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2012 Annual Report



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SEC Certifications

The certifications of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are included as exhibits to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2012, a copy of which (including the certifications) is included herein.



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

FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 30, 2012

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM _____ TO _____

THE WENDY'S COMPANY

(Exact name of registrants as specified in its charter)

Commission file number: 1-2207

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)
One Dave Thomas Blvd., Dublin, Ohio
(Address of principal executive offices)

38-0471180
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)
43017
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (614) 764-3100

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of Each Class | Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC |

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (section 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

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

The aggregate market value of common equity held by non-affiliates of The Wendy's Company as of July 1, 2012 was approximately \$1,327,737,274. As of February 22, 2013, there were 392,939,774 shares of The Wendy's Company 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 Wendy's Company's definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A not later than 120 days after December 30, 2012.

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PART I

Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements and Projections

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, couponing, aggressive marketing and the potential impact of competitors’ new unit openings on sales of Wendy’s restaurants;
- consumers’ perceptions of the relative quality, variety, affordability and value of the food products we offer;
- food safety events, including instances of food-borne illness (such as salmonella or E. Coli) involving Wendy’s or its supply chain;
- consumer concerns over nutritional aspects of beef, poultry, french fries or other products we sell, or concerns regarding the effects of disease outbreaks such as “mad cow disease” and avian influenza or “bird flu;”
- the effects of negative publicity that can occur from increased use of social media;
- success of operating and marketing initiatives, including advertising and promotional efforts and new product and concept development by us and our competitors;
- the impact of general economic conditions and high unemployment rates on consumer spending, particularly in geographic regions that contain a high concentration of Wendy’s restaurants;
- changes in consumer tastes and preferences, and in discretionary consumer spending;
- 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 franchisees, the timely payment of such franchisees’ obligations due to us or to national or local advertising organizations, 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;
- changes in commodity costs (including beef, chicken and corn), labor, supply, fuel, utilities, distribution and other operating costs;
- availability, location and terms of sites for restaurant development by us and our franchisees;
- development costs, including real estate and construction costs;
- delays in opening new restaurants or completing remodels of existing restaurants, including risks associated with the Image Activation program;
- 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 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 restaurants at competitive rates and in adequate amounts, and the potential financial impact of any interruptions in such distribution;
- availability and cost of insurance;
- adverse weather conditions;
- availability, terms (including changes in interest rates) and deployment of capital;
- changes in, and our ability to comply with, legal, regulatory or similar requirements, including franchising laws, payment card industry rules, overtime rules, minimum wage rates, wage and hour laws, government-mandated health care benefits, tax legislation, federal ethanol policy and accounting standards;
- the costs, uncertainties and other effects of legal, environmental and administrative proceedings;
- the effects of charges for impairment of goodwill or for the impairment of other long-lived assets;
- the effects of war or terrorist activities;
- expenses and liabilities for taxes related to periods up to the date of sale of Arby's as a result of the indemnification provisions of the Arby's Purchase and Sale Agreement; and
- other risks and uncertainties affecting us and our subsidiaries referred to in this Annual Report on 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 Annual Report on 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 endorse any projections regarding future performance that may be made by third parties.

Item 1. *Business.*

Introduction

The Wendy's Company ("The Wendy's Company") is the parent company of its 100% owned subsidiary holding company Wendy's Restaurants, LLC ("Wendy's Restaurants"). Wendy's Restaurants is the parent company of Wendy's International, Inc. ("Wendy's"), which is the owner and franchisor of the Wendy's® restaurant system in the United States. As used in this report, unless the context requires otherwise, the term "Company" refers to The Wendy's Company and its direct and indirect subsidiaries.

As of December 30, 2012, the Wendy's restaurant system was comprised of 6,560 restaurants, of which 1,427 were owned and operated by the Company. References in this Annual Report on Form 10-K (the "Form 10-K") to restaurants that we "own" or that are "company-owned" include owned and leased restaurants. The Wendy's Company's corporate predecessor was incorporated in Ohio in 1929 and was reincorporated in Delaware in June 1994. Effective September 29, 2008, in conjunction with the merger with Wendy's, The Wendy's Company's corporate name was changed from Triarc Companies, Inc. ("Triarc") to Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Effective July 5, 2011, in

connection with the sale of Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc. ("Arby's"), Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. changed its name to The Wendy's Company. The Company's principal executive offices are located at One Dave Thomas Blvd., Dublin, Ohio 43017, and its telephone number is (614) 764-3100. 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.aboutwendys.com. Information contained on that website is not part of this Form 10-K.

Merger with Wendy's

On September 29, 2008, Triarc and Wendy's completed their 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 for each Wendy's common share owned.

In the Wendy's Merger, approximately 377,000,000 shares of Wendy's/Arby's Class A common stock were issued to Wendy's shareholders. In addition, effective on the date of the Wendy's Merger, Wendy's/Arby's Class B common stock was converted into Class A common stock. In connection with the May 28, 2009 amendment and restatement of Wendy's/Arby's Certificate of Incorporation, Class A common stock was redesignated as "Common Stock."

Sale of Arby's

On July 4, 2011, Wendy's Restaurants completed the sale of 100% of the common stock of Arby's to ARG IH Corporation ("Buyer"), a wholly owned subsidiary of ARG Holding Corporation ("Buyer Parent"), for \$130.0 million in cash (subject to customary purchase price adjustments) and 18.5% of the common stock of Buyer Parent (through which Wendy's Restaurants indirectly retained an 18.5% interest in Arby's) with a fair value of \$19.0 million. Buyer and Buyer Parent were formed for purposes of this transaction. The Buyer also assumed approximately \$190.0 million of Arby's debt, consisting primarily of capital lease and sale-leaseback obligations.

Fiscal Year

The Company uses a 52/53 week fiscal year convention whereby its fiscal year ends each year on the Sunday that is closest to December 31 of that year. Each fiscal year generally is comprised of four 13-week fiscal quarters, although in the years with 53 weeks, the fourth quarter represents a 14-week period.

Business Segments

The Company manages and internally reports its business geographically. The operation and franchising of Wendy's restaurants in North America (defined as the United States and Canada) comprises virtually all of our current operations and represents a single reportable segment. The revenues and operating results of Wendy's restaurants outside of North America are not material. See Note 26 of the Financial Statements and Supplementary Data included in Item 8 herein, for financial information attributable to our geographic areas.

The Wendy's Restaurant System

Wendy's is the world's third largest quick-service restaurant company in the hamburger sandwich segment.

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 30, 2012, there were 6,186 Wendy's restaurants in operation in North America. Of these restaurants, 1,427 were operated by Wendy's and 4,759 by a total of 439 franchisees. In addition, at December 30, 2012, there were 374 franchised Wendy's restaurants in operation in 26 countries and territories other than North America. 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 United States territories.

The revenues from our restaurant business are derived from three principal sources: (1) sales at company-owned restaurants; (2) sales from our company-owned bakery; and (3) franchise royalties received from Wendy's franchised restaurants.

Wendy's is also a 50% partner in a Canadian restaurant real estate joint venture with Tim Hortons Inc., a quick-service restaurant chain. The joint venture owns Wendy's/Tim Hortons combo units in Canada. As of December 30, 2012, there were 105 Wendy's restaurants in operation that were owned by the joint venture.

During the second quarter of 2011, Wendy's became a 49% partner in a joint venture for the operation of Wendy's restaurants in Japan. As of December 30, 2012, there were two Wendy's restaurants operated by this joint venture.

Wendy's Restaurants

Wendy's opened its first restaurant in Columbus, Ohio in 1969. During 2012, Wendy's opened 16 new company-owned restaurants and closed 32 generally underperforming company-owned restaurants. In addition, Wendy's purchased 56 restaurants from its franchisees and disposed of 30 restaurants to franchisees. During 2012, Wendy's franchisees opened 85 new restaurants and closed 103 generally underperforming restaurants.

The following table sets forth the number of Wendy's restaurants at the beginning and end of each year from 2010 to 2012:

| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Restaurants open at beginning of period | 6,594 | 6,576 | 6,541 |
| Restaurants opened during period | 101 | 89 | 78 |
| Restaurants closed during period | <u>(135)</u> | <u>(71)</u> | <u>(43)</u> |
| Restaurants open at end of period | <u>6,560</u> | <u>6,594</u> | <u>6,576</u> |

During the period from January 4, 2010, through December 30, 2012, 268 Wendy's restaurants were opened and 249 generally underperforming Wendy's restaurants were closed.

Operations

Each Wendy's restaurant offers an extensive menu specializing in hamburger sandwiches and featuring filet of chicken breast sandwiches, which are prepared to order with the customer's choice of condiments. Wendy's menu also includes chicken nuggets, chili, french fries, baked potatoes, freshly prepared salads, soft drinks, Frosty™ desserts and kids' meals. In addition, the restaurants sell a variety of promotional products on a limited time basis. Wendy's also offers breakfast in some restaurants in the United States, although Wendy's announced in January 2013 that it was discontinuing the breakfast daypart at certain restaurants.

Free-standing Wendy's restaurants generally include a pick-up window in addition to a dining room. The percentage of sales at company-owned Wendy's restaurants through the pick-up window was 65.3%, 65.1% and 64.9% in 2012, 2011, and 2010, respectively.

Wendy's strives to maintain quality and uniformity throughout all restaurants by publishing detailed specifications for food products, preparation and service, continual in-service training of employees, restaurant operational audits and 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, to its franchisees. However, prior to 2010, Wendy's arranged for volume purchases of many food and supply products. Commencing in 2010, the purchasing function was transferred to a new purchasing co-op as described below in "Raw Materials and Purchasing."

The New Bakery Co. of Ohio, Inc. (the "Bakery"), a 100% 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 30, 2012, the Bakery supplied 784 restaurants operated by Wendy's and 2,152 restaurants operated by franchisees. The Bakery also produces and sells some products to customers in the grocery and other food service businesses.

Raw Materials and Purchasing

As of December 30, 2012, five independent processors (five total production facilities) supplied all of Wendy's hamburger in the United States. In addition, six independent processors (eight total production facilities) supplied all of Wendy's chicken in the United States.

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. Suppliers to the Wendy'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.

During the 2009 fourth quarter, Wendy's entered into a purchasing co-op relationship agreement (the "Wendy's Co-op") with its franchisees to establish Quality Supply Chain Co-op, Inc. ("QSCC"). QSCC manages, for the Wendy's system in the United States and Canada, contracts for the purchase and distribution of food, proprietary paper, operating supplies and equipment under national contracts with pricing based upon total system volume.

QSCC's supply chain management facilitates the continuity of supply and provides consolidated purchasing efficiencies while monitoring and seeking to minimize possible obsolete inventory throughout the Wendy's supply chain in the United States and Canada. Prior to 2010, the system's purchasing function was performed and paid for by Wendy's. In order to facilitate the orderly transition of the 2010 purchasing function for operations in the United States and Canada, Wendy's transferred certain contracts, assets and certain Wendy's purchasing employees to QSCC in 2010. Pursuant to the terms of the Wendy's Co-op, Wendy's expensed \$15.5 million in 2009 for payments to QSCC required over an 18 month period through May 2011 in order to provide funding for start-up costs, operating expenses and cash reserves. Since the third quarter of 2010, all QSCC members (including Wendy's) pay sourcing fees to third party vendors on products which are sourced through QSCC. Such sourcing fees are remitted by these vendors to QSCC and are the primary means of funding QSCC's operations. Should QSCC's sourcing fees exceed its expected needs, QSCC's board of directors may return some or all of the excess to its members in the form of a patronage dividend.

Trademarks and Service Marks

Wendy's or its subsidiaries have 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 2013 to 2022, 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 United States 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 and includes well-established competitors. 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 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.

Wendy's competitive position is differentiated by a focus on quality, its use of fresh, never frozen ground beef in the United States and Canada and certain other countries, its unique and diverse menu, its promotional products, its choice of condiments and the atmosphere and decor of its restaurants. Wendy's has initiated an Image Activation program, which includes innovative exterior and interior restaurant designs, and plans to accelerate that program in 2013 and beyond.

Many of the leading restaurant chains continue to focus on new unit development as one strategy to increase market share through increased consumer awareness and convenience. This results in 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, including the use of coupons, in the quick service restaurant industry and the emphasis on value menus has had and could continue to have an adverse impact on Wendy's. In addition, we believe that the growth of fast casual chains and other in-line competitors causes 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 high quality sandwiches made with fresh ingredients and artisan breads and there are several emerging restaurant chains featuring high quality food served at in-line locations. 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.

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 include 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 with 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. Wendy's intends to evaluate strategic acquisitions of franchised restaurants and strategic dispositions of company-owned restaurants to existing and new franchisees. Wendy's generally retains a right of first refusal in connection with any proposed sale of a franchisee's interest.

Franchised Restaurants

As of December 30, 2012, Wendy's franchisees operated 4,759 Wendy's restaurants in 49 states, the District of Columbia and Canada.

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 (non-traditional locations may operate under an amended 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 monthly sales, as defined in the agreement, from the operation of the restaurant or \$1,000, whichever is greater. The agreement also typically requires that the franchisee pay Wendy's an initial 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 regranteeing 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 Restaurants of Canada Inc. ("WROC"), a 100% 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 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 an initial technical assistance fee. The standard technical assistance fee is currently C\$35,000 for each restaurant.

In order to promote new unit development, Wendy's has established a franchisee assistance program for its North American franchisees that provides (with certain exceptions) for reduced technical assistance fees and a sliding scale of royalties for the first two years of operation for qualifying locations opened between April 1, 2011 and December 31, 2013. In addition, WROC has established a lease guarantee program to promote new franchisee unit development for up to an aggregate of C\$5.0 million for periods of up to five years. Franchisees pay WROC a nominal fee for the guarantee.

In order to encourage franchisees to participate in Wendy's Image Activation program, which include innovative exterior and interior restaurant designs for new and reimaged restaurants, Wendy's initiated a cash incentive program for franchisees in the third quarter of 2012. In January 2013, the program was expanded to include variable cash incentives for Tier 1, 2, and 3 remodels and to allow for a maximum of \$100,000 each, for up to three incentives per franchisee. The cash incentive program is for the reimaging of restaurants completed in 2013 and totals \$10.0 million.

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

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. Wendy's monitors franchisee operations and inspects restaurants periodically to ensure that required practices and procedures are being followed.

See Note 6 and Note 22 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 Marketing

In the United States and Canada, Wendy's advertises nationally through national advertising funds on network and cable television programs, including nationally televised events. Locally in the United States and Canada, Wendy's primarily advertises through regional network and cable television, radio and newspapers. 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, including the increasing use of social media. Separate national advertising funds are administered for Wendy's United States 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. As of December 30, 2012, the contribution rate for United States restaurants is generally 3.25% of retail sales for national advertising and .75% of retail sales for local and regional advertising. Prior to January 1, 2012, the rates were generally 3% and 1%, respectively. The contribution rate for Canadian restaurants is generally 3% of retail sales for national advertising and 1% of retail sales for local and regional advertising. See Note 25 of the Financial Statements and Supplementary Data included in Item 8 herein, for further information regarding advertising.

International Operations and Franchising

As of December 30, 2012, Wendy's had 374 franchised restaurants in 26 countries and territories other than the United States and Canada. Wendy's intends to grow its international business aggressively, yet responsibly. Since the beginning of 2009, development agreements have been announced for Wendy's locations to be opened in the following countries and territories: Singapore, the Middle East, North Africa, the Russian Federation, the Eastern Caribbean, Argentina, Japan, Georgia and the Republic of Azerbaijan. These development agreements include rights for 21 countries in which no Wendy's restaurants were open as of December 30, 2012. In addition to new market expansion, further development within existing markets will continue to be an important component of Wendy's international strategy over the coming years. In 2012, Wendy's announced new development agreements in the existing markets of Indonesia and Philippines. Wendy's has granted development rights in certain countries and territories listed under Item 2 of this Form 10-K.

Franchisees who wish to operate Wendy's restaurants outside the United States and Canada enter into agreements with Wendy's that generally provide franchise rights for each restaurant for an initial term of 10 years or 20 years, depending on the country, and typically include a 10-year renewal provision, subject to certain conditions. The 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. Generally, the franchisee pays Wendy's an initial technical assistance fee or other per restaurant fee and monthly fees based on a percentage of gross monthly sales of each restaurant. In certain foreign markets, Wendy's may grant the franchisee exclusivity to develop a territory in exchange for the franchisee undertaking to develop a specified number of new Wendy's restaurants in the territory based on a negotiated schedule. In these instances, the franchisee generally pays Wendy's an upfront development fee, annual development fees or a per restaurant fee. In certain circumstances, Wendy's may grant a franchisee the right to sub-franchise in a stated territory, subject to certain conditions.

In 2011, Wendy's entered into a joint venture to develop restaurants in Japan. Wendy's also continually evaluates non-franchise opportunities for development of Wendy's restaurants in other international markets, including through joint ventures with third parties and opening company-owned restaurants.

General

Governmental Regulations

Various state laws and the Federal Trade Commission regulate Wendy'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 its franchisees must comply with the federal Fair Labor Standards Act and similar state and local laws, 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 United States government or an award of damages to private litigants. We do not believe that 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.

Changes in government-mandated health care benefits under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“PPACA”) are also anticipated to increase our costs and the costs of our franchisees. Our Compliance with the PPACA may result in significant modifications to our employment and benefits policies and practices. Because of the absence of final implementing regulations, we currently cannot predict the timing or amount of those cost increases or modifications to our business practices. However, the cost increases may be material and such modifications to our business practices may be disruptive to our operations and impact our ability to attract and retain personnel.

Environmental and Other Matters

The Company’s 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 on which we or our subsidiaries remain liable or contingently liable for any related environmental costs. Our company-owned Wendy’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 matters in which we are involved will have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

The Company is involved in litigation and claims incidental to our current and prior businesses. We provide reserves for such litigation and claims when payment is probable and reasonably estimable. We believe we have adequate reserves for continuing operations for all of our legal and environmental matters. We cannot estimate the aggregate possible range of loss due to most proceedings being in preliminary stages, with various motions either yet to be submitted or pending, discovery yet to occur, and significant factual matters unresolved. In addition, most cases seek an indeterminate amount of damages and many involve multiple parties. Predicting the outcomes of settlement discussions or judicial or arbitral decisions is thus inherently difficult. Based on our 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 effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Employees

As of December 30, 2012, the Company had approximately 44,000 employees, including approximately 2,800 salaried employees and approximately 41,200 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, we have included below the most significant factors that have affected, or in the future could affect, our actual results and could cause our actual consolidated results during 2013, and beyond, to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf.

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

There were a number of changes in our senior management team in 2011 and 2012, including the appointment of a new President and Chief Executive Officer. 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 in the future could adversely affect our ability to build on the efforts we have undertaken to increase the efficiency and profitability of our businesses.

Competition from other restaurant companies, or poor customer experience at Wendy's restaurants, could hurt our brand.

The market segments in which company-owned and franchised Wendy's restaurants compete are highly competitive with respect to, among other things, price, food quality and presentation, service, location, convenience, and the nature and condition of the restaurant facility. If customers have a poor experience at a Wendy's restaurant, whether at a company-owned or franchised restaurant, we may experience a decrease in guest traffic. Further, Wendy'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 menu items that are targeted at certain consumer groups or dietary trends. 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, better locations, better facilities, better management, better products, 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.

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.

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

The disruptions in the national and global economies have resulted in high unemployment rates and declines in consumer confidence and spending. If such conditions persist, they may result in significant declines in consumer

food-away-from-home spending and customer traffic in our restaurants and those of our franchisees. There can be no assurance that government responses to the disruptions will restore consumer confidence. Ongoing disruptions in the national and global economies may adversely impact our revenues, results of operations, business and financial condition.

Changes in commodity costs (including beef, chicken and corn), supply, fuel, utilities, distribution and other operating costs could harm results of operations.

Our profitability depends in part on our ability to anticipate and react to changes in commodity costs (including beef, chicken and corn), supply, fuel, utilities, distribution and other operating costs. Any increase in these costs, especially beef or chicken prices, could harm operating results. In addition, our brand is susceptible to increases in these 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, and by federal ethanol policy. Increases in gasoline prices would result in the imposition of fuel surcharges by our distributors, which would increase our costs. Significant increases in gasoline prices could also result in a decrease in customer traffic at our restaurants, which could adversely affect our business. 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.

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

Wendy's 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.

Food safety events, including instances of food-borne illness (such as salmonella or E. Coli) involving Wendy's or its supply chain, could create negative publicity and adversely affect sales and operating results.

Food safety is a top priority, and we dedicate substantial resources to ensure that our customers enjoy safe, quality food products. However, food safety events, including instances of food-borne illness (such as salmonella or E. Coli), have occurred in the food industry in the past, and could occur in the future.

Food safety events could adversely affect the price and availability of beef, poultry or other meats. As a result, Wendy's restaurants could experience a significant increase in food costs if there are food safety events whether or not such events involve Wendy's restaurants or restaurants of competitors.

In addition, food safety events, whether or not involving Wendy's, could result in negative publicity for Wendy's or for the industry or market segments in which we operate. Increased use of social media could create and/or amplify the effects of negative publicity. This negative publicity, as well as any other negative publicity concerning types of food products Wendy's serves, may reduce demand for Wendy's food and could result in a decrease in guest traffic to our restaurants as consumers shift their preferences to our competitors or to other products or food types. 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 and operating results at company-owned restaurants or in royalties from sales at franchised restaurants.

Consumer concerns regarding the nutritional aspects of beef, poultry, french fries or other products we sell or concerns regarding the effects of disease outbreaks such as "mad cow disease" and avian influenza or "bird flu," could affect demand for our products.

Consumer concerns regarding the nutritional aspects of beef, poultry, french fries or other products we sell or concerns regarding the effects of disease outbreaks such as "mad cow disease" and avian influenza or "bird flu," could result in less demand for our products and a decline in sales at company-owned restaurants and in the royalties that we receive from franchisees.

Increased use of social media could create and/or amplify the effects of negative publicity and adversely affect sales and operating results.

Events reported in the media, including social media, whether or not accurate or involving Wendy's, could create and/or amplify negative publicity for Wendy's or for the industry or market segments in which we operate. This could reduce demand for Wendy's food and could result in a decrease in guest traffic to our restaurants as consumers shift their preferences to our competitors or to other products or food types. A decrease in guest traffic to our restaurants as a result of negative publicity from social media could result in a decline in sales and operating results at company-owned restaurants or in royalties from sales at franchised restaurants.

Growth of our restaurant businesses is 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 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;
- 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.

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

Wendy's franchisees are contractually obligated to operate their restaurants in accordance with the standards set forth in agreements with them. Wendy's 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 franchisees are an integral part of our business. Wendy's may be unable to successfully implement the strategies that it believes are necessary for further growth if franchisees do not participate in that implementation. Our business and operating results could be adversely affected if a significant number of franchisees do not participate in brand strategies.

The Company's Image Activation program may not positively affect sales at company-owned and participating franchised restaurants or improve our results of operations.

Throughout 2013, the Company plans to reimage approximately 100 existing company-owned restaurants and open approximately 25 new company-owned restaurants under its Image Activation program, with plans for significantly more new and reimaged Company and franchisee restaurants in 2014 and beyond. The Company also expects that franchisees will reimage approximately 100 and build 40 new restaurants in 2013. Wendy's initiated a cash incentive program for franchisees during the third quarter of 2012. In January 2013, the program was expanded to include variable cash incentives for Tier 1, 2, and 3 remodels and to allow for a maximum of \$100,000 each, for up to three incentives per franchisee. The cash incentive program is for the reimagining of restaurants completed in 2013 and totals \$10.0 million. The Company intends to use its cash on hand and operating cash flows to fund the Image Activation program and new restaurant growth.

The Company's Image Activation program may not positively affect sales at company-owned restaurants or improve results of operations. There can be no assurance that sales at participating restaurants will achieve or maintain projected levels or that the Company's results of operations will improve.

In addition, most of the Wendy's system consists of franchised restaurants. Many of our franchisees will need to borrow funds in order to participate in the Image Activation program. Other than the cash incentive program described above, the Company generally does not provide franchisees with financing but it is actively developing third party financing sources for franchisees. If our franchisees are unable to obtain financing at commercially reasonable rates, or not at all, they may be unwilling or unable to invest in the reimagining of their existing restaurants and our future growth and results of operations could be adversely affected.

Further, it is possible that the Company or its subsidiaries may provide other financial incentives to franchisees to participate in the Image Activation program. These incentives could result in additional expense and/or a reduction of royalties or other revenues received from franchisees in the future. If the Company provides incentives to franchisees related to financing of the Image Activation program, the Company may incur costs related to loan guarantees, interest rate subsidies and/or costs related to collectability of loans.

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

As of December 30, 2012, approximately 78% of the Wendy'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 allowance for doubtful accounts 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. During periods of declining sales and profitability of franchisees, the incidence of franchisee defaults for these lease payments increases and we are then required to make those payments and seek recourse against the franchisee or agree to repayment terms. 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. Further, we may decide from time to time to acquire restaurants from franchisees that experience significant financial hardship, which may reduce our cash and equivalents.

Wendy's may be unable to manage effectively the acquisition and disposition of restaurants, which could adversely affect our business and financial results.

Wendy's has from time to time acquired the interests of and sold Wendy's restaurants to franchisees. Wendy's intends to evaluate strategic acquisitions of franchised restaurants and strategic dispositions of company-owned restaurants to existing and new franchisees. The success of these transactions 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 the 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 Wendy's is unable to manage the acquisition and disposition of restaurants effectively, our business and financial results could be adversely affected.

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, the brand's ability to execute its growth strategies will be adversely affected.

Wendy'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 30, 2012, Wendy's leased or owned the land and/or the building for 1,427 Wendy's restaurants. Accordingly, we are 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.

Wendy's 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. In addition, 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 and Other Matters."

Wendy's 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 our 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.

Due to the concentration of Wendy'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 30, 2012, we and our franchisees operated Wendy's restaurants in 50 states, the District of Columbia and 27 foreign countries and territories. As of December 30, 2012 and as detailed in "Item 2. Properties," the 8 leading states by number of operating units were: Florida, Ohio, Texas, Georgia, Michigan, California, Pennsylvania and North Carolina. 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 restaurants could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations in the future.

Our operations are influenced by adverse weather conditions.

Weather, which is unpredictable, can impact Wendy'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 Wendy's performance or how it may perform in the future.

Wendy'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. Wendy's 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 (including government-mandated health care benefits) or other factors would adversely impact our cost of sales and operating expenses. In addition, Wendy's success depends on its ability to attract, motivate and retain qualified employees, including restaurant managers and staff. If the brand is unable to do so, our results of operations could be adversely affected.

The Company, through a subsidiary, could become obligated to pay additional contributions due to the unfunded vested benefits of a multiemployer pension plan. A future incurrence of withdrawal liability could have a material effect on the Company's results of operations.

The unionized employees at The New Bakery Co. of Ohio, Inc. (the "Bakery"), a 100% owned subsidiary of Wendy's, are covered by the Bakery and Confectionery Union and Industry International Pension Fund (the "Union Pension Fund"), a multiemployer pension plan with a plan year end of December 31 that provides defined benefits to certain employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement (the "CBA"). In 2010, the terms of a new collective bargaining agreement (the "New CBA") which expires on March 31, 2013, were agreed to by the Bakery and Bakers Local No. 57, Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers & Grain Millers International Union of America, AFL-CIO. Included in the terms of the New CBA, the Bakery agreed to participate in the Union Pension Fund.

The future cost of the Union Pension Fund depends on a number of factors, including the funding status of the plan and the ability of other participating companies to meet ongoing funding obligations. Participating employers in the Union Pension Fund are jointly responsible for any plan underfunding. Assets contributed to the Union Pension Fund are not segregated or otherwise restricted to provide benefits only to the employees of the Bakery. While Wendy's pension cost for the Union Pension Fund is established by the New CBA, the Union Pension Fund may impose increased contribution rates and surcharges based on the funded status of the plan and in accordance with the provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (the "PPA"), which requires underfunded multiemployer pension plans to implement rehabilitation plans to improve funded status. Factors that could impact the funded status of the Union Pension Fund include investment performance, changes in the participant demographics, financial stability of contributing employers and changes in actuarial assumptions. As of January 1, 2012, the Union Pension Fund was in Green Zone Status, as defined in the PPA and had been operating under a Rehabilitation Plan.

In April 2012, Wendy's received a Notice of Critical Status from the Union Pension Fund which sets forth that the plan was considered to be in Red Zone Status, as defined in the PPA, for the 2012 plan year due to funding problems. As the fund is in critical status, all contributing employers, including Wendy's, will be required to pay a 5% surcharge on contributions for all hours worked from June 1, 2012 through December 30, 2012 and a 10% surcharge on contributions for all hours worked on and after January 1, 2013 until a contribution rate is negotiated at the expiration of the New CBA that will be consistent with a revised Rehabilitation Plan which must be adopted by the Union Pension Fund in accordance with the provisions of the PPA.

The surcharges and the possible effect of the revised Rehabilitation Plan to be adopted by the Union Pension Fund as described above are not anticipated to have a material effect on the Company's results of operations. However, in the event other contributing employers are unable to, or fail to, meet their ongoing funding obligations, the financial impact on the Company to contribute to any plan underfunding may be material.

Wendy's could also be obligated to pay additional contributions (known as complete or partial withdrawal liabilities) due to the unfunded vested benefits of the Union Pension Fund. The withdrawal liability (which could be

material) would equal Wendy's proportionate share of the unfunded vested benefits based on the year in which the liability is triggered. A withdrawal liability would be triggered if Wendy's (1) ceases to make contributions to the Union Pension Fund, (2) closes its bakery facility, or (3) decides not to renew the collective bargaining agreement. No factors for which the Bakery would incur a withdrawal liability occurred during fiscal 2012. A future incurrence of withdrawal liability could have a material effect on the Company's results of operations.

Complaints or litigation may hurt the Wendy's brand.

Wendy'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 restaurant, or alleging that there was a problem with food quality or operations at a Wendy'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, including class action lawsuits related to these matters. 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. We cannot estimate the aggregate possible range of loss due to most proceedings being in preliminary stages, with various motions either yet to be submitted or pending, discovery yet to occur, and significant factual matters unresolved. In addition, most cases seek an indeterminate amount of damages and many involve multiple parties. Predicting the outcomes of settlement discussions or judicial or arbitral decisions are thus inherently difficult. 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 claims 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 franchisees could also hurt our business as a whole.

We may not be able to adequately protect our intellectual property, which could harm the value of the Wendy's brand 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 brand 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 brand may be harmed, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, including the failure of our brand 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 brand to various franchisees. While we try to ensure that the quality of our brand 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 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, require costly modifications to advertising and promotional materials 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.

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

We currently maintain insurance we believe is adequate 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 legal or regulatory requirements, including franchising laws, payment card industry rules, overtime rules, minimum wage rates, government-mandated health care benefits, tax legislation, federal ethanol policy and accounting standards, may hurt our ability to open new restaurants or otherwise hurt our existing and future operations and results.

Each Wendy'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, as well as to Federal laws, rules and regulations and requirements of non-governmental entities such as payment card industry rules. State and local government authorities may enact laws, rules or regulations that impact restaurant operations and the cost of conducting those operations. 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.

Federal laws, rules and regulations address many aspects of our business, such as franchising, federal ethanol policy, minimum wages and taxes. 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.

Changes in accounting standards, or in the interpretation of existing standards, applicable to us could also affect our future results.

Changes in government-mandated health care benefits under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA") are also anticipated to increase our costs and the costs of our franchisees. Our compliance with the PPACA may result in significant modifications to our employment and benefits policies and practices. Because of the absence of final implementing regulations, we currently cannot predict the timing or amount of those cost increases or modifications to our business practices. However, the cost increases may be material and such modifications to our business practices may be disruptive to our operations and impact our ability to attract and retain personnel.

Wendy's does not exercise ultimate control over purchasing for its restaurant system, which could harm sales or profitability and the brand.

Although Wendy's ensures that all suppliers to the Wendy's system meet quality control standards, Wendy's franchisees control the purchasing of food, proprietary paper, equipment and other operating supplies from such suppliers through the purchasing co-op controlled by Wendy's franchisees, QSCC. QSCC negotiates national contracts for such food, equipment and supplies. Wendy's is entitled to appoint two representatives (of the total of 11) on the board of directors of QSCC and participates in QSCC through its company-owned restaurants, but does not control the decisions and activities of QSCC except to ensure that all suppliers satisfy Wendy's quality control standards. If QSCC does not properly estimate the product needs of the Wendy's system, makes poor purchasing decisions, or decides to cease its operations, system sales and operating costs could be adversely affected and our results of operations and financial condition or the financial condition of Wendy's franchisees could be hurt.

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

In addition to many of the risk factors described throughout this Item 1A, Wendy's business outside of the United States is subject to a number of additional factors, including international economic and political conditions, risk of corruption and violations of the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act or similar laws of other countries, differing cultures and consumer preferences, the inability to adapt to international customer preferences, inadequate brand infrastructure within foreign countries to support our international activities, inability to obtain adequate supplies meeting our quality standards and product specifications or interruptions in obtaining such supplies, 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, construction costs, other legal, financial or regulatory impediments to the development and/or operation of new restaurants, 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.

To the extent we invest in international company-operated restaurants or joint ventures, we would also have the risk of operating losses related to those restaurants, which would adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

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 result in adverse publicity and 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. A significant security breach of our computer systems or information technology could require us to notify customers, employees or other groups, result in adverse publicity, loss of sales and profits, and incur penalties or other costs that could adversely affect the operation of our business and results of operations.

Failure to comply with laws, regulations and third party contracts regarding the collection, maintenance and processing of information may result in adverse publicity and adversely affect the operation of our business and results of operations.

We collect, maintain and process certain information about customers and employees. Our use and protection of this information is regulated by various laws and regulations, as well as by third party contracts. If our systems or employees fail to comply with these laws, regulations or contract terms, it could require us to notify customers, employees or other groups, result in adverse publicity, loss of sales and profits, increase fees payable to third parties, and incur penalties or remediation and other costs that could adversely affect the operation of our business and results of operations.

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.

We enter into swaps and other derivative contracts, which expose us to potential losses in the event of nonperformance by counterparties.

We have entered into interest rate swaps and other derivative contracts as described in Note 13 of the Financial Statements and Supplementary Data included in Item 8 herein, and we may enter into additional swaps in the future. 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.

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

In May 2012, Wendy's entered into a Credit Agreement, as amended (the "Credit Agreement"), which includes a senior secured term loan facility of \$1,125.0 million and a senior secured revolving credit facility of \$200.0 million. The Credit Agreement also contains provisions for an uncommitted increase of up to \$275.0 million principal amount of the revolving credit facility and/or term loan subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions. The revolving credit facility includes a sub-facility for the issuance of up to \$70.0 million of letters of credit. The obligations under the Credit Agreement are secured by substantially all of the non-real estate assets of Wendy's and its domestic subsidiaries (other than certain unrestricted subsidiaries), the stock of its domestic subsidiaries (other than certain unrestricted subsidiaries), and 65% of the stock of certain of its foreign subsidiaries, in each case subject to certain limitations and exceptions. The affirmative and negative covenants in the Credit Agreement include, among others, preservation of corporate existence; payment of taxes; and maintenance of insurance; and limitations on: indebtedness (including guarantee obligations of other indebtedness); liens; mergers, consolidations, liquidations and dissolutions; sales of assets; dividends and other payments in respect of capital stock; investments; payments of certain indebtedness; transactions with affiliates; changes in fiscal year; negative pledge clauses and clauses restricting subsidiary distributions; and material changes in lines of business. The financial covenants contained in the Credit Agreement are (i) a consolidated interest coverage ratio, and (ii) a consolidated senior secured leverage ratio. For purposes of these covenants, "consolidated" means the combined results of Wendy's and its subsidiaries (other than unrestricted subsidiaries). The covenants generally do not restrict The Wendy's Company or any of its subsidiaries that are not subsidiaries of Wendy's. If Wendy's and its subsidiaries 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 Wendy's would be in default under the terms of the agreement, which would preclude the payment of dividends to The Wendy's Company, restrict access to the revolving credit facility, and, under certain circumstances, permit the lenders to accelerate the maturity of the indebtedness. See Note 12 of the Financial Statements and Supplementary Data included in Item 8 herein, for further information regarding the Credit Agreement.

Wendy's has a significant amount of debt outstanding. Such indebtedness, along with the other contractual commitments of our subsidiaries, could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations, as well as the ability of certain of our subsidiaries to meet debt payment obligations.

Wendy's has a significant amount of debt and debt service requirements. As of December 30, 2012, on a consolidated basis, there was approximately \$1.5 billion of outstanding debt.

This level of debt could have significant consequences on our future operations, including:

- making it more difficult to meet payment and other obligations under outstanding debt;
- resulting in an event of default if our subsidiaries fail to comply with the financial and other restrictive covenants contained in debt agreements, which event of default could result in all of our subsidiaries' debt becoming immediately due and payable;

- reducing the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes, and limiting our ability to obtain additional financing for these purposes;
- subjecting us to the risk of increased sensitivity to interest rate increases on our indebtedness with variable interest rates, including borrowings under the Credit Agreement;
- limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, and increasing our vulnerability to, changes in our business, the industry in which we operate and the general economy; and
- placing us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that are less leveraged.

In addition, certain of our subsidiaries also have significant contractual requirements for the purchase of soft drinks. Wendy's has also provided loan guarantees to various lenders on behalf of franchisees entering into pooled debt facility arrangements for new store development and equipment financing, and one guarantee to a lender for a franchisee, in connection with the refinancing of the franchisees debt. Certain subsidiaries also guarantee or are contingently liable for certain leases of their respective franchisees for which they have been indemnified. In addition, certain subsidiaries also guarantee or are contingently liable for certain leases of their respective franchisees for which they have not been indemnified. These commitments could have an adverse effect on our liquidity and the ability of our subsidiaries to meet payment obligations.

The ability to meet payment and other obligations under the debt instruments of our subsidiaries depends on their ability to generate significant cash flow in the future. This, to some extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative and regulatory factors as well as other factors that are beyond our control. We cannot assure you that our business will generate cash flow from operations, or that future borrowings will be available to us under existing or any future credit facilities or otherwise, in an amount sufficient to enable our subsidiaries to meet their debt payment obligations and to fund other liquidity needs. If our subsidiaries are not able to generate sufficient cash flow to service their debt obligations, they may need to refinance or restructure debt, sell assets, reduce or delay capital investments, or seek to raise additional capital. If our subsidiaries are unable to implement one or more of these alternatives, they may not be able to meet debt payment and other obligations.

We and our subsidiaries may still be able to incur substantially more debt. This could exacerbate further the risks associated with our substantial leverage.

We and our subsidiaries may be able to incur substantial additional indebtedness, including additional secured indebtedness, in the future. The terms of the Credit Agreement restrict, but do not completely prohibit, us or our subsidiaries from doing so. If new debt or other liabilities are added to our current consolidated debt levels, the related risks that we now face could intensify.

To service debt and meet its other cash needs, Wendy's will require a significant amount of cash, which may not be generated or available to it.

The ability of Wendy's to make payments on, or repay or refinance, its debt, including the Credit Agreement, and to fund planned capital expenditures, dividends and other cash needs will depend largely upon its future operating performance. Future performance, to a certain extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control. In addition, the ability of Wendy's to borrow funds in the future to make payments on its debt will depend on the satisfaction of the covenants in its credit facilities and other debt agreements, including the Credit Agreement and other agreements it may enter into in the future. Specifically, Wendy's will need to maintain specified financial ratios and satisfy financial condition tests. There is no assurance that the Wendy's business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations or that future borrowings will be available under its credit facilities or from other sources in an amount sufficient to enable it to pay its debt or to fund its or The Wendy's Company's dividend and other liquidity needs.

As a result of the indemnification provisions of the Purchase and Sale Agreement pursuant to which the sale of Arby's occurred on July 4, 2011, Wendy's Restaurants may incur expenses and liabilities for taxes related to periods up to the date of sale.

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up to the date of sale, such as income, sales and use, and other operating taxes. As of December 30, 2012, Wendy's Restaurants had accrued \$1.3 million for certain tax liabilities related to Arby's which are the obligations of Wendy's Restaurants pursuant to the indemnification provisions of the Purchase and Sale Agreement and it is possible that further accruals may occur in future periods as audits by various taxing authorities are resolved. Further accruals in future periods would adversely affect our results of operations

There can be no assurance regarding whether or to what extent the Company will pay dividends on its Common Stock in the future.

Holders of the Company's Common Stock will only be entitled to receive such dividends as its 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 the Company's earnings, financial condition, cash requirements and such other factors as the Board of Directors may deem relevant from time to time.

Because the Company is a holding company, its ability to declare and pay dividends is dependent upon cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments on hand and cash flows from its subsidiaries. The ability of its 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 subsidiary-level 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 its subsidiaries to pay cash dividends or other payments to the Company will also be limited by restrictions in debt instruments currently existing or subsequently entered into by such subsidiaries, including the Credit Agreement, which is described earlier in this Item 1A.

A substantial amount of the Company's Common Stock is concentrated in the hands of certain stockholders.

Nelson Peltz, the Company's Chairman and former Chief Executive Officer, and Peter May, the Company's Vice Chairman and former President and Chief Operating Officer, beneficially own shares of the Company's outstanding Common Stock that collectively constitute more than 25% of its total voting power. Messrs. Peltz and May may, from time to time, acquire beneficial ownership of additional shares of Common Stock.

On December 1, 2011, the Company entered into an agreement (the "Trian Agreement") with Messrs. Peltz and May and several of their affiliates (the "Covered Persons"). Pursuant to the Trian Agreement, the Board of Directors (the "Board"), including a majority of the independent directors, approved, for purposes of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law ("Section 203"), the Covered Persons becoming the owners (as defined in Section 203(c)(9) of the DGCL) of or acquiring an aggregate of up to (and including), but not more than, 32.5% (subject to certain adjustments set forth in the Agreement, the "Maximum Percentage") of the outstanding shares of the Company's Common Stock, such that no such persons would be subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 203 solely as a result of such ownership (such approval, the "Section 203 Approval").

Pursuant to the Trian Agreement, each of the Covered Persons has agreed that, for so long as the Company has a class of equity securities listed on any national securities exchange, (i) he will not purchase or cause to be purchased, or otherwise acquire, beneficial ownership of Company voting securities that would increase the aggregate beneficial ownership of Company voting securities by the Covered Persons above the Maximum Percentage; (ii) he will not solicit proxies or submit any proposal for the vote of stockholders of the Company 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 the Shares, in each case, if the result of such action would be to cause the Board to be comprised of less than a majority of independent directors; (iii) he will not engage in certain affiliate transactions with the Company without the prior approval of a majority of the Audit Committee of the Board or other committee of the Board that is comprised of independent directors; and (iv) except with respect to certain pledged shares, each of the Covered Persons shall cause the Company voting securities owned by it to be present at stockholder meetings for the purposes of establishing a quorum and shall vote any Company voting securities in excess of the shares beneficially owned by them on the date of the Trian Agreement either as recommended by the Board or in the same proportion as Company voting securities not owned by the Covered Persons are actually voted, subject to certain limited exceptions.

The Trian Agreement (other than the provisions relating to the Section 203 Approval and certain miscellaneous provisions that survive the termination of the Agreement) will terminate upon the earliest to occur of (i) the Covered Persons ceasing to own in the aggregate 25% of the outstanding voting power of the Company, (ii) December 1, 2014, (iii) at such time as the Company's Common Stock is no longer listed on a national securities exchange, and

(iv) such time as any person other than the Covered Persons or any Affiliate, Associate of, or member of a Schedule 13D group with, the Covered Persons, (a) makes an offer to purchase (x) an amount of shares that when added to the number of shares already beneficially owned by such person and its affiliates and associates equals or exceeds 50% of the outstanding voting power of the Company or (y) all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, (b) solicits proxies with respect to a majority slate of directors or (c) commences or announces an intention to commence a solicitation of proxies, becomes a “participant” in a “solicitation” or assists any “participant” in, a “solicitation” (as such terms are defined in Rule 14a-1 of Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended), or submits any proposal for the vote of stockholders of the Company, or recommends or requests or induces or attempts to induce any other person to take any such actions, or to seek to advise, encourage or influence any other person with respect to the voting of Company voting securities, in each case, if the result of any such proposal or solicitation would be to change a majority of the persons serving as directors on the Board.

This concentration of ownership gives Messrs. Peltz and May significant influence over the outcome of actions requiring stockholder approval, including the election of directors and the approval of mergers, consolidations and the sale of all or substantially all of the Company’s assets. They are also in a position to have significant influence to prevent or cause a change in control of the Company. If in the future Messrs. Peltz and May were to acquire more than a majority of the Company’s 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 the Company’s assets. They would also be in a position to prevent or cause a change in control of the Company.

The Company’s certificate of incorporation contains certain anti-takeover provisions and permits our Board of Directors to issue preferred stock without stockholder approval and limits its ability to raise capital from affiliates.

Certain provisions in the Company’s certificate of incorporation are intended to discourage or delay a hostile takeover of control of the Company. The Company’s 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 the Board of Directors. Accordingly, the 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 its common stock. The preferred stock could be used to discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of the Company that is determined by the Board of Directors to be undesirable. Although the Company has no present intention to issue any shares of preferred stock, it cannot assure you that it will not do so in the future.

The Company’s certificate of incorporation prohibits the issuance of preferred stock to affiliates, unless offered ratably to the holders of the Company’s Common Stock, subject to an exception in the event that the Company is in financial distress and the issuance is approved by its audit committee. This prohibition limits the ability to raise capital from affiliates.

Item 1B. *Unresolved Staff Comments.*

None.

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 principal office facilities as of December 30, 2012:

| <u>ACTIVE FACILITIES</u> | <u>FACILITIES-LOCATION</u> | <u>LAND TITLE</u> | <u>APPROXIMATE SQ. FT. OF FLOOR SPACE</u> |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Corporate Headquarters | Dublin, Ohio | Owned | 324,025* |
| Wendy's Restaurants of Canada Inc. | Oakville, Ontario, Canada | Leased | 35,125 |

* QSCC, the independent Wendy's purchasing cooperative in which Wendy's has non-controlling representation on the board of directors, leases 14,333 square feet of this space from Wendy's.

At December 30, 2012, Wendy's and its franchisees operated 6,560 Wendy's restaurants. Of the 1,427 company-owned Wendy's restaurants, Wendy's owned the land and building for 631 restaurants, owned the building and held long-term land leases for 515 restaurants and held leases covering land and building for 281 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. As of December 30, 2012, Wendy's also owned 67 and leased 203 properties that were either leased or subleased principally to franchisees. Surplus land and buildings are generally held for sale and are not material to our financial condition or results of operations.

The Bakery operates two facilities in Zanesville, Ohio that produce buns for Wendy's restaurants and other outside parties. The buns are distributed to both company-owned and franchised restaurants primarily using the Bakery's fleet of trucks. As of December 30, 2012, the Bakery employed approximately 350 people at the two facilities that had a combined size of approximately 205,000 square feet.

The location of company-owned and franchised restaurants as of December 30, 2012 is set forth below.

| State | Wendy's | |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|
| | Company | Franchise |
| Alabama | — | 96 |
| Alaska | — | 7 |
| Arizona | 43 | 55 |
| Arkansas | — | 64 |
| California | 51 | 208 |
| Colorado | 46 | 80 |
| Connecticut | 5 | 45 |
| Delaware | — | 15 |
| Florida | 182 | 302 |
| Georgia | 51 | 238 |
| Hawaii | 8 | — |
| Idaho | — | 29 |
| Illinois | 101 | 93 |
| Indiana | 5 | 174 |
| Iowa | — | 44 |
| Kansas | 10 | 62 |
| Kentucky | 3 | 137 |
| Louisiana | 58 | 71 |
| Maine | — | 20 |
| Maryland | — | 112 |
| Massachusetts | 80 | 13 |
| Michigan | 20 | 248 |
| Minnesota | — | 68 |
| Mississippi | — | 95 |
| Missouri | 39 | 57 |
| Montana | — | 16 |
| Nebraska | — | 33 |
| Nevada | — | 45 |
| New Hampshire | 4 | 21 |
| New Jersey | 14 | 125 |
| New Mexico | 24 | 13 |
| New York | 63 | 153 |
| North Carolina | 39 | 213 |
| North Dakota | — | 9 |
| Ohio | 74 | 347 |
| Oklahoma | — | 39 |
| Oregon | 18 | 31 |
| Pennsylvania | 79 | 179 |
| Rhode Island | 9 | 8 |
| South Carolina | — | 132 |
| South Dakota | — | 9 |
| Tennessee | — | 184 |
| Texas | 104 | 275 |
| Utah | 54 | 31 |
| Vermont | — | 4 |
| Virginia | 54 | 160 |
| Washington | 30 | 43 |
| West Virginia | 21 | 51 |
| Wisconsin | — | 57 |
| Wyoming | — | 14 |
| District of Columbia | — | 3 |
| Domestic subtotal | 1,289 | 4,528 |
| Canada | 138 | 231 |
| North America subtotal | 1,427 | 4,759 |

| <u>Country/Territory</u> | <u>Wendy's</u> | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | <u>Company</u> | <u>Franchise</u> |
| Argentina | — | 1 |
| Aruba | — | 4 |
| Bahamas | — | 11 |
| Costa Rica | — | 13 |
| Curacao | — | 1 |
| Dominican Republic | — | 8 |
| El Salvador | — | 14 |
| Grand Cayman Islands | — | 2 |
| Guam | — | 4 |
| Guatemala | — | 9 |
| Honduras | — | 35 |
| Indonesia | — | 25 |
| Jamaica | — | 4 |
| Japan | — | 2(a) |
| Malaysia | — | 10 |
| Mexico | — | 25 |
| New Zealand | — | 18 |
| Panama | — | 7 |
| Philippines | — | 32 |
| Puerto Rico | — | 76 |
| Russian Federation | — | 8 |
| Singapore | — | 11 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | — | 3 |
| United Arab Emirates | — | 13 |
| Venezuela | — | 36 |
| U. S. Virgin Islands | — | 2 |
| International subtotal | — | 374 |
| Grand total | <u>1,427</u> | <u>5,133</u> |

(a) Wendy's is a 49% partner in a joint venture for the operation of Wendy's restaurants in Japan.

Item 3. *Legal Proceedings.*

We are involved in litigation and claims incidental to our current and prior businesses. We provide reserves for such litigation and claims when payment is probable and reasonably estimable. The Company believes it has adequate reserves for continuing operations for all of its legal and environmental matters. We cannot estimate the aggregate possible range of loss due to most proceedings being in preliminary stages, with various motions either yet to be submitted or pending, discovery yet to occur, and significant factual matters unresolved. In addition, most cases seek an indeterminate amount of damages and many involve multiple parties. Predicting the outcomes of settlement discussions or judicial or arbitral decisions is thus inherently difficult. Based on our 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 effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Wendy's completed the initial public offering of Tim Hortons Inc. ("THI") in March, 2006 and the spin-off of THI in September, 2006. In connection with the initial public offering, Wendy's and THI entered into a tax sharing agreement that governed the rights and responsibilities of the parties with respect to taxes for periods up to the date of the spin-off, including the allocation of tax attributes between the parties. In 2007, Wendy's asserted a claim against THI for approximately \$1.0 million for a tax claim related to a competent authority adjustment. THI has disputed this claim. In addition, THI has asserted claims for damages related to foreign tax credits THI allegedly should have received in the spin-off in the aggregate amount of C\$29.0 million. Wendy's has disputed and continues to dispute these claims. In 2011, THI invoked the dispute resolution provision of the tax sharing agreement, which calls for binding mandatory arbitration. In February, 2012, THI submitted a notice of claim, which makes the same claims

THI has asserted under the tax sharing agreement, to Wendy's under the master separation agreement between Wendy's and THI that was executed contemporaneously with the tax sharing agreement. The dispute resolution provision of the master separation agreement calls for good faith negotiations between the parties, followed by non-binding mediation. Either party can bring suit if no resolution is reached following mediation. The parties are still in discussions but it no longer appears likely that a resolution will be reached without the involvement of a neutral third party. The parties have agreed on a mediator and a mediation date. We cannot estimate a range of possible loss, if any, for this matter at this time since, among other things, it is still in a preliminary stage, significant factual and legal issues are unresolved, no mediation sessions have been held, and the mediation will be non-binding. If no agreed resolution is reached, the matter would be resolved either by litigation or binding mandatory arbitration, in which case various motions would be submitted and discovery would occur. If no agreed resolution is reached, Wendy's intends to vigorously assert its claim and defend against the THI claims.

Item 4. *Mine Safety Disclosures.*

Not applicable.

PART II

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

In December 2011, The Wendy's Company transferred the listing of its common stock from the New York Stock Exchange (symbol: WEN) to NASDAQ Global Select Market ("NASDAQ"). The Company's common stock continues to trade under the symbol "WEN." The high and low market prices for The Wendy's Company common stock are set forth below:

| <u>Fiscal Quarters</u> | <u>Market Price Common Stock</u> | |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------|
| | <u>High</u> | <u>Low</u> |
| 2012 | | |
| First Quarter ended April 1 | \$5.50 | \$4.67 |
| Second Quarter ended July 1 | 5.09 | 4.37 |
| Third Quarter ended September 30 | 4.80 | 4.16 |
| Fourth Quarter ended December 30 | 4.87 | 4.09 |
| 2011 | | |
| First Quarter ended April 3 | \$5.22 | \$4.40 |
| Second Quarter ended July 3 | 5.20 | 4.50 |
| Third Quarter ended October 2 | 5.62 | 4.36 |
| Fourth Quarter ended January 1 | 5.58 | 4.29 |

The Wendy's Company common stock is entitled to one vote per share on all matters on which stockholders are entitled to vote. The Wendy's Company has no class of equity securities currently issued and outstanding except for its common stock. However, it is currently authorized to issue up to 100 million shares of preferred stock.

For the first three quarters of the 2012 fiscal year and during the 2011 fiscal year, The Wendy's Company paid quarterly cash dividends of \$0.02 per share on its common stock. The fourth quarter 2012 cash dividend was \$0.04 per share of common stock.

During the 2013 first quarter, The Wendy's Company declared a dividend of \$0.04 per share to be paid on March 15, 2013 to shareholders of record as of March 1, 2013. Although The Wendy's Company currently intends to continue to declare and pay quarterly cash dividends, there can be no assurance that any additional 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 The Wendy's Company earnings, financial condition, cash requirements and other factors.

As of February 22, 2013, there were approximately 39,494 holders of record of The Wendy's Company common 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 Exchange Act) during the fourth fiscal quarter of 2012:

Issuer Repurchases of Equity Securities

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased (1) | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plan | Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plan (2) |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| October 1, 2012 through November 4, 2012 | — | — | — | — |
| November 5, 2012 through December 2, 2012 | 194,604 | \$4.62 | — | \$100,000,000 |
| December 3, 2012 through December 30, 2012 | 99,672 | \$4.74 | — | \$100,000,000 |
| Total | 294,276 | \$4.66 | — | \$100,000,000 |

- (1) All shares were reacquired by The Wendy’s Company from holders of share-based awards to satisfy certain requirements associated with the vesting or exercise of the respective award. The shares were valued at the average of the high and low trading prices of our common stock on the vesting or exercise date of such awards.
- (2) In November 2012, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$100.0 million of our common stock through December 29, 2013, when and if market conditions warrant and to the extent legally permissible.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

| | Year Ended (1) (2) | | | | |
|---|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| | December 30, 2012 | January 1, 2012 | January 2, 2011 | January 3, 2010 | December 28, 2008 (3) |
| | (In Millions, except per share amounts) | | | | |
| Sales | \$2,198.3 | \$2,126.6 | \$2,079.1 | \$2,134.2 | \$ 530.8 |
| Franchise revenues | 306.9 | 304.8 | 296.3 | 302.9 | 74.6 |
| Revenues | 2,505.2 | 2,431.4 | 2,375.4 | 2,437.1 | 605.4 |
| Operating profit (loss) | 122.7(7) | 137.1(8) | 150.4(9) | 97.6(10) | (32.4) |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | 8.0(7) | 17.9(8) | 18.1(9) | 5.4 (10) | (128.1)(11) |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations (4) .. | 1.5 | (8.0) | (22.4) | (0.3) | (351.6) |
| Net income (loss) | 7.1(7) | 9.9(8) | (4.3)(9) | 5.1 (10) | (479.7)(11) |
| Basic and diluted income (loss) per share (5): | | | | | |
| Continuing operations: | | | | | |
| Common stock | .02 | .04 | .04 | .01 | (.81) |
| Class B common stock | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | (.33) |
| Discontinued operations: | | | | | |
| Common stock | — | (.02) | (.05) | — | (2.24) |
| Class B common stock | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | (.91) |
| Net income (loss) | | | | | |
| Common stock | .02 | .02 | (.01) | .01 | (3.05) |
| Class B common stock | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | (1.24) |
| Cash dividends per share: | | | | | |
| Common stock | .10 | .08 | .07 | .06 | .26 |
| Class B common stock | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | .26 |
| Weighted average diluted shares outstanding (6): | | | | | |
| Common stock | 392.1 | 407.2 | 427.2 | 466.7 | 137.7 |
| Class B common stock | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 48.0 |
| | December 30, 2012 | January 1, 2012 | January 2, 2011 | January 3, 2010 | December 28, 2008 (3) |
| | (In Millions) | | | | |
| Working capital (deficiency) | \$ 423.0 | \$ 398.7 | \$ 333.3 | \$ 403.8 | \$ (121.7) |
| Properties | 1,250.3 | 1,192.2 | 1,551.3 | 1,619.2 | 1,770.4 |
| Total assets | 4,303.2 | 4,289.1 | 4,732.7 | 4,975.4 | 4,645.6 |
| Long-term debt, including current portion | 1,457.6 | 1,357.0 | 1,572.4 | 1,522.9 | 1,111.6 |
| Stockholders' equity | 1,985.9 | 1,996.1 | 2,163.2 | 2,336.3 | 2,383.4 |

- (1) The Wendy's Company reports on a fiscal year consisting of 52 or 53 weeks ending on the Sunday closest to December 31. Except for the 2009 fiscal year, which contained 53 weeks, each of The Wendy's Company's fiscal years presented above contained 52 weeks. All references to years relate to fiscal years rather than calendar years. The financial position and results of operations for Wendy's are included commencing with the Wendy's merger on September 29, 2008. Immediately prior to this merger, each share of our Class B common stock was converted into Class A common stock on a one for one basis. In connection with the May 28, 2009 amendment and restatement of The Wendy's Company's Certificate of Incorporation, The Wendy's Company's former Class A common stock is now referred to as "Common Stock."
- (2) On July 4, 2011, Wendy's Restaurants completed the sale of 100% of the common stock of its then wholly owned subsidiary, Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc. ("Arby's"). Arby's operating results for all periods presented through its July 4, 2011 date of sale are classified as discontinued operations. Balance sheet information for all periods prior to January 1, 2012 includes Arby's.

- (3) As of December 29, 2008, The Wendy's Company adopted new accounting guidance related to non-controlling interests (formerly referred to as minority interests). This adoption resulted in the retrospective reclassification of minority interests of \$0.1 million from its former presentation as a liability to "Stockholders' equity" in 2008. Income attributable to non-controlling interests in 2008 was not material.
- (4) Income from discontinued operations in 2012 included certain post-closing Arby's related transactions, net of income taxes, of \$1.5 million. Loss from discontinued operations in 2011 also included a loss on disposal, net of income taxes, of \$8.8 million. Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes, in 2009 and 2008 also included income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes, of our former premium beverage and soft drink concentrate business segment and our former utility and municipal services and refrigeration business segment of \$1.6 million and \$2.2 million, respectively.
- (5) For the purposes of calculating loss per share amount for 2008, loss was allocated between The Wendy's Company Class A common stock and The Wendy's Company Class B common stock proportionately based on weighted average basic shares outstanding.
- (6) The weighted average number of shares used in the calculation of diluted income per share in 2009 through 2012 consists of the weighted average basic shares outstanding for common stock and potential shares of common stock reflecting the effect of 0.5 million, 0.9 million, 2.0 million and 1.9 million dilutive stock options and restricted shares for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively. The weighted average number of shares used in the calculation of diluted loss per share for 2008 is the same as basic loss per share since all potentially dilutive securities would have had an antidilutive effect based on the loss from continuing operations.
- (7) Reflects certain significant charges and gains recorded during 2012 as follows: \$62.1 million charged to operating profit, consisting of \$41.0 million for facilities relocation costs and other transactions, including costs for severance, relocation and other items associated with the sale of Arby's and relocation of the Company's Atlanta restaurant support center to Ohio and the discontinuation of the breakfast daypart at certain restaurants and \$21.1 million for impairment of long-lived assets other than goodwill; \$38.4 million, net of income taxes, charged to income from continuing operations and net income related to these charges; \$46.5 million, net of income taxes, charged to income from continuing operations and net income related to costs incurred for the early extinguishment of debt; and an \$18.0 million gain, net of income taxes, recognized in income from continuing operations and net income in connection with the sale of our investment in Jurlique International Pty Ltd. ("Jurlique"). As a result of the sale of our investment in Jurlique, we have reflected net income attributable to noncontrolling interests of \$2.4 million, net of income taxes, which is included in income from continuing operations and excluded from net income attributable to The Wendy's Company.
- (8) Reflects certain significant charges recorded during 2011 as follows: \$58.6 million charged to operating profit, consisting of \$45.7 million for transaction related and other costs for severance, relocation and other items associated with the sale of Arby's and the relocation of the Company's Atlanta restaurant support center to Ohio and \$12.9 million for impairment of long-lived assets other than goodwill; and \$36.4 million, net of income taxes, charged to income from continuing operations and net income related to these charges.
- (9) Reflects certain significant charges recorded during 2010 as follows: \$26.3 million charged to operating profit for impairment of long-lived assets other than goodwill; \$16.3 million, net of income taxes, charged to income from continuing operations and net loss related to this charge; and \$16.2 million, net of income taxes, charged to income from continuing operations and net loss related to costs incurred for the early extinguishment of debt.
- (10) Reflects a significant charge recorded during 2009 of \$25.6 million charged to operating profit for impairment of long-lived assets other than goodwill and \$15.9 million, net of income taxes, charged to income from continuing operations and net income related to this charge.
- (11) Reflects a significant charge recorded during 2008 of \$92.4 million, net of income taxes, charged to loss from continuing operations and net loss for other than temporary losses on investments.

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

Introduction

This "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of The Wendy's Company ("The Wendy's Company" and, together with its subsidiaries, the "Company," "we," "us," or "our") should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the related notes that appear elsewhere within this report. 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 I" 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.

The Wendy's Company is the parent company of its 100% owned subsidiary holding company, Wendy's Restaurants, LLC ("Wendy's Restaurants"). On July 4, 2011, Wendy's Restaurants completed the sale of 100% of the common stock of its then wholly owned subsidiary, Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc. ("Arby's"). See "Executive Overview—Sale of Arby's" for more information on the sale of Arby's. Arby's operating results for all periods presented through its July 4, 2011 date of sale are classified as discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. After this sale, the principal 100% owned subsidiary of Wendy's Restaurants is Wendy's International, Inc. ("Wendy's") and its subsidiaries. Wendy's franchises and operates company-owned Wendy's® quick service restaurants specializing in hamburger sandwiches throughout North America (defined as the United States of America (the "U.S.") and Canada). Wendy's also has franchised restaurants in 26 foreign countries and U.S. territories.

The Company manages and internally reports its business geographically. The operation and franchising of Wendy's restaurants in North America comprises virtually all of our current operations and represents a single reportable segment. The revenues and operating results of Wendy's restaurants outside of North America are not material. The results of operations discussed below may not necessarily be indicative of future results.

Executive Overview

Sale of Arby's

On July 4, 2011, Wendy's Restaurants completed the sale of 100% of the common stock of Arby's to ARG IH Corporation ("Buyer"), a wholly owned subsidiary of ARG Holding Corporation ("Buyer Parent"), for \$130.0 million in cash (subject to customary purchase price adjustments) and 18.5% of the common stock of Buyer Parent (through which Wendy's Restaurants indirectly retained an 18.5% interest in Arby's) with a fair value of \$19.0 million. Buyer and Buyer Parent were formed for purposes of this transaction. The Buyer also assumed approximately \$190.0 million of Arby's debt, consisting primarily of capital lease and sale-leaseback obligations.

The Company recorded a pre-tax loss on disposal of Arby's of \$5.2 million during the year ended January 1, 2012, which included the effect of the valuation of our indirect retained interest (\$19.0 million), transaction closing costs (\$11.5 million) and post closing purchase price adjustments primarily related to working capital (\$14.8 million). The Company recognized income tax expense associated with the loss on disposal of \$3.6 million during the year ended January 1, 2012. This income tax expense was comprised of (1) an income tax benefit of \$1.9 million on the pre-tax loss on disposal and (2) income tax expense of \$5.5 million due to a permanent difference between the book and tax basis of Arby's goodwill. The Company recorded net income from discontinued operations of \$1.5 million for the year ended December 30, 2012, which included certain post-closing Arby's related transactions.

Wendy's Restaurants also entered into a stockholders agreement with Buyer Parent and ARG Investment Corporation, an entity affiliated with Buyer Parent, which sets forth certain agreements among the parties thereto concerning, among other things, the governance of Buyer Parent and transfer rights, information rights and registration rights with respect to the equity securities of Buyer Parent. In addition, Wendy's Restaurants entered into a transition services agreement with Buyer, pursuant to which it provided and was reimbursed for continuing corporate and shared services to Buyer for a limited period of time; such services were completed in the fourth quarter of 2011.

During 2012, we received a \$4.6 million dividend from our investment in Arby's which was included in "Investment income, net."

Our Continuing Business

As of December 30, 2012, the Wendy's restaurant system was comprised of 6,560 restaurants, of which 1,427 were owned and operated by the Company. Our company-owned restaurants are located principally in the U.S. and to a lesser extent in Canada.

Wendy's operating results have been impacted by a number of external factors, including high unemployment, negative general economic trends and intense price competition, as well as increased commodity costs in 2012 and 2011. Increased commodity costs negatively affected our cost of food and paper in those years.

Wendy's long-term growth opportunities include improving our North America business by elevating the total customer experience through continuing core menu improvement, step-change product innovation and focused execution of operational excellence and brand positioning, which will be supported by (1) investing in our Image Activation program, which includes innovative exterior and interior restaurant designs for our new and reimaged restaurants, (2) employing financial strategies to improve our net income and earnings per share and (3) building the brand worldwide.

Wendy's revenues for 2012 include: (1) \$2,129.3 million of sales at company-owned restaurants, (2) \$69.0 million of sales from our company-owned bakery, (3) \$282.5 million of royalty income from franchisees and (4) \$24.4 million of other franchise-related revenue and other revenues. Substantially all of our Wendy's royalty agreements provided for royalties of 4.0% of franchise revenues for the year ended December 30, 2012.

Key Business Measures

We track our results of operations and manage our business using the following key business measures:

- Same-Store Sales

Since the first quarter of 2012, we have been reporting Wendy's same-store sales commencing after new restaurants have been open for at least 15 continuous months and after remodeled restaurants have been reopened for three continuous months (the "New Method"). Prior thereto, the calculation of same-store sales commenced after a restaurant had been open for at least 15 continuous months and as of the beginning of the previous fiscal year (the "Old Method"). The tables summarizing the results of operations below provide the same-store sales percent change using the New Method, as well as the Old Method. The New Method is consistent with the metric used by our management for internal reporting and analysis. Same-store sales exclude the impact of currency translation.

- Restaurant Margin

We define restaurant margin as sales from company-owned restaurants less cost of sales divided by sales from company-owned restaurants. Cost of sales includes food and paper, restaurant labor and occupancy, advertising and other operating costs. Sales and cost of sales exclude amounts related to bakery and other. Restaurant margin is influenced by factors such as restaurant openings and closures, price increases, the effectiveness of our advertising and marketing initiatives, featured products, product mix, the level of our fixed and semi-variable costs and fluctuations in food and labor costs.

Credit Agreement

As further described in "Liquidity and Capital Resources—2012 Credit Agreement" below, on May 15, 2012, Wendy's entered into a Credit Agreement, as amended (the "Credit Agreement"), which includes a senior secured term loan facility (the "Term Loan") of \$1,125.0 million and a senior secured revolving credit facility of \$200.0 million. The Company recognized losses on the early extinguishment of debt of \$75.1 million for the year ended December 30, 2012 related to the repayment of debt from the proceeds of the Term Loan draws on July 16, 2012 and May 15, 2012. The Credit Agreement replaced the \$650.0 million credit agreement and the amended senior secured term loan (the "2010 Term Loan") executed in 2010.

Related Party Transactions

Supply Chain Relationship Agreement

During the fourth quarter of 2009, Wendy's entered into a purchasing co-op relationship agreement (the "Wendy's Co-op") with its franchisees to establish Quality Supply Chain Co-op, Inc. ("QSCC"). QSCC manages, for the Wendy's system in the U.S. and Canada, contracts for the purchase and distribution of food, proprietary paper, operating supplies and equipment under national contracts with pricing based upon total system volume.

QSCC's supply chain management facilitates continuity of supply and provides consolidated purchasing efficiencies while monitoring and seeking to minimize possible obsolete inventory throughout the Wendy's supply chain in the U.S. and Canada. Prior to 2010, the system's purchasing function was performed and paid for by Wendy's. In order to facilitate the orderly transition of the 2010 purchasing function for operations in the U.S. and Canada, Wendy's transferred certain contracts, assets and certain Wendy's purchasing employees to QSCC in 2010. Pursuant to the terms of the Wendy's Co-op, Wendy's expensed \$15.5 million in 2009 for payments to QSCC required over an 18 month period through May 2011 in order to provide funding for start-up costs, operating expenses and cash reserves. Wendy's made such payments of \$0.3 million and \$15.2 million in 2011 and 2010, respectively. In connection with the ongoing operations of QSCC during 2010, QSCC reimbursed Wendy's \$0.9 million for amounts Wendy's had paid primarily for payroll-related expenses for certain Canadian QSCC purchasing employees.

Since the third quarter of 2010, all QSCC members (including Wendy's) pay sourcing fees to third party vendors on products which are sourced through QSCC. Such sourcing fees are remitted by these vendors to QSCC and are the primary means of funding QSCC's operations. Should QSCC's sourcing fees exceed its expected needs, QSCC's board of directors may return some or all of the excess to its members in the form of a patronage dividend. Wendy's recorded its share of patronage dividends of \$2.5 million, \$2.0 million and \$0.3 million in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, which are included as a reduction of "Cost of sales."

Effective January 4, 2010, QSCC leased 9,333 square feet of office space from Wendy's. Effective January 1, 2011, Wendy's and QSCC entered into a lease amendment which increased the office space leased to QSCC to 14,333 square feet for a one year period for a revised annual base rental of approximately \$0.2 million with five one-year renewal options, three of which are currently remaining.

Strategic Sourcing Group Agreement

On April 5, 2010, QSCC and the Arby's independent purchasing cooperative ("ARCOP") in consultation with Wendy's Restaurants, established Strategic Sourcing Group Co-op, LLC ("SSG"). SSG was formed to manage and operate purchasing programs for certain non-perishable goods, equipment and services. Wendy's Restaurants had committed to pay approximately \$5.1 million of SSG expenses, which were expensed in 2010 and included in "General and administrative," and were to be paid over a 24 month period through March 2012. However, in anticipation of the sale of Arby's, effective April 2011, SSG was dissolved and its activities were transferred to QSCC and ARCOP and the remaining accrued commitment of \$2.3 million was reversed and credited to "General and administrative."

Noncontrolling Interests in Jurl Holdings, LLC

Jurl Holdings, LLC ("Jurl"), a 99.7% owned subsidiary, held our approximately 11% cost method investment in Jurlique International Pty Ltd. ("Jurlique"), an Australian manufacturer of skin care products. Prior to 2009, we had determined that all of our then remaining \$8.5 million investment in Jurlique was impaired. On February 2, 2012, Jurl completed the sale of our investment in Jurlique for which we received proceeds of \$27.3 million, net of the amount held in escrow. The amount held in escrow as of December 30, 2012 was \$3.4 million, which was adjusted for foreign currency translation and was included in "Deferred costs and other assets." In connection with the anticipated proceeds of the sale and in order to protect ourselves from a decrease in the Australian dollar through the closing date, we entered into a foreign currency related derivative transaction for an equivalent notional amount in U.S. dollars of the expected proceeds of A\$28.5 million. We recorded a gain on sale of this investment of \$27.4 million, which included a loss of \$2.9 million on the settlement of the derivative transaction discussed above. The gain was included in "Investment income, net" in our consolidated statement of operations.

We have reflected net income attributable to noncontrolling interests of \$2.4 million, net of an income tax benefit of \$1.3 million, for the year ended December 30, 2012 in connection with the equity and profit interests discussed below. The net assets and liabilities of the subsidiary that held the investment were not material to the consolidated financial statements. Therefore, the noncontrolling interest in those assets and liabilities was not previously reported separately. As a result of this sale and distributions to the minority shareholders, there are no remaining noncontrolling interests in this consolidated subsidiary.

Prior to 2009 when our predecessor entity was a diversified company active in investments, we had provided our Chairman, who was also our then Chief Executive Officer, and our Vice Chairman, who was our then President and Chief Operating Officer (the "Former Executives"), and certain other former employees, equity and profit interests in Jurl. In connection with the gain on sale of Jurlique, we distributed, based on the related agreement, approximately \$3.7 million to Jurl's minority shareholders, including approximately \$2.3 million to the Former Executives.

Services Agreement

The Wendy's Company and the Management Company entered into a services agreement (the "Services Agreement"), which commenced on July 1, 2009 and expired on June 30, 2011. Under the Services Agreement, the Management Company assisted us with strategic merger and acquisition consultation, corporate finance and investment banking services and related legal matters. The Wendy's Company paid approximately \$2.5 million in 2010 in fees for corporate finance advisory services under the Services Agreement in connection with the negotiation and execution of the \$650.0 million credit agreement in 2010 and the issuance of the Wendy's Restaurants 10.0% Senior Notes (the "Senior Notes") in 2009. In addition, The Wendy's Company paid the Management Company a service fee of \$0.25 million per quarter, in connection with the Services Agreement until it expired on June 30, 2011.

Sublease of New York Office Space

In July 2008 and July 2007, The Wendy's Company entered into agreements under which the Management Company subleased (the "Subleases") office space on two of the floors of the Company's former New York headquarters. During the second quarter of 2010, The Wendy's Company and the Management Company entered into an amendment to the sublease, effective April 1, 2010, pursuant to which the Management Company's early termination right was canceled in exchange for a reduction in rent. Under the terms of the amended sublease, which expired in May 2012, the Management Company paid rent to The Wendy's Company in an amount that covered substantially all of the Company's rent obligations under the prime lease for the subleased space.

Liquidation Services Agreement

On June 10, 2009, The Wendy's Company and the Management Company entered into a liquidation services agreement (the "Liquidation Services Agreement") pursuant to which the Management Company assisted us in the sale, liquidation or other disposition of our cost investments and the series A senior notes that we received from Deerfield Capital Corp. (the "DFR Notes"). The Liquidation Services Agreement required The Wendy's Company to pay the Management Company a fee of \$0.9 million in two installments in June 2009 and 2010, which was deferred and amortized through its June 30, 2011 expiration date.

Aircraft Lease Agreements

In June 2009, The Wendy's Company and TASCOCO, LLC (an affiliate of the Management Company) ("TASCOCO") entered into an aircraft lease agreement (the "Aircraft Lease Agreement") to lease a company-owned aircraft. The Aircraft Lease Agreement originally provided that The Wendy's Company would lease such company-owned aircraft to TASCOCO from July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2010. On June 24, 2010, The Wendy's Company and TASCOCO renewed the Aircraft Lease Agreement for an additional one year period (expiring on June 30, 2011). Under the Aircraft Lease Agreement, TASCOCO paid \$10,000 per month for such aircraft plus substantially all operating costs of the aircraft including all costs of fuel, inspection, servicing and certain storage, as well as operational and flight crew costs relating to the operation of the aircraft, and all transit maintenance costs and other maintenance costs required as a result of TASCOCO's usage of the aircraft. The Wendy's Company continued to be responsible for calendar-based maintenance and any extraordinary and unscheduled repairs and/or maintenance for the aircraft, as well as insurance and other costs.

On June 29, 2011, The Wendy's Company and TASCOCO entered into an agreement to extend the Aircraft Lease Agreement for an additional one year period (expiring on June 30, 2012) and an increased monthly rent of \$13,000. On June 30, 2012, The Wendy's Company and TASCOCO entered into an extension of that lease agreement that extended the lease term to July 31, 2012 and effective as of August 1, 2012, entered into an amended and restated aircraft lease agreement (the "2012 Lease") that will expire on January 5, 2014. Under the 2012 Lease, all expenses related to the ownership, maintenance and operation of the aircraft will be paid by TASCOCO, subject to the limitation that if the amount of annual ongoing maintenance, hangar, insurance and other expenses, or the estimated amount of other scheduled maintenance expenses, exceeds the amounts stated in the 2012 Lease, then TASCOCO can either pay such amounts or terminate the 2012 Lease. In addition, if extraordinary and/or unscheduled repairs and/or maintenance for the aircraft become necessary and the estimated cost thereof exceeds the amount stated in the 2012 Lease, then TASCOCO can either pay such amounts or terminate the 2012 Lease. In the event of termination, TASCOCO will not be obligated to perform or pay for such repairs and/or maintenance following the date of termination.

Franchisee Incentive Programs

Franchise Image Activation Incentive Program

In order to encourage franchisees to participate in Wendy's Image Activation program, which includes innovative exterior and interior restaurant designs for new and reimaged restaurants, Wendy's initiated a cash incentive program for franchisees during the third quarter of 2012. In January 2013, the program was expanded to include variable cash incentives for Tier 1, 2, and 3 remodels and to allow for a maximum of \$0.1 million each, for up to three incentives per franchisee. The cash incentive program is for the reimaging of restaurants completed in 2013 and totals \$10.0 million.

North America Incentive Program

In order to promote new unit development, Wendy's has established a franchisee assistance program for its North American franchisees that provides (with certain exceptions) for reduced technical assistance fees and a sliding scale of royalties for the first two years of operation for qualifying locations opened between April 1, 2011 and December 31, 2013. For the years ended December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012, the effect on franchise revenues was not material and we do not expect the effect on future franchise revenues to be material.

Canadian Lease Guarantee Program

Wendy's Canadian subsidiary has established a lease guarantee program to promote new franchisee unit development for up to an aggregate of C\$5.0 million for periods of up to five years. Franchisees pay the Canadian subsidiary a nominal fee for the guarantee.

Japan Joint Venture Guarantee

In 2012, Wendy's (1) provided a guarantee to certain lenders to our joint venture in Japan (the "Japan JV") for which our joint venture partners have agreed, should it become necessary, to reimburse and otherwise indemnify us for their 51% share of the guarantee and (2) agreed to reimburse and otherwise indemnify our joint venture partners for our 49% share of the guarantee by our joint venture partners of a line of credit granted by a different lender to the Japan JV to fund working capital requirements. As of December 30, 2012, our portion of these contingent obligations totaled approximately \$3.0 million based upon then current rates of exchange. The fair value of our guarantees is immaterial.

In early 2013, the joint venture partners agreed on a plan to finance anticipated future cash requirements of the Japan JV. As determined by the amount of future capital contributions by each of the partners, Wendy's may become the majority owner of the Japan JV. The Japan JV and the effect of the noncontrolling interest in the Japan JV would then be included in the Wendy's consolidated financial statements from the date that Wendy's became the majority owner, or otherwise assumed day-to-day control of the Japan JV's operations.

Our obligations, including the funding of anticipated future cash requirements of the Japan JV of approximately \$3.0 million, could total up to approximately \$8.0 million if our joint venture partners are unable to perform their reimbursement and indemnity obligations to us.

Presentation of Financial Information

The Company's fiscal reporting periods consist of 52 or 53 weeks ending on the Sunday closest to December 31 and are referred to herein as (1) "the year ended December 30, 2012" or "2012," (2) "the year ended January 1, 2012" or "2011," and (3) "the year ended January 2, 2011" or "2010," all of which consisted of 52 weeks. All references to years and quarters relate to fiscal periods rather than calendar periods.

Results of Operations

As a result of the sale of Arby's as discussed above in "Executive Overview—Sale of Arby's," Arby's results of operations for all periods presented and the loss on sale have been included in "Net income (loss) from discontinued operations" in the table below.

The tables included throughout Results of Operations set forth in millions the Company's consolidated results of operations for the years ended December 30, 2012, January 1, 2012 and January 2, 2011 (except company-owned average unit volumes, which are in thousands):

| | 2012 | | 2011 | | 2010 |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Amount | Change | Amount | Change | Amount |
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| Sales | \$2,198.3 | \$ 71.7 | \$2,126.6 | \$ 47.5 | \$2,079.1 |
| Franchise revenues | 306.9 | 2.1 | 304.8 | 8.5 | 296.3 |
| | <u>2,505.2</u> | <u>73.8</u> | <u>2,431.4</u> | <u>56.0</u> | <u>2,375.4</u> |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | | |
| Cost of sales | 1,881.2 | 65.1 | 1,816.1 | 59.1 | 1,757.0 |
| General and administrative | 287.8 | (4.6) | 292.4 | (19.1) | 311.5 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 147.0 | 24.0 | 123.0 | (3.8) | 126.8 |
| Impairment of long-lived assets | 21.1 | 8.2 | 12.9 | (13.4) | 26.3 |
| Facilities relocation costs and other transactions | 41.0 | (4.7) | 45.7 | 45.7 | — |
| Other operating expense, net | 4.4 | 0.2 | 4.2 | 0.8 | 3.4 |
| | <u>2,382.5</u> | <u>88.2</u> | <u>2,294.3</u> | <u>69.3</u> | <u>2,225.0</u> |
| Operating profit | 122.7 | (14.4) | 137.1 | (13.3) | 150.4 |
| Interest expense | (98.6) | 15.5 | (114.1) | 4.3 | (118.4) |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | (75.1) | (75.1) | — | 26.2 | (26.2) |
| Investment income, net | 36.3 | 35.8 | 0.5 | (4.8) | 5.3 |
| Other income, net | 1.6 | 0.7 | 0.9 | (1.6) | 2.5 |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes and noncontrolling interests | (13.1) | (37.5) | 24.4 | 10.8 | 13.6 |
| Benefit from (provision for) income taxes | 21.1 | 27.6 | (6.5) | (11.0) | 4.5 |
| Income from continuing operations | 8.0 | (9.9) | 17.9 | (0.2) | 18.1 |
| Net income (loss) from discontinued operations | 1.5 | 9.5 | (8.0) | 14.4 | (22.4) |
| Net income (loss) | 9.5 | (0.4) | 9.9 | 14.2 | (4.3) |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (2.4) | (2.4) | — | — | — |
| Net income (loss) attributable to The Wendy's Company | <u>\$ 7.1</u> | <u>\$ (2.8)</u> | <u>\$ 9.9</u> | <u>\$ 14.2</u> | <u>\$ (4.3)</u> |

| | <u>2012</u> | | <u>2011</u> | | <u>2010</u> |
|--|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| <i>Sales:</i> | | | | | |
| Wendy's | \$2,129.3 | | \$2,050.1 | | \$1,980.6 |
| Bakery and other (a) | <u>69.0</u> | | <u>76.5</u> | | <u>98.5</u> |
| Total sales | <u>\$2,198.3</u> | | <u>\$2,126.6</u> | | <u>\$2,079.1</u> |
| | | <u>% of</u> | | <u>% of</u> | <u>% of</u> |
| | | <u>Sales</u> | | <u>Sales</u> | <u>Sales</u> |
| <i>Cost of sales:</i> | | | | | |
| Wendy's | | | | | |
| Food and paper | \$ 707.3 | 33.2% | \$ 679.5 | 33.1% | \$ 638.8 32.2% |
| Restaurant labor | 641.3 | 30.1% | 613.2 | 29.9% | 590.0 29.8% |
| Occupancy, advertising and other operating costs | <u>483.6</u> | <u>22.7%</u> | <u>470.6</u> | <u>23.0%</u> | <u>458.6</u> 23.2% |
| Total cost of sales | <u>1,832.2</u> | <u>86.0%</u> | <u>1,763.3</u> | <u>86.0%</u> | <u>1,687.4</u> 85.2% |
| Bakery and other (a) | <u>49.0</u> | n/m | <u>52.8</u> | n/m | <u>69.6</u> n/m |
| Total cost of sales | <u>\$1,881.2</u> | <u>85.6%</u> | <u>\$1,816.1</u> | <u>85.4%</u> | <u>\$1,757.0</u> 84.5% |
| | | <u>2012</u> | | <u>2011</u> | |
| | | | | | <u>2010</u> |
| <i>Margin \$:</i> | | | | | |
| Wendy's | \$297.1 | | \$286.8 | | \$293.2 |
| Bakery and other (a) | <u>20.0</u> | | <u>23.7</u> | | <u>28.9</u> |
| Total margin | <u>\$317.1</u> | | <u>\$310.5</u> | | <u>\$322.1</u> |
| Wendy's restaurant margin % | | 14.0% | | 14.0% | 14.8% |

(a) During the first quarter of 2011, QSCC began managing the operations for kids' meal promotion items sold to franchisees.

| | <u>New Method</u> | | | <u>Old Method</u> | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
| <i>Wendy's restaurant statistics:</i> | | | | | | |
| North America same-store sales: | | | | | | |
| Company-owned restaurants | 1.6% | 2.0% | (1.7)% | 1.5% | 2.0% | (1.7)% |
| Franchised restaurants | 1.6% | 1.9% | (0.3)% | 1.6% | 1.9% | (0.3)% |
| Systemwide | 1.6% | 1.9% | (0.6)% | 1.5% | 1.9% | (0.6)% |
| Total same-store sales: | | | | | | |
| Company-owned restaurants | 1.6% | 2.0% | (1.7)% | 1.5% | 2.0% | (1.7)% |
| Franchised restaurants (a) | 1.7% | 2.0% | (0.3)% | 1.6% | 2.0% | (0.3)% |
| Systemwide (a) | 1.7% | 2.0% | (0.6)% | 1.6% | 2.0% | (0.6)% |

(a) Includes international franchised restaurants same-store sales.

| | <u>Company-owned</u> | <u>Franchised</u> | <u>Systemwide</u> |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Restaurant count:</i> | | | |
| Restaurant count at January 2, 2011 | 1,394 | 5,182 | 6,576 |
| Opened | 20 | 69 | 89 |
| Closed | (15) | (56) | (71) |
| Net purchased from (sold by) franchisees | <u>18</u> | <u>(18)</u> | <u>—</u> |
| Restaurant count at January 1, 2012 | <u>1,417</u> | <u>5,177</u> | <u>6,594</u> |
| Opened | 16 | 85 | 101 |
| Closed | (32) | (103) | (135) |
| Net purchased from (sold by) franchisees | <u>26</u> | <u>(26)</u> | <u>—</u> |
| Restaurant count at December 30, 2012 | <u><u>1,427</u></u> | <u><u>5,133</u></u> | <u><u>6,560</u></u> |
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
| <i>Company-owned average unit volumes:</i> | | | |
| Wendy's | \$1,483.8 | \$1,456.4 | \$1,417.8 |

Sales

| | <u>Change</u> | |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
| Wendy's | \$79.2 | \$ 69.5 |
| Bakery and other | <u>(7.5)</u> | <u>(22.0)</u> |
| | <u>\$71.7</u> | <u>\$ 47.5</u> |

The increase in sales in 2012 was partially due to an increase in our average per customer check amount, in part offset by a decrease in customer transactions throughout the majority of 2012. Our average per customer check amount increased in 2012 primarily due to strategic price increases on our menu items and, to a lesser extent, the composition of our sales which included more premium products in 2012. Wendy's company-owned restaurants opened or acquired subsequent to January 1, 2012 resulted in incremental sales of \$51.1 million in 2012, which were partially offset by a reduction in sales of \$17.6 million from locations closed or sold after January 1, 2012. Sales were also negatively impacted by \$2.7 million due to changes in Canadian foreign currency rates.

The increase in sales in 2011 was primarily due to increases in both our average per customer check amount and in the number of customer transactions. Our average per customer check increased primarily due to (1) increases in prices on certain menu items and (2) new product offerings with a higher menu price. Sales were also impacted by a \$9.4 million benefit due to changes in Canadian foreign currency rates, which was partially offset by a decrease of \$2.3 million in company-owned same-store sales primarily due to the effect of higher sales taxes in two Canadian provinces in the first half of 2011 as compared to the first half of 2010. Wendy's company-owned restaurants opened or acquired subsequent to January 2, 2011 resulted in incremental sales of \$24.5 million in 2011, which were partially offset by a reduction in sales of \$9.7 million from locations closed or sold after January 2, 2011.

Franchise Revenues

| | <u>Change</u> | |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
| Franchise revenues | <u>\$2.1</u> | <u>\$8.5</u> |

The increases in franchise revenues for 2012 and 2011 were primarily due to increases in franchise restaurant same-store sales of 1.7% and 2.0%, respectively. We believe franchised restaurant same-store sales for 2012 and 2011 were impacted by the same factors described above for company-owned restaurants.

Cost of Sales

| | Change | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
| Food and paper | 0.1% | 0.9% |
| Restaurant labor | 0.2% | 0.1% |
| Occupancy, advertising and other operating costs | <u>(0.3)%</u> | <u>(0.2)%</u> |
| | <u>0.0%</u> | <u>0.8%</u> |

Cost of sales, as a percent of sales, remained flat in 2012 as compared to 2011. As a percent of sales, during 2012 we experienced a 1.0% increase in commodity costs and increased labor costs partially resulting from operating initiatives, including breakfast and Image Activation. As a percent of sales, these increases were offset by the effect of strategic price increases on our menu items, along with a decrease in breakfast advertising expenses.

As a percent of sales, the increase in food and paper costs in 2011 was primarily due to a 1.4% increase in commodity costs partially offset by the 0.8% effect of strategic price increases taken on certain menu items. The decrease in occupancy, advertising and other operating expenses as a percent of sales in 2011 was primarily due to a 0.4% decrease in insurance costs partially offset by a 0.2% increase in advertising expenses associated with the expansion of our breakfast daypart in additional markets during the first half of 2011.

General and Administrative

| | Change | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
| Professional services | \$(8.2) | \$ 7.1 |
| Transition service agreement | 6.8 | (6.8) |
| Franchise incentives | 2.4 | (6.8) |
| SSG co-op formation & funding | 2.3 | (7.4) |
| Integration costs | — | (5.5) |
| Other, net | <u>(7.9)</u> | <u>0.3</u> |
| | <u>\$(4.6)</u> | <u>\$(19.1)</u> |

The decrease in general and administrative expenses in 2012 was primarily due to a decrease in professional services resulting from a decrease in contract services for information technology and tax related projects. This decrease was partially offset by (1) the reimbursement of costs for continuing corporate and shared services incurred in the second half of 2011 in connection with the transition service agreement related to the sale of Arby's (these services were completed during the fourth quarter of 2011), (2) the effect of the various franchise incentive programs in 2012 compared to 2011 and (3) the reversal of the accrual for the unpaid SSG funding commitment of \$2.3 million during the first quarter of 2011.

The decrease in general and administrative expenses in 2011 was primarily due to (1) expenses related to the formation of SSG recorded in the first quarter of 2010 combined with the reversal of the accrual for the unpaid SSG funding commitment during the first quarter of 2011, (2) the effect of the various franchise incentive programs in 2011 compared to 2010, (3) reimbursement of costs incurred in the second half of 2011 in connection with the transition services agreement related to the sale of Arby's; similar costs were incurred in the first half of 2011 and in 2010, which were not then subject to reimbursement and (4) the completion of the integration efforts in early 2010 related to the merger with Wendy's. These decreases were partially offset by (1) reductions in legal reserves in 2010 for matters accrued in prior years combined with an increase in legal reserves in 2011 and (2) an increase in professional fees associated primarily with information technology and tax related projects.

Depreciation and Amortization

| | Change | |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Restaurants | \$21.7 | \$(1.4) |
| Other | 2.3 | (2.4) |
| | <u>\$24.0</u> | <u>\$(3.8)</u> |

The increase in restaurant depreciation and amortization in 2012 included (1) \$11.6 million related to our Image Activation initiative which includes depreciation on new and reimaged restaurants and related depreciation on existing assets that were replaced, (2) \$7.2 million related to other restaurant capital expenditures, including the effect from restaurants acquired from franchisees subsequent to 2011 and (3) \$2.9 million related to point-of-sale system hardware purchased during 2012.

The decrease in depreciation and amortization in 2011 was primarily related to (1) previously impaired long-lived assets, (2) depreciation on properties in 2010 which have since been fully depreciated and (3) the transfer of certain corporate information technology equipment to Arby's during the first half of 2011 (the depreciation of those assets is included in discontinued operations). Additionally, depreciation and amortization decreased due to the classification of a company-owned aircraft as held for sale during the second quarter of 2011 as no depreciation expense is recorded on assets held for sale.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

| | Change | |
|---|--------------|-----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Restaurants, primarily properties | \$6.6 | \$(13.4) |
| Aircraft | 1.6 | — |
| | <u>\$8.2</u> | <u>\$(13.4)</u> |

The changes in impairment charges during 2012 and 2011 were primarily due to the level of impairment charges taken on properties at underperforming locations. Impairment charges primarily include charges on restaurant level assets resulting from a continued decline in operating performance of certain restaurants and additional charges for capital improvements in restaurants impaired in prior years which did not subsequently recover.

Also, as of the beginning of the second quarter of 2012, we reclassified a company-owned aircraft as held and used from its previous held for sale classification. During 2012, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$1.6 million on the company-owned aircraft. As of December 30, 2012, the carrying value of the aircraft, which reflects current market conditions, approximated its fair value and is included in "Properties."

Facilities Relocation Costs and Other Transactions

| | Year Ended | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Facilities relocation and other transition costs | \$29.0 | \$ 5.5 |
| Breakfast discontinuation | 10.6 | — |
| Arby's transaction related costs | 1.4 | 40.2 |
| | <u>\$41.0</u> | <u>\$45.7</u> |

During 2012 and 2011, the Company had facilities relocation and other transition costs aggregating \$29.0 million and \$5.5 million, respectively, related to the relocation of the Atlanta restaurant support center to Ohio, which was substantially completed during 2012. Costs during both 2012 and 2011 primarily related to severance, retention and other payroll costs, and additionally in 2012, relocation, consulting and professional fees and costs associated with the closure of the Atlanta restaurant support center.

During the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company reflected costs totaling \$10.6 million resulting from the discontinuation of the breakfast daypart at certain restaurants consisting primarily of (1) the remaining net carrying value of \$5.3 million for certain breakfast equipment and (2) amounts advanced to franchisees of \$3.5 million for breakfast equipment which will not be reimbursed.

During 2012 and 2011, the Company recorded transaction related costs aggregating \$1.4 million and \$40.2 million, respectively, as a result of the sale of Arby's in July 2011. Costs expensed during 2011 primarily related to severance, retention and stock compensation primarily associated with the accelerated vesting of previously granted awards. Relocation and stock compensation costs related to the relocation of a corporate executive are being amortized over a three year period in accordance with the terms of an agreement.

Interest Expense

| | Change | |
|--|-----------------|----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Senior Notes | \$(29.1) | \$ 0.2 |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | (2.0) | 0.2 |
| Term loans | 15.2 | 1.8 |
| Interest rate swaps | 0.1 | 2.3 |
| Wendy's 6.25% senior notes | — | (7.7) |
| Other, net | 0.3 | (1.1) |
| | <u>\$(15.5)</u> | <u>\$(4.3)</u> |

The decrease in interest expense during 2012 was primarily due to the purchase and redemption of the Senior Notes outstanding in May and July 2012, respectively, as further discussed in "Liquidity and Capital Resources—2012 Credit Agreement." This decrease in interest expense was partially offset by the effect of higher comparative weighted average principal amounts outstanding under the term loans as partially offset by lower effective comparative interest rates on the term loans.

The decrease in interest expense in 2011 was primarily due to the redemption of the Wendy's 6.25% senior notes in the second quarter of 2010 as partially offset by a \$1.9 million gain on the cancellation of related interest rate swaps. Interest expense was also affected by higher comparative weighted average principal amounts on the then outstanding term loans as partially offset by lower effective comparative interest rates of the term loans.

Loss on Early Extinguishment of Debt

The loss on early extinguishment of debt in 2012 of \$75.1 million consisted of (1) a \$43.2 million premium payment required to redeem and purchase the Senior Notes, (2) \$9.3 million for the write-off of the unaccreted discount on the Senior Notes, (3) \$12.4 million for the write-off of deferred costs associated with the Senior Notes, (4) \$1.7 million for the write-off of the unaccreted discount on the 2010 Term Loan and (5) \$8.5 million for the write-off of deferred costs associated with the repayment of the 2010 Term Loan.

The loss on early extinguishment of debt in 2010 of \$26.2 million consisted of (1) a \$15.0 million premium payment required to redeem the Wendy's 6.25% senior notes, (2) \$5.5 million for the write-off of the unaccreted discount on the Wendy's 6.25% senior notes and (3) \$5.7 million for the write-off of deferred costs associated with the repayment of the Wendy's Restaurants 2009 senior secured term loan.

Investment Income, Net

| | Change | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Gain on sale of investments, net | \$27.5 | \$ 0.1 |
| Distributions, including dividends | 8.3 | — |
| Gain on DFR Notes | — | (4.9) |
| | <u>\$35.8</u> | <u>\$(4.8)</u> |

The increase in investment income in 2012 was primarily a result of recording a \$27.4 million gain on the sale of our investment in Jurlique, which included a loss of \$2.9 million on the related settlement of the derivative transaction discussed in Note 8 of the Financial Statements and Supplementary Data contained in Item 8 herein. In addition, we received a \$4.6 million dividend from our investment in Arby's during 2012.

The decrease in investment income in 2011 primarily related to the recognition of income of \$4.9 million on the repayment and cancellation of the DFR Notes during 2010.

Benefit from (Provision for) Income Taxes

| | Change | |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Federal and state benefit on variance in (loss) income from continuing operations | | |
| before income taxes and noncontrolling interests | \$23.1 | \$ (4.9) |
| Foreign tax credit, net of tax on foreign earnings | (0.8) | (6.5) |
| Corrections related to prior years' tax matters | 7.6 | — |
| Adjustments related to prior year tax matters | (2.2) | 0.9 |
| Other | (0.1) | (0.5) |
| | <u>\$27.6</u> | <u>\$(11.0)</u> |

Our income taxes in 2012, 2011 and 2010 were impacted by variations in income from continuing operations before income taxes and noncontrolling interests, adjusted for recurring items such as non-deductible expenses 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. Taxes changed as a result of the following discrete items: (1) certain corrections in 2012 related to tax matters in prior years for the effects of tax depreciation in states that do not follow federal law of \$3.3 million, the effects of a one-time federal employment tax credit of \$2.2 million and a correction to certain deferred tax assets and liabilities of \$2.1 million, (2) adjustments related to prior year tax matters resulting from the recurring process of comparing the tax returns as filed to related tax provisions as compared to the prior year and (3) a 2010 tax benefit of foreign tax credits, net of tax on foreign earnings which did not recur.

Net Income (Loss) from Discontinued Operations

Net income (loss) from discontinued operations includes income from discontinued operations of \$2.0 million and \$0.8 million for the years ended December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012, respectively, and a loss from discontinued operations of \$22.4 million for the year ended January 2, 2011, net of a benefit from (provision for) income taxes of \$1.0 million, \$(0.9) million and \$13.1 million, respectively. Net income (loss) from discontinued operations for the years ended December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012 also includes a loss on disposal of \$0.5 million and \$8.8 million, respectively, net of a benefit from (provision for) income taxes of \$0.3 million and \$(3.6) million, respectively.

Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests

Jurl, a 99.7% owned subsidiary, completed the sale of our investment in Jurlique in February 2012. We have reflected net income attributable to noncontrolling interests of \$2.4 million, net of an income tax benefit of \$1.3 million, for the year ended December 30, 2012 in connection with the equity and profit interests discussed below.

The net assets and liabilities of the subsidiary that held the investment were not material to the consolidated financial statements. Therefore, the noncontrolling interest in those assets and liabilities was not previously reported separately. As a result of this sale and distributions to the minority shareholders, there are no remaining noncontrolling interests in this consolidated subsidiary.

Prior to 2009 when our predecessor entity was a diversified company active in investments, we had provided the Former Executives and certain other former employees, equity and profit interests in Jurl. In connection with the gain on sale of Jurlique, we distributed, based on the related agreement, approximately \$3.7 million to Jurl's minority shareholders, including approximately \$2.3 million to the Former Executives during the year ended December 30, 2012.

Outlook for 2013

Sales

We expect that sales will be favorably impacted primarily by improving our North America business by elevating the total customer experience through continuing core menu improvement, step-change product innovation and focused execution of operational excellence and brand positioning. We will support these growth opportunities through our Image Activation program which includes our new restaurants and the reimagining of approximately 100 restaurants during 2013. The net impact of new store openings and closings is not expected to have a significant impact on sales.

Franchise Revenues

We expect that the sales trends for franchised restaurants will continue to be generally impacted by factors described above under "Sales" related to the improvements in the North America business. We anticipate that our franchisees will reimage 100 restaurants during 2013. The net impact of new store openings and closings is not expected to have a significant impact on franchise revenues.

Cost of Sales

We expect cost of sales, as a percent of sales, will be favorably impacted by the same factors described above for sales and by a benefit from the discontinuation of the breakfast daypart at certain restaurants. However, we expect cost of sales, as a percentage of sales, to be negatively impacted by an increase in overall commodity costs.

Depreciation and Amortization

We expect our depreciation and amortization will increase in 2013 due to an increase in capital expenditures related primarily to our Image Activation program for new and reimaged restaurants and the depreciation of existing assets that will be replaced as part of our Image Activation program.

Interest Expense

We expect that our interest expense will decrease in 2013 due to the full year effect of the refinancing initiative completed in July 2012.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's discussion below regarding its liquidity and capital resources includes the discontinued operations of Arby's. Arby's cash flows prior to its sale (for the period from January 3, 2011 through July 3, 2011 and for the year ended January 2, 2011) have been included in and not separately reported from our cash flows. The consolidated statements of cash flows for the years ended December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012 also include the effects of the sale of Arby's. The tables included throughout Liquidity and Capital Resources present dollars in millions.

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities

2012 Compared with 2011

Cash provided by operating activities decreased \$56.3 million during the year ended December 30, 2012 as compared to the year ended January 1, 2012, primarily due to the following:

- a \$54.0 million unfavorable impact in accrued expenses and other current liabilities for the comparable periods. This unfavorable impact was primarily due to (1) an increase in payments and a decrease in charges for Arby's transaction related costs and facilities relocation and transition costs related to the relocation of the Company's Atlanta restaurant support center to Ohio, (2) a decrease in interest expense and the corresponding accrual primarily due to the purchase and redemption of the Senior Notes, as further discussed below and (3) a decrease in accrued income taxes; and
- a \$20.6 million unfavorable impact in accounts payable for the comparable periods. This unfavorable impact was primarily due to (1) higher payments in 2012 in comparison to 2011 for capital expenditures accrued at the end of 2011 and 2010, respectively and (2) changes in accounts payable due to the timing of payments between the comparable periods.

These decreases were partially offset by increases in cash related to accounts and notes receivable of \$6.7 million, prepaid expenses and other current assets of \$6.2 million and a cash dividend received from our investment in Arby's of \$4.6 million in 2012.

Additionally, for the year ended December 30, 2012, the Company had the following significant sources and uses of cash other than from operating activities:

- Proceeds from the sale of our cost investment in Jurlique of \$27.3 million;
- \$40.6 million for the acquisition of franchised restaurants;
- Cash capital expenditures totaling \$197.6 million, including \$71.9 million for reimaged and new Image Activation restaurants, \$13.5 million for other remodeled and new restaurants, \$28.0 million for restaurant point-of-sale equipment, \$23.2 million for the construction of a new building at our corporate headquarters, in part related to the relocation of our Atlanta restaurant support center, and the renovation of portions of the corporate headquarters and \$61.0 million for various capital projects;
- Proceeds from the Term Loan of \$1,113.8 million;
- Repayments of \$1,044.3 million of long-term debt, primarily related to the 2010 Term Loan and Senior Notes;
- Financing cost payments related to the Credit Agreement;
- Premium payments on the redemption/purchase of the Senior Notes of \$43.2 million; and
- Dividend payments of \$39.0 million.

The net cash used in our business before the effect of exchange rate changes on cash was approximately \$23.1 million.

2011 Compared with 2010

Cash provided by operating activities increased \$20.5 million during the year ended January 1, 2012 as compared to the year ended January 2, 2011, primarily due to the following:

- a \$40.6 million favorable impact in accrued expenses and other current liabilities for the comparable periods. This favorable impact was primarily due to the following: (1) an increase in amounts accrued for termination, severance and relocation costs associated with the sale of Arby's and the related plans for the relocation of the Company's Atlanta restaurant support center to Ohio, (2) payments to QSCC in the first quarter of 2010 which were accrued in 2009, (3) a decrease in amounts paid in 2011 versus 2010 under incentive compensation plans for the 2010 and 2009 fiscal years, respectively and (4) a decrease in interest payments in 2011 compared to 2010, partially offset by a decrease in accrued interest expense both primarily due to the redemption of the Wendy's 6.25% senior notes in the second quarter of 2010 and a \$190.0 million decrease in long-term debt which was assumed by Buyer on July 4, 2011. These favorable changes were partially offset by a decrease in the current income tax provision due to variations in taxable income of continuing operations during the same comparable periods; and
- a \$27.2 million favorable impact in accounts payable resulting from an increase in accounts payable of \$11.4 million during 2011 compared to a decrease in accounts payable of \$15.8 million during 2010. The changes for 2011 and 2010 were primarily due to the following: (1) an increase in amounts payable for food purchases at Wendy's as a result of higher sales trends in 2011 as compared to 2010, (2) a decrease in payments for expenses at Arby's as a result of its sale on July 4, 2011, (3) amounts payable related to the Wendy's annual convention held in the 2011 fourth quarter and (4) a decrease in payments for Wendy's kids' meal promotion items as the management for kids' meal promotion items sold to franchisees was transferred to QSCC in the first quarter of 2011.

These increases were partially offset by a \$9.1 million decrease to cash related to prepaid expenses and other current assets.

Additionally, for the year ended January 1, 2012, the Company had the following significant sources and uses of cash other than from operating activities:

- Proceeds from the sale of Arby's of \$97.9 million, which is net of the following: Arby's cash balance of \$7.1 million at the sale date, customary purchase price adjustments primarily related to working capital and transaction closing costs paid through January 1, 2012;
- Repayments of long-term debt of \$38.7 million, including an excess cash flow prepayment of \$24.9 million as required by the 2010 Term Loan;
- Cash capital expenditures totaling \$146.8 million, which included \$27.5 million for the remodeling of restaurants, \$23.9 million for the construction of new restaurants and \$95.4 million for various capital projects;
- Dividend payments of \$32.4 million; and
- Repurchases of common stock of \$157.6 million, including commissions of \$0.6 million.

The net cash used in our business before the effect of exchange rate changes on cash was approximately \$36.1 million.

Sources and Uses of Cash for 2013

Our anticipated consolidated sources of cash and cash requirements for 2013 exclusive of operating cash flow requirements consist principally of:

- Capital expenditures of approximately \$245.0 million as discussed below in "Capital Expenditures;"
- Potential restaurant acquisitions and dispositions;
- The costs of any potential financing activities;

- Quarterly cash dividends aggregating up to approximately \$62.9 million as discussed below in “Dividends;” and
- Potential stock repurchases of up to \$100.0 million.

Based upon current levels of operations, the Company expects that cash flows from operations and available cash will provide sufficient liquidity to meet operating cash requirements for the next 12 months.

Capitalization

| | <u>Year End 2012</u> |
|---|--------------------------|
| Long-term debt, including current portion | \$1,457.6 |
| Stockholders’ equity | <u>1,985.9</u> |
| | <u>\$3,443.5</u> |

The Wendy’s Company’s total capitalization at December 30, 2012 increased \$90.4 million from \$3,353.1 million at January 1, 2012 impacted principally by the following:

- The completion of the Credit Agreement, as further discussed below, which resulted in additional debt from the \$1,125.0 million Term Loan offset by the principal reductions of (1) the 2010 Term Loan of \$467.8 million and (2) the redemption and purchase of the outstanding Senior Notes of \$565.0 million; and
- Dividends paid of \$39.0 million.

Long-Term Debt, Including Current Portion

| | <u>Year End 2012</u> |
|---|--------------------------|
| Term Loan | \$1,114.8 |
| 6.20% senior notes | 226.0 |
| 7% debentures | 83.5 |
| Capital lease obligations, excluding interest | 32.6 |
| Other | <u>0.7</u> |
| Total long-term debt, including current portion | <u>\$1,457.6</u> |

Except as described below, there were no material changes to the terms of any debt obligations since January 1, 2012. See Note 12 of the Financial Statements and Supplementary Data contained in Item 8 herein, for further information related to our long-term debt obligations.

2012 Credit Agreement

On May 15, 2012, Wendy’s entered into a Credit Agreement, as amended, which includes a senior secured term loan facility of \$1,125.0 million and a senior secured revolving credit facility of \$200.0 million and contains provisions for an uncommitted increase of up to \$275.0 million principal amount of the revolving credit facility and/or Term Loan subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions. The revolving credit facility includes a sub-facility for the issuance of up to \$70.0 million of letters of credit.

The Term Loan was issued at 99.0% of the principal amount, representing an original issue discount of 1.0% resulting in net proceeds of \$1,113.8 million with draws on May 15, 2012 and July 16, 2012. The discount of \$11.3 million is being accreted and the related charge included in “Interest expense” through the maturity of the Term Loan.

The Term Loan is due not later than May 15, 2019 and amortizes in an amount equal to 1% per annum of the total principal amount outstanding, payable in quarterly installments which commenced on December 31, 2012, with the remaining balance payable on the maturity date. In addition, the Term Loan requires prepayments of principal amounts resulting from certain events and excess cash flow on an annual basis from Wendy’s as defined under the Credit Agreement. An excess cash flow payment was not required for fiscal 2012. The revolving credit facility expires

not later than May 15, 2017. An unused commitment fee of 50 basis points per annum is payable quarterly on the average unused amount of the revolving credit facility until the maturity date. As of December 30, 2012, there were no amounts outstanding under the revolving credit facility, except for \$20.3 million of letters of credit issued in the normal course of business.

The interest rate on the Term Loan and amounts borrowed under the revolving credit facility is based on the Eurodollar Rate as defined in the Credit Agreement (but not less than 1.25%), plus 3.50%, or a Base Rate, as defined in the Credit Agreement plus 2.50%. Since the inception of the Term Loan, we have elected to use the Eurodollar Rate, which resulted in an interest rate on the Term Loan of 4.75% as of December 30, 2012.

Wendy's incurred \$15.6 million in costs related to the Credit Agreement, which is being amortized to "Interest expense" through the maturity of the Term Loan utilizing the effective interest rate method.

Proceeds from the Term Loan were used (1) to repay all amounts outstanding under the 2010 Term Loan, (2) to redeem the Senior Notes in the amounts of \$440.8 million aggregate principal at a redemption price of 107.5% of the principal amount in July 2012 and to purchase \$124.2 million aggregate principal at a purchase price of 108.125% of the principal amount in May 2012, both plus accrued and unpaid interest and (3) to pay substantially all of the Credit Agreement fees and expenses.

The Company recognized losses on the early extinguishment of debt of \$75.1 million for the year ended December 30, 2012 related to the repayment of debt from the proceeds of the Term Loan draws on July 16, 2012 and May 15, 2012.

The affirmative and negative covenants in the Credit Agreement include, among others, preservation of corporate existence; payment of taxes; maintenance of insurance; and limitations on: indebtedness (including guarantee obligations of other indebtedness); liens; mergers, consolidations, liquidations and dissolutions; sales of assets; dividends and other payments in respect of capital stock; investments; payments of certain indebtedness; transactions with affiliates; changes in fiscal year; negative pledge clauses and clauses restricting subsidiary distributions; and material changes in lines of business. The financial covenants contained in the Credit Agreement are (1) a consolidated interest coverage ratio and (2) a consolidated senior secured leverage ratio. Wendy's was in compliance with all covenants of the Credit Agreement as of December 30, 2012 and we expect to remain in compliance with all of these covenants for the next 12 months.

6.54% Aircraft Term Loan

During the first quarter of 2012, the Company made a \$3.9 million prepayment on its aircraft financing facility to comply with a requirement that the outstanding principal balance be no more than 85% of the appraised value of the aircraft. On June 25, 2012, the Company voluntarily repaid the remaining outstanding principal, including accrued interest thereon related to this facility, totaling \$6.7 million.

Contractual Obligations

The following table summarizes the expected payments under our outstanding contractual obligations at December 30, 2012:

| | Fiscal Years | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2013 | 2014-2015 | 2016-2017 | After 2017 | Total |
| Long-term debt obligations (a) | \$ 79.7 | \$381.3 | \$139.0 | \$1,297.3 | \$1,897.3 |
| Capital lease obligations (b) | 4.4 | 9.3 | 8.2 | 43.8 | 65.7 |
| Operating lease obligations (c) | 66.4 | 113.1 | 99.9 | 642.5 | 921.9 |
| Purchase obligations (d) | 55.7 | 49.6 | 41.1 | 30.0 | 176.4 |
| Other | 7.4 | 1.5 | 0.9 | — | 9.8 |
| Total (e) | <u>\$213.6</u> | <u>\$554.8</u> | <u>\$289.1</u> | <u>\$2,013.6</u> | <u>\$3,071.1</u> |

(a) Excludes capital lease obligations, which are shown separately in the table. The table includes interest of approximately \$446.6 million. The table also reflects the effect of interest rate swaps which lowered our interest

rate on our 6.20% Wendy's senior notes. These amounts exclude the fair value adjustments related to certain debt assumed in the Wendy's merger.

- (b) Excludes related sublease rental receipts of \$8.9 million on capital lease obligations. The table includes interest of approximately \$33.1 million for capital lease obligations.
- (c) Represents the minimum lease cash payments. Excludes aggregate related sublease rental receipts of \$58.8 million.
- (d) Includes (1) \$132.7 million for the remaining beverage purchase requirement under the previous beverage agreement as of December 30, 2012, (2) \$22.1 million for capital expenditures, (3) \$20.0 million for utility commitments and (4) \$1.6 million of other purchase obligations. The Company entered into a new beverage agreement, effective January 1, 2013, which establishes a new contract term and, among other terms, revised pricing and usage requirements. Based on current pricing and the current ratio of usage at company-owned restaurants to franchised restaurants, our total beverage purchase requirement under the new agreement is estimated to be approximately \$170.0 million over the remaining life of the contract, which expires the later of reaching the minimum usage requirement or January 1, 2023.
- (e) Excludes obligation for uncertain income tax positions of \$28.8 million. We are unable to predict when and if cash payments on any of this accrual will be required.

Capital Expenditures

In 2012, cash capital expenditures amounted to \$197.6 million and non-cash capital expenditures, consisting of capitalized lease obligations, amounted to \$16.3 million. In 2013, we expect that cash capital expenditures will amount to approximately \$245.0 million, principally relating to (1) reimaging approximately 100 company-owned restaurants, (2) the opening of an estimated 25 new, primarily Image Activation, company-owned restaurants, (3) maintenance capital expenditures for our company-owned restaurants and (4) various other capital projects. We have \$22.1 million of outstanding commitments for capital expenditures as of December 30, 2012 which will be paid in 2013.

Dividends

The Wendy's Company paid quarterly cash dividends of \$0.02 per share on its common stock aggregating \$23.4 million through the third quarter of 2012. In the fourth quarter of 2012, The Wendy's Company paid a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.04 per share on its common stock aggregating \$15.6 million. During the first quarter of 2013, The Wendy's Company declared a dividend of \$0.04 per share to be paid on March 15, 2013 to shareholders of record as of March 1, 2013. If The Wendy's Company pays regular quarterly cash dividends for the remainder of 2013 at the same rate as declared in the first quarter of 2013, The Wendy's Company's total cash requirement for dividends for all of 2013 would be approximately \$62.9 million based on the number of shares of its common stock outstanding at February 22, 2013. Although The Wendy's Company currently intends to continue to declare and pay quarterly cash dividends, there can be no assurance that any additional quarterly dividends will be declared or paid or of the amount or timing of such dividends, if any.

Stock Repurchases

In November 2012, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$100.0 million of our common stock through December 29, 2013, when and if market conditions warrant and to the extent legally permissible. No repurchases were made for the year ended December 30, 2012.

Under the prior repurchase program, which expired at the end of fiscal 2011, our Board of Directors had authorized in aggregate the repurchase of \$495.0 million of our common stock. Through the expiration of the prior repurchase program, the Company repurchased in aggregate 83.3 million shares with a purchase price of \$402.5 million, excluding commissions of \$1.5 million.

Guarantees and Other Contingencies

| | Year End 2012 |
|--|------------------|
| Lease guarantees and contingent rent on leases (a) | \$54.8 |
| Recourse on loans (b) | 13.0 |
| Letters of credit (c) | 20.6 |
| Other guarantees (d) | <u>3.0</u> |
| Total | <u>\$91.4</u> |

- (a) Wendy's is contingently liable for certain leases and other obligations primarily from former company-owned restaurant locations now operated by franchises amounting to \$48.1 million as of December 30, 2012. These leases extend through 2050. In addition, Wendy's is contingently liable for certain other leases which have been assigned to unrelated third parties, who have indemnified Wendy's against future liabilities amounting to \$6.7 million as of December 30, 2012. These leases expire on various dates through 2021.
- (b) Wendy's provided loan guarantees to various lenders on behalf of franchisees under pooled debt facility arrangements for new store development and equipment financing to promote systemwide initiatives. 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. During 2012, Wendy's provided a \$2.0 million guarantee to a lender for a franchisee, in connection with the refinancing of the franchisee's debt which originated in 2007. Pursuant to the agreement, the guarantee is subject to an annual reduction over a five year period.
- (c) The Company has outstanding letters of credit of \$20.6 million with various parties. The Company does not expect any material loss to result from these letters of credit because we do not believe performance will be required.
- (d) In 2012, Wendy's (1) provided a guarantee to certain lenders to the Japan JV for which our joint venture partners have agreed, should it become necessary, to reimburse and otherwise indemnify us for their 51% share of the guarantee and (2) agreed to reimburse and otherwise indemnify our joint venture partners for our 49% share of the guarantee by our joint venture partners of a line of credit granted by a different lender to the Japan JV to fund working capital requirements. As of December 30, 2012, our portion of these contingent obligations totaled approximately \$3.0 million based upon then current rates of exchange. The fair value of our guarantees is immaterial. In early 2013, the joint venture partners agreed on a plan to finance anticipated future cash requirements of the Japan JV. As determined by the amount of future capital contributions by each of the partners, Wendy's may become the majority owner of the Japan JV. The Japan JV and the effect of the noncontrolling interest in the Japan JV would then be included in the Wendy's consolidated financial statements from the date that Wendy's became the majority owner, or otherwise assumed day-to-day control of the Japan JV's operations. Our obligations, including the funding of anticipated future cash requirements of the Japan JV of approximately \$3.0 million, could total up to approximately \$8.0 million if our joint venture partners are unable to perform their reimbursement and indemnity obligations to us.

Inflation and Changing Prices

We believe that general inflation did not have a significant effect on our consolidated results of operations, except as mentioned below for certain commodities, during the reporting periods. We manage any inflationary costs and commodity price increases through selective menu price increases. Delays in implementing such menu price increases and competitive pressures may limit our ability to recover such cost increases in the future. Inherent volatility experienced in certain commodity markets, such as those for beef, chicken, corn and wheat had a significant effect on our results of operations in 2012 and 2011 and is expected to have an adverse effect on us in the future. The extent of any impact will depend on our ability and timing to increase food prices.

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. Because our business is 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.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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, impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets, impairment of long-lived assets, realizability of deferred tax assets, Federal and state income tax uncertainties and legal and environmental reserves. 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:

- Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets:

For goodwill impairment testing purposes, Wendy's includes two reporting units comprised of its (1) North America (defined as the United States of America and Canada) company-owned and franchise restaurants and (2) international franchise restaurants. As of December 30, 2012, substantially all of Wendy's goodwill of \$876.2 million was associated with its North America restaurants.

We test goodwill for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset may be impaired. We did not initially assess our goodwill for impairment using only qualitative factors in 2012 and, therefore, we performed our test for impairment using a two-step quantitative process. Under the first step, the fair value of the reporting unit is compared with its carrying value (including goodwill). If the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying value, an indication of goodwill impairment exists for the reporting unit and we must perform step two of the impairment test (measurement). Step two of the impairment test, if necessary, requires the estimation of the fair value for the assets and liabilities of a reporting unit in order to calculate the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill. Under step two, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of goodwill. The fair value of the reporting unit is determined by management and is based on the results of (1) estimates we made regarding the present value of the anticipated cash flows associated with each reporting unit (the "income approach") and (2) the indicated value of the reporting units based on a comparison and correlation of the Company and other similar companies (the "market approach").

The income approach, which considers factors unique to each of our reporting units and related long range plans that may not be comparable to other companies and that are not yet publicly available, is dependent on several critical management assumptions. These assumptions include estimates of future sales growth, gross margins, operating costs, income tax rates, terminal value growth rates, capital expenditures and the weighted average cost of capital (discount rate). Anticipated cash flows used under the income approach are developed every fourth quarter in conjunction with our annual budgeting process and also incorporate amounts and timing of future cash flows based on our long range plan.

The discount rates used in the income approach are an estimate of the rate of return that a market participant would expect of each reporting unit. To select an appropriate rate for discounting the future earnings stream, a review is made of short-term interest rate yields of long-term corporate and government bonds, as well as the typical capital structure of companies in the industry. The discount rates used for each reporting unit may vary depending on the risk inherent in the cash flow projections, as well as the risk level that would be perceived by a market participant. A terminal value is included at the end of the projection period used in our discounted cash flow analyses to reflect the remaining value that each

reporting unit is expected to generate. The terminal value represents the present value in the last year of the projection period of all subsequent cash flows into perpetuity. The terminal value growth rate is a key assumption used in determining the terminal value as it represents the annual growth of all subsequent cash flows into perpetuity.

Under the market approach, we apply the guideline company method in estimating fair value. The guideline company method makes use of market price data of corporations whose stock is actively traded in a public market. The corporations we selected as guideline companies are engaged in a similar line of business or are subject to similar financial and business risks, including the opportunity for growth. The guideline company method of the market approach provides an indication of value by relating the equity or invested capital (debt plus equity) of guideline companies to various measures of their earnings and cash flow, then applying such multiples to the business being valued. The result of applying the guideline company approach is adjusted based on the incremental value associated with a controlling interest in the business. This “control premium” represents the amount a new controlling shareholder would pay for the benefits resulting from synergies and other potential benefits derived from controlling the enterprise.

We performed our annual goodwill impairment test in the fourth quarter of 2012. Our assessment of goodwill of our Wendy’s North America restaurants indicated that there had been no impairment and that the fair value of this reporting unit of \$3,426 million was approximately 15% in excess of its carrying value.

Our indefinite-lived intangible assets represent trademarks and totaled \$903.0 million as of December 30, 2012. We test indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the assets may be impaired. In the third quarter of 2012, we adopted a new accounting pronouncement, which permits a company to make a qualitative assessment of whether it is more likely than not that an indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the quantitative impairment test. However, we determined that we were required to perform the quantitative assessment in 2012. Our quantitative process includes comparing the carrying value to the fair value of our indefinite-lived intangible assets, with any excess recognized as an impairment loss. Our critical estimates in the determination of the fair value of our indefinite-lived intangible assets include the anticipated future revenues of company-owned and franchised restaurants and the resulting cash flows.

We performed our annual indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment test in the fourth quarter of 2012, which indicated that there had been no impairment.

The estimated fair values of our goodwill reporting units and indefinite-lived intangible assets 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 use, we may be required to recognize impairment charges in future years.

- Impairment of long-lived assets:

For impairment testing purposes, long-lived assets include our company-owned restaurant assets and their definite-lived intangible assets, which include franchise agreements, favorable leases and reacquired rights under franchise agreements.

As of December 30, 2012, the net carrying value of our long-lived tangible and definite-lived intangible assets were \$1,250.3 million and \$398.5 million, respectively.

We review our long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. We assess the recoverability of our long-lived assets by comparing the carrying amount of the asset group to future undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated by our individual company-owned restaurants. If the carrying amount of the long-lived asset group is not recoverable on an undiscounted cash flow basis, then impairment is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds its fair value and is included in “Impairment of long-lived assets.” Our critical estimates in this review process include the anticipated future cash flows of each company-owned restaurant used in assessing the recoverability of their respective long-lived assets.

Our restaurant impairment losses principally reflect impairment charges resulting from the deterioration in operating performance of certain company-owned restaurants. 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.

- Realizability of deferred tax assets:

We account for income taxes under the asset and liability method. A deferred tax asset or liability is recognized whenever there are (1) future tax effects from temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and (2) operating loss, capital loss, and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to the years in which those differences are expected to be recovered or settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent the Company believes these assets will more likely than not be realized. In evaluating the realizability of deferred tax assets, the Company considers all available positive and negative evidence, including the interaction and the timing of future reversals of existing temporary differences, recent operating results, tax-planning strategies, and projected future taxable income. In projecting future taxable income, we begin with historical results adjusted for the results of discontinued operations and incorporate assumptions including future operating income, the reversal of temporary differences and the implementation of feasible and prudent tax planning strategies. These assumptions require significant judgment and are consistent with the plans and estimates we are using to manage our underlying business. In evaluating the objective evidence that historical results provide, we consider three years of cumulative operating income (loss).

When considered necessary, a valuation allowance is recorded to reduce the carrying amount of the deferred tax assets to their anticipated realizable value. Our evaluation of the realizability of our deferred tax assets is subject to change as a result of many factors including, among others, any changes in our business plans, changing economic conditions, the competitive environment and the effect of future tax legislation. Should future taxable income vary from projected taxable income, we may be required to adjust our valuation allowance in future years.

At December 30, 2012 we have federal net operating losses of \$306.5 million which will expire beginning 2025. Tax credits of \$91.3 million at December 30, 2012, principally consisting of foreign tax credits and jobs credits, expire beginning in 2015. State net operating losses are subject to various limitations including carryforward periods and begin expiring in 2013. We believe it is more likely than not that the benefit from certain state net operating loss carryforwards will not be realized. In recognition of this risk, we have provided a valuation allowance of \$21.1 million.

- Federal and state income tax uncertainties:

We 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. We have unrecognized tax benefits of \$28.8 million, which if resolved favorably would reduce our tax expense by \$20.4 million at December 30, 2012.

We recognize interest accrued related to uncertain tax positions in "Interest expense" and penalties in "General and administrative." At December 30, 2012, we had \$4.0 million accrued for interest and \$1.7 million accrued for penalties.

The Company participates in the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") Compliance Assurance Process ("CAP"). As part of CAP, tax years are examined on a contemporaneous basis so that all or most issues are resolved prior to the filing of the tax return. As such, our January 3, 2010, January 2, 2011 and January 1, 2012 tax returns have been settled. Certain of our state income tax returns from our 2001 fiscal year and forward remain subject to 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.

- Legal and environmental reserves:

We are involved in litigation and claims incidental to our current and prior businesses. We provide reserves for such litigation and claims when payment is probable and reasonably estimable. Most proceedings are in preliminary stages, with various motions either yet to be submitted or pending, discovery yet to occur and significant factual matters unresolved. In addition, most cases seek an indeterminate amount of damages and many involve multiple parties. Predicting the outcomes of settlement discussions or judicial or arbitral decisions are thus inherently difficult. We review our assumptions and estimates each quarter based on new developments, changes in applicable law and other relevant factors and revise our reserves accordingly.

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

Certain statements the Company makes 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 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 the impact on our earnings and cash flows. Our practice is to maintain a target, over time and subject to market conditions, of between 25% and 50% of “Long-term debt” as fixed, or effectively fixed, rate debt. As of December 30, 2012, our long-term debt, including current portion, aggregated \$1,457.6 million. Long-term debt consisted of \$310.2 million of fixed-rate debt, \$1,114.8 million of variable interest rate debt and \$32.6 million of capital lease obligations. The Company’s variable interest rate debt consists of \$1,114.8 million of borrowings under our Term Loan. The interest rate on the Term Loan is based on the Eurodollar Rate as defined in the Credit Agreement (but not less than 1.25%), plus 3.50%, or a Base Rate, as defined in the Credit Agreement, plus 2.50%. Since the inception of the Term Loan, we have elected to use the Eurodollar Rate which resulted in an interest rate on the Term Loan of 4.75% as of December 30, 2012.

Consistent with our policy, we entered into several outstanding interest rate swap agreements (the “Interest Rate Swaps”) during 2009 and 2010 with notional amounts totaling \$186.0 million and \$39.0 million, respectively, that swap the fixed rate interest rates on the Wendy’s 6.20% senior notes for floating rates. The Interest Rate Swaps are accounted for as fair value hedges. At December 30, 2012, the fair value of our Interest Rate Swaps was \$8.2 million and was included in “Deferred costs and other assets” and as an adjustment to the carrying amount of the Wendy’s 6.20% senior notes. Our policies prohibit the use of derivative instruments for trading purposes and we have procedures in place to monitor and control their use. If a portion of the hedge is determined to be ineffective, the ineffective portion of any changes in fair value would be recognized in our results of operations.

Commodity Price Risk

We purchase certain food products, such as beef, chicken, corn, pork and cheese, that are affected by changes in commodity prices and, as a result, we are subject to variability in our food costs. During the fourth quarter of 2009, Wendy’s entered into a purchasing co-op relationship agreement with its franchisees to establish QSCC. QSCC negotiates contracts with approved suppliers on behalf of the Wendy’s system in order to ensure favorable pricing for its major food products, as well as maintain an adequate supply of fresh food products. While price volatility can occur, which would impact profit margins, the purchasing contracts may limit the variability of these commodity costs without establishing any firm purchase commitments by us or our franchisees. In addition, 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.

Foreign Currency Risk

Our exposures to foreign currency risk are primarily related to fluctuations in the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar for our Canadian operations. 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 related to our investment in a Canadian subsidiary which is subject to foreign currency fluctuations. Our Canadian subsidiary exposures relate to its restaurants and administrative operations. 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. Revenues from our Canadian operations for both the years ended December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012 represented 6% of our total franchise revenues. Revenues from our Canadian operations for both the years ended December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012 represented 10% of our total revenues. Accordingly, an immediate 10% change in Canadian dollar exchange rates versus the U.S. dollar from their levels at December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012 would not have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Sensitivity Analysis

Market risk exposure for the Company is presented for each class of financial instruments held by the Company at December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012 for which an immediate adverse market movement would cause a potentially material impact on its financial position or results of operations. We believe that the adverse market movements described below represent the hypothetical loss to our financial position or our results of operations and do not represent the maximum possible loss nor any expected actual loss, even under adverse conditions, because actual adverse fluctuations would likely differ. As of December 30, 2012, 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 as of December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012 based upon assumed immediate adverse effects as noted below (in millions):

| | <u>Year End 2012</u> | |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| | <u>Carrying Value</u> | <u>Interest Rate Risk</u> |
| Interest rate swaps | \$ 8.2 | \$ (2.1) |
| Variable-rate long-term debt, excluding capital lease obligations | (1,114.8) | (68.7) |
| Fixed-rate long-term debt, excluding capital lease obligations | (310.2) | (12.0) |
| | <u>Year End 2011</u> | |
| | <u>Carrying Value</u> | <u>Interest Rate Risk</u> |
| Interest rate swaps | \$ 11.7 | \$ (5.8) |
| Variable-rate long-term debt, excluding capital lease obligations | (466.1) | (24.5) |
| Fixed-rate long-term debt, excluding capital lease obligations | (874.2) | (71.9) |

The sensitivity analysis of financial instruments held at December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012 assumes an instantaneous one percentage point adverse change in market interest rates from their levels at December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012, respectively, and with all other variables held constant.

As of December 30, 2012, the Company had both fixed and variable interest rate debt outstanding. On the fixed-rate debt, the interest rate risk presented with respect to long-term debt, excluding capital lease obligations, primarily relates to the potential impact a decrease in interest rates of one percentage point has on the fair value of \$310.2 million of fixed-rate debt and not on the Company's financial position or results of operations. However, as discussed above under "Interest Rate Risk," the Company has interest rate swap agreements on a portion of its fixed-rate debt. The interest rate risk of fixed-rate debt presented in the tables above excludes the effect of the \$225.0 million for which we designated interest rate swap agreements as fair value hedges for the terms of the swap agreements. As interest rates decrease, the fair market values of the interest rate swap agreements increase. The interest rate risk presented above with respect to the interest rate swap agreements represents the potential impact an increase in interest rates of one percentage point has on our results of operations. On the variable interest rate debt, the interest rate risk presented with respect to long-term debt, excluding capital lease obligations, represents the potential impact an increase in interest rates of one percentage point has on our results of operations related to our \$1,114.8 million of variable interest rate long-term debt outstanding as of December 30, 2012. The Company's variable-rate long-term debt outstanding as of December 30, 2012 had a weighted average remaining maturity of approximately six years.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors of
The Wendy's Company
Dublin, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of The Wendy's Company and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 30, 2012. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial statement schedule 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 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 30, 2012, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

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 30, 2012, 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 February 28, 2013, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Columbus, Ohio
February 28, 2013

THE WENDY'S COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In Thousands)

| | December 30, 2012 | January 1, 2012 |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 453,361 | \$ 475,231 |
| Accounts and notes receivable | 61,164 | 68,349 |
| Inventories | 13,805 | 12,903 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 24,231 | 27,397 |
| Deferred income tax benefit | 91,489 | 80,970 |
| Advertising funds restricted assets | 65,777 | 70,547 |
| Total current assets | 709,827 | 735,397 |
| Properties | 1,250,338 | 1,192,200 |
| Goodwill | 876,201 | 870,431 |
| Other intangible assets | 1,301,537 | 1,304,288 |
| Investments | 113,283 | 119,271 |
| Deferred costs and other assets | 52,013 | 67,542 |
| Total assets | <u>\$4,303,199</u> | <u>\$4,289,129</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$ 12,911 | \$ 6,597 |
| Accounts payable | 70,826 | 81,301 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 137,348 | 178,298 |
| Advertising funds restricted liabilities | 65,777 | 70,547 |
| Total current liabilities | 286,862 | 336,743 |
| Long-term debt | 1,444,651 | 1,350,402 |
| Deferred income taxes | 438,217 | 458,107 |
| Other liabilities | 147,614 | 147,808 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock, \$0.10 par value; 1,500,000 shares authorized; 470,424 shares issued | 47,042 | 47,042 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 2,782,765 | 2,779,871 |
| Accumulated deficit | (467,007) | (434,999) |
| Common stock held in treasury, at cost | (382,926) | (395,947) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 5,981 | 102 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 1,985,855 | 1,996,069 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | <u>\$4,303,199</u> | <u>\$4,289,129</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

THE WENDY'S COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In Thousands Except Per Share Amounts)

| | Year Ended | | |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | December 30, 2012 | January 1, 2012 | January 2, 2011 |
| Revenues: | | | |
| Sales | \$2,198,323 | \$2,126,544 | \$2,079,081 |
| Franchise revenues | 306,919 | 304,814 | 296,358 |
| | <u>2,505,242</u> | <u>2,431,358</u> | <u>2,375,439</u> |
| Costs and expenses: | | | |
| Cost of sales | 1,881,248 | 1,816,109 | 1,756,954 |
| General and administrative | 287,808 | 292,390 | 311,511 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 146,976 | 122,992 | 126,846 |
| Impairment of long-lived assets | 21,097 | 12,883 | 26,326 |
| Facilities relocation costs and other transactions | 41,031 | 45,711 | — |
| Other operating expense, net | 4,335 | 4,152 | 3,357 |
| | <u>2,382,495</u> | <u>2,294,237</u> | <u>2,224,994</u> |
| Operating profit | 122,747 | 137,121 | 150,445 |
| Interest expense | (98,604) | (114,110) | (118,385) |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | (75,076) | — | (26,197) |
| Investment income, net | 36,243 | 484 | 5,259 |
| Other income, net | 1,565 | 945 | 2,434 |
| | <u>(13,125)</u> | <u>24,440</u> | <u>13,556</u> |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes and noncontrolling interests | 21,083 | (6,528) | 4,555 |
| Benefit from (provision for) income taxes | 7,958 | 17,912 | 18,111 |
| Income from continuing operations | | | |
| Discontinued operations: | | | |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes | 1,951 | 762 | (22,436) |
| Loss on disposal of discontinued operations, net of income taxes | (442) | (8,799) | — |
| Net income (loss) from discontinued operations | <u>1,509</u> | <u>(8,037)</u> | <u>(22,436)</u> |
| Net income (loss) | 9,467 | 9,875 | (4,325) |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (2,384) | — | — |
| Net income (loss) attributable to The Wendy's Company | <u>\$ 7,083</u> | <u>\$ 9,875</u> | <u>\$ (4,325)</u> |
| Basic and diluted income (loss) per share attributable to The Wendy's Company: | | | |
| Continuing operations | \$.02 | \$.04 | \$.04 |
| Discontinued operations | — | (.02) | (.05) |
| Net income (loss) | \$.02 | \$.02 | \$ (.01) |
| Dividends per share | \$.10 | \$.08 | \$.07 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

THE WENDY'S COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(In Thousands)

| | Year Ended | | |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | December 30, 2012 | January 1, 2012 | January 2, 2011 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 9,467 | \$ 9,875 | \$ (4,325) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net: | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | 6,096 | (6,869) | 12,666 |
| Change in unrecognized pension loss, net of income tax benefit (provision) of \$127, \$(21), and \$(54), respectively | (217) | (46) | 95 |
| Change in unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities, net of income tax benefit of \$41 | — | — | (59) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net | <u>5,879</u> | <u>(6,915)</u> | <u>12,702</u> |
| Comprehensive income | 15,346 | 2,960 | 8,377 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests | <u>(2,384)</u> | — | — |
| Comprehensive income attributable to The Wendy's Company | <u>\$12,962</u> | <u>\$ 2,960</u> | <u>\$ 8,377</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

THE WENDY'S COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(In Thousands)

| | Common Stock | Additional Paid-In Capital | Accumulated Deficit | Common Stock Held in Treasury | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | | Total |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--|---|-----------|-------------|
| | | | | | Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment | Other | |
| Balance at January 3, 2010 | \$47,042 | \$2,761,433 | \$(380,480) | \$ (85,971) | \$ (4,696) | \$ (989) | \$2,336,339 |
| Net loss | — | — | (4,325) | — | — | — | (4,325) |
| Changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | — | — | — | — | 12,666 | 36 | 12,702 |
| Cash dividends | — | — | (27,621) | — | — | — | (27,621) |
| Accrued dividends on non-vested restricted stock | — | — | (38) | — | — | — | (38) |
| Repurchases of common stock | — | — | — | (167,743) | — | — | (167,743) |
| Share-based compensation expense | — | 13,704 | — | — | — | — | 13,704 |
| Common stock issued upon exercises of stock options | — | (562) | — | 1,840 | — | — | 1,278 |
| Common stock issued upon vesting of restricted shares | — | (2,765) | — | 2,101 | — | — | (664) |
| Tax charge from share-based compensation | — | (664) | — | — | — | — | (664) |
| Other | — | (20) | — | 226 | — | — | 206 |
| Balance at January 2, 2011 | 47,042 | 2,771,126 | (412,464) | (249,547) | 7,970 | (953) | 2,163,174 |
| Net income | — | — | 9,875 | — | — | — | 9,875 |
| Changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | — | — | — | — | (6,869) | (46) | (6,915) |
| Cash dividends | — | — | (32,366) | — | — | — | (32,366) |
| Accrued dividends on non-vested restricted stock | — | — | (44) | — | — | — | (44) |
| Repurchases of common stock | — | — | — | (157,556) | — | — | (157,556) |
| Share-based compensation expense | — | 17,688 | — | — | — | — | 17,688 |
| Common stock issued upon exercises of stock options | — | (891) | — | 7,084 | — | — | 6,193 |
| Common stock issued upon vesting of restricted shares | — | (6,136) | — | 3,871 | — | — | (2,265) |
| Tax charge from share-based compensation | — | (1,923) | — | — | — | — | (1,923) |
| Other | — | 7 | — | 201 | — | — | 208 |
| Balance at January 1, 2012 | 47,042 | 2,779,871 | (434,999) | (395,947) | 1,101 | (999) | 1,996,069 |
| Net income attributable to The Wendy's Company | — | — | 7,083 | — | — | — | 7,083 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — | 2,384 | — | — | — | 2,384 |
| Distribution to noncontrolling interests | — | — | (2,384) | — | — | — | (2,384) |
| Changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | — | — | — | — | 6,096 | (217) | 5,879 |
| Cash dividends | — | — | (39,043) | — | — | — | (39,043) |
| Accrued dividends on non-vested restricted stock | — | — | (48) | — | — | — | (48) |
| Share-based compensation expense | — | 11,473 | — | — | — | — | 11,473 |
| Common stock issued upon exercises of stock options | — | (2,621) | — | 10,197 | — | — | 7,576 |
| Common stock issued upon vesting of restricted shares | — | (3,021) | — | 2,604 | — | — | (417) |
| Tax charge from share-based compensation | — | (2,906) | — | — | — | — | (2,906) |
| Other | — | (31) | — | 220 | — | — | 189 |
| Balance at December 30, 2012 | \$47,042 | \$2,782,765 | \$(467,007) | \$(382,926) | \$ 7,197 | \$(1,216) | \$1,985,855 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

THE WENDY'S COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In Thousands)

| | Year Ended | | |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | December 30, 2012 | January 1, 2012 | January 2, 2011 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 9,467 | \$ 9,875 | \$ (4,325) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 154,174 | 145,302 | 182,172 |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | 75,076 | — | — |
| Distributions received from TimWen joint venture | 15,274 | 14,942 | 13,980 |
| Share-based compensation | 11,473 | 17,688 | 13,704 |
| Impairment of long-lived assets | 21,097 | 14,441 | 69,477 |
| Net (recognition) receipt of deferred vendor incentives | (920) | 7,070 | (587) |
| Accretion of long-term debt | 7,973 | 8,120 | 15,016 |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 4,241 | 6,216 | 11,779 |
| Non-cash rent expense | 7,210 | 7,554 | 9,334 |
| Loss on disposal of Arby's | 442 | 8,799 | — |
| Equity in earnings in joint ventures, net | (8,724) | (9,465) | (9,459) |
| Deferred income tax | (31,598) | 1,624 | (29,779) |
| Operating investment adjustments, net (see below) | (27,769) | (145) | (5,201) |
| Other, net | 3,093 | 2,999 | 8,264 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts and notes receivable | 3,999 | (2,690) | (4,730) |
| Inventories | (561) | (517) | 394 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | (1,360) | (7,580) | 1,514 |
| Accounts payable | (9,266) | 11,364 | (15,795) |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | (42,906) | 11,120 | (29,508) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>190,415</u> | <u>246,717</u> | <u>226,250</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (197,590) | (146,763) | (147,969) |
| Acquisitions | (40,608) | (11,210) | (3,123) |
| Franchise loans, net | 3,092 | (4,003) | — |
| Sale of Arby's, net | — | 97,925 | — |
| Dispositions | 21,023 | 6,960 | 5,660 |
| Investment activities, net (see below) | 27,949 | (841) | 32,158 |
| Other, net | (3,251) | (265) | 352 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | <u>(189,385)</u> | <u>(58,197)</u> | <u>(112,922)</u> |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | |
| Proceeds from long-term debt | 1,113,750 | — | 497,661 |
| Repayments of long-term debt | (1,044,310) | (38,702) | (474,791) |
| Deferred financing costs | (15,566) | (57) | (16,353) |
| Premium payments on redemption/purchase of notes | (43,151) | — | — |
| Repurchases of common stock | — | (157,556) | (173,537) |
| Dividends | (39,043) | (32,366) | (27,621) |
| Distribution to noncontrolling interests | (3,667) | — | — |
| Proceeds from stock option exercises | 7,806 | 6,359 | 1,444 |
| Other, net | 52 | (2,262) | (953) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | <u>(24,129)</u> | <u>(224,584)</u> | <u>(194,150)</u> |
| Net cash used in operations before effect of exchange rate changes on cash | (23,099) | (36,064) | (80,822) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | 1,229 | (1,213) | 1,611 |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (21,870) | (37,277) | (79,211) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 475,231 | 512,508 | 591,719 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | <u>\$ 453,361</u> | <u>\$ 475,231</u> | <u>\$ 512,508</u> |

THE WENDY'S COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS—CONTINUED
(In Thousands)

| | Year Ended | | |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | December 30, 2012 | January 1, 2012 | January 2, 2011 |
| Detail of cash flows related to investments: | | | |
| Operating investment adjustments, net: | | | |
| Gain on sale of investments | \$ (27,769) | \$ — | \$ — |
| Income on collection of DFR Notes | — | — | (4,909) |
| Other net recognized gains | — | (145) | (292) |
| | <u>\$ (27,769)</u> | <u>\$ (145)</u> | <u>\$ (5,201)</u> |
| Investment activities, net: | | | |
| Proceeds from sales of investments | \$ 27,949 | \$ 342 | \$ 1,810 |
| Proceeds from repayment of DFR Notes | — | — | 30,752 |
| Cost of securities | — | — | (404) |
| Investment in joint venture | — | (1,183) | — |
| | <u>\$ 27,949</u> | <u>\$ (841)</u> | <u>\$ 32,158</u> |
| Supplemental cash flow information: | | | |
| Cash paid during the period for: | | | |
| Interest | <u>\$110,701</u> | <u>\$111,675</u> | <u>\$127,753</u> |
| Income taxes, net of refunds | <u>\$ 10,124</u> | <u>\$ 13,588</u> | <u>\$ 14,262</u> |
| Supplemental non-cash investing and financing activities: | | | |
| Capital expenditures included in accounts payable | <u>\$ 22,109</u> | <u>\$ 23,767</u> | <u>\$ 14,985</u> |
| Capitalized lease obligations | <u>\$ 16,280</u> | <u>\$ 2,341</u> | <u>\$ 5,775</u> |
| Indirect investment in Arby's | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 19,000</u> | <u>\$ —</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

THE WENDY'S COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(In Thousands Except Per Share Amounts)

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Corporate Structure

The Wendy's Company ("The Wendy's Company" and, together with its subsidiaries, the "Company," "we," "us," or "our") is the parent company of its 100% owned subsidiary holding company, Wendy's Restaurants, LLC ("Wendy's Restaurants"). Wendy's Restaurants is the parent company of Wendy's International, Inc. ("Wendy's"), which franchises and operates company-owned Wendy's® quick service restaurants specializing in hamburger sandwiches throughout North America (defined as the United States of America ("U.S.") and Canada). Wendy's also has franchised restaurants in 26 foreign countries and U.S. territories. At December 30, 2012, Wendy's operated and franchised 1,427 and 5,133 restaurants, respectively.

The Company manages and internally reports its business geographically. The operation and franchising of Wendy's restaurants in North America comprises virtually all of our current operations and represents a single reportable segment. The revenues and operating results of Wendy's restaurants outside of North America are not material.

Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") and include all of the Company's subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The Company participates in two national advertising funds established to collect and administer funds contributed for use in advertising and promotional programs for company-owned and franchised restaurants. The revenue, expenses and cash flows of such advertising funds are not included in the Company's consolidated statements of operations or consolidated statements of cash flows because the contributions to these advertising funds are designated for specific purposes and the Company acts as an agent, in substance, with regard to these contributions. The assets and liabilities of these funds are reported as "Advertising funds restricted assets" and "Advertising funds restricted liabilities."

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and 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. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

In our consolidated balance sheet as of January 1, 2012, we have corrected and reclassified \$32,400 from "Accrued expenses and other current liabilities" to "Other liabilities" to properly present the non-current portion of certain self-insurance liabilities and \$12,414 from "Deferred income tax benefit" included in current assets to "Deferred income taxes" included in non-current liabilities for the related tax effect.

The advertising funds restricted assets and liabilities as of January 1, 2012 have been updated to reflect an \$875 correction in one of the fund's presentation of its current assets and liabilities.

Certain other reclassifications have been made to prior year presentation to conform to the current year presentation.

Our consolidated statement of operations and consolidated balance sheet for the year ended and as of December 30, 2012, include adjustments which reflect corrections to prior years' income taxes and depreciation of properties. Corrections to prior years' tax matters recorded in our 2012 fiscal year had the effect of increasing our benefit from income taxes and decreasing our deferred income tax liability by \$7,620 and \$580 for income from continuing operations and discontinued operations, respectively. Corrections to prior years' depreciation of properties had the effect of increasing our 2012 fiscal year "Depreciation and amortization" and decreasing "Properties" by \$4,000.

THE WENDY'S COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—CONTINUED
(In Thousands Except Per Share Amounts)

Fiscal Year

The Company's fiscal reporting periods consist of 52 or 53 weeks ending on the Sunday closest to December 31 and are referred to herein as (1) "the year ended December 30, 2012" or "2012," (2) "the year ended January 1, 2012" or "2011," and (3) "the year ended January 2, 2011" or "2010," all of which consisted of 52 weeks.

Cash Equivalents

All highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired are considered cash equivalents. The Company's cash equivalents principally consist of cash in bank and money market mutual fund accounts and are primarily not in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured accounts.

We believe that our vulnerability to risk concentrations in our cash equivalents is mitigated by (1) our policies restricting the eligibility, credit quality and concentration limits for our placements in cash equivalents and (2) insurance from the Securities Investor Protection Corporation of up to \$500 per account, as well as supplemental private insurance coverage maintained by substantially all of our brokerage firms, to the extent our cash equivalents are held in brokerage accounts.

Accounts and Notes Receivable

Accounts and notes receivable consist primarily of royalties, franchise fees, rents due principally from franchisees and credit card receivables. The need for an allowance for doubtful accounts is reviewed on a specific identification basis based upon past due balances and the financial strength of the obligor.

Inventories

The Company's inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, with cost determined in accordance with the first-in, first-out method and consist primarily of restaurant food items and paper supplies.

Investments

Investments in which the Company has significant influence over the investees include (1) a 50% share in a partnership in a Canadian restaurant real estate joint venture ("TimWen") with Tim Hortons Inc. ("THI") and (2) a 49% share in a joint venture for the operation of Wendy's restaurants in Japan (the "Japan JV"). Such investments are accounted for using the equity method, under which results of operations include our share of the income or loss of the investees. Investments in limited partnerships and other non-current investments in which the Company does not have significant influence over the investees, which includes our indirect 18.5% interest in Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc. ("Arby's"), are recorded at cost with related realized gains and losses reported as income or loss in the period in which the securities are sold or otherwise disposed.

The difference between the carrying value of our TimWen equity investment and the underlying equity in the historical net assets of the investee is accounted for as if the investee were a consolidated subsidiary. Accordingly, the carrying value difference is amortized over the estimated lives of the assets of the investee to which such difference would have been allocated if the equity investment were a consolidated subsidiary. To the extent the carrying value difference represents goodwill, it is not amortized.

The Company reviews investments with unrealized losses and recognizes investment losses for any unrealized losses deemed to be other than temporary. These investment losses are recognized as a component of "Net income (loss)." The Company considers such factors as the length of time the market value of an investment has been below its carrying value, the severity of the decline, the financial condition of the investee and the prospect for future recovery in the market value of the investment, including the Company's ability and intent to hold the investments for a period of time sufficient for a forecasted recovery. The cost-basis component of investments represents original cost less a permanent reduction for any unrealized losses that were deemed to be other than temporary.

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Properties and Depreciation and Amortization

Properties are stated at cost, including internal costs of employees to the extent such employees are dedicated to specific restaurant construction projects, less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization of properties is computed principally on the straight-line basis using the following estimated useful lives of the related major classes of properties: 5 to 20 years for office and restaurant equipment, 5 to 15 years for transportation equipment and 7 to 30 years for buildings and improvements. When the Company commits to a plan to cease using certain properties before the end of their estimated useful lives, depreciation expense is accelerated to reflect the use of the assets over their shortened useful lives. Leased assets capitalized and leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the terms of the respective leases, including periods covered by renewal options that the Company is reasonably assured of exercising.

The Company reviews properties for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset group may not be recoverable. If such review indicates an asset group may not be recoverable, an impairment loss is recognized for the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value of an asset group to be held and used or over the fair value less cost to sell of an asset to be disposed. Asset groups are primarily comprised of our individual restaurant properties.

Goodwill

Goodwill, representing the excess of the cost of an acquired entity over the fair value of the acquired net assets, is not amortized. Goodwill associated with our company-owned restaurants is reduced as a result of restaurant dispositions and is included in the carrying value of the restaurant in determining the gain or loss on disposal. For goodwill impairment testing purposes, we include two reporting units comprised of our (1) North America company-owned and franchise restaurants and (2) international franchise restaurants. Substantially all goodwill at December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012 was associated with our North America restaurants. The Company tests goodwill for impairment annually during the fourth quarter, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset may be impaired.

If the Company determines that impairment may exist, the amount of the impairment loss is measured 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.

Our fair value 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 use, we may be required to recognize goodwill impairment charges in future years.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

For impairment test purposes, long-lived assets include our company-owned restaurant assets and their definite-lived intangible assets, which include franchise agreements, favorable leases and reacquired rights under franchise agreements. We review our long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. We assess the recoverability of long-lived assets by comparing the carrying amount of the asset group to future undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated by our individual company-owned restaurants. If the carrying amount of the long-lived asset group is not recoverable on an undiscounted cash flow basis, then impairment is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds its fair value and is included in "Impairment of long-lived assets." Our restaurant impairment losses principally reflect impairment charges resulting from the deterioration in operating performance of certain company-owned restaurants.

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Our fair value 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 impairment charges in future years.

Other Intangible Assets and Deferred Costs

Definite-lived intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis using the following estimated useful lives of the related classes of intangibles: for favorable leases, the terms of the respective leases, including periods covered by renewal options that the Company is reasonably assured of exercising; 2 to 5 years for computer software; 3 to 20 years for reacquired rights under franchise agreements and 20 years for franchise agreements. Trademarks have an indefinite life and are not amortized.

The Company reviews definite-lived intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the intangible asset may not be recoverable. Indefinite-lived intangible assets are tested for impairment at least annually by comparing their carrying value to fair value; any excess of carrying value over fair value is recognized as an impairment loss. Our estimates in the determination of the fair value of indefinite-lived intangible assets include the anticipated future revenues of company-owned and franchised restaurants and the resulting cash flows.

Deferred financing costs are amortized as interest expense over the term of the respective debt using the effective interest rate method.

Derivative Instruments

The Company's derivative instruments consist of fair value hedges and are recorded at fair value. Changes in the fair value of our fair value hedging instruments are recorded as an adjustment to the underlying debt balance being hedged to the extent of the effectiveness of such hedging instruments. Any ineffective portion of the change in fair value of the designated hedging instruments is included in results of operations.

Share-Based Compensation

The Company has granted share-based compensation awards to certain employees under several equity plans. The Company measures the cost of employee services received in exchange for an equity award, which include grants of employee stock options and restricted shares, based on the fair value of the award at the date of grant. Share-based compensation expense is recognized net of estimated forfeitures, determined based on historical experience. The Company recognizes share-based compensation expense over the requisite service period unless the awards are subject to performance conditions, in which case they recognize compensation expense over the requisite service period to the extent performance conditions are considered probable. The Company determines the grant date fair value of stock options using a Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model (the "Black-Scholes Model") unless the awards are subject to market conditions, in which case we use a Monte Carlo simulation model. The Monte Carlo simulation model utilizes multiple input variables to estimate the probability that market conditions will be achieved.

Foreign Currency Translation

Substantially all of the Company's foreign operations are in Canada where the functional currency is the Canadian dollar. Financial statements of foreign subsidiaries are prepared in their functional currency and then translated into U.S. dollars. Assets and liabilities are translated at the exchange rate as of the balance sheet date and revenues, costs and expenses are translated at a monthly average exchange rate. Net gains or losses resulting from the translation adjustment are charged or credited directly to the "Foreign currency translation adjustment" component of "Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)." Gains and losses arising from the impact of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations on transactions in foreign currency are included in "General and administrative."

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Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes under the asset and liability method. A deferred tax asset or liability is recognized whenever there are (1) future tax effects from temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and (2) operating loss, capital loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to the years in which those differences are expected to be recovered or settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent the Company believes these assets will more likely than not be realized. In evaluating the realizability of deferred tax assets, the Company considers all available positive and negative evidence, including the interaction and the timing of future reversals of existing temporary differences, projected future taxable income, recent operating results and tax-planning strategies. When considered necessary, a valuation allowance is recorded to reduce the carrying amount of the deferred tax assets to their anticipated realizable value.

The Company records uncertain tax positions on the basis of a two-step process whereby we first determine 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.

Interest accrued for uncertain tax positions is charged to "Interest expense." Penalties accrued for uncertain tax positions are charged to "General and administrative."

Revenue Recognition

"Sales" includes revenues recognized upon delivery of food to the customer at company-owned restaurants and upon shipment of bakery items and kids' meal promotional items to our franchisees and others. During the first quarter of 2011, Wendy's purchasing cooperative, Quality Supply Chain Co-op, Inc. ("QSCC") began managing the operations for kids' meal promotion items sold to franchisees. Our sales of kids' meal promotion items during 2011 were made from inventory on hand prior to QSCC's management of this process. "Sales" excludes taxes collected from the Company's customers.

"Franchise revenues" includes royalties, franchise fees and rental income. Royalties from franchised restaurants are based on a percentage of net sales of the franchised restaurant and are recognized as earned. Initial franchise fees are recorded as deferred income when received and are recognized as revenue when a franchised restaurant is opened as all material services and conditions related to the franchise fee have been substantially performed upon the restaurant opening. Renewal franchise fees are recognized as revenue when the license agreements are signed and the fee is paid since there are no material services and conditions related to the renewal franchise fee. Franchise commitment fee deposits are forfeited and recognized as revenue upon the termination of the related commitments to open new franchised restaurants. Rental income from properties owned and leased by the Company and leased or subleased to franchisees is recognized on a straight-line basis over the respective operating lease terms.

Cost of Sales

Cost of sales includes food and paper, restaurant labor and occupancy, advertising and other operating costs.

Vendor Incentives

The Company receives incentives from certain vendors. These incentives are recognized as earned and are generally classified as a reduction of "Cost of sales."

Advertising Costs

The Company incurs various advertising costs, including contributions to certain advertising cooperatives based upon a percentage of net sales by company-owned restaurants. All advertising costs are expensed as incurred, with the

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exception of media development costs that are expensed beginning in the month that the advertisement is first communicated, and are included in "Cost of sales."

Self-insurance

The Company is self-insured for most workers' compensation losses and health care claims and purchases insurance for general liability and automotive liability losses, all subject to a \$500 per occurrence retention or deductible limit. The Company provides for their estimated cost to settle both known claims and claims incurred but not yet reported. Liabilities associated with these claims are estimated, in part, by considering the frequency and severity of historical claims, both specific to us, as well as industry-wide loss experience and other actuarial assumptions. We determine our insurance obligations with the assistance of actuarial firms. Since there are many estimates and assumptions involved in recording insurance liabilities and in the case of workers' compensation a significant period of time elapses before the ultimate resolution of claims, differences between actual future events and prior estimates and assumptions could result in adjustments to these liabilities.

Leases

The Company operates 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 based on its terms. When determining the lease term, we include option periods for which failure to renew the lease imposes a significant economic detriment. The primary penalty to which we may be subject is the economic detriment associated with the existence of unamortized 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 initially between 15 and 20 years and, in most cases, provide for rent escalations and renewal options. The term used for Straight-Line Rent is calculated initially from the date we obtain possession of the leased premises through the expected lease termination date. We expense rent from the possession date to the restaurant opening date. 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 a Rent Holiday, no cash rent payments are typically due under the terms of the lease; however, expense is recorded for that period on a straight-line basis consistent with the Straight-Line Rent method.

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 beginning upon 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.

Favorable and unfavorable lease amounts, when we purchase restaurants, are recorded as components of "Other intangible assets" and "Other liabilities," respectively, and are amortized to "Cost of sales" both on a straight-line basis over the remaining term of the leases. When the expected term of a lease is determined to be shorter than the original amortization period, the favorable or unfavorable lease balance associated with the lease is adjusted to reflect the revised lease term.

Management makes certain estimates and assumptions regarding each new lease agreement, lease renewal and lease amendment, including, but not limited to, property values, market rents, property lives, discount rates and probable term, all of which can impact (1) the classification and accounting for a lease as capital or operating, (2) the Rent Holiday and escalations in payment that are taken into consideration when calculating Straight-Line Rent, (3) the term over which leasehold improvements for each restaurant are amortized and (4) the values and lives of favorable and unfavorable leases. The amount of depreciation and amortization, interest and rent expense reported would vary if different estimates and assumptions were used.

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Concentration of Risk

Wendy's had no customers which accounted for 10% or more of consolidated revenues in 2012, 2011 or 2010. As of December 30, 2012, Wendy's had one main in-line distributor of food, packaging and beverage products, excluding produce and breads, that serviced approximately 56% of its company-owned and franchised restaurants and three additional in-line distributors that, in the aggregate, serviced approximately 36% of its company-owned and franchised restaurants. We believe that our vulnerability to risk concentrations related to significant vendors and sources of its raw materials is mitigated as we believe that there are other vendors who would be able to service our requirements. However, if a disruption of service from any of our main in-line distributors was to occur, we could experience short-term increases in our costs while distribution channels were adjusted.

Wendy's franchised restaurants are principally located throughout the U.S. and to a lesser extent, in 27 foreign countries and U.S. territories with the largest number in Canada. Company-owned restaurants are located in 29 states, with the largest number in Florida, Ohio, Texas, Georgia, Michigan, California, Pennsylvania and North Carolina. Because our restaurant operations are generally located throughout the U.S. and to a much lesser extent, Canada and other foreign countries and U.S. territories, we believe the risk of geographic concentration is not significant. We could be adversely affected by changing consumer preferences resulting from concerns over nutritional or safety aspects of beef, poultry, french fries or other products we sell or the effects of food safety events or disease outbreaks. Our exposure to foreign exchange risk is primarily related to fluctuations in the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar for our Canadian operations. However, our exposure to Canadian dollar foreign currency risk is mitigated by the fact that less than 10% of our restaurants are in Canada.

New Accounting Standards Adopted

In July 2012, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued an amendment that permits a company to make a qualitative assessment of whether it is more likely than not that an indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the quantitative impairment test. The guidance is effective for annual and interim impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after September 15, 2012 with early adoption permitted. The Company adopted this amendment during the third quarter of 2012; however the Company determined that it was required to perform the quantitative assessment in 2012.

In May 2011, the FASB issued amendments which provide additional guidance about how fair value should be determined under existing standards and expands existing disclosure requirements for certain fair value measurements. The purpose of these amendments is to improve and converge International Financial Reporting Standards and GAAP. The Company adopted these amendments on January 2, 2012 and the adoption did not have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In June 2011, as amended in December 2011, the FASB issued an amendment that requires companies to present comprehensive income in either a single statement or two consecutive statements that report net income and other comprehensive income. The purpose of this amendment is to increase the prominence of other comprehensive income in financial statements. The Company adopted this amendment on January 2, 2012 using the two consecutive statement presentation. The adoption affected only the presentation of comprehensive income and did not change the composition or calculation of comprehensive income.

(2) Discontinued Operations

On July 4, 2011, Wendy's Restaurants completed the sale of 100% of the common stock of Arby's, its then wholly owned subsidiary, to ARG IH Corporation ("Buyer"), a wholly owned subsidiary of ARG Holding Corporation ("Buyer Parent"), for \$130,000 in cash (subject to customary purchase price adjustments) and 18.5% of the common stock of Buyer Parent (through which Wendy's Restaurants indirectly retained an 18.5% interest in Arby's) with a fair value of \$19,000. Buyer and Buyer Parent were formed for purposes of this transaction. The Buyer also assumed approximately \$190,000 of Arby's debt, consisting primarily of capital lease and sale-leaseback obligations.

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Wendy's Restaurants also entered into a stockholders agreement with Buyer Parent and ARG Investment Corporation, an entity affiliated with Buyer Parent, which sets forth certain agreements among the parties thereto concerning, among other things, the governance of Buyer Parent and transfer rights, information rights and registration rights with respect to the equity securities of Buyer Parent. In addition, Wendy's Restaurants entered into a transition services agreement with Buyer, pursuant to which it provided and was reimbursed for continuing corporate and shared services to Buyer for a limited period of time; such services were completed in the fourth quarter of 2011.

Information related to Arby's has been reflected in the accompanying consolidated financial statements as follows:

- Balance sheets - As a result of our sale of Arby's on July 4, 2011, there are no remaining Arby's assets and liabilities included in our consolidated balance sheets.
- Statements of operations - Arby's income (loss) from operations for the period from January 3, 2011 through July 3, 2011 and the year ended January 2, 2011 has been classified as discontinued operations. Net loss from discontinued operations for the year ended January 1, 2012 also includes additional Arby's expenses which were incurred as a result of the sale and the loss on the disposal of Arby's. Net income from discontinued operations for the year ended December 30, 2012 includes certain post-closing Arby's related transactions, as further described below.
- Statements of cash flows - Arby's cash flows prior to its sale (for the period from January 3, 2011 through July 3, 2011 and for the year ended January 2, 2011) have been included in and not separately reported from our cash flows. The consolidated statements of cash flows for the year ended January 1, 2012 also includes the effects of the sale of Arby's. The statement of cash flows for the year ended December 30, 2012 includes the effect of certain post-closing Arby's related transactions, as further described below.

Our consolidated statements of operations for periods through July 3, 2011 (prior to the sale of Arby's) include certain indirect corporate overhead costs in "General and administrative," which, for segment reporting purposes, had previously been allocated to Arby's. These indirect corporate overhead costs do not qualify for classification within discontinued operations and therefore are included in "General and administrative" in continuing operations. Interest expense on Arby's debt that was assumed by Buyer has been included in discontinued operations; however, interest expense on the \$650,000 credit agreement, which was not required to be repaid as a result of the sale, continued to be included in "Interest expense" in continuing operations.

The following table presents Arby's revenues and income (loss) from operations which have been reported in discontinued operations:

| | <u>Year Ended</u> | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
| Revenues | \$ — | \$546,453 | \$1,040,975 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes: | | | |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations before income taxes | \$ 907 | \$ 1,692 | \$ (35,550) |
| Benefit from (provision for) income taxes | 1,044 | (930) | 13,114 |
| | 1,951 | 762 | (22,436) |
| Loss on disposal of discontinued operations, net of income taxes | (442) | (8,799) | — |
| Net income (loss) from discontinued operations | <u>\$1,509</u> | <u>\$ (8,037)</u> | <u>\$ (22,436)</u> |

Income from discontinued operations before income taxes for the year ended December 30, 2012 includes the effect of reversals of certain tax accruals, retained by the Company in connection with the sale of Arby's, including sales tax reserves and interest and penalty accruals for uncertain tax positions, due to the lapse of certain statute of

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limitations and favorable settlements. The benefit from income taxes for the year ended December 30, 2012 includes approximately \$580 of employment credits realized by the Company for 2011 through the date of the sale of Arby's and reversals of accruals for uncertain tax positions discussed above, partially offset by taxes on income from discontinued operations. Loss on disposal of discontinued operations, net of income taxes, for the year ended December 30, 2012, includes the after tax effect of amounts paid to the prior owner of an Arby's location that was transferred to Wendy's Restaurants during 2012, as contemplated in the sale agreement, and as such, had no impact on the total purchase price.

Included in income from discontinued operations before income taxes for the year ended January 1, 2012 are (1) Arby's income from operations for the period from January 3, 2011 through July 3, 2011 of \$4,279, (2) \$(2,112) for certain sales and use tax liabilities pursuant to the indemnification provisions of the sale agreement, (3) incentive compensation of \$(704) as a result of the completion of the Arby's sale, (4) the reversal of previously recognized compensation costs of \$529 due to the modification of the terms of stock awards which had been issued to Arby's employees and (5) \$(300) for other Arby's related costs.

The Company recorded a pre-tax loss on disposal of Arby's of \$5,227 during the year ended January 1, 2012, which included the effect of the valuation of our indirect retained interest (\$19,000), transaction closing costs (\$11,500), and post closing purchase price adjustments primarily related to working capital (\$14,800). The Company recognized income tax expense associated with the loss on disposal of \$3,572 during the year ended January 1, 2012. This income tax expense was comprised of (1) an income tax benefit of \$1,952 on the pre-tax loss on disposal and (2) income tax expense of \$5,524 due to a permanent difference between the book and tax basis of Arby's goodwill.

(3) Acquisitions and Dispositions

On June 11, 2012, Wendy's acquired 30 franchised restaurants in the Austin, Texas area from Pisces Foods, L.P. ("Pisces") and Near Holdings, L.P. (the "Pisces Acquisition"). The purchase price was \$18,915 in cash, including closing adjustments. Wendy's also agreed to lease the real estate, buildings and improvements related to 23 of the acquired restaurants from Pisces which were considered part of the purchase transaction and to assume ground leases for five of the acquired restaurants and building leases for two of the acquired restaurants. Wendy's did not incur any material acquisition-related costs associated with the Pisces Acquisition.

The operating results of the 30 franchised restaurants acquired have been included in our consolidated financial statements beginning on the acquisition date. Such results were not material to our consolidated financial statements.

The table below presents the preliminary allocation of the total purchase price to the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date. The amounts remain subject to finalization during the measurement period, not to exceed one year.

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Total purchase price paid in cash | \$ 18,915 |
| Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed: | |
| Cash | 55 |
| Inventories | 149 |
| Properties | 12,485 |
| Deferred taxes and other assets | 1,773 |
| Acquired territory rights (a) | 18,390 |
| Favorable ground leases | 222 |
| Capitalized lease obligations | (14,394) |
| Deferred vendor incentives (b) | (382) |
| Unfavorable leases | (992) |
| Other liabilities | (952) |
| Total identifiable net assets | <u>16,354</u> |
| Goodwill (preliminary) (c) | <u>\$ 2,561</u> |

(a) The acquired territory rights have a weighted average amortization period of 13 years.

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(b) Included in "Other liabilities."

(c) This goodwill is not deductible or amortizable for income tax purposes.

The preliminary fair values of the identifiable assets acquired were determined using one of the following valuation approaches: market, income and cost. The selection of a particular method for a given asset depended on the reliability of available data and the nature of the asset.

The unaudited pro forma revenue and earnings of the combined companies had the acquisition date been January 3, 2011 are as follows:

| | Year Ended 2012 | | Year Ended 2011 | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>As Reported</u> | <u>As Adjusted</u> | <u>As Reported</u> | <u>As Adjusted</u> |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Sales | \$2,198,323 | \$2,218,199 | \$2,126,544 | \$2,171,509 |
| Franchise revenues | <u>306,919</u> | <u>306,122</u> | <u>304,814</u> | <u>303,003</u> |
| Total revenues | <u>2,505,242</u> | <u>2,524,321</u> | <u>2,431,358</u> | <u>2,474,512</u> |
| Operating profit | 122,747 | 123,823 | 137,121 | 139,695 |
| Net income | 9,467 | 10,342 | 9,875 | 11,834 |
| Net income attributable to The Wendy's Company | 7,083 | 7,958 | 9,875 | 11,834 |
| Basic and diluted net income per share | \$ 0.02 | \$ 0.02 | \$ 0.02 | \$ 0.03 |

This As Adjusted data is presented for comparative purposes only and does not purport to be indicative of the Company's actual results of operations had the Pisces Acquisition actually occurred as of January 3, 2011 or of the Company's future results of operations. Wendy's did not have any material non-recurring adjustments associated with the Pisces Acquisition.

Other acquisitions

On July 13, 2012, Wendy's acquired 24 franchised restaurants in the Albuquerque, New Mexico area from Double Cheese Corporation and Double Cheese Realty Corporation ("Double Cheese"). The purchase price was \$19,181 in cash, including closing adjustments. Wendy's also agreed to lease the real estate, buildings and improvements related to 12 of the acquired restaurants from Double Cheese which were considered part of the purchase transaction. Wendy's did not incur any material acquisition-related costs with this acquisition.

The operating results of the 24 franchised restaurants acquired have been included in our consolidated financial statements beginning on the acquisition date. Such results were not material to our consolidated financial statements.

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The table below presents the allocation of the total purchase price to the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date.

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Total purchase price paid in cash | \$ 19,181 |
| Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed: | |
| Cash | 27 |
| Inventories | 163 |
| Properties | 12,753 |
| Deferred taxes and other assets | 190 |
| Acquired territory rights (a) | 2,640 |
| Favorable ground leases | 1,147 |
| Capitalized lease obligations | (948) |
| Deferred vendor incentives (b) | (248) |
| Unfavorable leases | (531) |
| Other liabilities | (727) |
| Total identifiable net assets | <u>14,466</u> |
| Goodwill (c) | <u>\$ 4,715</u> |

(a) The acquired territory rights have a weighted average amortization period of 13 years.

(b) Included in "Other liabilities."

(c) Goodwill is partially amortizable for income tax purposes.

The fair values of the identifiable assets acquired were determined using one of the following valuation approaches: market, income and cost. The selection of a particular method for a given asset depended on the reliability of available data and the nature of the asset.

In addition, during the year ended December 30, 2012, Wendy's acquired two other franchised restaurants along with certain other equipment and franchise rights. The total net cash consideration for this acquisition was \$2,594. The total consideration was allocated to net tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired, primarily properties, and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values, with the excess of \$485 recognized as goodwill.

During the year ended January 1, 2012, Wendy's acquired 19 franchised restaurants in five separate acquisitions. The total consideration for these acquisitions was \$12,270, consisting of (1) \$11,210 of cash, net of \$66 of cash acquired and (2) the issuance of a note payable of \$1,060. The total consideration was allocated to net tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired, primarily properties, and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values, with the excess of \$5,620 recognized as goodwill. During the year ended January 1, 2012, the Company also assumed the operations and management of four additional franchised restaurants.

In connection with one of the 2011 acquisitions described above, Wendy's terminated certain pre-existing subleases it had with the franchisee. This pre-existing business relationship between parties to a business acquisition is required to be valued, recognized as income or expense, and excluded from purchase accounting. The termination of these unfavorable subleases as of the date of acquisition resulted in an expense of \$2,689, which was offset by a gain of \$1,659 for the excess of the fair value of the net assets acquired over the consideration paid, both of which are included in "Other operating expense, net."

Dispositions

During the year ended December 30, 2012, Wendy's received cash proceeds of \$21,023 from dispositions, consisting of (1) \$14,059 from the sale of 30 company-owned restaurants to franchisees, (2) \$1,874 from the sale of a restaurant to an unrelated third party, (3) \$3,550 resulting from franchisees exercising options to purchase previously subleased properties, (4) \$941 related to the sale of surplus properties and (5) \$599 related to other dispositions. These sales resulted in a net loss of \$22 which is included as an addition to "Depreciation and amortization."

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During the year ended January 1, 2012, Wendy's received proceeds from dispositions of \$6,113, consisting of (1) \$3,275 from the sale of five company-owned restaurants to franchisees, (2) \$1,075 from the sale of land, building and equipment related to the exercise of a purchase option by a franchisee, (3) \$909 from the sale of surplus properties and (4) \$854 related to other dispositions. These sales resulted in a net gain of \$885, which is included as a reduction to "Depreciation and amortization."

During the year ended January 2, 2011, Wendy's received proceeds from dispositions of \$3,405, consisting of (1) \$1,231 from the sale of land and a building related to the exercise of a purchase option by a franchisee, (2) \$1,123 from the sale of surplus properties, (3) \$821 from the sale of two company-owned restaurants and (4) \$230 related to other dispositions. These sales resulted in a net gain of \$1,411, which is included as a reduction to "Depreciation and amortization."

Other acquisitions and dispositions by the Company for 2011 and 2010 and by Arby's for 2010 and through the date of its sale were not significant.

(4) DFR Notes

In June 2010, pursuant to a March 2010 agreement between the Company and Deerfield Capital Corp. ("DFR"), The Wendy's Company received cash proceeds of \$31,330, including interest, in consideration for the repayment and cancellation of the series A senior notes that The Wendy's Company received from DFR (the "DFR Notes") in December 2007 in connection with the sale of Deerfield & Company to DFR. The proceeds represented 64.1% of the \$47,986 aggregate principal amount of the DFR Notes.

The carrying amount of the DFR Notes in June 2010 was \$24,983 and as a result, The Wendy's Company recognized income of \$4,909 as the repayment proceeds exceeded the carrying value. This gain was included in "Investment income, net" for the year ended January 2, 2011.

(5) Income (Loss) Per Share

Basic income (loss) per share for 2012, 2011 and 2010 was computed by dividing income (loss) amounts attributable to The Wendy's Company by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Income (loss) amounts attributable to The Wendy's Company used to calculate basic and diluted income (loss) per share were as follows:

| | <u>Year Ended</u> | | |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
| Amounts attributable to The Wendy's Company: | | | |
| Income from continuing operations | \$5,574 | \$17,912 | \$ 18,111 |
| Net income (loss) from discontinued operations | <u>1,509</u> | <u>(8,037)</u> | <u>(22,436)</u> |
| Net income (loss) | <u>\$7,083</u> | <u>\$ 9,875</u> | <u>\$ (4,325)</u> |

The weighted average number of shares used to calculate basic and diluted income (loss) per share were as follows:

| | <u>Year Ended</u> | | |
|--|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
| Common stock: | | | |
| Weighted average basic shares outstanding | 390,275 | 405,224 | 426,247 |
| Dilutive effect of stock options and restricted shares | <u>1,865</u> | <u>1,956</u> | <u>948</u> |
| Weighted average diluted shares outstanding | <u>392,140</u> | <u>407,180</u> | <u>427,195</u> |

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Diluted income per share is computed by dividing income by the weighted average number of basic shares outstanding plus the potential common share effect of dilutive stock options and restricted shares, computed using the treasury stock method. For 2012, 2011 and 2010, we excluded 23,406, 19,294 and 24,088, respectively, of potential common shares from our diluted income per share calculation as they would have had anti-dilutive effects.

(6) Cash and Receivables

| | <u>Year End</u> | |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
| <i>Cash and cash equivalents</i> | | |
| Cash | \$188,436 | \$471,110 |
| Cash equivalents | 264,925 | 4,121 |
| | <u>\$453,361</u> | <u>\$475,231</u> |
| Restricted cash equivalents | | |
| Current (a) | | |
| Trust for termination costs for former Wendy's executives | \$ 168 | \$ 190 |
| Other | 152 | 149 |
| | <u>\$ 320</u> | <u>\$ 339</u> |
| Non-current (b) | | |
| Trust for termination costs for former Wendy's executives | \$ 3,295 | \$ 3,372 |
| Collateral supporting letters of credit securing payments due under leases | — | 686 |
| | <u>\$ 3,295</u> | <u>\$ 4,058</u> |

(a) Included in "Prepaid expenses and other current assets."

(b) Included in "Deferred costs and other assets."

| | <u>Year End</u> | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
| <i>Accounts and Notes Receivable</i> | | |
| Current | | |
| Accounts receivable: | | |
| Franchisees | \$56,494 | \$57,965 |
| Other | 8,638 | 12,998 |
| | 65,132 | 70,963 |
| Notes receivables from franchisees (a) | 2,353 | 1,439 |
| | 67,485 | 72,402 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | (6,321) | (4,053) |
| | <u>\$61,164</u> | <u>\$68,349</u> |
| Non-Current (b) | | |
| Notes receivables from franchisees (a) | \$10,227 | \$13,393 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | (2,881) | (963) |
| | <u>\$ 7,346</u> | <u>\$12,430</u> |

(a) Includes \$1,687 and \$1,857 of loans to franchisees for the purchase of equipment utilized in the breakfast program which are included in current and non-current notes receivable, respectively, as of December 30, 2012. The Company has provided a full allowance for doubtful accounts on the amounts owed as of December 30, 2012 (see Note 17 for further information).

(b) Included in "Deferred costs and other assets."

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The following is an analysis of the allowance for doubtful accounts:

| | Year End | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
| Balance at beginning of year: | | | |
| Current | \$4,053 | \$7,321 | \$ 6,540 |
| Non-current | 963 | 3,778 | 22,566 |
| Provision for doubtful accounts: | | | |
| Franchisees and other | 670 | 264 | 9,694 |
| DFR Notes (see Note 4) | — | — | (21,227) |
| Arby's allowance transferred in sale | — | (5,504) | — |
| Uncollectible accounts written off, net of recoveries | (28) | (843) | (6,474) |
| Breakfast notes receivables fully reserved (see Note 17) | <u>3,544</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>—</u> |
| Balance at end of year: | | | |
| Current | 6,321 | 4,053 | 7,321 |
| Non-current | <u>2,881</u> | <u>963</u> | <u>3,778</u> |
| Total | <u>\$9,202</u> | <u>\$5,016</u> | <u>\$ 11,099</u> |

(7) Pledged Assets

The following is a summary of the Company's assets pledged as collateral for certain debt:

| | Year End <u>2012</u> |
|---|-------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 121,360 |
| Accounts and notes receivable (including long-term) | 65,109 |
| Inventories | 12,473 |
| Properties | 272,778 |
| Goodwill | 732,027 |
| Other intangible assets | 1,227,992 |
| Other assets | <u>19,760</u> |
| | <u>\$2,451,499</u> |

(8) Investments

The following is a summary of the carrying value of our investments:

| | Year End | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
| Equity investments: | | |
| Joint venture with THI | \$ 89,370 | \$ 91,742 |
| Joint venture in Japan (a) | (1,750) | 77 |
| Cost investments: | | |
| Arby's | 19,000 | 19,000 |
| Jurlique | — | 325 |
| Other cost investments | <u>4,913</u> | <u>8,127</u> |
| | <u>\$111,533</u> | <u>\$119,271</u> |

(a) In 2012, our equity investment in the Japan JV was included in "Other liabilities;" Wendy's has provided certain guarantees and the partners have agreed on a plan to finance anticipated future cash requirements of the Japan JV as further described below.

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Investment in Joint Venture with Tim Hortons Inc.

Wendy's is a partner in TimWen and our 50% share of the joint venture is accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Our equity in earnings from TimWen is included in "Other operating expense, net." The carrying value of our investment in TimWen exceeded our interest in the underlying equity of the joint venture by \$54,088 and \$55,805 as of December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012, respectively, primarily due to purchase price adjustments from the Wendy's merger.

Presented below is activity related to our portion of TimWen included in our consolidated balance sheets and consolidated statements of operations as of and for the years ended December 30, 2012, January 1, 2012 and January 2, 2011.

| | Year Ended | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ 91,742 | \$ 98,631 | \$ 97,476 |
| Equity in earnings for the period | 13,680 | 13,505 | 12,316 |
| Amortization of purchase price adjustments (a) | (3,129) | (2,934) | (2,857) |
| | 10,551 | 10,571 | 9,459 |
| Distributions received | (15,274) | (14,942) | (13,980) |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment included in "Other comprehensive income (loss), net" | 2,351 | (2,518) | 5,676 |
| Balance at end of period (b) | <u>\$ 89,370</u> | <u>\$ 91,742</u> | <u>\$ 98,631</u> |

(a) Based upon an average original aggregate life of 21 years.

(b) Included in "Investments."

Presented below is a summary of the financial information of TimWen, including the balance sheets as of December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012 and certain income statement information for the years ended December 30, 2012, January 1, 2012 and January 2, 2011. The summary balance sheet financial information does not distinguish between current and long-term assets and liabilities.

| | Year End | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Balance sheet information: | | |
| Properties | \$73,013 | \$73,394 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 3,538 | 2,621 |
| Accounts receivable | 3,274 | 4,231 |
| Other | 2,516 | 2,565 |
| | <u>\$82,341</u> | <u>\$82,811</u> |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 3,215 | \$ 2,281 |
| Other liabilities | 8,561 | 8,655 |
| Partners' equity | 70,565 | 71,875 |
| | <u>\$82,341</u> | <u>\$82,811</u> |

| | Year Ended | | |
|---|------------|----------|----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Income statement information: | | | |
| Revenues | \$39,702 | \$39,374 | \$37,242 |
| Income before income taxes and net income | 27,377 | 27,358 | 24,247 |

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Investment in Joint Venture in Japan

During the second quarter of 2011, Wendy's entered into the Japan JV. Wendy's 49% share of the joint venture is accounted for using the equity method of accounting and our equity in losses is included in "Other operating expense, net."

Presented below is activity related to our portion of the Japan JV included in our consolidated balance sheets and consolidated statements of operations as of and for the years ended December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012.

| | Year Ended | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ 77 | \$ — |
| Initial investment | — | 1,183 |
| Equity in losses for the period | (1,827) | (1,106) |
| Balance at end of period (a) | <u>\$(1,750)</u> | <u>\$ 77</u> |

(a) Included in "Other liabilities" in 2012 and in "Investments" in 2011.

Presented below is a summary of the financial information of the Japan JV, including the balance sheets as of December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012, and certain income statement information for the years ended December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012.

| | Year End | |
|--|-----------------|----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Balance sheet information: | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash | \$ 347 | \$ 686 |
| Inventories | 23 | 39 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 265 | 281 |
| Total current assets | 635 | 1,006 |
| Properties | 1,343 | 2,625 |
| Deposits and other assets | 703 | 493 |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 2,681</u> | <u>\$4,124</u> |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$ 1,443 | \$ 414 |
| Accounts payable | 342 | 1,193 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 92 | 76 |
| Total current liabilities | 1,877 | 1,683 |
| Long-term debt | 4,912 | 1,689 |
| Other liabilities | 614 | 526 |
| Partners' (deficit) equity | (4,722) | 226 |
| Total liabilities and partners' equity | <u>\$ 2,681</u> | <u>\$4,124</u> |

| | Year Ended | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Income statement information: | | |
| Revenues | \$ 2,322 | \$ 69 |
| Loss before income taxes and net loss | (5,322) | (2,293) |

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In 2012, Wendy's (1) provided a guarantee to certain lenders to the Japan JV for which our joint venture partners have agreed, should it become necessary, to reimburse and otherwise indemnify us for their 51% share of the guarantee and (2) agreed to reimburse and otherwise indemnify our joint venture partners for our 49% share of the guarantee by our joint venture partners of a line of credit granted by a different lender to the Japan JV to fund working capital requirements. As of December 30, 2012, our portion of these contingent obligations totaled approximately \$3,000 based upon then current rates of exchange. The fair value of our guarantees is immaterial.

In early 2013, the joint venture partners agreed on a plan to finance anticipated future cash requirements of the Japan JV. As determined by the amount of future capital contributions by each of the partners, Wendy's may become the majority owner of the Japan JV. The Japan JV and the effect of the noncontrolling interest in the Japan JV would then be included in the Wendy's consolidated financial statements from the date that Wendy's became the majority owner, or otherwise assumed day-to-day control of the Japan JV's operations.

Our obligations, including the funding of anticipated future cash requirements of the Japan JV of approximately \$3,000, could total up to approximately \$8,000 if our joint venture partners are unable to perform their reimbursement and indemnity obligations to us.

Indirect Investment in Arby's

In connection with the sale of Arby's, Wendy's Restaurants obtained an 18.5% equity interest in Buyer Parent (through which Wendy's Restaurants indirectly retained an 18.5% interest in Arby's) with a fair value of \$19,000. See Note 2 for more information on the sale of Arby's. We account for our interest in Arby's as a cost method investment. During 2012, we received a \$4,625 dividend from our investment in Arby's which was included in "Investment income, net."

Sale of Investment in Jurlique International Pty Ltd.

Jurl Holdings, LLC ("Jurl"), a 99.7% owned subsidiary, held our approximately 11% cost method investment in Jurlique International Pty Ltd. ("Jurlique"), an Australian manufacturer of skin care products. Prior to 2009, we had determined that all of our then remaining \$8,500 investment in Jurlique was impaired. On February 2, 2012, Jurl completed the sale of our investment in Jurlique for which we received proceeds of \$27,287, net of the amount held in escrow. The amount held in escrow as of December 30, 2012 was \$3,372, which was adjusted for foreign currency translation and was included in "Deferred costs and other assets." In connection with the anticipated proceeds of the sale and in order to protect ourselves from a decrease in the Australian dollar through the closing date, we entered into a foreign currency related derivative transaction for an equivalent notional amount in U.S. dollars of the expected proceeds of A\$28,500. We recorded a gain on sale of this investment of \$27,407, which included a loss of \$2,913 on the settlement of the derivative transaction discussed above. The gain was included in "Investment income, net" in our consolidated statement of operations.

We have reflected net income attributable to noncontrolling interests of \$2,384, net of an income tax benefit of \$1,283, for the year ended December 30, 2012 in connection with the equity and profit interests discussed below. The net assets and liabilities of the subsidiary that held the investment were not material to the consolidated financial statements. Therefore, the noncontrolling interest in those assets and liabilities was not previously reported separately. As a result of this sale and distributions to the minority shareholders, there are no remaining noncontrolling interests in this consolidated subsidiary.

Prior to 2009 when our predecessor entity was a diversified company active in investments, we had provided our Chairman, who was also our then Chief Executive Officer, and our Vice Chairman, who was our then President and Chief Operating Officer (the "Former Executives"), and certain other former employees, equity and profit interests in Jurl. In connection with the gain on sale of Jurlique, we distributed, based on the related agreement, approximately \$3,667 to Jurl's minority shareholders, including approximately \$2,296 to the Former Executives.

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(9) Properties

| | Year End | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
| Owned: | | |
| Land | \$ 400,571 | \$ 401,950 |
| Buildings and improvements | 421,127 | 384,798 |
| Office, restaurant and transportation equipment (a) | 446,022 | 352,595 |
| Leasehold improvements | 345,415 | 323,701 |
| Leased: | | |
| Capital leases (b) | <u>36,551</u> | <u>27,514</u> |
| | 1,649,686 | 1,490,558 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization (c) | <u>(399,348)</u> | <u>(298,358)</u> |
| | <u>\$1,250,338</u> | <u>\$1,192,200</u> |

(a) Includes a company-owned aircraft at December 30, 2012. This aircraft was classified as held for sale at January 1, 2012 and was included in "Prepaid expenses and other current assets."

(b) These assets principally include buildings and improvements.

(c) Includes \$10,273 and \$8,139 of accumulated amortization related to capital leases at December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012, respectively.

(10) Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

At December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012, substantially all of our goodwill was associated with our North America restaurants. Goodwill activity for 2012 and 2011 was as follows:

| | Year End | |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
| Balance at beginning of year | \$870,431 | \$883,644 |
| Arby's disposition, net of accumulated impairment losses of \$ 482,075 . . . | — | (17,617) |
| Restaurant acquisitions and dispositions, net | 4,567 | 5,626 |
| Currency translation adjustment | <u>1,203</u> | <u>(1,222)</u> |
| Balance at end of year | <u>\$876,201</u> | <u>\$870,431</u> |

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The following is a summary of the components of other intangible assets:

| | Year End 2012 | | | Year End 2011 | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Accumulated Amortization</u> | <u>Net</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Accumulated Amortization</u> | <u>Net</u> |
| Indefinite-lived: | | | | | | |
| Trademarks | \$ 903,000 | \$ — | \$ 903,000 | \$ 903,000 | \$ — | \$ 903,000 |
| Definite-lived: | | | | | | |
| Franchise agreements | 353,778 | (71,795) | 281,983 | 353,262 | (54,853) | 298,409 |
| Favorable leases | 103,914 | (30,369) | 73,545 | 108,304 | (24,961) | 83,343 |
| Reacquired rights under | | | | | | |
| franchise agreements | 23,065 | (779) | 22,286 | 1,215 | (1) | 1,214 |
| Computer software | 45,005 | (24,282) | 20,723 | 36,817 | (18,495) | 18,322 |
| | <u>\$1,428,762</u> | <u>\$(127,225)</u> | <u>\$1,301,537</u> | <u>\$1,402,598</u> | <u>\$(98,310)</u> | <u>\$1,304,288</u> |

Aggregate amortization expense:

Actual for fiscal year (a):

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| 2010 | \$ 36,662 |
| 2011 | 33,181 |
| 2012 | 32,713 |

Estimate for fiscal year:

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| 2013 | \$ 31,385 |
| 2014 | 30,872 |
| 2015 | 28,560 |
| 2016 | 26,487 |
| 2017 | 25,400 |
| Thereafter | 255,833 |

(a) Includes \$1,757, \$2,763, and \$5,125 of impairment charges related to other intangible assets in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

(11) Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities

| | Year End | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
| Accrued compensation and related benefits | \$ 67,862 | \$ 67,560 |
| Accrued taxes | 28,593 | 37,040 |
| Accrued interest | 6,211 | 29,958 |
| Other | 34,682 | 43,740 |
| | <u>\$137,348</u> | <u>\$178,298</u> |

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(12) Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

| | Year End | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Term Loan, due in 2019 (a) | \$1,114,826 | \$ — |
| Senior Notes, repaid in July 2012 (a) | — | 554,901 |
| 2010 Term Loan, repaid in May 2012 (a) | — | 466,062 |
| 6.20% senior notes, due in 2014 (b) | 225,940 | 224,643 |
| 7% debentures, due in 2025 (c) | 83,496 | 82,342 |
| Capital lease obligations, due through 2040 | 32,594 | 16,688 |
| 6.54% aircraft term loan, repaid in June 2012 (d) | — | 11,303 |
| Other | 706 | 1,060 |
| | <u>1,457,562</u> | <u>1,356,999</u> |
| Less amounts payable within one year | (12,911) | (6,597) |
| Total long-term debt | <u>\$1,444,651</u> | <u>\$1,350,402</u> |

Aggregate annual maturities of long-term debt, excluding the effect of purchase accounting adjustments, discounts and interest rate swaps, as of December 30, 2012 were as follows:

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 2013 | \$ 12,911 |
| 2014 | 237,990 |
| 2015 | 15,397 |
| 2016 | 12,396 |
| 2017 | 12,588 |
| Thereafter | <u>1,192,018</u> |
| | <u>\$1,483,300</u> |

(a) On May 15, 2012, Wendy's entered into a Credit Agreement, as amended (the "Credit Agreement"), which includes a senior secured term loan facility (the "Term Loan") of \$1,125,000 and a senior secured revolving credit facility of \$200,000 and contains provisions for an uncommitted increase of up to \$275,000 principal amount of the revolving credit facility and/or Term Loan subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions. The revolving credit facility includes a sub-facility for the issuance of up to \$70,000 of letters of credit. The Credit Agreement replaced the \$650,000 credit agreement and the amended senior secured term loan (the "2010 Term Loan") executed in 2010. The obligations under the Credit Agreement are secured by substantially all of the non-real estate assets and stock of Wendy's and its domestic subsidiaries (other than certain unrestricted subsidiaries) and 65% of the stock of certain of its foreign subsidiaries in each case subject to certain limitations and exceptions.

The Term Loan was issued at 99.0% of the principal amount, representing an original issue discount of 1.0% resulting in net proceeds of \$1,113,750. The discount of \$11,250 is being accreted and the related charge included in "Interest expense" through the maturity of the Term Loan.

The Term Loan is due not later than May 15, 2019 and amortizes in an amount equal to 1% per annum of the total principal amount outstanding, payable in quarterly installments which commenced on December 31, 2012, with the remaining balance payable on the maturity date. In addition, the Term Loan requires prepayments of principal amounts resulting from certain events and excess cash flow on an annual basis from Wendy's as defined under the Credit Agreement. An excess cash flow payment was not required for fiscal 2012. The revolving credit

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facility expires not later than May 15, 2017. An unused commitment fee of 50 basis points per annum is payable quarterly on the average unused amount of the revolving credit facility until the maturity date. As of December 30, 2012, there were no amounts outstanding under the revolving credit facility, except for \$20,348 of letters of credit issued in the normal course of business.

The interest rate on the Term Loan and amounts borrowed under the revolving credit facility is based on the Eurodollar Rate as defined in the Credit Agreement (but not less than 1.25%), plus 3.50%, or a Base Rate, as defined in the Credit Agreement plus 2.50%. Since the inception of the Term Loan, we have elected to use the Eurodollar Rate, which resulted in an interest rate on the Term Loan of 4.75% as of December 30, 2012.

Wendy's incurred \$15,566 in costs related to the Credit Agreement, which are being amortized to "Interest expense" through the maturity of the Term Loan utilizing the effective interest rate method.

Proceeds from the Term Loan were used (1) to repay all amounts outstanding under the 2010 Term Loan, (2) to redeem the Wendy's Restaurants 10.00% Senior Notes due 2016 (the "Senior Notes") in the amounts of \$440,775 aggregate principal at a redemption price of 107.5% of the principal amount in July 2012 and to purchase \$124,225 aggregate principal at a purchase price of 108.125% of the principal amount in May 2012, both plus accrued and unpaid interest and (3) to pay substantially all of the Credit Agreement fees and expenses.

As a result of the transactions described above, the Company incurred a loss on the early extinguishment of debt as follows:

| | Year Ended 2012 |
|---|--------------------|
| Premium payment to redeem/purchase Senior Notes | \$43,151 |
| Unaccreted discount on Senior Notes | 9,272 |
| Deferred costs associated with the Senior Notes | 12,433 |
| Unaccreted discount on 2010 Term Loan | 1,695 |
| Deferred costs associated with the 2010 Term Loan | <u>8,525</u> |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | <u>\$75,076</u> |

The affirmative and negative covenants in the Credit Agreement include, among others, preservation of corporate existence; payment of taxes; maintenance of insurance; and limitations on: indebtedness (including guarantee obligations of other indebtedness); liens; mergers, consolidations, liquidations and dissolutions; sales of assets; dividends and other payments in respect of capital stock; investments; payments of certain indebtedness; transactions with affiliates; changes in fiscal year; negative pledge clauses and clauses restricting subsidiary distributions; and material changes in lines of business. The financial covenants contained in the Credit Agreement are (1) a consolidated interest coverage ratio and (2) a consolidated senior secured leverage ratio. Wendy's was in compliance with the covenants of the Credit Agreement as of December 30, 2012 including the consolidated interest coverage ratio, our most restrictive financial covenant, which requires that we maintain a minimum consolidated interest coverage ratio of 3.00. The covenants generally do not restrict The Wendy's Company or any of The Wendy's Company's subsidiaries that are not subsidiaries of Wendy's.

- (b) Wendy's 6.20% senior notes were reduced to fair value in connection with the Wendy's merger based on outstanding principal of \$225,000 and an effective interest rate of 7.0%. The fair value adjustment is being accreted and the related charge included in "Interest expense" until the notes mature. The carrying value of the Wendy's senior notes is adjusted to reflect the fair value of interest rate swaps associated with this debt. As of December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012, this adjustment increased the carrying value of the 6.20% senior notes by \$8,169 and \$11,695, respectively. These notes are unsecured and are redeemable prior to maturity at our option. The Wendy's senior notes contain covenants that restrict the incurrence of indebtedness secured by liens and certain capitalized lease transactions. Wendy's was in compliance with these covenants as of December 30, 2012.
- (c) Wendy's 7% debentures are unsecured and were reduced to fair value in connection with the Wendy's merger based on their outstanding principal of \$100,000 and an effective interest rate of 8.6%. The fair value adjustment

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is being accreted and the related charge included in "Interest expense" until the debentures mature. These debentures contain covenants that restrict the incurrence of indebtedness secured by liens and certain capitalized lease transactions. Wendy's was in compliance with these covenants as of December 30, 2012.

- (d) During the first quarter of 2012, the Company made a \$3,911 prepayment on its aircraft financing facility to comply with a requirement that the outstanding principal balance be no more than 85% of the appraised value of the aircraft. On June 25, 2012, the Company voluntarily repaid the remaining outstanding principal, including accrued interest thereon related to this facility, totaling \$6,656.

The loss on early extinguishment of debt in 2010 of \$26,197 related to the repayment of debt from the proceeds of the 2010 Term Loan. This loss consisted of (1) a \$14,953 premium payment required to redeem Wendy's 6.25% senior notes, (2) \$5,477 for the write-off of the unaccreted discount on Wendy's 6.25% senior notes and (3) \$5,767 for the write-off of deferred costs associated with the repayment of Wendy's Restaurants 2009 senior secured term loan.

Wendy's U.S. advertising fund has a revolving line of credit of \$25,000. Neither the Company, nor Wendy's, is the guarantor of the debt. The advertising fund facility was established to fund the advertising fund operations. The full amount of the line was available under this line of credit as of December 30, 2012.

At December 30, 2012, one of Wendy's Canadian subsidiaries had a revolving credit facility of C\$6,000 which bears interest at the Bank of Montreal Prime Rate. The debt is guaranteed by Wendy's. The full amount of the line was available under this line of credit as of December 30, 2012.

(13) Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Valuation techniques under the accounting guidance related to fair value measurements are based on observable and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect readily obtainable data from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect our market assumptions. These inputs are classified into the following hierarchy:

Level 1 Inputs - Quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 Inputs - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable or whose significant value drivers are observable.

Level 3 Inputs - Pricing inputs are unobservable for the assets or liabilities and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the assets or liabilities. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

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Financial Instruments

The following table presents the carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments at December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012:

| | December 30, 2012 | | January 1, 2012 | | Fair Value Measurements |
|--|----------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | |
| <i>Financial assets</i> | | | | | |
| Non-current cost method investments (a) .. \$ | 23,913 | \$ 50,761 | \$ 27,452 | \$ 62,496 | Level 3 |
| Interest rate swaps (b) | 8,169 | 8,169 | 11,695 | 11,695 | Level 2 |
| <i>Financial liabilities</i> | | | | | |
| Term Loan, due in 2019 (c) | 1,114,826 | 1,130,434 | — | — | Level 2 |
| Senior Notes, repaid in July 2012 (c) | — | — | 554,901 | 621,500 | Level 2 |
| 2010 Term Loan, repaid in May 2012 (c) .. | — | — | 466,062 | 466,940 | Level 2 |
| 6.20% senior notes, due in 2014 (c) | 225,940 | 240,750 | 224,643 | 231,750 | Level 2 |
| 7% debentures, due in 2025 (c) | 83,496 | 99,900 | 82,342 | 84,000 | Level 2 |
| Capital lease obligations (d) | 32,594 | 33,299 | 16,688 | 18,123 | Level 3 |
| 6.54% aircraft term loan, repaid in June 2012 (d) | — | — | 11,303 | 11,367 | Level 3 |
| Other | 706 | 707 | 1,060 | 1,072 | Level 3 |
| Guarantees of franchisee loan obligations (e) .. | 940 | 940 | 1,275 | 1,275 | Level 3 |

- (a) The fair value of our indirect investment in Arby's is based on a review of its current unaudited financial information. The fair values of the remaining investments were 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 relied on our review of valuations performed by the investment managers or investees or third party appraisals. The fair value of our investment in Jurlique at January 1, 2012 was based upon an agreement with a third party to purchase Jurlique (which was completed in February 2012). See Note 8 for more information related to the sale of Jurlique.
- (b) The fair values were based on information provided by the bank counterparties that is model-driven and where inputs were observable or where significant value drivers were observable.
- (c) The fair values were based on quoted market prices in markets that are not considered active markets.
- (d) The fair values were determined by discounting the future scheduled principal payments using an interest rate assuming the same original issuance spread over a current U.S. Treasury bond yield for securities with similar durations.
- (e) Wendy's has provided loan guarantees to various lenders on behalf of franchisees entering into pooled debt facility arrangements for new restaurant development and equipment financing. During 2012, Wendy's provided a guarantee to a lender for a franchisee in connection with the refinancing of the franchisee's debt. We have accrued a liability for the fair value of these guarantees, the calculation of which was based upon a weighted average risk percentage established at inception adjusted for a history of defaults.

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximated fair value due to the short-term maturities of those items. The carrying amounts of accounts and notes receivable (both current and non-current) approximated fair value due to the effect of the related allowance for doubtful accounts.

Derivative Instruments

The Company's primary objective for entering into derivative instruments is to manage its exposure to changes in interest rates, as well as to maintain an appropriate mix of fixed and variable rate debt.

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During the third quarter of 2009, we entered into eight interest rate swaps with notional amounts totaling \$361,000 to swap the fixed rate interest rates on the 6.20% and 6.25% Wendy's senior notes for floating rates. The interest rate swaps were designated as fair value hedges of the related debt and qualified to be accounted for under the short-cut method according to the applicable guidance. During the first quarter of 2010, we entered into an interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$39,000 on Wendy's 6.20% senior notes. At its inception, the interest rate swap was designated as an effective fair value hedge and is tested for effectiveness quarterly. In connection with the redemption of the Wendy's 6.25% senior notes in 2010, we cancelled four interest rate swaps with notional amounts totaling \$175,000. Upon cancellation, we recognized a gain of \$1,875 in the second quarter of 2010, which is included in "Interest expense" for the year ended January 2, 2011.

At December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012, the fair value of the interest rate swaps on the 6.20% Wendy's senior notes was \$8,169 and \$11,695, respectively, and has been included in "Deferred costs and other assets" and as an adjustment to the carrying amount of the 6.20% Wendy's senior notes. Interest income on the interest rate swaps was \$5,510, \$5,611 and \$7,880 for the years ended December 30, 2012, January 1, 2012 and January 2, 2011, respectively. No ineffectiveness has been recorded to net income related to our fair value hedges for the years ended December 30, 2012, January 1, 2012 and January 2, 2011. Our interest rate swaps (and cash and cash equivalents as described above) are the only financial assets and liabilities measured and recorded at fair value on a recurring basis.

The Company may be exposed to credit losses in the event of nonperformance by the counterparties to its derivative financial instrument contracts. We anticipate that the counterparties will be able to fully satisfy their obligations under the contracts. We do not obtain collateral or other security to support derivative financial instruments subject to credit risk; however we do monitor the credit standing of the counterparties.

The following tables present the fair values for those assets and liabilities of continuing operations measured at fair value during 2012 and 2011 on a non-recurring basis and the resulting impact in the consolidated statements of operations. Total losses reflect the impact of all fair value measurements which were recorded to "Impairment of long-lived assets" in the consolidated statements of operations for the years ended December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012. The fair value of long-lived assets presented in the tables below substantially represents the remaining carrying value of land for Wendy's properties that were impaired in 2012 and 2011 and were estimated based on current market values as determined by sales prices of comparable properties and current market trends. As of December 30, 2012, the carrying value of the aircraft, which reflects current market conditions, approximated its fair value. See Note 1 and Note 18 for more information on the impairment of our long-lived assets.

| | December 30, 2012 | Fair Value Measurements | | | 2012 Total Losses |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | |
| Long-lived assets | \$ 7,311 | \$— | \$— | \$ 7,311 | \$19,469 |
| Aircraft | 5,926 | — | — | 5,926 | 1,628 |
| Total | <u>\$13,237</u> | <u>\$—</u> | <u>\$—</u> | <u>\$13,237</u> | <u>\$21,097</u> |

| | January 1, 2012 | Fair Value Measurements | | | 2011 Total Losses |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|----------------------|
| | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | |
| Long-lived assets | \$ 575 | \$— | \$— | \$ 575 | \$12,883 |
| Total | <u>\$ 575</u> | <u>\$—</u> | <u>\$—</u> | <u>\$ 575</u> | <u>\$12,883</u> |

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(14) Income Taxes

(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes and noncontrolling interests is set forth below:

| | Year Ended | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
| Domestic | \$(23,154) | \$11,967 | \$(2,244) |
| Foreign, principally Canada | <u>10,029</u> | <u>12,473</u> | <u>15,800</u> |
| | <u>\$(13,125)</u> | <u>\$24,440</u> | <u>\$13,556</u> |

The benefit from (provision for) income taxes from continuing operations is set forth below:

| | Year Ended | | |
|--|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
| Current: | | | |
| U.S. Federal | \$ 104 | \$ — | \$ — |
| State | (669) | (675) | (5,774) |
| Foreign, principally Canada | <u>(8,667)</u> | <u>(5,540)</u> | <u>(7,076)</u> |
| Current tax provision | (9,232) | (6,215) | (12,850) |
| Deferred: | | | |
| U.S. Federal | 6,458 | 1,367 | 10,982 |
| State | 18,026 | (2,788) | 4,356 |
| Foreign, principally Canada | <u>5,831</u> | <u>1,108</u> | <u>2,067</u> |
| Deferred tax benefit (provision) | <u>30,315</u> | <u>(313)</u> | <u>17,405</u> |
| Income tax benefit (provision) | <u>\$21,083</u> | <u>\$(6,528)</u> | <u>\$ 4,555</u> |

Deferred tax assets (liabilities) are set forth below:

| | Year End | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
| Deferred tax assets: | | |
| Operating and capital loss carryforwards | \$ 108,297 | \$ 98,173 |
| Tax credit carryforwards | 91,319 | 83,708 |
| Accrued compensation and related benefits | 35,397 | 38,198 |
| Unfavorable leases | 16,581 | 18,731 |
| Accrued expenses and reserves | 32,090 | 35,338 |
| Other | 18,442 | 20,679 |
| Valuation allowances | <u>(21,052)</u> | <u>(17,397)</u> |
| Total deferred tax assets | 281,074 | 277,430 |
| Deferred tax liabilities: | | |
| Intangible assets | (480,790) | (502,570) |
| Owned and leased fixed assets net of related obligations | (121,706) | (125,788) |
| Other | <u>(25,306)</u> | <u>(26,209)</u> |
| Total deferred tax liabilities | <u>(627,802)</u> | <u>(654,567)</u> |
| | <u>\$(346,728)</u> | <u>\$(377,137)</u> |

Changes in the Company's deferred tax asset and liability balances were primarily the result of the tax impact of domestic losses, an increase to credit carryforwards, corrections related to prior years and the acquisitions described in Note 3.

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The Wendy's Company's net operating loss and credit carryforwards have limited carryforward periods and will expire if unused. U.S. Federal net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$306,455 at December 30, 2012, which included the \$119,638 of share-based compensation deductions not yet recognized as described below, expire beginning in 2025. State net operating loss carryforwards are subject to various limitations including carryforward periods and begin expiring in 2013. As of December 30, 2012, the Company had a deferred tax asset, net of U.S. Federal taxes, of \$44,716 related to state net operating losses. Tax credits of \$91,319 at December 30, 2012, principally consisting of foreign tax credits and jobs credits, expire beginning in 2015.

In 2012 and prior years, we deducted \$119,638 in excess of cumulative compensation costs relating to the exercise of stock options and vesting of restricted stock. The Company has not recognized the \$43,294 tax benefit relating to these deductions because it has no income taxes currently payable against which the benefits can be realized as a result of its net operating loss and credit carryforwards. When such benefits are realized against future income taxes payable, the Company will recognize them in future periods as a reduction of current income taxes payable with an equal offsetting increase in "Additional paid-in capital."

The Company's valuation allowances of \$21,052, \$17,397 and \$88,363 as of December 30, 2012, January 1, 2012 and January 2, 2011, respectively, relate to capital loss and state net operating loss carryforwards. Valuation allowances increased \$3,655 in 2012 primarily as a result of changes in state net operating losses. Valuation allowances decreased \$70,966 in 2011 primarily as a result of a \$65,105 reduction related to capital losses utilized to offset 2011 capital gains, primarily as a result of the reorganization of our business entity structure outside of the U.S. and a \$4,565 reduction related to expiring capital losses. Valuation allowances increased in 2010 by \$1,132 principally related to changes in state net operating losses.

The unremitted earnings of foreign subsidiaries, primarily Canadian, are not essentially permanent in duration. Generally, such amounts become subject to U.S. taxation upon the remittance of dividends and under certain other circumstances. As of December 30, 2012, the Company has provided U.S. deferred income tax of \$1,934 on these unremitted earnings.

The reconciliation of income tax computed at the U.S. Federal statutory rate to reported income tax is set forth below:

| | Year Ended | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Income tax benefit (provision) at the U.S. Federal statutory rate | \$ 4,594 | \$(8,554) | \$(4,745) |
| State income tax benefit (provision), net of U.S. Federal income tax effect . . . | 7,709 | (2,251) | (1,122) |
| Corrections related to prior years' tax matters (a) | 7,620 | — | — |
| Foreign and U.S. tax effects of foreign operations (b) | 347 | 1,147 | 7,693 |
| Dividends received deduction (c) | 1,133 | — | — |
| Jobs tax credits, net | 970 | 1,914 | 2,044 |
| Non-deductible expenses | (1,263) | (622) | (439) |
| Adjustments related to prior year tax matters | (359) | 1,881 | 983 |
| Other, net (d) | 332 | (43) | 141 |
| | <u>\$21,083</u> | <u>\$(6,528)</u> | <u>\$ 4,555</u> |

(a) Corrections in 2012 related to tax matters in prior years for the effects of tax depreciation in states that do not follow federal law of \$3,300, the effects of a one-time federal employment tax credit in 2011 of \$2,220 and a correction to certain deferred tax assets and liabilities of \$2,100.

(b) Includes previously unrecognized benefit in 2010 of foreign tax credits, net of foreign income and withholding taxes on the repatriation of foreign earnings.

(c) During 2012, we received a dividend of \$4,625 from our investment in Arby's (see Note 8 for further information).

(d) Includes U.S. Federal uncertain tax positions in 2012.

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The Company participates in the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") Compliance Assurance Process ("CAP"). As part of CAP, tax years are examined on a contemporaneous basis so that all or most issues are resolved prior to the filing of the tax return. As such, our January 3, 2010, January 2, 2011 and January 1, 2012 tax returns have been settled. Certain of the Company's state income tax returns from its 2001 fiscal year and forward remain subject to 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.

Uncertain Tax Positions

As of December 30, 2012, the Company had unrecognized tax benefits of \$28,848, which, if resolved favorably would reduce income tax expense by \$20,444. A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits follows:

| | Year End | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
| Beginning balance | \$30,614 | \$36,434 | \$39,118 |
| Additions: | | | |
| Tax positions related to the current year | — | — | 19 |
| Tax positions of prior years | 3,410 | 948 | 4,921 |
| Reductions: | | | |
| Tax positions of prior years | (2,964) | (3,410) | (4,419) |
| Settlements | (1,327) | (1,922) | (416) |
| Lapse of statute of limitations | (885) | (1,436) | (2,789) |
| Ending balance | <u>\$28,848</u> | <u>\$30,614</u> | <u>\$36,434</u> |

During 2013, we believe it is reasonably possible the Company will reduce unrecognized tax benefits by up to \$5,777, primarily as a result of the completion of certain state tax audits.

During 2012, 2011 and 2010, the Company recognized \$(584), \$501 and \$1,004 of interest (credit) expense and \$(204), \$337 and \$425 of penalty (credit) expense, respectively, related to uncertain tax positions. The Company has approximately \$3,972 and \$4,923 accrued for interest and \$1,708 and \$1,912 accrued for penalties as of December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012, respectively.

(15) Stockholders' Equity

There were 470,424 shares of common stock issued at the beginning and end of 2012, 2011 and 2010. Treasury stock activity for 2012, 2011 and 2010 was as follows:

| | Treasury Stock | | |
|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
| Number of shares at beginning of year | 80,700 | 52,050 | 17,492 |
| Repurchase of common stock | — | 30,983 | 35,406 |
| Common shares issued: | | | |
| Stock options, net | (2,079) | (1,461) | (383) |
| Restricted stock, net | (211) | (693) | (266) |
| Director fees | (45) | (42) | (47) |
| Other | (314) | (137) | (152) |
| Number of shares at end of year | <u>78,051</u> | <u>80,700</u> | <u>52,050</u> |

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Repurchases of Common Stock

In November 2012, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$100,000 of our common stock through December 29, 2013, when and if market conditions warrant and to the extent legally permissible. No repurchases were made for the year ended December 30, 2012.

Under the prior repurchase program, which expired at the end of fiscal 2011, our Board of Directors had authorized in aggregate the repurchase of \$495,000 of our common stock. During 2011 and 2010, the Company repurchased 30,983 and 35,406 shares with an aggregate purchase price of \$157,014 and \$167,101, excluding commissions of \$542 and \$642, respectively.

Preferred Stock

There were 100,000 shares authorized and no shares issued of preferred stock throughout 2012, 2011 and 2010.

Restricted Net Assets of Subsidiaries

Restricted net assets of consolidated subsidiaries were approximately \$1,100,000, representing approximately 55% of The Wendy's Company consolidated stockholders' equity as of December 30, 2012 and consisted of net assets of Wendy's which were restricted as to transfer to The Wendy's Company in the form of cash dividends, loans or advances under the covenants of the Credit Agreement.

Dividends paid to The Wendy's Company from its subsidiaries totaled \$443,700 in 2010. No dividends were paid in 2012 or 2011.

(16) Share-Based Compensation

The Company maintains several equity plans (the "Equity Plans") which collectively provide or provided for the grant of stock options, restricted shares, tandem stock appreciation rights, restricted share units and performance shares (collectively, the "Grants") to certain officers, other key employees, non-employee directors and consultants. The Company has not granted any tandem stock appreciation rights. During 2010, the Company implemented the 2010 Omnibus Award Plan (the "2010 Plan") for the issuance of equity awards as described above. All equity grants during 2012 and 2011 were issued from the 2010 Plan and it is currently the only equity plan from which future equity awards may be granted. As of December 30, 2012, there were approximately 43,647 shares of common stock available for future grants under the 2010 Plan. During the periods presented in the consolidated financial statements, the Company settled all stock option exercises and the vesting of restricted shares and performance shares with treasury shares.

Stock Options

The Company's current outstanding stock options have maximum contractual terms of ten years and vest ratably over three years or cliff vest after three years. The exercise price of options granted is equal to the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The fair value of stock options on the date of grant are calculated using the Black-Scholes Model. The aggregate intrinsic value of an option is the amount by which the fair

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value of the underlying stock exceeds its exercise price. The following table summarizes stock option activity during 2012.

| | Number of Options | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life in Years | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|---|----------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| Outstanding at January 1, 2012 | 30,259 | \$6.16 | | |
| Granted | 6,073 | 4.69 | | |
| Exercised | (3,233) | 4.10 | | |
| Forfeited and/or expired | (4,538) | 6.35 | | |
| Outstanding at December 30, 2012 | <u>28,561</u> | \$6.05 | 5.7 | <u>\$4,513</u> |
| Vested or expected to vest at December 30, 2012 | 27,944 | \$6.08 | 5.6 | <u>\$4,444</u> |
| Exercisable at December 30, 2012 | 19,161 | \$6.71 | 4.0 | <u>\$3,457</u> |

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$2,280, \$1,138 and \$488, respectively. The weighted average grant date fair value for stock options granted during 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$1.80, \$1.88 and \$1.47, respectively.

The grant date fair value of stock options was determined using the following assumptions:

| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Risk-free interest rate | 0.98% | 1.74% | 2.01% |
| Expected option life in years | 6.62 | 5.62 | 5.40 |
| Expected volatility | 45.9% | 45.2% | 45.2% |
| Expected dividend yield | 1.71% | 1.59% | 1.53% |

The risk-free interest rate represents the U.S. Treasury zero-coupon bond yield correlating to the expected life of the stock options granted. The expected option life represents the period of time that the stock options granted are expected to be outstanding based on historical exercise trends for similar grants. The expected volatility is based on the historical market price volatility of our common stock. The expected dividend yield represents the Company's annualized average yield for regular quarterly dividends declared prior to the respective stock option grant dates.

The Black-Scholes Model has limitations on its effectiveness including that it was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options which have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable and that the model requires the use of highly subjective assumptions including expected stock price volatility. Employee stock option awards have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options and changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimates.

Restricted Shares

The Company grants restricted share awards ("RSAs") and restricted share units ("RSUs"), which cliff vest after two or three years. For the purposes of our disclosures, the term "Restricted Shares" applies to RSAs and RSUs collectively unless otherwise noted. The fair value of Restricted Shares granted is determined using the average of the high and low trading prices of our common stock on the date of grant.

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The following table summarizes activity of Restricted Shares during 2012:

| | Number of Restricted Shares | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Non-vested at January 1, 2012 | 1,043 | \$4.82 |
| Granted | 1,332 | 4.64 |
| Vested | (446) | 4.60 |
| Forfeited | <u>(53)</u> | 4.62 |
| Non-vested at December 30, 2012 | <u>1,876</u> | \$4.72 |

The total fair value of Restricted Shares that vested in 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$2,023, \$3,223 and \$3,348, respectively.

Performance Shares

The Company grants performance-based awards to certain officers and key employees. The vesting of these awards is contingent upon meeting a defined operational goal (a performance condition) or common stock share prices (a market condition).

The fair value of the performance condition awards granted in 2010 was determined using the average of the high and low trading prices of our common stock on the date of grant. There were no performance condition awards granted in 2012 or 2011. Share-based compensation expense recorded for performance condition awards is reevaluated at each reporting period based on the probability of the achievement of the goal. The Company recorded compensation expense of \$820 for the accelerated vesting of performance condition awards in accordance with the termination provisions of the employment agreements for two senior executives in 2011 as a result of the sale of Arby's and related announcements that the Company's Atlanta restaurant support center would be relocated to Ohio. There was no other share-based compensation expense recorded during 2012, 2011 and 2010 for the performance condition awards as the Company determined the achievement of the defined operational goal was not probable.

The fair value of market condition awards granted in 2012, 2011 and 2010 was estimated using the Monte Carlo simulation model. The Monte Carlo simulation model utilizes multiple input variables to estimate the probability that the market conditions will be achieved and is applied to the average of the high and low trading prices of our common stock on the date of grant. The input variables are noted in the table below:

| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Risk-free interest rate | 0.41% | 0.61% | 0.93% |
| Expected life in years | 2.99 | 3.02 | 2.98 |
| Expected volatility | 34.0% | 52.0% | 55.0% |
| Expected dividend yield (a) | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |

(a) The Monte Carlo method assumes a reinvestment of dividends.

Share-based compensation expense is recorded ratably for market condition awards during the requisite service period and is not reversed, except for forfeitures, at the vesting date without regard as to whether the market condition is met. The Company recorded compensation expense of \$2,347 for the accelerated vesting of market condition awards in accordance with the termination provisions of the employment agreements for two senior executives in 2011 as a result of the sale of Arby's discussed above.

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The following table summarizes activity of performance shares during 2012:

| | <u>Performance Condition Awards</u> | | <u>Market Condition Awards</u> | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|
| | <u>Shares</u> | <u>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</u> | <u>Shares</u> | <u>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</u> |
| Non-vested at January 1, 2012 | 655 | \$3.91 | 1,441 | \$6.46 |
| Granted | — | — | 896 | 6.04 |
| Dividend equivalent units issued (a) | 11 | — | 39 | — |
| Vested | — | — | — | — |
| Forfeited | <u>(155)</u> | 3.91 | <u>(229)</u> | 6.37 |
| Non-vested at December 30, 2012 | <u>511</u> | \$3.91 | <u>2,147</u> | \$6.38 |

(a) Dividend equivalent units are issued in lieu of cash dividends for non-vested performance shares. There is no weighted average fair value associated with dividend equivalent units.

The total fair value of awards that were accelerated to vest during 2011 was \$3,615.

Modifications of Share-Based Awards

During 2011, the Company modified the terms of awards granted to 168 employees in connection with the sale of Arby's and the announcement of the relocation of the Company's Atlanta restaurant support center to Ohio. These modifications resulted in (1) the accelerated vesting of stock options and restricted share units upon the termination of such employees and (2) a reduction in share-based compensation expense of \$614 for 2011. Of this amount, \$253 is included in discontinued operations and \$361 is included in "Facilities relocation costs and other transactions."

Share-Based Compensation Expense

Total share-based compensation expense and the related income tax benefit recognized in the Company's consolidated statements of operations were as follows:

| | <u>Year Ended</u> | | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
| Stock options (a) | \$ 5,578 | \$ 9,898 | \$ 7,700 |
| Restricted Shares | 2,730 | 1,943 | 2,311 |
| Performance Shares: | | | |
| Performance Condition Shares | — | 820 | — |
| Market Condition Shares (b) | 3,210 | 4,688 | 478 |
| Compensation adjustments, net (c) | <u>(45)</u> | <u>(361)</u> | <u>—</u> |
| Compensation expense credited to "Stockholders' Equity" (d) | 11,473 | 16,988 | 10,489 |
| Interest on Restricted Share dividends | — | 2 | 3 |
| Total share-based compensation expense | 11,473 | 16,990 | 10,492 |
| Less: Income tax benefit | <u>(4,286)</u> | <u>(6,338)</u> | <u>(3,773)</u> |
| Share-based compensation expense, net of income tax benefit | <u>\$ 7,187</u> | <u>\$10,652</u> | <u>\$ 6,719</u> |

(a) 2011 includes expense of \$3,068 for the accelerated vesting of awards in conjunction with the sale of Arby's and the announcement of the relocation of the Company's Atlanta restaurant support center to Ohio.

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- (b) 2011 includes expense of \$2,347 for the accelerated vesting of awards partially offset by a credit of \$384 for awards that were forfeited in conjunction with the sale of Arby's and the announcement of the relocation of the Company's Atlanta restaurant support center to Ohio.
- (c) Adjustments relate to modifications of share-based compensation awards.
- (d) Excludes \$700 and \$3,215 for 2011 and 2010, respectively, which is included in discontinued operations.

As of December 30, 2012, there was \$20,291 of total unrecognized share-based compensation, which will be recognized over a weighted average amortization period of 2.2 years.

(17) Facilities Relocation Costs and Other Transactions

| | Year Ended | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Facilities relocation and other transition costs | \$28,990 | \$ 5,527 |
| Breakfast discontinuation | 10,569 | — |
| Arby's transaction related costs | 1,472 | 40,184 |
| | <u>\$41,031</u> | <u>\$45,711</u> |

Facilities Relocation and Other Transition Costs

As announced in December 2011, we commenced the relocation of the Company's Atlanta restaurant support center to Ohio. The Company expects to record costs aggregating approximately \$4,800 in 2013 related to its relocation and other transition activities which were substantially completed during 2012. The costs expected to be expensed in 2013 primarily relate to relocation, severance and consulting and professional fees.

| | Year Ended | | Total Incurred Since Inception | Total Expected to be Incurred |
|--|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | | |
| Severance, retention and other payroll costs | \$ 9,952 | \$5,345 | \$15,297 | \$16,577 |
| Relocation costs | 5,222 | — | 5,222 | 7,546 |
| Atlanta facility closure costs | 4,541 | — | 4,541 | 4,541 |
| Consulting and professional fees | 4,928 | — | 4,928 | 5,968 |
| Other | 2,126 | 14 | 2,140 | 2,250 |
| | <u>26,769</u> | <u>5,359</u> | <u>32,128</u> | <u>36,882</u> |
| Accelerated depreciation expense | 1,921 | 197 | 2,118 | 2,118 |
| Share-based compensation | 300 | (29) | 271 | 271 |
| Total | <u>\$28,990</u> | <u>\$5,527</u> | <u>\$34,517</u> | <u>\$39,271</u> |

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The tables below present a rollforward of our accruals for facility relocation costs, which are included in “Accrued expenses and other current liabilities” and “Other liabilities.”

| | Balance January 1, 2012 | Charges | Payments | Balance December 30, 2012 |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Severance, retention and other payroll costs | \$5,345 | \$ 9,952 | \$(11,176) | \$4,121 |
| Relocation costs | — | 5,222 | (4,722) | 500 |
| Atlanta facility closure costs | — | 4,541 | (371) | 4,170 |
| Consulting and professional fees | — | 4,928 | (4,848) | 80 |
| Other | — | 2,126 | (2,117) | 9 |
| | <u>\$5,345</u> | <u>\$26,769</u> | <u>\$(23,234)</u> | <u>\$8,880</u> |

| | Balance January 2, 2011 | Charges | Payments | Balance January 1, 2012 |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Severance, retention and other payroll costs | \$ — | \$ 5,345 | \$ — | \$5,345 |
| Other | — | 14 | (14) | — |
| | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 5,359</u> | <u>\$ (14)</u> | <u>\$5,345</u> |

Breakfast Discontinuation

During the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company reflected costs totaling \$10,569 resulting from the discontinuation of the breakfast daypart at certain restaurants consisting primarily of (1) the remaining net carrying value of \$5,277 for certain breakfast equipment and (2) amounts advanced to franchisees of \$3,544 for breakfast equipment which will not be reimbursed.

Arby's Transaction Related Costs

As a result of the sale of Arby's in July 2011, we expensed costs related to the Arby's transaction during 2012 and 2011 as detailed in the table below.

| | Year Ended | | Total Incurred Since Inception | Total Expected to Be Incurred |
|--|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | | |
| Severance, retention and other payroll costs (a) | \$ 615 | \$29,194 | \$29,809 | \$29,809 |
| Relocation costs (b) | 349 | 1,670 | 2,019 | 2,421 |
| Consulting and professional fees | 7 | 2,935 | 2,942 | 2,942 |
| Other | 278 | 288 | 566 | 566 |
| | 1,249 | 34,087 | 35,336 | 35,738 |
| Share-based compensation (a)(b) | 223 | 6,097 | 6,320 | 6,717 |
| | <u>\$1,472</u> | <u>\$40,184</u> | <u>\$41,656</u> | <u>\$42,455</u> |

(a) 2011 transaction related costs included \$20,806 of costs incurred by the Company in accordance with the termination provisions of the employment agreements for three senior executives (principally for required payments of \$14,481 and vesting of previously issued stock awards of \$6,325).

(b) Relocation costs are expensed as incurred. However, payments of \$750 made due to the relocation of a corporate executive will be expensed over the three year period following this executive's relocation in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The agreement also included a restricted share award with a grant date fair value of \$750 which is being expensed over a three year requisite service period. These expenses are the only remaining Arby's transaction related costs expected to be incurred.

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The tables below present a rollforward of our accrual for Arby's transaction related costs, which is included in "Accrued expenses and other current liabilities."

| | Balance January 1, 2012 | Charges | Payments | Balance December 30, 2012 |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Severance, retention and other payroll costs | \$14,414 | \$ 615 | \$(14,333) | \$ 696 |
| Relocation costs | 1,101 | 349 | (1,450) | — |
| Consulting and professional fees | — | 7 | (7) | — |
| Other | — | 278 | (278) | — |
| | <u>\$15,515</u> | <u>\$ 1,249</u> | <u>\$(16,068)</u> | <u>\$ 696</u> |

| | Balance January 2, 2011 | Charges | Payments | Balance January 1, 2012 |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Severance, retention and other payroll costs | \$ — | \$29,194 | \$(14,780) | \$14,414 |
| Relocation costs | — | 1,670 | (569) | 1,101 |
| Consulting and professional fees | — | 2,935 | (2,935) | — |
| Other | — | 288 | (288) | — |
| | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$34,087</u> | <u>\$(18,572)</u> | <u>\$15,515</u> |

(18) Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Our company-owned restaurant impairment losses included in the table below predominantly reflect impairment charges on restaurant-level assets resulting from the deterioration in operating performance of certain restaurants and additional charges for capital improvements in restaurants impaired in prior years which did not subsequently recover. Additionally, in 2012 and 2010, our impairment losses included write-downs in the carrying value of certain surplus properties and properties held for sale.

During 2012, we closed 15 company-owned restaurants in connection with our review of certain underperforming locations. The closing of these restaurants resulted in an impairment charge of \$3,270. In addition, we incurred costs related to these restaurant closings of \$1,477, primarily for continuing lease obligations, which are included in "Other operating expense, net."

Also during 2012, we reclassified a company-owned aircraft as held and used from its previous held for sale classification. For the year ended December 30, 2012, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$1,628 on the company-owned aircraft. As of December 30, 2012, the carrying value of the aircraft, which reflects current market conditions, approximated its fair value and is included in "Properties." See Note 23 for information regarding an amended and restated lease agreement for the company-owned aircraft.

These impairment losses, as detailed in the following table, represented the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value of the affected assets and are included in "Impairment of long-lived assets."

| | Year Ended | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Properties | \$17,712 | \$10,120 | \$21,201 |
| Intangible assets | 1,757 | 2,763 | 5,125 |
| Aircraft | 1,628 | — | — |
| | <u>\$21,097</u> | <u>\$12,883</u> | <u>\$26,326</u> |

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Arby's company-owned impairment losses of \$43,151 in 2010 are included in discontinued operations and not included in the table above. Arby's impairment losses in 2010 predominantly reflected impairment charges on restaurant level assets resulting from the deterioration in operating performance of certain restaurants and additional charges for capital improvements in restaurants impaired in prior years which did not subsequently recover. These impairment losses represented the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value of the affected assets. Arby's impairment losses for the period from January 3, 2011 through July 3, 2011 were not significant. See Note 2 for further information on discontinued operations.

(19) Investment Income, Net

| | Year Ended | | |
|--|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Gain on sale of investments, net (a) | \$27,769 | \$250 | \$ 179 |
| Distributions, including dividends (b) | 8,463 | 234 | 248 |
| Gain on DFR Notes | — | — | 4,909 |
| Other, net | 11 | — | (77) |
| | <u>\$36,243</u> | <u>\$484</u> | <u>\$5,259</u> |

(a) In 2012, we recorded a gain on the sale of our investment in Jurlique of \$27,407, which included a loss of \$2,913 on the settlement of the derivative transaction discussed in Note 8.

(b) During 2012, we received a \$4,625 dividend from our investment in Arby's.

(20) Retirement Benefit Plans

401(k) Plan

Subject to certain restrictions, the Company has a 401(k) defined contribution plan (the "401(k) Plan") for all of its employees who meet certain minimum requirements and elect to participate. The 401(k) Plan permits employees to contribute up to 75% of their compensation, subject to certain limitations and provides for matching employee contributions up to 4% of compensation and for discretionary profit sharing contributions.

In connection with the matching and profit sharing contributions, the Company recognized compensation expense of \$8,887, \$7,944 and \$10,179 in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Pension Plans

The Wendy's Company maintains two domestic qualified defined benefit plans, the benefits under which were frozen in 1988 and for which The Wendy's Company has no unrecognized prior service cost. Arby's employees who were eligible to participate through 1988 (the "Eligible Arby's Employees") are covered under one of these plans. Pursuant to the terms of the Arby's sale agreement, liabilities related to the Eligible Arby's Employees under these plans were retained by Wendy's Restaurants. In addition, Wendy's Restaurants received \$400 from Buyer for the unfunded liability related to the Eligible Arby's Employees under the plans as of July 4, 2011. In conjunction with the sale of Arby's, Wendy's Restaurants transferred the liabilities related to the Eligible Arby's Employees to The Wendy's Company. The measurement date used by The Wendy's Company in determining amounts related to its defined benefit plans is the same as the Company's fiscal year end.

The balance of the accumulated benefit obligations and the fair value of the plans' assets at December 30, 2012 were \$4,211 and \$2,706, respectively. As of January 1, 2012, the balance of the accumulated benefit obligations and

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the fair value of the plans' assets were \$3,926 and \$2,557, respectively. As of December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012, each of the plans had accumulated benefit obligations in excess of the fair value of the assets of the respective plan. The Wendy's Company recognized \$42, \$303, and \$157 in benefit plan expenses in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, which were included in "General and administrative." In addition, The Wendy's Company recognized \$47 and \$64 in benefit plan expenses related to the Eligible Arby's Employees in 2011 and 2010, respectively, which were included in discontinued operations. The Wendy's Company's future required contributions to the plan are expected to be insignificant.

Multiemployer Pension Plan

The unionized employees at The New Bakery Co. of Ohio, Inc. (the "Bakery"), a 100% owned subsidiary of Wendy's, are covered by the Bakery and Confectionery Union and Industry International Pension Fund (the "Union Pension Fund"), a Multiemployer pension plan with a plan year end of December 31 that provides defined benefits to certain employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement (the "CBA"). The cost of this pension plan is determined in accordance with the provisions of the CBA.

In 2009, the Bakery terminated its participation in the Union Pension Fund and formally notified the plan's trustees of its withdrawal from that plan. This decision required Wendy's to assume a withdrawal liability of \$4,975 in accordance with the applicable requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, as amended, which has been included in "Cost of sales." In addition, the unionized employees became eligible to participate in the 401(k) Plan.

In 2010, the terms of a new collective bargaining agreement (the "New CBA") which expires on March 31, 2013, were agreed to by the Bakery and Bakers Local No. 57, Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers & Grain Millers International Union of America, AFL-CIO. Included in the terms of the New CBA, the Bakery agreed to participate in the Union Pension Fund as if it had not previously withdrawn its participation and the unionized employees would no longer be eligible to contribute to the 401 (k) Plan. Accordingly, the withdrawal liability recorded in 2009 was reversed in 2010 and credited to "Cost of sales." The other terms of the New CBA resulted in additional expense to Wendy's of approximately \$900 (which includes \$600 of contributions reflected in the table below), which is included in "Cost of sales," in 2010.

The future cost of the Union Pension Fund depends on a number of factors, including the funding status of the plan and the ability of other participating companies to meet ongoing funding obligations. Participating employers in the Union Pension Fund are jointly responsible for any plan underfunding. Assets contributed to the Union Pension Fund are not segregated or otherwise restricted to provide benefits only to the employees of the Bakery. While Wendy's pension cost for the Union Pension Fund is established by the New CBA, the Union Pension Fund may impose increased contribution rates and surcharges based on the funded status of the plan and in accordance with the provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (the "PPA"), which requires underfunded Multiemployer pension plans to implement rehabilitation plans to improve funded status. Factors that could impact the funded status of the Union Pension Fund include investment performance, changes in the participant demographics, financial stability of contributing employers and changes in actuarial assumptions. As of January 1, 2012, the Union Pension Fund was in Green Zone Status, as defined in the PPA and had been operating under a Rehabilitation Plan.

In April 2012, Wendy's received a Notice of Critical Status from the Union Pension Fund which sets forth that the plan was considered to be in Red Zone Status, as defined in the PPA, for the 2012 plan year due to funding problems. As the fund is in critical status, all contributing employers, including Wendy's, are required to pay a 5% surcharge on contributions for all hours worked from June 1, 2012 through December 30, 2012 and a 10% surcharge on contributions for all hours worked on and after January 1, 2013 until a contribution rate is negotiated at the expiration of the New CBA that will be consistent with a revised Rehabilitation Plan which must be adopted by the Union Pension Fund in accordance with the provisions of the PPA.

The surcharges and the possible effect of the revised Rehabilitation Plan to be adopted by the Union Pension Fund as described above are not anticipated to have a material effect on the Company's results of operations.

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However, in the event other contributing employers are unable to, or fail to, meet their ongoing funding obligations, the financial impact on the Company to contribute to any plan underfunding may be material.

Wendy's could also be obligated to pay additional contributions (known as complete or partial withdrawal liabilities) due to the unfunded vested benefits of the Union Pension Fund. The withdrawal liability (which could be material) would equal Wendy's proportionate share of the unfunded vested benefits based on the year in which the liability is triggered. A withdrawal liability would be triggered if Wendy's (1) ceases to make contributions to the Union Pension Fund, (2) closes its bakery facility, or (3) decides not to renew the collective bargaining agreement. No factors for which the Bakery would incur a withdrawal liability occurred during fiscal 2012.

Further information about the Union Pension Fund is presented in the table below:

| <u>Pension Fund</u> | <u>EIN</u> | <u>Pension Protection Act Zone Status (a)</u> | | | <u>Funding Improvement Plan/ Rehabilitation Plan Status</u> | <u>Wendy's Contributions (b)</u> | | | <u>Surcharge Imposed</u> | <u>Expiration Date of Collective Bargaining Agreement</u> |
|---------------------|------------|---|-------------|-------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|---|
| | | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> | | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> | | |
| Union Pension Fund | 52-6118572 | Red | Green | Green | Implemented | \$785 | \$781 | \$766 | Yes | 3/31/2013 |

(a) The Union Pension Fund elected an expanded asset smoothing period of 10 years for the investment loss incurred in the plan year ended December 31, 2008 and an increase in the limits on the actuarial value of the assets to 130% of market value for the plan years beginning January 1, 2009 and 2010, as permitted under the Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act of 2010. The Union Pension Plan certified its zone status after making this election.

(b) In accordance with the terms of the New CBA, Wendy's is required to make minimum contributions of \$3.00 per hour of employment for each employee covered under the Union Pension Fund. As of December 30, 2012, based on approximately 281,000 hours of expected employment, Wendy's minimum annual contribution to the Union Pension Fund would be \$843, inclusive of the 10% surcharge discussed above.

Wendy's Executive Plans

In conjunction with the Wendy's merger, amounts due under supplemental executive retirement plans (the "SERP") were funded into a restricted account. As of January 1, 2011, participation in the SERP was frozen to new entrants and future contributions, and existing participants' balances only earn annual interest. The corresponding SERP liabilities have been included in "Accrued expenses and other current liabilities" and "Other liabilities" and, in the aggregate, were approximately \$4,315 and \$4,450 as of December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012, respectively.

Pursuant to the terms of the employment agreement that was entered into with our President and Chief Executive Officer as of September 12, 2011, the Company implemented a non-qualified, unfunded, deferred compensation plan. The plan provides that the amount of the executive's base salary in excess of \$1,000 in a tax year will be deferred into the plan which accrues employer funded interest. The related deferred compensation liability has been included in "Accrued expenses and other current liabilities" and, in the aggregate, was approximately \$102 as of December 30, 2012, which includes both employee contributions and employer paid interest.

(21) Lease Commitments

The Company leases real property, leasehold interests, and office, restaurant and transportation equipment. Some leases which relate to restaurant operations provide for contingent rentals based on sales volume. Certain leases also provide for payments of other costs such as real estate taxes, insurance and common area maintenance, which are not included in rental expense or the future minimum rental payments set forth below.

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Rental expense under operating leases consists of the following components:

| | Year Ended | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Minimum rentals | \$ 70,525 | \$ 70,478 | \$ 68,849 |
| Contingent rentals | 10,971 | 10,468 | 10,033 |
| | 81,496 | 80,946 | 78,882 |
| Less sublease income | (13,317) | (15,084) | (14,275) |
| | <u>\$ 68,179</u> | <u>\$ 65,862</u> | <u>\$ 64,607</u> |

As of December 30, 2012, the Company's future minimum rental payments and rental receipts for non-cancelable leases, including rental receipts for leased properties owned by the Company having an initial or remaining non-cancelable lease term in excess of one year, are as follows:

| Fiscal Year | Rental Payments | | Rental Receipts | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Capital Leases | Operating Leases | Capital Leases | Operating Leases | Owned Properties |
| 2013 | \$ 4,393 | \$ 66,426 | \$ 598 | \$ 5,953 | \$ 4,547 |
| 2014 | 4,625 | 58,486 | 605 | 5,664 | 4,487 |
| 2015 | 4,715 | 54,651 | 605 | 5,258 | 4,457 |
| 2016 | 4,158 | 50,735 | 635 | 4,985 | 4,422 |
| 2017 | 3,999 | 49,149 | 631 | 4,527 | 4,462 |
| Thereafter | 43,804 | 642,458 | 5,866 | 32,412 | 54,290 |
| Total minimum payments | <u>\$ 65,694</u> | <u>\$921,905</u> | <u>\$8,940</u> | <u>\$58,799</u> | <u>\$76,665</u> |
| Less amounts representing interest, with interest rates between 3% and 33% | | (33,100) | | | |
| Present value of minimum lease payments | | <u>\$ 32,594</u> | | | |

The present values of minimum lease obligation payments are included either in "Long-term debt" or "Current portion of long-term debt," as applicable.

Properties leased by the Company to third parties under operating leases as of December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012 include:

| | Year End | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Land | \$ 28,989 | \$ 24,211 |
| Buildings and improvements | 64,286 | 58,505 |
| Office, restaurant and transportation equipment | 4,337 | 4,377 |
| | 97,612 | 87,093 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (26,905) | (20,019) |
| | <u>\$ 70,707</u> | <u>\$ 67,074</u> |

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(22) Guarantees and Other Commitments and Contingencies

Guarantees and Contingent Liabilities

Franchise Image Activation Incentive Program

In order to encourage franchisees to participate in Wendy's Image Activation program, which includes innovative exterior and interior restaurant designs for new and reimaged restaurants, Wendy's initiated a cash incentive program for franchisees during the third quarter of 2012. In January 2013, the program was expanded to include variable cash incentives for Tier 1, 2, and 3 remodels and to allow for a maximum of \$100 each, for up to three incentives per franchisee. The cash incentive program is for the reimaging of restaurants completed in 2013 and totals \$10,000.

North America Incentive Program

In order to promote new unit development, Wendy's has established a franchisee assistance program for its North American franchisees that provides (with certain exceptions) for reduced technical assistance fees and a sliding scale of royalties for the first two years of operation for qualifying locations opened between April 1, 2011 and December 31, 2013. For the years ended December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012, the effect on franchise revenues was not material and we do not expect the effect on future franchise revenues to be material.

Japan Joint Venture Guarantee

In 2012, Wendy's (1) provided a guarantee to certain lenders to the Japan JV for which our joint venture partners have agreed, should it become necessary, to reimburse and otherwise indemnify us for their 51% share of the guarantee and (2) agreed to reimburse and otherwise indemnify our joint venture partners for our 49% share of the guarantee by our joint venture partners of a line of credit granted by a different lender to the Japan JV to fund working capital requirements. As of December 30, 2012, our portion of these contingent obligations totaled approximately \$3,000 based upon then current rates of exchange. The fair value of our guarantees is immaterial.

In early 2013, the joint venture partners agreed on a plan to finance anticipated future cash requirements of the Japan JV. As determined by the amount of future capital contributions by each of the partners, Wendy's may become the majority owner of the Japan JV. The Japan JV and the effect of the noncontrolling interest in the Japan JV would then be included in the Wendy's consolidated financial statements from the date that Wendy's became the majority owner, or otherwise assumed day-to-day control of the Japan JV's operations.

Our obligations, including the funding of anticipated future cash requirements of the Japan JV of approximately \$3,000, could total up to approximately \$8,000 if our joint venture partners are unable to perform their reimbursement and indemnity obligations to us.

Other Loan Guarantees

Wendy's provided loan guarantees to various lenders on behalf of franchisees entering into pooled debt facility arrangements for new store development and equipment financing to promote systemwide initiatives. Wendy's has accrued a liability for the fair value of these guarantees, the calculation for which was based upon a weighted average risk percentage established at the inception of each program which has been adjusted for a history of defaults. Wendy's potential recourse for the aggregate amount of these loans amounted to \$11,003 as of December 30, 2012. As of December 30, 2012, the fair value of these guarantees totaled \$720 and was included in "Other liabilities."

During 2012, Wendy's provided a \$2,000 guarantee to a lender for a franchisee, in connection with the refinancing of the franchisee's debt which originated in 2007. Pursuant to the agreement, the guarantee is subject to an annual reduction over a five year period. Wendy's also received a \$3,000 prepayment on the note receivable owed

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by the franchisee as part of the refinancing. As of December 30, 2012, Wendy's has accrued a liability for the fair value of this guarantee of \$220, the calculation for which was based upon a weighted average risk percentage established at the inception of the guarantee.

Lease Guarantees

Wendy's has guaranteed the performance of certain leases and other obligations, primarily from former company-owned restaurant locations now operated by franchisees, amounting to \$47,910 as of December 30, 2012. These leases extend through 2050. We have not received any notice of default related to these leases as of December 30, 2012. In the event of default by a franchise owner, Wendy's generally retains the right to acquire possession of the related restaurant locations.

Wendy's is contingently liable for certain other leases which have been assigned to unrelated third parties who have indemnified Wendy's against future liabilities amounting to \$6,666 as of December 30, 2012. These leases expire on various dates, through 2021.

Wendy's Canadian subsidiary has established a lease guarantee program to promote new franchisee unit development for up to an aggregate of C\$5,000 for periods of up to five years. Franchisees pay the Canadian subsidiary a nominal fee for the guarantee. As of December 30, 2012, the Canadian subsidiary had guaranteed \$180 under this program.

Insurance

Wendy's is self-insured for most workers' compensation losses and purchases insurance for general liability and automotive liability losses, all subject to a \$500 per occurrence retention or deductible limit. Wendy's determines its liability for claims incurred but not reported for the insurance liabilities on an actuarial basis. Wendy's is self-insured for health care claims for eligible participating employees subject to certain deductibles and limitations and determines its liability for health care claims incurred but not reported based on historical claims runoff data.

Letters of Credit

As of December 30, 2012, the Company had outstanding letters of credit with various parties of \$20,601. We do not expect any material loss to result from these letters of credit.

Purchase and Capital Commitments

Beverage Agreements

Wendy's had an agreement with a beverage vendor which provided fountain beverage products and certain marketing support funding to the Company and its franchisees. This agreement required minimum purchases of fountain syrup ("Syrup") by the Company and its franchisees at certain agreed upon prices until the total contractual gallon volume usage was reached. This agreement also provided for an annual advance to be paid to the Company based on the vendor's expectation of the Company's annual Syrup usage, which was amortized over actual usage during the year.

Beverage purchases made by the Company under this agreement during 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$20,545, \$20,464 and \$21,273, respectively. As of December 30, 2012, \$1,517 is due to the beverage vendor and is included in "Accounts payable," principally for annual estimated payments that exceeded usage, under this agreement.

The Company entered into a new beverage agreement with the beverage vendor, effective January 1, 2013, which establishes a new contract term and, among other terms, new pricing and usage requirements. This agreement also provides for an annual advance to be paid to the Company based on the vendor's expectation of the Company's

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annual Syrup usage, which is amortized over actual usage during the year. The Company estimates future annual purchases to be approximately \$21,000 per year during the next five years. Based on current pricing and the current ratio of usage at company-owned restaurants to franchised restaurants, our total beverage purchase requirement under the new agreement is estimated to be approximately \$170,000 over the remaining life of the contract, which expires the later of reaching the minimum usage requirement or January 1, 2023.

Capital Expenditure Commitments

As of December 30, 2012, the Company had \$22,109 of outstanding commitments, included in "Accounts payable," for capital expenditures expected to be paid in 2013, of which \$13,867 pertained to capital expenditures related to our Image Activation program.

(23) Transactions with Related Parties

The following is a summary of ongoing transactions between the Company and its related parties, which are included in continuing operations:

| | <u>Year Ended</u> | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
| Transactions with Purchasing Cooperatives: | | | |
| Wendy's Co-Op (a) | \$(2,464) | \$(2,033) | \$(1,238) |
| SSG agreement (b) | — | (2,275) | 5,145 |
| Lease income (c) | (191) | (203) | (137) |
| Transactions with the Management Company: | | | |
| Advisory fees (d) | \$ — | \$ 500 | \$ 3,465 |
| Sublease income (e) | (683) | (1,631) | (1,632) |
| Use of company-owned aircraft (f) | (92) | (138) | (120) |
| Liquidation services agreement (g) | — | 220 | 441 |
| Distributions of proceeds to noncontrolling interests (h) | \$ 3,667 | \$ — | \$ — |

Transactions with Purchasing Cooperatives

(a) During the fourth quarter of 2009, Wendy's entered into a purchasing co-op relationship agreement (the "Wendy's Co-op") with its franchisees to establish QSCC. QSCC manages, for the Wendy's system in the U.S. and Canada, contracts for the purchase and distribution of food, proprietary paper, operating supplies and equipment under national contracts with pricing based upon total system volume.

QSCC's supply chain management facilitates continuity of supply and provides consolidated purchasing efficiencies while monitoring and seeking to minimize possible obsolete inventory throughout the Wendy's supply chain in the U.S. and Canada. Prior to 2010, the system's purchasing function was performed and paid for by Wendy's. In order to facilitate the orderly transition of the 2010 purchasing function for operations in the U.S. and Canada, Wendy's transferred certain contracts, assets and certain Wendy's purchasing employees to QSCC in 2010. Pursuant to the terms of the Wendy's Co-op, Wendy's expensed \$15,500 in 2009 for payments to QSCC required over an 18 month period through May 2011 in order to provide funding for start-up costs, operating expenses and cash reserves. Wendy's made such payments of \$305 and \$15,195 in 2011 and 2010, respectively. In connection with the ongoing operations of QSCC during 2010, QSCC reimbursed Wendy's \$913 for amounts Wendy's had paid primarily for payroll-related expenses for certain Canadian QSCC purchasing employees.

Since the third quarter of 2010, all QSCC members (including Wendy's) pay sourcing fees to third party vendors on products which are sourced through QSCC. Such sourcing fees are remitted by these vendors to QSCC and are the primary means of funding QSCC's operations. Should QSCC's sourcing fees exceed its expected needs,

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QSCC's board of directors may return some or all of the excess to its members in the form of a patronage dividend. Wendy's recorded its share of patronage dividends of \$2,464, \$2,033 and \$325 in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, which are included as a reduction of "Cost of sales."

- (b) On April 5, 2010, QSCC and the Arby's independent purchasing cooperative ("ARCOP") in consultation with Wendy's Restaurants, established Strategic Sourcing Group Co-op, LLC ("SSG"). SSG was formed to manage and operate purchasing programs for certain non-perishable goods, equipment and services. Wendy's Restaurants had committed to pay approximately \$5,145 of SSG expenses, which were expensed in 2010 and included in "General and administrative," and were to be paid over a 24 month period through March 2012. However, in anticipation of the sale of Arby's, effective April 2011, SSG was dissolved and its activities were transferred to QSCC and ARCOP and the remaining accrued commitment of \$2,275 was reversed and credited to "General and administrative."
- (c) Effective January 4, 2010, QSCC leased 9,333 square feet of office space from Wendy's. Effective January 1, 2011, Wendy's and QSCC entered into a lease amendment which increased the office space leased to QSCC to 14,333 square feet for a one year period for a revised annual base rental of \$176 with five one-year renewal options, three of which are currently remaining. During the period from April 2010 to April 2011, SSG leased 2,300 square feet of office space from a subsidiary of Wendy's Restaurants. The Wendy's Company received \$191, \$180 and \$113 of lease income from QSCC during 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and \$23 and \$24 of lease income from SSG during 2011 and 2010, respectively, both of which have been recorded as reductions of "General and administrative."

Transactions with the Management Company

- (d) The Wendy's Company entered into a services agreement (the "Services Agreement") with a management company formed by the Former Executives and a director, who was our former Vice Chairman (the "Management Company"), which commenced on July 1, 2009 and expired on June 30, 2011. Under the Services Agreement, the Management Company assisted us with strategic merger and acquisition consultation, corporate finance and investment banking services and related legal matters. The Wendy's Company paid approximately \$2,465 in 2010 in fees for corporate finance advisory services under the Services Agreement in connection with the negotiation and execution of the \$650,000 credit agreement in 2010 and the issuance of the Senior Notes in 2009.

In addition, The Wendy's Company paid the Management Company a service fee of \$250 per quarter, in connection with the Services Agreement until it expired on June 30, 2011. The Wendy's Company incurred service fees of \$500 and \$1,000 in 2011 and 2010, respectively, which are included in "General and administrative."

- (e) In July 2008 and July 2007, The Wendy's Company entered into agreements under which the Management Company subleased (the "Subleases") office space on two of the floors of the Company's former New York headquarters. During the second quarter of 2010, The Wendy's Company and the Management Company entered into an amendment to the sublease, effective April 1, 2010, pursuant to which the Management Company's early termination right was canceled in exchange for a reduction in rent. Under the terms of the amended sublease, which expired in May 2012, the Management Company paid rent to the Company in an amount that covered substantially all of the Company's rent obligations under the prime lease for the subleased space. The Company recognized income of \$683, \$1,631, and \$1,632 from the Management Company under such subleases in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, which has been recorded as a reduction of "General and administrative."
- (f) In June 2009, The Wendy's Company and TASC0, LLC (an affiliate of the Management Company) ("TASC0") entered into an aircraft lease agreement (the "Aircraft Lease Agreement") to lease a company-owned aircraft. The Aircraft Lease Agreement originally provided that The Wendy's Company would lease such company-owned aircraft to TASC0 from July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2010. On June 24, 2010, The Wendy's Company and TASC0 renewed the Aircraft Lease Agreement for an additional one year period (expiring on

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June 30, 2011). Under the Aircraft Lease Agreement, TASCOCO paid \$10 per month for such aircraft plus substantially all operating costs of the aircraft including all costs of fuel, inspection, servicing and certain storage, as well as operational and flight crew costs relating to the operation of the aircraft, and all transit maintenance costs and other maintenance costs required as a result of TASCOCO's usage of the aircraft. The Wendy's Company continued to be responsible for calendar-based maintenance and any extraordinary and unscheduled repairs and/or maintenance for the aircraft, as well as insurance and other costs.

On June 29, 2011, The Wendy's Company and TASCOCO entered into an agreement to extend the Aircraft Lease Agreement for an additional one year period (expiring on June 30, 2012) and an increased monthly rent of \$13. On June 30, 2012, The Wendy's Company and TASCOCO entered into an extension of that lease agreement that extended the lease term to July 31, 2012 and effective as of August 1, 2012, entered into an amended and restated aircraft lease agreement (the "2012 Lease") that will expire on January 5, 2014. Under the 2012 Lease, all expenses related to the ownership, maintenance and operation of the aircraft will be paid by TASCOCO, subject to the limitation that if the amount of annual ongoing maintenance, hangar, insurance and other expenses, or the estimated amount of other scheduled maintenance expenses, exceeds the amounts stated in the 2012 Lease, then TASCOCO can either pay such amounts or terminate the 2012 Lease. In addition, if extraordinary and/or unscheduled repairs and/or maintenance for the aircraft become necessary and the estimated cost thereof exceeds the amount stated in the 2012 Lease, then TASCOCO can either pay such amounts or terminate the 2012 Lease. In the event of termination, TASCOCO will not be obligated to perform or pay for such repairs and/or maintenance following the date of termination. Under the previous Aircraft Lease Agreement, the Company recorded lease income of \$92, \$138 and \$120 during 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, as a reduction of "General and administrative."

- (g) On June 10, 2009, The Wendy's Company and the Management Company entered into a liquidation services agreement (the "Liquidation Services Agreement") pursuant to which the Management Company assisted us in the sale, liquidation or other disposition of our cost investments and DFR Notes. The Liquidation Services Agreement required The Wendy's Company to pay the Management Company a fee of \$900 in two installments in June 2009 and 2010, which was deferred and amortized through its June 30, 2011 expiration date. Related amortization of \$220 and \$441 was recorded in "General and administrative" in 2011 and 2010, respectively.
- (h) Jurl, a 99.7% owned subsidiary, completed the sale of our investment in Jurlique in February 2012. Prior to 2009, when our predecessor entity was a diversified company active in investments, we had provided our Former Executives, and certain other former employees, equity and profit interests in Jurl. In connection with the sale of Jurlique, we distributed, based on the related agreement, approximately \$3,667 to Jurl's minority shareholders, including approximately \$2,296 to the Former Executives during 2012.

Other Related Party Transactions

During the third quarter of 2012, Matthew Peltz was appointed to the ARG Holding Corporation Board of Directors. He is not currently receiving compensation as a director of ARG Holding Corporation. A subsidiary of the Company owns 18.5% of the common stock of ARG Holding Corporation. Matthew Peltz is the son of the Company's Chairman of the Board.

As part of its overall retention efforts, The Wendy's Company provided certain of its Former Executives and current and former employees, the opportunity to co-invest with The Wendy's Company in certain investments. The Wendy's Company and certain of its former management have one remaining co-investment, 280 BT, which is a limited liability holding company principally owned by The Wendy's Company and former company management that, among other things, invested in operating companies. No distributions were received in 2012, 2011 or 2010. The ownership percentages in 280 BT as of December 30, 2012 for The Wendy's Company, the former officers of The Wendy's Company and other investors were 80.1%, 11.2% and 8.7%, respectively.

As a result of the sale of Arby's, Arby's and its affiliates are no longer considered related parties. Prior to the sale, the transactions between Arby's and its non-consolidated affiliates were not material.

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(24) Legal, Environmental and Other Matters

We are involved in litigation and claims incidental to our current and prior businesses. We provide reserves for such litigation and claims when payment is probable and reasonably estimable. As of December 30, 2012, the Company had reserves for continuing operations for all of its legal and environmental matters aggregating \$3,489. We cannot estimate the aggregate possible range of loss due to most proceedings being in preliminary stages, with various motions either yet to be submitted or pending, discovery yet to occur, and significant factual matters unresolved. In addition, most cases seek an indeterminate amount of damages and many involve multiple parties. Predicting the outcomes of settlement discussions or judicial or arbitral decisions is thus inherently difficult. 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 effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Wendy's completed the initial public offering of THI in March 2006 and the spin-off of THI in September 2006. In connection with the initial public offering, Wendy's and THI entered into a tax sharing agreement that governed the rights and responsibilities of the parties with respect to taxes for periods up to the date of the spin-off, including the allocation of tax attributes between the parties. In 2007, Wendy's asserted a claim against THI for approximately \$1,000 for a tax claim related to a competent authority adjustment. THI has disputed this claim. In addition, THI has asserted claims for damages related to foreign tax credits THI allegedly should have received in the spin-off in the aggregate amount of C\$29,000. Wendy's has disputed and continues to dispute these claims. In 2011, THI invoked the dispute resolution provision of the tax sharing agreement, which calls for binding mandatory arbitration. In February 2012, THI submitted a notice of claim, which makes the same claims THI has asserted under the tax sharing agreement, to Wendy's under the master separation agreement between Wendy's and THI that was executed contemporaneously with the tax sharing agreement. The dispute resolution provision of the master separation agreement calls for good faith negotiations between the parties, followed by non-binding mediation. Either party can bring suit if no resolution is reached following mediation. The parties are still in discussions but it no longer appears likely that a resolution will be reached without the involvement of a neutral third party. The parties have agreed on a mediator and a mediation date. We cannot estimate a range of possible loss, if any, for this matter at this time since, among other things, it is still in a preliminary stage, significant factual and legal issues are unresolved, no mediation sessions have been held, and the mediation will be non-binding. If no agreed resolution is reached, the matter would be resolved either by litigation or binding mandatory arbitration, in which case various motions would be submitted and discovery would occur. If no agreed resolution is reached, Wendy's intends to vigorously assert its claim and defend against the THI claims.

(25) Advertising Costs and Funds

We currently participate in two national advertising funds (the "Advertising Funds") established to collect and administer funds contributed for use in advertising and promotional programs. Contributions to the Advertising Funds are required from both company-owned and franchised restaurants and are based on a percentage of restaurant sales. In addition to the contributions to the various Advertising Funds, company-owned and franchised restaurants make additional contributions to other local and regional advertising programs.

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Restricted assets and related liabilities of the Advertising Funds at December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012 were as follows:

| | Year End | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$21,086 | \$27,590 |
| Accounts and notes receivable | 38,359 | 37,025 |
| Other assets | 6,332 | 5,932 |
| Total assets | <u>\$65,777</u> | <u>\$70,547</u> |
| Accounts payable | \$ 3,729 | \$ 2,972 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 63,073 | 73,870 |
| Member's deficit | <u>(1,025)</u> | <u>(6,295)</u> |
| Total liabilities and deficit | <u>\$65,777</u> | <u>\$70,547</u> |

Our advertising expenses in 2012, 2011 and 2010 totaled \$103,147, \$106,658 and \$99,023, respectively.

(26) Geographic Information

The tables below present revenues and properties information by geographic area. The tables below do not include Arby's revenues for all periods presented as Arby's operations have been included in discontinued operations as a result of the sale. We elected not to reclassify Arby's properties to discontinued operations in our consolidated balance sheet as of January 2, 2011; accordingly, they are included in the 2010 properties information below.

| | <u>U.S.</u> | <u>Canada</u> | <u>Other International</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 2012 | | | | |
| Revenues | \$2,231,270 | \$257,750 | \$16,222 | \$2,505,242 |
| Properties | 1,186,879 | 63,412 | 47 | 1,250,338 |
| 2011 | | | | |
| Revenues | \$2,161,281 | \$254,683 | \$15,394 | \$2,431,358 |
| Properties | 1,132,796 | 59,379 | 25 | 1,192,200 |
| 2010 | | | | |
| Revenues | \$2,117,000 | \$244,654 | \$13,785 | \$2,375,439 |
| Properties | 1,490,064 | 61,178 | 19 | 1,551,261 |

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(27) Quarterly Financial Information (Unaudited)

The tables below set forth summary unaudited consolidated quarterly financial information for 2012 and 2011. The Company reports on a fiscal year typically consisting of 52 or 53 weeks ending on the Sunday closest to December 31. All of the Company's fiscal quarters in 2012 and 2011 contained 13 weeks. As discussed in Note 2, on July 4, 2011, Wendy's Restaurants completed the sale of 100% of the common stock of Arby's. Arby's results for all periods presented through its July 4, 2011 date of sale are classified as discontinued operations.

| | 2012 Quarter Ended | | | |
|--|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | April 1 (a)(b) | July 1 (a)(c) | September 30 (a)(c)(d) | December 30 (a)(d) |
| Revenues | \$593,187 | \$645,868 | \$636,308 | \$629,879 |
| Cost of sales | 455,467 | 483,080 | 478,425 | 464,276 |
| Operating profit | 20,916 | 38,391 | 31,183 | 32,257 |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | 14,734 | (5,493) | (26,692) | 25,409 |
| Income from discontinued operations | — | — | 530 | 979 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (2,384) | — | — | — |
| Net income (loss) attributable to The Wendy's Company | 12,350 | (5,493) | (26,162) | 26,388 |
| Basic and diluted income (loss) per share attributable to The Wendy's Company (e): | | | | |
| Continuing operations | \$.03 | \$ (.01) | \$ (.07) | \$.07 |
| Discontinued operations | — | — | — | — |
| Net income (loss) | \$.03 | \$ (.01) | \$ (.07) | \$.07 |

| | 2011 Quarter Ended | | | |
|--|--------------------|------------|---------------|------------------------|
| | April 3 (f) | July 3 (f) | October 2 (f) | January 1, 2012 (f) |
| Revenues | \$582,465 | \$622,459 | \$611,416 | \$615,018 |
| Cost of sales | 438,871 | 464,798 | 458,000 | 454,440 |
| Operating profit | 28,017 | 47,434 | 32,390 | 29,280 |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations | (296) | 11,374 | 2,544 | 4,290 |
| Loss from discontinued operations | (1,113) | (108) | (6,510) | (306) |
| Net (loss) income | (1,409) | 11,266 | (3,966) | 3,984 |
| Basic and diluted income (loss) per share (e): | | | | |
| Continuing operations | \$ — | \$.03 | \$.01 | \$.01 |
| Discontinued operations | — | — | (.02) | — |
| Net (loss) income | \$ — | \$.03 | \$ (.01) | \$.01 |

(a) Operating profit in 2012 was materially affected by facilities relocation costs and other transactions and impairment of long-lived assets. The impact of facilities relocation costs and other transactions on net income (loss) attributable to The Wendy's Company for the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2012 was \$3,808, \$6,164, \$7,066 and \$8,311, respectively, after income tax benefits of \$2,335, \$3,824, \$4,364 and \$5,159, respectively (see Note 17 for additional information). The impact of the impairment of long-lived assets on net income (loss) attributable to The Wendy's Company during the first, second and fourth quarters of 2012 was \$2,783, \$2,018 and \$8,216, respectively, after income tax benefits of \$1,728, \$1,252 and \$5,100, respectively (see Note 18 for additional information).

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- (b) Net income attributable to The Wendy's Company was materially affected during the first quarter of 2012 by a \$17,978 gain on the sale of our investment in Jurlique. As a result of the sale, we have reflected net income attributable to noncontrolling interests of \$2,384. See Note 8 for additional information.
- (c) Net loss attributable to The Wendy's Company was materially affected during the second and third quarters of 2012 by losses on the early extinguishment of debt of \$15,621 and \$30,926, respectively, after income tax benefits of \$9,574 and \$18,955, respectively. See Note 12 for additional information.
- (d) (Loss) income from continuing operations was materially affected during the third and fourth quarters of 2012 by corrections related to prior years' tax matters which had an effect of increasing our benefit from income taxes by \$2,181 and \$5,439, respectively. Income from discontinued operations was also affected during the third quarter of 2012 by such corrections which had an effect of increasing our benefit from income taxes by \$580. See Notes 2 and 14 for additional information.
- (e) Basic and diluted income (loss) per share are being presented together since diluted income (loss) per share was the same as basic income (loss) per share for all periods presented. See Note 5 for additional information.
- (f) The operating profit was materially affected by facilities relocation costs and other transactions in each of the 2011 quarters and impairment of long-lived assets in the first and fourth quarters of 2011. The impact of facilities relocation costs and other transactions on net (loss) income for the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2011 was \$1,178, \$3,149, \$14,899 and \$9,288, respectively, after income tax benefits of \$706, \$1,890, \$8,940 and \$5,661, respectively. The impact of the impairment of long-lived assets on net (loss) income for the first and fourth quarters of 2011 was \$4,865 and \$2,847, respectively, after income tax benefits of \$3,032 and \$1,774, respectively.

Item 9. *Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.*

Not applicable.

Item 9A. *Controls and Procedures*

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The management of the Company, under the supervision and with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of its disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as of December 30, 2012. Based on such evaluations, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that as of December 30, 2012, the disclosure controls and procedures of the Company were effective in (1) recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act and (2) ensuring that information required to be disclosed by the Company in such reports is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act). The management of the Company, under the supervision and with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, carried out an assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting for the Company as of December 30, 2012. The assessment was performed using the criteria for effective internal control reflected in the Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

Based on the assessment of the system of internal control for the Company, the management of the Company believes that as of December 30, 2012, internal control over financial reporting of the Company was effective.

Our independent registered public accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche LLP, has issued an attestation report dated February 28, 2013 on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the internal control over financial reporting of the Company during the fourth quarter of 2012 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal control over financial reporting.

Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls

There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any control system, including the potential for human error and the possible circumvention or overriding of controls and procedures. Additionally, judgments in decision-making can be faulty and breakdowns can occur because of a simple error or mistake. An effective control system can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control objectives of the system are adequately met. Accordingly, the management of the Company, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that the control system can prevent or detect all error or fraud. Finally, projections of any evaluation or assessment of effectiveness of a control system to future periods are subject to the risks that, over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in an entity's operating environment or deterioration in the degree of compliance with policies or procedures.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of
The Wendy's Company
Dublin, Ohio

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of The Wendy's Company and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 30, 2012, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

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

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

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 30, 2012, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company's consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule as of and for the year ended December 30, 2012 and our report dated February 28, 2013, expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements and financial statement schedule.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP
Columbus, Ohio
February 28, 2013

Item 9B. *Other Information.*

None.

PART III

Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

The information required by Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 will be furnished on or prior to April 29, 2013 (and is hereby incorporated by reference) by an amendment hereto or pursuant to a definitive proxy statement involving the election of directors pursuant to Regulation 14A that will contain such information. Notwithstanding the foregoing, information appearing in the section "Audit Committee Report" shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Form 10-K.

PART IV

Item 15. *Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.*

(a) 1. Financial Statements

See Index to Financial Statements (Item 8).

2. Financial Statement Schedules:

Schedule I - Condensed Balance Sheets (Parent Company Only) - as of December 30, 2012 and January 1, 2012; Condensed Statements of Operations (Parent Company Only) - for the fiscal years ended December 30, 2012, January 1, 2012 and January 2, 2011; Condensed Statements of Comprehensive Income (Parent Company Only) - for the fiscal years ended December 30, 2012, January 1, 2012 and January 2, 2011; Condensed Statements of Cash Flows (Parent Company Only) - for the fiscal years ended December 30, 2012, January 1, 2012 and January 2, 2011.

All other schedules have been omitted since they are either not applicable or the information is contained elsewhere in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

3. Exhibits:

Copies of the following exhibits are available at a charge of \$.25 per page upon written request to the Secretary of The Wendy's Company at One Dave Thomas Boulevard, Dublin, Ohio 43017. Exhibits that are incorporated by reference to documents filed previously by the Company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under File No. 001-02207, or File No. 001-08116 for documents filed by Wendy's International, Inc.

| <u>EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|--------------------|--|
| 2.1 | Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 23, 2008, by and among Triarc Companies, Inc., Green Merger Sub, Inc. and Wendy's International, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 29, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 2.2 | Side Letter Agreement, dated August 14, 2008, by and among Triarc Companies, Inc., Green Merger Sub, Inc. and Wendy's International, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.3 to Triarc's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Amendment No. 3, filed on August 15, 2008 (Reg. no. 333-151336). |
| 2.3 | Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of June 13, 2011, by and among Wendy's/Arby's Restaurants, LLC, ARG Holding Corporation and ARG IH Corporation, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Wendy's/Arby's Restaurants, LLC Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on June 13, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively). |
| 2.4 | Closing letter dated as of July 1, 2011 by and among Wendy's/Arby's Restaurants, LLC, ARG Holding Corporation, ARG IH Corporation, and Roark Capital Partners II, LP, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.2 of the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Wendy's/Arby's Restaurants, LLC Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on July 8, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively). |
| 2.5 | Asset Purchase Agreement by and among Wendy's International, Inc., Pisces Foods, L.P., Near Holdings, L.P., David Near and Jason Near dated as of June 5, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 12, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 3.1 | Restated Certificate of Incorporation of The Wendy's Company, as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on May 24, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 25, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 3.2 | By-Laws of The Wendy's Company (as amended and restated through May 24, 2012), incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 25, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 4.1 | Indenture, dated as of November 13, 2001, between Wendy's International, Inc. and Bank One, National Association, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4(i) of the Wendy's International, Inc. Form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2001 (SEC file no. 001-08116). |
| 10.1 | Triarc Companies, Inc. Amended and Restated 1998 Equity Participation Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 19, 2005 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.2 | Form of Non-Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the Triarc Companies, Inc. Amended and Restated 1998 Equity Participation Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 13, 1998 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.3 | Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Equity Participation Plan, as amended, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.4 | Form of Non-Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Equity Participation Plan, as amended, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.6 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 22, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |

| <u>EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|------------------------|--|
| 10.5 | Form of Restricted Stock Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Equity Participation Plan, as amended, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.6 | Form of Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Award Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Equity Participation Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 28, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.7 | Form of Non-Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Equity Participation Plan, as amended, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 27, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.8 | Form of Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Equity Participation Plan, as amended, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 27, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.9 | Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated by reference to Annex A of the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Definitive 2010 Proxy Statement (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.10 | Form of Non-Incentive Stock Option Award Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 4, 2010 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.11 | Form of Long Term Performance Unit Award Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 4, 2010 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.12 | Form of Long Term Performance Unit Award Agreement for 2011 under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to The Wendy's Company and Wendy's Restaurants, LLC Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 3, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively).** |
| 10.13 | Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Wendy's/Arby's Restaurants, LLC Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 3, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively).** |
| 10.14 | Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement for 2011 under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of The Wendy's Company and Wendy's Restaurants, LLC Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 2, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively).** |
| 10.15 | Form of Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Award Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 4, 2010 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.16 | Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 of The Wendy's Company and Wendy's Restaurants, LLC Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2012 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively).** |
| 10.17 | Form of Non-Incentive Stock Option Award Agreement for 2012 under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |

| <u>EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|------------------------|---|
| 10.18 | Form of Long Term Performance Unit Award Agreement for 2012 under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.19 | 1999 Executive Bonus Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit A to The Triarc Companies, Inc. 1999 Proxy Statement (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.20 | Amendment to the Triarc Companies, Inc. 1999 Executive Bonus Plan, dated as of June 22, 2004, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 1, 2005 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.21 | Amendment to the Triarc Companies, Inc. 1999 Executive Bonus Plan effective as of March 26, 2007, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 6, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.22 | Wendy's International, Inc. 2003 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10(f) of the Wendy's International, Inc. Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 2, 2006 (SEC file no. 001-08116).** |
| 10.23 | Amendments to the Wendy's International, Inc. 2003 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.24 | Wendy's International, Inc. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Annex C to the Wendy's International, Inc. Definitive 2007 Proxy Statement, dated March 12, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-08116).** |
| 10.25 | First Amendment to the Wendy's International, Inc. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10(d) of the Wendy's International, Inc. Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-08116).** |
| 10.26 | Amendments to the Wendy's International, Inc. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.15 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.27 | Form of Stock Option Award Letter for U.S. Grantees under the Wendy's International, Inc. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 27, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.28 | Form of Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Wendy's International, Inc. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 27, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.29 | Form of letter amending non-qualified stock options granted under the Wendy's International, Inc. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan on May 1, 2007 and May 1, 2008 to certain former directors of Wendy's International, Inc. incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 27, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.30 | Wendy's International, Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10(f) of the Wendy's International, Inc. Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2002 (SEC file no. 001-08116).** |
| 10.31 | First Amendment to the Wendy's International, Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10(f) of the Wendy's International, Inc. Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 (SEC file no. 001-08116).** |
| 10.32 | Amended and Restated Wendy's International, Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan No. 2, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-K for the year ended January 3, 2010 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |

| <u>EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|------------------------|--|
| 10.33 | Amended and Restated Wendy's International, Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan No. 3, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-K for the year ended January 3, 2010 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.34 | Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2009 Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan, effective as of May 28, 2009, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 28, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.35 | Amendment No. 1 to the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2009 Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan, effective as of May 27, 2010, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 4, 2010 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.36 | Credit Agreement, dated as of May 15, 2012, among Wendy's International, Inc., as borrower, Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, swing line lender and L/C issuer, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as syndication agent, and Fifth Third Bank, The Huntington National Bank, and Coöperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank B.A., "Rabobank Nederland", New York Branch, as co-documentation agents, and the lenders and issuers party thereto, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 15, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.37 | Amendment No. 1 and Waiver, dated as of October 22, 2012, to the Credit Agreement, dated as of May 15, 2012, among Wendy's International, Inc., as borrower, Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, swing line lender and L/C issuer, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as syndication agent, and Fifth Third Bank, The Huntington National Bank, and Coöperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank B.A., "Rabobank Nederland", New York Branch, as co-documentation agents, and the lenders and issuers party thereto, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.38 | Security Agreement, dated as of May 15, 2012, among Wendy's International, Inc., the guarantors from time to time party thereto, as pledgors, and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 15, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.39 | Assignment of Rights Agreement between Wendy's International, Inc. and Mr. R. David Thomas, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10(c) of the Wendy's International, Inc. Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 (SEC file no. 001-08116). |
| 10.40 | Form of Guaranty Agreement dated as of March 23, 1999 among National Propane Corporation, Triarc Companies, Inc. and Nelson Peltz and Peter W. May, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.30 to Triarc's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 3, 1999 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.41 | Indemnity Agreement, dated as of October 25, 2000 between Cadbury Schweppes plc and Triarc Companies, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 8, 2000 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.42 | Amended and Restated Investment Management Agreement, dated as of April 30, 2007, between TCMG-MA, LLC and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 30, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.43 | Withdrawal Agreement dated June 10, 2009 between TCMG-MA, LLC and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 11, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.44 | Separation Agreement, dated as of April 30, 2007, between Triarc Companies, Inc. and Nelson Peltz, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 30, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |

| <u>EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
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| 10.45 | Letter Agreement dated as of December 28, 2007, between Triarc Companies, Inc. and Nelson Peltz, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 4, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.46 | Separation Agreement, dated as of April 30, 2007, between Triarc Companies, Inc. and Peter W. May, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 30, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.47 | Letter Agreement dated as of December 28, 2007, between Triarc Companies, Inc. and Peter W. May, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 4, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.48 | Agreement dated June 10, 2009 between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 11, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.49 | Liquidation Services Agreement dated June 10, 2009 between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 11, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.50 | Letter from Trian Fund Management, L.P. ("Trian Partners") dated as of March 31, 2011 regarding the Agreement and the Liquidation Services Agreement each dated as of June 10, 2009 between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Trian Partners, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 3, 2011 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.51 | Acknowledgement letter dated as of March 31, 2011 from Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. to Trian Fund Management, L.P. ("Trian Partners") regarding the Agreement and the Liquidation Services Agreement each dated as of June 10, 2009 between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Trian Partners, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 3, 2011 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.52 | Letter Agreement dated as of December 28, 2007, between Triarc Companies, Inc. and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 4, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.53 | Assignment and Assumption of Lease, dated as of June 30, 2007, between Triarc Companies, Inc. and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 10, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.54 | Bill of Sale dated July 31, 2007, by Triarc Companies, Inc. to Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 10, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.55 | Agreement of Sublease between Triarc Companies, Inc. and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 10, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.56 | First Amendment to Agreement of Sublease between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. (f/k/a Triarc Companies, Inc.) and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 4, 2010 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.57 | Form of Aircraft Time Sharing Agreement between Triarc Companies, Inc. and each of Trian Fund Management, L.P., Nelson Peltz, Peter W. May and Edward P. Garden, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 10, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.58 | Aircraft Lease Agreement dated June 10, 2009 between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and TASCO, LLC, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 11, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |

| <u>EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|--------------------|--|
| 10.59 | Amendment No. 1 to Aircraft Lease Agreement dated June 10, 2009 between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and TASCOCO, LLC, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 4, 2010 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.60 | Amendment No. 2 to Aircraft Lease Agreement dated June 29, 2011 between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and TASCOCO, LLC, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to The Wendy's Company Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 3, 2011 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.61 | Extension and Amendment No. 3 to Aircraft Lease Agreement dated as of June 30, 2012 by and between The Wendy's Company and TASCOCO, LLC, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.62 | Amended and Restated Aircraft Lease Agreement between The Wendy's Company and TASCOCO, LLC dated as of August 1, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 3, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-12207). |
| 10.63 | Registration Rights Agreement dated as of April 23, 1993, between DWG Corporation and DWG Acquisition Group, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.36 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.64 | Letter Agreement dated August 6, 2007, between Triarc Companies, Inc. and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 10, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.65 | Agreement dated November 5, 2008 by and between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Trian Partners, L.P., Trian Partners Master Fund, L.P., Trian Partners Parallel Fund I, L.P., Trian Partners Parallel Fund II, L.P., Trian Fund Management, L.P., Nelson Peltz, Peter W. May and Edward P. Garden, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 12, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.66 | Amendment No. 1 to Agreement, dated as of April 1, 2009, among Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc., Trian Partners, L.P., Trian Partners Master Fund, L.P., Trian Partners Parallel Fund I, L.P., Trian Partners Parallel Fund II, L.P., Trian Fund Management, L.P., Trian Fund Management GP, LLC, Nelson Peltz, Peter W. May and Edward P. Garden, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 2, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.67 | Agreement dated December 1, 2011 by and between The Wendy's Company and Trian Partners, L.P., Trian Partners Master Fund, L.P., Trian Partners Parallel Fund I, L.P., Trian Partners GP, L.P., Trian Fund Management, L.P., the general partner of which is Trian Fund Management GP, LLC, Nelson Peltz, Peter W. May and Edward P. Garden, who, together with Nelson Peltz and Peter W. May, are the controlling members of Trian GP, Trian Partners Strategic Investment Fund, L.P. and Trian Partners Strategic Investment Fund-A, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 2, 2011 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.68 | Consulting and Employment Agreement dated July 25, 2008 between Triarc Companies, Inc. and J. David Karam, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 25, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.69 | Amended and Restated Letter Agreement dated as of December 18, 2008 between Sharron Barton and Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 22, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.70 | Amended and Restated Letter Agreement dated as of December 18, 2008 between Nils H. Okeson and Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 22, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.71 | Letter Agreement dated as of March 22, 2011, between Nils H. Okeson and Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 of the Wendy's/Arby's Group and Wendy's/Arby's Restaurants, LLC Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 3, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively).** |

| <u>EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|------------------------|---|
| 10.72 | Amended and Restated Letter Agreement dated as of December 18, 2008 between Stephen E. Hare and Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.4 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 22, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.73 | Letter Agreement dated as of March 22, 2011, between Stephen E. Hare and Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of the Wendy's/Arby's Group and Wendy's/Arby's Restaurants, LLC Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 3, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively).** |
| 10.74 | Amended and Restated Letter Agreement dated as of December 18, 2008 between Roland C. Smith and Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.5 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 28, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.75 | Letter from Roland C. Smith to The Wendy's Company dated as of September 1, 2011, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of The Wendy's Company and Wendy's Restaurants, LLC Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 2, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively).** |
| 10.76 | Letter Agreement dated as of December 18, 2008 by and between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and John D. Barker, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.75 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.77 | Letter Agreement dated as of January 28, 2009 by and between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Darrell van Ligten, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.76 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.78 | Amendment to Letter Agreement dated March 23, 2012 by and between The Wendy's Company and Darrell van Ligten, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.79 | Employment Agreement effective September 12, 2011 by and between The Wendy's Company and Emil J. Brolick, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 2, 2011 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.80 | Special Executive Deferred Compensation Plan by and between The Wendy's Company and Emil J. Brolick, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 2, 2011 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.81 | Letter Agreement dated as of January 17, 2012 by and between The Wendy's Company and R. Scott Toop, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.79 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.82 | Letter Agreement dated as of March 16, 2012 by and between The Wendy's Company and Craig S. Bahner, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.83 | Letter Agreement dated as of April 23, 2012 by and between The Wendy's Company and Scott Weisberg, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.84 | Form of Indemnification Agreement, between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and certain officers, directors, and employees thereof, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.47 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.85 | Form of Indemnification Agreement of The Wendy's Company, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 of The Wendy's Company and Wendy's Restaurants, LLC Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 2, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively).** |

| <u>EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|------------------------|---|
| 10.86 | Form of Indemnification Agreement between Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc. and certain directors, officers and employees thereof, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.40 to Triarc's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.87 | Form of Indemnification Agreement for officers and employees of Wendy's International, Inc. and its subsidiaries, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10 of the Wendy's International, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 12, 2005 (SEC file no. 001-08116).** |
| 10.88 | Form of First Amendment to Indemnification Agreement between Wendy's International, Inc. and its directors and certain officers and employees, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10(b) of the Wendy's International, Inc. Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 29, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-08116).** |
| 21.1 | Subsidiaries of the Registrant.* |
| 23.1 | Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.* |
| 23.2 | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.* |
| 31.1 | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer of The Wendy's Company pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.* |
| 31.2 | Certification of the Chief Financial Officer of The Wendy's Company pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.* |
| 32.1 | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, furnished as an exhibit to this Form 10-K.* |
| 99.1 | Audited Financial Statements of TimWen Partnership.* |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document*** |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document*** |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document*** |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document*** |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document*** |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document*** |

* Filed herewith

** Identifies a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

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

Instruments defining the rights of holders of certain issues of long-term debt of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries have not been filed as exhibits to this Form 10-K because the authorized principal amount of any one of such issues does not exceed 10% of the total assets of the Company and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. The Company agrees to furnish a copy of each of such instruments to the Commission upon request.

THE WENDY'S COMPANY (PARENT COMPANY ONLY)
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS
(In Thousands)

| | December 30, 2012 | January 1, 2012 |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 102,652 | \$ 128,441 |
| Amounts due from subsidiaries | 71,688 | 86,965 |
| Other current assets | 26,328 | 9,876 |
| Total current assets | 200,668 | 225,282 |
| Investments in consolidated subsidiaries | 1,839,344 | 1,814,310 |
| Properties | 6,102 | 4 |
| Deferred income tax benefit and other | 42,692 | 64,088 |
| Total assets | <u>\$2,088,806</u> | <u>\$2,103,684</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Amounts due to subsidiaries | \$ 92,384 | \$ 88,531 |
| Current portion of long-term debt (a) | — | 1,460 |
| Deferred income taxes and other current liabilities | 2,067 | 2,456 |
| Total current liabilities | 94,451 | 92,447 |
| Long-term debt (a) | — | 9,843 |
| Other liabilities | 8,500 | 5,325 |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock, \$0.10 par value; 1,500,000 shares authorized; 470,424 shares issued | 47,042 | 47,042 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 2,782,765 | 2,779,871 |
| Accumulated deficit | (467,007) | (434,999) |
| Common stock held in treasury, at cost | (382,926) | (395,947) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 5,981 | 102 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 1,985,855 | 1,996,069 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | <u>\$2,088,806</u> | <u>\$2,103,684</u> |

(a) Consisted of a 6.54% term loan on our company-owned aircraft in the amount of \$11,303 at January 1, 2012.

SCHEDULE I (Continued)

THE WENDY'S COMPANY (PARENT COMPANY ONLY)
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In Thousands)

| | Year Ended | | |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | December 30, 2012 | January 1, 2012 | January 2, 2011 |
| Income: | | | |
| Equity in income from continuing operations of subsidiaries | \$29,708 | \$21,115 | \$ 20,261 |
| Investment income | — | — | 4,913 |
| | <u>29,708</u> | <u>21,115</u> | <u>25,174</u> |
| Costs and expenses: | | | |
| General and administrative | 10,911 | 10,476 | 8,087 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,975 | 627 | 1,863 |
| Impairment of long-lived assets | 1,628 | — | — |
| Facilities relocation costs and other transactions | 5,327 | 1,234 | — |
| Other expense (income), net | 953 | 960 | (517) |
| | <u>20,794</u> | <u>13,297</u> | <u>9,433</u> |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes | 8,914 | 7,818 | 15,741 |
| (Provision for) benefit from income taxes | <u>(3,340)</u> | <u>10,094</u> | <u>2,370</u> |
| Income from continuing operations | 5,574 | 17,912 | 18,111 |
| Equity in income (loss) from discontinued operations of subsidiaries | <u>1,509</u> | <u>(8,037)</u> | <u>(22,436)</u> |
| Net income (loss) | <u>\$ 7,083</u> | <u>\$ 9,875</u> | <u>\$ (4,325)</u> |

SCHEDULE I (Continued)

THE WENDY'S COMPANY (PARENT COMPANY ONLY)
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(In Thousands)

| | Year Ended | | |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | December 30, 2012 | January 1, 2012 | January 2, 2011 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 7,083 | \$ 9,875 | \$ (4,325) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net: | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | 6,096 | (6,869) | 12,666 |
| Change in unrecognized pension loss, net of income tax benefit (provision) of \$127, \$(21), and \$(54), respectively | (217) | (46) | 95 |
| Change in unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities, net of income tax benefit of \$41 | — | — | (59) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net | 5,879 | (6,915) | 12,702 |
| Comprehensive income | <u>\$12,962</u> | <u>\$ 2,960</u> | <u>\$ 8,377</u> |

SCHEDULE I (Continued)

THE WENDY'S COMPANY (PARENT COMPANY ONLY)
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In Thousands)

| | Year Ended | | |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | December 30, 2012 | January 1, 2012 | January 2, 2011 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 7,083 | \$ 9,875 | \$ (4,325) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | |
| Equity in (income) loss from operations of subsidiaries | (31,217) | (13,078) | 2,175 |
| Other operating transactions with Wendy's Restaurants, LLC | 28,733 | 6,031 | 8,032 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 3,078 | 627 | 1,863 |
| Impairment of long-lived assets | 1,628 | — | — |
| Share-based compensation | 944 | 1,021 | 914 |
| Tax sharing payments received from subsidiaries | 37 | 13,078 | — |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 21 | — | — |
| Deferred income tax | (4,118) | (10,094) | (4,027) |
| Income on collection of notes receivable | — | — | (4,909) |
| Tax sharing receivable from subsidiaries, net | — | (2,437) | (1,052) |
| Dividends from subsidiaries | — | — | 443,700 |
| Other, net | 1,753 | (1,547) | 8 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | | |
| Other current assets | (472) | 491 | 231 |
| Other current liabilities | 8,643 | (2,332) | (4,033) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>16,113</u> | <u>1,635</u> | <u>438,577</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | |
| Net repayments from subsidiaries | — | 377 | 987 |
| Proceeds from repayment of DFR notes | — | — | 30,752 |
| Other, net | 686 | — | 205 |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | <u>686</u> | <u>377</u> | <u>31,944</u> |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | |
| Repayments of long-term debt | (11,303) | (1,368) | (8,330) |
| Repurchases of common stock | — | (157,556) | (173,537) |
| Dividends | (39,043) | (32,366) | (27,621) |
| Proceeds from stock option exercises | 7,806 | 6,359 | 1,444 |
| Other, net | (48) | (2,262) | (828) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | <u>(42,588)</u> | <u>(187,193)</u> | <u>(208,872)</u> |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | (25,789) | (185,181) | 261,649 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 128,441 | 313,622 | 51,973 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | <u>\$102,652</u> | <u>\$ 128,441</u> | <u>\$ 313,622</u> |

Exhibit Index

| <u>EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
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| 2.1 | Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 23, 2008, by and among Triarc Companies, Inc., Green Merger Sub, Inc. and Wendy's International, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 29, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 2.2 | Side Letter Agreement, dated August 14, 2008, by and among Triarc Companies, Inc., Green Merger Sub, Inc. and Wendy's International, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.3 to Triarc's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Amendment No. 3, filed on August 15, 2008 (Reg. no. 333-151336). |
| 2.3 | Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of June 13, 2011, by and among Wendy's/Arby's Restaurants, LLC, ARG Holding Corporation and ARG IH Corporation, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of the Wendy's/ Arby's Group, Inc. and Wendy's/Arby's Restaurants, LLC Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on June 13, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively). |
| 2.4 | Closing letter dated as of July 1, 2011 by and among Wendy's/Arby's Restaurants, LLC, ARG Holding Corporation, ARG IH Corporation, and Roark Capital Partners II, LP, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.2 of the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Wendy's/Arby's Restaurants, LLC Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on July 8, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively). |
| 2.5 | Asset Purchase Agreement by and among Wendy's International, Inc., Pisces Foods, L.P., Near Holdings, L.P., David Near and Jason Near dated as of June 5, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 12, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 3.1 | Restated Certificate of Incorporation of The Wendy's Company, as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on May 24, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 25, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 3.2 | By-Laws of The Wendy's Company (as amended and restated through May 24, 2012), incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 25, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 4.1 | Indenture, dated as of November 13, 2001, between Wendy's International, Inc. and Bank One, National Association, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4(i) of the Wendy's International, Inc. Form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2001 (SEC file no. 001-08116). |
| 10.1 | Triarc Companies, Inc. Amended and Restated 1998 Equity Participation Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 19, 2005 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.2 | Form of Non-Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the Triarc Companies, Inc. Amended and Restated 1998 Equity Participation Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 13, 1998 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.3 | Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Equity Participation Plan, as amended, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.4 | Form of Non-Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Equity Participation Plan, as amended, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.6 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 22, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.5 | Form of Restricted Stock Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Equity Participation Plan, as amended, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |

| <u>EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|------------------------|--|
| 10.6 | Form of Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Award Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Equity Participation Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 28, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.7 | Form of Non-Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Equity Participation Plan, as amended, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 27, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.8 | Form of Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Equity Participation Plan, as amended, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 27, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.9 | Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated by reference to Annex A of the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Definitive 2010 Proxy Statement (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.10 | Form of Non-Incentive Stock Option Award Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 4, 2010 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.11 | Form of Long Term Performance Unit Award Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 4, 2010 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.12 | Form of Long Term Performance Unit Award Agreement for 2011 under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to The Wendy's Company and Wendy's Restaurants, LLC Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 3, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively).** |
| 10.13 | Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Wendy's/Arby's Restaurants, LLC Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 3, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively).** |
| 10.14 | Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement for 2011 under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of The Wendy's Company and Wendy's Restaurants, LLC Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 2, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively).** |
| 10.15 | Form of Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Award Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 4, 2010 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.16 | Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 of The Wendy's Company and Wendy's Restaurants, LLC Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2012 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively).** |
| 10.17 | Form of Non-Incentive Stock Option Award Agreement for 2012 under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.18 | Form of Long Term Performance Unit Award Agreement for 2012 under the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Award Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.19 | 1999 Executive Bonus Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit A to The Triarc Companies, Inc. 1999 Proxy Statement (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |

| <u>EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|------------------------|---|
| 10.20 | Amendment to the Triarc Companies, Inc. 1999 Executive Bonus Plan, dated as of June 22, 2004, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 1, 2005 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.21 | Amendment to the Triarc Companies, Inc. 1999 Executive Bonus Plan effective as of March 26, 2007, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 6, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.22 | Wendy's International, Inc. 2003 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10(f) of the Wendy's International, Inc. Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 2, 2006 (SEC file no. 001-08116).** |
| 10.23 | Amendments to the Wendy's International, Inc. 2003 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.24 | Wendy's International, Inc. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Annex C to the Wendy's International, Inc. Definitive 2007 Proxy Statement, dated March 12, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-08116).** |
| 10.25 | First Amendment to the Wendy's International, Inc. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10(d) of the Wendy's International, Inc. Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-08116).** |
| 10.26 | Amendments to the Wendy's International, Inc. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.15 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.27 | Form of Stock Option Award Letter for U.S. Grantees under the Wendy's International, Inc. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 27, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.28 | Form of Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Wendy's International, Inc. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 27, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.29 | Form of letter amending non-qualified stock options granted under the Wendy's International, Inc. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan on May 1, 2007 and May 1, 2008 to certain former directors of Wendy's International, Inc. incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 27, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.30 | Wendy's International, Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10(f) of the Wendy's International, Inc. Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2002 (SEC file no. 001-08116).** |
| 10.31 | First Amendment to the Wendy's International, Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10(f) of the Wendy's International, Inc. Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 (SEC file no. 001-08116).** |
| 10.32 | Amended and Restated Wendy's International, Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan No. 2, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-K for the year ended January 3, 2010 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.33 | Amended and Restated Wendy's International, Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan No. 3, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-K for the year ended January 3, 2010 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |

| <u>EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|------------------------|--|
| 10.34 | Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2009 Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan, effective as of May 28, 2009, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 28, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.35 | Amendment No. 1 to the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. 2009 Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan, effective as of May 27, 2010, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 4, 2010 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.36 | Credit Agreement, dated as of May 15, 2012, among Wendy's International, Inc., as borrower, Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, swing line lender and L/C issuer, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as syndication agent, and Fifth Third Bank, The Huntington National Bank, and Coöperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank B.A., "Rabobank Nederland", New York Branch, as co-documentation agents, and the lenders and issuers party thereto, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 15, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.37 | Amendment No. 1 and Waiver, dated as of October 22, 2012, to the Credit Agreement, dated as of May 15, 2012, among Wendy's International, Inc., as borrower, Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, swing line lender and L/C issuer, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as syndication agent, and Fifth Third Bank, The Huntington National Bank, and Coöperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank B.A., "Rabobank Nederland", New York Branch, as co-documentation agents, and the lenders and issuers party thereto, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.38 | Security Agreement, dated as of May 15, 2012, among Wendy's International, Inc., the guarantors from time to time party thereto, as pledgors, and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 15, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.39 | Assignment of Rights Agreement between Wendy's International, Inc. and Mr. R. David Thomas, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10(c) of the Wendy's International, Inc. Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 (SEC file no. 001-08116). |
| 10.40 | Form of Guaranty Agreement dated as of March 23, 1999 among National Propane Corporation, Triarc Companies, Inc. and Nelson Peltz and Peter W. May, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.30 to Triarc's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 3, 1999 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.41 | Indemnity Agreement, dated as of October 25, 2000 between Cadbury Schweppes plc and Triarc Companies, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 8, 2000 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.42 | Amended and Restated Investment Management Agreement, dated as of April 30, 2007, between TCMG-MA, LLC and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 30, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.43 | Withdrawal Agreement dated June 10, 2009 between TCMG-MA, LLC and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 11, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.44 | Separation Agreement, dated as of April 30, 2007, between Triarc Companies, Inc. and Nelson Peltz, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 30, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.45 | Letter Agreement dated as of December 28, 2007, between Triarc Companies, Inc. and Nelson Peltz, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 4, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |

| <u>EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|------------------------|---|
| 10.46 | Separation Agreement, dated as of April 30, 2007, between Triarc Companies, Inc. and Peter W. May, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 30, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.47 | Letter Agreement dated as of December 28, 2007, between Triarc Companies, Inc. and Peter W. May, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 4, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.48 | Agreement dated June 10, 2009 between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 11, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.49 | Liquidation Services Agreement dated June 10, 2009 between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 11, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.50 | Letter from Trian Fund Management, L.P. ("Trian Partners") dated as of March 31, 2011 regarding the Agreement and the Liquidation Services Agreement each dated as of June 10, 2009 between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Trian Partners, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 3, 2011 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.51 | Acknowledgement letter dated as of March 31, 2011 from Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. to Trian Fund Management, L.P. ("Trian Partners") regarding the Agreement and the Liquidation Services Agreement each dated as of June 10, 2009 between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Trian Partners, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 3, 2011 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.52 | Letter Agreement dated as of December 28, 2007, between Triarc Companies, Inc. and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 4, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.53 | Assignment and Assumption of Lease, dated as of June 30, 2007, between Triarc Companies, Inc. and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 10, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.54 | Bill of Sale dated July 31, 2007, by Triarc Companies, Inc. to Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 10, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.55 | Agreement of Sublease between Triarc Companies, Inc. and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 10, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.56 | First Amendment to Agreement of Sublease between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. (f/k/a Triarc Companies, Inc.) and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 4, 2010 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.57 | Form of Aircraft Time Sharing Agreement between Triarc Companies, Inc. and each of Trian Fund Management, L.P., Nelson Peltz, Peter W. May and Edward P. Garden, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 10, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.58 | Aircraft Lease Agreement dated June 10, 2009 between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and TASCO, LLC, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 11, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |

| <u>EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|--------------------|--|
| 10.59 | Amendment No. 1 to Aircraft Lease Agreement dated June 10, 2009 between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and TASCOCO, LLC, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 4, 2010 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.60 | Amendment No. 2 to Aircraft Lease Agreement dated June 29, 2011 between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and TASCOCO, LLC, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to The Wendy's Company Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 3, 2011 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.61 | Extension and Amendment No. 3 to Aircraft Lease Agreement dated as of June 30, 2012 by and between The Wendy's Company and TASCOCO, LLC, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.62 | Amended and Restated Aircraft Lease Agreement between The Wendy's Company and TASCOCO, LLC dated as of August 1, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 3, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-12207). |
| 10.63 | Registration Rights Agreement dated as of April 23, 1993, between DWG Corporation and DWG Acquisition Group, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.36 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.64 | Letter Agreement dated August 6, 2007, between Triarc Companies, Inc. and Trian Fund Management, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 10, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.65 | Agreement dated November 5, 2008 by and between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Trian Partners, L.P., Trian Partners Master Fund, L.P., Trian Partners Parallel Fund I, L.P., Trian Partners Parallel Fund II, L.P., Trian Fund Management, L.P., Nelson Peltz, Peter W. May and Edward P. Garden, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 12, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.66 | Amendment No. 1 to Agreement, dated as of April 1, 2009, among Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc., Trian Partners, L.P., Trian Partners Master Fund, L.P., Trian Partners Parallel Fund I, L.P., Trian Partners Parallel Fund II, L.P., Trian Fund Management, L.P., Trian Fund Management GP, LLC, Nelson Peltz, Peter W. May and Edward P. Garden, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 2, 2009 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.67 | Agreement dated December 1, 2011 by and between The Wendy's Company and Trian Partners, L.P., Trian Partners Master Fund, L.P., Trian Partners Parallel Fund I, L.P., Trian Partners GP, L.P., Trian Fund Management, L.P., the general partner of which is Trian Fund Management GP, LLC, Nelson Peltz, Peter W. May and Edward P. Garden, who, together with Nelson Peltz and Peter W. May, are the controlling members of Trian GP, Trian Partners Strategic Investment Fund, L.P. and Trian Partners Strategic Investment Fund-A, L.P., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 2, 2011 (SEC file no. 001-02207). |
| 10.68 | Consulting and Employment Agreement dated July 25, 2008 between Triarc Companies, Inc. and J. David Karam, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Triarc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 25, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.69 | Amended and Restated Letter Agreement dated as of December 18, 2008 between Sharron Barton and Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 22, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.70 | Amended and Restated Letter Agreement dated as of December 18, 2008 between Nils H. Okeson and Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 22, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |

| <u>EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|------------------------|---|
| 10.71 | Letter Agreement dated as of March 22, 2011, between Nils H. Okeson and Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 of the Wendy's/Arby's Group and Wendy's/Arby's Restaurants, LLC Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 3, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively).** |
| 10.72 | Amended and Restated Letter Agreement dated as of December 18, 2008 between Stephen E. Hare and Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.4 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 22, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.73 | Letter Agreement dated as of March 22, 2011, between Stephen E. Hare and Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of the Wendy's/Arby's Group and Wendy's/Arby's Restaurants, LLC Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 3, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively).** |
| 10.74 | Amended and Restated Letter Agreement dated as of December 18, 2008 between Roland C. Smith and Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.5 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 28, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.75 | Letter from Roland C. Smith to The Wendy's Company dated as of September 1, 2011, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of The Wendy's Company and Wendy's Restaurants, LLC Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 2, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively).** |
| 10.76 | Letter Agreement dated as of December 18, 2008 by and between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and John D. Barker, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.75 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.77 | Letter Agreement dated as of January 28, 2009 by and between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and Darrell van Ligten, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.76 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.78 | Amendment to Letter Agreement dated March 23, 2012 by and between The Wendy's Company and Darrell van Ligten, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.79 | Employment Agreement effective September 12, 2011 by and between The Wendy's Company and Emil J. Brolick, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 2, 2011 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.80 | Special Executive Deferred Compensation Plan by and between The Wendy's Company and Emil J. Brolick, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of The Wendy's Company Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 2, 2011 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.81 | Letter Agreement dated as of January 17, 2012 by and between The Wendy's Company and R. Scott Toop, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.79 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.82 | Letter Agreement dated as of March 16, 2012 by and between The Wendy's Company and Craig S. Bahner, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.83 | Letter Agreement dated as of April 23, 2012 by and between The Wendy's Company and Scott Weisberg, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 of The Wendy's Company Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 1, 2012 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.84 | Form of Indemnification Agreement, between Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. and certain officers, directors, and employees thereof, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.47 to Wendy's/Arby's Group's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |

| <u>EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|------------------------|---|
| 10.85 | Form of Indemnification Agreement of The Wendy's Company, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 of The Wendy's Company and Wendy's Restaurants, LLC Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 2, 2011 (SEC file nos. 001-02207 and 333-161613, respectively).** |
| 10.86 | Form of Indemnification Agreement between Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc. and certain directors, officers and employees thereof, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.40 to Triarc's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2007 (SEC file no. 001-02207).** |
| 10.87 | Form of Indemnification Agreement for officers and employees of Wendy's International, Inc. and its subsidiaries, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10 of the Wendy's International, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 12, 2005 (SEC file no. 001-08116).** |
| 10.88 | Form of First Amendment to Indemnification Agreement between Wendy's International, Inc. and its directors and certain officers and employees, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10(b) of the Wendy's International, Inc. Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 29, 2008 (SEC file no. 001-08116).** |
| 21.1 | Subsidiaries of the Registrant.* |
| 23.1 | Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.* |
| 23.2 | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.* |
| 31.1 | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer of The Wendy's Company pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.* |
| 31.2 | Certification of the Chief Financial Officer of The Wendy's Company pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.* |
| 32.1 | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, furnished as an exhibit to this Form 10-K.* |
| 99.1 | Audited Financial Statements of TimWen Partnership.* |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document*** |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document*** |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document*** |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document*** |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document*** |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document*** |

* Filed herewith

** Identifies a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

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

Instruments defining the rights of holders of certain issues of long-term debt of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries have not been filed as exhibits to this Form 10-K because the authorized principal amount of any one of such issues does not exceed 10% of the total assets of the Company and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. The Company agrees to furnish a copy of each of such instruments to the Commission upon request.

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**THE WENDY'S COMPANY
LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES AS OF
December 30, 2012**

| <u>Subsidiary</u> | <u>STATE OR JURISDICTION UNDER WHICH ORGANIZED</u> |
|---|--|
| Wendy's Restaurants, LLC | Delaware |
| Wendy's International, Inc. | Ohio |
| Wendy's Holdings, LLC | Delaware |
| Wendy's Support Center, LLC | Delaware |
| Scioto Insurance Company | Vermont |
| Wendy's Global Restaurants, LLC | Delaware |
| Wendy's Global Holdings CV | Netherlands |
| Wendy's Global Financing Partner, LLC | Delaware |
| Wendy's Global Financing LP | Ontario |
| Wendy's Singapore Pte. Ltd. | Singapore |
| Wendy's Restaurants (Asia) Limited | Hong Kong |
| Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburger Restaurants Pty. Ltd. | Australia |
| Wendy's Netherlands BV | Netherlands |
| Wendy's Restaurants of Canada Inc. | Ontario |
| Wendy's Canadian Advertising Program, Inc. | Ontario |
| TIMWEN Partnership (1) | Ontario |
| Wendy's Global Holdings Partner, LLC | Delaware |
| Wendy's Global, Inc. | Delaware |
| Wendy's Eurasia, Inc. | Ohio |
| Wendy's Global Services, Inc. | Delaware |
| BDJ 71112, LLC | Ohio |
| The New Bakery Co. of Ohio, Inc. | Ohio |
| Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers of New York, Inc. | Ohio |
| Wendy's Restaurants of New York, LLC | Delaware |
| Wendy's of Denver, Inc. | Colorado |
| Wendy's of N.E. Florida, Inc. | Florida |
| Oldemark LLC | Vermont |
| Restaurant Finance Corporation | Ohio |
| Café Express, LLC | Delaware |
| Wendy Restaurant, Inc. | Delaware |
| The Wendy's National Advertising Program, Inc. | Ohio |
| 256 Gift Card Inc. | Colorado |
| SEPSCO, LLC | Delaware |
| TXL Corp. | South Carolina |
| Home Furnishing Acquisition Corporation | Delaware |
| Triarc Acquisition, LLC | Delaware |
| Jurl Holdings, LLC | Delaware |
| RCAC, LLC | Delaware |
| Madison West Associates Corp. | Delaware |
| 280 BT Holdings LLC (2) | New York |
| Citrus Acquisition Corporation | Florida |
| Adams Packing Association, Inc. | Delaware |

(1) 50% owned by Wendy's Restaurants of Canada, Inc.

(2) 80.1% owned by Madison West Associates Corp. ("Madison West"), 11.3% owned by former affiliates of the Company and 8.6% owned by unaffiliated third parties.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statement Nos. 333-50051, 333-82069, 333-97569, 333-155273, and 333-167170 on Form S-8 and Registration Statement No. 333-180474 on Form S-3 of our reports dated February 28, 2013, relating to the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule of The Wendy's Company, and the effectiveness of The Wendy's Company's internal control over financial reporting, appearing in this Annual Report on Form 10-K of The Wendy's Company for the year ended December 30, 2012.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP
Columbus, Ohio
February 28, 2013

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement Nos. 333-50051, 333-82069, 333-97569, 333-155273 and 333-167170 on Form S-8, and the Registration Statement No. 333-180474 on Form S-3 of The Wendy's Company, of our report dated February 27, 2013 relating to the financial statements of TIMWEN Partnership, which appears in this Annual Report on Form 10-K of The Wendy's Company.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants
Mississauga, Ontario
February 27, 2013

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Emil J. Brolick, certify that:

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

Date: February 28, 2013

/s/ EMIL J. BROLICK

Emil J. Brolick
President and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Stephen E. Hare, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of The Wendy's Company;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

(a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

(d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 28, 2013

/s/ STEPHEN E. HARE

Stephen E. Hare
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**Certification Pursuant to
18 U.S.C. Section 1350
As Adopted Pursuant to
Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

Pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of section 1350, chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code), each of the undersigned officers of The Wendy's Company, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), does hereby certify, to the best of such officer's knowledge, that:

The Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2012 (the "Form 10-K") of the Company fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and information contained in the Form 10-K fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 28, 2013

/s/ EMIL J. BROLICK

Emil J. Brolick
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: February 28, 2013

/s/ STEPHEN E. HARE

Stephen E. Hare
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

STOCK PERFORMANCE

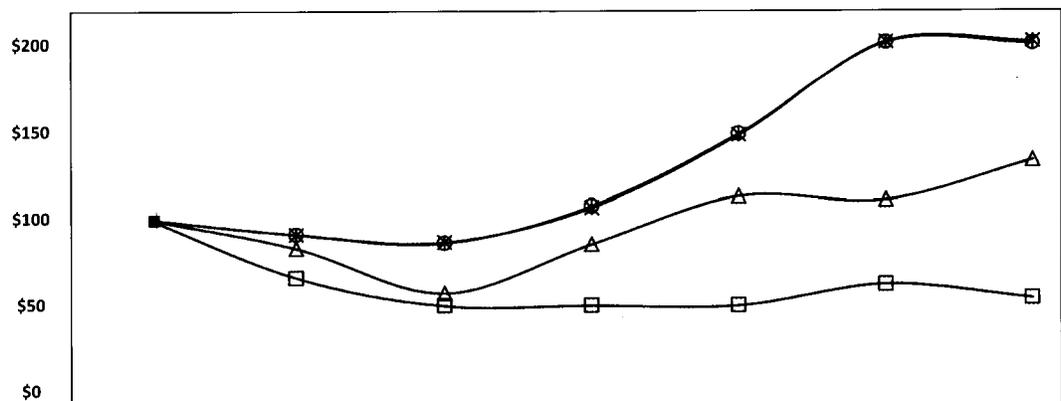
The following performance graph shows The Wendy's Company's cumulative total stockholder return on its Common Stock relative to the S&P Midcap 400 Index and to a specified peer group of restaurant companies for the five fiscal years ended December 30, 2012. For 2012, we changed the companies comprising our restaurant peer group to more appropriately reflect the scope of our operations and to match our competitive market. In accordance with SEC rules, the graph includes the cumulative returns for both our 2012 peer group and our 2011 peer group. The measurement points in the graph are the last trading days of our 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 fiscal years. The returns set forth below assume an initial investment of \$100 and that all dividends were reinvested when received.

On September 29, 2008, Wendy's International, Inc. merged with, and became a wholly-owned subsidiary of, Triarc Companies, Inc. ("Triarc"), and Triarc changed its name to Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc. ("Wendy's/Arby's"). In conjunction with the merger, Wendy's/Arby's assumed the WEN trading symbol on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"). As such, historical stock price information through and including September 29, 2008 reflects the performance of Triarc's Class A Common Stock, which traded on NYSE under the symbol TRY.

On July 5, 2011, following the completion of its sale of the Arby's business, Wendy's/Arby's changed its name to The Wendy's Company. On December 27, 2011, The Wendy's Company transferred the listing of its Common Stock to the NASDAQ Global Select Market, where it trades under the symbol WEN.

COMPARISON OF 5-YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN*

(The Wendy's Company vs. S&P Midcap 400 Index, 2012 Peer Group and 2011 Peer Group)



| | 12/28/07 | 9/29/08 | 12/26/08 | 12/31/09 | 12/31/10 | 12/30/11 | 12/28/12 |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| The Wendy's Company | \$100.00 | \$ 71.24 | \$57.57 | \$ 57.58 | \$ 57.54 | \$ 67.85 | \$ 61.17 |
| S&P Midcap 400 | \$100.00 | \$ 85.66 | \$63.77 | \$ 87.61 | \$110.94 | \$109.02 | \$128.51 |
| 2012 Peer Group (1) | \$100.00 | \$ 92.50 | \$88.64 | \$105.56 | \$141.01 | \$186.20 | \$186.39 |
| 2011 Peer Group (2) | \$100.00 | \$ 92.52 | \$88.27 | \$106.29 | \$141.57 | \$185.88 | \$185.24 |

- (1) The companies that comprise the 2012 Peer Group are: AFC Enterprises, Inc., Brinker International, Inc., Burger King Worldwide, Inc., Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc., Darden Restaurants, Inc., Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc., DineEquity, Inc., Jack In The Box Inc., McDonald's Corporation, Panera Bread Co., Red Robin Gourmet Burgers Inc., Ruby Tuesday, Inc., Sonic Corp., Starbucks Corporation, The Wendy's Company, Tim Hortons Inc. and YUM! Brands, Inc. For purposes of the performance graph, the returns of the companies in the 2012 Peer Group have been weighted according to their market capitalization as of the beginning of each period indicated.
- (2) The companies that comprise the 2011 Peer Group are: AFC Enterprises, Inc., Bob Evans Farms, Inc., Brinker International, Inc., CEC Entertainment, Inc., Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc., Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., Darden Restaurants, Inc., Denny's Corporation, DineEquity, Inc., Jack In The Box Inc., McDonald's Corporation, Ruby Tuesday, Inc., Sonic Corp., Starbucks Corporation, The Cheesecake Factory Incorporated, The Wendy's Company and YUM! Brands, Inc. For purposes of the performance graph, the returns of the companies in the 2011 Peer Group have been weighted according to their market capitalization as of the beginning of each period indicated.

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