased from (sold by) franchisees since September 29, 2008	1	(1)	-
Restaurant count at December 28, 2008	1,406	5,224	6,630

## Arby's restaurant count:

Restaurant count at December 30, 2007	1,106	2,582	3,688
Opened in 2008	40	87	127
Closed in 2008	(15)	(44)	(59)
Net purchased from (sold by) franchisees in 2008	45	(45)	-
Restaurant count at December 28, 2008	1,176	2,580	3,756

Total Wendy's/Arby's restaurant count at December 28, 2008	2,582	7,804	10,386
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Company-owned average unit volumes:	2008	2007
	(in millions)	
Wendy's – North America	\$ 1,452.9	\$ 1,436.7
Arby's – North America	\$ 966.9	\$ 1,016.0

(a) Wendy's data, other than average unit volumes, is only for the period commencing with the September 29, 2008 merger date through the end of the fiscal year.

2008 Compared with 2007

Sales

Our sales, which were generated primarily from our Company-owned restaurants, increased \$548.9 million, or 49.3%, to \$1,662.3 million for 2008 from \$1,113.4 million for 2007. The increase in sales is primarily due to the Wendy's Merger which added 1,406 net Company-owned restaurants to the Wendy's/Arby's restaurant system and generated \$530.8 million in sales during the fourth quarter. Excluding Wendy's, sales increased \$18.1 million, which is attributable to the \$80.0 million increase in sales from the 70 net Arby's Company-owned restaurants added since December 30, 2007 and substantially offset by a \$62.0 million decrease in sales due to a 5.8% decrease in Arby's Company-owned same-store sales. Of the 45 net restaurants acquired from franchisees, 41 are in the California market (the "California Restaurants") and were purchased from a franchisee on January 14, 2008 (the "California Restaurant Acquisition"). The California Restaurants generated approximately \$36.0 million of sales in 2008. Same store sales of our Arby's Company-owned restaurants were primarily impacted by the effect of deterioration of economic conditions in 2008 which resulted in decreases in consumers' discretionary income, reduced consumer confidence in the economy, continued discounting by our competitors, and high unemployment levels. As a result of these factors, we have experienced an escalating decline in customer traffic

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and lower sales volumes. In addition, when compared to the prior year, Arby's executed marketing campaigns that were not as effective in reinforcing consumers' perception of our value position in the QSR marketplace.

#### Franchise Revenues

Total franchise revenues, which were generated entirely from franchised restaurants, increased \$73.5 million, or 84.4%, to \$160.5 million for 2008 from \$87.0 million for 2007. The increase was due to the Wendy's Merger which added 5,224 franchised restaurants to the Wendy's/Arby's restaurant system and generated \$74.6 million in additional franchise revenue during the 2008 fourth quarter. Excluding Wendy's, franchise revenues decreased \$1.1 million, which is primarily attributable to the effect of the California Restaurant Acquisition whereby previously franchised restaurants are now Company-owned and the 3.6% decrease in same-store sales for Arby's franchised restaurants. Same-store sales of our franchise restaurants decreased primarily due to the same negative factors discussed above under "Sales," but the use of incremental national media advertising initiatives in the 2008 first and third quarters had a greater positive effect on franchised restaurants than Company-owned restaurants due to the increased exposure in many markets in which our franchisees operate.

#### Asset Management and Related Fees

As a result of the Deerfield Sale on December 21, 2007, there were no asset management and related fees in 2008.

#### Restaurant Margin

Our restaurant margin decreased to 14.8% for 2008 from 19.7% for 2007. We define restaurant margin as sales from Company-owned restaurants (excluding sales from bakery items and kid's meal promotion items to franchisees) less cost of sales, divided by sales. In addition to the fourth quarter impact of lower average restaurant margins of 11.7% generated by Wendy's, total restaurant margin was negatively impacted by the decline in Arby's margin to 16.1% from 19.7% last year, stemming from (1) a decline in Arby's same-store sales which negatively impacted its operational leverage of fixed and semi-variable costs as a percentage of sales, (2) higher utilities and fuel costs under new distribution contracts that became effective in the third quarter of 2007, (3) increased advertising which was anticipated to generate additional customer traffic but did not, (4) an increase in labor costs primarily due to the effect on payroll and related costs from Federal and state minimum wage increases in 2008 and (5) higher food and paper costs primarily due to fluctuations in the cost of beef and other commodities.

#### Cost of Services

As a result of the Deerfield Sale, we did not incur any cost of services in 2008. For 2007, our cost of services was from the management of CDOs and Funds by Deerfield.

#### General and Administrative

Our general and administrative expenses increased \$43.3 million, or 21.1%, principally due to \$79.5 million of Wendy's general and administrative expenses added during the 2008 fourth quarter as a result of the Wendy's Merger, partially offset by \$24.8 million of general and administrative expenses incurred in 2007 at our former asset management segment. Excluding Wendy's and the former asset management segment, general and administrative expenses decreased \$11.5 million primarily due to (1) a \$14.0 million decrease in corporate general and administrative expenses in 2008 as a result of our Corporate Restructuring which commenced in 2007, (2) a \$6.9 million decrease in incentive compensation in 2008 as compared to 2007 and (3) a \$2.2 million decrease in relocation costs principally attributable to additional costs in the prior year related to estimated declines in market value and increased carrying costs for homes we purchased for resale from relocated employees. These decreases were partially

offset by (1) a \$4.5 million increase in salaries and wages as a result of the increase in employees at our corporate and regional offices as well as increases in existing employee salaries, (2) a \$3.5 million increase for the full year effect of fees for professional and strategic services provided to us under a two-year transition services agreement (the "Services Agreement") entered into with the Management Company commencing in June 2007 as part of the Corporate Restructuring and (3) \$2.3 million of professional fees related to Wendy's Merger integration activities.

#### Depreciation and Amortization

	2008	2007	Change
	(In Millions)		
Arby's restaurants, primarily properties	\$ 61.2	\$ 56.9	\$ 4.3
Wendy's restaurants, primarily properties	23.8	-	23.8
Asset management	-	4.9	(4.9)
General corporate, primarily properties	3.3	4.4	(1.1)
	\$ 88.3	\$ 66.2	\$ 22.1

## Goodwill Impairment

Following the Wendy's Merger, the Company operates in two business segments consisting of two restaurant brands: (1) Wendy's restaurants and (2) Arby's restaurants. Each segment includes reporting units for Company-owned restaurants and franchise operations for purposes of measuring goodwill impairment under Statement of Financial Accounting Standard ("SFAS") No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" ("SFAS 142").

The Company tests the carrying value of goodwill for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset may be impaired, by comparing the fair value of each reporting unit, using discounted cash flows or market multiples based on earnings, to determine if there is an indication that a potential impairment may exist. If we determine that an impairment may exist, we then measure the amount of the impairment loss as the excess, if any, of the carrying amount of the goodwill over its implied fair value. In determining the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill, the Company allocates the fair value of a reporting unit to all of the assets and liabilities of that unit as if the unit had been acquired in a business combination and the fair value of the reporting unit was the price paid to acquire the reporting unit. The excess of the fair value of the unit over the amounts assigned to the assets and liabilities is the implied fair value of goodwill. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit's goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess.

During the second and third quarters of 2008, we performed interim goodwill impairment tests at our Arby's company-owned restaurant and franchise operations reporting units due to the general economic downturn, a decrease in market valuations, and decreases in Arby's same store sales. The results of these interim tests indicated that the fair values of each of these Arby's reporting units exceeded their carrying values.

During the fourth quarter of 2008, we performed our annual goodwill impairment test. As a result of the acceleration of the general economic and market downturn as well as continued decreases in Arby's same store sales, we concluded that the carrying amount of the Arby's Company-owned restaurant reporting unit exceeded its fair value. Accordingly, we completed "step two" of our impairment testing as prescribed in SFAS 142 and recorded an impairment charge of \$460.1 million (with a \$68.3 million tax benefit related to the portion of tax deductible goodwill) representing all of the goodwill recorded for the Arby's Company-owned restaurant reporting unit. We also concluded at that time that there was no impairment of goodwill for the Arby's franchise reporting unit or any of the Wendy's reporting units.

The fair values of the reporting units were determined by management with the assistance of an independent third-party valuation firm.

## Impairment of Other Long-Lived Assets

	2008	2007	Change
	(In Millions)		
Restaurants, primarily properties at underperforming locations	\$ 9.6	\$ 2.6	\$ 7.0
Asset management	-	4.5	(4.5)
General corporate, aircraft	9.6	-	9.6
	\$ 19.2	\$ 7.1	\$ 12.1

## Facilities Relocation and Corporate Restructuring

	2008	2007	Change
	(In Millions)		
Restaurants, primarily Wendy's severance costs	\$ 3.1	\$ 0.6	\$ 2.5

General corporate, Corporate Restructuring	0.8	84.8	(84.0)
	\$ 3.9	\$ 85.4	\$ (81.5)

Gain on Sale of Consolidated Business

The gain on sale of consolidated business of \$40.2 million in 2007 related to the Deerfield Sale discussed above under “Introduction and Executive Overview – Deerfield Sale.”



## Interest Expense

Interest expense increased \$5.7 million, or 9.3%, principally reflecting the Wendy's Merger which resulted in \$11.4 million in additional interest expense during the 2008 fourth quarter. Excluding Wendy's, interest expense decreased \$5.7 million principally reflecting a \$13.0 million decrease in interest expense on the senior secured term loan (the "Arby's Term Loan") included within the Arby's credit agreement (the "Arby's Credit Agreement") due to (a) a decrease in the variable interest rates as compared to the prior year and (b) the decrease in the Arby's Term Loan outstanding principal balance as a result of the \$143.2 million voluntary net prepayment in 2008 to assure compliance with certain covenants in the Arby's Credit Agreement. This decrease was partially offset by (1) a \$3.7 million increase related to the change in our interest rate swap positions, through their expiration in 2008, due to market conditions and (2) a \$3.2 million increase related to an increase in average outstanding debt, excluding the Arby's Term Loan.

## Gain on Early Extinguishments of Debt

In 2008, we reacquired \$10.9 million of outstanding Arby's debt, resulting in a gain on early extinguishment of approximately \$3.6 million.

## Investment Income, Net

	2008	2007	Change
	(In Millions)		
Net gains (a):			
Available-for-sale securities and derivative instruments	\$ 5.7	\$ 24.7	\$ (19.0)
Cost method investments and limited partnerships	1.6	26.7	(25.1)
Interest income (b)	1.3	9.1	(7.8)
Other	0.8	1.6	(0.8)
	\$ 9.4	\$ 62.1	\$ (52.7)

Our net gains include realized gains on available-for-sale securities and cost method investments and unrealized (a) and realized gains on derivative instruments. Our net recognized gains decreased \$44.1 million and included: (1) \$22.4 million decrease in realized gains in 2007 on our available-for-sale investments primarily reflecting \$15.2 million of gains on two of those investments in 2007 and the reduction in value of our investments in the deteriorating market, (2) \$13.9 million of realized gains in 2007 on the sale of two of our cost method investments and (3) \$8.4 million of gains realized in 2007 related to the transfer of several cost method investments from the deferred compensation trusts (the "Deferred Compensation Trusts") established for the benefit of the Former Executives. All of these recognized gains may vary significantly in future periods depending upon changes in the value of our investments and the timing of sales of our available-for-sale securities.

As of December 28, 2008, we had unrealized holding gains and (losses) on available-for-sale marketable securities before income taxes and minority interests of \$0.4 million and (\$0.2) million respectively, included in "Accumulated other comprehensive loss." We evaluated the unrealized losses to determine whether these losses were other than temporary and concluded that they were not. Should either (1) we decide to sell any of these investments with unrealized losses or (2) any of the unrealized losses continue such that we believe they have become other than temporary, we would recognize the losses on the related investments at that time. All investment gains and losses may vary significantly in future periods depending upon changes in the value of our investments and the timing of the sales of our available-for-sale investments.

Our interest income decreased \$7.8 million principally due to: (1) lower average outstanding balances of our (b) interest-bearing investments principally as a result of cash equivalents used in connection with our Corporate

Restructuring, (2) interest income recognized in 2007 at our former asset management segment and (3) a decrease in interest rates.

Other Than Temporary Losses on Investments

	2008	2007	Change
	(In Millions)		
DFR common stock	\$ 68.1	\$ -	\$ 68.1
DFR Notes	21.2	-	21.2
Available-for-sale securities, including CDOs	13.1	9.9	3.2
Cost method investments	10.3	-	10.3
	\$ 112.7	\$ 9.9	\$ 102.8

- Losses due to the reduction in value of our investments

We account for other than temporary losses under the guidance set forth in SFAS No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities" ("SFAS 115") and other authoritative guidance, which specify that investments with unrealized losses should be evaluated for holding losses that are a result of declines in value, due to market fluctuations or the investee's business environment, and are considered not to be recoverable. If we determine that the holding losses are not recoverable during the anticipated investment holding period, then the losses are other than temporary.

Based on a review of our unrealized investment losses in 2008 and 2007, we determined that the decreases in the fair value of our former investment in the DFR common stock, certain investments held in the Equities Account and certain cost method investments were other than temporary due to the severity of the decline, the financial condition of the investee and the prospect for future recovery in the market value of the investment. Accordingly, we recorded other than temporary losses on investments of \$68.1 million for DFR common stock as discussed in "Introduction and Executive Overview – The Deerfield Sale", \$13.1 million for available-for-sale securities and \$1.8 million for a cost method investment, included in "Cost method investments" above, in 2008. We also recorded other than temporary losses on investments of \$9.9 million after a similar evaluation in 2007.

Any other than temporary losses on our investments are dependent upon the underlying economics and/or volatility in their value and may or may not recur in future periods.

- Losses due to investment collectability

Due to significant financial weakness in the credit markets, current publicly available information of DFR, and our ongoing assessment of the likelihood of full repayment of the principal amount of the DFR Notes, we recorded an allowance for doubtful collectability of \$21.2 million on the DFR Notes. This charge is included in "Other than temporary losses on investments."

- Losses due to illiquidity

In 2008, \$8.5 million of other than temporary losses on investments included in "Cost investments" above related to the write-down of our entire cost method investment in Jurlique International Pty Ltd, a privately-held Australian upscale skin care company ("Jurlique"). Based on financial results provided by Jurlique, which noted significant declines in operations in 2008, its budget for 2009, current economic conditions, illiquidity of the private company stock, and our internal valuations of Jurlique, we have determined that our investments in this company will more than likely not be recoverable.

#### Benefit from Income Taxes

Our effective tax rates for 2008 and 2007 were 17% and 89%, respectively. Our effective rates are impacted by recurring items, such as non-deductible expenses relative to pre-tax income (loss), state income taxes, adjustments related to prior year tax matters and the minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries which are not taxable to us but which are not deducted from the pre-tax income used to calculate the effective tax rates, as well as non-recurring, discrete items. Discrete items may occur in any given year, but are not consistent from year to year. Our U.S. Federal effective tax rates in both years were principally affected by the following tax (provision) benefit items: (1) the 2008 tax effect of (\$99.7) million on the impairment of goodwill as described above in "Goodwill Impairment" as a result of non-deductible financial reporting goodwill in excess of tax goodwill, (2) the 2008 tax effect of (\$20.3) million on a loss which is not deductible for tax purposes in connection with the decline in value of our investment in the common stock of DFR and related declared dividend as described above in "Introduction and

Executive Overview – The Deerfield Sale,” (3) the 2008 tax effect of \$9.2 million on the distribution of foreign earnings net of related foreign tax credits and (4) the 2007 tax effect of \$12.5 million on recognizing a previously unrecognized contingent tax benefit in connection with the settlement of certain obligations to the Former Executives.

#### Minority Interests in Income of Consolidated Subsidiaries

The minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries decreased \$2.4 million primarily as a result of the effect of the Deerfield Sale.

#### Income from Discontinued Operations, Net of Income Taxes

The \$2.2 million income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes, in 2008 primarily relates to a release of an accrual for state income taxes no longer required after the settlement of state income tax liabilities in three jurisdictions. The income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes, of \$1.0 million in 2007 consists of a \$1.1 million release of an accrual for state income taxes no longer required after the settlement of a state income tax audit partially offset by an additional \$0.1 million loss relating to the finalization of the leasing arrangements of two closed restaurants.

## Net (Loss) Income

Our net results decreased \$495.8 million to a net loss of \$479.7 million in 2008 from net income of \$16.1 million in 2007. This decrease is primarily due to the after-tax and applicable minority interest effects of the variances discussed above, including the goodwill and long-lived assets impairments and the other than temporary losses recorded during 2008.

## 2007 Compared to 2006

Presented below is a table that summarizes our results of operations and compares the amount of the change between 2007 and 2006 (the "2007 Change"). Certain percentage changes between these years are considered not measurable or not meaningful ("n/m").

	2007	2006	Amount	2007 Change Percent
	(In Millions)			
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Sales	\$ 1,113.4	\$ 1,073.3	\$ 40.1	3.7%
Franchise revenues	87.0	82.0	5.0	6.1%
Asset management and related fees	63.3	88.0	(24.7)	(28.1)%
	1,263.7	1,243.3	20.4	1.6%
<b>Costs and expenses:</b>				
Cost of sales	894.5	857.2	37.3	4.4%
Cost of services	25.2	35.3	(10.1)	(28.6)%
General and administrative	205.4	235.8	(30.4)	(12.9)%
Depreciation and amortization	66.2	60.6	5.6	9.2%
Impairment of other long-lived assets	7.1	5.6	1.5	26.8%
Facilities relocation and corporate restructuring	85.4	3.3	82.1	n/m
Gain on sale of consolidated business	(40.2)	-	(40.2)	n/m
Other operating income, net	0.2	0.9	(0.7)	(77.8)%
	1,243.8	1,198.7	45.1	3.8%
Operating profit	19.9	44.6	(24.7)	(55.4)%
Interest expense	(61.3)	(114.1)	52.8	46.3%
Loss on early extinguishments of debt	-	(14.1)	14.1	100.0%
Investment income, net	62.1	84.3	(22.2)	(26.3)%
Other than temporary losses on investments	(9.9)	(4.1)	(5.8)	n/m
Other income (expense), net	(1.4)	8.7	(10.1)	n/m
Income from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interests	9.4	5.3	4.1	77.4%
Benefit from (provision for) income taxes	8.4	(4.6)	13.0	n/m
Minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries	(2.7)	(11.5)	8.8	76.5%
Income (loss) from continuing operations	15.1	(10.8)	25.9	n/m
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes:	1.0	(0.1)	1.1	n/m
Net income (loss)	\$ 16.1	\$ (10.9)	\$ 27.0	n/m



Restaurant Statistics:	Fifteen Month Method		Twelve Month Method	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Arby's same-store sales:				
North America Company-owned restaurants	(1.3)%	n/a	(1.5)%	1.1%
North America Franchised restaurants	1.1%	n/a	0.9%	4.5%
North America Systemwide	0.3%	n/a	0.1%	3.4%
<b>Restaurant Margin:</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>		
Arby's	19.7%	20.1%		
<b>Restaurant Count:</b>	<b>Company-owned</b>	<b>Franchised</b>	<b>Systemwide</b>	
Arby's				
Restaurant count at December 31, 2006	1,061	2,524	3,585	
Opened in 2007	51	97	148	
Closed in 2007	(15)	(30)	(45)	
Net purchased from (sold by) franchisees in 2007	9	(9)	-	
Restaurant count at December 30, 2007	1,106	2,582	3,688	

#### Sales

Our net sales, which were generated entirely from our Arby's Company-owned restaurants, increased \$40.1 million, or 3.7% to \$1,113.4 million for 2007 from \$1,073.3 million for 2006, due to the \$56.3 million increase in net sales from the 45 net Company-owned restaurants we added during 2007. This increase was partially offset by a \$16.2 million, or 1.3% decrease in Company-owned same-store sales. Same store sales of our Arby's Company-owned restaurants decreased principally due to lower sales volume from a decline in customer traffic as a result of (1) increased price discounting by other larger QSRs and (2) price discounting associated with the introduction of a new value program and (3) a major new product launch that drove less traffic than expected. These negative factors were partially offset by the effect of selective price increases that were implemented in late 2006 and during 2007. Same-store sales of our Company-owned restaurants declined while same-store sales of our Arby's franchised restaurants grew 1.1% primarily due to (1) the franchised restaurants implementing certain selective price increases earlier in 2007 than Company-owned restaurants, and (2) the use throughout 2007 by franchised restaurants of incremental marketing and print advertising initiatives which we were already using for the Company-owned restaurants. These positive impacts on same-store sales of Arby's franchised restaurants more than offset declines in traffic.

#### Franchise Revenues

Total franchise revenues, which were generated entirely from the Arby's franchised restaurants, increased \$5.0 million, or 6.1%, to \$87.0 million for 2007 from \$82.0 million for 2006. Excluding \$2.2 million of rental income from properties leased to franchisees being included in franchise revenues in 2007, Arby's franchise revenues increased \$2.8 million reflecting higher royalties of (1) \$2.5 million from the 58 net increase in Arby's franchised restaurants and (2) \$0.7 million from a 1.1% increase in Arby's same-store sales of the Arby's franchised restaurants in 2007 as compared with 2006. These increases in royalties were partially offset by a \$0.4 million decrease in Arby's franchise and related fees.

#### Asset Management and Related Fees

Our asset management and related fees, which were generated entirely from the management of CDOs and Funds by Deerfield and which ceased with the Deerfield Sale on December 21, 2007, decreased \$24.7 million, or 28.1%, to \$63.3 million for 2007, through December 21, 2007, from \$88.0 million for 2006. This decrease principally reflects (1) a \$16.6 million decrease in incentive fees related to a certain Fund due to a decline in its performance during 2007, (2) a \$7.4 million net decrease in incentive fees from one CDO principally due to the decrease in the amount of contingent fees recognized primarily as a result of a call on that CDO in 2006, (3) a \$3.6 million decrease in management fees from DFR as a result of the decline in value of DFR stock and stock options granted to us as partial payment of such fees and a decrease in DFR's net assets on which a portion of our fees are based and (4) a \$2.1 million decrease in incentive fees from DFR as a result of DFR not meeting certain performance thresholds during 2007. These decreases were partially offset by (1) a \$4.0 million increase in management fees from existing CDOs and Funds, (2) a \$0.7 million net increase in management fees from the net addition of five CDOs and one Fund during 2007 and (3) a \$0.3 million increase in structuring and other related fees associated with new CDOs.

#### Restaurant Margin

Our Arby's restaurant margin decreased slightly to 19.7% in 2007 from 20.1%, in 2006. We define restaurant margin as sales from Company-owned restaurants less cost of sales, divided by sales. The decrease was primarily related to (1) price discounting associated with the new value program discussed under "Sales" above, (2) increases in our cost of beef and other menu items, (3) higher utility and fuel costs under new distribution contracts that became effective in the third quarter of 2007 and (4) increased labor costs primarily due to the effect on payroll and related costs from Federal and state minimum wage increases implemented in 2007. These negative



factors were significantly offset by the decrease in beverage costs partially due to the full year effect of increased rebates earned from a new beverage supplier we were in the process of converting to during 2006.

#### Cost of Services

Our cost of services, which resulted entirely from the management of CDOs and Funds by Deerfield, decreased \$10.1 million, or 28.6%, to \$25.2 million for 2007, through December 21, 2007, from \$35.3 million for 2006 principally due to a net decrease of \$10.0 million in incentive compensation primarily for existing employees reflecting Deerfield's weaker performance during 2007.

#### General and Administrative

Our general and administrative expenses decreased \$30.4 million, or 12.9%, principally due to (1) a \$17.0 million decrease in corporate general and administrative expenses principally related to (a) the resignation effective in June 2007 of the Former Executives and certain other officers and employees of Triarc who became employees of the Management Company and are no longer employed by us and (b) our sublease to the Management Company of one of the floors of our New York headquarters, both partially offset by the fees for professional and strategic services provided to us under a two-year transition Services Agreement which commenced on June 30, 2007, (2) an \$8.1 million decrease in incentive compensation due to weaker performance at our business segments, (3) a \$5.9 million decrease in outside consultant fees at our Arby's restaurant segment partially offset by a \$2.1 million increase in salaries, which partially replaced those fees, primarily attributable to the strengthening of the infrastructure of that segment following the acquisition of RTM Restaurant Group ("RTM") prior to 2006 (the "RTM Acquisition"), (4) a \$4.0 million reduction of severance and related charges in connection with the replacement of three senior restaurant executives during 2006 that did not recur in 2007, (5) a \$1.8 million decrease in recruiting fees at our Arby's restaurant segment associated with the strengthening of the infrastructure in 2006 following the RTM Acquisition and (6) a \$1.7 million reduction of training and travel costs at our Arby's restaurant segment as part of an expense reduction initiative. These decreases were partially offset by (1) a \$2.6 million severance charge in 2007 for one of our asset management executives and (2) a \$2.3 million increase in relocation costs in our Arby's restaurant segment principally attributable to additional estimated declines in market value and increased carrying costs related to homes we purchased for resale from relocated employees.

#### Depreciation and Amortization

	2007	2006	Change
	(In Millions)		
Arby's restaurants, primarily properties	\$ 56.9	\$ 50.5	\$ 6.4
Asset management	4.9	5.8	(0.9)
General corporate, primarily properties	4.4	4.3	0.1
	\$ 66.2	\$ 60.6	\$ 5.6

#### Impairment of Other Long-lived Assets

	2007	2006	Change
	(In Millions)		
Asset management	\$ 4.5	\$ 1.6	\$ 2.9
Restaurants, primarily properties at underperforming locations	2.6	4.0	(1.4)
	\$ 7.1	\$ 5.6	\$ 1.5

The impairment of other long-lived assets increased \$1.5 million principally reflecting (1) a \$2.9 million asset impairment charge related to an internally developed financial model that our asset management segment did not use and that was subsequently sold. In addition there was as \$0.4 million increase in impairment charges related to our TJ Cinnamons brands significantly offset by a \$1.8 million decrease in charges related to underperforming Arby's restaurants.

Facilities Relocation and Corporate Restructuring

	2007	2006	Change
	(In Millions)		
General corporate	\$ 84.8	\$ 3.2	\$ 81.6
Restaurants	0.6	0.1	0.5
	\$ 85.4	\$ 3.3	\$ 82.1

The charge of \$85.4 million in 2007 consisted of general corporate charges of \$84.8 million and a \$0.6 million additional charge for employee relocation costs in connection with combining our then existing restaurant operations with those of RTM following the RTM Acquisition. The general corporate charges of \$84.8 million were principally related to the Corporate Restructuring discussed above under “Introduction and Executive Overview – Other Items” and consist of (1) the payment entitlements under the Contractual Settlements of \$72.8 million, including the additional \$1.6 million total payments described below, of which \$3.5 million is included in “General and administrative” expenses as incentive compensation, (2) severance for two other former executives of \$12.9 million, excluding incentive compensation that is due to them for their 2007 period of employment with the Company, both including applicable employer payroll taxes, (3) severance and consulting fees of \$1.8 million with respect to other New York headquarters’ executives and employees and (4) a loss of approximately \$0.8 million on properties and other assets at our former New York headquarters, principally reflecting assets for which the fair value was less than the book value, sold during 2007 to the Management Company. Under the terms of the Contractual Settlements, our Chairman, who is also our former Chief Executive Officer, was entitled to a payment consisting of cash and investments which had a fair value of \$50.3 million as of July 1, 2007 (\$47.4 million upon distribution on December 30, 2007) and our Vice Chairman, who is also our former President and Chief Operating Officer, was entitled to a payment consisting of cash and investments which had a fair value of \$25.1 million as of July 1, 2007 (\$23.7 million upon distribution on December 30, 2007), both subject to applicable withholding taxes, during the 2007 fourth quarter. We had funded the severance payment obligations to the Former Executives, net of estimated withholding taxes, by the transfer of cash and investments to rabbi trusts (the “2007 Trusts”), in the second quarter of 2007. The \$4.3 million decline in value of the assets in the 2007 Trusts reduced our general corporate charges since it resulted in a corresponding reduction of the payment obligations under the Contractual Settlements. Funding the 2007 Trusts net of estimated withholding taxes provided us with additional operating liquidity, but reduced the amounts that otherwise would have been held in the 2007 Trusts for the benefit of the Former Executives. Accordingly, the former Chief Executive Officer and former President and Chief Operating Officer were paid \$1.1 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, representing an interest component on the amounts that otherwise would have been included in the 2007 Trusts. The charges of \$3.3 million in 2006 included \$3.2 million of general corporate expense principally representing a fee related to our decision in 2006 to terminate the lease of an office facility in Rye Brook, New York rather than continue our efforts to sublease the facility.

#### Gain on Sale of Consolidated Business

The gain on sale of consolidated business of \$40.2 million in 2007 related to the Deerfield Sale discussed above under “Introduction and Executive Overview – Deerfield Sale.”

#### Interest Expense

Interest expense decreased \$52.8 million, or 46.2%, principally reflecting a \$54.2 million decrease in interest expense on debt securities sold with an obligation to purchase or under agreements to repurchase due to the effective redemption of our investment in the Opportunities Fund as of September 29, 2006, (the “Redemption”). We no longer consolidate the Opportunities Fund subsequent to the Redemption. Accordingly, interest expense and related net investment income are no longer affected by the significant leverage associated with the Opportunities Fund.

#### Loss on Early Extinguishments of Debt

There were no early extinguishments of debt in 2007. The loss on early extinguishments of debt of \$14.1 million in 2006 consisted of (1) \$13.1 million which resulted from the conversion or effective conversion of an aggregate \$172.9 million principal amount of our 5% convertible notes due 2023, (the “Convertible Notes”), into shares of our class A and class B common stock, (the “Convertible Notes Conversions”), and consisted of \$9.0 million of premiums paid in cash and shares of our class B common stock, the write-off of \$4.0 million of related previously unamortized deferred

financing costs and \$0.1 million of fees related to the conversions and (2) a \$1.0 million write-off of previously unamortized deferred financing costs in connection with principal repayments of the Arby's Term Loan from excess cash.

## Investment Income, Net

	2007	2006	Change
	(In Millions)		
Net gains (a):			
Available-for-sale securities and derivative instruments	\$ 24.7	\$ 7.0	\$ 17.7
Cost method investments and limited partnerships	26.7	3.6	23.1
Interest income (b)	9.1	72.5	(63.4)
Other	1.6	1.2	0.4
	\$ 62.1	\$ 84.3	\$ (22.2)

(a) Our recognized net gains increased \$40.8 million and included (1) a \$15.2 million realized gain on the sale in 2007 of two of our available-for-sale securities, (2) \$13.9 million of realized gains on the sale in 2007 of two of our cost method investments, (3) \$8.4 million of gains realized on the transfer of several cost method investments from two deferred compensation trusts to the Former Executives in connection with the Contractual Settlements during 2007 and (4) \$2.7 million of unrealized gains on derivatives.

(b) Our interest income decreased \$63.4 million due to lower average outstanding balances of our interest-bearing investments principally as a result of the Redemption whereby our net investment income and interest expense are no longer affected by the significant leverage associated with the Opportunities Fund after September 29, 2006.

#### Other Than Temporary Losses on Investments

	2007	2006	Change
	(In Millions)		
Available-for-sale securities, including CDOs	\$ 9.9	\$ 2.0	7.9
Cost method investments	-	2.1	(2.1)
	\$ 9.9	\$ 4.1	\$ 5.8

#### • Losses due to the reduction in value of our investments

Based on a review of our unrealized investment losses in 2007 and 2006, we determined that the decreases in the fair value of certain of our investments were other than temporary due to the severity of the decline, the financial condition of the investee and the prospect for future recovery in the market value of the investment. Accordingly, we recorded other than temporary losses on investments in 2007 of \$9.9 million. We also recorded other than temporary losses on investments of \$4.1 million after a similar evaluation in 2006.

#### Other Income (Expense), Net

Other income (expense), net, decreased \$10.1 million in 2007 as compared to 2006, principally reflecting (1) a \$4.0 million decrease in our equity in DFR's operations for the respective years, (2) a \$2.9 million loss in 2007 on DFR common shares distributed from the 2007 Trusts, (3) a \$1.7 million gain in 2006 which did not recur in 2007 on the sale of a portion of our investment in Jurlique., (4) a \$0.9 million decrease in equity in earnings of Encore Capital Group, Inc., a former investee of ours, ("Encore"), which we no longer accounted for under the Equity Method subsequent to May 10, 2007, the date of the sale of substantially all of our investment and (5) a \$0.5 million increase in the loss from a foreign currency derivative related to Jurlique which matured on July 5, 2007. These decreases were partially offset by a \$2.1 million decrease in costs recognized related to strategic business alternatives that were not pursued.

#### Benefit from (provision for) Income Taxes

Our effective tax rate for 2007 and 2006 was 89% and (86%), respectively. Our effective rates are impacted by recurring items, such as non-deductible expenses relative to pre-tax income (loss), adjustments related to prior year tax matters, the minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries which are not taxable to us but which are not deducted from the pre-tax income used to calculate the effective tax rates and state income taxes, as well as non-recurring, discrete items. Discrete items may occur in any given year, but are not consistent from year to year. Our U.S. Federal effective tax rates in both years were principally affected by the 2007 tax effect of \$12.5 million on recognizing a previously unrecognized contingent tax benefit in connection with the settlement of certain obligations to the Former Executives.

#### Minority Interests in Income of Consolidated Subsidiaries

Minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries decreased by \$8.8 million principally reflecting a decrease of \$9.1 million as a result of lower income of Deerfield through December 21, 2007, the date of the Deerfield Sale, as compared with 2006.

Income (Loss) From Discontinued Operations, Net of Income Taxes

The income from discontinued operations of \$1.0 million in 2007 consists of a \$1.1 million release of an accrual for state income taxes no longer required after the settlement of a state income tax audit partially offset by an additional \$0.1 million loss relating to the finalization of the leasing arrangements of the two closed restaurants mentioned below. The loss from discontinued operations of \$0.1 million in 2006 consists of a \$1.3 million loss from operations related to our closing two underperforming restaurants, substantially offset by (1) the release of \$0.7 million of reserves for state income taxes no longer required upon the expiration of a state income tax statute of limitations and (2) the release of \$0.5 million of certain other accruals as a result of revised estimates to liquidate the remaining liabilities.

## Net Income (Loss)

Our net results improved \$27.0 million to income of \$16.1 million in 2007 from a loss of \$10.9 million in 2006. This increase is a result of the after-tax and applicable minority interest effects of the variances discussed above, including the facilities relocation and corporate restructuring charge as offset by the gain on sale of consolidated business recorded in 2008.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

### Sources and Uses of Cash for 2008

Cash and cash equivalents ("Cash") totaled \$90.1 million at December 28, 2008 compared to \$78.1 million at December 30, 2007. For the year ended December 28, 2008, net cash provided by operating activities totaled \$72.9 million, primarily from the following significant items:

- Our net loss of \$479.7 million;
- Arby's Company-owned restaurants non-cash goodwill impairment of \$460.1 million;
- Net non-cash operating investment adjustments of \$105.4 million principally reflecting our other than temporary losses on investments in our common stock of DFR and an allowance for doubtful accounts for our DFR Notes investment. To a lesser extent, there were also other than temporary losses on investments related to our investments in Jurlique, certain available-for-sale equity securities and other cost investments;
  - Depreciation and amortization of \$88.3 million;
  - Impairment of other long-lived assets charges of \$19.2 million;
- The write off of deferred costs related to a financing alternative that is no longer being pursued and amortization of deferred financing costs which totaled \$8.9 million;
  - Our deferred income tax benefit of \$105.3 million;
  - The recognition of deferred vendor incentives, net of amount received, of \$6.5 million and
- A decrease in operating assets and liabilities of \$26.9 million principally reflecting a \$31.4 million decrease in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities primarily due to (1) the payment of 2007 accrued bonuses in 2008, (2) significantly reduced bonus accruals in 2008 due to weaker performance and (3) severance paid in connection with the Corporate Restructuring.

We expect positive cash flows from continuing operating activities during 2009.

Additionally, for the year ended December 28, 2008, we had the following significant sources and uses of cash other than from operating activities:

- Proceeds of \$37.8 million from long-term debt, including \$20.0 million from refinancing one of our corporate aircraft discussed further below;
  - Net proceeds of \$51.1 million from investments included in investing activities;
  - Cash of \$199.8 million acquired as part of the Wendy's Merger;
- Repayments of long-term debt of \$177.9 million which includes \$143.2 million of voluntary net principal repayments of our Arby's Term Loan discussed further below;
- Cash capital expenditures totaling \$107.0 million, including the construction of new restaurants which amounted to approximately \$43.7 million and the remodeling of existing restaurants;
  - Payment of cash dividends totaling \$30.5 million discussed further below;
  - Capitalized transaction costs related to the Wendy's Merger of \$18.4 million and
- Cash paid for business acquisitions, other than Wendy's, totaling \$9.6 million, including \$7.9 million for the California Restaurant Acquisition.

The net cash receipts from cash flows (excluding the effect of foreign currency exchange rate adjustments and discontinued operations) was approximately \$18.0 million.

#### Working Capital and Capitalization

Working capital, which equals current assets less current liabilities, was a deficiency of \$121.7 million at December 28, 2008, reflecting a current ratio, which equals current assets divided by current liabilities, of 0.8:1. The working capital deficit at December 28, 2008 increased \$84.8 million from a deficit of \$36.9 million at December 30, 2007, primarily due to (1) an increase of \$100.0 million from the additional Wendy's working capital deficit and (2) a decrease from net cash receipts of approximately \$18.0 million as discussed above.



Our total capitalization at December 28, 2008 was \$3,497.6 million, consisting of stockholders' equity of \$2,386.0 million and long-term debt of \$1,111.6 million, including current portion. Our total capitalization at December 28, 2008 increased \$2,309.4 million from \$1,188.2 million at December 30, 2007 principally reflecting:

- The Wendy's Merger, which increased our total capitalization by \$2,991.8 million, consisting of additional stockholder's equity of \$2,494.7 million and long-term debt of \$497.1 million, including current portion;
- Cash dividends paid of \$30.5 million and the non-cash stock dividend of the DFR common shares with a carrying value of \$14.5 million discussed below;
  - Net loss of \$479.7 million, which includes the effect of the goodwill impairment, and losses on investments;
- The components of "Accumulated other comprehensive loss," that are not included in the calculation of net loss, of \$41.2 million principally reflecting the currency translation adjustment; and
- The \$124.9 million net decrease in long-term debt principally due to the \$143.2 voluntary net principal prepayments on the Arby's Term Loan discussed below.

#### Long-term Debt

We have the following obligations outstanding as of December 28, 2008:

	Outstanding balance at December 28, 2008	2009 Principal Payments
	(in millions)	
Senior secured term loan (1)	\$ 385.0	\$ 5.1
6.20% Senior Notes (2)	199.1	-
6.25% Senior Notes (3)	188.9	-
Sale-leaseback obligations, excluding interest	123.8	3.6
Capitalized lease obligations, excluding interest (4)	106.8	19.4
7% Debentures (5)	79.0	-
Secured bank term loan (6)	19.8	0.9
California Restaurant Acquisition notes payable (7)	5.3	1.2
Convertible notes (8)	2.1	-
Other	1.8	0.2
	\$ 1,111.6	\$ 30.4

(1) As of December 28, 2008, the Arby's Credit Agreement included a senior secured Arby's Term Loan which is due in July 2012 and a senior secured revolving credit facility ("the Arby's Revolver") of \$100.0 million, which expires in July 2011. During 2008, we borrowed a total of \$40.0 million under the Arby's Revolver; however, no amounts were outstanding at the end of 2008. The availability under the Arby's Revolver as of December 28, 2008 was \$92.2 million, which is net of \$7.8 million for outstanding letters of credit. During 2008, we made \$143.2 million of voluntary net principal prepayments on the Arby's Term Loan to assure compliance with the maximum lease adjusted leverage ratio in the Arby's Credit Agreement. The Arby's Term Loan also required prepayments of principal amounts resulting from certain events and, on an annual basis, from excess cash flow of the Arby's restaurant business as determined under the Arby's Credit Agreement (the "Excess Cash Flow Payment"). The Excess Cash Flow Payment for fiscal 2007 of \$10.4 million was paid in the second quarter of 2008. There will be no Excess Cash Flow Payment necessary for fiscal 2008. Additionally in 2008, the Company reacquired outstanding Arby's Term Loans with an outstanding principal amount of \$10.9 million for \$7.2 million, which resulted in a gain

on early extinguishment of debt of approximately \$3.7 million.

The Arby's Credit Agreement was amended and restated as of March 11, 2009 and Wendy's and certain of its affiliates in addition to ARG and certain of its affiliates became parties (see "Item 1A. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Wendy's and Arby's Businesses – Wendy's and its subsidiaries, and ARG and its subsidiaries, are subject to various restrictions, and substantially all of their non-real estate assets are pledged subject to certain restrictions, under a Credit Agreement"). Wendy's, Arby's and certain other subsidiaries are the co-borrowers (the "Co-Borrowers") under the amended and restated Credit Agreement. Under the amended and restated Credit Agreement substantially all of the assets of the Co-Borrowers (other than real property, except for mortgages on certain Wendy's real properties), the stock of Wendy's and ARG and their domestic subsidiaries and 65% of the stock of their foreign subsidiaries (all subject to certain exclusions) are pledged as collateral security, and the Co-Borrowers' obligations are also guaranteed by substantially all of the domestic entities comprising the Wendy's and Arby's restaurant segments (subject to certain limitations). The amended and restated Credit Agreement also contains covenants that, among other things, require Wendy's and ARG and their subsidiaries to maintain certain aggregate maximum leverage and minimum interest coverage ratios and restrict their ability to incur debt, pay dividends or make other distributions to Wendy's/Arby's, make certain capital expenditures, enter into certain fundamental transactions (including sales of assets and certain mergers and consolidations) and create or permit liens.

The amended and restated Credit Agreement includes a senior secured term loan facility (the "Amended Arby's Term Loan"), which had \$384.0 outstanding as of March 11, 2009, and a senior secured revolving credit facility of \$100.0. The Amended Arby's Term Loan is due not later than July 2012 and the revolving credit facility expires in July 2011. The revolving credit facility includes a subfacility for the issuance of letters of credit up to \$50.0 million. As of March 11, 2009, \$26.2 of loans were outstanding and letters of credit in the aggregate amount of \$35.1 were issued under the amended and restated Credit Agreement. The Amended Arby's Term Loan and amounts borrowed under the revolving credit facility bear interest at the borrowers' option at either (1) LIBOR of not less than 2.75% plus 4.0% or (2) the higher of a base rate determined by the administrative agent for the Credit Agreement or the Federal funds rate plus 0.5% (but not less than 3.75%), in either case plus 3.0%. The borrowers are also charged a facility fee based on the unused portion of the total credit facility of 0.5% per annum.

- (2) Unsecured debt assumed as part of the Wendy's Merger and is due June 2014 and redeemable prior to maturity at our option. The Wendy's 6.20% senior notes were adjusted to fair value at the date of and in connection with the Wendy's Merger based on an outstanding principal of \$224.6 million and an effective interest rate of 7.0%.
- (3) Unsecured debt assumed as part of the Wendy's Merger and is due November 2011 and is redeemable prior to maturity at our option. The Wendy's 6.25% senior notes were adjusted to fair value at the date of and in connection with the Wendy's Merger based on an outstanding principal of \$199.7 million and an effective interest rate of 6.6%.
- (4) The capitalized lease obligations, which extend through 2036, include \$30.1 million of capital lease obligations assumed as part of the Wendy's Merger. The Wendy's capital lease obligations were adjusted to fair value at the date of and in connection with the Wendy's Merger.
- (5) Unsecured debt assumed as part of the Wendy's Merger and is due in 2025. The Wendy's 7% debentures are unsecured and were adjusted to fair value at the date of and in connection with the Wendy's Merger based on an outstanding principal of \$97.1 million and an effective interest rate of 8.6%.
- (6) During 2008 we entered into a new \$20.0 million financing facility for one of our existing Company aircraft (the "Bank Term Loan"). The facility requires monthly payments, including interest, of approximately \$0.2 million through August 2013 with a final balloon payment of approximately \$15.2 million due in September 2013.
- (7) This obligation represents notes payable assumed as part of the California Restaurant Acquisition which are due through 2014.
- (8) We have \$2.1 million of convertible notes outstanding as of December 28, 2008 which do not have any scheduled principal repayments prior to 2023 and are convertible into 160,000 shares of our class A common stock as adjusted due to the dividend of DFR common stock distributed to our stockholders in April 2008. The convertible notes are redeemable at our option commencing May 20, 2010 and at the option of the holders on May 15, 2010, 2015 and 2020 or upon the occurrence of a fundamental change, as defined, relating to us, in each case at a price of 100% of the principal amount of the convertible notes plus accrued interest.

#### Other Revolving Credit Facilities

On January 14, 2009, Wendy's executed a new \$200.0 million revolving credit facility (the "Wendy's Revolver"), borrowings under which were secured by substantially all of Wendy's current assets, intangibles, stock of Wendy's subsidiaries and a portion of their real and personal property. The Wendy's Revolver was terminated effective March 11, 2009, in connection with the execution of the amended and restated Credit Agreement described above.

AFA Service Corporation (“AFA”), an independently controlled advertising cooperative in which we have voting interests of less than 50%, has a \$3.5 million line of credit. The availability under the AFA line of credit as of December 28, 2008 was \$3.0 million.

WNAP is an advertising fund established to collect and administer funds for use in advertising and promotional programs for Wendy’s company-owned and franchised stores. The fund has a fully available \$25.0 million line of credit at December 28, 2008. Wendy’s is not the guarantor of the debt. The line of credit was established to fund these advertising operations.

One of Wendy’s Canadian subsidiaries has a fully available revolving credit facility of Canadian \$6.0 million as of December 28, 2008.

#### Credit Ratings

The Company’s corporate family and its senior debt are rated by Standard & Poor’s (“S&P”) and Moody’s Investors Service (“Moody’s”).

On March 2, 2009, S&P lowered its rating on the prior Arby's Credit Agreement to B and its corporate family rating on Arby's to B-. At the same time, S&P placed the rating on CreditWatch – Developing. S&P is in the process of reviewing the amended and restated Credit Agreement. New corporate family and senior secured ratings are expected following the completion of the review.

On March 3, 2009, Moody's affirmed (i) a B1 rating for the prior Arby's Credit Agreement, (ii) a B2 corporate family rating for Arby's and (iii) a negative outlook for Arby's. Moody's is in the process of reviewing the amended and restated Credit Agreement. New corporate family and senior secured ratings are expected following the completion of the review.

The Wendy's 6.20% and 6.25% Senior Notes and 7% Debentures are rated as B+ by S&P and B2 by Moody's.

There are many factors that could lead to future upgrades or downgrades of our credit ratings. If our credit ratings are upgraded or downgraded, it could lead to, among other things, changes in borrowing costs and of access to capital markets on acceptable terms.

A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the rating agency. Each rating should be evaluated independently of any other rating.

#### Treasury Stock Purchases

Our management was authorized, to the extent market conditions warranted and as legally permissible, to repurchase through December 28, 2008 up to a total of \$50.0 million of our class A common stock. Under this program, we did not make any treasury stock purchases during 2008, and we have not renewed this program for 2009.

#### Purchase of Indebtedness

Subject to market conditions, our capital needs and other factors, we may from time to time repurchase our indebtedness and/or the indebtedness of our subsidiaries, including indebtedness outstanding under the ARG Credit Agreement, in open market or privately negotiated transactions. During 2008, we repurchased \$10.9 million principal amount of our subsidiaries' indebtedness, as discussed above under "Long-term Debt."

#### Sources and Uses of Cash for 2009

Our anticipated consolidated cash requirements for continuing operations for 2009, exclusive of operating cash flow requirements, consist principally of:

- Cash capital expenditures of approximately \$140.0 million as discussed below in "Capital Expenditures";
- Quarterly cash dividends aggregating up to approximately \$28.0 million as discussed below in "Dividends";
- Scheduled debt principal repayments aggregating \$30.4 million;
- Severance payments of approximately \$11.2 million related to our previously announced Wendy's merger integration programs and our facilities relocation and corporate restructuring accruals; and
- Restricted cash of \$47.0 million released from the Equities Account to Wendy's/Arby's in 2008; and
- The costs of any potential business acquisitions.

We expect to meet these requirements from operating cash flows. In the event operating cash flows are not sufficient, the availability under the amended and restated Credit Agreement is anticipated to provide sufficient liquidity to meet cash flow requirements.

In addition, the \$47.0 million released from the Equities Account to Wendy's/Arby's in 2008 is required to be returned to the Equities Account in January 2010.

The availability under the amended and restated Credit Agreement is anticipated to provide sufficient liquidity, if needed, to meet operating cash requirements.

#### Debt Covenants

The amended and restated Credit Agreement also contains financial covenants that, among other things, require Wendy's and ARG and their subsidiaries to maintain certain aggregate maximum leverage and minimum interest coverage ratios and restrict their ability to incur debt, pay dividends or make other distributions to Wendy's/Arby's, make certain capital expenditures, enter into certain fundamental transactions (including sales of assets and certain mergers and consolidations) and create or permit liens. As of December 28, 2008, under the terms of the prior Arby's Credit Agreement, there was no availability for the payment of dividends to Wendy's/Arby's. We were in compliance with all applicable covenants as of December 28, 2008 and project that we will be in compliance with our covenants throughout 2009. Under the amended and restated Credit Agreement we have \$15.0 million immediately available for the payment of dividends to Wendy's/Arby's, subject to adjustments beginning in the 2009 second quarter.

Wendy's 6.20% and 6.25% Senior Notes and 7% Debentures contain covenants that specify limits on the incurrence of indebtedness. We were in compliance with these covenants as of December 28, 2008 and project that we will be in compliance with our covenants throughout 2009.

A significant number of the underlying leases in the Arby's restaurants segment for the Sale-Leaseback Obligations and the Capitalized Lease Obligations, as well as operating leases, require or required periodic financial reporting of certain subsidiary entities within ARG or of individual restaurants, which in many cases has not been prepared or reported. The Company has negotiated waivers and alternative covenants with its most significant lessors which substitute consolidated financial reporting of ARG for that of individual subsidiary entities and which modify restaurant level reporting requirements for more than half of the affected leases. Nevertheless, as of December 28, 2008, the Company was not in compliance, and remains not in compliance, with the reporting requirements under those leases for which waivers and alternative financial reporting covenants have not been negotiated. However, none of the lessors has asserted that the Company is in default of any of those lease agreements. The Company does not believe that such non-compliance will have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial position or results of operations.

#### Contractual Obligations

The following table summarizes the expected payments under our outstanding contractual obligations at December 28, 2008:

	2009	2010-2011	Fiscal Years 2012-2013 (in millions)	After 2013	Total
Long-term debt (a)	\$ 7.4	\$ 390.8	\$ 201.8	\$ 281.0	\$ 881.0
Sale-leaseback obligations (b)	3.6	7.6	12.8	99.8	123.8
Capitalized lease obligations (b)	19.4	17.1	7.8	62.5	106.8
Operating leases (c)	148.7	264.0	226.0	1,199.3	1,838.0
Purchase obligations (d)	338.2	86.6	72.5	98.1	595.4
Severance obligations (e)	11.2	2.7	0.1	-	14.0
Total (f)	\$ 528.5	\$ 768.8	\$ 521.0	\$ 1,740.7	\$ 3,559.0

(a) Excludes sale-leaseback and capitalized lease obligations, which are shown separately in the table, and interest.

(b) Excludes interest; also excludes related sublease rental receipts of \$9.8 million on sale-leaseback obligations and \$5.1 million on capitalized lease obligations.

(c) Represents the present value of minimum lease cash payments. Excludes related sublease rental receipts of \$136.6 million.

(d) Includes (1) \$266.3 million remaining obligation for beverage purchase commitments with Coca-Cola, Inc. for Wendy's restaurants and PepsiCo, Inc. for Arby's restaurants (2) \$139.1 million for food purchase commitments, (3) \$134.1 million for advertising commitments, (4) \$18.6 million for capital expenditures and (5) \$37.3 million of other purchase obligations.

(e) Represents severance for Wendy's and Wendy's/Arby's personnel in connection with the Wendy's Merger and New York headquarters' employees.

(f) Excludes Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Interpretation No. 48, “Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes,” (“FIN 48”), obligations of \$30.3 million. We are unable to predict when, and if, payment of any of this accrual will be required.

#### Guarantees and Other Contingencies

	As of December 28, 2008 (in millions)
Guaranteed debt of a subsidiary (1)	\$ 138.0
Lease guarantees and contingent rent on leases(2)	161.9
Loan guarantees (3)	19.1
Letters of credit (4)	26.4

(1) Our wholly-owned subsidiary, National Propane Corporation (“National Propane”), retains a less than 1% special limited partner interest in our former propane business, now known as AmeriGas Eagle Propane, L.P., (“AmeriGas Eagle”). National Propane agreed that while it remains a special limited partner of AmeriGas Eagle, National Propane would indemnify the owner of AmeriGas Eagle for any payments the owner makes related to the owner’s obligations under certain of its debt of AmeriGas Eagle, aggregating approximately \$138.0 million as of December 28, 2008, if Amerigas is unable to repay or refinance such debt, but only after recourse by the owner to the assets of AmeriGas Eagle. National Propane’s principal asset is an intercompany note receivable from Wendy’s/Arby’s in the amount of \$50.0 million as of December 28, 2008. We believe it is unlikely that we will be called upon to make any payments under this indemnity. Prior to 2006, AmeriGas Propane, L.P., (“AmeriGas Propane”), purchased all of the interests in AmeriGas Eagle other than National Propane’s special limited partner interest. Either National Propane or AmeriGas Propane may require AmeriGas Eagle to repurchase the special limited partner interest. However, we believe it is unlikely that either party would require repurchase prior to 2009 as either AmeriGas Propane would owe us tax indemnification payments if AmeriGas Propane required the repurchase or we would accelerate payment of deferred taxes of \$34.7 million as of December 28, 2008, associated with our sale of the propane business if National Propane required the repurchase. As of December 28, 2008, we have net operating loss tax carryforwards sufficient to substantially offset these deferred taxes.



- (2) As of December 28, 2008, RTM, a subsidiary of Wendy's/Arby's, guarantees the lease obligations of 10 restaurants operated by former affiliates of RTM (the "Affiliate Lease Guarantees"). The RTM selling stockholders have indemnified us with respect to the Affiliate Lease Guarantees. In addition, RTM remains contingently liable for 15 leases for restaurants sold by RTM prior to our acquisition of RTM in 2005 (the "RTM Acquisition") if the respective purchasers do not make the required lease payments (collectively with the Affiliate Lease Guarantees, the "Lease Guarantees"). These Lease Guarantees, which extend through 2025, including all existing extension or renewal option periods could aggregate a maximum of approximately \$16.4 million as of December 28, 2008, assuming all scheduled lease payments have been made by the respective tenants through December 28, 2008. In addition, Wendy's has guaranteed certain leases primarily related to restaurant locations operated by its franchisees. These leases, which extend through 2022, including all existing extension or renewal option periods, could aggregate a maximum \$38.0 million, assuming all scheduled lease payments have been made by respective tenants through December 28, 2008. Wendy's is also contingently liable for certain other leases which have been assigned to unrelated third parties, who have indemnified Wendy's against future liabilities arising under the leases of \$107.5 million. These leases expire on various dates, which extend through 2022, including all existing extension or renewal option periods.
- (3) Wendy's provided loan guarantees to various lenders on behalf of franchisees under debt arrangements for new store development and equipment financing. Recourse on the majority of these loans is limited, generally to a percentage of the original loan amount or the current loan balance on individual franchisee loans or an aggregate minimum for the entire loan arrangement. Wendy's potential recourse for the aggregate amount of these loans amounted to \$19.1 million as of December 28, 2008.
- (4) Wendy's and Arby's have outstanding letters of credit of \$18.6 million and \$7.8 million, respectively, with various parties; however, our management does not expect any material loss to result from these letters of credit because we do not believe performance will be required.

#### Capital Expenditures

In 2008, cash capital expenditures amounted to \$107.0 million and non-cash capital expenditures consisting of capitalized leases and certain sale-leaseback obligations, ("Non-Cash Capital Expenditures"), amounted to \$8.4 million. In 2009, we expect that all capital expenditures will be paid in cash and will amount to approximately \$140.0 million, principally relating to (1) the opening of an estimated 5 new Arby's Company-owned and 10 new Wendy's Company-owned restaurants, (2) remodeling some of our Arby's and Wendy's existing Company-owned restaurants and (3) ongoing maintenance capital expenditures for our Company-owned restaurants. We have \$18.6 million of outstanding commitments for capital expenditures as of December 28, 2008, of which we expect \$12.8 million to be paid in 2009.

#### Dividends

During 2008, we paid cash dividends of \$0.26 per share on our Class A common stock, aggregating \$30.5 million, including our fourth quarter 2008 payment of \$7.0 million. We currently intend to continue to declare and pay quarterly cash dividends; however, there can be no assurance that any quarterly dividends will be declared or paid in the future or of the amount or timing of such dividends, if any. During the 2009 first quarter, we declared dividends of \$0.015 per share to be paid on March 30, 2009 to shareholders of record as of March 20, 2009. If we pay regular quarterly cash dividends for the remainder of 2009 at the same rate as declared in our 2009 first quarter, our total cash requirement for dividends for all of 2009 would be approximately \$28.0 million based on the number of shares of our Class A common stock outstanding at February 27, 2009.

#### Income Taxes

The Wendy's Merger qualified as a reorganization under Section 368(a)(2)(E) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Based on the merger exchange ratio, the former shareholders of Wendy's own approximately 80% of the total stock of Wendy's/Arby's outstanding immediately after the Wendy's Merger. Therefore, the Wendy's Merger was treated as a reverse acquisition for U.S. Federal income tax purposes. As a result of the reverse acquisition, Wendy's/Arby's and its subsidiaries became part of the Wendy's consolidated group with Wendy's/Arby's as its new parent. In addition, Wendy's/Arby's had a short taxable year in 2008 ending on the date of the Wendy's Merger. Also as a result of the Wendy's Merger, there was an ownership change at Wendy's/Arby's as defined in Section 382 of the Code which places a limit, as defined in the Code, on the amount of a Company's net operating losses that can be deducted for tax purposes once there has been an ownership change.

The Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") is currently conducting an examination of our U.S. Federal income tax return for the tax period ended December 28, 2008 as part of the Compliance Assurance Program ("CAP"). Our December 28, 2008 U.S. Federal income tax return includes Wendy's for all of 2008 and Wendy's/Arby's for the period September 30, 2008 to December 28, 2008. Prior to the Wendy's Merger, Wendy's participated in the CAP since the beginning of the 2006 tax year. CAP is a voluntary, real-time audit arrangement whereby taxpayers and the IRS address issues throughout the year as they emerge. The Wendy's U.S. Federal income tax returns for 2007 and prior years have been settled.

Wendy's/Arby's U.S. Federal income tax returns for periods ending January 1, 2006 to September 29, 2008 are not currently under examination by the IRS. However, some of our state income tax returns and some of the Wendy's state income tax returns for periods prior to the Wendy's Merger are currently under examination. Certain of these states have issued notices of proposed tax assessments aggregating \$11.3 million. We dispute these notices and believe ultimate resolution will not have a material adverse impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

### Universal Shelf Registration Statement

In December 2008, the Company filed a universal shelf registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the possible future offer and sale, from time to time, an indeterminate amount of our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and warrants to purchase any of these types of securities. This registration statement became effective automatically upon filing. Unless otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to any offered securities, we anticipate using the net proceeds of each offering for general corporate purposes, including financing of acquisitions and capital expenditures, additions to working capital and repayment of existing debt. We have not presently made any decision to issue any specific securities under this universal shelf registration statement.

### Legal and Environmental Matters

In 2001, a vacant property owned by Adams Packing Association, Inc. (“Adams”), an inactive subsidiary of the Company, was listed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency on the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (“CERCLIS”) list of known or suspected contaminated sites. The CERCLIS listing appears to have been based on an allegation that a former tenant of Adams conducted drum recycling operations at the site from some time prior to 1971 until the late 1970s. The business operations of Adams were sold in December 1992. In February 2003, Adams and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (the “FDEP”) agreed to a consent order that provided for development of a work plan for further investigation of the site and limited remediation of the identified contamination. In May 2003, the FDEP approved the work plan submitted by Adams’ environmental consultant and during 2004 the work under that plan was completed. Adams submitted its contamination assessment report to the FDEP in March 2004. In August 2004, the FDEP agreed to a monitoring plan consisting of two sampling events which occurred in January and June 2005 and the results were submitted to the FDEP for its review. In November 2005, Adams received a letter from the FDEP identifying certain open issues with respect to the property. The letter did not specify whether any further actions are required to be taken by Adams. Adams sought clarification from the FDEP in order to attempt to resolve this matter. On May 1, 2007, the FDEP sent a letter clarifying their prior correspondence and reiterated the open issues identified in their November 2005 letter. In addition, the FDEP offered Adams the option of voluntarily taking part in a recently adopted state program that could lessen site clean up standards, should such a clean up be required after a mandatory further study and site assessment report. With our consultants and outside counsel, we reviewed this option and sent our response and proposed work plan to FDEP on April 24, 2008 and have commenced additional testing as suggested by the FDEP and pursuant to the work plan submitted. Once testing is completed Adams will provide an amended response to FDEP. Nonetheless, based on amounts spent prior to 2007 of approximately \$1.7 million for all of these costs and after taking into consideration various legal defenses available to us, including Adams, we expect that the final resolution of this matter will not have a material effect on our financial position or results of operations.

On April 25, 2008, a putative class action complaint was filed by Ethel Guiseppone, on behalf of herself and others similarly situated, against Wendy’s, its directors, the Company and Trian Partners, in the Franklin County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas. A motion for leave to file an amended complaint was filed on June 19, 2008. The proposed amended complaint alleged breach of fiduciary duties arising out of the Wendy’s board of directors’ search for a merger partner and out of its approval of the merger agreement on April 23, 2008, and failure to disclose material information related to the merger in Amendment No. 3 to the Form S-4 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Form S-4”). The proposed amended complaint sought certification of the proceeding as a class action; preliminary and permanent injunctions against disenfranchising the purported class and consummating the merger; a declaration that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties; costs and attorneys fees; and any other relief the court deems proper and just.

Also on April 25, 2008, a putative class action and derivative complaint was filed by Cindy Henzel, on behalf of herself and others similarly situated, and derivatively on behalf of Wendy's, against Wendy's and its directors in the Franklin County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas. A motion for leave to file an amended complaint was filed on June 16, 2008. The proposed amended complaint alleges breach of fiduciary duties arising out of the Wendy's board of directors' search for a merger partner and out of its approval of the merger agreement on April 23, 2008, and failure to disclose material information related to the merger in the Form S-4. The proposed amended complaint seeks certification of the proceeding as a derivative and class action; an injunction against consummating the merger and requiring the defendants to promptly hold an annual meeting and to seek another merger partner; rescission of any part of the merger agreement already implemented; a declaration that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties; costs and attorneys fees; and any other relief the court deems proper and just.

On May 22, 2008, a putative class action complaint was filed by Ronald Donald Smith, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated, against Wendy's and its directors in the Franklin County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas. A motion for leave to file an amended complaint was filed on June 30, 2008. The proposed amended complaint alleged breach of fiduciary duties arising out of the Wendy's board of directors' search for a merger partner and out of its approval of the merger agreement on April 23, 2008, and failure to disclose material information related to the merger in the Form S-4. The proposed amended complaint sought certification of the proceeding as a derivative and class action; an injunction against consummating the merger and requiring the defendants to promptly hold an annual meeting and to seek another merger partner; rescission of any part of the merger agreement already implemented; a declaration that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties; costs and attorneys fees; and any other relief the court deems proper and just.

On June 13, 2008, a putative class action complaint was filed by Peter D. Ravanis and Dorothea Ravanis, on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated, against Wendy's, its directors, and Triarc Companies, Inc. in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County. An amended complaint was filed on June 20, 2008. The amended complaint alleges breach of fiduciary duties arising out of the Wendy's board of directors' search for a merger partner and out of its approval of the merger agreement on April 23, 2008, and failure to disclose material information related to the merger in the Form S-4. The amended complaint seeks certification of the proceeding as a class action; preliminary and permanent injunctions against consummating the merger; other equitable relief; attorneys' fees; and any other relief the court deems proper and just. All parties to this case have jointly requested that the court stay the action pending resolution of the Ohio cases.

On July 9, 2008, the parties to the three Ohio actions described above filed a stipulation and proposed order that would consolidate the cases, provide for the proposed amended complaint in the Henzel case to be the operative complaint in each of the cases, designate one law firm as lead plaintiffs' counsel, and establish an answer date for the defendants in the consolidated case. The court entered the order as proposed in all three cases on July 9, 2008.

On August 13, 2008, counsel for the parties to the Guiseppone, Henzel, Smith and Ravanis cases described above entered into a memorandum of understanding in which they agreed upon the terms of a settlement of all such lawsuits, which would include the dismissal with prejudice, and release, of all claims against all the defendants, including Wendy's, its directors, us and Triarc Partners. In connection with the settlement, Wendy's agreed to make certain additional disclosures to its shareholders, which were contained in the Form S-4 and to pay plaintiffs' legal fees.

On January 30, 2009, the parties entered into a Class and Derivative Action Stipulation of Settlement. The settlement is subject to approval by the Common Pleas Court of Franklin County, Ohio. On January 30, 2009, the plaintiffs submitted an application for an order preliminarily approving the settlement, certifying a class for settlement purposes only, providing for notice to the class and setting a final settlement hearing. The court has not yet ruled on that application. Although we expect the court to approve the settlement, there can be no assurance that the court will do so. If the court withholds approval, the proposed settlement may be terminated.

The defendants believe that the Guiseppone, Henzel, Smith and Ravanis cases described above are without merit and intend to vigorously defend them in the event that court approval is not obtained. While we do not believe that these actions will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations, unfavorable rulings could occur. Were an unfavorable ruling to occur, there exists the possibility of a material adverse impact on our results of operations for the period in which the ruling occurs or for future periods.

In addition to the matters described above, we are involved in other litigation and claims incidental to our current and prior businesses. We have reserves for all of our legal and environmental matters aggregating \$6.9 million as of December 28, 2008. Although the outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty and some of these matters may be disposed of unfavorably to us, based on currently available information, including legal defenses available to us, and given the aforementioned reserves and our insurance coverage, we do not believe that the outcome of these legal and environmental matters will have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

#### Application of Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions in applying our critical accounting policies that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported

amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Our estimates and assumptions concern, among other things, goodwill impairment, impairment of long-lived assets, other than temporary losses on investments, losses due to investment collectability, valuations of some of our investments, uncertainties for tax, legal and environmental matters, and accounting for leases. We evaluate those estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis based on historical experience and on various other factors which we believe are reasonable under the circumstances.

We believe that the following represent our more critical estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements:

- Goodwill impairment:

Following the Wendy's Merger, the Company operates in two business segments consisting of two restaurant brands: (1) Wendy's restaurant operations and (2) Arby's restaurant operations. Each segment includes Company-owned restaurants and franchise reporting units which are considered to be separate reporting units for purposes of measuring goodwill impairment under SFAS 142. As of December 28, 2008, Wendy's goodwill of \$836.2 million relates entirely to the Wendy's franchise reporting unit. Also, Arby's goodwill of \$17.6 million relates entirely to the Arby's franchise operations.

We test goodwill for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset may be impaired, by comparing the fair value of each reporting unit, using discounted cash flows or market multiples based

on earnings, to the carrying value to determine if there is an indication that a potential impairment may exist. If we determine that an impairment may exist, we then measure the amount of the impairment loss as the excess, if any, of the carrying amount of the goodwill over its implied fair value. In determining the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill, the Company allocates the fair value of a reporting unit to all of the assets and liabilities of that unit as if the unit had been acquired in a business combination and the fair value of the reporting unit was the price paid to acquire the reporting unit. The excess of the fair value of the unit over the amounts assigned to the assets and liabilities is the implied fair value of goodwill. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit's goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss shall be recognized in an amount equal to that excess. The recoverability of the goodwill for the reporting periods was determined by management, with the assistance of an independent third-party valuation firm, and based on estimates we made regarding the present value of the anticipated cash flows associated with each reporting unit. Those estimates are subject to change as a result of many factors including, among others, any changes in our business plans, changing economic conditions and the competitive environment. Should actual cash flows and our future estimates vary adversely from those estimates we used, we may be required to recognize additional goodwill impairment charges in future years. Further, the fair value of the reporting unit can be determined under several different methods, of which discounted cash flows is one alternative. Had we utilized an alternative method, the amount of any potential goodwill impairment charge might have differed significantly from the amounts as determined.

During the second and third quarters of 2008, we performed interim goodwill impairment tests at our Arby's company-owned restaurant and franchise operations reporting units due to the general economic downturn, a decrease in market valuations, and decreases in Arby's same store sales. The results of these interim tests indicated that the fair values of each of these Arby's reporting units exceeded their carrying values.

During the fourth quarter of 2008, we performed our annual goodwill impairment test. As a result of the acceleration of the general economic and market downturn as well as continued decreases in Arby's same store sales, we concluded that the carrying amount of the Arby's Company-owned restaurant reporting unit exceeded its fair value. Accordingly, we completed "step two" of our impairment testing as prescribed in SFAS 142 and recorded an impairment charge of \$460.1 million (with a \$68.3 million tax benefit related to the portion of tax deductible goodwill) representing all of the goodwill recorded for the Arby's Company-owned restaurant reporting unit. We also concluded at that time that there was no impairment of goodwill for the Arby's franchise reporting unit or any of the Wendy's reporting units.

The fair value of the Wendy's franchise reporting unit approximated its carrying value at September 29, 2008. Should current economic trends deteriorate or should we experience adverse changes in the Wendy's business, we could be required to record impairment charges related to Wendy's goodwill.

The fair values of the reporting units were determined by management with the assistance of an independent third-party valuation firm.

- Provisions for impairment of long-lived assets:

Long-lived assets include our Wendy's and Arby's Company-owned restaurants assets and their intangible assets, which include trademarks, franchise agreements, favorable leases and reacquired rights under franchise agreements.

As of December 28, 2008, the net carrying value of Wendy's restaurant segment long-lived assets and intangible assets were \$1,259.2 million and \$1,365.2 million, respectively and Arby's restaurant segment long-lived assets and intangible assets were \$495.8 million and \$46.2 million, respectively.

We review long-lived tangible and amortizing intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If that review indicates such



assets may not be recoverable based upon forecasted undiscounted cash flows, an impairment loss is recognized for the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value of the asset. The fair value is generally estimated to be the present value of the associated cash flows. Non-amortizing intangible assets are tested for impairment annually by comparing their carrying value to fair value; any excess of carrying value over fair value would represent impairment and a corresponding charge would be recorded. Our critical estimates in this review process include the anticipated future cash flows of each of Arby's and Wendy's Company-owned restaurants used in assessing the recoverability of their respective long-lived assets.

Arby's restaurants impairment losses reflect impairment charges resulting from the deterioration in operating performance of certain Company-owned restaurants in 2008, 2007, and 2006. In addition, we recognized impairment losses for the TJ Cinnamons brand ("TJ Cinnamons") and asset management contracts in 2008, 2007 and 2006. The fair values of the impaired assets were estimated to be the present value of the anticipated cash flows associated with each affected Arby's Company-owned restaurant, the TJ Cinnamons trademark and the asset management contracts. Those estimates are or were subject to change as a result of many factors including, among others, any changes in our business plans, changing economic conditions and the competitive environment. Should actual cash flows and our future estimates vary adversely from those estimates we used, we may be required to recognize additional impairment charges in future years. Further, the fair value of the long-lived assets can be determined under several different methods, of which discounted cash flows is one alternative. Had we utilized an alternative method, the amounts of the respective impairment charges might have differed significantly from the charges reported.

We are in the process of disposing of one of our Company-owned aircraft. As a result, we have recorded a general corporate impairment charge to reflect its fair value as a result of an appraisal related to the potential sale.

Our Company-owned restaurants, corporate assets, and other long-lived assets could require testing for impairment should future events or changes in circumstances indicate that they may not be recoverable. We no longer have any asset management contracts as a result of the Deerfield sale.

- Unrealized losses on certain investments deemed to be other than temporary:

We account for other than temporary losses under the guidance set forth in SFAS No. 115 and other authoritative guidance, which specify that investments with unrealized losses should be evaluated for holding losses that are a result of declines in value, due to market fluctuations or the investee's business environment and are considered not to be recoverable. If we determine that the holding losses are not recoverable during the anticipated investment holding period, then the losses are other than temporary.

We performed a review of our unrealized investment losses in 2008, 2007 and 2006 considering the severity and duration of the decline in value and the expected holding period of the investments. Based on this review, we determined that the decreases in 2008 related to the fair value of our investment in the DFR common stock, certain investments held in the Equities Account and certain cost method investments were other than temporary due to their severity, duration and our determination that we are unable to determine whether the value of the investments will be recovered. Therefore, we have permanently reduced the cost basis component of those investments by \$112.7 million as of December 28, 2008 (which includes \$68.1 million related to the DFR common stock that was distributed to shareholders in April 2008 and \$21.2 million related to the DFR Notes discussed below). Based on our review in 2007 and 2006, we also determined that decreases in 2007 and 2006 related to certain investments held in the Equities account and certain cost investments were other than temporary due to their severity, duration and our determination that we were unable to determine whether the value of the investments would be recovered. Therefore, we permanently reduced the cost basis component of those investments in 2007 and 2006 by \$9.9 million and \$4.1 million, respectively. Recoveries in the value of investments, if any, will not be recognized in income until the investments are sold.

Any other than temporary losses on our investments are dependent upon the underlying economics and/or volatility in their value and may or may not recur in future periods. As of December 28, 2008, we have aggregate unrealized holding gains and losses on our available-for-sale marketable securities of \$0.4 million and (\$0.2) million, respectively. The Equities Account, including restricted cash equivalents and equity derivatives, had a fair value of \$37.7 million as of December 28, 2008. As of February 27, 2009, there has been a decrease of approximately \$3.6 million in the fair value of the available for sale securities held in the Equities Account as compared to their value on December 28, 2008. Should any of those investments losses in the Equities Account not recover or any of our investments accounted for under the cost method, totaling approximately \$12.8 million at December 28, 2008, experience declines in value due to conditions that we deem to be other than temporary, we may recognize additional other than temporary losses.

- Losses due to investment collectability

DFR Notes:

The repayment of the \$48.0 million principal amount of DFR Notes due in 2012 received in connection with the Deerfield Sale and the payment of related interest are dependent on the cash flow of DFR, including Deerfield. DFR's investment portfolio is comprised primarily of fixed income investments, including mortgage-backed securities and corporate debt and its activities also include the asset management business of Deerfield. Among the factors that may

affect DFR's ability to continue to pay the DFR Notes and related interest is the current dislocation in the sub-prime mortgage sector and the continuing weakness in the broader credit market, both of which could continue to adversely affect DFR and one or more of its lenders, which could result in increases in its borrowing costs, reductions in its liquidity and reductions in the value of its investments in its portfolio, all of these factors could reduce cash flows and may result in an additional provision for uncollectible notes receivable. We have received all four cash quarterly interest payments on the DFR Notes to date on a timely basis as well as dividends on the cumulative preferred stock which was previously held. Due to significant financial weakness in the credit markets, current publicly available information of DFR, and our ongoing assessment of the likelihood of full repayment of the principal amount of the DFR Notes, we recorded an allowance for doubtful collectability of \$21.2 million on the DFR Notes which is included in the \$112.7 million other than temporary losses on investments disclosed above.

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- Valuations of some of our investments:

Our investments as of December 28, 2008 include available-for-sale investments, investment derivatives, other investments accounted for under the cost method and various investment instruments in liability positions. The available-for-sale securities, investment derivatives, and various investments in liability positions include those managed under the Equities Account. We determine the fair value of our available-for-sale securities and investment derivatives principally using quoted market prices, broker/dealer prices or statements of account received from investment managers, which were principally based on quoted market or broker/dealer prices. Our other investments accounted for under the cost method are valued almost entirely based on statements of account received from the investment managers or the investees which are principally based on quoted market or broker/dealer prices. To the extent that some of these investments, including the underlying investments in investment limited partnerships, do not have available quoted market or broker/dealer prices, we rely on unobservable inputs (that are not corroborated by observable market data) that reflect assumptions market participants would use in pricing the investment. These inputs are subjective and thus subject to estimates which could change significantly from period to period. Those changes in estimates in these cost investments would be recognized only to the extent of losses which are deemed to be other than temporary. We believe that the total carrying value of the cost investments not valued based on quoted market or broker/dealer prices of approximately \$12.0 million as of December 28, 2008 represented their fair value. We also have \$0.8 million of non-marketable cost investments in securities for which it is not practicable to estimate fair value because the investments are non-marketable, but we currently believe the carrying amount is recoverable.

- Federal and state income tax contingencies:

We recognize the income tax benefits and estimated accruals for the resolution of income tax matters which are subject to future examinations of our U.S. Federal and state income tax returns by the Internal Revenue Service or state taxing authorities, including remaining provisions included in "Current liabilities relating to discontinued operations" in our Consolidated Balance Sheets:

Effective January 1, 2007, we adopted FIN 48. As a result, we now measure income tax uncertainties in accordance with a two-step process of evaluating a tax position. We first determine if it is more likely than not that a tax position will be sustained upon examination based on the technical merits of the position. A tax position that meets the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold is then measured, for purposes of financial statement recognition, as the largest amount that has a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon effective settlement. With the adoption of FIN 48, at January 1, 2007 we recognized an increase in our reserves for uncertain income tax positions of \$4.8 million, an increase in our liability for interest of \$0.5 million and an increase in our liability for penalties of \$0.2 million related to uncertain income tax positions. These increases were partially offset by an increase in a deferred income tax benefit of \$3.2 million. There was also a reduction in the tax related liabilities of discontinued operations of \$0.1 million. The net effect of all these adjustments was a decrease in retained earnings of \$2.2 million. We have unrecognized tax benefits of \$30.3 million and \$12.3 million, which if resolved favorably would reduce the Company's tax expense by \$22.2 million and \$9.5 million, at December 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007, respectively.

We recognize interest accrued related to uncertain tax positions in "Interest expense" and penalties in "General and administrative expenses". At December 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007 we had \$6.2 million and \$3.4 million accrued for the payment of interest and \$1.9 million and \$0.2 million accrued for penalties, both respectively.

As discussed above in "Liquidity and Capital Resources," our U.S. Federal income tax return for the tax period ended December 28, 2008 is under examination as part of the CAP program. Our U.S. Federal income tax returns for January 1, 2006 to and including September 29, 2008 are not currently under examination while certain of our state income tax returns and certain of Wendy's state income tax returns for periods prior to the merger are under

examination. We believe that adequate provisions have been made for any liabilities, including interest and penalties that may result from the completion of these examinations. To the extent uncertain tax positions pertaining to the former beverage businesses that we sold in October 2000 are determined to be less than or in excess of the amounts included in "Current liabilities relating to discontinued operations," any such material difference will be recorded at that time as a component of gain or loss on disposal of discontinued operations.

- Legal and environmental reserves:

We have reserves which total \$6.9 million at December 28, 2008 for the resolution of all of our legal and environmental matters.

Should the actual cost of settling these matters, whether resulting from adverse judgments or otherwise, differ from the reserves we have accrued, that difference will be reflected in our results of operations when the matter is resolved or when our estimate of the cost changes.

- Accounting for leases:

We operate restaurants that are located on sites owned by us and sites leased by us from third parties. At inception, each lease is evaluated to determine whether the lease will be accounted for as an operating or capital lease in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 13, Accounting for Leases, and other related authoritative guidance under GAAP. When determining the lease term we include option periods for which failure to renew the lease imposes an economic detriment. The primary penalty to which we are subject is the economic detriment associated with the existence of leasehold improvements which might be impaired if we choose not to exercise the available renewal options.

For operating leases, minimum lease payments, including minimum scheduled rent increases, are recognized as rent expense on a straight line basis (“Straight-Line Rent”) over the applicable lease terms. Lease terms are generally for 20 years and, in most cases, provide for rent escalations and renewal options. The term used for Straight-Line Rent expense is calculated from the date we obtain possession of the leased premises through the expected lease termination date at lease inception. We expense rent from possession date to the restaurant opening date, in accordance with FASB Staff Position No. 13-1, “Accounting for Rental Costs Incurred during a Construction Period” (“FSP FAS 13-1”).

There is a period under certain lease agreements referred to as a rent holiday (“Rent Holiday”) that generally begins on the possession date and ends on the rent commencement date. During the Rent Holiday period, no cash rent payments are typically due under the terms of the lease, however, expense is recorded for that period consistent with the Straight-Line Rent policy.

For leases that contain rent escalations, we record the rent payable during the lease term, as determined above, on the straight-line basis over the term of the lease (including the rent holiday period beginning upon our possession of the premises), and record the excess of the Straight-Line Rent over the minimum rents paid as a deferred lease liability included in “Other liabilities.” Certain leases contain provisions, referred to as contingent rent (“Contingent Rent”), that require additional rental payments based upon restaurant sales volume. Contingent rent is expensed each period as the liability is incurred, in addition to the Straight-Line Rent.

Favorable and unfavorable lease amounts are recorded as components of “Other intangible assets” and “Other liabilities”, respectively, when we purchase restaurants (see Note 3) and are amortized to “Cost of sales” – both on a straight-line basis over the remaining term of the leases. Upon early termination of a lease, the favorable or unfavorable lease balance associated with the lease is recognized as a loss or gain, respectively, in our results of operations.

Management, with the assistance of a valuation firm, makes certain estimates and assumptions regarding each new lease agreement, lease renewal, and lease amendment, including, but not limited to property values, property lives, discount rates, and probable term, all of which can impact (i) the classification and accounting for a lease as capital or operating, (ii) the rent holiday and/or escalations in payment that are taken into consideration when calculating straight-line rent and (iii) the term over which leasehold improvements for each restaurant are amortized. These estimates and assumptions may produce materially different amounts of depreciation and amortization, interest and rent expense that would be reported if different assumed lease terms were used.

#### Inflation and Changing Prices

We believe that inflation did not have a significant effect on our consolidated results of operations during the reporting periods since inflation rates generally remained at relatively low levels.

## Seasonality

Our restaurant operations are moderately impacted by seasonality. Wendy's restaurant revenues are normally higher during the summer months than during the winter months, and Arby's restaurant revenues are somewhat lower in our first quarter. Because our businesses are moderately seasonal, results for any future quarter will not necessarily be indicative of the results that may be achieved for any other quarter or for the full fiscal year.

## Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

In December 2007, FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007), "Business Combinations" ("SFAS 141(R)"), and SFAS No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements – an amendment of ARB No. 51" ("SFAS 160"). These statements change the way companies account for business combinations and noncontrolling interests by, among other things, requiring (1) more assets and liabilities to be measured at fair value as of the acquisition date, including a valuation of the entire company being acquired where less than 100% of the company is acquired, (2) an acquirer in preacquisition periods to expense all acquisition-related costs, (3) changes in acquisition related deferred tax balances after the completion of the purchase price allocation be recognized in the statement of operations as opposed to through goodwill and (4) noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries initially to be measured at fair value and classified as a separate component of stockholders' equity. These statements are to be applied prospectively beginning with our 2009

fiscal year. However, upon adoption, SFAS 160 requires entities to apply the presentation and disclosure requirements retrospectively for all periods presented. Both standards prohibit early adoption. In addition, in April 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. FAS 142-3, "Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets" ("FSP FAS 142-3"). In determining the useful life of acquired intangible assets, FSP FAS 142-3 removes the requirement to consider whether an intangible asset can be renewed without substantial cost or material modifications to the existing terms and conditions and, instead, requires an entity to consider its own historical experience in renewing similar arrangements. FSP FAS 142-3 also requires expanded disclosure related to the determination of intangible asset useful lives. This staff position is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning in our 2009 fiscal year and may impact any intangible assets we acquire. The application of SFAS 160 will require reclassification of our minority interests from a liability to a component of stockholders' equity in our consolidated financial statements beginning in our 2009 fiscal year. The effect of this reclassification will not be material to our consolidated balance sheet. Further, all of the statements referred to above could have a significant impact on the accounting for any future acquisitions starting with our 2009 fiscal year. The impact will depend upon the nature and terms of such future acquisitions, if any. These statements will not have an effect on our accounting for the Wendy's Merger except for any potential adjustments to deferred taxes included in the allocation of the purchase price after such allocation has been finalized.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, "Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS 161"). SFAS 161 requires companies with derivative instruments to disclose information that should enable financial-statement users to understand how and why a company uses derivative instruments, how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS 133") and how these items affect a company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows. SFAS 161 affects only these disclosures and does not change the accounting for derivatives. SFAS 161 is to be applied prospectively beginning with the first quarter of our 2009 fiscal year. We do not expect SFAS 161 to have a material effect on disclosures in our consolidated financial statements.

#### Outlook for 2009

##### Sales

Our net sales will increase significantly for 2009 compared to 2008 as a result of the Wendy's Merger; however, we expect same store sales growth to be negatively impacted by current economic factors. In 2009, the Arby's marketing strategy will emphasize Arby's sliced roasted meat products, including the launch of the Roastburger; however, given the recent declining economic trends, we cannot determine what impact these marketing initiatives will have on Arby's sales. Wendy's same-store sales for 2009 are expected to be favorably impacted by continued operational improvement, premium product introductions and a comprehensive menu pricing strategy. Offsetting factors include an uncertain economic environment, a more aggressive marketing focus on value menu offerings and a reduction in the number of stores serving breakfast while refining this daypart strategy. We presently plan to open approximately 5 new Arby's Company-owned and 10 new Wendy's Company-owned restaurants during 2009 and close 11 Arby's Company-owned and 8 Wendy's Company-owned restaurants. We continually review the performance of any underperforming Company-owned restaurants and evaluate whether to close those restaurants, particularly in connection with the decision to renew or extend their leases. Specifically, we have 56 Arby's and 58 Wendy's restaurant leases that are scheduled for renewal or expiration during 2009. We currently anticipate the renewal or extension of 45 Arby's leases and 50 Wendy's leases.

##### Franchise Revenues



Our franchise revenues will increase significantly for 2009 as a result of the Wendy's Merger. Franchise revenues will also be favorably impacted by net new restaurant openings by both Arby's and Wendy's franchisee locations. Despite an overall increase in franchise revenues, the same-store sales trends for franchised restaurants at Arby's and Wendy's will continue to be generally impacted by the various factors described above under "Sales."

#### Restaurant Margin

We expect that our restaurant margins for 2009 will increase primarily as a result of the impacts of menu price increases, higher margins on new premium menu items and tighter controls on fixed and semi-variable costs, which are expected to more than offset the negative impact of more aggressive value menu pricing in our Wendy's business and higher labor costs in 2009.

#### General and Administrative

We expect that our general and administrative expense for 2009 will increase significantly compared to 2008 as a result of the Wendy's Merger, including integration costs. This increase will be partially offset by the benefit from the merger related savings including the combined support center functions for Wendy's and Arby's in Atlanta, Georgia.

#### Depreciation and Amortization

We expect that our depreciation and amortization expense for 2009 will increase compared to 2008 as a result of the Wendy's Merger and the full year effect of depreciation new Arby's restaurants opened in 2008.

#### Facilities Relocation and Corporate Restructuring

We expect that our facilities relocation and corporate restructuring expense for 2009 will be higher than 2008 primarily due to Wendy's Merger related costs.

#### Interest Expense

We expect that our interest expense for 2009 will increase compared to 2008 primarily as a result of the Wendy's Merger and the increased interest rates on our amended and restated Credit Agreement, partially offset by the \$143.2 voluntary net prepayment on the Term Loan in 2008.

Additionally, we will be writing off deferred financing costs of approximately \$4.4 million related to the Wendy's credit facility executed in January 2009 because this facility is being replaced by the amended and restated Credit Agreement, as described above.

#### Other Than Temporary Losses on Investments

As of February 27, 2009, there has been a decrease of approximately \$3.6 million in the fair value of the available for sale securities held in the Equities Account as compared to their value on December 28, 2008. Should any of those investments losses in the Equities Account not recover or any of our investments accounted for under the cost method experience declines in value due to conditions that we deem to be other than temporary, we may recognize additional other than temporary losses on investments.

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

Certain statements we make under this Item 7A constitute "forward-looking statements" under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. See "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements and Projections" in "Part I" preceding "Item 1."

We are exposed to the impact of interest rate changes, changes in commodity prices, changes in the market value of our investments and foreign currency fluctuations primarily related to the Canadian dollar. In the normal course of business, we employ established policies and procedures to manage our exposure to these changes using financial instruments we deem appropriate.

#### Interest Rate Risk

Our objective in managing our exposure to interest rate changes is to limit its impact on our earnings and cash flows. Through October 2008, we had used interest rate caps and/or interest rate swap agreements on a portion of our variable-rate debt to limit our exposure to the effects of increases in short-term interest rates on our earnings and cash flows. Due to decreases in the applicable interest rates on our variable-rate debt, we have not utilized any interest rate protection vehicles since that time. As of December 28, 2008 our long-term debt, including current portion, aggregated \$1,111.6 million and consisted of \$495.9 million of fixed-rate debt, \$385.0 million of variable-rate debt, and \$230.7 million of capitalized lease and sale-leaseback obligations. Our variable interest rate debt primarily consists of \$385.0 million of Arby's term loan borrowings under a variable-rate senior secured term loan facility due through 2012. The Amended Arby's Term Loan and amounts borrowed under the revolving credit facility bear interest at the borrowers' option at either (1) LIBOR of not less than 2.75% plus 4.0% or (2) the higher of a base rate determined by the administrative agent for the Credit Agreement or the Federal funds rate plus 0.5% (but not less than 3.75%), in either case plus 3.0%. We added \$467.0 million of debt as a result of the Wendy's Merger. We do not

currently plan to enter into future swap agreements. The fair value of our fixed-rate debt will increase if interest rates decrease. The fair market value of our investments in fixed-rate debt securities will decline if interest rates increase. See below for a discussion of how we manage this risk.

#### Commodity Price Risk

In our restaurants segments, we purchase certain food products, such as beef, poultry, pork and cheese, that are affected by changes in commodity prices and, as a result, we are subject to variability in our food costs. While price volatility can occur, which would impact profit margins, there are generally alternative suppliers available. Our ability to recover increased costs through higher pricing is, at times, limited by the competitive environment in which we operate. Management monitors our exposure to commodity price risk.

Arby's does not enter into financial instruments to hedge commodity prices or hold any significant inventories of these commodities. In order to ensure favorable pricing for its major food products, as well as maintain an adequate supply of fresh food products, we are members of a purchasing cooperative along with our franchisees that negotiates contracts with approved suppliers on behalf of the Arby's system. These contracts establish pricing arrangements, and historically have limited the variability of these commodity costs, but do not establish any firm purchase commitments by us or our franchisees.

Wendy's employs various purchasing and pricing contract techniques in an effort to minimize volatility. Generally these techniques can include setting fixed prices with suppliers generally for one year or less, and setting in advance the price for products to be delivered in the future by having the supplier enter into forward arrangements (sometimes referred to as "buying forward").

### Equity Market Risk

Our objective in managing our exposure to changes in the market value of our equity investments is to balance the risk of the impact of these changes on our earnings and cash flows with our expectations for long-term investment returns. One significant exposure to equity price risk relates to our investments (the "Equities Account") that are managed by a management company formed by certain former executives (the "Management Company"), which are discussed in more detail below.

### Foreign Currency Risk

Our objective in managing our exposure to foreign currency fluctuations is to limit the impact of these fluctuations on earnings and cash flows. As of December 28, 2008, our primary exposures to foreign currency risk are primarily related to fluctuations in our Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar for the Canadian operations. Exposure outside of North America is limited to the effect of rate fluctuations on royalties paid by franchisees. To a more limited extent, we have exposure to foreign currency risk relating to our investments in certain investment limited partnerships and similar investment entities that hold foreign securities and a total return swap with respect to a foreign equity security. We monitor these exposures and periodically determine our need for the use of strategies intended to lessen or limit our exposure to these fluctuations. We have exposure to (1) our investment in a joint venture with Tim Hortons, Inc. ("THI"), (2) investments in a Canadian foreign subsidiary, and (3) export revenues and related receivables denominated in foreign currencies which are subject to foreign currency fluctuations. Wendy's is a partner in a Canadian restaurant real estate joint venture with THI ("TimWen"). Wendy's 50% share of TimWen is accounted for using the Equity Method. Our foreign subsidiary exposures relate to restaurants and administrative operations in Canada. The exposure to Canadian dollar exchange rates on the Company's cash flows primarily includes imports paid for by Canadian operations in U.S. dollars and payments from the Company's Canadian operations to the Company's U.S. operations in U.S. dollars, and to a lesser extent royalties paid by Canadian franchisees. Revenues from foreign operations for the year ended December 28, 2008 represented 7% of our total franchise revenues and 3% of our total revenues. For the year ended December 30, 2007, the same percentages were 4% and less than 1%, respectively. Accordingly, an immediate 10% change in foreign currency exchange rates versus the United States dollar from their levels at December 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007 would not have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

### Credit Risk

Our credit risk as of December 28, 2008 includes the Series A senior secured notes of Deerfield Capital Corp. ("DFR") due in December 2012 (the "DFR Notes"), which we received in late fiscal 2007 in connection with the sale of our majority capital interest in Deerfield & Company, LLC ("Deerfield"), which is discussed in more detail below, and, to a lesser extent, our investments in the Equities Account that are managed by the Management Company.

On December 21, 2007, the Company received, as a part of the proceeds of its sale of Deerfield (the "Deerfield Sale"), \$47.9 million principal amount of DFR Notes with an estimated fair value of \$46.2 million at the date of the Deerfield Sale. The DFR Notes bear interest at the three-month LIBOR (1.47% at December 24, 2008) plus a factor, initially 5% through December 31, 2009, increasing 0.5% each quarter from January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 and 0.25% each quarter from July 1, 2011 through their maturity. The DFR Notes are secured by certain equity interests of DFR and certain of its subsidiaries.

The fair value of the DFR Notes was based on the present value of the probability weighted average of expected cash flows from the DFR Notes. The Company believed that this value approximated the fair value of the DFR Notes as of December 27, 2007 due to the close proximity to the Deerfield Sale date. We have received timely payment of all four

quarterly interest payments due on the DFR Notes to date. Additionally, on October 15, 2008 we received a \$1.1 million dividend on the convertible preferred stock which we previously held. Accordingly, we did not record valuation reserves on these notes prior to the fourth quarter of 2008.

The current dislocation in the sub-prime mortgage sector and continuing weakness in the broader credit markets has adversely impacted, and may continue to adversely impact, DFR's cash flows. Due to the significant continuing weakness in the credit markets and at DFR based upon current publicly available information, and our ongoing assessment of the likelihood of full repayment of the principal amount of the DFR Notes, Company management determined that the probability of collectability of the full principal amount of the DFR Notes was not likely and recorded an allowance for doubtful accounts on the DFR Notes of \$21.2 million as of December 28, 2008. The DFR Notes, net of unamortized discount and allowance for doubtful accounts, amounted to \$25.3 and \$46.2 million at December 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007, respectively, are included in "Notes receivable".

#### Overall Market Risk

Our overall market risk as of December 28, 2008 includes cash equivalents, investments in the Equities Account that are managed by the Management Company and our investment in TimWen. We maintain investment holdings of various issuers, types and maturities. As of December 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007, these investments were classified in our consolidated balance sheets as follows (in millions):

	Year-End	
	2008	2007
Cash equivalents included in "Cash and cash equivalents" in our consolidated balance sheets	\$ 36.8	\$ 60.5
Current restricted cash equivalents	20.8	-
Short-term investments	0.2	2.6
Investment related receivables	0.4	0.4
Non-current restricted cash equivalents	34.0	45.3
Non-current investments	133.0	141.9
	\$ 225.2	\$ 250.7
Certain liability positions related to investments included in "Other liabilities" in 2008 and 2007:		
Derivatives in liability positions	\$ (3.0)	\$ (0.3)
Securities sold with an obligation to purchase	(16.6)	-
	\$ (19.6)	\$ (0.3)

Prior to 2006, we invested \$75.0 million in the Equities Account, and in April 2007, we entered into an agreement under which (1) the Management Company will continue to manage the Equities Account until at least December 31, 2010, (2) we will not withdraw our investment from the Equities Account prior to December 31, 2010 and (3) beginning January 1, 2008, we began to pay management and incentive fees to the Management Company in an amount customary for other unaffiliated third party investors with similarly sized investments. The Equities Account is invested principally in debt and equity securities of a limited number of publicly-traded companies, cash equivalents and equity derivatives and had a fair value of \$37.7 million and \$99.3 million as of December 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007, respectively, detailed below. The fair value of the Equities Account at December 28, 2008 excludes \$47.0 million of restricted cash released from the Equities Account to Wendy's/Arby's in 2008. We obtained permission from the Management Company to release this amount from the aforementioned investment restriction and we are obligated to return this amount to the Equities Account by January 29, 2010. As of December 28, 2008, the derivatives held in our Equities Account investment portfolio consisted of a total return swaps on equity securities, and put options on equity securities. We did not designate any of these strategies as hedging instruments and, accordingly all of these derivative instruments were recorded at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in our results of operations.

The investments in the Equities Account consist of the following (in millions):

	December 28, 2008 (b)	December 30, 2007
Restricted cash equivalents	\$ 26.5	\$ 43.3
Investments	30.4	48.3
Derivatives in an asset position included in "Investments" (a)	-	7.6
Investment settlement receivable included in "Accounts and notes receivable"	-	0.3
Investment related receivables included in "Deferred costs and other assets"	0.4	0.1
Securities sold with an obligation to purchase included in "Other liabilities"	(16.6)	-
Derivatives in a liability position included in "Other liabilities" (a)	(3.0)	(0.3)
Total fair value	\$ 37.7	\$ 99.3

(a) We did not designate any of the derivatives as hedging instruments and, accordingly, all of these derivative instruments were recorded at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in our results of operations.

The fair value of the Equities Account at December 28, 2008 excludes \$47.0 million of restricted cash released (b) from the Equities Account in 2008. We obtained permission from the Management Company to release this amount from the aforementioned investment restriction and we are obligated to return this amount to the Equities Account by January 29, 2010.

Our cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less when acquired and consisted principally of cash in bank, money market and mutual fund money market accounts, and are primarily not in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insured accounts, \$30.0 million of which was restricted as of December 28, 2008.

At December 28, 2008 our investments were classified in the following general types or categories (in millions):

Type	At Cost	At Fair Value (a)(b)	Carrying Value	
			Amount	Percent
Cash equivalents	\$ 36.8	\$ 36.8	\$ 36.8	16.3%
Investment related receivables	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2%
Current and non-current restricted cash equivalents	54.8	54.8	54.8	24.3%
Current and non-current investments accounted for as available-for-sale securities	30.2	30.4	30.4	13.5%
Other non-current investments in investment limited partnerships accounted for at cost	8.3	7.6	8.3	3.7%
Other non-current investments accounted for at:				
Cost	4.5	5.2	4.5	2.0%
Equity	88.0	90.0	90.0	40.0%
	\$ 223.0	\$ 225.2	\$ 225.2	100.0%
Liability positions related to investments:				
Non-current derivatives in liability positions	-	(3.0)	(3.0)	15.3%
Securities sold with an obligation to purchase	(19.8)	(16.6)	(16.6)	84.7%
	\$ (19.8)	\$ (19.6)	\$ (19.6)	100.0%

(a) There was no assurance at December 28, 2008 that we would have been able to sell certain of these investments at these amounts.

(b) Includes amounts managed in the Equities Account by the Management Company, detailed above.

At December 30, 2007 our investments were classified in the following general types or categories (in millions):

Type	At Cost	At Fair Value (a)(b)	Carrying Value	
			Amount	Percent
Cash equivalents	\$ 60.5	\$ 60.5	\$ 60.5	24%
Investment related receivables	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1%
Current and non-current investments accounted for as available-for-sale securities (c)	124.6	121.0	121.0	48.3%
Other current and non-current investments in investment limited partnerships and similar investment entities accounted for at cost	2.1	2.4	2.1	0.9%
Other current and non-current investments accounted for at:				
Cost	11.9	16.5	11.9	4.7%
Equity	1.9	1.6	1.9	0.8%
Fair value	5.9	7.6	7.6	3.0%
Non-current restricted cash equivalents	45.3	45.3	45.3	18.1%
Total cash equivalents and long investment positions	\$ 252.6	\$ 255.3	\$ 250.7	100.0%
Liability positions related to investments:				
Non-current derivatives in liability positions	\$ -	\$ (0.3)	\$ (0.3)	100.0%



- (a) There was no assurance at December 30, 2007 that we would have been able to sell certain of these investments at these amounts.
- (b) Includes amounts managed in the Equities Account by the Management Company, detailed above.
- (c) In addition to the Equities Account information included in footnote (b), non-current investments accounted for as available-for-sale securities includes \$70.4 million of the carrying and fair value of DFR preferred stock, net of unrecognized gain.

Our marketable securities are reported at fair market value and are classified and accounted for as “available-for-sale” with net unrealized holding gains or losses, net of income taxes, reported as a separate component of comprehensive income or loss bypassing net income or loss. Investment limited partnerships and other non-current investments in which we do not have significant influence over the investees are accounted for at cost. Unrealized holding gains or losses, net of income taxes, for derivatives and securities sold with an obligation to purchase (“short-sales”) are reported as a component of net income or loss. Realized gains and losses on investment limited partnerships and other non-current investments recorded at cost are reported as income or loss in the period in which the securities are sold. Investments in which we have significant influence over the investees are accounted for in accordance with the equity method of accounting under which our results of operations include our share of the income or loss of the investees. We review all of our investments in which we have unrealized losses and recognize investment losses currently for any unrealized losses we deem to be other than temporary. The cost-basis component of investments reflected in the tables above and below represents original cost less a permanent reduction for any unrealized losses that were deemed to be other than temporary.

## Sensitivity Analysis

Our estimate of market risk exposure is presented for each class of financial instruments held by us at December 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007 for which an immediate adverse market movement causes a potential material impact on our financial position or results of operations. We believe that the adverse market movements described below represent the hypothetical loss to future earnings and do not represent the maximum possible loss nor any expected actual loss, even under adverse conditions, because actual adverse fluctuations would likely differ. In addition, since our investment portfolio is subject to changes in our portfolio management strategy, and general market conditions, these estimates are not necessarily indicative of the actual results which may occur. As of December 28, 2008, we did not hold any market-risk sensitive instruments which were entered into for trading purposes. As such, the table below reflects the risk for those financial instruments entered into for other than trading purposes as of December 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007 based upon assumed immediate adverse effects as noted below (in millions):

	Year-End 2008			
	Carrying Value	Interest Rate Risk	Equity Price Risk	Foreign Currency Risk
Cash equivalents	\$ 36.8	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0.4)
Investment related receivables	0.4	-	-	-
Current and non-current restricted cash equivalents	54.8	-	-	-
Available-for-sale equity securities	0.2	-	-	-
Available-for-sale equity securities – restricted	30.1	-	(3.0)	-
Equity investments	90.0	-	(9.0)	(9.0)
Other investments	12.8	(0.1)	(1.2)	-
DFR Notes	25.3	(0.3)	-	-
Investments in liability positions:				
Securities sold with an obligation to purchase - restricted	(16.6)	(0.2)	(1.7)	-
Total return swap on equity securities – restricted	(3.0)	-	(1.5)	(1.1)
Long-term debt, excluding capitalized lease and sale-leaseback obligations-variable	(385.0)	(11.9)	-	-
Long-term debt, excluding capitalized lease and sale-leaseback obligations-fixed	(495.9)	(61.0)	-	-
	Year-End 2007			
	Carrying Value	Interest Rate Risk	Equity Price Risk	Foreign Currency Risk
Cash equivalents	\$ 60.5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment related receivables	0.4	-	-	-
Restricted cash equivalents – non-current	45.3	-	-	-
Available-for-sale securities:				
Equities Account – restricted	48.1	-	(4.8)	-
DFR preferred stock	70.4	-	(7.0)	-
Other	2.6	-	(0.3)	-
Investment in Jurlique	8.5	-	(0.9)	(0.9)
Investment derivatives in the Equities Account:				

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Put option on market index	4.9	-	(2.9)	-
Total return swap on an equity security	2.2	-	(2.4)	(0.2)
Put and call option combinations on equity securities	0.5	-	(1.4)	-
Other investments	7.4	-	(0.7)	-
Interest rate swaps in an asset position	0.1	(0.5)	-	-
DFR Notes	46.2	(0.5)	-	-
Interest rate swaps in a liability position	(0.4)	(0.9)	-	-
Put and call option combinations on equity securities	(0.3)	-	(2.4)	-
Long-term debt, excluding capitalized lease and sale-leaseback obligations - variable	(561.1)	(20.6)	-	-

The sensitivity analysis of financial instruments held at December 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007 assumes (1) an instantaneous one percentage point adverse change in market interest rates, (2) an instantaneous 10% adverse change in the equity markets in which we are invested and (3) an instantaneous 10% adverse change in the foreign currency exchange rates versus the United States dollar, each from their levels at December 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007, respectively, and with all other variables held constant. The equity price risk reflects the impact of a 10% decrease in the carrying value of our equity securities, including those in "Other investments" in the tables above. The sensitivity analysis also assumes that the decreases in the equity markets and foreign exchange

rates are other than temporary. We have not reduced the equity price risk for available-for-sale investments and cost investments to the extent of unrealized gains on certain of those investments, which would limit or eliminate the effect of the indicated market risk on our results of operations and, for cost investments, our financial position.

Our cash equivalents and restricted cash equivalents included \$36.8 million and \$54.8 million, respectively, as of December 28, 2008 of bank money market accounts and interest-bearing brokerage and bank accounts which are all investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired and are designed to maintain a stable value.

As of December 28, 2008, we had amounts of both fixed-rate debt and variable-rate debt. On the fixed-rate debt, the interest rate risk presented with respect to our long-term debt, excluding capitalized lease and sale-leaseback obligations, primarily relates to the potential impact a decrease in interest rates of one percentage point has on the fair value of our \$495.9 million of fixed-rate debt and not on our financial position or our results of operations. On the variable-rate debt, the interest rate risk presented with respect to our long-term debt, excluding capitalized lease and sale-leaseback obligations, represents the potential impact an increase in interest rates of one percentage point has on our results of operations related to our \$385.0 million of variable-rate long-term debt outstanding as of December 28, 2008.

As of December 30, 2007, a majority of our debt was variable-rate debt and therefore the interest rate risk presented with respect to our long-term debt, excluding capitalized lease and sale-leaseback obligations, represents the potential impact an increase in interest rates of one percentage point has on our results of operations related to our \$561.1 million of variable-rate long-term debt outstanding as of December 30, 2007.

Our variable-rate long-term debt outstanding as of December 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007 had a weighted average remaining maturity of approximately three years and four years, respectively. We had limited our interest rate risk on a portion of this debt by the use of interest rate swap agreements during all of 2007 and through October 2008. However, in the current interest environment, we do not currently plan to enter into new swaps.

For investments in investment limited partnerships and similar investment entities, all of which are accounted for at cost, and other non-current investments included in "Other investments" in the tables above, the decrease in the equity markets and the change in foreign currency were assumed for this analysis to be other than temporary. To the extent such entities invest in convertible bonds which trade primarily on the conversion feature of the securities rather than on the stated interest rate, this analysis assumed equity price risk but no interest rate risk. The foreign currency risk presented excludes those investments where the investment manager has fully hedged the risk.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors of  
Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc.  
Atlanta, Georgia

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. (formerly Triarc Companies, Inc.) and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 28, 2008. 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, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 28, 2008, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Notes 1, 14 and 15 to the consolidated financial statements, effective December 31, 2006, the Company elected application of Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108, Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements and, effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes and FASB Staff Position No. AUG-AIR-1, Accounting for Planned Major Maintenance Activities.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 28, 2008, based on the criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, and our report dated March 13, 2009 expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP  
Atlanta, Georgia  
March 13, 2009

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WENDY'S/ARBY'S GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
(FORMERLY TRIARC COMPANIES, INC.)  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(In Thousands)

	December 28, 2008	December 30, 2007
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 90,090	\$ 78,116
Restricted cash equivalents	20,792	-
Accounts and notes receivable	97,258	27,610
Inventories	24,646	11,067
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	28,990	28,540
Deferred income tax benefit	37,923	24,921
Advertising fund restricted assets	81,139	-
Total current assets	380,838	170,254
Restricted cash equivalents	34,032	45,295
Notes receivable	34,608	46,429
Investments	133,052	141,909
Properties	1,770,372	504,874
Goodwill	853,775	468,778
Other intangible assets	1,411,473	45,318
Deferred costs and other assets	27,470	27,660
Deferred income tax benefit	-	4,050
Total assets	\$ 4,645,620	\$ 1,454,567
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 30,426	\$ 27,802
Accounts payable	139,340	54,297
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	247,334	117,785
Advertising fund restricted liabilities	81,139	-
Liabilities related to discontinued operations	4,250	7,279
Total current liabilities	502,489	207,163
Long-term debt	1,081,151	711,531
Deferred income	16,859	10,861
Deferred income taxes	475,243	-
Other liabilities	186,587	76,138
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Class A common stock, \$.10 par value; shares authorized: 1,500,000; shares issued: 470,424 and 29,551 (a)	47,042	2,955

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Class B common stock, \$.10 par value; shares authorized none and 150,000; shares issued: none and 64,025 (a)	-	6,402
Additional paid-in capital	2,752,987	291,122
Retained (deficit) earnings	(357,541)	167,267
Common stock held in treasury	(15,944)	(16,774)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(43,253)	(2,098)
Total stockholders' equity	2,383,291	448,874
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 4,645,620	\$ 1,454,567

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

(a) In connection with the September 29, 2008 merger with Wendy's International, Inc. (Wendy's), Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. stockholders approved a charter amendment to convert each of the then outstanding shares of Triarc Companies, Inc. Class B common stock into one share of Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Class A common stock.

WENDY'S/ARBY'S GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
(FORMERLY TRIARC COMPANIES, INC.)  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(In Thousands Except Per Share Amounts)

	Year Ended		
	December 28, 2008	December 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Sales	\$ 1,662,291	\$ 1,113,436	\$ 1,073,271
Franchise revenues	160,470	86,981	82,001
Asset management and related fees	-	63,300	88,006
	1,822,761	1,263,717	1,243,278
<b>Costs and expenses:</b>			
Cost of sales	1,415,534	894,450	857,211
Cost of services	-	25,183	35,277
General and administrative	248,718	205,375	235,776
Depreciation and amortization	88,315	66,277	60,673
Goodwill impairment	460,075	-	-
Impairment of other long-lived assets	19,203	7,045	5,554
Facilities relocation and corporate restructuring	3,913	85,417	3,273
Gain on sale of consolidated business	-	(40,193)	-
Other operating expense, net	653	263	887
	2,236,411	1,243,817	1,198,651
<b>Operating (loss) profit</b>	<b>(413,650)</b>	<b>19,900</b>	<b>44,627</b>
Interest expense	(67,009)	(61,331)	(114,088)
Gain (loss) on early extinguishments of debt	3,656	-	(14,082)
Investment income, net	9,438	62,110	84,318
Other than temporary losses on investments	(112,741)	(9,909)	(4,120)
Other income (expense), net	(606)	(1,356)	8,677
(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interests	(580,912)	9,414	5,332
Benefit from (provision for) income taxes	99,294	8,354	(4,612)
Minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries	(340)	(2,682)	(11,523)
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(481,958)	15,086	(10,803)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	2,217	995	(129)
<b>Net (loss) income</b>	<b>\$ (479,741)</b>	<b>\$ 16,081</b>	<b>\$ (10,932)</b>
<b>Basic and diluted (loss) income per share :</b>			
<b>Class A common stock (a):</b>			
Continuing operations	\$ (3.06)	\$ .15	\$ (.13)
Discontinued operations	.01	.01	-
Net (loss) income	\$ (3.05)	\$ .16	\$ (.13)
<b>Class B common stock (a):</b>			
Continuing operations	\$ (1.26)	\$ .17	\$ (.13)

Discontinued operations		.02		.01		-
Net (loss) income	\$	(1.24)	\$	.18	\$	(.13)

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(FORMERLY TRIARC COMPANIES, INC.)  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY  
(In Thousands)