

WEIGHT WATCHERS INTERNATIONAL INC

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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

**For the quarterly period ended October 1, 2016**

**OR**

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

**For the transition period from                      to**

**Commission File Number: 001-16769**

**WEIGHT WATCHERS INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Virginia** **11-6040273**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of** **(I.R.S. Employer**  
**incorporation or organization)** **Identification No.)**  
**675 Avenue of the Americas, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10010**  
**(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)**  
**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 589-2700**

**(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)**

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 (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, 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  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) 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 number of shares of common stock outstanding as of October 28, 2016 was 63,875,551.

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|  | <b>October 1,<br/>2016</b> | <b>January 2,<br/>2016</b> |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                            |                            |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>  |                            |                            |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 99,044                  | \$ 241,526                 |
| Receivables (net of allowances: October 1, 2016 - \$2,892 and January 2, 2016 - \$2,226) | 25,867                     | 29,281                     |
| Inventories  | 29,455                     | 27,838                     |
| Prepaid income taxes   | 37,792                     | 15,436                     |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets  | 22,924                     | 37,376                     |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>  | <b>215,082</b>             | <b>351,457</b>             |
| Property and equipment, net  | 51,771                     | 58,186                     |
| Franchise rights acquired  | 751,300                    | 747,326                    |
| Goodwill   | 167,638                    | 159,331                    |
| Trademarks and other intangible assets, net  | 61,035                     | 66,339                     |
| Other noncurrent assets  | 14,592                     | 11,577                     |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>  | <b>\$ 1,261,418</b>        | <b>\$ 1,394,216</b>        |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND TOTAL DEFICIT</b>   |                            |                            |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>   |                            |                            |
| Portion of long-term debt due within one year  | \$ 21,000                  | \$ 213,323                 |
| Accounts payable   | 31,620                     | 38,225                     |
| Salaries and wages payable   | 44,823                     | 47,042                     |
| Accrued marketing and advertising  | 8,836                      | 21,554                     |
| Accrued interest   | 20,040                     | 20,739                     |
| Other accrued liabilities  | 58,692                     | 56,477                     |
| Derivative payable   | 54,008                     | 44,170                     |
| Deferred revenue   | 74,674                     | 61,597                     |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>   | <b>313,693</b>             | <b>503,127</b>             |

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|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Long-term debt  | 1,985,092           | 1,996,296           |
| Deferred income taxes   | 168,117             | 156,625             |
| Other   | 22,840              | 23,876              |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>  | <b>2,489,742</b>    | <b>2,679,924</b>    |
| Redeemable noncontrolling interest  | 4,801               | 4,450               |
| <b>TOTAL DEFICIT</b>  |                     |                     |
| Common stock, \$0 par value; 1,000,000 shares authorized; 118,947 shares issued at October 1, 2016 and at January 2, 2016 | 0                   | 0                   |
| Treasury stock, at cost, 55,080 shares at October 1, 2016 and 55,301 shares at January 2, 2016                            | (3,239,445)         | (3,247,406)         |
| Retained earnings   | 2,043,924           | 1,994,513           |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss  | (37,604)            | (37,265)            |
| <b>TOTAL DEFICIT</b>  | <b>(1,233,125)</b>  | <b>(1,290,158)</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND TOTAL DEFICIT</b>  | <b>\$ 1,261,418</b> | <b>\$ 1,394,216</b> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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|   | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |                | <b>Nine Months Ended</b> |                |
|---|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
|   | <b>October</b>            | <b>October</b> | <b>October</b>           | <b>October</b> |
|   | <b>1,</b>                 | <b>3,</b>      | <b>1,</b>                | <b>3,</b>      |
|   | <b>2016</b>               | <b>2015</b>    | <b>2016</b>              | <b>2015</b>    |
| Service revenues, net   | \$ 232,571                | \$ 224,158     | \$ 727,889               | \$ 724,500     |
| Product sales and other, net  | 48,248                    | 49,166         | 169,601                  | 180,681        |
| Revenues, net   | 280,819                   | 273,324        | 897,490                  | 905,181        |
| Cost of services  | 111,515                   | 113,972        | 355,945                  | 364,239        |
| Cost of product sales and other   | 25,001                    | 22,730         | 86,521                   | 87,653         |
| Cost of revenues  | 136,516                   | 136,702        | 442,466                  | 451,892        |
| Gross profit  | 144,303                   | 136,622        | 455,024                  | 453,289        |
| Marketing expenses  | 30,078                    | 27,158         | 157,791                  | 154,769        |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses                                  | 47,433                    | 46,356         | 143,152                  | 146,788        |
| Operating income  | 66,792                    | 63,108         | 154,081                  | 151,732        |
| Interest expense  | 28,329                    | 30,132         | 86,963                   | 91,696         |
| Other (income) expense, net   | (146)                     | 373            | 397                      | 1,292          |
| Early extinguishment of debt  | 0                         | 50             | 0                        | (11,426)       |
| Income before income taxes  | 38,609                    | 32,553         | 66,721                   | 70,170         |
| Provision for income taxes  | 3,989                     | 10,761         | 12,420                   | 26,082         |
| Net income  | 34,620                    | 21,792         | 54,301                   | 44,088         |
| Net loss (income) attributable to the noncontrolling interest                 | 38                        | (2)            | 99                       | 146            |
| Net income attributable to Weight Watchers International, Inc.                | \$ 34,658                 | \$ 21,790      | \$ 54,400                | \$ 44,234      |
| <b>Earnings Per Share attributable to Weight Watchers International, Inc.</b> |                           |                |                          |                |
| Basic   | \$ 0.54                   | \$ 0.38        | \$ 0.85                  | \$ 0.78        |
| Diluted   | \$ 0.53                   | \$ 0.38        | \$ 0.83                  | \$ 0.77        |

Weighted average common shares outstanding

|         |        |        |        |        |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Basic   | 63,782 | 57,107 | 63,690 | 57,000 |
| Diluted | 65,841 | 57,266 | 65,872 | 57,167 |

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**WEIGHT WATCHERS INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**(IN THOUSANDS)**

|  | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |                   | <b>Nine Months Ended</b> |                   |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|  | <b>October 1,</b>         | <b>October 3,</b> | <b>October 1,</b>        | <b>October 3,</b> |
|  | <b>2016</b>               | <b>2015</b>       | <b>2016</b>              | <b>2015</b>       |
| Net income   | \$ 34,620                 | \$ 21,792         | \$ 54,301                | \$ 44,088         |
| Other comprehensive income (loss):   |                           |                   |                          |                   |
| Foreign currency translation (loss) gain   | (1,496)                   | (8,737)           | 10,167                   | (22,725)          |
| Income tax benefit (expense) on foreign currency translation (loss) gain                                 | 583                       | 3,408             | (3,935)                  | 8,863             |
| Foreign currency translation (loss) gain, net of taxes   | (913)                     | (5,329)           | 6,232                    | (13,862)          |
| Gain (loss) on derivatives   | 8,136                     | (15,544)          | (9,984)                  | (16,637)          |
| Income tax (expense) benefit on gain (loss) on derivatives   | (3,173)                   | 6,062             | 3,863                    | 6,488             |
| Gain (loss) on derivatives, net of taxes   | 4,963                     | (9,482)           | (6,121)                  | (10,149)          |
| Total other comprehensive gain (loss)  | 4,050                     | (14,811)          | 111                      | (24,011)          |
| Comprehensive income   | 38,670                    | 6,981             | 54,412                   | 20,077            |
| Less: Net loss (income) attributable to the noncontrolling interest                                      | 38                        | (2)               | 99                       | 146               |
| Less: Foreign currency translation loss (gain), net of taxes attributable to the noncontrolling interest | 19                        | 549               | (450)                    | 998               |
| Comprehensive loss (income) attributable to the noncontrolling interest                                  | 57                        | 547               | (351)                    | 1,144             |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Weight Watchers International, Inc.                                 | \$ 38,727                 | \$ 7,528          | \$ 54,061                | \$ 21,221         |

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|  | <b>Nine Months Ended</b>   |                            |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  | <b>October 1,<br/>2016</b> | <b>October 3,<br/>2015</b> |
| <b>Operating activities:</b>   |                            |                            |
| Net income   | \$ 54,301                  | \$ 44,088                  |
| <b>Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:</b> |                            |                            |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 39,145                     | 40,745                     |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs   | 4,631                      | 5,224                      |
| Impairment of intangible and long-lived assets                                       | 91                         | 2,302                      |
| Share-based compensation expense   | 4,366                      | 7,567                      |
| Deferred tax provision   | 9,171                      | 9,889                      |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts  | 43                         | (554)                      |
| Reserve for inventory obsolescence   | 3,823                      | 7,005                      |
| Foreign currency exchange rate loss  | 222                        | 1,234                      |
| Gain on early extinguishment of debt   | 0                          | (12,667)                   |
| <b>Changes in cash due to:</b>   |                            |                            |
| Receivables  | 2,546                      | 3,132                      |
| Inventories  | (4,830)                    | 13,183                     |
| Prepaid expenses   | (8,313)                    | (12,116)                   |
| Accounts payable   | (7,209)                    | (14,933)                   |
| Accrued liabilities  | (20,123)                   | (46,532)                   |
| Deferred revenue   | 12,199                     | 8,069                      |
| Other long term assets and liabilities, net  | 2,726                      | (578)                      |
| Income taxes   | 1,128                      | (2,190)                    |
| <b>Cash provided by operating activities</b>   | <b>93,917</b>              | <b>52,868</b>              |
| <b>Investing activities:</b>   |                            |                            |
| Capital expenditures   | (4,556)                    | (3,569)                    |
| Capitalized software expenditures  | (21,888)                   | (25,155)                   |
| Cash paid for acquisitions   | (2,898)                    | (3,128)                    |
| Other items, net   | (174)                      | (918)                      |
| <b>Cash used for investing activities</b>  | <b>(29,516)</b>            | <b>(32,770)</b>            |
| <b>Financing activities:</b>   |                            |                            |
| (Payments) borrowings on revolver  | (48,000)                   | 48,000                     |
| Payments on long-term debt   | (160,073)                  | (152,863)                  |

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| Tax benefit of restricted stock units vested and stock options exercised | 964       | 0          |
| Proceeds from stock options exercised                                    | 35        | 0          |
| Payment of dividends   | (11)      | (21)       |
| Cash used for financing activities                                       | (207,085) | (104,884)  |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents             | 202       | (4,166)    |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents                                | (142,482) | (88,952)   |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period                           | 241,526   | 301,212    |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period                                 | \$ 99,044 | \$ 212,260 |

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**NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Weight Watchers International, Inc. and all of its subsidiaries. The terms "Company" and "WWI" as used throughout these notes is used to indicate Weight Watchers International, Inc. and all of its operations consolidated for purposes of its financial statements. The Company's meetings business refers to providing access to meetings to the Company's monthly commitment plan subscribers, pay-as-you-go members, Total Access subscribers and other meetings members. Online refers to Weight Watchers Online, Weight Watchers Online*Plus*, Personal Coaching and other digital subscription products.

As a result of the acquisition of an additional equity interest in Vigilantes do Peso Marketing Ltda. ("VPM") in March 2014, the Company gained a direct controlling financial interest in VPM and began to consolidate this entity as of the date of acquisition and as a result of the acquisition of Knowplicity, Inc., d/b/a Wello, in April 2014, Wello became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company and the Company began to consolidate this entity as of the date of acquisition. As further discussed in Note 5, as a result of the acquisition of Weilos, Inc. ("Weilos"), in March 2015, Weilos became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company and the Company began to consolidate this entity as of the date of acquisition. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") for interim financial information and include amounts that are based on management's best estimates and judgments. While all available information has been considered, actual amounts could differ from those estimates. The Company's operating results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of future or annual results. The consolidated financial statements are unaudited and, accordingly, they do not include all of the information necessary for a comprehensive presentation of results of operations, financial position and cash flow activity required by GAAP for complete financial statements but, in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments including those of a normal recurring nature necessary for a fair statement of the interim results presented.

These statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2015 filed on March 2, 2016, which includes additional information about the Company, its results of operations, its financial position and its cash flows.

*Out-of-Period Adjustments:*

In the second quarter of fiscal 2015, the Company identified and recorded out-of-period adjustments related to immaterial errors in prior period financial statements that impacted income before income taxes and net income attributable to the Company by \$1,650 and \$420, respectively.

In the third quarter of fiscal 2016, the Company identified and recorded out-of-period adjustments primarily to reverse a foreign tax receivable originally recorded in fiscal 2008 that should have been reversed in fiscal 2009. The impact of

these income tax errors, which increased income taxes and decreased net income attributable to the Company by \$2,684, was immaterial to prior period financial statements and thus corrected in the third quarter of fiscal 2016.

## **2. Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the FASB ) issued updated guidance regarding leases, requiring lessees to recognize a right-of-use asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases with the exception of short-term leases. For lessees, leases will continue to be classified as either operating or finance leases in the income statement. Lessor accounting is similar to the current model but will be updated to align with certain changes to the lessee model. Lessors will continue to classify leases as operating, direct financing or sales-type leases. The effective date of the new guidance for public companies is for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018 and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. The new guidance must be adopted using a modified retrospective transition and requires application of the new guidance at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented. The updated guidance is effective for the Company beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2019. The Company is currently evaluating the effect that the updated guidance will have on the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures of the Company.

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In March 2016, the FASB issued updated guidance on revenue from contracts with customers, which is intended to clarify the implementation guidance on principal versus agent considerations. The amendments in this update do not change the core principle of the guidance, but are intended to improve the operability and understandability of the implementation guidance on principal versus agent considerations by including indicators to assist an entity in determining whether it controls a specified good or service before it is transferred to the customer. In April 2016, the FASB issued updated guidance on revenue from contracts with customers, which is intended to clarify guidance related to identifying performance obligations and licensing implementation guidance contained in the new revenue recognition standard. In May 2016, the FASB issued updated guidance on revenue from contracts with customers, which is intended to provide narrow scope guidance and practical expedients contained in the new revenue standard. The amendments in these updates are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption not permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the effect that the updated guidance will have on the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures of the Company.

In March 2016, the FASB issued updated guidance on stock compensation which is intended to simplify several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows. This guidance is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early application is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the effect that the updated guidance will have on the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures of the Company.

In August 2016, the FASB issued updated guidance on the statement of cash flows presentation of certain transactions where diversity in practice exists. This guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the effect that the updated guidance will have on the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures of the Company.

For a discussion of the Company's significant accounting policies, see [Summary of Significant Accounting Policies](#) in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2015 and Note 6 herein. For a discussion of accounting standards adopted in the current year, see Note 3.

**3. Accounting Standards Adopted in Current Year**

In April 2015, the FASB issued updated guidance to simplify the presentation of debt issuance costs. The amendments in this update require that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. In August 2015, the FASB issued updated guidance which clarifies the treatment of debt issuance costs from line-of-credit arrangements. In particular, this guidance clarifies that the Securities and Exchange Commission Staff would not object to an entity deferring and presenting debt issuance costs related to a line-of-credit arrangement as an asset and subsequently

amortizing the deferred debt issuance costs ratably over the term of such arrangement, regardless of whether there are any outstanding borrowings on the line-of-credit arrangement. As further reflected in Note 7, the Company adopted this guidance during the first quarter of fiscal 2016 on a retrospective basis to simplify the presentation of debt issuance costs during the first quarter of fiscal 2016. As shown in the table below, pursuant to the guidance and a change in accounting principle applied on a retrospective basis, the Company has reclassified unamortized debt issuance costs associated with Term Facilities (defined hereafter) in the Company's previously reported Consolidated Balance Sheet in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2015.

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In November 2015, the FASB issued updated guidance on the classification of deferred tax assets. This accounting standard requires deferred tax assets and liabilities, along with related valuation allowances, to be classified as noncurrent on the balance sheet. As a result, each tax jurisdiction will now only have one net noncurrent deferred tax asset or liability. The new guidance does not change the existing requirement that prohibits offsetting deferred tax liabilities from one jurisdiction against deferred tax assets of another jurisdiction. The Company adopted this guidance during the first quarter of fiscal 2016 on a retrospective basis. As shown in the table below, pursuant to the guidance and a change in accounting principle applied on a retrospective basis, the Company has reclassified current deferred tax assets in the Company's previously reported Consolidated Balance Sheet in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2015.

|                               | <b>January 2, 2016</b> |                           |                           |                     |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
|                               | <b>As Filed</b>        | <b>Deferred Financing</b> | <b>Deferred Tax Asset</b> | <b>As Adjusted</b>  |
| Deferred income taxes         | \$ 7,516               | \$ 0                      | \$ (7,516)                | \$ 0                |
| Total current assets          | \$ 358,973             | \$ 0                      | \$ (7,516)                | \$ 351,457          |
| Deferred financing costs, net | \$ 25,209              | \$ (25,209)               | \$ 0                      | \$ 0                |
| Other noncurrent assets       | \$ 6,720               | \$ 255                    | \$ 4,602                  | \$ 11,577           |
| <b>Total assets</b>           | <b>\$ 1,422,084</b>    | <b>\$ (24,954)</b>        | <b>\$ (2,914)</b>         | <b>\$ 1,394,216</b> |
| Long-term debt                | \$ 2,021,250           | \$ (24,954)               | \$ 0                      | \$ 1,996,296        |
| Deferred income taxes         | \$ 159,539             | \$ 0                      | \$ (2,914)                | \$ 156,625          |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>      | <b>\$ 2,707,792</b>    | <b>\$ (24,954)</b>        | <b>\$ (2,914)</b>         | <b>\$ 2,679,924</b> |

**4. Winfrey Transaction**

On October 18, 2015 (the Agreement Date), the Company entered into the following agreements with Oprah Winfrey: the Strategic Collaboration Agreement, the Winfrey Purchase Agreement (defined below), and the Winfrey Option Agreement (defined below). The transactions contemplated by these agreements are collectively referred to herein as the Winfrey Transaction. Details of the Strategic Collaboration Agreement, Winfrey Purchase Agreement and Winfrey Option Agreement are below. See Note 17 for related party transactions with Ms. Winfrey.

*Strategic Collaboration Agreement*

The Company and Ms. Winfrey granted each other certain intellectual property rights under the Strategic Collaboration Agreement. The agreement has an initial term of five years, with additional successive one-year renewal terms. During the term of this agreement, Ms. Winfrey will consult with the Company and participate in developing,

planning, executing and enhancing the Weight Watchers program and related initiatives, and provide it with services in her discretion to promote the Company and its programs, products and services.

*Winfrey Purchase Agreement*

On October 19, 2015, pursuant to the Share Purchase Agreement between the Company and Ms. Winfrey (the Winfrey Purchase Agreement), the Company issued and sold to Ms. Winfrey an aggregate of 6,362 shares of the Company's common stock (the Purchased Shares) at a price per share of \$6.79 for an aggregate cash purchase price of \$43,199. The Company recorded fees related to the issuance of the Purchased Shares totaling \$2,315, of which \$1,700 was recorded as a reduction of equity in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015. The Purchased Shares are subject to certain demand registration rights and piggyback rights held by Ms. Winfrey under the Winfrey Purchase Agreement.

The Purchased Shares may not be transferred by Ms. Winfrey within the first two years of the Agreement Date, subject to certain limited exceptions. Thereafter, Ms. Winfrey may generally transfer up to 15% of the Purchased Shares prior to the third anniversary of the Agreement Date, up to 30% prior to the fourth anniversary of the Agreement Date and up to 60% prior to the fifth anniversary of the Agreement Date. On or after the fifth anniversary of the Agreement Date, Ms. Winfrey will be permitted to transfer all of the Purchased Shares. In the event that Ms. Winfrey proposes to transfer any Purchased Shares or Winfrey Option Shares



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(defined below), the Company will have (a) a right of first offer with respect to such shares if such transfer is (i) for 1% or more of the Company's issued and outstanding common stock that is proposed to be made pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended or (ii) proposed to be sold under a resale shelf registration statement or (b) a right of first refusal with respect to such shares if such transfer is (i) for 1% or more of the Company's issued and outstanding common stock and is proposed to be made to a competitor of the Company or (ii) for 5% or more of the Company's issued and outstanding common stock. Such transfer restrictions, right of first offer and right of first refusal terminate if Ms. Winfrey then has the right to be nominated as a director and has met certain eligibility requirements under the Winfrey Purchase Agreement, but is not elected as a director of the Company. If Ms. Winfrey is elected as a director of the Company, she shall receive compensation for her services as a director consistent with that of other non-executive directors of the Company. Such transfer restrictions also terminate if there is a change of control, including if another person (or group), other than Artal Luxembourg S.A. and Ms. Winfrey and their respective affiliates, acquires more than 50% of the total voting power of the Company.

*Winfrey Option Agreement*

In consideration of Ms. Winfrey entering into the Strategic Collaboration Agreement and the performance of her obligations thereunder, on the Agreement Date, the Company granted Ms. Winfrey a fully vested option (the "Winfrey Option") to purchase 3,513 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.97 per share. The term sheet, and related terms and conditions, for the Winfrey Option are referred to herein as the "Winfrey Option Agreement". Based on the Black Scholes option pricing method, the Company recorded \$12,759 of compensation expense in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 for the Winfrey Option. At the date of the grant, the Company used a dividend yield of 0.0%, 63.88% volatility and a risk-free interest rate of 1.36%. Compensation expense is included as a component of selling, general and administrative expenses.

Subject to certain limited exceptions, shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the Winfrey Option (the "Winfrey Option Shares") generally could not be transferred by Ms. Winfrey within the first year of the Agreement Date. Ms. Winfrey generally may transfer up to 20% of the Winfrey Option Shares prior to the second anniversary of the Agreement Date, up to 40% prior to the third anniversary of the Agreement Date, up to 60% prior to the fourth anniversary of the Agreement Date and up to 80% prior to the fifth anniversary of the Agreement Date. On or after the fifth anniversary of the Agreement Date, Ms. Winfrey will be permitted to transfer all of the Winfrey Option Shares. Pursuant to the Winfrey Purchase Agreement, in the event that Ms. Winfrey proposes to transfer any Winfrey Option Shares, the Company will have a right of first offer or a right of first refusal with respect to such shares as described above. Such transfer restrictions terminate under the same director service and change of control circumstances that would result in the termination of the transfer restrictions relating to the Purchased Shares as described above.

**5. Acquisitions of Weilos and Miami Franchise**

On March 11, 2015, the Company acquired for a purchase price of \$6,674 Weilos, a California-based startup with an online social platform that provides a mobile health and weight loss community. Payment was in the form of common stock issued (\$2,810), restricted stock issued (\$114) and cash (\$2,775) plus cash in reserves (\$975). The total purchase price of Weilos has been allocated to goodwill (\$5,588), identifiable intangibles (\$1,741) and other assets (\$24) offset by deferred tax liabilities (\$679). Restricted shares with a fair value at the date of grant (\$908) were issued to key employees, contingent upon 18 months post-combination employment, and are accounted for as stock compensation cost in the post-combination financial statements. As a result of the acquisition, Weilos became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company and the Company began to consolidate the entity as of the date of acquisition. The acquisition resulted in goodwill related to, among other things, expected synergies in operations. The goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes.

On June 27, 2016, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of its franchisee for certain territories in South Florida, Weight Watchers of Greater Miami, Inc., for a purchase price of \$3,250 (the Miami Acquisition ). Payment was in the form of cash of (\$2,898) plus cash in reserves (\$300) and assumed net liabilities of (\$52). The total purchase price has been allocated to franchise rights acquired (\$114), goodwill (\$2,945) and customer relationship value (\$191). The acquisition of the franchisee has been accounted for under the purchase method of accounting and, accordingly, earnings of the acquired franchisee have been included in the consolidated operating results of the Company since the date of acquisition. The goodwill will be deductible for tax purposes.

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**6. Franchise Rights Acquired, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets**

Franchise rights acquired are due to acquisitions of the Company's franchised territories as well as the acquisition of franchise promotion agreements and other factors associated with the acquired franchise territories. For the nine months ended October 1, 2016, the change in the carrying value of indefinite-lived franchise rights acquired is due to the Miami Acquisition as described in Note 5 and the effect of exchange rate changes.

Goodwill primarily relates to the acquisition of the Company by H.J. Heinz Company in 1978, the acquisition of WeightWatchers.com, Inc. in 2005, the acquisitions of the Company's franchised territories, the acquisitions of the majority interest in VPM and of Wello in fiscal 2014 and the acquisition of Weilos in fiscal 2015. See Note 5 for further information on certain acquisitions. For the nine months ended October 1, 2016, the change in the carrying amount of goodwill is due to the Miami Acquisition as described in Note 5 and the effect of exchange rate changes as follows:

|                                     | North<br>America | United<br>Kingdom | Continental<br>Europe | Other     | Total      |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Balance as of January 2, 2016       | \$ 133,408       | \$ 1,370          | \$ 7,260              | \$ 17,293 | \$ 159,331 |
| Goodwill acquired during the period | 2,945            | 0                 | 0                     | 0         | 2,945      |
| Effect of exchange rate changes     | 2,134            | (167)             | 76                    | 3,319     | 5,362      |
| Balance as of October 1, 2016       | \$ 138,487       | \$ 1,203          | \$ 7,336              | \$ 20,612 | \$ 167,638 |

The Company reviews goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets, including franchise rights acquired with indefinite lives, for potential impairment on at least an annual basis or more often if events so require.

In the second quarter of fiscal 2016, the Company changed the timing to perform its annual impairment review of goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets to the first day of fiscal May whereas it had previously performed the test as of the last day of the Company's fiscal year. This accounting change was preferable because it provides the Company time to obtain the data from the winter season results which includes the first fiscal quarter, which represents approximately 40% of the full year recruitments, and incorporate this data into the current and future year performance estimates. The Company believes the resulting change in accounting principle related to changing the annual impairment testing date did not delay, accelerate, or avoid an impairment charge.

In performing the impairment analysis for goodwill, the fair value for the Company's reporting units is estimated using a discounted cash flow approach. This approach involves projecting future cash flows attributable to the reporting unit and discounting those estimated cash flows using an appropriate discount rate. The estimated fair value is then compared to the carrying value of the reporting units. The Company has determined the appropriate reporting unit for

purposes of assessing annual impairment to be the country for all reporting units. For all of the Company's reporting units except for Brazil (see below), the Company estimated future cash flows by utilizing the historical debt-free cash flows (cash flows provided by operating activities less capital expenditures) attributable to that country and then applied expected future operating income growth rates for such country. The Company utilized operating income as the basis for measuring its potential growth because it believes it is the best indicator of the performance of its business. The Company then discounted the estimated future cash flows utilizing a discount rate which was calculated using the average cost of capital, which included the cost of equity and the cost of debt. The cost of equity was determined by combining a risk-free rate of return and a market risk premium for the Company's peer group. The risk-free rate of return was determined based on the average rate of long-term U.S. Treasury securities. The market risk premium was determined by reviewing external market data. The cost of debt was determined by estimating the Company's current borrowing rate.

As it relates to the impairment analysis for Brazil, the Company estimated future debt free cash flows in contemplation of its growth strategies for that market. In developing these projections, the Company considered the historical impact of similar growth strategies in other markets as well as the current market conditions in Brazil. The Company then discounted the estimated future cash flows utilizing a discount rate which was calculated using the average cost of capital, which included the cost of equity and the cost of debt. The cost of equity was determined by combining a risk-free rate of return and a market risk premium for the Company's peer group. The risk-free rate of return was determined based on the average rate of long-term U.S. Treasury securities. The market risk premium was determined by reviewing external market data including the current economic conditions in Brazil and the country specific risk thereon. A further risk premium was included to reflect the risk associated with the rate of growth projected in the analysis. The cost of debt was determined by estimating the Company's current borrowing rate.

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In performing the impairment analysis for indefinite-lived franchise rights acquired, the fair value for franchise rights acquired is estimated using a discounted cash flow approach referred to as the hypothetical start-up approach for franchise rights related to the Company's meetings business and a relief from royalty methodology for franchise rights related to the Company's Online business. The aggregate estimated fair value for these rights is then compared to the carrying value of the unit of account for those franchise rights. The Company has determined the appropriate unit of account for purposes of assessing impairment to be the combination of the rights in the meetings and Online businesses in the country in which the acquisitions have occurred. In its hypothetical start-up approach analysis for fiscal 2016, the Company assumed that the year of maturity was reached after 7 years. Subsequent to the year of maturity, the Company assumed cash flows for the Online business based on its expected Online revenue growth rates for such country. Subsequent to the year of maturity, the Company estimated future cash flows for the meetings business in each country based on assumptions regarding revenue growth and operating income margins. The Company then discounted the estimated future cash flows utilizing discount rates consistent with those used in its goodwill impairment analysis as discussed above.

In performing its annual impairment analysis as of May 8, 2016, the Company determined that the carrying amounts of its goodwill reporting units and franchise rights acquired with indefinite lives units of account did not exceed their respective fair values and therefore, no impairment existed. Except for Brazil, there was significant headroom in the impairment analysis. Based on the results of this test for Brazil, the fair value of this reporting unit exceeded its carrying value by approximately 10%, and accordingly a relatively small change in the underlying assumptions would likely cause a change in the results of the impairment assessment and, as such, could result in an impairment of the goodwill related to Brazil, for which the carrying amount is \$19,409.

The carrying values of finite-lived intangible assets as of October 1, 2016 and January 2, 2016 were as follows:

|   | <b>October 1, 2016</b>               |                                     | <b>January 2, 2016</b>               |                                     |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|   | <b>Gross<br/>Carrying<br/>Amount</b> | <b>Accumulated<br/>Amortization</b> | <b>Gross<br/>Carrying<br/>Amount</b> | <b>Accumulated<br/>Amortization</b> |
| Capitalized software costs                    | \$ 126,751                           | 98,386                              | \$ 119,658                           | \$ 86,134                           |
| Website development costs                     | 113,805                              | 82,249                              | 100,105                              | 68,673                              |
| Trademarks                                    | 11,082                               | 10,596                              | 10,960                               | 10,435                              |
| Other   | 8,013                                | 7,385                               | 7,976                                | 7,118                               |
| <b>Trademarks and other intangible assets</b> | <b>\$ 259,651</b>                    | <b>\$ 198,616</b>                   | <b>\$ 238,699</b>                    | <b>\$ 172,360</b>                   |
| Franchise rights acquired                     | 4,548                                | 4,548                               | 4,182                                | 4,059                               |

|                                      |            |            |            |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total finite-lived intangible assets | \$ 264,199 | \$ 203,164 | \$ 242,881 | \$ 176,419 |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|

Aggregate amortization expense for finite-lived intangible assets was recorded in the amounts of \$9,137 and \$26,161 for the three and nine months ended October 1, 2016, respectively. Aggregate amortization expense for finite-lived intangible assets was recorded in the amounts of \$7,743 and \$26,771 for the three and nine months ended October 3, 2015, respectively. The franchise rights acquired related to the VPM acquisition were amortized ratably over a 2 year period. The franchise rights acquired related to the Miami Acquisition were amortized ratably over a 3 month period.

Estimated amortization expense of existing finite-lived intangible assets for the next five fiscal years and thereafter is as follows:

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Remainder of fiscal 2016   | \$ 8,952  |
| Fiscal 2017                | \$ 31,380 |
| Fiscal 2018                | \$ 15,194 |
| Fiscal 2019                | \$ 4,695  |
| Fiscal 2020 and thereafter | \$ 814    |

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**7. Long-Term Debt**

The components of the Company's long-term debt were as follows:

|   | October 1, 2016      |  |                          | January 2, 2016      |  |                          |
|---|----------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------|--|--------------------------|
|   | Principal<br>Balance | Unamortized<br>Deferred<br>Financing Costs | Effective<br>Rate<br>(1) | Principal<br>Balance | Unamortized<br>Deferred<br>Financing Costs | Effective<br>Rate<br>(1) |
| Revolving Facility due April 2, 2018        | \$ 0                 | \$ 0                                       | 3.22%                    | \$ 48,000            | \$ 0                                       | 3.25%                    |
| Tranche B-1 Term Facility due April 2, 2016 | 0                    | 0  | 3.92%                    | 144,323              | 177  | 3.87%                    |
| Tranche B-2 Term Facility due April 2, 2020 | 2,026,500            | 20,408                                     | 4.34%                    | 2,042,250            | 24,777                                     | 4.40%                    |
| Total                                       | 2,026,500            | \$ 20,408                                  | 4.31%                    | 2,234,573            | \$ 24,954                                  | 4.34%                    |
| Less: Current Portion                       | 21,000               |  |                          | 213,323              |  |                          |
| Unamortized Deferred Financing Costs        | 20,408               |  |                          | 24,954               |  |                          |
| <b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>                 | <b>\$ 1,985,092</b>  |  |                          | <b>\$ 1,996,296</b>  |  |                          |

(1) Includes amortization of deferred financing costs.

Pursuant to the retrospective adoption of FASB guidance on debt issuance costs, the Company has reclassified unamortized debt issuance costs associated with Term Facilities (defined hereafter) in the Company's previously reported Consolidated Balance Sheet in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2015.

The Company's credit facilities at the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2013 consisted of the following term loan facilities and revolving credit facilities: a tranche B loan (Term B Loan), a tranche C loan (Term C Loan), a tranche D loan (Term D Loan), a tranche E loan (Term E Loan), a tranche F loan (Term F Loan), revolving credit facility A-1 (Revolver A-1) and revolving credit facility A-2 (Revolver A-2).

On April 2, 2013, the Company refinanced its credit facilities pursuant to a new Credit Agreement (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified, the Credit Agreement) among the Company, the lenders party thereto, JPMorgan

Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and an issuing bank, The Bank of Nova Scotia, as revolving agent, swingline lender and an issuing bank, and the other parties thereto. The Credit Agreement provides for (a) a revolving credit facility (including swing line loans and letters of credit) in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$250,000 that will mature on April 2, 2018 (the Revolving Facility ), (b) an initial term B-1 loan credit facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$300,000 that matured on April 2, 2016 (the Tranche B-1 Term Facility ) and (c) an initial term B-2 loan credit facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$2,100,000 that will mature on April 2, 2020 (the Tranche B-2 Term Facility ), and together with the Tranche B-1 Term Facility, the Term Facilities ; the Term Facilities and Revolving Facility collectively, the WWI Credit Facility ). In connection with this refinancing, the Company used the proceeds from borrowings under the Term Facilities to pay off a total of \$2,399,904 of outstanding loans, consisting of \$128,759 of Term B Loans, \$110,602 of Term C Loans, \$117,612 of Term D Loans, \$1,125,044 of Term E Loans, \$817,887 of Term F Loans, \$21,247 of loans under the Revolver A-1 and \$78,753 of loans under the Revolver A-2. Following the refinancing of a total of \$2,399,904 of loans, at April 2, 2013, the Company had \$2,400,000 debt outstanding under the Term Facilities and \$248,848 of availability under the Revolving Facility. The Company incurred fees of \$44,817 during the second quarter of fiscal 2013 in connection with this refinancing. In the second quarter of fiscal 2013, the Company wrote-off fees associated with this refinancing which resulted in the Company recording a charge of \$21,685 in early extinguishment of debt.

On September 26, 2014, the Company and certain lenders entered into an agreement amending the Credit Agreement that, among other things, eliminated the Financial Covenant (as defined in the Credit Agreement) with respect to the Revolving Facility. In connection with this amendment, the Company wrote-off deferred financing fees of approximately \$1,583 in the third quarter of fiscal 2014. Concurrently with and in order to effect this amendment, the Company reduced the amount of the Revolving Facility from \$250,000 to \$50,000.



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Under the terms of the Credit Agreement, depending on the Company's Consolidated Leverage Ratio (as defined in the Credit Agreement), the Company is obligated to offer to prepay the Term Facilities in an aggregate amount determined by its excess cash flow (as defined in the Credit Agreement). On March 13, 2015, the Company commenced an offer to prepay at a discount to par up to \$75,000 in aggregate principal amount of term loans outstanding under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility. On March 20, 2015, the Company accepted offers with a discount equal to or greater than 9.00% in respect of such term loans. On March 25, 2015, the Company paid an aggregate amount of cash proceeds totaling \$57,389 plus an amount sufficient to pay accrued and unpaid interest on the amount prepaid to prepay \$63,065 in aggregate principal amount of such term loans under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility. This expenditure reduced, on a dollar for dollar basis, the Company's \$59,728 obligation to make a mandatory excess cash flow prepayment offer to the term loan lenders under the terms of the Credit Agreement. In addition, the Company made a voluntary prepayment at par on March 25, 2015 of \$2,500 in respect of such term loans under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility to reduce the remaining excess cash flow prepayment obligation for fiscal 2014. As a result of this prepayment, the Company wrote-off fees of \$326, incurred fees of \$601 and recorded a gain on early extinguishment of debt of \$4,749, inclusive of these fees, in the first quarter of fiscal 2015.

On June 17, 2015, the Company commenced another offer to prepay at a discount to par up to \$229,000 in aggregate principal amount of term loans outstanding under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility. On June 22, 2015, the Company accepted offers with a discount equal to or greater than 9.00% in respect of such term loans. On June 26, 2015, the Company paid an aggregate amount of cash proceeds totaling \$77,225 plus an amount sufficient to pay accrued and unpaid interest on the amount prepaid to prepay \$84,862 in aggregate principal amount of such term loans under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility. As a result of this prepayment, the Company wrote-off fees of \$321, incurred fees of \$641 and recorded a gain on early extinguishment of debt of \$6,677, inclusive of these fees, in the second quarter of fiscal 2015.

On July 14, 2015, the Company drew down the \$48,000 available on its Revolving Facility in order to enhance its cash position and to provide additional financial flexibility. As of January 2, 2016, the revolver borrowing has been classified as a short-term liability in consideration of the fact that the terms of the Revolving Facility require an assessment as to whether there have been any material adverse changes with respect to the Company in connection with the Company's monthly interest elections. Although the revolver borrowing has been classified as a short-term liability as of January 2, 2016, absent any change in fact and circumstance, the Company has the ability to extend and not repay the Revolving Facility until its due date of April 2, 2018.

On April 1, 2016, the Company paid in full, with cash on hand, a principal amount of loans equal to \$144,323, which constituted the entire remaining principal amount of loans outstanding under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility due April 2, 2016.

On July 29, 2016, the Company paid down, with cash on hand, a principal amount of \$25,000 of the \$48,000 outstanding under its Revolving Facility. On September 16, 2016, the Company paid down, with cash on hand, the

remaining outstanding principal amount of \$23,000 on its Revolving Facility. At October 1, 2016, the Revolving Facility had \$0 outstanding, \$1,819 in issued but undrawn letters of credit outstanding thereunder and \$48,181 in available unused commitments thereunder. The proceeds from borrowings under the Revolving Facility (including swing line loans and letters of credit) are available to be used for working capital and general corporate purposes.

At October 1, 2016, under the WWI Credit Facility, the Company had \$2,026,500 outstanding consisting entirely of a term loan under the Tranche B-2 Term Facility.

Borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest at a rate equal to, at the Company's option, LIBOR plus an applicable margin or a base rate plus an applicable margin. LIBOR under the Tranche B-2 Term Facility is subject to a minimum interest rate of 0.75% and the base rate under the Tranche B-2 Term Facility is subject to a minimum interest rate of 1.75%. Under the terms of the Credit Agreement, in the event the Company receives a corporate rating of BB- (or lower) from S&P and a corporate rating of Ba3 (or lower) from Moody's, the applicable margin relating to both of the Term Facilities would increase by 25 basis points. On February 21, 2014, both S&P and Moody's issued revised corporate ratings of the Company of B+ and B1, respectively. As a result, effective February 21, 2014, the applicable margin on borrowings under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility went from 2.75% to 3.00% and on borrowings under the Tranche B-2 Term Facility went from 3.00% to 3.25%. The applicable margin relating to the Revolving Facility will fluctuate depending upon the Company's Consolidated Leverage Ratio. At April 1, 2016, the date of payment of the principal amount of loans outstanding under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility discussed above, borrowings under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility bore interest at LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 3.00%. At October 1, 2016, borrowings under the Tranche B-2 Term Facility bore interest at LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 3.25%. Based on the Company's Consolidated Leverage Ratio as of

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October 1, 2016, had there been any borrowings under the Revolving Facility, it would have borne interest at LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 2.50%. On a quarterly basis, the Company will pay a commitment fee to the lenders under the Revolving Facility in respect of unutilized commitments thereunder, which commitment fee will fluctuate depending upon the Company's Consolidated Leverage Ratio. Based on the Company's Consolidated Leverage Ratio as of October 1, 2016 and January 2, 2016, the commitment fee was 0.50% per annum. For the nine months ended October 1, 2016, the Company paid a de minimis amount in commitment fees. For the fiscal year ended January 2, 2016, the Company paid \$186 in commitment fees. The Company also will pay customary letter of credit fees and fronting fees under the Revolving Facility, which totaled \$12 and \$36 for the three and nine months ended October 1, 2016, respectively, and \$48 for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2016.

The Credit Agreement contains customary covenants including covenants that, in certain circumstances, restrict the Company's ability to incur additional indebtedness, pay dividends on and redeem capital stock, make other payments, including investments, sell its assets and enter into consolidations, mergers and transfers of all or substantially all of its assets. The WWI Credit Facility does not require the Company to meet any financial maintenance covenants and is guaranteed by certain of the Company's existing and future subsidiaries. Substantially all of the Company's assets secure the WWI Credit Facility.

At October 1, 2016 and January 2, 2016, the Company's debt consisted entirely of variable-rate instruments. Interest rate swaps were entered into to hedge a portion of the cash flow exposure associated with the Company's variable-rate borrowings. The weighted average interest rate (which includes amortization of deferred financing costs) on the Company's debt, exclusive of the impact of swaps, was approximately 4.34% per annum based on interest rates at October 1, 2016 and January 2, 2016. The weighted average interest rate (which includes amortization of deferred financing costs) on the Company's debt, including the impact of swaps, was approximately 5.31% and 5.45% per annum based on interest rates at October 1, 2016 and January 2, 2016, respectively.

**8. Earnings Per Share Data**

Basic earnings per share (EPS) are calculated utilizing the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the periods presented. Diluted EPS is calculated utilizing the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the periods presented adjusted for the effect of dilutive common stock equivalents.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted EPS data:

|  | <b>Three Months Ended</b>       | <b>Nine Months Ended</b>        |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|  | <b>October 1,    October 3,</b> | <b>October 1,    October 3,</b> |

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|   | 2016           | 2015           | 2016           | 2015           |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Numerator:</b>   |                |                |                |                |
| Net income attributable to  |                |                |                |                |
| Weight Watchers International, Inc.   | \$ 34,658      | \$ 21,790      | \$ 54,400      | \$ 44,234      |
| <b>Denominator:</b>   |                |                |                |                |
| Weighted average shares of common stock                                       |                |                |                |                |
| outstanding   | 63,782         | 57,107         | 63,690         | 57,000         |
| Effect of dilutive common stock equivalents                                   | 2,059          | 159            | 2,182          | 167            |
| <b>Weighted average diluted common shares</b>                                 |                |                |                |                |
| <b>outstanding</b>  | <b>65,841</b>  | <b>57,266</b>  | <b>65,872</b>  | <b>57,167</b>  |
| <b>Earnings per share attributable to Weight Watchers International, Inc.</b> |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Basic</b>  | <b>\$ 0.54</b> | <b>\$ 0.38</b> | <b>\$ 0.85</b> | <b>\$ 0.78</b> |
| <b>Diluted</b>  | <b>\$ 0.53</b> | <b>\$ 0.38</b> | <b>\$ 0.83</b> | <b>\$ 0.77</b> |

The number of anti-dilutive common stock equivalents excluded from the calculation of the weighted average number of common shares for diluted EPS was 1,921 and 2,470 for the three months ended October 1, 2016 and October 3, 2015, respectively, and 1,448 and 2,045 for the nine months ended October 1, 2016 and October 3, 2015, respectively.

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**9. Stock Plans**

On May 6, 2008 and May 12, 2004, respectively, the Company's shareholders approved the 2008 Stock Incentive Plan (the 2008 Plan) and the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (the 2004 Plan). On May 6, 2014, the Company's shareholders approved the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan (as amended, the 2014 Plan) and together with the 2004 Plan and the 2008 Plan, the Stock Plans), which replaced the 2008 Plan and 2004 Plan for all equity-based awards granted on or after May 6, 2014. The 2014 Plan is designed to promote the long-term financial interests and growth of the Company by attracting, motivating and retaining employees with the ability to contribute to the success of the business and to align compensation for the Company's employees over a multi-year period directly with the interests of the shareholders of the Company. The Company's Board of Directors or a committee thereof administers the 2014 Plan.

Pursuant to the option components of the Stock Plans, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the Company to enter into agreements under which certain employees received stock options with (i) time-vesting criteria and/or (ii) both time- and performance-vesting criteria (T&P Options). On May 7, 2015, the Company's shareholders approved an amendment to the 2014 Plan to permit a one-time stock option exchange program under which the Company would offer eligible employees the opportunity to exchange certain eligible T&P Options on a (a) two-for-one basis for new stock options for all eligible employees, other than the Company's Chief Executive Officer (i.e., so that the new stock options would cover half as many shares as the corresponding surrendered options) and (b) 3.5-for-one basis for new stock options for the Company's Chief Executive Officer (i.e., so that the new stock options would cover a number of shares equal to the quotient of the number of shares covered by the corresponding surrendered options divided by 3.5). The option exchange program was designed to create better incentives for employees to remain with the Company and contribute to the attainment of its business and financial objectives.

On May 22, 2015, the Company launched a tender offer in connection with the option exchange program which expired on June 22, 2015. Pursuant to the offer, employees tendered options to purchase 1,700 shares of common stock (representing 99.6% of the total shares of common stock underlying the options eligible for exchange) with a weighted-average exercise price of \$24.68 per share. The Company cancelled and replaced those options on June 22, 2015 with options to purchase 734 shares of common stock with an exercise price of \$5.25 per share, which was the closing price per share of the Company's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on June 22, 2015. The replacement options vest over three years, with 25% vesting on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and 50% vesting on the third anniversary of the date of grant. The option exchange resulted in an incremental stock option expense of \$1,599, which was determined by comparing the fair value of the T&P Option as calculated based on a Monte Carlo simulation, to the fair value of the replacement options, as calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, for the eligible options at the time of exchange. This incremental expense, along with the unamortized expense associated with the cancelled options, is being recognized ratably over the new vesting period of the replacement options, which is three years. As of the end of fiscal 2015, there were no outstanding T&P Options.

The Company's long-term equity incentive compensation program has historically taken the form of a mix of non-qualified stock option and restricted stock unit awards. These awards have generally had time-vesting criteria. In

fiscal 2016, the Compensation and Benefits Committee of the Company's Board of Directors determined to grant 290 performance-based stock unit awards having both time- and performance-vesting criteria (PSUs). The time-vesting criteria will be satisfied, if at all, on the third anniversary of the grant date (May 16, 2019). If the time-vesting criteria are satisfied, in accordance with the performance-vesting criteria, the PSUs will vest if the Company has achieved a Debt to EBITDAS ratio (the Debt Ratio) as measured at the end of fiscal 2018 at levels at or above a Threshold level performance of 4.5x. The number of PSUs that become vested, if any, shall be equal to (x) the number of PSUs granted multiplied by (y) the applicable achievement percentage. If all of the awards fully meet the time-vesting criteria, depending on the Company's Debt Ratio achievement, the number of shares of the Company's common stock issuable under the PSUs range from 96 to 478. The PSUs have a fair value of \$3,825 or a weighted average fair value of \$13.19 per unit. The Company is currently accruing compensation expense to what it believes is the probable outcome upon vesting.

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**10. Income Taxes**

The effective tax rates for the three months ended October 1, 2016 and October 3, 2015 were 10.3% and 33.1%, respectively. The primary differences between the US federal statutory tax rate and the Company's consolidated effective tax rate were due to net tax benefits arising from a research and development tax credit and a Section 199 deduction primarily related to prior periods, partially offset by income tax expenses recorded for out-of-period adjustments. See Note 1 for additional information on these adjustments.

The effective tax rates for the nine months ended October 1, 2016 and October 3, 2015 were 18.6% and 37.2%, respectively. The primary differences between the US federal statutory tax rate and the Company's consolidated effective tax rate were due to net tax benefits arising from a research and development tax credit and a Section 199 deduction primarily related to prior periods and the reversal of a valuation allowance related to tax benefits for foreign losses that are now expected to be realized. These benefits were partially offset by income tax expenses recorded for out-of-period adjustments. See Note 1 for additional information on these adjustments.

The differences between the US federal statutory tax rate and the Company's consolidated effective tax rate are as follows:

|                                      | <b>Three Months</b> |                   | <b>Nine Months Ended</b> |                   |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|                                      | <b>Ended</b>        |                   |                          | <b>October 3,</b> |
|                                      | <b>October 1,</b>   | <b>October 3,</b> | <b>October 1,</b>        | <b>October 3,</b> |
|                                      | <b>2016</b>         | <b>2015</b>       | <b>2016</b>              | <b>2015</b>       |
| US federal statutory rate            | 35.0%               | 35.0%             | 35.0%                    | 35.0%             |
| Research and development credit      | -39.6%              | 0.0%              | -24.0%                   | 0.0%              |
| Reserves for uncertain tax positions | 7.4%                | -1.1%             | 5.2%                     | 0.2%              |
| Out-of-period adjustments            | 7.0%                | 0.0%              | 4.0%                     | 0.0%              |
| Reversal to valuation allowance      | 0.0%                | 0.0%              | -3.8%                    | 0.0%              |
| Other                                | 0.5%                | -0.8%             | 2.2%                     | 2.0%              |
| <b>Effective tax rate</b>            | <b>10.3%</b>        | <b>33.1%</b>      | <b>18.6%</b>             | <b>37.2%</b>      |

**11. Legal**

*Tracey Mead, Derivatively on Behalf of Weight Watchers International, Inc. vs. Artal Group et. al. and Weight Watchers International, Inc.*

On May 29, 2014 and June 23, 2014, the Company received shareholder litigation demand letters alleging breaches of fiduciary duties and unjust enrichment by Company officers and directors and Artal Group S.A. ( Artal ), to the alleged injury of the Company. The letters alleged defendants disseminated materially false and misleading statements and/or concealed material adverse facts, all relating to similar allegations asserted in a previously disclosed federal securities litigation pending at such time. The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York subsequently dismissed the securities litigation on May 11, 2016.

In response to the letters, pursuant to Virginia law, the Board of Directors created a special committee to review and evaluate the facts and circumstances surrounding the claims made in the demand letters. The special committee decided to undertake its review after receiving a decision on defendants' motion to dismiss in the federal securities litigation given the overlapping issues.

On August 11, 2015, a purported shareholder derivative lawsuit was filed in New York State Court in Westchester County. The complaint alleged that certain Company directors and executive officers breached their various fiduciary duties by knowingly causing the Company to repurchase shares from Artal and from certain executive officers at artificially inflated prices in connection with a tender offer made to all shareholders. The complaint sought an order for the defendants to disgorge all profits made from selling Company stock between March 16, 2012 and April 9, 2012, as well as an award for damages sustained by the alleged breaches of fiduciary duty. In light of the dismissal of the securities litigation, the parties have reached an agreement in principle to resolve this matter.



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*Raymond Roberts v. Weight Watchers International, Inc.*

On January 7, 2016, an OnlinePlus member filed a putative class action complaint against the Company in the Supreme Court of New York, New York County, asserting class claims for breach of contract and violations of the New York General Business Law. On February 5, 2016, the Company removed the case to the United States District Court, Sothern District of New York. On March 18, 2016, the plaintiff filed an amended complaint, alleging that, as a result of the temporary glitches in the Company's website and app in November and December 2015, the Company has: (1) breached its Subscription Agreement with its OnlinePlus members; and (2) engaged in deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 350 of the New York General Business Law. The plaintiff is seeking unspecified actual, punitive and statutory damages, as well as his attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with this action. The Company filed a motion to dismiss on May 6, 2016. The plaintiff filed his opposition papers on June 9, 2016 and the Company filed its reply papers on June 23, 2016. The Company believes that the suit is without merit and intends to defend it vigorously.

*Other Litigation Matters*

Due to the nature of the Company's activities, it is also, at times, subject to pending and threatened legal actions that arise out of the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the disposition of any such matters is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

**12. Derivative Instruments and Hedging**

As of October 1, 2016 and January 2, 2016, the Company had in effect an interest rate swap with a notional amount totaling \$1,500,000.

On July 26, 2013, in order to hedge a portion of its variable rate debt, the Company entered into a forward-starting interest rate swap with an effective date of March 31, 2014 and a termination date of April 2, 2020. The initial notional amount of this swap was \$1,500,000. During the term of this swap, the notional amount will decrease from \$1,500,000 effective March 31, 2014 to \$1,250,000 on April 3, 2017 with a further reduction to \$1,000,000 on April 1, 2019. This interest rate swap effectively fixes the variable interest rate on the notional amount of this swap at 2.38%. This swap qualifies for hedge accounting and, therefore, changes in the fair value of this swap have been recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss.

As of October 1, 2016 and January 2, 2016, cumulative unrealized losses for qualifying hedges were reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss in the amounts of \$29,256 (\$48,037 before taxes) and \$23,135 (\$38,053 before taxes), respectively.

The Company is hedging forecasted transactions for periods not exceeding the next four years. The Company expects approximately \$9,528 (\$15,620 before taxes) of derivative losses included in accumulated other comprehensive loss at October 1, 2016, based on current market rates, will be reclassified into earnings within the next 12 months.

### **13. Fair Value Measurements**

Accounting guidance on fair value measurements for certain financial assets and liabilities requires that assets and liabilities carried at fair value be classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

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

Level 2 Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

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When measuring fair value, the Company is required to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

*Fair Value of Financial Instruments*

The Company's significant financial instruments include long-term debt and an interest rate swap agreement as of October 1, 2016 and January 2, 2016. The fair value of the Company's borrowings under the Revolving Facility approximated a carrying value of \$48,000 at January 2, 2016 due to the nature of the debt (Level 2 input).

The fair value of the Company's Term Facilities is determined by utilizing average bid prices on or near the end of each fiscal quarter (Level 2 input). As of October 1, 2016 and January 2, 2016, the fair value of the Company's long-term debt was approximately \$1,528,040 and \$1,664,393, respectively, as compared to the carrying value (net of deferring financing costs) of \$2,006,092 and \$2,161,619, respectively.

*Derivative Financial Instruments*

The fair values for the Company's derivative financial instruments are determined using observable current market information such as the prevailing LIBOR interest rate and LIBOR yield curve rates and include consideration of counterparty credit risk. See Note 12 for disclosures related to derivative financial instruments.

The following table presents the aggregate fair value of the Company's derivative financial instruments:

|   | <b>Fair Value Measurements Using:</b> |   |  |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
|   | <b>Total Fair Value</b>               | <b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</b> | <b>Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b> | <b>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</b> |
| Interest rate swap liability at October 1, 2016 | \$ 54,008                             | \$ 0  | \$ 54,008                                      | \$ 0   |
| Interest rate swap liability at January 2, 2016 | \$ 44,170                             | \$ 0  | \$ 44,170                                      | \$ 0   |

The Company did not have any transfers into or out of Levels 1 and 2, and did not maintain any assets or liabilities classified as Level 3, during the nine months ended October 1, 2016 and the fiscal year ended January 2, 2016.

**14. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss**

With respect to the disclosure of the amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss for the three and nine months ended October 3, 2015, the Company has revised the amounts previously disclosed to correct those amounts by increasing the amount reclassified related to the Loss on Qualifying Hedges from \$(68) to \$6,185 and \$(41) to \$3,773 on a pre- and after-tax basis, respectively, for the three months ended October 3, 2015, and from \$476 to \$18,555 and \$290 to \$11,319 on a pre- and after-tax basis, respectively, for the nine months ended October 3, 2015.

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Amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive loss are as follows:

**Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss by Component <sup>(a)</sup>**

|   | <b>Nine Months Ended October 1, 2016</b> |   |              |
|---|--|---|--------------|
|   | <b>Loss on<br/>Qualifying<br/>Hedges</b> | <b>Loss on<br/>Foreign<br/>Currency<br/>Translation</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Beginning Balance at January 2, 2016  | \$(23,135)                               | \$ (14,130)   | \$ (37,265)  |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications, net of tax                          | (17,440)                                 | 6,232   | (11,208)     |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax <sup>(b)</sup>       | 11,319                                   | 0   | 11,319       |
| Net current period other comprehensive loss including noncontrolling interest                   | (6,121)                                  | 6,232   | 111          |
| Less: net current period other comprehensive income attributable to the noncontrolling interest | 0  | (450)   | (450)        |
| Ending Balance at October 1, 2016   | \$(29,256)                               | \$ (8,348)  | \$ (37,604)  |

(a) Amounts in parentheses indicate debits

(b) See separate table below for details about these reclassifications

|  | <b>Nine Months Ended October 3, 2015</b> |   |              |
|--|--|---|--------------|
|  | <b>Loss on<br/>Qualifying<br/>Hedges</b> | <b>Loss on<br/>Foreign<br/>Currency</b> | <b>Total</b> |

|   |            | <b>Translation</b> |            |
|---|------------|--------------------|------------|
| Beginning Balance at January 3, 2015  | \$(21,856) | \$ 1,906           | \$(19,950) |
| Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications, net of tax                                 | (21,468)   | (13,862)           | (35,330)   |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax <sup>(b)</sup>     | 11,319     | 0                  | 11,319     |
| Net current period other comprehensive loss including noncontrolling interest                 | (10,149)   | (13,862)           | (24,011)   |
| Less: net current period other comprehensive loss attributable to the noncontrolling interest | 0          | 998                | 998        |
| Ending Balance at October 3, 2015   | \$(32,005) | \$ (10,958)        | \$(42,963) |

- (a) Amounts in parentheses indicate debits
- (b) See separate table below for details about these reclassifications

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**Reclassifications out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss <sup>(a)</sup>**

| <b>Details about Other Comprehensive Loss Components</b> | <b>Three Months Ended</b>   |                                 | <b>Nine Months Ended</b>                    |   | <b>Affected Line Item in the Statement Where Net Income is Presented</b> |
|--|---|---------------------------------|---|---|--|
|  | <b>October 1, 2016</b>  | <b>October 3, 2015</b>          | <b>October 1, 2016</b>                      | <b>October 3, 2015</b>                      |  |
|  | <b>Amounts Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss</b> |                                 |   |   |  |
|  | <b>Other Comprehensive Loss</b>                                       | <b>Other Comprehensive Loss</b> | <b>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss</b> | <b>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss</b> |  |
| Loss on Qualifying Hedges                                |   |                                 |   |   |  |
| Interest rate contracts                                  | \$ (6,185)  | \$ (6,185)                      | \$ (18,555)                                 | \$ (18,555)                                 | Interest expense   |
|  |   |                                 |   |   | Income before income taxes   |
|  | (6,185)   | (6,185)                         | (18,555)                                    | (18,555)                                    |  |
|  | 2,412   | 2,412                           | 7,236                                       | 7,236                                       | Provision for income taxes   |
|  | \$ (3,773)  | \$ (3,773)                      | \$ (11,319)                                 | \$ (11,319)                                 | Net income   |

(a) Amounts in parentheses indicate debits to profit/loss

### 15. Segment Data

The Company has four reportable segments based on an integrated geographical structure as follows: North America, United Kingdom, Continental Europe (CE) and Other. Other consists of Asia Pacific and emerging markets operations and franchise revenues and related costs, all of which have been grouped together as if they were a single reportable segment because they do not meet any of the quantitative thresholds and are immaterial for separate disclosure. To be consistent with the information that is presented to the chief operating decision maker, the Company does not include intercompany activity in the segment results.





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Information about the Company's reportable segments is as follows:

|                      | <b>Total Revenue</b>      |                        |                          |                        |
|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
|                      | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |                        | <b>Nine Months Ended</b> |                        |
|                      | <b>October 1, 2016</b>    | <b>October 3, 2015</b> | <b>October 1, 2016</b>   | <b>October 3, 2015</b> |
| North America        | \$ 192,899                | \$ 179,069             | \$ 613,287               | \$ 585,397             |
| United Kingdom       | 23,480                    | 29,777                 | 80,093                   | 96,932                 |
| Continental Europe   | 50,675                    | 51,961                 | 163,429                  | 180,910                |
| Other                | 13,765                    | 12,517                 | 40,681                   | 41,942                 |
| <b>Total revenue</b> | <b>\$ 280,819</b>         | <b>\$ 273,324</b>      | <b>\$ 897,490</b>        | <b>\$ 905,181</b>      |

|   | <b>Net Income</b>         |                        |                          |                        |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
|   | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |                        | <b>Nine Months Ended</b> |                        |
|   | <b>October 1, 2016</b>    | <b>October 3, 2015</b> | <b>October 1, 2016</b>   | <b>October 3, 2015</b> |
| Segment operating income:   |                           |                        |                          |                        |
| North America   | \$ 50,614                 | \$ 44,666              | \$ 133,113               | \$ 113,686             |
| United Kingdom  | 4,864                     | 8,402                  | 10,780                   | 22,851                 |
| Continental Europe  | 18,872                    | 19,427                 | 39,602                   | 52,066                 |
| Other   | 2,998                     | 2,790                  | 6,111                    | 6,970                  |
| <b>Total segment operating income</b>                                 | <b>77,348</b>             | <b>75,285</b>          | <b>189,606</b>           | <b>195,573</b>         |
| General corporate expenses  | 10,556                    | 12,177                 | 35,525                   | 43,841                 |
| Interest expense  | 28,329                    | 30,132                 | 86,963                   | 91,696                 |
| Other (income) expense, net   | (146)                     | 373                    | 397                      | 1,292                  |
| Early extinguishment of debt  | 0                         | 50                     | 0                        | (11,426)               |
| Provision for taxes   | 3,989                     | 10,761                 | 12,420                   | 26,082                 |
| <b>Net income</b>   | <b>34,620</b>             | <b>21,792</b>          | <b>54,301</b>            | <b>44,088</b>          |
| Net loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interest             | 38                        | (2)                    | 99                       | 146                    |
| <b>Net income attributable to Weight Watchers International, Inc.</b> | <b>\$ 34,658</b>          | <b>\$ 21,790</b>       | <b>\$ 54,400</b>         | <b>\$ 44,234</b>       |

|  | <b>Depreciation and Amortization</b> |                            |                            |                            |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  | <b>Three Months Ended</b>            |                            | <b>Nine Months Ended</b>   |                            |
|  | <b>October<br/>1, 2016</b>           | <b>October 3,<br/>2015</b> | <b>October<br/>1, 2016</b> | <b>October 3,<br/>2015</b> |
| North America  | \$ 9,917                             | \$ 11,901                  | \$ 31,694                  | \$ 35,242                  |
| United Kingdom   | 229                                  | 209                        | 746                        | 591                        |
| Continental Europe                                     | 397                                  | 467                        | 1,281                      | 1,428                      |
| Other  | 181                                  | 403                        | 650                        | 1,147                      |
| <b>Total segment depreciation and<br/>amortization</b> | <b>10,724</b>                        | <b>12,980</b>              | <b>34,371</b>              | <b>38,408</b>              |
| General corporate depreciation and<br>amortization     | 4,128                                | 1,135                      | 9,405                      | 7,561                      |
| <b>Depreciation and amortization</b>                   | <b>\$ 14,852</b>                     | <b>\$ 14,115</b>           | <b>\$ 43,776</b>           | <b>\$ 45,969</b>           |

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**16. Restructuring Charges**

As previously disclosed, the Company established a new cost savings initiative and, as part of this cost savings initiative, in fiscal 2015, the Company undertook a plan of reduction in force which resulted in the elimination of certain positions and termination of employment for certain employees worldwide. In connection with this plan, the Company recorded restructuring charges in connection with employee termination benefit costs of \$1,081 (\$660 after tax) during the three months ended October 3, 2015 and \$7,074 (\$4,315 after tax) during the nine months ended October 3, 2015. For the three months ended October 3, 2015, these charges impacted cost of revenues by \$(46) and selling, general and administrative expense by \$1,127. For the nine months ended October 3, 2015, these charges impacted cost of revenues by \$1,652 and selling, general and administrative expense by \$5,422. For the three and nine months ended October 3, 2015, all restructuring charges were recorded to general corporate expense and therefore there was no impact to the segments.

As of January 2, 2016, the balance of the liability for restructuring was \$1,809. For the nine months ended October 1, 2016, the Company made payments of \$1,639 and lowered provision estimates by \$140. The Company expects the remaining liability of \$30 as of October 1, 2016 to be paid in fiscal 2016.

**17. Related Party**

As more fully described in Note 4, on October 18, 2015, the Company entered into the Strategic Collaboration Agreement with Ms. Winfrey, under which she will consult with the Company and participate in developing, planning, executing and enhancing the Weight Watchers program and related initiatives, and provide it with services in her discretion to promote the Company and its programs, products and services.

In addition to the Strategic Collaboration Agreement, Ms. Winfrey and her related entities provided services to the Company totaling \$368 and \$2,054 during the three and nine months ending October 1, 2016, respectively, which services included advertising, production and related fees.

The Company's accounts payable to parties related to Ms. Winfrey at October 1, 2016 and January 2, 2016 was \$368 and \$574, respectively.

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**CAUTIONARY NOTICE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Except for historical information contained herein, this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q includes forward-looking statements, within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, including, in particular, the statements about our plans, strategies and prospects under the heading Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. We have generally used the words may, will, could, expect, anticipate, believe, intend and similar expressions in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to identify forward-looking statements. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current views with respect to future events and financial performance. Actual results could differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including, among other things:

competition from other weight management industry participants or the development of more effective or more favorably perceived weight management methods;

our ability to continue to develop new, innovative services and products and enhance our existing services and products or the failure of our services and products to continue to appeal to the market, or our ability to successfully expand into new channels of distribution or respond to consumer trends;

the ability to successfully implement new strategic initiatives;

the effectiveness of our advertising and marketing programs, including the strength of our social media presence;

the impact on the Weight Watchers brand of actions taken by our franchisees, licensees, suppliers and other partners;

the impact of our debt service obligations and restrictive debt covenants;

the inability to refinance our debt obligations on favorable terms or at all;

uncertainties regarding the satisfactory operation of our information technology or systems;

the impact of security breaches or privacy concerns;

the recognition of asset impairment charges;

the loss of key personnel, strategic partners, or consultants or failure to effectively manage and motivate our workforce;

our chief executive officer transition, and our ability to appoint a new chief executive officer with the required level of experience and expertise in a timely manner;

the inability to renew certain of our licenses, or the inability to do so on terms that are favorable to us;

the expiration or early termination by us of leases;

risks and uncertainties associated with our international operations, including regulatory, economic, political and social risks and foreign currency risks;

uncertainties related to a downturn in general economic conditions or consumer confidence;

our ability to successfully make acquisitions or enter into joint ventures, including our ability to successfully integrate, operate or realize the anticipated benefits of such businesses;

the seasonal nature of our business;

the impact of events that discourage or impede people from gathering with others or accessing resources;

our ability to enforce our intellectual property rights both domestically and internationally, as well as the impact of our involvement in any claims related to intellectual property rights;

the outcomes of litigation or regulatory actions;

the impact of existing and future laws and regulations;

our failure to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting;

the possibility that the interests of Artal Group S.A., or Artal Group, which together with its parents and its subsidiaries is referred to in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q as Artal, who effectively controls us, will conflict with other holders of our common stock; and

other risks and uncertainties, including those detailed from time to time in our periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

You should not put undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. You should understand that many important factors, including those discussed herein, could cause our results to differ materially from those expressed or suggested in any forward-looking statement. Except as required by law, we do not undertake any obligation to update or revise these forward-looking statements to reflect new information or events or circumstances that occur after the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events or otherwise.

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**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Weight Watchers International, Inc. is a Virginia corporation with its principal executive offices in New York, New York. In this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q unless the context indicates otherwise: we, us, our, the Company and WWI refer to Weight Watchers International, Inc. and all of its operations consolidated for purposes of its financial statements; North America refers to our North American Company-owned operations; United Kingdom refers to our United Kingdom Company-owned operations; Continental Europe refers to our Continental Europe Company-owned operations; and Other refers to Asia Pacific and emerging markets operations and franchise revenues and related costs. Each of North America, United Kingdom, Continental Europe and Other is also a reportable segment. Our meetings business refers to providing access to meetings to our monthly commitment plan subscribers, pay-as-you-go members, Total Access subscribers and other meetings members. Online refers to Weight Watchers Online, Weight Watchers Online*Plus*, Personal Coaching and other digital subscription products.

Our fiscal year ends on the Saturday closest to December 31st and consists of either 52- or 53-week periods. In this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

fiscal 2008 refers to our fiscal year ended January 3, 2009;

fiscal 2009 refers to our fiscal year ended January 2, 2010;

fiscal 2013 refers to our fiscal year ended December 28, 2013;

fiscal 2014 refers to our fiscal year ended January 3, 2015 (included a 53rd week);

fiscal 2015 refers to our fiscal year ended January 2, 2016;

fiscal 2016 refers to our fiscal year ended December 31, 2016;

fiscal 2017 refers to our fiscal year ended December 30, 2017;

fiscal 2018 refers to our fiscal year ended December 29, 2018;

fiscal 2019 refers to our fiscal year ended December 28, 2019; and

fiscal 2020 refers to our fiscal year ended January 2, 2021.

The following terms used in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are our trademarks: Weight Watchers® and SmartPoints®.

You should read the following discussion in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2015 that includes additional information about us, our results of operations, our financial position and our cash flows, and with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes included in Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (collectively referred to as the Consolidated Financial Statements).

## **NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES**

To supplement our consolidated results presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or GAAP, we have disclosed non-GAAP financial measures of operating results that exclude or adjust certain items. Gross profit and gross profit margin, operating income and operating income margin, total cost of revenues, and selling, general and administrative expenses, including components thereof, are discussed in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q both as reported (on a GAAP basis) and, with respect to the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2015, as adjusted (on a non-GAAP basis), to exclude the impact of charges associated with our previously disclosed 2015 plan to restructure our organization. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and stock-based compensation ( EBITDAS ) is also presented within this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. See Liquidity and Capital Resources for the calculation. We generally refer to such non-GAAP measures as excluding or adjusting for the impact of the expenses associated with the restructuring charges. Our management believes these non-GAAP financial measures and EBITDAS provide useful supplemental information to investors regarding the performance of our business and are useful for period-over-period comparisons of the performance of our business. While we believe that these financial measures are useful in evaluating our business, this information should be considered as supplemental in nature and is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the related financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. In addition, these non-GAAP financial measures may not be the same as similarly entitled measures reported by other companies.



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### **USE OF CONSTANT CURRENCY**

As exchange rates are an important factor in understanding period-to-period comparisons, we believe in certain cases the presentation of results on a constant currency basis in addition to reported results helps improve investors' ability to understand our operating results and evaluate our performance in comparison to prior periods. Constant currency information compares results between periods as if exchange rates had remained constant period-over-period. We use results on a constant currency basis as one measure to evaluate our performance. In this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, we calculate constant currency by calculating current-year results using prior-year foreign currency exchange rates. We generally refer to such amounts calculated on a constant currency basis as excluding or adjusting for the impact of foreign currency or being on a constant currency basis. These results should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, results reported in accordance with GAAP. Results on a constant currency basis, as we present them, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies and are not measures of performance presented in accordance with GAAP.

### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### *Goodwill and Franchise Rights Acquired Annual Impairment Test*

Finite-lived intangible assets are amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives of 3 to 20 years or, in the case of amortizable franchise rights acquired, over the remaining contractual period, which is generally less than one year.

In the second quarter of fiscal 2016, we changed the timing to perform our annual impairment review of goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets to the first day of fiscal May whereas we had previously performed the test as of the last day of our fiscal year. This accounting change was preferable because it provides us time to obtain the data from the winter season results which includes the first fiscal quarter, which represents approximately 40% of the full year recruitments, and incorporate this data into the current and future year performance estimates. We believe the resulting change in accounting principle related to changing the annual impairment testing date did not delay, accelerate, or avoid an impairment charge.

We review goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets, including franchise rights acquired with indefinite lives, for potential impairment on at least an annual basis or more often if events so require. In performing our goodwill impairment analysis for our reporting units for fiscal 2016 and fiscal 2015, no impairment was identified as the fair value of those units exceeded their carrying value. In performing the impairment analysis for franchise rights acquired with indefinite lives for fiscal 2016 and fiscal 2015, we determined that the carrying amounts did not exceed their respective fair values and therefore, no impairment existed.

Although there was significant headroom in our annual impairment analysis (except for Brazil as discussed below), a change in the underlying assumptions would cause a change in the results of the impairment assessments and, as such, could result in an impairment of those assets, which would impact earnings. We would also be required to reduce the carrying amounts of the related assets on our balance sheet. We continue to evaluate these estimates and assumptions and believe that these assumptions are appropriate.

In performing our annual impairment analysis, we also considered the trading value of both our equity and debt. We continue to believe that these trading values do not reflect the anticipated positive impact of our transformation plan. For additional information on our transformation plan, see "Transformation Plan". However, if our transformation plan does not meet our expectations, or the trading values of both our equity and debt were to significantly decline from their current levels, we may have to take an impairment charge at the appropriate time, which could be material. For

additional information on risks associated with our recognizing asset impairment charges, see Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2015.

The following is a more detailed discussion of our goodwill and franchise rights acquired impairment analysis.

### *Goodwill*

In performing the impairment analysis for goodwill, the fair value for our reporting units is estimated using a discounted cash flow approach. This approach involves projecting future cash flows attributable to the reporting unit and discounting those estimated cash flows using an appropriate discount rate. The estimated fair value is then compared to the carrying value of the reporting unit. We have determined the appropriate reporting unit for purposes of assessing annual impairment to be the country for all reporting units. The values of goodwill in the United States, Canada, Brazil and other countries at October 1, 2016 were \$97.8 million, \$40.7 million, \$19.1 million and \$10.0 million, respectively.

Based on the results of our annual impairment test performed as of the first day of fiscal May (May 8, 2016), we estimated that for reporting units that hold approximately 89.1% of our goodwill, those units had a fair value at least 50% higher than the respective reporting unit's carrying amount. In Brazil, which holds 10.9% of the Company's goodwill, the fair value of this reporting unit exceeded its carrying value by approximately 10%.

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For all of the Company's reporting units except for Brazil (see below), we estimated future cash flows by utilizing the historical debt-free cash flows (cash flows provided by operating activities less capital expenditures) attributable to that country and then applied expected future operating income growth rates for such country. We utilized operating income as the basis for measuring our potential growth because we believe it is the best indicator of the performance of our business. We then discounted the estimated future cash flows utilizing a discount rate which was calculated using the average cost of capital, which included the cost of equity and the cost of debt. The cost of equity was determined by combining a risk-free rate of return and a market risk premium for the Company's peer group. The risk-free rate of return was determined based on the average rate of long-term U.S. Treasury securities. The market risk premium was determined by reviewing external market data. The cost of debt was determined by estimating the Company's current borrowing rate.

The following are the more significant assumptions utilized in our annual impairment analysis for fiscal 2016:

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
|   | <b>July 2,<br/>2016</b> |
| Debt-Free Cumulative Annual Cash Flow Growth Rate | 3.1% to 4.9%            |
| Discount Rate                                     | 9.4%                    |

As it relates to our impairment analysis for Brazil, we estimated future debt free cash flows in contemplation of our growth strategies for that market. In developing these projections, we considered the historical impact of similar growth strategies in other markets as well as the current market conditions in Brazil. We then discounted the estimated future cash flows utilizing a discount rate which was calculated using the average cost of capital, which included the cost of equity and the cost of debt. The cost of equity was determined by combining a risk-free rate of return and a market risk premium for the Company's peer group. The risk-free rate of return was determined based on the average rate of long-term U.S. Treasury securities. The market risk premium was determined by reviewing external market data including the current economic conditions in Brazil and the country specific risk thereon. A further risk premium was included to reflect the risk associated with the rate of growth projected in the analysis. The cost of debt was determined by estimating the Company's current borrowing rate. In our fiscal 2016 annual impairment analysis for Brazil, we assumed a cumulative annual growth rate for our revenues of approximately 19.0%, an average operating income margin of approximately 20.0% with a range from -6.9% to 31.0% and a discount rate of 16.8%.

*Franchise Rights Acquired*

In performing the impairment analysis for our indefinite-lived franchise rights acquired, the fair value for our franchise rights acquired is estimated using a discounted cash flow approach referred to as the hypothetical start-up approach for our franchise rights related to our meetings business and a relief from royalty methodology for our franchise rights related to our Online business. The aggregate estimated fair value for these rights is then compared to the carrying value of the unit of account for those franchise rights. We have determined the appropriate unit of account for purposes of assessing impairment to be the combination of the rights in the meetings and Online businesses in the country in which the acquisitions have occurred. The values of these franchise rights in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand at October 1, 2016 were \$675.5 million, \$51.3 million, \$12.4 million, \$6.9 million, and \$5.2 million, respectively.

Based on the results of our fiscal 2016 annual impairment analysis, we estimated that approximately 99.4% of our franchise rights acquired had a fair value at least 40% higher than their carrying amount.

In our hypothetical start-up approach analysis for fiscal 2016, we assumed that the year of maturity was reached after 7 years. Subsequent to the year of maturity, we assumed debt-free cash flow growth rates based on our expected future operating income growth rates for such country. Subsequent to the year of maturity, we estimated future cash flows for the meetings business in each country based on assumptions regarding revenue growth and operating income margins. We then discounted the estimated future cash flows utilizing discount rates consistent with those used in our goodwill impairment analysis as discussed above.

In performing this analysis for fiscal 2016, for the year of maturity we assumed revenue growth of 15.1% to 63.9%, versus meeting revenues (comprised of Meeting Fees and revenues from products sold to members in meetings) earned in the applicable country for fiscal 2015, and assumed cumulative annual revenue growth rates for the years beyond the year of maturity of 1.9%. For the year of maturity and beyond, we assumed operating income margin rates of 6.6% to 22.7%.

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### *Other Critical Accounting Policies*

For a discussion of the other critical accounting policies affecting us, see Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Critical Accounting Policies of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2015. Subject to the foregoing, our critical accounting policies have not changed since the end of fiscal 2015.

## **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

Our management reviews and analyzes several key performance indicators in order to manage our business and assess the quality and potential variability of our cash flows and earnings. These key performance indicators include:

**Revenues** Our Service Revenues consist of Meeting Fees and Online Subscription Revenues. Meeting Fees consist of the fees associated with our monthly commitment plans for unlimited access to meetings and other payment arrangements for access to meetings, including our pay-as-you-go payment arrangement and fees associated with our Total Access product. Online Subscription Revenues consist of the fees associated with subscriptions for our Online subscription products, including our Personal Coaching product.

**Paid Weeks** The Paid Weeks metric reports paid weeks by Weight Watchers customers in Company-owned operations for a given period as follows: (i) Meeting Paid Weeks is the sum of total paid commitment plan weeks (including Total Access) and total pay-as-you-go weeks; (ii) Online Paid Weeks is the total paid subscription weeks for our digital subscription products (including Personal Coaching); and (iii) Total Paid Weeks is the sum of Meeting Paid Weeks and Online Paid Weeks, in each case for a given period.

**Incoming Subscribers** Subscribers refer to meetings members and Online subscribers who participate in recurring billing programs, such as our monthly commitment plans for our meetings business. The Incoming Subscribers metric reports Weight Watchers subscribers in Company-owned operations at a given period start as follows: (i) Incoming Meeting Subscribers is the total Weight Watchers monthly commitment plan subscribers (including Total Access); (ii) Incoming Online Subscribers is the total number of Weight Watchers Online, Weight Watchers Online*Plus* and Personal Coaching subscribers; and (iii) Incoming Subscribers is the sum of Incoming Meeting Subscribers and Incoming Online Subscribers, in each case at a given period start.

**End of Period Subscribers** The End of Period Subscribers metric reports Weight Watchers subscribers in Company-owned operations at a given period end as follows: (i) End of Period Meeting Subscribers is the total Weight Watchers monthly commitment plan subscribers (including Total Access); (ii) End of Period Online Subscribers is the total number of Weight Watchers Online, Weight Watchers Online*Plus* and Personal Coaching subscribers; and (iii) End of Period Subscribers is the sum of End of Period Meeting Subscribers and End of Period Online Subscribers, in each case at a given period end.

recruitments

attendance

Meeting Fees per Paid Week and in-meeting product sales per attendee

gross profit and operating expenses as a percentage of revenue

## **TRANSFORMATION PLAN**

As previously disclosed, the Company is currently executing a multi-year transformation plan. The four strategic areas of focus of this transformation plan are as follows: improving near-term performance, including strong cost management; repositioning our brand and improving our service and product offerings; targeting new channel growth in healthcare; and building organizational capabilities. As part of our focus on strong cost management, we are committed to maintaining stringent expense disciplines. We successfully reduced our gross annualized expenses by \$250 million as of the end of fiscal 2015 versus our fiscal 2012 cost base, with \$150 million coming out of marketing and the balance split between cost of sales and general and administrative expenses. See Note 16 of our consolidated financial statements, contained in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, for additional details on our cost-savings initiative. The December 2015 launch of our comprehensive program innovation, Beyond the Scale, is a key component of our strategy to reposition our brand and improve our service and product offerings. This innovation expands our purpose from weight loss alone to more broadly helping people lead healthier, more active, happier lives. Management is confident this new, holistic consumer program, together with our groundbreaking partnership with Ms. Winfrey, will continue to accelerate the successful repositioning of our brand. As part of our partnership, and in furtherance of this repositioning of our brand, Ms. Winfrey was featured in our 2016 winter season television advertising in certain key markets and we plan to prominently feature Ms. Winfrey in our winter season 2017 campaign. She will also continue to be a member and may, from time to time, continue to candidly share

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her experiences and perspectives along the way of her weight loss journey as she has done by her participation in our Connect social media platform and her sharing her experiences in mega conference calls with members. The successful launch of the Beyond the Scale program has resulted in four consecutive quarters of recruitment growth. End of Period Subscribers in each quarter of fiscal 2016 grew versus the prior year period, demonstrating our transformation progress. End of Period Subscribers were up 10.1% in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 as compared to the prior year period. A key component of the organizational capabilities upgrade is our technology transformation, which included the replacement of legacy technology systems and architecture to enable us to deliver product and program enhancements in a more agile, cost-effective manner. For additional details on our investments to date related to this technology transformation, see [Liquidity and Capital Resources Investing Activities](#) . As we execute this transformation plan, management, from time to time, reviews the resulting revenues and associated costs to refine the plan in order to ensure resources are allocated efficiently and optimized. As management determines how resources should be reallocated, they refine the transformation plan accordingly. For example, our investment strategy in the healthcare channel and related technology has evolved to focus on proving our internal capabilities to deliver against healthcare market needs. Management continues to believe that the Company has sufficient liquidity to execute the transformation plan and does not believe the Company is constrained by its capital structure. See [Liquidity and Capital Resources](#) .

**ANTICIPATED BUSINESS METRICS, TRENDS AND OTHER EVENTS**

We expect that our fiscal 2016 revenues will be approximately \$1.17 billion, driven by higher recruitments and stable retention. Given the nature of our subscription-based payment model, revenue growth typically lags recruitment growth. Our revenue forecast includes an anticipated \$15.0 million negative impact of foreign currency on fiscal 2016 revenues based on current rates.

Table of Contents**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****THREE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 1, 2016 COMPARED TO THE THREE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 3, 2015**

The table below sets forth selected financial information for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 from our consolidated statements of net income for the three months ended October 1, 2016 versus selected financial information for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 from our consolidated statements of net income for the three months ended October 3, 2015:

**Summary of Selected Financial Data**

|  | (In millions, except per share amounts) |                       |                         |             |                                  |
|--|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
|  | For the Three Months Ended              |                       |                         |             |                                  |
|  | October<br>1,<br>2016                   | October<br>3,<br>2015 | Increase/<br>(Decrease) | %<br>Change | % Change<br>Constant<br>Currency |
| Revenues, net  | \$ 280.8                                | \$ 273.3              | \$ 7.5                  | 2.7%        | 4.0%                             |
| Cost of revenues   | 136.5                                   | 136.7                 | (0.2)                   | (0.1%)      | 1.2%                             |
| Gross profit   | 144.3                                   | 136.6                 | 7.7                     | 5.6%        | 6.8%                             |
| <i>Gross Margin %</i>  | <i>51.4%</i>                            | <i>50.0%</i>          |                         |             |                                  |
| Marketing expenses   | 30.1                                    | 27.2                  | 2.9                     | 10.8%       | 12.9%                            |
| Selling, general & administrative expenses                     | 47.4                                    | 46.4                  | 1.1                     | 2.3%        | 3.3%                             |
| Operating income   | 66.8                                    | 63.1                  | 3.7                     | 5.8%        | 6.7%                             |
| <i>Operating Income Margin %</i>                               | <i>23.8%</i>                            | <i>23.1%</i>          |                         |             |                                  |
| Interest expense   | 28.3                                    | 30.1                  | (1.8)                   | (6.0%)      | (6.0%)                           |
| Other (income) expense, net                                    | (0.1)                                   | 0.4                   | (0.5)                   | (100.0%)    | (100.0%)                         |
| Early extinguishment of debt                                   | 0.0                                     | 0.1                   | (0.1)                   | (100.0%)    | (100.0%)                         |
| Income before income taxes                                     | 38.6                                    | 32.6                  | 6.0                     | 18.6%       | 20.2%                            |
| Provision for income taxes                                     | 4.0                                     | 10.8                  | (6.8)                   | (62.9%)     | (62.4%)                          |
| Net income   | 34.6                                    | 21.8                  | 12.8                    | 58.9%       | 61.1%                            |
| Net loss (income) attributable to the noncontrolling interest  | 0.0                                     | (0.0)                 | 0.0                     | (100.0%)    | (100.0%)                         |
| Net income attributable to Weight Watchers International, Inc. | \$ 34.7                                 | \$ 21.8               | 12.9                    | 59.1%       | 61.2%                            |
| Weighted average diluted shares outstanding                    | 65.8                                    | 57.3                  | 8.6                     | 15.0%       | 15.0%                            |



|                            |         |         |      |       |       |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|------|-------|-------|
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.53 | \$ 0.38 | 0.15 | 38.3% | 40.2% |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|------|-------|-------|

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Certain results for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 are adjusted to exclude the impact of the \$1.1 million of restructuring charges associated with our previously disclosed 2015 restructuring plan. See **Non-GAAP Financial Measures** above. The table below sets forth a reconciliation of certain of those components of our selected financial data for the three months ended October 3, 2015 which have been adjusted.

| (in millions except percentages)                                | <b>Gross Profit</b> | <b>Gross Profit Margin</b> | <b>Operating Income</b> | <b>Operating Income Margin</b> |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Third quarter of fiscal 2015</b>                             | \$ 136.6            | 50.0%                      | \$ 63.1                 | 23.1%                          |
| Adjustments to Reported Amounts <sup>(1)</sup>                  |                     |                            |                         |                                |
| Restructuring charges   | (0.0)               |                            | 1.1                     |                                |
| <b>Third quarter of fiscal 2015, as adjusted <sup>(1)</sup></b> | \$ 136.6            | 50.0%                      | \$ 64.2                 | 23.5%                          |

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding

(1) As adjusted is a non-GAAP financial measure that adjusts the consolidated statements of net income for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 to exclude the impact of the \$1.1 million of restructuring charges associated with our previously disclosed 2015 restructuring plan. See **Non-GAAP Financial Measures** above for an explanation of our use of non-GAAP financial measures.

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**Table of Contents****Consolidated Results***Revenues*

Revenues in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 increased \$7.5 million, or 2.7%, versus the third quarter of fiscal 2015. Excluding the impact of foreign currency, which negatively impacted our revenues for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 by \$3.4 million, revenues in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 would have increased 4.0% versus the prior year period. This increase was driven primarily by revenue growth in North America which was offset by revenue declines in the United Kingdom and Continental Europe. See **Segment Results** for additional details on revenues.

*Cost of Revenues and Gross Profit*

Total cost of revenues in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 declined \$0.2 million, or 0.1%, versus the prior year period. Gross profit increased \$7.7 million, or 5.6%, in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2015. Excluding the impact of foreign currency, which negatively impacted our gross profit for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 by \$1.6 million, gross profit in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 would have increased 6.8% versus the prior year period. Gross margin expansion was driven primarily by expansion in North America, partially offset by declines in both Continental Europe and the United Kingdom. The expansion in North America gross margin was driven primarily by operating efficiencies and lower costs to support 24/7 Expert Chat in the United States as well as improved meetings leverage from higher volumes in North America. Globally, gross margin was negatively impacted by promotional activity as well as the lower contribution from the high margin licensing business.

*Marketing*

Marketing expenses for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 increased \$2.9 million, or 10.8%, versus the third quarter of fiscal 2015. Excluding the impact of foreign currency, which decreased marketing expenses for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 by \$0.6 million, marketing expenses in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 would have increased 12.9% versus the prior year period. The increase in marketing expense was driven primarily by Fall TV advertising in the United Kingdom, as well as higher production and national promotion costs in the United States. Marketing expenses as a percentage of revenue were 10.7% in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 as compared to 9.9% in the prior year period.

*Selling, General and Administrative*

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 increased \$1.1 million, or 2.3%, versus the third quarter of fiscal 2015. Excluding the impact of foreign currency, which decreased selling, general and administrative expenses for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 by \$0.4 million, selling, general and administrative expenses in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 would have increased 3.3% versus the prior year period. Excluding the impact of the 2015 restructuring charges, which increased selling, general and administrative expenses by \$1.1 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2015, selling, general and administrative expenses for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 would have increased by \$2.2 million, or 4.9% (5.9% on a constant currency basis), versus the prior year period. The increase in adjusted selling, general and administrative expenses in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 was driven primarily by higher technology and professional fee expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 decreased to 16.9% from 17.0% for the third quarter of fiscal 2015. Excluding the impact of the 2015 restructuring charges, selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 would have increased to 16.9% from 16.5% for the third quarter of fiscal 2015.

*Operating Income*

Operating income for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 increased \$3.7 million, or 5.8%, versus the third quarter of fiscal 2015. Excluding the impact of foreign currency, which negatively impacted operating income for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 by \$0.5 million, operating income in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 would have increased 6.7% versus the prior year period. This increase in operating income was driven primarily by North America which was partially offset by declines in the United Kingdom and Continental Europe. Operating income margin increased 0.7% in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2015. Excluding the impact of the 2015 restructuring charges, operating income margin in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 would have increased to 23.8%, or 23.7% on a constant currency basis, from 23.5% in the third quarter of fiscal 2015. This increase in operating income margin was driven primarily by the increase in gross margin expansion in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 partially offset by an increase in marketing as a percentage of revenue as well as selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue as compared to the prior year period.

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**Table of Contents***Interest Expense*

Interest expense in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 decreased \$1.8 million, or 6.0%, versus the third quarter of fiscal 2015. The decrease in interest expense was driven primarily by the decrease in our average debt outstanding, which decreased to \$2.0 billion in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 from \$2.2 billion in the third quarter of fiscal 2015. This decrease was primarily due to the payment in full on April 1, 2016 of the principal amount of loans outstanding under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility (defined hereafter). The effective interest rate on our debt, based on interest incurred (which includes amortization of our deferred financing costs) and our average borrowings during the third quarter of fiscal 2016 and the third quarter of fiscal 2015 and excluding the impact of our interest rate swap, was 4.33% per annum at the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2016 compared to 4.28% at the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2015. Including the impact of our interest rate swap, our effective interest rate on our debt, based on interest incurred (which includes amortization of our deferred financing costs) and our average borrowings during the third quarter of fiscal 2016 and the third quarter of fiscal 2015, increased to 5.53% per annum at the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2016 from 5.39% per annum at the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2015. See [Liquidity and Capital Resources Long-Term Debt](#) for additional details regarding interest rates on our debt outstanding and payments on our debt. For additional details on our interest rate swap see [Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk](#) in Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

*Other (Income) Expense, Net*

Other (income) expense, net, which consists primarily of the impact of foreign currency on intercompany transactions, increased by \$0.5 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 as compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2015.

*Tax*

Our effective tax rate for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 was 10.3% as compared to 33.1% for the third quarter of fiscal 2015. This decrease was primarily due to an \$11.4 million net tax benefit due to a research and development credit and a Section 199 deduction for the tax years 2012 through 2015, partially offset by \$2.7 million of out-of-period adjustments in income taxes in the third quarter of fiscal 2016.

*Net Income Attributable to the Company and Earnings Per Share*

Net income attributable to the Company in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 reflected a \$12.9 million, or 59.1%, increase over the third quarter of fiscal 2015. Excluding the impact of foreign currency, which negatively impacted net income attributable to the Company in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 by \$0.5 million, net income attributable to the Company in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 would have increased by 61.2% versus the prior year period. Net income attributable to the Company in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 included an \$11.4 million net tax benefit due to a research and development credit and a Section 199 deduction for the tax years 2012 through 2015, partially offset by out-of-period tax adjustments of \$2.7 million. Net income attributable to the Company in the third quarter of fiscal 2015 was impacted by \$0.7 million of restructuring charges associated with our previously disclosed 2015 restructuring plan that affect year-over-year comparability. This increase in net income attributable to the Company was driven primarily by lower tax expense and an increase in operating income, as well as the decline in interest expense, in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period.

Earnings per fully diluted share, or EPS, in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 was \$0.53 compared to \$0.38 in the third quarter of fiscal 2015. Third quarter fiscal 2016 EPS included a \$0.13 net benefit driven by a lower tax rate of 10.3% for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 as compared to 33.1% for the prior year period. This benefit is primarily comprised of a \$0.17 net tax benefit in connection with a research and development credit and a Section 199 deduction for the

tax years 2012 through 2015, partially offset by a \$0.04 tax expense for out-of-period tax adjustments. The higher share count in the third quarter of fiscal 2016, which was driven primarily by the Winfrey Transaction, diluted EPS by \$0.08 in the third quarter of fiscal 2016. For the third quarter of fiscal 2015, EPS included a \$0.01 charge in connection with the impact of the 2015 restructuring charges.

**Table of Contents****Segment Results***Metrics and Business Trends*

The following tables set forth key metrics by reportable segment for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 and the percentage change in those metrics versus the prior year period:

(in millions except percentages and as noted)

|                      | GAAP                |                             |                   | Q3 2016<br>Constant Currency |                             |                   | Total<br>Paid<br>Weeks | Incoming<br>Subscribers<br>(in thousands) | EOP<br>Subscribers |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---|--------------------|
|                      | Service<br>Revenues | Product<br>Sales &<br>Other | Total<br>Revenues | Service<br>Revenues          | Product<br>Sales &<br>Other | Total<br>Revenues |                        |   |                    |
| North America        | \$ 165.5            | \$ 27.4                     | \$ 192.9          | \$ 165.5                     | \$ 27.3                     | \$ 192.8          | 24.8                   | 1,919.6                                   | 1,846.6            |
| UK                   | 17.3                | 6.2                         | 23.5              | 20.4                         | 7.3                         | 27.7              | 4.0                    | 300.1                                     | 301.1              |
| CE                   | 40.6                | 10.1                        | 50.7              | 40.5                         | 10.1                        | 50.6              | 8.0                    | 642.1                                     | 611.3              |
| Other <sup>(1)</sup> | 9.2                 | 4.6                         | 13.8              | 8.6                          | 4.5                         | 13.1              | 1.2                    | 75.1                                      | 74.5               |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$ 232.6</b>     | <b>\$ 48.2</b>              | <b>\$ 280.8</b>   | <b>\$ 235.0</b>              | <b>\$ 49.2</b>              | <b>\$ 284.2</b>   | <b>38.0</b>            | <b>2,937.0</b>                            | <b>2,833.6</b>     |

**% Change Q3 2016 vs. Q3 2015**

|                      |             |              |             |             |             |             |             |             |              |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| North America        | 8.0%        | 6.3%         | 7.7%        | 7.9%        | 6.2%        | 7.7%        | 10.4%       | 8.6%        | 14.5%        |
| UK                   | -19.5%      | -25.5%       | -21.1%      | -5.1%       | -12.2%      | -7.1%       | -5.2%       | -5.3%       | 0.0%         |
| CE                   | -1.8%       | -5.2%        | -2.5%       | -2.0%       | -5.3%       | -2.6%       | 2.4%        | -1.2%       | 2.8%         |
| Other <sup>(1)</sup> | 13.8%       | 2.9%         | 9.9%        | 7.2%        | 0.7%        | 4.9%        | 10.2%       | 16.7%       | 14.6%        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>3.8%</b> | <b>-1.9%</b> | <b>2.7%</b> | <b>4.8%</b> | <b>0.1%</b> | <b>4.0%</b> | <b>6.8%</b> | <b>5.0%</b> | <b>10.1%</b> |

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding

(1) Represents Asia Pacific and emerging markets operations and franchise revenues.  
(in millions except percentages and as noted)

**Q3 2016****Online  
Subscription**

| Meeting Fees<br>GAAP | Meeting<br>Constant<br>Currency | Meeting<br>Paid<br>Weeks | Incoming<br>Meeting<br>Subscribers<br>(in thousands) | EOP<br>Meeting<br>Subscribers | Revenues |                      | Online<br>Paid<br>Weeks | Incoming<br>Online<br>Subscribers<br>(in thousands) | EOP<br>Online<br>Subscribers |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|
|                      |                                 |                          |  |                               | GAAP     | Constant<br>Currency |                         |   |                              |
| \$ 107.6             | \$ 107.6                        | 11.3                     | 843.3  | 810.6                         | \$ 57.9  | \$ 57.9              | 13.4                    | 1,076.3   | 1,036.1                      |

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|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| North America        |                 |                 |             |                |                |                |                |             |                |                |
| UK                   | 12.6            | 14.9            | 2.4         | 178.0          | 178.3          | 4.6            | 5.5            | 1.5         | 122.1          | 122.8          |
| CE                   | 21.3            | 21.3            | 2.6         | 208.4          | 196.5          | 19.3           | 19.2           | 5.4         | 433.7          | 414.8          |
| Other <sup>(1)</sup> | 6.4             | 6.0             | 0.6         | 33.0           | 33.0           | 2.8            | 2.6            | 0.5         | 42.1           | 41.6           |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$ 147.9</b> | <b>\$ 149.7</b> | <b>17.0</b> | <b>1,262.8</b> | <b>1,218.4</b> | <b>\$ 84.6</b> | <b>\$ 85.3</b> | <b>21.0</b> | <b>1,674.2</b> | <b>1,615.2</b> |

**% Change Q3 2016 vs. Q3 2015**

|                      |             |             |             |             |              |              |             |             |             |             |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| North America        | 12.9%       | 12.8%       | 14.7%       | 13.9%       | 18.7%        | -0.1%        | -0.1%       | 7.1%        | 4.8%        | 11.4%       |
| UK                   | -20.7%      | -6.5%       | -6.5%       | -5.2%       | -1.4%        | -16.0%       | -1.0%       | -3.2%       | -5.4%       | 2.2%        |
| CE                   | -5.7%       | -5.9%       | -3.5%       | -8.6%       | -7.2%        | 3.0%         | 2.8%        | 5.5%        | 2.9%        | 8.4%        |
| Other <sup>(1)</sup> | 13.9%       | 6.7%        | 5.4%        | 16.0%       | 15.8%        | 13.6%        | 8.3%        | 16.4%       | 17.2%       | 13.7%       |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>6.1%</b> | <b>7.3%</b> | <b>7.7%</b> | <b>6.6%</b> | <b>10.4%</b> | <b>-0.1%</b> | <b>0.7%</b> | <b>6.1%</b> | <b>3.8%</b> | <b>9.9%</b> |

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding

(1) Represents Asia Pacific and emerging markets operations and franchise revenues.

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### *North America Performance*

The increase in North America revenues in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period was driven primarily by the increase in Service Revenues. The increase in Service Revenues was driven by an increase in Meeting Fees in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period. Online Subscription Revenues declined slightly in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 as compared to the prior year period. This decline was driven by increased promotional activity which negatively impacted Online Subscription Revenue per paid week. The increase in North America Total Paid Weeks primarily resulted from the higher number of Incoming Subscribers at the beginning of the third quarter of fiscal 2016 as compared to the beginning of the third quarter of fiscal 2015 and higher recruitments in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period. This increase in recruitments was driven by the successful launch of our new Beyond the Scale program, which included the launch of SmartPoints, in late fiscal 2015, as well as increased promotional activities, particularly in the Online business. This new launch, coupled with the successful response to our strategic collaboration with Ms. Winfrey, has driven momentum in our North America business.

The increase in North America product sales and other in the third quarter of 2016 versus the prior year period was driven primarily by an increase of \$2.4 million, or 17.3%, in in-meeting product sales and \$2.9 million, or 100%, in other product sales, partially offset by a decline in licensing revenue of \$2.6 million, or 33.4%, and advertising revenue of \$0.8 million, or 45.2%.

### *United Kingdom Performance*

The decline in United Kingdom revenues in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period was driven in part by the decline in Service Revenues. The decline in United Kingdom Total Paid Weeks was driven by the lower number of Incoming Subscribers at the beginning of the third quarter of fiscal 2016 versus the beginning the third quarter of fiscal 2015. The decline in Service Revenues in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 was driven primarily by a decrease in Meeting Fees. An increase in recruitments for the Online business driven by promotional activities, including Fall TV advertising, was more than offset by recruitment declines in the meetings business in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 as compared to the prior year period, reflecting the impact of a direct competitor.

The decline in United Kingdom product sales and other in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period was driven largely by the decline in licensing revenue of \$1.2 million, or 42.0% (31.7% on a constant currency basis), and to a lesser extent the decline in in-meeting product sales of \$0.9 million, or 18.1% (3.5% on a constant currency basis).

### *Continental Europe Performance*

The decline in Continental Europe revenues in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period was driven in part by the decline in Service Revenues. The decline in Service Revenues was driven by a decrease in Meeting Fees partially offset by an increase in Online Subscription Revenues. This decrease in Meeting Fees was driven by the lower number of Incoming Subscribers at the beginning of the third quarter of fiscal 2016 versus the beginning of the third quarter of fiscal 2015 coupled with lower recruitments in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period. The increase in Online Subscription Revenues was driven by the higher number of Incoming Online Subscribers at the beginning of the third quarter of fiscal 2016 versus the beginning of the third quarter of fiscal 2015 coupled with higher recruitments in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 as compared to the prior year period.

The decline in Continental Europe product sales and other of \$0.6 million, or 5.2% in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period was primarily due to a decline in in-meeting product sales of \$0.7 million, or 11.1%.



*Other Performance*

Other revenues increased in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period driven primarily by an increase in Asia Pacific Service Revenues. The increase in Asia Pacific Total Paid Weeks in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 primarily resulted from the higher number of Incoming Subscribers at the beginning of the third quarter of fiscal 2016 as compared to the beginning of the third quarter of fiscal 2015 and higher recruitments in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period. Recruitments in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 were driven primarily by the successful launch of our new Beyond the Scale program, which included the launch of SmartPoints late in fiscal 2015.

The increase in Other product sales and other in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 versus the third quarter of fiscal 2015 was driven primarily by an increase in revenue from our franchisees of \$0.1 million, or 5.5%, offset by a slight decline in Asia Pacific publishing and magazine revenues.

Table of Contents**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****NINE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 1, 2016 COMPARED TO THE NINE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 3, 2015**

The table below sets forth selected financial information for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 from our consolidated statements of net income for the nine months ended October 1, 2016 versus selected financial information for the first nine months of fiscal 2015 from our consolidated statements of net income for the nine months ended October 3, 2015:

**Summary of Selected Financial Data**

|   | (In millions, except per share amounts)<br>For the Nine Months Ended |                       |                         |          |                                  |
|---|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
|   | October<br>1,<br>2016  | October<br>3,<br>2015 | Increase/<br>(Decrease) | % Change | % Change<br>Constant<br>Currency |
| Revenues, net   | \$ 897.5   | \$ 905.2              | \$ (7.7)                | (0.8%)   | 0.4%                             |
| Cost of revenues  | 442.5  | 451.9                 | (9.4)                   | (2.1%)   | (0.7%)                           |
| Gross profit  | 455.0  | 453.3                 | 1.7                     | 0.4%     | 1.5%                             |
| <i>Gross Margin %</i>   | <i>50.7%</i>   | <i>50.1%</i>          |                         |          |                                  |
| Marketing expenses  | 157.8  | 154.8                 | 3.0                     | 2.0%     | 3.8%                             |
| Selling, general & administrative expenses                        | 143.2  | 146.8                 | (3.6)                   | (2.5%)   | (1.3%)                           |
| Operating income  | 154.1  | 151.7                 | 2.3                     | 1.5%     | 1.8%                             |
| <i>Operating Income Margin %</i>                                  | <i>17.2%</i>   | <i>16.8%</i>          |                         |          |                                  |
| Interest expense  | 87.0   | 91.7                  | (4.7)                   | (5.2%)   | (5.2%)                           |
| Other expense, net  | 0.4  | 1.3                   | (0.9)                   | (69.2%)  | (69.2%)                          |
| Early extinguishment of debt                                      | 0.0  | (11.4)                | 11.4                    | (100.0%) | (100.0%)                         |
| Income before income taxes  | 66.7   | 70.2                  | (3.5)                   | (4.9%)   | (4.3%)                           |
| Provision for income taxes  | 12.4   | 26.1                  | (13.7)                  | (52.4%)  | (52.1%)                          |
| Net income  | 54.3   | 44.1                  | 10.2                    | 23.2%    | 24.0%                            |
| Net loss attributable to the noncontrolling interest              | 0.1  | 0.1                   | 0.0                     | (32.5%)  | (22.2%)                          |
| Net income attributable to<br>Weight Watchers International, Inc. | \$ 54.4  | \$ 44.2               | \$ 10.2                 | 23.0%    | 23.8%                            |
| Weighted average diluted shares outstanding                       | 65.9   | 57.2                  | 8.7                     | 15.2%    | 15.2%                            |
| Diluted earnings per share  | \$ 0.83  | \$ 0.77               | \$ 0.05                 | 6.7%     | 7.5%                             |

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Certain results for the first nine months of fiscal 2015 are adjusted to exclude the impact of the \$7.1 million of restructuring charges associated with our previously disclosed 2015 restructuring plan. See *Non-GAAP Financial Measures* above. The table below sets forth a reconciliation of certain of those components of our selected financial data for the nine months ended October 3, 2015 which have been adjusted.

| (in millions except percentages)                                    | <b>Gross Profit</b> | <b>Gross Profit Margin</b> | <b>Operating Income</b> | <b>Operating Income Margin</b> |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>First nine months of fiscal 2015</b>                             | \$ 453.3            | 50.1%                      | \$ 151.7                | 16.8%                          |
| Adjustments to Reported Amounts <sup>(1)</sup>                      |                     |                            |                         |                                |
| Restructuring charges   | 1.7                 |                            | 7.1                     |                                |
| <b>First nine months of fiscal 2015, as adjusted <sup>(1)</sup></b> | \$ 454.9            | 50.3%                      | \$ 158.8                | 17.5%                          |

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding

(1) As adjusted is a non-GAAP financial measure that adjusts the consolidated statements of net income for the first nine months of fiscal 2015 to exclude the impact of the \$7.1 million of restructuring charges associated with our previously disclosed 2015 restructuring plan. See *Non-GAAP Financial Measures* above for an explanation of our use of non-GAAP financial measures.

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**Table of Contents****Consolidated Results***Revenues*

Revenues in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 declined by \$7.7 million, or 0.8%, to \$897.5 million versus the first nine months of fiscal 2015. Excluding the impact of foreign currency, which negatively impacted our revenues for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 by \$11.1 million, revenues in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 would have increased 0.4% versus the prior year period. The revenue decline in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period was driven primarily by revenue declines in Continental Europe and the United Kingdom which more than offset revenue growth in North America. See [Segment Results](#) for additional details on revenues.

*Cost of Revenues and Gross Profit*

Total cost of revenues in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 declined \$9.4 million, or 2.1%, versus the prior year period. Excluding the impact of the 2015 restructuring charges, which increased total cost of revenues by \$1.7 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2015, total cost of revenues in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 would have declined \$7.8 million, or 1.7%, versus the prior year period. Gross profit increased \$1.7 million, or 0.4% in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 compared to the first nine months of fiscal 2015 primarily due to the decrease in cost of revenues. Excluding the impact of the 2015 restructuring charges, gross profit for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 would have increased by \$0.1 million from the first nine months of fiscal 2015. Excluding the impact of foreign currency, which negatively impacted gross profit for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 by \$4.9 million, gross profit in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 would have increased 1.5% versus the prior year period. Gross margin in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 increased 0.6% to 50.7% versus 50.1% in the first nine months of fiscal 2015. Gross margin expansion was driven primarily by expansion in North America, partially offset by declines in both Continental Europe and the United Kingdom. The expansion in North America gross margin was driven primarily by operating efficiencies and lower costs to support 24/7 Expert Chat in the United States as well as improved meetings leverage from higher volumes in North America. Globally, gross margin was negatively impacted by promotional activity as well as the lower contribution from the high margin licensing business.

*Marketing*

Marketing expenses for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 increased \$3.0 million, or 2.0%, versus the first nine months of fiscal 2015. Excluding the impact of foreign currency, which decreased marketing expenses for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 by \$2.8 million, marketing expenses in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 would have increased 3.8% versus the prior year period. The increase in marketing expense was driven primarily by higher investments in TV media in some of our markets and higher investment in Online media in the United States, partially offset by lower production costs in the United States. Marketing expenses as a percentage of revenue were 17.6% in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 as compared to 17.1% in the prior year period.

*Selling, General and Administrative*

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 decreased \$3.6 million, or 2.5%, versus the first nine months of fiscal 2015. Excluding the impact of foreign currency, which decreased selling, general and administrative expenses for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 by \$1.7 million, selling, general and administrative expenses in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 would have declined 1.3% versus the prior year period. Excluding the impact of the 2015 restructuring charges, which increased selling, general and administrative expenses by \$5.4 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2015, selling, general and administrative expenses for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 would have increased by \$1.8 million, or 1.3% (2.4% on a constant currency basis), versus the

prior year period. The increase in adjusted selling, general and administrative expenses in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 was driven primarily by higher incentive compensation costs and professional fees, partially offset by lower technology related expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 decreased to 16.0% from 16.2% for the first nine months of fiscal 2015. Excluding the impact of the 2015 restructuring charges, selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 would have increased to 16.0%, from 15.6% for the first nine months of fiscal 2015.

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**Table of Contents***Operating Income*

Operating income for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 increased \$2.3 million, or 1.5%, versus the first nine months of fiscal 2015. Excluding the impact of foreign currency, which negatively impacted operating income for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 by \$0.5 million, operating income in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 would have increased 1.8% versus the prior year period. Excluding the impact of the 2015 restructuring charges and the impact of foreign currency, our operating income for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 would have decreased \$4.3 million, or 2.7%, as compared to the prior year period. This decrease in operating income was driven by lower operating income in both Continental Europe and the United Kingdom partially offset by higher operating income in North America in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 as compared to the prior year period. Operating income margin increased 0.4% for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 compared to the first nine months of fiscal 2015. Excluding the impact of the 2015 restructuring charges, our operating income margin in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 would have decreased to 17.2%, or 17.0% on a constant currency basis, from 17.5% in the first nine months of fiscal 2015. This decrease in operating income margin was driven by the increase in gross margin but more than offset by an increase in both, marketing as a percentage of revenue and selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue as compared to the prior year period.

*Interest Expense*

Interest expense in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 decreased \$4.7 million, or 5.2%, versus the first nine months of fiscal 2015. The decrease in interest expense was driven primarily by the decrease in our average debt outstanding, which decreased to \$2.1 billion in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 from \$2.3 billion in the first nine months of fiscal 2015. This decrease was primarily due to the payment in full in April 2016 of the principal amount of loans outstanding under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility and the previously disclosed debt prepayments in March and June of fiscal 2015, partially offset by the drawdown of the \$48.0 million available on our Revolving Facility (defined hereafter) in July 2015. The effective interest rate on our debt, based on interest incurred (which includes amortization of our deferred financing costs) and our average borrowings during the first nine months of fiscal 2016 and the first nine months of fiscal 2015 and excluding the impact of our interest rate swap, increased to 4.31% per annum at the end of the first nine months of fiscal 2016 compared to 4.30% per annum at the end of the first nine months of fiscal 2015. Including the impact of our interest rate swap, our effective interest rate on our debt, based on interest incurred (which includes amortization of our deferred financing costs) and our average borrowings during the first nine months of fiscal 2016 and the first nine months of fiscal 2015, increased to 5.48% per annum at the end of the first nine months of fiscal 2016 from 5.39% per annum at the end of the first nine months of fiscal 2015. See [Liquidity and Capital Resources](#) [Long-Term Debt](#) for additional details regarding interest rates on our debt outstanding, the Revolving Facility and payments on our debt. For additional details on our interest rate swap see [Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk](#) in Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

*Early Extinguishment of Debt*

In March 2015, we paid an aggregate amount of cash proceeds totaling \$57.4 million plus an amount sufficient to pay accrued and unpaid interest on the amount prepaid to prepay \$63.1 million in aggregate principal amount of term loans under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility. In June 2015, we paid an aggregate amount of cash proceeds totaling \$77.2 million plus an amount sufficient to pay accrued and unpaid interest on the amount prepaid to prepay \$84.9 million in aggregate principal amount of term loans under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility. As a result of these prepayments, we wrote-off fees of \$0.6 million, incurred fees of \$1.2 million and recorded a gain on early extinguishment of debt of \$11.4 million, inclusive of these fees, in the first nine months of fiscal 2015.

*Other Expense, Net*

Other expense, net, which consists primarily of the impact of foreign currency on intercompany transactions, decreased by \$0.9 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 as compared to the first nine months of fiscal 2015.

*Tax*

Our effective tax rate for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 was 18.6% as compared to 37.2% for the first nine months of fiscal 2015. This decrease was primarily due to the following discrete items occurring in the first nine months of fiscal 2016: (i) an \$11.4 million net tax benefit due to a research and development credit and a Section 199 deduction for tax years 2012 through 2015 and (ii) the reversal of a \$2.5 million valuation allowance related to tax benefits for foreign losses that are now expected to be realized, partially offset by \$2.7 million of out-of-period adjustments in income taxes in the third quarter of fiscal 2016.

*Net Income Attributable to the Company and Earnings Per Share*

Net income attributable to the Company in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 reflected a \$10.2 million, or 23.0% increase from the first nine months of fiscal 2015. Excluding the impact of foreign currency, which negatively impacted net income attributable to the Company in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 by \$0.4 million, net income attributable to the Company in the first nine months of

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fiscal 2016 would have increased by 23.8% versus the prior year period. Net income attributable to the Company in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 was impacted by the following items that affect year-over-year comparability: (i) an \$11.4 million net tax benefit due to a research and development credit and a Section 199 deduction for the tax years 2012 through 2015; (ii) a reversal of a \$2.5 million valuation allowance related to tax benefits for foreign losses that are now expected to be realized; and (iii) tax expenses of \$2.7 million for out-of-period adjustments. Net income attributable to the Company in the first nine months of fiscal 2015 was impacted by two items that affect year-over-year comparability: (i) \$4.3 million of restructuring charges associated with our previously disclosed 2015 restructuring plan and (ii) a \$7.0 million gain on early extinguishment of debt. This increase in net income attributable to the Company was driven primarily by lower tax expense and a decline in interest expense, as well as an increase in operating income in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period.

EPS in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 was \$0.83 compared to \$0.77 in the first nine months of fiscal 2015. First nine months fiscal 2016 EPS includes a \$0.19 net benefit driven by a lower tax rate of 18.6% for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 as compared to 37.2% for the prior year period. This benefit is primarily comprised of a (i) \$0.17 net tax benefit in connection with a research and development credit and a Section 199 deduction for the tax years 2012 through 2015 and (ii) \$0.04 benefit for the reversal of a valuation allowance related to tax benefits for foreign losses that are now expected to be realized, partially offset by a \$0.04 expense for out-of-period tax adjustments. The higher share count in the first nine months of fiscal 2016, which was driven primarily by the Winfrey Transaction, diluted EPS by \$0.13 in the first nine months of fiscal 2016. For the first nine months of fiscal 2015, EPS included an \$0.08 charge in connection with the impact of the 2015 restructuring charges and a \$0.12 benefit related to the gain on early extinguishment of debt.

**Segment Results***Metrics and Business Trends*

The following tables set forth key metrics by reportable segment for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 and the percentage change in those metrics versus the prior year period:

(in millions except percentages and as noted)

|   | First Nine Months of Fiscal 2016 |                 |                  |                       |                 |                 |                  |                      |                                   |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
|   | GAAP                             |                 |                  | Constant Currency     |                 |                 | Total Paid Weeks | Incoming Subscribers | EOP Subscribers<br>(in thousands) |
| Service Revenues  | Product Sales & Other            | Total Revenues  | Service Revenues | Product Sales & Other | Total Revenues  |                 |                  |                      |                                   |
| North America   | \$ 517.9                         | \$ 95.4         | \$ 613.3         | \$ 519.7              | \$ 95.7         | \$ 615.4        | 77.2             | 1,531.5              | 1,846.6                           |
| UK  | 57.7                             | 22.4            | 80.1             | 63.4                  | 24.5            | 87.9            | 12.5             | 263.1                | 301.1                             |
| CE  | 126.6                            | 36.8            | 163.4            | 126.4                 | 36.9            | 163.4           | 25.0             | 530.7                | 611.3                             |
| Other <sup>(1)</sup>  | 25.7                             | 14.9            | 40.7             | 26.7                  | 15.2            | 41.9            | 3.6              | 64.3                 | 74.5                              |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$ 727.9</b>                  | <b>\$ 169.6</b> | <b>\$ 897.5</b>  | <b>\$ 736.2</b>       | <b>\$ 172.4</b> | <b>\$ 908.6</b> | <b>118.3</b>     | <b>2,389.6</b>       | <b>2,833.6</b>                    |
| <b>% Change First Nine Months of Fiscal 2016 vs. First Nine Months of Fiscal 2015</b> |                                  |                 |                  |                       |                 |                 |                  |                      |                                   |
|   | 4.9%                             | 4.0%            | 4.8%             | 5.3%                  | 4.2%            | 5.1%            | 8.1%             | -5.3%                | 14.5%                             |



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| North America        |        |        |        |       |        |       |       |       |       |
| UK                   | -14.0% | -24.9% | -17.4% | -5.6% | -17.8% | -9.3% | -6.4% | -5.3% | 0.0%  |
| CE                   | -7.7%  | -15.8% | -9.7%  | -7.8% | -15.6% | -9.7% | -1.9% | -3.8% | 2.8%  |
| Other <sup>(1)</sup> | -3.4%  | -2.5%  | -3.1%  | 0.1%  | -0.6%  | -0.2% | 8.6%  | 3.7%  | 14.6% |
| Total                | 0.5%   | -6.1%  | -0.8%  | 1.6%  | -4.6%  | 0.4%  | 4.1%  | -4.8% | 10.1% |

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding

(1) Represents Asia Pacific and emerging markets operations and franchise revenues.

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(in millions except percentages and as noted)

**First Nine Months of Fiscal 2016**

|                      | Meeting Fees    |                      | Meeting<br>Paid<br>Weeks | Incoming<br>Meeting<br>Subscribers<br>(in thousands) | EOP<br>Meeting<br>Subscribers | Subscription<br>Revenues |                      | Online<br>Paid<br>Weeks | Incoming<br>Online<br>Subscribers<br>(in thousands) | EOP<br>Online<br>Subscribers |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|
|                      | GAAP            | Constant<br>Currency |                          |  |                               | GAAP                     | Constant<br>Currency |                         |   |                              |
| North America        | \$ 334.2        | \$ 335.4             | 35.0                     | 645.1  | 810.6                         | \$ 183.7                 | \$ 184.3             | 42.2                    | 886.4   | 1,036.1                      |
| UK                   | 43.1            | 47.3                 | 7.8                      | 153.2  | 178.3                         | 14.6                     | 16.1                 | 4.7                     | 109.9   | 122.8                        |
| CE                   | 69.4            | 69.4                 | 8.4                      | 172.4  | 196.5                         | 57.2                     | 57.0                 | 16.5                    | 358.3   | 414.8                        |
| Other <sup>(1)</sup> | 17.6            | 18.4                 | 1.9                      | 27.2   | 33.0                          | 8.1                      | 8.3                  | 1.7                     | 37.2  | 41.6                         |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$ 464.3</b> | <b>\$ 470.5</b>      | <b>53.2</b>              | <b>997.9</b>   | <b>1,218.4</b>                | <b>\$ 263.6</b>          | <b>\$ 265.7</b>      | <b>65.1</b>             | <b>1,391.8</b>                                      | <b>1,615.2</b>               |

**% Change First Nine Months of Fiscal 2016 vs. First Nine Months of Fiscal 2015**

|                      |             |             |             |              |              |              |              |             |              |             |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| North America        | 8.8%        | 9.1%        | 11.4%       | -6.9%        | 18.7%        | -1.4%        | -1.1%        | 5.5%        | -4.2%        | 11.4%       |
| UK                   | -13.7%      | -5.3%       | -5.2%       | -3.1%        | -1.4%        | -15.0%       | -6.4%        | -8.3%       | -8.2%        | 2.2%        |
| CE                   | -10.5%      | -10.4%      | -6.3%       | -3.2%        | -7.2%        | -4.1%        | -4.4%        | 0.4%        | -4.1%        | 8.4%        |
| Other <sup>(1)</sup> | -4.8%       | -0.9%       | 3.2%        | 2.7%         | 15.8%        | -0.1%        | 2.3%         | 15.6%       | 4.4%         | 13.7%       |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>2.4%</b> | <b>3.8%</b> | <b>5.2%</b> | <b>-5.4%</b> | <b>10.4%</b> | <b>-2.8%</b> | <b>-2.0%</b> | <b>3.3%</b> | <b>-4.3%</b> | <b>9.9%</b> |

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding

(1) Represents Asia Pacific and emerging markets operations and franchise revenues.

*North America Performance*

The increase in North America revenues in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period was driven primarily by the increase in Service Revenues. The increase in Service Revenues was driven by an increase in Meeting Fees slightly offset by a decrease in Online Subscription Revenues in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period. The decrease in Online Subscription Revenues was driven by increased promotional activity which negatively impacted Online Subscription Revenue per paid week. The increase in North America Total Paid Weeks primarily resulted from the higher recruitments in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period. These higher recruitments also drove an increase in End of Period Subscribers at the end of the first nine months of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period. This increase in recruitments was driven by the successful launch of our new Beyond the Scale program, which included the launch of SmartPoints, in late fiscal 2015 and to a lesser extent increased promotional activities, particularly in the Online business. This new launch, coupled with the successful response to our strategic collaboration with Ms. Winfrey, has driven momentum in our North America business.

The increase in North America product sales and other in the first nine months of 2016 versus the prior year period was driven primarily by an increase in in-meeting product sales of \$8.2 million, or 15.5%, and an increase in other product sales of \$5.3 million, or 98.0%, partially offset by a decline in licensing revenue of \$4.7 million, or 21.8%, and Online advertising revenue of \$3.9 million, or 86.0%.

*United Kingdom Performance*

The decline in United Kingdom revenues in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period was driven in part by the decline in Service Revenues. The decline in United Kingdom Total Paid Weeks was driven by the lower number of Incoming Subscribers at the beginning of fiscal 2016 versus the beginning of fiscal 2015 coupled with lower recruitments in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 as compared to the prior year period reflecting the impact of a direct competitor.

The decline in United Kingdom product sales and other in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period was driven by both the decline in in-meeting product sales of \$4.0 million, or 20.2%, and the decline in licensing revenue of \$3.6 million, or 39.5% (33.7% on a constant currency basis).

*Continental Europe Performance*

The decline in Continental Europe revenues in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period was driven in part by the decline in Service Revenues. The decrease in Service Revenues in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period was primarily the result of a decrease in Meeting Fees, as well as a decrease in Online Subscription Revenues. This decrease in Meeting Fees was driven by the lower number of Incoming Meeting Subscribers at the beginning of fiscal 2016 versus the beginning

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of fiscal 2015 coupled with lower recruitments in the meetings business in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 as compared to the prior year period. The decrease in Online Subscription Revenues was driven by the lower number of Incoming Online Subscribers at the start of fiscal 2016 versus the start of fiscal 2015 partially offset by an increase in recruitments in the Online business in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period. In response to soft performance in our largest Continental Europe markets, in the first quarter of 2016, we changed our advertising creative and approach, which sequentially improved quarterly year-over-year trends for the second and third quarters of fiscal 2016 in our largest markets.

The decline in Continental Europe product sales and other in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 was driven primarily by a decline in in-meeting product sales of \$6.4 million, or 21.9%, versus the first nine months of fiscal 2015.

*Other Performance*

The decline in Other revenues in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period was driven primarily by Service Revenue declines partially offset by growth in revenue from franchisees. The increase in Other Total Paid Weeks was driven primarily by higher recruitments in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 as compared to the first nine months of fiscal 2015 and also by the higher number of Incoming Subscribers at the beginning of fiscal 2016 versus the beginning of fiscal 2015. A change in promotional activities that negatively impacted the Service Revenues per paid week in both the Meetings and Online businesses in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 was partially offset by the increase in Other Total Paid Weeks versus the prior year period. The net impact of these items resulted in a slight increase in Other Service Revenues in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 versus the prior year period.

The decline in Other product sales and other in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 versus the first nine months of fiscal 2015 was driven by a decline in in-meeting product sales of \$0.6 million, or 15.9% (12.9% on a constant currency basis) and a decline in Asia Pacific licensing and magazines revenues of \$1.3 million or 47.3% (45.7% on a constant currency basis) partially offset by an increase in revenue from our franchisees of \$1.2 million, or 17.3%.

**Table of Contents****LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

Cash flows provided by operating activities have historically supplied, and are expected to continue to supply, us with our primary source of liquidity. We use these cash flows, supplemented with long-term debt and short-term borrowings, to fund our operations and global initiatives, pay down debt and opportunistically engage in selective acquisitions. See Transformation Plan for a discussion of our strategic initiatives. On October 30, 2013, we announced that we suspended our quarterly cash dividend, as described below (see Dividends and Stock Transactions ). We believe that cash generated by our revenue forecast for fiscal 2016 of approximately \$1.17 billion, our continued cost focus, the launch of our 2016 winter season program innovation, and our cash on hand of \$99.0 million at the end of the first nine months of fiscal 2016 will provide us with sufficient liquidity to meet our obligations for the next twelve months. On April 1, 2016, we paid in full, with cash on hand, a principal amount of loans equal to \$144.3 million, which constituted the entire remaining principal amount of loans outstanding under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility due April 2, 2016. On July 29, 2016, we paid down, with cash on hand, a principal amount of \$25.0 million of the \$48.0 million outstanding under the Revolving Facility. On September 16, 2016, we paid down, with cash on hand, the remaining outstanding principal amount of \$23.0 million on the Revolving Facility.

***Balance Sheet Working Capital***

The following table sets forth certain relevant measures of our balance sheet working capital at:

|  | <b>October 1,<br/>2016</b> | <b>January 2,<br/>2016<br/>(in millions)</b> | <b>Increase/<br/>(Decrease)</b> |
|--|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Total current assets   | \$ 215.1                   | \$ 351.5                                     | \$ (136.4)                      |
| Total current liabilities  | 313.7                      | 503.1  | (189.4)                         |
| Working capital deficit  | (98.6)                     | (151.6)                                      | (53.0)                          |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 99.0                       | 241.5  | (142.5)                         |
| Current portion of long-term debt  | 21.0                       | 213.3  | (192.3)                         |
| Working capital deficit, excluding cash and cash equivalents and current portion of long-term debt | \$ (176.6)                 | \$ (179.8)                                   | \$ (3.2)                        |

We generally operate with negative working capital that is driven in part by our commitment and subscription plans which are our primary payment method. These plans require members and subscribers to pay us for meetings and Online subscription products before we pay for our obligations in the normal course of business. These prepayments are recorded as a current liability on our balance sheet which has resulted in, and in certain circumstances has helped drive, negative working capital. This core characteristic of our business model is expected to continue. However, during a period in which revenue is declining, we get less working capital benefit from this deferred revenue.

Including cash and cash equivalents and the current portion of long-term debt, our working capital deficit decreased by \$53.0 million to \$98.6 million at October 1, 2016 from \$151.6 million at January 2, 2016. This decrease in our working capital deficit was driven in large part by (i) the \$144.3 million cash payment on April 1, 2016 of the principal amount of loans outstanding under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility due April 2, 2016 and (ii) aggregate cash payments of \$48.0 million of the amounts outstanding under the Revolving Facility, thereby lowering cash by \$142.5 million at the end of the first nine months of fiscal 2016 from year-end fiscal 2015. See Long-Term Debt for additional

information on these debt payments.

Excluding cash and cash equivalents and the current portion of long-term debt, the working capital deficit at October 1, 2016 decreased by \$3.2 million to \$176.6 million from \$179.8 million at January 2, 2016. The factors contributing to this decrease in our working capital deficit were: (i) a \$13.1 million increase in deferred revenue driven by a combination of seasonality and improved business performance, (ii) a \$9.8 million increase in the derivative payable, and (iii) a \$14.5 million decrease in other current assets. These factors were offset by: (i) a \$16.0 million decrease in operational liabilities and other arising primarily from higher accrued liability balances at January 2, 2016 driven primarily by winter season marketing expenses, (ii) a \$22.4 million increase in prepaid income taxes as of October 1, 2016, and (iii) a \$2.2 million decrease in accrued salaries and wages driven by the payout of the 2015 bonus.

**Table of Contents***Cash Flows*

The following table sets forth a summary of the Company's cash flows for the nine months ended:

|   | <b>October 1,<br/>2016</b> | <b>October 3,<br/>2015</b> |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|   | <b>(in millions)</b>       |                            |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 93.9                    | \$ 52.9                    |
| Net cash used for investing activities    | \$ (29.5)                  | \$ (32.8)                  |
| Net cash used for financing activities    | \$ (207.1)                 | \$ (104.9)                 |

*Operating Activities**First Nine Months of Fiscal 2016*

Cash flows provided by operating activities of \$93.9 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2016 reflected an increase of \$41.0 million from \$52.9 million of cash flows provided by operating activities in the first nine months of fiscal 2015. The increase in cash provided by operating activities was primarily the result of \$73.8 million of benefit from year-over-year change in working capital in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 as compared to the prior year period.

*First Nine Months of Fiscal 2015*

Cash flows provided by operating activities of \$52.9 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2015 reflected a decrease of \$168.4 million from \$221.3 million of cash flows provided by operating activities for the first nine months of fiscal 2014. The decrease in cash provided by operating activities was primarily the result of \$69.2 million of lower net income attributable to the Company in the first nine months of fiscal 2015 as compared to the prior year period and year-over-year working capital deficit decreases of \$78.5 million.

*Investing Activities**First Nine Months of Fiscal 2016*

Net cash used for investing activities totaled \$29.5 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2016, a decrease of \$3.3 million as compared to the first nine months of fiscal 2015. Due to the significant progress against our transformation plan in fiscal 2015, our technology and operating infrastructure required less investment in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 as compared to the first nine months of fiscal 2015.

*First Nine Months of Fiscal 2015*

Net cash used for investing activities totaled \$32.8 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2015, a decrease of \$14.6 million as compared to the first nine months of fiscal 2014. This decrease was primarily attributable to the lower investment in acquisitions in the first nine months of fiscal 2015 versus the prior year period. For additional information on our acquisitions, see Item 6. Selected Financial Data of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2015.

*Financing Activities*

*First Nine Months of Fiscal 2016*

Net cash used for financing activities totaled \$207.1 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2016, primarily due to a \$144.3 million debt repayment in connection with the Tranche B-1 Term Facility and other scheduled debt repayments of \$15.8 million in connection with the Tranche B-2 Term Facility (defined hereafter), as well as the repayment of \$48.0 million outstanding under the Revolving Facility, offset by a tax benefit for restricted stock units vested and stock options exercised of \$1.0 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2016.



**Table of Contents***First Nine Months of Fiscal 2015*

Net cash used for financing activities totaled \$104.9 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2015, primarily due to \$137.1 million of debt prepayments in connection with the debt tender offers discussed below and scheduled debt repayments of \$15.8 million offset by the proceeds of our revolver borrowing of \$48.0 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2015. For a discussion of the debt tender offers, see Long-Term Debt .

**Long-Term Debt**

We currently plan to meet our long-term debt obligations by using cash flows provided by operating activities and opportunistically using other means to repay or refinance our obligations as we determine appropriate. On April 1, 2016, we paid in full, with cash on hand, a principal amount of loans equal to \$144.3 million, which constituted the entire remaining principal amount of loans outstanding under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility due April 2, 2016. On July 29, 2016, we paid down, with cash on hand, a principal amount of \$25.0 million of the \$48.0 million outstanding under the Revolving Facility and on September 16, 2016, we paid down, with cash on hand, the remaining outstanding principal amount of \$23.0 million under the Revolving Facility, which was not due until April 2, 2018.

The following schedule sets forth our long-term debt obligations at October 1, 2016:

**Long-Term Debt****At October 1, 2016****(Balances in millions)**

|   | <b>Balance</b>    |
|---|-------------------|
| Tranche B-2 Term Facility due April 2, 2020 | 2,026.5           |
| Less: Current Portion                       | 21.0              |
| Unamortized Deferred Financing Costs        | 20.4              |
| <b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>                 | <b>\$ 1,985.1</b> |

Pursuant to the retrospective adoption of FASB guidance on debt issuance costs, we reclassified unamortized debt issuance costs associated with Term Facilities (defined hereafter) in our previously reported Consolidated Balance Sheet in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2015.

Our credit facilities at the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2013 consisted of the following term loan facilities and revolving credit facilities: a tranche B loan, or Term B Loan, a tranche C loan, or Term C Loan, a tranche D loan, or Term D Loan, a tranche E loan, or Term E Loan, a tranche F loan, or Term F Loan, revolving credit facility A-1, or Revolver A-1, and revolving credit facility A-2, or Revolver A-2.

On April 2, 2013, we refinanced our credit facilities pursuant to a new Credit Agreement, or as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified, the Credit Agreement, among the Company, the lenders party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and an issuing bank, The Bank of Nova Scotia, as revolving agent, swingline lender and an issuing bank, and the other parties thereto. The Credit Agreement provides for (a) a revolving credit facility (including swing line loans and letters of credit) in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$250.0

million that will mature on April 2, 2018, or the Revolving Facility, (b) an initial term B-1 loan credit facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$300.0 million that matured on April 2, 2016, or Tranche B-1 Term Facility, and (c) an initial term B-2 loan credit facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$2,100.0 million that will mature on April 2, 2020, or Tranche B-2 Term Facility. We refer herein to the Tranche B-1 Term Facility together with the Tranche B-2 Term Facility as the Term Facilities, and the Term Facilities and Revolving Facility collectively as the WWI Credit Facility. In connection with this refinancing, we used the proceeds from borrowings under the Term Facilities to pay off a total of \$2,399.9 million of outstanding loans, consisting of \$128.8 million of Term B Loans, \$110.6 million of Term C Loans, \$117.6 million of Term D Loans, \$1,125.0 million of Term E Loans, \$817.9 million of Term F Loans, \$21.2 million of loans under the Revolver A-1 and \$78.8 million of loans under the Revolver A-2. Following the refinancing of a total of \$2,399.9 million of loans, at April 2, 2013, we had \$2,400.0 million debt outstanding under the Term Facilities and \$248.8 million of availability under the Revolving Facility. We incurred fees of \$44.8 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2013 in connection with this refinancing. In the second quarter of fiscal 2013, we wrote-off fees associated with this refinancing which resulted in our recording a charge of \$21.7 million in early extinguishment of debt.

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On September 26, 2014, we entered into an agreement with certain lenders amending the Credit Agreement that, among other things, eliminated the Financial Covenant (as defined in the Credit Agreement) with respect to the Revolving Facility. In connection with this amendment, we wrote-off deferred financing fees of approximately \$1.6 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2014. Concurrently with and in order to effect this amendment, we reduced the amount of the Revolving Facility from \$250.0 million to \$50.0 million.

Under the terms of the Credit Agreement, depending on our Consolidated Leverage Ratio (as defined in the Credit Agreement), we are obligated to offer to prepay the Term Facilities in an aggregate amount determined by our excess cash flow (as defined in the Credit Agreement). On March 13, 2015, we commenced an offer to prepay at a discount to par up to \$75.0 million in aggregate principal amount of term loans outstanding under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility. On March 20, 2015, we accepted offers with a discount equal to or greater than 9.00% in respect of such term loans. On March 25, 2015, we paid an aggregate amount of cash proceeds totaling \$57.4 million plus an amount sufficient to pay accrued and unpaid interest on the amount prepaid to prepay \$63.1 million in aggregate principal amount of such term loans under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility. This expenditure reduced, on a dollar for dollar basis, our \$59.7 million obligation to make a mandatory excess cash flow prepayment offer to the term loan lenders under the terms of the Credit Agreement. In addition, we made a voluntary prepayment at par on March 25, 2015 of \$2.5 million in respect of such term loans under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility to reduce the remaining excess cash flow prepayment obligation for fiscal 2014. As a result of this prepayment, we wrote-off fees of \$0.3 million, incurred fees of \$0.6 million and recorded a gain on early extinguishment of debt of \$4.7 million, inclusive of these fees, in the first quarter of fiscal 2015.

On June 17, 2015, we commenced another offer to prepay at a discount to par up to \$229.0 million in aggregate principal amount of term loans outstanding under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility. On June 22, 2015, we accepted offers with a discount equal to or greater than 9.00% in respect of such term loans. On June 26, 2015, we paid an aggregate amount of cash proceeds totaling \$77.2 million plus an amount sufficient to pay accrued and unpaid interest on the amount prepaid to prepay \$84.9 million in aggregate principal amount of such term loans under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility. As a result of this prepayment, we wrote-off fees of \$0.3 million, incurred fees of \$0.6 million and recorded a gain on early extinguishment of debt of \$6.7 million, inclusive of these fees, in the second quarter of fiscal 2015.

On July 14, 2015, we drew down the \$48.0 million available on our Revolving Facility in order to enhance our cash position and to provide additional financial flexibility. As of January 2, 2016, the revolver borrowing has been classified as a short-term liability in consideration of the fact that the terms of the Revolving Facility require an assessment as to whether there have been any material adverse changes with respect to the Company in connection with our monthly interest elections. Although the revolver borrowing has been classified as a short-term liability as of January 2, 2016, absent any change in fact and circumstance, we have the ability to extend and not repay the Revolving Facility until its due date of April 2, 2018.

On April 1, 2016, we paid in full, with cash on hand, a principal amount of loans equal to \$144.3 million, which constituted the entire remaining principal amount of loans outstanding under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility due April 2, 2016.

On July 29, 2016, we paid down, with cash on hand, a principal amount of \$25.0 million of the \$48.0 million outstanding under the Revolving Facility. On September 16, 2016, we paid down, with cash on hand, the remaining outstanding principal amount of \$23.0 million on the Revolving Facility. At October 1, 2016, the Revolving Facility had \$0 outstanding, \$1.8 million in issued but undrawn letters of credit outstanding thereunder and \$48.2 million in available unused commitments thereunder. The proceeds from borrowings under the Revolving Facility (including swing line loans and letters of credit) are available to be used for working capital and general corporate purposes.

At October 1, 2016, under the WWI Credit Facility, we had \$2,026.5 million outstanding consisting entirely of a term loan under the Tranche B-2 Term Facility.

At October 1, 2016 and January 2, 2016, our debt consisted entirely of variable-rate instruments. Interest rate swaps were entered into to hedge a portion of the cash flow exposure associated with our variable-rate borrowings. The weighted average interest rate (which includes amortization of deferred financing costs) on our debt, exclusive of the impact of swaps, was approximately 4.34% per annum at both October 1, 2016 and January 2, 2016, based on interest rates on the applicable dates. The weighted average interest rate (which includes amortization of deferred financing costs) on our debt, including the impact of swaps, was approximately 5.31% and 5.45% per annum at both October 1, 2016 and January 2, 2016, respectively, based on interest rates on the applicable dates.

Borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest at a rate equal to, at our option, LIBOR plus an applicable margin or a base rate plus an applicable margin. LIBOR under the Tranche B-2 Term Facility is subject to a minimum interest rate of 0.75% and the base rate under the Tranche B-2 Term Facility is subject to a minimum interest rate of 1.75%. Under the terms of the Credit Agreement, in the event we receive a corporate rating of BB- (or lower) from S&P and a corporate rating of Ba3 (or lower) from Moody's, the applicable margin relating to both of the Term Facilities would increase by 25 basis points. On February 21, 2014, both

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S&P and Moody's issued revised corporate ratings of the Company of B+ and B1, respectively. As a result, effective February 21, 2014, the applicable margin on borrowings under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility went from 2.75% to 3.00% and on borrowings under the Tranche B-2 Term Facility went from 3.00% to 3.25%. The applicable margin relating to the Revolving Facility will fluctuate depending upon our Consolidated Leverage Ratio. At April 1, 2016, the date of payment of the principal amount of loans outstanding under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility discussed above, borrowings under the Tranche B-1 Term Facility bore interest at LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 3.00%. At October 1, 2016, borrowings under the Tranche B-2 Term Facility bore interest at LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 3.25%. Based on our Consolidated Leverage Ratio as of October 1, 2016, had there been any borrowings under the Revolving Facility, it would have borne interest at LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 2.50%. On a quarterly basis, we will pay a commitment fee to the lenders under the Revolving Facility in respect of unutilized commitments thereunder, which commitment fee will fluctuate, but in no event exceed 0.50% per annum, depending upon our Consolidated Leverage Ratio. At our Consolidated Leverage Ratio of 7:41:1.00 as of October 1, 2016, the commitment fee was 0.50% per annum. We also will pay customary letter of credit fees and fronting fees under the Revolving Facility.

The Credit Agreement contains customary covenants including covenants that, in certain circumstances, restrict our ability to incur additional indebtedness, pay dividends on and redeem capital stock, make other payments, including investments, sell our assets and enter into consolidations, mergers and transfers of all or substantially all of our assets. The WWI Credit Facility does not require us to meet any financial maintenance covenants and is guaranteed by certain of our existing and future subsidiaries. Substantially all of our assets secure the WWI Credit Facility.

The following schedule sets forth our year-by-year debt obligations at October 1, 2016:

**Total Debt Obligation**  
**(Including Current Portion)**  
**At October 1, 2016**  
**(in millions)**

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Remainder of fiscal 2016 | \$ 5.3     |
| Fiscal 2017              | 21.0       |
| Fiscal 2018              | 21.0       |
| Fiscal 2019              | 21.0       |
| Fiscal 2020              | 1,958.2    |
| Total                    | \$ 2,026.5 |

**Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss**

Our accumulated other comprehensive loss includes net loss, changes in the fair value of derivative instruments and the effects of foreign currency translations. At October 1, 2016 and October 3, 2015, the cumulative balance of changes in the fair value of derivative instruments, net of taxes, was \$(29.3) million and \$(32.0) million, respectively. At October 1, 2016 and October 3, 2015, the cumulative balance of the effects of foreign currency translations, net of taxes, was \$(8.3) million and \$(11.0) million, respectively.

## **Dividends and Stock Transactions**

On October 30, 2013, we announced that we suspended our quarterly cash dividend. We currently intend to use the related annual cash savings to preserve financial flexibility while funding our strategic growth initiatives and building cash for future debt repayments. Any future determination to declare and pay dividends will be made at the discretion of our Board of Directors, after taking into account our financial results, capital requirements and other factors it may deem relevant. The WWI Credit Facility also contains restrictions on our ability to pay dividends on our common stock.

On October 9, 2003, our Board of Directors authorized, and we announced, a program to repurchase up to \$250.0 million of our outstanding common stock. On each of June 13, 2005, May 25, 2006 and October 21, 2010, our Board of Directors authorized, and we announced, adding \$250.0 million to this program. The repurchase program allows for shares to be purchased from time to time in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions. No shares will be purchased from Artal Holdings Sp. z o.o., Succursale de Luxembourg and its parents and subsidiaries under this program. The repurchase program currently has no expiration date. During the nine months ended October 1, 2016 and October 3, 2015, we repurchased no shares of our common stock in the open market under this program. The WWI Credit Facility provides that we are permitted to pay dividends and extraordinary dividends, as well as

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repurchase shares of our common stock, so long as we are not in default under the Credit Agreement. However, payment of extraordinary dividends and stock repurchases shall not exceed \$100.0 million in the aggregate in any fiscal year if our Consolidated Leverage Ratio is greater than 3.25:1. As of October 1, 2016, our Consolidated Leverage Ratio was greater than 3.25:1 and we expect that it will remain above 3.25:1 for the foreseeable future.

**EBITDAS**

EBITDAS, defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and stock-based compensation, in the three months ended October 1, 2016 and October 3, 2015 was \$79.8 million and \$78.1 million, respectively, and for the nine months ended October 1, 2016 and October 3, 2015 was \$197.3 million and \$210.3 million, respectively. The table below sets forth the calculations:

(in millions)

|                               | Three Months Ended |                 | Nine Months Ended |                 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|                               | October 1, 2016    | October 3, 2015 | October 1, 2016   | October 3, 2015 |
| Net Income                    | \$ 34.7            | \$ 21.8         | \$ 54.4           | \$ 44.2         |
| Interest                      | 28.3               | 30.1            | 87.0              | 91.7            |
| Taxes                         | 4.0                | 10.8            | 12.4              | 26.1            |
| Depreciation and Amortization | 13.4               | 12.5            | 39.1              | 40.7            |
| Stock-based Compensation      | (0.6)              | 2.9             | 4.4               | 7.6             |
| <b>EBITDAS</b>                | <b>\$ 79.8</b>     | <b>\$ 78.1</b>  | <b>\$ 197.3</b>   | <b>\$ 210.3</b> |

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding

Reducing leverage is a clear capital structure priority for the Company. As part of our commitment to de-levering, we are targeting a year-end 2018 Net Debt/EBITDAS ratio of less than 4.5x, based on improved operating performance and cash generation. As of October 1, 2016, our Trailing Twelve Months EBITDAS was \$242.5 million and our Net Debt/EBITDAS ratio was 7.9x. We present EBITDAS because we consider this to be a useful supplemental measure of our performance. In addition, we believe EBITDAS is useful to investors, analysts and rating agencies in measuring the ability of a company to meet its debt service obligations.

**OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

As part of our ongoing business, we do not participate in transactions that generate relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities.

**SEASONALITY**

Our business is seasonal due to the importance of the winter season to our overall recruitment environment. Our advertising schedule generally supports the three key recruitment-generating seasons of the year: winter, spring and

fall, with winter having the highest concentration of advertising spending.

## **AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

Corporate information and our press releases, Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments thereto, are available free of charge on our website at [www.weightwatchersinternational.com](http://www.weightwatchersinternational.com) as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (i.e., generally the same day as the filing). Moreover, we also make available at that site the Section 16 reports filed electronically by our officers, directors and 10 percent shareholders. Usually these are publicly accessible no later than the business day following the filing.

We use our website at [www.weightwatchersinternational.com](http://www.weightwatchersinternational.com) and our corporate Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/weightwatchers](http://www.facebook.com/weightwatchers)), Twitter account (@WeightWatchers), and Instagram account ([Instagram.com/weightwatchers](https://www.instagram.com/weightwatchers)) as channels of distribution of Company information. The information we post through these channels may be deemed material. Accordingly, investors should monitor these channels, in addition to following our press releases, Securities and Exchange Commission filings and public conference calls and webcasts. The contents of our website and social media channels shall not be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference.



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### **ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

As of October 1, 2016, the market risk disclosures appearing in Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2015 have not materially changed from January 2, 2016.

On April 1, 2016, we paid in full, with cash on hand, a principal amount of loans equal to \$144.3 million, which amount constituted the entire remaining principal amount of loans outstanding under our Tranche B-1 Term Facility. At the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2016, borrowings under the Tranche B-2 Term Facility bore interest at LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 3.25%. For the Tranche B-2 Term Facility, the minimum interest rate for LIBOR applicable to such facility pursuant to the terms of the Credit Agreement is set at 0.75%, referred to herein as the B-2 LIBOR Floor. In addition, at the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2016, our interest rate swap in effect had a notional amount of \$1.5 billion. Accordingly, as of the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2016, based on the amount of variable rate debt including the impact of the interest rate swap and the B-2 LIBOR Floor, a hypothetical 50 basis point increase in interest rates would increase annual interest expense by approximately \$3.1 million but a hypothetical 50 basis point decrease in interest rates would not decrease annual interest expense because the B-2 LIBOR Floor was higher than the LIBOR rate less the hypothetical 50 basis point decrease at October 1, 2016. This decrease is driven primarily by the lower debt balance resulting from our Tranche B-1 Term Facility being paid in full during the first quarter of fiscal 2016. This increase is driven primarily by the rate applicable to our Tranche B-2 Term Facility. The change in market risk exposure from the end of fiscal 2015 was due to lower debt balance on the Tranche B-2 Term Facility.

### **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

#### *Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officers (members of the Interim Office of the Chief Executive Officer) and our principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. Any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives. Our management, with the participation of our principal executive officers (members of the Interim Office of the Chief Executive Officer) and our principal financial officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of October 1, 2016, the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2016. Based upon that evaluation and subject to the foregoing, our principal executive officers (members of the Interim Office of the Chief Executive Officer) and our principal financial officer concluded that, as of the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2016, the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

#### *Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

*Tracey Mead, Derivatively on Behalf of Weight Watchers International, Inc. vs. Artal Group et. al. and Weight Watchers International, Inc.*

On May 29, 2014 and June 23, 2014, the Company received shareholder litigation demand letters alleging breaches of fiduciary duties and unjust enrichment by Company officers and directors and Artal, to the alleged injury of the Company. The letters alleged defendants disseminated materially false and misleading statements and/or concealed material adverse facts, all relating to similar allegations asserted in a previously disclosed federal securities litigation pending at such time. The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York subsequently dismissed the securities litigation on May 11, 2016.

In response to the letters, pursuant to Virginia law, the Board of Directors created a special committee to review and evaluate the facts and circumstances surrounding the claims made in the demand letters. The special committee decided to undertake its review after receiving a decision on defendants' motion to dismiss in the federal securities litigation given the overlapping issues.

On August 11, 2015, a purported shareholder derivative lawsuit was filed in New York State Court in Westchester County. The complaint alleged that certain Company directors and executive officers breached their various fiduciary duties by knowingly causing the Company to repurchase shares from Artal and from certain executive officers at artificially inflated prices in connection with a

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tender offer made to all shareholders. The complaint sought an order for the defendants to disgorge all profits made from selling Company stock between March 16, 2012 and April 9, 2012, as well as an award for damages sustained by the alleged breaches of fiduciary duty. In light of the dismissal of the securities litigation, the parties have reached an agreement in principle to resolve this matter.

### *Raymond Roberts v. Weight Watchers International, Inc.*

On January 7, 2016, an OnlinePlus member filed a putative class action complaint against the Company in the Supreme Court of New York, New York County, asserting class claims for breach of contract and violations of the New York General Business Law.

On February 5, 2016, the Company removed the case to the United States District Court, Southern District of New York. On March 18, 2016, the plaintiff filed an amended complaint, alleging that, as a result of the temporary glitches in the Company's website and app in November and December 2015, the Company has: (1) breached its Subscription Agreement with its OnlinePlus members; and (2) engaged in deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 350 of the New York General Business Law. The plaintiff is seeking unspecified actual, punitive and statutory damages, as well as his attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with this action. The Company filed a motion to dismiss on May 6, 2016. The plaintiff filed his opposition papers on June 9, 2016 and the Company filed its reply papers on June 23, 2016. The Company believes that the suit is without merit and intends to defend it vigorously.

### *Other Litigation Matters*

Due to the nature of the Company's activities, it is also, at times, subject to pending and threatened legal actions, including patent and other intellectual property actions, that arise out of the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the disposition of any such matters is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's results of operations, financial condition or cash flows. However, the results of legal actions cannot be predicted with certainty. Therefore, it is possible that the Company's results of operations, financial condition or cash flows could be materially adversely affected in any particular period by the unfavorable resolution of one or more legal actions.

## **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

There have been no material changes in the risk factors from those detailed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2015 other than as set forth below.

**We are undergoing a chief executive officer transition, which could cause disruption to our business, and our failure to appoint a new chief executive officer with the required level of experience and expertise in a timely manner could have an adverse impact on our operations and business strategy.**

In September 2016, James R. Chambers resigned as President and Chief Executive Officer and as a director of the Company. The Company's Board of Directors appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Interim Office of the Chief Executive Officer until such time as the Company appoints Mr. Chambers' successor: (i) Nicholas P. Hotchkin, our Chief Financial Officer, (ii) Christopher J. Sobecki, a director of the Company and an executive at The Invus Group, LLC, the exclusive investment advisor to Artal (for additional information on Artal, see *Risk Factors* *Artal effectively controls us and may have conflicts of interest with other shareholders in the future.* in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2015), and (iii) Thilo Semmelbauer, a newly-appointed director of the Company. Messrs. Sobecki and Semmelbauer have other business interests to which they allocate a portion of their professional time, which could have a negative impact on our business or give rise to an actual or perceived conflict of

interest. We are in the process of searching for a new chief executive officer. However, if we are unsuccessful in appointing a chief executive officer with the required level of experience and expertise in a timely manner, our operations and business strategy could be materially and adversely affected. Any significant leadership change or executive management transition involves inherent risk, and may involve a diversion of resources and management attention, be disruptive to our daily operations or impact public or market perception, any of which could have a negative impact on our business or stock price.

**ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

Nothing to report under this item.

**ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

Nothing to report under this item.

**ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

Not applicable.

**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

Nothing to report under this item.

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**SIGNATURE**

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

WEIGHT WATCHERS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Date: November 8, 2016

By: /s/ Nicholas P. Hotchkin  
Nicholas P. Hotchkin  
Chief Financial Officer & Member, Interim Office of  
the Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer, Principal Financial and  
Accounting Officer and Authorized Signatory)

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