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FORM 10-K

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the year ended December 31, 2015

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission File Number 1-9810

OWENS & MINOR, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia 54-1701843  
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer  
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

9120 Lockwood Boulevard, Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (804) 723-7000

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

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$2 par value	New York Stock Exchange
3.875% Senior Notes due 2021	Not Listed
4.375% Senior Notes due 2024	Not Listed

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

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer (as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act). Yes  No

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or 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

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Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

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

The aggregate market value of Common Stock held by non-affiliates (based upon the closing sales price) was approximately \$2,142,613,972 as of June 30, 2015.

The number of shares of the Company’s common stock outstanding as of February 18, 2016 was 62,687,167 shares.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

The proxy statement for the annual meeting of shareholders to be held on May 6, 2016, is incorporated by reference for Item 5 of Part II and Part III.

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## Part I

### Item 1. Business

#### General

Owens & Minor, Inc. and subsidiaries (we, us or our), a Fortune 500 company headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, is a leading global healthcare services company that connects the world of medical products to the point of care. We provide vital supply chain assistance to the providers of healthcare services and the manufacturers of healthcare products, supplies and devices. With fully developed networks in the United States and Europe, we are equipped to serve a customer base ranging from hospitals, integrated healthcare systems, group purchasing organizations, and the U.S. federal government, to manufacturers of life-science and medical devices and supplies, including pharmaceuticals in Europe. The description of our business should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and supplementary data included in this Form 10-K.

Founded in 1882, Owens & Minor was incorporated in 1926 in Richmond, Virginia. We focus our operations on healthcare logistics services and provide our customers with a service portfolio that covers procurement, inventory management, delivery and sourcing of products for the healthcare market. Through organic growth and acquisitions over many years, we significantly expanded and strengthened our company, achieving national scale in the United States healthcare market. In 2012, through the acquisition of the Movianto Group (Movianto), we entered into third-party logistics services for the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries in the European market, leveraging an existing platform that also expands our ability to serve our United States-based manufacturer customers on an international level.

On October 1, 2014, we completed the acquisition of Medical Action Industries Inc. (Medical Action), a leading producer of surgical kits and procedure trays for the healthcare market. On November 1, 2014, we acquired ArcRoyal, a privately held surgical kitting company based in Ireland (ArcRoyal). These acquisitions further expanded our capabilities to provide our provider and manufacturer customers a range of kitting services, including the ability to combine instruments and supplies into sterilized custom procedure trays used in a variety of clinical procedures, such as cardiac and orthopedic procedures, and sterilized minor procedure kits and trays which are used in a wide variety of minor surgical and medical procedures, such as I.V. start kits and suture removal. This approach enables healthcare providers to track and manage the supply chain for products, supplies and instruments used in clinical settings. The combined consideration for these two acquisitions was \$261.6 million, net of cash acquired, and including debt assumed of \$13.4 million (capitalized lease obligations).

We report our business under two segments: Domestic and International. The Domestic segment includes all functions relating to our role as a medical supply logistics company providing distribution, kitting (including Medical Action) and logistics services to healthcare providers and manufacturers in the United States. The International segment consists of Movianto and ArcRoyal. Financial information by segment and geographic area appears in Note 20, "Segment Information," of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in this annual report.

#### The Domestic Segment

Healthcare product volumes in the United States are dependent on the rates of utilization of medical/surgical procedures by consumers, which are subject to fluctuation according to the condition of the domestic economy and other factors, such as changes in regulation affecting reimbursement. Aside from consumer-driven activity, the healthcare industry is also experiencing growing demand for advanced logistics and inventory management services from healthcare providers and manufacturers that are focused on achieving more efficient and cost-effective supply-chain operations.

In the United States, healthcare supply distributors contract with group purchasing organizations (GPOs) that negotiate distribution contracts on behalf of their healthcare provider members and also contract directly with healthcare providers and manufacturers for their services. Healthcare providers are increasingly consolidating into larger, more sophisticated networks that are actively seeking reductions in the total cost of delivering healthcare products. These healthcare providers face complex financial challenges, including managing the cost of purchasing, receiving, storing and tracking supplies.

Economic trends have also driven significant consolidation within the healthcare products distribution and logistics industry due to the competitive advantages enjoyed by larger organizations. Among these advantages are the ability to

serve customers in widespread geographic locations, purchase inventory in large volume, develop more sophisticated technology platforms and decision-support systems and provide expertise to healthcare providers and manufacturers to help reduce supply chain costs.

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We offer a comprehensive portfolio of products and services to healthcare providers and manufacturers in the United States. Our portfolio of medical and surgical supplies includes branded products purchased in large volume from manufacturers and our own proprietary private-label products, which are internally sourced through our sourcing capabilities abroad or through a select group of manufacturers. We store our products at our distribution centers and provide delivery of these products, along with related services, to healthcare providers around the nation. Our kitting capabilities offer the combining of instruments and supplies into custom and minor procedure kits and trays which are assembled and delivered based on the specifications provided by the healthcare provider customer. For sterilized kits and trays, we utilize one or more third-party sterilization contractors.

Most supplies are delivered using a leased fleet and almost all of our delivery personnel are our teammates, ensuring a consistent level of performance and customer service. In situations where they are more cost-effective and timely, we use contract carriers and parcel delivery services. We customize product deliveries, whether the orders are “just-in-time,” “low-unit-of-measure,” pallets, or truckloads. We also customize delivery schedules according to customers’ needs to increase their efficiency in receiving and storing products. We have deployed low-unit-of-measure automated picking modules in our larger distribution centers to maximize efficiency, and our distribution center teammates use voice-pick technology to enhance speed and accuracy in performing certain warehousing processes. We also offer additional services to healthcare providers including supplier management, analytics, inventory management, outsourced resource management, clinical supply management and business process consulting. These value-add services help providers improve their process for contracting with vendors, purchasing supplies and streamlining inventory. These services include our operating room-focused inventory management program that helps healthcare providers manage suture and endo-mechanical inventory, as well as our customizable surgical supply service that includes the kitting and delivery of surgical supplies in procedure-based totes to coincide with the healthcare providers’ surgical schedule.

The majority of our distribution arrangements compensate us on a cost-plus percentage basis, under which a negotiated percentage mark-up is added to the contract cost of the product agreed to by the customer and the supplier. We price our services for certain other arrangements under activity-based pricing models. In these cases, pricing depends upon the type, level and/or complexity of services that we provide to customers, and in some cases we do not take title to the product (although we maintain certain custodial risks). As a result, this fee-for-service pricing model aligns the fees we charge with the cost of the services provided, which is a component of selling, general and administrative expenses, rather than with the cost of the product, which is a component of cost of goods sold. We offer a variety of programs and services dedicated to providing logistics and marketing solutions to our manufacturer customers as well. These programs and services are designed to help manufacturers increase market share, drive sales growth, and achieve operational efficiencies. Manufacturer programs are generally negotiated on an annual basis and provide for enhanced levels of support that are aligned with the manufacturer’s annual objectives and growth goals. We have contractual arrangements with manufacturers participating in these programs that provide performance-based incentives to us, as well as cash discounts for prompt payment. Program incentives can be earned on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis.

All of our distribution and logistics services utilize a common infrastructure of distribution centers, equipment, technology, and delivery methods (internal fleet, common carrier or parcel services). We operate a network of 42 distribution centers located throughout the continental United States, which are strategically located to efficiently serve our provider and manufacturer customers, and two kitting facilities for the production of custom and minor procedure kits and trays. A significant investment in information technology supports our business including warehouse management systems, customer service and ordering functions, demand forecasting programs, electronic commerce, data warehousing, decision support and supply-chain management. During 2014, we completed a three-year, \$54 million investment in our information technology infrastructure in the United States designed to achieve operational and data-management efficiencies and improve customer service.

### The International Segment

Our International segment includes Movianto and ArcRoyal. Through Movianto, we provide contract logistics services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries, offering a broad range of supply chain logistics services to manufacturers. Our warehousing and transportation offerings include storage, controlled-substance handling, cold-chain, emergency and export delivery, inventory management and pick & pack services. Our other services include order-to-cash, re-labeling, customer service and returns management. Through our kitting operations in ArcRoyal, we offer custom procedure trays to manufacturers and healthcare provider customers throughout Europe.

Our International segment has a network of 22 logistics centers and one kitting facility in 11 European countries, including Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. To serve our clients, we use a fleet of leased and owned trucks, including cold-chain delivery trucks. The majority of our drivers are our International teammates, although contract carriers and parcel services are used in situations where they are more cost-effective and timely.

Client logistics contracts in our International segment are generally for three-year terms with rolling automatic one-year extension periods. The tendering or competitive bidding process typically takes 12 to 18 months from the initial client request for proposal until becoming operational. We offer significant flexibility to tailor contracts to specific client requirements, and benefit from the expansion of clients into additional European countries. Pricing may be activity-based, with fees determined by clients' particular requirements for warehousing, handling and delivery services, or it may be based on buy-sell wholesaler arrangements for product distribution.

### Our Customers

We currently provide distribution, kitting, outsourced resource management and/or consulting services to thousands of healthcare provider customers. These customers include multi-facility networks of healthcare providers offering a broad spectrum of healthcare services to a particular market or markets (IHNs) as well as smaller, independent hospitals in the United States. In addition to contracting with healthcare providers at the IHN level and through Group Purchasing Organizations (GPOs), we also contract with other types of healthcare providers including surgery centers, physicians' practices and smaller networks of hospitals that have joined together to negotiate terms. We have contracts to provide distribution services to the members of a number of national GPOs, including Novation, LLC (Novation), MedAssets Inc. (MedAssets), Premier, Inc. (Premier) and HealthTrust Purchasing Group (HPG). In 2012 and 2013, we renewed the distribution agreements with all four GPOs to continue our status as an authorized distributor for their member healthcare providers and allow us to compete with other authorized distributors for the business of individual members. Below is a summary of these agreements:

GPO	Year of Renewal	Term	Sales to Members as a % of Consolidated Net Revenue in 2015
Novation	2012	5 years*	32%
MedAssets	2013	3 years	26%
Premier	2013	3 years*	23%
HPG	2013	5 years	11%

\* Agreement also includes two one-year renewal options after the initial term

We have our own independent relationships with most of our hospital customers through separate contractual commitments that may or may not be based upon the terms of our agreement with the GPO. As a result, the termination or expiration of an agreement with a particular GPO would not necessarily mean that we would lose the members of such GPO as our customers. In 2015, Novation became part of Vizient which is expected to acquire MedAssets in early 2016. We do not expect this transaction to have a significant impact on our operations in 2016. Our supplier and manufacturer customers represent the largest and most influential healthcare manufacturers in the industry. We have long-term relationships with these important companies in the healthcare supply chain and have long provided traditional distribution services to them. We currently have relationships with approximately 1,300 supplier and manufacturer customers. In the Domestic segment, sales of products supplied by subsidiaries of Covidien

Ltd. accounted for approximately 14% of our consolidated net revenue for 2015. Sales of products supplied by Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems, Inc. were approximately 10% of our consolidated net revenue for 2015.



In Europe, we serve a diverse customer base of approximately 600 manufacturer clients, including pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device manufacturers.

#### Asset Management

In the healthcare supply distribution industry, a significant investment in inventory and accounts receivable is required to meet the rapid delivery requirements of customers and provide high-quality service. As a result, efficient asset management is essential to our profitability. We continually work to refine our processes to optimize inventory and collect accounts receivable.

#### Inventory

We are focused in our efforts to optimize inventory and continually consolidate products and collaborate with supply-chain partners on inventory productivity initiatives. When we convert large-scale, multi-state IHN customers to our distribution network, an additional investment in inventory in advance of expected sales is generally required. We actively monitor inventory for obsolescence and use inventory turnover and other operational metrics to measure our performance in managing inventory.

#### Accounts Receivable

In the normal course of business, we provide credit to our domestic and European customers and use credit management techniques to evaluate customers' creditworthiness and facilitate collection. These techniques may include performing initial and ongoing credit evaluations of customers based primarily on financial information provided by them and from sources available to the general public. We also use third-party information from sources such as credit reporting agencies, banks and other credit references. We actively manage our accounts receivable to minimize credit risk, days sales outstanding (DSO) and accounts receivable carrying costs. Our ability to accurately invoice and ship product to customers enhances our collection results and drives our positive DSO performance. We also have arrangements with certain customers under which they make deposits on account, either because they do not meet our standards for creditworthiness or in order to obtain more favorable pricing.

#### Competition

The medical/surgical supply distribution and healthcare logistics industries are highly competitive in the United States and Europe. The U.S. sector includes Owens & Minor, Inc., as well as two major nationwide manufacturers who also provide distribution services, Cardinal Health, Inc. and privately-held Medline, Inc. In addition, we compete with a number of regional and local distributors and customer self-distribution models. Major logistics competitors serving healthcare manufacturers in the United States and in Europe include United Parcel Service, FedEx Corporation, Deutsche Post DHL and Alloga, as well as local competitors in specific countries.

#### Regulation

The medical/surgical supply distribution and healthcare logistics industries in the United States are subject to regulation by federal, state and local government agencies. Each of our distribution centers is licensed to distribute medical and surgical supplies, as well as certain pharmaceutical and related products, and each of our kitting facilities is licensed to perform kit assembly operations. We must comply with laws and regulations, including those governing operations, storage, transportation, safety and security standards for each of our distribution centers and kitting facilities, of the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Homeland Security, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and state boards of pharmacy, or similar state licensing boards and regulatory agencies. We are also subject to various federal and state laws intended to protect the privacy of health or other personal information and to prevent healthcare fraud and abuse. We believe we are in material compliance with all statutes and regulations applicable to our operations, including the Healthcare Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Medicare and Medicaid, as well as applicable general employment and employee health and safety laws and regulations.

Our International business is subject to local, country and European-wide regulations, including those promulgated by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the Medical Devices Directive. In addition, quality requirements are imposed by healthcare industry manufacturers which audit our operations on a regular basis. Each of our logistics centers in Europe is licensed to distribute medicinal, medical and surgical supplies, as well as certain pharmaceutical and related products, according to the country-specific requirements. Our logistics centers in Europe are able to store ambient, cold-chain or deep frozen products, are licensed to distribute narcotic products and pharmaceutical products included in clinical trials and are licensed for secondary packaging activities for medicinal products. Movianto is also ISO 9001:2008 certified across the entire enterprise. Our Ireland-based kitting facility is licensed to assemble kits and sell them in the markets we serve and operates in compliance with the requirements of ISO 9001:2008 and ISO/EU 13485:2012 standards. We believe we are in material compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations, as well as prevailing industry best practices, in the conduct of our European business operations.

#### Employees

At the end of 2015, we employed approximately 5,800 full- and part-time teammates in the Domestic segment and 2,300 in the International segment. Most of our International teammates are covered by collective bargaining agreements. Ongoing teammate training is critical to performance and we use Owens & Minor University®, an in-house training facility, to offer classes in leadership, management development, finance, operations, safety and sales. We continue to have positive relationships with teammates and European works councils.

#### Available Information

We make our Forms 10-K, Forms 10-Q and Forms 8-K (and all amendments to these reports) available free of charge through the SEC Filings link in the Investor Relations content section on our website located at [www.owens-minor.com](http://www.owens-minor.com) as soon as reasonably practicable after they are filed with or furnished to the SEC.

Information included on our website is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

You may read and copy any materials we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding the company (<http://www.sec.gov>).

Additionally, we have adopted a written Code of Honor that applies to all of our directors, officers and teammates, including our principal executive officer and senior financial officers. This Code of Honor (including any amendments to or waivers of a provision thereof) and our Corporate Governance Guidelines are available on our website at [www.owens-minor.com](http://www.owens-minor.com).

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

Set forth below are certain risk factors that we currently believe could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and prospects. These risk factors are in addition to those mentioned in other parts of this report and are not all of the risks that we face. We could also be affected by risks that we currently are not aware of or that we currently do not consider material to our business.

##### Competition

The medical/surgical supply distribution industry in the United States is highly competitive and characterized by intense pricing pressure. We compete with other national distributors and a number of regional and local distributors, as well as customer self-distribution models and, to a lesser extent, certain third-party logistics companies.

Competitive factors within the medical/surgical supply distribution industry include market pricing, total delivered product cost, product availability, the ability to fill and invoice orders accurately, delivery time, range of services provided, efficient product sourcing, inventory management, information technology, electronic commerce capabilities, and the ability to meet customer-specific requirements. Our success is dependent on the ability to compete on the above factors, while managing internal costs and expenses. These competitive pressures could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

In addition, in recent years, the healthcare industry in the United States has experienced and continues to experience significant consolidation in response to cost containment legislation and general market pressures to reduce costs. This consolidation of our customers and suppliers generally gives them greater bargaining power to reduce the pricing

available to them, which may adversely impact our results of operations and financial condition.

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The healthcare third-party logistics business in both the United States and Europe also is characterized by intense competition from a number of international, regional and local companies, including large conventional logistics companies and internet based non-traditional competitors that are moving into the healthcare and pharmaceutical distribution business. This competitive market places continuous pricing pressure on us from customers and manufacturers that could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition if we are unable to continue to increase our revenues and to offset margin reductions caused by pricing pressures through cost control measures.

#### Dependence on Group Purchasing Organizations and Significant Healthcare Provider Customers

In 2015, our top ten customers in the United States represented approximately 29% of our consolidated net revenue. In addition, in 2015, approximately 81% of our consolidated net revenue was from sales to member hospitals under contract with our largest group purchasing organizations (GPO): Novation, MedAssets and Premier. We could lose a significant healthcare provider customer or GPO relationship if an existing contract expires without being replaced or is terminated by the customer or GPO prior to its expiration. Although the termination of our relationship with a given GPO would not necessarily result in the loss of all of the member hospitals as customers, any such termination of a GPO relationship, or a significant individual healthcare provider customer relationship, could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

#### Dependence on Significant Domestic Suppliers

In the United States, we distribute products from nearly 1,300 suppliers and are dependent on these suppliers for the continuing supply of products. In 2015, sales of products of our ten largest domestic suppliers accounted for approximately 57% of consolidated net revenue. We rely on suppliers to provide agreeable purchasing and delivery terms and performance incentives. Our ability to sustain adequate operating earnings has been, and will continue to be, partially dependent upon our ability to obtain favorable terms and incentives from suppliers, as well as suppliers continuing use of third-party distributors to sell and deliver their products. A change in terms by a significant supplier, or the decision of such a supplier to distribute its products directly to healthcare providers rather than through third-party distributors, could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

#### Integration of Acquisitions

In connection with our growth strategy, we from time to time acquire other businesses that we believe will expand or complement our existing businesses and operations. The integration of acquisitions involves a number of significant risks, which may include but are not limited to, the following:

- Expenses and difficulties in the transition and integration of operations and systems;
- Retention of current customers and the ability to obtain new customers;
- The assimilation and retention of personnel, including management personnel, in the acquired businesses;
- Accounting, tax, regulatory and compliance issues that could arise;
- Difficulties in implementing uniform controls, procedures and policies in our acquired companies, or in remediating control deficiencies in acquired companies not formerly subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002;
- Unanticipated expenses incurred or charges to earnings based on unknown circumstances or liabilities;
- Failure to realize the synergies and other benefits we expect from the acquisition at the pace we anticipate;
- General economic conditions in the markets in which the acquired businesses operate; and
- Difficulties encountered in conducting business in markets where we have limited experience and expertise.

If we are unable to successfully complete and integrate our strategic acquisitions in a timely manner, our business, growth strategies and results of operations could be adversely affected.

#### International Operations

Operations outside the United States involve issues and risks, including but not limited to the following, any of which could have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations:

- Lack of familiarity with and expertise in conducting business in foreign markets;
- Foreign currency fluctuations and exchange risk;
- Unexpected changes in foreign regulations or conditions relating to labor, economic or political environment, and social norms or requirements;
- Adverse tax consequences and difficulties in repatriating cash generated or held abroad;
- Local economic environments, such as in the European markets served by Movianto and ArcRoyal, including recession, inflation, indebtedness, currency volatility and competition; and



Changes in trade protection laws and other laws affecting trade and investment, including import/export regulations in both the United States and foreign countries.

International operations are also subject to risks of violation of laws that prohibit improper payments to and bribery of government officials and other individuals and organizations. These laws include the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the U.K. Bribery Act and other similar laws and regulations in foreign jurisdictions, any violation of which could result in substantial liability and a loss of reputation in the marketplace. Failure to comply with these laws also could subject us to civil and criminal penalties that could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

#### Changes in the Healthcare Environment in the United States

We, along with our customers and suppliers, are subject to extensive federal and state regulations relating to healthcare as well as the policies and practices of the private healthcare insurance industry. In recent years, there have been a number of government and private initiatives to reduce healthcare costs and government spending. These changes have included an increased reliance on managed care; reductions in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement levels; consolidation of competitors, suppliers and customers; a shift in healthcare provider venues from acute care settings to clinics, physician offices and home care; and the development of larger, more sophisticated purchasing groups. All of these changes place additional financial pressure on healthcare provider customers, who in turn seek to reduce the costs and pricing of products and services provided by us. We expect the healthcare industry to continue to change significantly and these potential changes, which may include a reduction in government support of healthcare services, adverse changes in legislation or regulations, and further reductions in healthcare reimbursement practices, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The Affordable Care Act, enacted in 2010 includes, among other things, provisions for expanded Medicaid eligibility and access to healthcare insurance as well as increased taxes and fees on certain corporations and medical products. The provisions of the Affordable Care Act will not be fully implemented until 2018 and, although there is no way to predict the full impact of the law on the healthcare industry and our operations, its implementation may have an adverse effect on both customer purchasing and payment behavior and supplier product prices and terms of sale, all of which could adversely affect our results of operations.

#### Regulatory Requirements

We must comply with numerous laws and regulations in the United States, Europe, Asia and other countries where we operate. We also are required to hold permits and licenses and to comply with the operational and security standards of various governmental bodies and agencies. Any failure to comply with these laws and regulations or any failure to maintain the necessary permits, licenses or approvals, or to comply with the required standards, could disrupt our operations and/or adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. In addition, we are subject to various federal and state laws intended to prevent healthcare fraud and abuse. The requirements of these fraud and abuse laws are complicated and subject to interpretation and may be applied by a regulator, prosecutor or judge in a manner that could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. Additionally, our business relies on the secure transmission and storage of sensitive information relating to our customers, company and workforce, and, in certain instances, patient-identifiable health information. We are subject to state, federal and foreign laws that regulate the confidentiality of such information, how that information may be used, and the circumstances under which such information may be released. Regulations currently in place, including regulations governing electronic health data transmissions, continue to evolve and are often unclear and difficult to apply. Our failure to maintain the confidentiality of information in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements could expose us to claims, damages, fines and penalties and/or costs for remediation and, as a result, have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

#### Recalls and Product Liability Claims

Certain of the products that we sell and distribute are sourced and sold under one or more private labels or are assembled by us into custom trays and minor procedure kits. If these products do not function as designed, are inappropriately designed or are not properly produced, we may have to withdraw such products from the market and/or be subject to product liability claims. Although we maintain insurance against product liability and defense costs in amounts believed to be reasonable, there is no assurance that we can successfully defend any such claims or

that the insurance we carry will be sufficient. A successful claim against us in excess of insurance coverage could have a material adverse impact on our business and results of operations.

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#### General Economic Climate

Poor or deteriorating economic conditions in the United States and the other countries in which we conduct business could adversely affect the demand for healthcare services and consequently, the demand for our products and services. Poor economic conditions also could lead our suppliers to offer less favorable terms of purchase to distributors, which would negatively affect our profitability. These and other possible consequences of financial and economic decline could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

#### Bankruptcy, Insolvency or other Credit Failure of Customers

We provide credit in the normal course of business to customers. We perform initial and ongoing credit evaluations of customers and maintain reserves for credit losses. The bankruptcy, insolvency or other credit failure of one or more customers with substantial balances due to us could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

#### Reliance on Information Systems and Technological Advancement

We rely on information systems to receive, process, analyze and manage data in distributing thousands of inventory items to customers from numerous distribution and logistics centers. These systems are also relied upon for billings to and collections from customers, as well as the purchase of and payment for inventory and related transactions from our suppliers. In addition, the success of our long-term growth strategy is dependent upon the ability to continually monitor and upgrade our information systems to provide better service to customers. Our business and results of operations may be materially adversely affected if systems are interrupted or damaged by unforeseen events (including cyber attacks) or fail to operate for an extended period of time, or if we fail to appropriately enhance our systems to support growth and strategic initiatives.

#### Changes in Tax Laws

We operate throughout the United States and Europe as well as in China. As a result, we are subjected to the tax laws and regulations of the United States federal, state and local governments and of various foreign jurisdictions. From time to time, legislative and regulatory initiatives are proposed, including but not limited to proposals to repeal LIFO (last-in, first-out) treatment of domestic inventory or changes in tax accounting methods for inventory or other tax items, that could adversely affect our tax positions, tax rate or cash payments for taxes.

#### Disruption of our Distribution Network

Damage or disruption to our distribution capabilities due to weather, natural disaster, fire, terrorism, pandemic, strikes, the financial and/or operational instability of key suppliers, geo-political events or other reasons could impair our ability to distribute our products and conduct our business. To the extent that we are unable, or it is not financially feasible, to mitigate the likelihood or potential impact of such events, or to manage effectively such events if they occur, there could be a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

#### Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

#### Item 2. Properties

Our Domestic segment had 42 distribution centers as well as office and warehouse space across the United States as of December 31, 2015. We lease all of the centers from unaffiliated third parties with the exception of one location which we own. We also lease offices in China and Malaysia as well as small offices for sales and consulting personnel across the United States. In addition, we have a warehousing arrangement in Honolulu, Hawaii, with an unaffiliated third party, and lease space on a temporary basis from time to time to meet our inventory storage needs. We also operate two kitting facilities in our Domestic segment, one of which is owned and the other is subject to a capital lease. We own an office building in Brentwood, New York which is held for sale as of December 31, 2015. We also own our corporate headquarters building, and adjacent acreage, in Mechanicsville, Virginia, a suburb of Richmond, Virginia.

Our International segment properties span 11 European countries and include 22 logistics centers (19 leased and three owned) and one kitting facility that is owned. We also operate seven transport depots, of which we lease six and own one. We also lease office space in Bedford, UK.





We regularly assess our business needs and make changes to the capacity and location of distribution and logistics centers. We believe that our facilities are adequate to carry on our business as currently conducted. A number of leases are scheduled to terminate within the next several years. We believe that, if necessary, we could find facilities to replace these leased premises without suffering a material adverse effect on our business.

#### Item 3. Legal Proceedings

We are subject to various legal actions that are ordinary and incidental to our business, including contract disputes, employment, workers' compensation, product liability, regulatory and other matters. We establish reserves from time to time based upon periodic assessment of the potential outcomes of pending matters. In addition, we believe that any potential liability arising from employment, product liability, workers' compensation and other personal injury litigation matters would be adequately covered by our insurance coverage, subject to policy limits, applicable deductibles and insurer solvency. While the outcome of legal actions cannot be predicted with certainty, we believe, based on current knowledge and the advice of counsel, that the outcome of these currently pending matters, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

## Part II

#### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

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

Owens & Minor, Inc.'s common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol OMI. As of February 18, 2016, there were approximately 3,280 common shareholders of record. We believe there are an estimated additional 37,720 beneficial holders of our common stock. See Selected Quarterly Financial Information in Item 15 of this report for high and low closing sales prices of our common stock and quarterly cash dividends per common share and Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, for a discussion of our dividend payments.

#### 5-Year Total Shareholder Return

The following performance graph compares the performance of our common stock to the Standard & Poor's Composite- 500 Index (S&P 500 Index) and the Standard & Poor's Composite-500 Healthcare Index (S&P 500 Healthcare Index), an independently prepared index that includes more than 50 companies in the healthcare industry. This graph assumes that the value of the investment in the common stock and each index was \$100 on December 31, 2010, and that all dividends were reinvested.

Company Name / Index	Base Period	Years Ended				
	12/2010	12/2011	12/2012	12/2013	12/2014	12/2015
Owens & Minor, Inc.	\$ 100.00	\$ 96.99	\$ 102.57	\$ 135.30	\$ 133.75	\$ 141.14
S&P 500 Index	100.00	102.11	118.45	156.82	178.29	180.75
S&P 500 Healthcare	100.00	112.73	132.90	188.00	235.63	251.87

Share Repurchase Program. In February 2014, our Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program of up to \$100 million of our outstanding common stock to be executed at the discretion of management over a three-year period, expiring in February 2017. The program is intended to offset shares issued in conjunction with our stock incentive plan and return capital to shareholders. The program may be suspended or discontinued at any time.

Purchases under the share repurchase program are made either pursuant to 10b5-1 plans entered into by the company from time to time and/or during the company's scheduled quarterly trading windows for officers and directors. During the year ended December 31, 2015, we repurchased in open-market transactions and retired approximately 0.6 million shares at an average price per share of \$34.04.

The following table summarizes share repurchase activity by month during the fourth quarter of 2015.

Period	Total number of shares purchased	Average price paid per share	Total number of shares purchased as part of a publicly announced program	Maximum dollar value of shares that may yet be purchased under the program
October	51,431	\$ 33.86	51,431	\$ 72,436,914
November	—	\$ —	—	\$ 72,436,914
December	66,837	\$ 36.44	66,837	\$ 70,000,063
Total	118,268		118,268	

Item 6. Selected Consolidated Financial Data  
(in thousands, except ratios and per share data)

	At or for the years ended December 31,					
	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2014 <sup>(2)</sup>	2013 <sup>(3)</sup>	2012 <sup>(4)</sup>	2011 <sup>(5)</sup>	
<b>Summary of Operations:</b>						
Net revenue	\$9,772,946	\$9,440,182	\$9,071,532	\$8,868,324	\$8,627,912	
Net income	\$103,409	\$66,503	\$110,882	\$109,003	\$115,198	
<b>Per Common Share:</b>						
Net income per share—basic	\$1.65	\$1.06	\$1.76	\$1.72	\$1.82	
Net income per share—diluted	\$1.65	\$1.06	\$1.76	\$1.72	\$1.81	
Cash dividends	\$1.01	\$1.00	\$0.96	\$0.88	\$0.80	
Stock price at year end	\$35.98	\$35.11	\$36.56	\$28.51	\$27.79	
<b>Summary of Financial Position:</b>						
Total assets	\$2,777,840	\$2,735,406	\$2,324,042	\$2,214,398	\$1,946,815	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$161,020	\$56,772	\$101,905	\$97,888	\$135,938	
Total debt	\$577,585	\$613,809	\$216,243	\$217,591	\$214,556	
Total Owens & Minor, Inc. shareholders' equity	\$992,590	\$990,838	\$1,023,913	\$972,526	\$918,087	
<b>Selected Ratios:</b>						
Gross margin as a percent of revenue	12.43	% 12.39	% 12.31	% 10.43	% 9.94	%
Selling, general, and administrative expenses as a percent of revenue	9.55	% 9.82	% 9.52	% 7.70	% 7.08	%
Operating earnings as a percent of revenue	2.05	% 1.69	% 2.18	% 2.22	% 2.36	%
Days sales outstanding (DSO) <sup>(6)</sup>	21.0	22.1	22.1	20.8	20.7	
Average annual inventory turnover <sup>(7)</sup>	9.4	10.1	10.4	10.1	10.2	

<sup>(1)</sup> We incurred charges of \$28.4 million (\$23.4 million after tax, or \$0.37 per diluted common share) associated with acquisition-related and exit and realignment activities in 2015. We also recognized a gain of \$1.5 million (\$1.5 million after tax, or \$0.02 per diluted common share) associated with the partial recovery of a 2014 contract claim settlement. See Notes 3 and 9 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

<sup>(2)</sup> We incurred charges of \$42.8 million (\$35.3 million after tax, or \$0.56 per common share) associated with acquisition-related and exit and realignment activities in 2014, a loss on estimated contract claim settlement of \$3.9 million (\$3.9 million after tax, or \$0.06 per common share), a net gain of \$3.7 million (\$4.7 million after tax, or \$0.07 per common share) associated with fair value adjustments related to purchase accounting, and a loss on early retirement of debt of \$14.9 million (\$9.1 million after tax or \$0.14 per common share). See Notes 3 and 9 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

<sup>(3)</sup> We incurred charges of \$12.4 million (\$8.9 million after tax, or \$0.14 per common share) associated with acquisition-related and exit and realignment activities in 2013. See Notes 3 and 9 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

<sup>(4)</sup> We incurred charges of \$10.2 million (\$8.2 million after tax, or \$0.13 per common share) associated with acquisition-related and exit and realignment activities in 2012.

<sup>(5)</sup> We incurred charges of \$13.2 million (\$8.0 million after tax, or \$0.13 per common share) associated with acquisition-related and exit and realignment activities in 2011.

- (6) Based on year end accounts receivable and net revenue for the fourth quarter of the year.
- (7) Based on average annual inventory and cost of goods sold for the respective year.

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

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is intended to assist the reader in the understanding and assessment of significant changes and trends related to the results of operations of the Company together with its subsidiaries. The discussion and analysis presented below refers to, and should be read in conjunction with, the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in Item 8 of Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## Overview

Owens & Minor, Inc., along with its subsidiaries, (we, us, or our) is a leading global healthcare services company. We report our business under two segments: Domestic and International. The Domestic segment includes all functions relating to our role as a medical supply logistics company providing distribution, kitting and logistics services to healthcare providers and manufacturers in the United States. The International segment consists of our European third-party logistics and kitting businesses. Segment financial information is provided in Note 20 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in this annual report.

## Financial Highlights.

The following table provides a reconciliation of reported operating earnings, net income and diluted net income per common share to non-GAAP measures used by management:

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	For the years ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
Operating earnings, as reported (GAAP)	\$200,359	\$159,536	\$198,083
Acquisition-related and exit and realignment charges <sup>(1)</sup>	28,404	42,801	12,444
Fair value adjustments related to purchase accounting <sup>(2)</sup>	—	(3,706 )	—
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	(1,500 )	3,907	—
Operating earnings, adjusted (non-GAAP) (Adjusted Operated Earnings)	\$227,263	\$202,538	\$210,527
Adjusted Operating Earnings as a percent of revenue (non-GAAP)	2.33	% 2.15	% 2.32
Net income as reported (GAAP)	\$103,409	\$66,503	\$110,882
Acquisition-related and exit and realignment charges, net of tax <sup>(1)</sup>	23,401	35,302	8,856
Fair value adjustments related to purchase accounting, net of tax <sup>(2)</sup>	—	(4,703 )	—
Other, net of tax <sup>(3)</sup>	(1,500 )	3,907	—
Loss on early retirement of debt, net of tax <sup>(4)</sup>	—	9,092	—
Net income, adjusted (non-GAAP) (Adjusted Net Income)	\$125,310	\$110,101	\$119,738
Net income per diluted common share, as reported (GAAP)	\$1.65	\$1.06	\$1.76
Acquisition-related and exit and realignment charges, net of tax <sup>(1)</sup>	0.37	0.56	0.14
Fair value adjustments related to purchase accounting, net of tax <sup>(2)</sup>	—	(0.07 )	—
Other, net of tax <sup>(3)</sup>	(0.02 )	0.06	—
Loss on early retirement of debt, net of tax <sup>(4)</sup>	—	0.14	—
Net income per diluted common share, adjusted (non-GAAP) (Adjusted EPS)	\$2.00	\$1.76	\$1.90

Adjusted EPS increased to \$2.00 in 2015 from \$1.76 in 2014 primarily due to an increase in Adjusted Operating Earnings of \$24.7 million, reflecting year over year improvements in both segments. Domestic segment operating earnings were \$223.4 million for 2015, an increase of \$14.1 million when compared to the prior year. This increase resulted primarily from revenue growth, benefits from manufacturer product price changes, contributions from Medical Action, expense control initiatives and lower fuel costs. International segment results improved \$10.6 million in the current year to operating earnings of \$3.9 million compared to a loss of \$6.7 million in 2014. Improvement in International results is attributed to measures taken throughout the year to streamline and reposition the business, improve operational efficiency and reduce expenses.



### Use of Non-GAAP Measures

Adjusted operating earnings, adjusted net income and adjusted EPS are an alternative view of performance used by management, and we believe that investors' understanding of our performance is enhanced by disclosing these performance measures. In general, the measures exclude items and charges that (i) management does not believe reflect our core business and relate more to strategic, multi-year corporate activities; or (ii) relate to activities or actions that may have occurred over multiple or in prior periods without predictable trends. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures internally to evaluate our performance, evaluate the balance sheet, engage in financial and operational planning and determine incentive compensation.

Management provides these non-GAAP financial measures to investors as supplemental metrics to assist readers in assessing the effects of items and events on our financial and operating results and in comparing our performance to that of our competitors. However, the non-GAAP financial measures used by us may be calculated differently from, and therefore may not be comparable to, similarly titled measures used by other companies.

The non-GAAP financial measures disclosed by us should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP, and the financial results calculated in accordance with GAAP and reconciliations to those financial statements set forth above should be carefully evaluated.

The following items have been excluded in our non-GAAP financial measures:

- (1) Acquisition-related charges, pre-tax, were \$9.8 million in 2015, \$16.1 million in 2014 and \$3.5 million in 2013. Current year charges consist primarily of costs to continue the integration of Medical Action and ArcRoyal, which were acquired in the fourth quarter of 2014, including certain severance and contractual payments to the former owner and costs to transition information technology and other administrative functions. Prior year charges consisted primarily of transaction costs incurred to perform due diligence and analysis related to these acquisitions, as well as costs to resolve certain contingencies with the former owner of Movianto. Charges in 2013 included costs to transition the information technology and other operations and administrative functions of Movianto from the former owner. Exit and realignment charges (income), pre-tax, were \$18.6 million in 2015, \$26.7 million in 2014 and \$8.9 million in 2013. These charges were associated with optimizing our operations and include the closure and consolidation of certain distribution and logistics centers, administrative offices and warehouses in the United States and Europe. These charges also include other costs associated with our strategic organizational realignment which include management changes, certain professional fees, and costs to streamline administrative functions and processes. Further information regarding these items is included in Note 9 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. We expect charges of approximately \$20.0 million in 2016 for activities to be taken in the Domestic and International segments.
- (2) The fourth quarter of 2014 included a gain of \$6.7 million (pretax) recorded in other operating income, net from a fair value adjustment to contingent consideration related to the 2012 Movianto acquisition purchase price, offset by the incremental charge to cost of goods sold of \$3.0 million (pretax) from purchase accounting impacts related to the sale of acquired inventory that was written up to fair value in connection with the 2014 acquisitions.
- (3) The fourth quarter of 2015 included an insurance recovery of \$1.5 million related to a contract settlement in the United Kingdom for which \$3.9 million was expensed in 2014. Both the 2015 recovery and the 2014 settlement expense were recorded in other operating income, net.
- (4) In 2014, we repaid our 2016 Notes and recorded a net loss on the early retirement of \$14.9 million (pretax), which includes the redemption premium offset by the recognition of a gain on previously settled interest rate swaps. These charges have been tax effected in the preceding table by determining the income tax rate depending on the amount of charges incurred in different tax jurisdictions and the deductibility of those charges for income tax purposes. More information about these charges is provided in Notes 3, 9 and 10 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in this annual report.





Results of Operations  
2015 compared to 2014

Net revenue.	For the years ended		Change		
	December 31,				
(Dollars in thousands)	2015	2014	\$	%	
Domestic	\$9,356,140	\$8,951,852	\$404,288	4.5	%
International	416,806	488,330	(71,524)	(14.6)	)%
Net revenue	\$9,772,946	\$9,440,182	\$332,764	3.5	%

Consolidated net revenue improved in the year ended December 31, 2015 as a result of growth in our Domestic segment. The continued trend of growth in our existing large healthcare provider customer accounts and new business exceeded declines from smaller customers and lost business when compared to prior year. Domestic segment growth rates are impacted by ongoing market trends including healthcare utilization rates. Domestic revenues in 2015 also benefitted from a full year of activity from the 2014 acquisition of Medical Action which accounted for 1.5% of the year over year growth. The decrease in the International segment was largely driven by unfavorable foreign currency translation impacts of \$52.5 million in 2015. On a constant currency basis, excluding the full year impact of the 2014 acquisition of ArcRoyal, and the late 2014 transition of a customer from a buy/sell to a fee-for-service arrangement, International segment revenues declined approximately 3.5% for the year ended December 31, 2015, compared to prior year. This decline was largely a result of the previously announced exit from a U.K. customer contract, as well as other lost business. Fee-for-service business generally represents approximately two-thirds of net revenue in the International segment.

Cost of goods sold.	For the years ended		Change		
	December 31,				
(Dollars in thousands)	2015	2014	\$	%	
Cost of goods sold	\$8,558,373	\$8,270,216	\$288,157	3.5	%

Cost of goods sold includes the cost of the product (net of supplier incentives and cash discounts) and all costs incurred for shipments of products from manufacturers to our distribution centers for all customer arrangements where we are the primary obligor, bear risk of general and physical inventory loss and carry all credit risk associated with sales. These are sometimes referred to as distribution or buy/sell contracts. Beginning in the fourth quarter of 2014, cost of goods sold also includes direct and certain indirect labor, material and overhead costs associated with our kitting operations. There is no cost of goods sold associated with our fee-for-service business. As a result of the increase in sales activity through our distribution and kitting businesses, cost of goods sold increased from the prior year by \$288.2 million.

Gross margin.	For the years ended		Change		
	December 31,				
(Dollars in thousands)	2015	2014	\$	%	
Gross margin	\$1,214,573	\$1,169,966	\$44,607	3.8	%
As a % of net revenue	12.43	% 12.39	%		

The improvement in gross margin for the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to the prior year was largely attributable to revenue growth in the Domestic segment as described above, as well as higher benefits from certain manufacturer product price changes compared to prior year. International gross margin was unfavorably impacted by \$40.6 million from foreign currency translation. Excluding this impact, the International segment gross margin improved 3.1% compared to prior year, largely from the 2014 acquisition of ArcRoyal.

We value Domestic segment inventory under the LIFO method. Had inventory been valued under the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method, gross margin as a percentage of net revenue would have been the same in 2015 and higher by 8 basis points in 2014.

Operating expenses. (Dollars in thousands)	For the years ended December 31,		Change		
	2015	2014	\$	%	
SG&A expenses	\$933,596	\$926,977	\$6,619	0.7	%
As a % of net revenue	9.55	% 9.82			%
Depreciation and amortization	\$60,187	\$57,125	\$3,062	5.4	%
Other operating income, net	\$(7,973 )	\$(16,473 )	\$8,500	(51.6	)%

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses include labor and warehousing costs associated with our distribution and logistics services and all costs associated with our fee-for-service arrangements. Shipping and handling costs are included in SG&A expenses and include costs to store, to move, and to prepare products for shipment, as well as costs to deliver products to customers. The costs to convert new customers to our information systems are generally incurred prior to the recognition of revenues from the new customers.

The change in SG&A expenses compared to the prior year was largely attributable to increased expenses associated with incremental sales activity in the Domestic segment, higher accrued incentive compensation and full year impacts from the late 2014 acquisitions in both segments. These impacts were largely offset by benefits from cost control initiatives, lower fuel costs compared to prior year and favorable foreign currency translation impacts of \$37.6 million, all of which contributed to a 27 basis point reduction in SG&A expenses as a percentage of net revenue compared to 2014. The Domestic segment also incurred \$3.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 in costs associated with the recruitment and transition of our new chief executive officer.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased in 2015 as a result of incurring a full year of amortization on intangible assets associated with the 2014 acquisitions. In connection with our kitting operations, approximately \$1.3 million in depreciation for 2015 and \$0.3 million for 2014 was also included in cost of goods sold. Additional amortization of \$4.5 million for 2015 and \$6.0 million for 2014 related to the accelerated amortization of an information system which has been replaced in the International segment is included in acquisition-related and exit and realignment charges.

The decrease in other operating income, net for the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to 2014 was primarily related to 1) the prior year benefit of \$5.3 million from the settlement of a direct purchaser anti-trust class action lawsuit, as well as a gain on the sale of an investment, 2) the prior year gain of \$6.7 million from a fair value adjustment to contingent consideration related to the Movianto acquisition purchase price, offset by 3) a prior year loss of \$3.9 million related to the settlement of a contract claim in the United Kingdom, of which \$1.5 million was recovered through insurance in 2015 and 4) an increase in 2015 of expenses associated with on-going legal matters. A discussion of the acquisition-related and exit and realignment charges is included above in the Overview section.

Interest expense, net. (Dollars in thousands)	For the years ended December 31,		Change		
	2015	2014	\$	%	
Interest expense, net	\$27,149	\$18,163	\$8,986	49.5	%
Effective interest rate	4.78	% 5.38			%

The changes in interest expense and effective interest rate in the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to 2014 was the result of the new Senior Notes issued on September 16, 2014.

Income taxes. (Dollars in thousands)	For the years ended December 31,		Change		
	2015	2014	\$	%	
Income tax provision	\$69,801	\$59,980	\$9,821	16.4	%
Effective tax rate	40.3	% 47.4			%

The change in the effective tax rate compared to 2014, including income taxes on acquisition-related and exit and realignment charges, resulted from a higher percentage of the company's pretax income earned in lower tax rate jurisdictions compared to prior year and the deductibility of certain acquisition-related charges for income tax purposes.



2014 compared to 2013

Net revenue.	For the years ended		Change		
	December 31,				
(Dollars in thousands)	2014	2013	\$	%	%
Domestic	\$8,951,852	\$8,688,018	\$263,834	3.0	%
International	488,330	383,514	104,816	27.3	%
Net revenue	\$9,440,182	\$9,071,532	\$368,650	4.1	%

Consolidated net revenue improved in our two segments for the year ended December 31, 2014 compared to 2013. Excluding the impact of the fourth quarter 2014 acquisitions, net revenue increased by 2.6% and 25.5% in our Domestic and International segments, respectively. In the Domestic segment, the continued trend of growth in our existing large healthcare provider customer accounts and new business exceeded declines from smaller customers when compared to 2013. Domestic segment growth rates are impacted by ongoing market trends including healthcare utilization rates. The increases in the International segment were a result of new buy/sell contracts and growth in fee-for-service business as well as positive impacts from foreign exchange. Fee-for-service business generally represents approximately two-thirds of net revenue in the International segment.

Cost of goods sold.	For the years ended		Change		
	December 31,				
(Dollars in thousands)	2014	2013	\$	%	%
Cost of goods sold	\$8,270,216	\$7,954,457	\$315,759	4.0	%

Cost of goods sold includes the cost of the product (net of supplier incentives and cash discounts) and all costs incurred for shipments of products from manufacturers to our distribution centers for all customer arrangements where we are the primary obligor, bear the risk of general and physical inventory loss and carry all credit risk associated with sales. These are sometimes referred to as distribution or buy/sell contracts. Beginning in the fourth quarter of 2014, cost of goods sold also includes direct and certain indirect labor, material and overhead costs associated with our acquired kitting operations. There is no cost of goods sold associated with our fee-for-service business. As a result of the increase in distribution sales activity and fourth quarter 2014 sales activity associated with the acquisitions (which includes the incremental charge to cost of goods sold of \$3.0 million from purchase accounting impacts related to the sale of acquired inventory that was written up to fair value), cost of goods sold increased \$315.8 million from 2013. See the gross margin discussion below for additional factors impacting cost of goods sold.

Gross margin.	For the years ended		Change		
	December 31,				
(Dollars in thousands)	2014	2013	\$	%	%
Gross margin	\$1,169,966	\$1,117,075	\$52,891	4.7	%
As a % of net revenue	12.39	% 12.31	%		

The growth in fee-for-service activity drove the overall improvement in gross margin as the International segment showed a \$44.2 million increase over 2013. Domestic segment gross margin for the year benefitted from increased sales volume and the fourth quarter contribution of Medical Action which offset the decline in margins on new and renewed customer contracts in 2014 when compared to 2013.

We value Domestic segment inventory under the LIFO method. Had inventory been valued under the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method, gross margin as a percentage of net revenue would have been higher by 8 basis points in 2014 and lower by 3 basis points in 2013.

Operating expenses.	For the years ended		Change		
	December 31,				
(Dollars in thousands)	2014	2013	\$	%	
SG&A expenses	\$926,977	\$863,656	\$63,321	7.3	%
As a % of net revenue	9.82	% 9.52	%		
Depreciation and amortization	\$57,125	\$50,586	\$6,539	12.9	%
Other operating income, net	\$(16,473 )	\$(7,694 )	\$(8,779 )	114.1	%

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses include labor and warehousing costs associated with our distribution and logistics services and all costs associated with our fee-for-service arrangements. Shipping and handling costs are included in SG&A expenses and include costs to store, move, and prepare products for shipment, as well as costs to deliver products to customers. The costs to convert new customers to our service platform are generally incurred prior to the recognition of revenues from the new customers.

International segment SG&A expenses increased over 2013 by \$44.4 million due mainly to increased salaries and delivery costs associated with higher fee-for-service activity as well as increased costs associated with integrating a significant new customer in the United Kingdom earlier in the year. The Domestic segment also experienced an increase during 2014 as a result of higher accrued incentive compensation, warehouse expense from greater sales activity and higher legal fees compared to 2013. Acquisitions accounted for \$11.3 million of the increase in SG&A from 2013.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased primarily in the International segment due to increases in computer software amortization for assets placed in service and amortization from intangibles associated with purchase price accounting. An additional \$1.6 million in expense is associated with the 2014 acquisitions. In connection with Medical Action and ArcRoyal, approximately \$0.3 million in depreciation expense is also included in cost of goods sold.

The increase in other operating income, net for the year ended December 31, 2014 is attributed primarily to (1) the recovery of \$5.3 million from the settlement of a direct purchaser anti-trust class action lawsuit relating to the recovery of costs from purchases of medical devices over a multi-year period, as well as a gain on the sale of an investment, (2) a gain of \$6.7 million from a fair value adjustment to contingent consideration related to the Movianto acquisition purchase price, offset by (3) a loss of \$3.9 million related to an accrual for the estimated settlement amount of a breach of contract claim in the United Kingdom.

A discussion of the acquisition-related and exit and realignment charges is included above in the Overview section.

Interest expense, net.	For the years ended		Change		
	December 31,				
(Dollars in thousands)	2014	2013	\$	%	
Interest expense, net	\$18,163	\$13,098	\$5,065	38.7	%
Effective interest rate	5.38	% 6.05	%		

The increase in interest expense from the prior year is attributed to the new Senior Notes issued on September 16, 2014 which are more fully described in the Capital resources section and in Note 10 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Income taxes.	For the years ended		Change		
	December 31,				
(Dollars in thousands)	2014	2013	\$	%	
Income tax provision	\$59,980	\$74,103	\$(14,123 )	(19.1	)%
Effective tax rate	47.4	% 40.1	%		

The increase in the effective tax rate, including income taxes on acquisition-related and exit and realignment charges as well as the loss on early retirement of debt, increased from the prior year periods largely due to the impact of foreign taxes and the effect of certain acquisition-related costs which are not deductible for tax purposes.

Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources

Financial condition. We monitor operating working capital through days sales outstanding (DSO) and merchandise inventory turnover. We estimate a hypothetical increase (decrease) in DSO of one day would result in a decrease (increase) in our cash balances, an increase (decrease) in borrowings against our revolving credit facility, or a combination thereof of approximately \$27 million.

The majority of our cash and cash equivalents are held in cash depository accounts with major banks in the United States and Europe or invested in high-quality, short-term liquid investments. Changes in our working capital can vary in the normal course of business based upon the timing of inventory purchases, collection of accounts receivable, and payment to suppliers.

(Dollars in thousands)	December 31,		Change		
	2015	2014	\$	%	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$161,020	\$56,772	\$104,248	183.6	%
Accounts and notes receivable, net of allowances	\$587,935	\$626,192	\$(38,257)	(6.1)	)%
Days sales outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	21.0	22.1			
Merchandise inventories	\$940,775	\$872,457	\$68,318	7.8	%
Inventory turnover <sup>(2)</sup>	9.4	10.1			
Accounts payable	\$710,609	\$608,846	\$101,763	16.7	%

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on year end accounts receivable and net revenue for the fourth quarter

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on average annual inventory and costs of goods sold for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

Liquidity and capital expenditures. The following table summarizes our consolidated statements of cash flows:

(Dollars in thousands)	For the years ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
Net cash provided by (used for):			
Operating activities	\$269,597	\$(3,761)	\$140,554
Investing activities	(36,473)	(317,251)	(57,078)
Financing activities	(124,233)	278,560	(81,980)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(4,643)	(2,681)	2,521
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$104,248	\$(45,133)	\$4,017

Cash provided by operating activities in 2015 reflected higher net income and favorable changes in working capital driven primarily by the timing of vendor payments. Depreciation and amortization in the statements of cash flow includes \$4.5 million in 2015 and \$6.0 million in 2014 in accelerated amortization which is included in acquisition-related and exit and realignment charges in the statements of income related to the change in useful life (from 10 years to 1 year) for an information system which has been replaced in the International segment. Cash used for operating activities in 2014 compared to 2013 reflected unfavorable changes in working capital driven primarily by the timing of vendor payments and increased net working capital needs resulting from strong sales growth. Cash used for investing activities in 2015 reflected capital expenditures of \$36.6 million for our strategic and operational efficiency initiatives, particularly initiatives relating to information technology enhancements and optimizing our distribution network. Cash used for investing activities in 2014 included cash paid for the acquisitions of Medical Action and ArcRoyal of approximately \$261.6 million plus assumed third-party debt (capital lease obligations) of \$13.4 million and capital expenditures of \$70.8 million (compared to \$60.1 million in 2013) primarily related to distribution center and logistics facility moves and modifications and information technology initiatives. Cash used in financing activities in 2015 includes the repayment of \$33.7 million in borrowings on our Amended Credit Agreement. In 2014, cash provided by financing activities reflected proceeds from borrowings of \$581.4 million and the repayment of long-term debt of \$217.4 million. We paid dividends of \$63.7 million, \$63.1 million and \$60.7 million and repurchased common stock under a share repurchase program for \$20.0 million, \$9.9 million and \$18.9 million in the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013.

Capital resources. Our sources of liquidity include cash and cash equivalents and a revolving credit facility. On September 17, 2014, we amended our existing Credit Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Bank of America, N.A. and a syndicate of financial institutions (the Amended Credit Agreement) increasing our borrowing capacity from \$350 million to \$450 million and extending the term through 2019. Under the Amended Credit Agreement, we have the ability to request two one -year extensions and to request an increase in aggregate commitments by up to \$200 million. The interest rate on the Amended Credit Agreement, which is subject to adjustment quarterly, is based on the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), the Federal Funds Rate or the Prime Rate, plus an adjustment based on the better of our debt ratings or leverage ratio (Credit Spread) as defined by the Amended Credit Agreement. We are charged a commitment fee of between 12.5 and 25.0 basis points on the unused portion of the facility. The terms of the Amended Credit Agreement limit the amount of indebtedness that we may incur and require us to maintain ratios for leverage and interest coverage, including on a pro forma basis in the event of an acquisition. We may utilize the revolving credit facility for long-term strategic growth, capital expenditures, working capital and general corporate purposes. If we were unable to access the revolving credit facility, it could impact our ability to fund these needs. Based on our leverage ratio at December 31, 2015, the interest rate under the credit facility is LIBOR plus 1.375%.

At December 31, 2015, we had no borrowings and letters of credit of approximately \$5.0 million outstanding under the Amended Credit Agreement, leaving \$445 million available for borrowing. At December 31, 2014, we had \$33.7 million in borrowings outstanding which was repaid in the first quarter of 2015. We also have a \$1.2 million and a \$1.5 million letter of credit outstanding as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, which supports our facilities leased in Europe.

On September 16, 2014, we issued \$275 million of 3.875% senior notes due 2021 (the “2021 Notes”) and \$275 million of 4.375% senior notes due 2024 (the “2024 Notes”). The 2021 Notes were sold at 99.5% of the principal amount with an effective yield of 3.951%. The 2024 Notes were sold at 99.6% of the principal amount with an effective yield of 4.422%. Interest on the 2021 Notes and 2024 Notes is payable semiannually in arrears, commencing on March 15, 2015 and December 15, 2014, respectively. We have the option to redeem the 2021 Notes and 2024 Notes in part or in whole prior to maturity at a redemption price equal to the greater of 100% of the principal amount or the present value of the remaining scheduled payments discounted at the Treasury Rate plus 30 basis points. We have \$4.1 million of deferred costs associated with the issuance of the 2021 Notes and 2024 Notes which were unamortized as of December 31, 2015.

We used a portion of the proceeds from the 2021 Notes and the 2024 Notes to complete the Medical Action and ArcRoyal acquisitions in the fourth quarter of 2014 for a combined purchase price of \$261.6 million, net of cash acquired, and including debt assumed of \$13.4 million (capitalized lease obligations). We also used a portion of the proceeds in 2014 to fund the early retirement of all of our 2016 Notes, which included the payment of a \$17.4 million redemption premium. We recorded a net loss on the early retirement of our 2016 Notes of \$14.9 million, which includes the redemption premium offset by the recognition of a gain on previously settled interest rate swaps. We paid quarterly cash dividends on our outstanding common stock at the rate of \$0.2525 per share during 2015, \$0.25 per share during 2014, and \$0.24 per share during 2013. Our annual dividend payout ratio for the three years ended December 31, 2015, based on Adjusted EPS, was in the range of 50% to 57%. In February 2016, the Board of Directors approved the first quarter dividend of \$0.255 per common share, an increase of 1.0% compared to 2015. We anticipate continuing to pay quarterly cash dividends in the future. However, the payment of future dividends remains within the discretion of the Board of Directors and will depend upon our results of operations, financial condition, capital requirements and other factors.

In February 2014, the Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program of up to \$100 million of our outstanding common stock to be executed at the discretion of management over a three-year period, expiring in February 2017. The program is intended to offset shares issued in conjunction with our stock incentive plan and return capital to shareholders and may be suspended or discontinued at any time. During 2015, we repurchased approximately 0.6 million shares at \$20.0 million under this program. At December 31, 2015, the remaining amount authorized for repurchase under this program was \$70.0 million.

We believe available financing sources, including cash generated by operating activities and borrowings under the Amended Credit Agreement, will be sufficient to fund our working capital needs, capital expenditures, long-term



strategic growth, payments under long-term debt and lease arrangements, payments of quarterly cash dividends, share repurchases and other cash requirements. While we believe that we will have the ability to meet our financing needs in the foreseeable future, changes in economic conditions may impact (i) the ability of financial institutions to meet their contractual commitments to us, (ii) the ability of our customers and suppliers to meet their obligations to us or (iii) our cost of borrowing.

We earn a portion of our operating earnings in foreign jurisdictions outside the U.S., which we consider to be indefinitely reinvested. Accordingly, no U.S. federal and state income taxes and withholding taxes have been provided on

these earnings. Our cash, cash-equivalents, short-term investments, and marketable securities held by our foreign subsidiaries totaled \$46.0 million and \$31.5 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014. We do not intend, nor do we foresee a need, to repatriate these funds or other assets held outside the U.S. In the future, should we require more capital to fund discretionary activities in the U.S. than is generated by our domestic operations and is available through our borrowings, we could elect to repatriate cash or other assets from foreign jurisdictions that have previously been considered to be indefinitely reinvested.

#### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have guarantees or other off-balance sheet financing arrangements, including variable interest entities, which we believe could have a material impact on financial condition or liquidity.

#### Contractual Obligations

The following is a summary of our significant contractual obligations as of December 31, 2015:

(Dollars in thousands)	Payments due by period				
	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	4-5 years	After 5 years
Contractual obligations					
Long-term debt <sup>(1)</sup>	\$718,612	\$22,688	\$45,376	\$45,376	\$605,172
Purchase obligations <sup>(2)</sup>	68,586	38,500	30,086	—	—
Operating leases <sup>(2)</sup>	265,634	57,020	93,445	46,493	68,676
Capital lease obligations <sup>(1)</sup>	41,981	7,264	11,532	5,765	17,420
Unrecognized tax benefits, net <sup>(3)</sup>	7,657	—	—	—	—
Other long-term liabilities <sup>(4)</sup>	85,470	3,106	6,265	6,162	69,937
Total contractual obligations	\$1,187,940	\$128,578	\$186,704	\$103,796	\$761,205

<sup>(1)</sup> See Note 10 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Debt is assumed to be held to maturity with interest paid at the stated rate in effect at December 31, 2015.

<sup>(2)</sup> See Note 18 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

<sup>(3)</sup> We cannot reasonably estimate the timing of cash settlement for the liability associated with unrecognized tax benefits.

<sup>(4)</sup> Other long-term liabilities include estimated minimum required payments for our unfunded retirement plan for certain officers. See Note 13 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Certain long-term liabilities, including deferred tax liabilities and post-retirement benefit obligations, are excluded as we cannot reasonably estimate the timing of payments for these items.

#### Critical Accounting Policies

Our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of the financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and related disclosures. We continually evaluate the accounting policies and estimates used to prepare the financial statements.

Critical accounting policies are defined as those policies that relate to estimates that require us to make assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain at the time the estimate is made and could have a material impact on our results due to changes in the estimate or the use of different assumptions that could reasonably have been used. Our estimates are generally based on historical experience and various other assumptions that are judged to be reasonable in light of the relevant facts and circumstances. Because of the uncertainty inherent in such estimates, actual results may differ. We believe our critical accounting policies and estimates include allowances for losses on accounts and notes receivable, inventory valuation, accounting for goodwill and long-lived assets, self-insurance liabilities, supplier incentives, and business combinations.

Allowances for losses on accounts and notes receivable. We maintain valuation allowances based upon the expected collectability of accounts and notes receivable. The allowances include specific amounts for accounts that are likely to be uncollectible, such as customer bankruptcies and disputed amounts, and general allowances for accounts that may become uncollectible. These allowances are estimated based on a number of factors, including industry trends, current economic conditions, creditworthiness of customers, age of the receivables, changes in customer payment patterns, and historical experience. At December 31, 2015, accounts and notes receivable were \$587.9 million, net of allowances of \$13.2 million. An unexpected bankruptcy or other adverse change in the financial condition of a customer could result in increases in these allowances, which could have a material effect on the results of operations.

Inventory valuation. Merchandise inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market, with cost determined using the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method for Domestic segment inventories and the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method for International segment inventories. An actual valuation of inventory under the LIFO method is made only at the end of the year based on the inventory levels and costs at that time. LIFO calculations are required for interim reporting purposes and are based on estimates of the expected mix of products in year-end inventory. In addition, inventory valuation includes estimates of allowances for obsolescence and variances between actual inventory on-hand and perpetual inventory records that can arise throughout the year. These estimates are based on factors such as the age of inventory and historical trends. At December 31, 2015, the carrying value of inventory was \$940.8 million, which is \$116.4 million lower than the value of inventory had it all been accounted for on a FIFO basis.

Goodwill and long-lived assets. Goodwill represents the excess of consideration paid over the fair value of identifiable net assets acquired. Long-lived assets, which are a component of identifiable net assets, include intangible assets with finite useful lives, property and equipment, and computer software costs. Intangible assets with finite useful lives consist primarily of customer relationships and non-compete agreements acquired through business combinations. Certain assumptions and estimates are employed in determining the fair value of identifiable net assets acquired. We evaluate goodwill for impairment annually and whenever events occur or changes in circumstance indicate that the carrying amount of goodwill may not be recoverable. In performing the impairment test, we perform qualitative assessments based on macroeconomic conditions, structural changes in the industry, estimated financial performance, and other relevant information. If necessary, we perform a quantitative analysis to estimate the fair value of the reporting unit using valuation techniques, including comparable multiples of the reporting unit's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) and discounted cash flows. The EBITDA multiples are based on an analysis of current enterprise valuations and recent acquisition prices of similar companies, if available. Goodwill totaled \$419.6 million at December 31, 2015.

Long-lived assets, which exclude goodwill, are evaluated for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of long-lived assets may not be recoverable. We assess long-lived assets for potential impairment by comparing the carrying value of an asset, or group of related assets, to its estimated undiscounted future cash flows. At December 31, 2015, long-lived assets included property and equipment of \$208.9 million, net of accumulated depreciation; intangible assets of \$95.3 million, net of accumulated amortization; and computer software costs of \$68.4 million, net of accumulated amortization.

We did not record any material impairment losses related to goodwill or long-lived assets in 2015. However, the impairment review of goodwill and long-lived assets requires the extensive use of accounting judgment, estimates and assumptions. The application of alternative assumptions could produce materially different results.

Self-insurance liabilities. We are self-insured for most employee healthcare, workers' compensation and automobile liability costs; however, we maintain insurance for individual losses exceeding certain limits. Liabilities are estimated for healthcare costs using current and historical claims data. Liabilities for workers' compensation and automobile liability claims are estimated using historical claims data and loss development factors. If the underlying facts and circumstances of existing claims change or historical trends are not indicative of future trends, then we may be required to record additional expense that could have a material effect on the results of operations. Self-insurance liabilities recorded in our consolidated balance sheets for employee healthcare, workers' compensation and automobile liability costs totaled \$14.5 million at December 31, 2015 and \$13.0 million at December 31, 2014.

Supplier incentives. We have contractual arrangements with certain suppliers that provide incentives, including operational efficiency and performance-based incentives, on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. These incentives are recognized as a reduction in cost of goods sold as targets become probable of achievement. Supplier incentives

receivable are recorded for interim and annual reporting purposes and are based on our estimate of the amounts which are expected to be realized. If we do not achieve required targets under certain programs as estimated, it could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

**Business Combinations.** We allocate the fair value of purchase consideration to the tangible assets acquired, liabilities assumed and intangible assets acquired based on their estimated fair values. The excess of the fair value of purchase consideration over the fair values of these identifiable assets and liabilities is recorded as goodwill. When determining the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed, management makes significant estimates and assumptions, especially with respect to intangible assets.

Critical estimates in valuing certain intangible assets include but are not limited to future expected cash flows from customer relationships and discount rates. Our estimates of fair value are based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable, but which are inherently uncertain and unpredictable and, as a result, actual results may differ from estimates.

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

For a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements, see Note 1 of Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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

We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates related to our revolving credit facility. We had no outstanding borrowings and \$5.0 million in letters of credit under the facility at December 31, 2015. A hypothetical increase in interest rates of 100 basis points would result in a potential reduction in future pre-tax earnings of approximately \$0.1 million per year for every \$10 million of outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility.

Due to the nature and pricing of our Domestic segment distribution services, we are exposed to potential volatility in fuel prices. Our strategies for helping to mitigate our exposure to changing domestic fuel prices have included entering into leases for trucks with improved fuel efficiency. We benchmark our domestic diesel fuel purchase prices against the U.S. Weekly Retail On-Highway Diesel Prices (benchmark) as quoted by the U.S. Energy Information Administration. The benchmark averaged \$2.71 per gallon in 2015, decreased 29% from \$3.82 per gallon in 2014.

Based on our fuel consumption in 2015, we estimate that every 10 cents per gallon increase in the benchmark would reduce our Domestic segment operating earnings by approximately \$0.3 million.

In the normal course of business, we are exposed to foreign currency translation and transaction risks. Our business transactions outside of the United States are primarily denominated in the Euro and British Pound. We may use foreign currency forwards, swaps and options, where possible, to manage our risk related to certain foreign currency fluctuations. However, we believe that our foreign currency transaction risks are low since our revenues and expenses are typically denominated in the same currency.

#### Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

See Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

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

None.

#### Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

We carried out an evaluation, with the participation of management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (pursuant to Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2015.

There have been no change in our internal control over financial reporting during our last fiscal quarter (our fourth quarter in the case of an annual report) ended December 31, 2015, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### Item 9B. Other Information

None.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f), for Owens & Minor, Inc. (the company). Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on the framework in Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

Based on our evaluation under the COSO framework, management concluded that the company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2015.

The effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, has been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which is included in this annual report.

/s/ P. Cody Phipps

P. Cody Phipps  
President & Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Richard A. Meier

Richard A. Meier  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer &  
President, International

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm  
The Board of Directors and Shareholders

Owens & Minor, Inc.:

We have audited Owens & Minor, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Owens & Minor, Inc.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting appearing in Part II of the Company's December 31, 2015 annual report on Form 10-K. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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

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

In our opinion, Owens & Minor, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Owens & Minor, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015, and our report dated February 25, 2016, expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Richmond, Virginia  
February 25, 2016

Part III

Items 10-14.

Information required by Items 10-14 can be found under Corporate Officers at the end of the electronic filing of this Form 10-K and the registrant's 2016 Proxy Statement pursuant to instructions (1) and G(3) of the General Instructions to Form 10-K.

Because our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), our Chief Executive Officer is required to make, and he has made, an annual certification to the NYSE stating that he was not aware of any violation by of the corporate governance listing standards of the NYSE. Our Chief Executive Officer made his annual certification to that effect to the NYSE as of May 26, 2015. In addition, we have filed, as exhibits to this Annual Report on Form 10-K, the certifications of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer required under Sections 906 and 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding the quality of our public disclosure.



Part IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

a) The following documents are filed as part of this report:

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b) Exhibits:

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OWENS & MINOR, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(in thousands, except per share data)

Year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Net revenue	\$9,772,946	\$9,440,182	\$9,071,532
Cost of goods sold	8,558,373	8,270,216	7,954,457
Gross margin	1,214,573	1,169,966	1,117,075
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	933,596	926,977	863,656
Acquisition-related and exit and realignment charges	28,404	42,801	12,444
Depreciation and amortization	60,187	57,125	50,586
Other operating income, net	(7,973	) (16,473	) (7,694
Operating earnings	200,359	159,536	198,083
Loss on early retirement of debt	—	14,890	—
Interest expense, net	27,149	18,163	13,098
Income before income taxes	173,210	126,483	184,985
Income tax provision	69,801	59,980	74,103
Net income	\$ 103,409	\$ 66,503	\$ 110,882
Net income attributable to Owens & Minor, Inc. per common share:			
Basic	\$ 1.65	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.76
Diluted	\$ 1.65	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.76
Cash dividends per common share	\$ 1.01	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.96

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

OWENS & MINOR, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(in thousands)

Year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Net income	\$103,409	\$66,503	\$110,882
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:			
Currency translation adjustments (net of income tax of \$0 in 2015, \$0 in 2014 and \$111 in 2013)	(27,581	) (29,539	) 6,143
Change in unrecognized net periodic pension costs (net of income tax of \$90 in 2015, \$2,361 in 2014 and \$2,429 in 2013)	(159	) (3,844	) 3,839
Other (net of income tax of \$0 in 2015, \$72 in 2014 and \$32 in 2013)	(84	) (186	) (8
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(27,824	) (33,569	) 9,974
Comprehensive income	\$75,585	\$32,934	\$120,856

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

## OWENS &amp; MINOR, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except per share data)

December 31,	2015	2014
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$161,020	\$56,772
Accounts and notes receivable, net	587,935	626,192
Merchandise inventories	940,775	872,457
Other current assets	284,970	314,479
Total current assets	1,974,700	1,869,900
Property and equipment, net	208,930	232,979
Goodwill, net	419,619	423,276
Intangible assets, net	95,250	108,593
Other assets, net	79,341	100,658
Total assets	\$2,777,840	\$2,735,406
Liabilities and equity		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$710,609	\$608,846
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	45,907	31,507
Other current liabilities	307,073	326,223
Total current liabilities	1,063,589	966,576
Long-term debt, excluding current portion	572,559	608,551
Deferred income taxes	86,326	101,880
Other liabilities	62,776	67,561
Total liabilities	1,785,250	1,744,568
Commitments and contingencies		
Equity		
Common stock, par value \$2 per share; authorized—200,000 shares; issued and outstanding—62,803 shares and 63,070 shares	125,606	126,140
Paid-in capital	211,943	202,934
Retained earnings	706,866	685,765
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(51,825)	(24,001)
Total equity	992,590	990,838
Total liabilities and equity	\$2,777,840	\$2,735,406
See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.		

OWENS & MINOR, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

Year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013	
Operating activities:				
Net income	\$ 103,409	\$ 66,503	\$ 110,882	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by (used for) operating activities :				
Depreciation and amortization	65,982	63,407	50,586	
Share-based compensation expense	11,306	8,207	6,381	
Deferred income tax (benefit) expense	(6,101	) (3,385	) 3,713	
Provision for losses on accounts and notes receivable	(24	) 448	787	
Loss on early retirement of debt	—	14,890	—	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts and notes receivable	18,333	(17,803	) (38,645	)
Merchandise inventories	(69,727	) (57,329	) (7,064	)
Accounts payable	114,011	(52,148	) 47,374	
Net change in other assets and liabilities	30,177	(25,828	) (32,337	)
Other, net	2,231	(723	) (1,123	)
Cash provided by (used for) operating activities	269,597	(3,761	) 140,554	
Investing activities:				
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	—	(248,536	) —	
Additions to computer software and intangible assets	(16,085	) (22,384	) (32,010	)
Additions to property and equipment	(20,531	) (48,424	) (28,119	)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	143	156	3,051	
Proceeds from investment sale	—	1,937	—	
Cash used for investing activities	(36,473	) (317,251	) (57,078	)
Financing activities:				
Proceeds from issuance of debt	—	547,693	—	
Proceeds from (repayment of) revolving credit facility	(33,700	) 33,700	—	
Repayment of debt	—	(217,352	) —	
Cash dividends paid	(63,651	) (63,104	) (60,731	)
Repurchases of common stock	(20,000	) (9,934	) (18,876	)
Financing costs paid	—	(5,391	) —	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	—	1,180	5,352	
Excess tax benefits related to share-based compensation	646	582	898	
Purchase of noncontrolling interest	—	(1,500	) —	
Other, net	(7,528	) (7,314	) (8,623	)
Cash (used for) provided by financing activities	(124,233	) 278,560	(81,980	)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(4,643	) (2,681	) 2,521	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	104,248	(45,133	) 4,017	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	56,772	101,905	97,888	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 161,020	\$ 56,772	\$ 101,905	
See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.				

OWENS & MINOR, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Owens & Minor, Inc. Shareholders' Equity						
	Common Shares Outstanding	Common Stock (\$2 par value)	Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Noncontrolling Interest	Total Equity
Balance, December 31, 2012	63,271	\$ 126,544	\$ 187,394	\$ 658,994	\$ (406 )	\$ 1,130	\$ 973,656
Net income				110,882			110,882
Other comprehensive income					9,974		9,974
Dividends declared (\$0.96 per share)				(60,573 )			(60,573 )
Shares repurchased and retired	(560 )	(1,120 )		(17,756 )			(18,876 )
Share-based compensation expense, exercises and other	385	769	9,211				9,980
Balance, December 31, 2013	63,096	126,193	196,605	691,547	9,568	1,130	1,025,043
Net income				66,503			66,503
Other comprehensive loss					(33,569 )		(33,569 )
Dividends declared (\$1.00 per share)				(62,934 )			(62,934 )
Shares repurchased and retired	(291 )	(583 )		(9,351 )			(9,934 )
Share-based compensation expense, exercises and other	265	530	7,024				7,554
Purchase of noncontrolling interest			(695 )			(1,130 )	(1,825 )
Balance, December 31, 2014	63,070	126,140	202,934	685,765	(24,001 )	—	990,838
Net income				103,409			103,409
Other comprehensive loss					(27,824 )		(27,824 )
Dividends declared (\$1.01 per share)				(63,483 )			(63,483 )
Shares repurchased and retired	(587 )	(1,175 )		(18,825 )			(20,000 )
Share-based compensation expense, exercises and other	320	641	9,009				9,650
Balance, December 31, 2015	62,803	\$ 125,606	\$ 211,943	\$ 706,866	\$ (51,825 )	\$ —	\$ 992,590

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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## OWENS & MINOR, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

### Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(in thousands, except per share data, unless otherwise indicated)

#### Note 1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Owens & Minor, Inc. and subsidiaries (we, us or our), is a Fortune 500 company headquartered in Richmond, Virginia. We are a leading global healthcare services company that connects the world of medical products to the point of care by providing vital supply chain assistance to the providers of healthcare services and the manufacturers of healthcare products, supplies, and devices in the United States and Europe. We serve our customers with a service portfolio that covers procurement, inventory management, delivery and sourcing for the healthcare market. With fully developed networks in the United States and Europe, we are equipped to serve a customer base ranging from hospitals, integrated healthcare systems, group purchasing organizations, and the U.S. federal government, to manufacturers of life-science and medical devices and supplies, including pharmaceuticals in Europe.

Our Domestic segment includes all functions relating to our role as a medical supply logistics company providing distribution, kitting and logistics services to healthcare providers and manufacturers in the United States. The International segment consists of our European third-party logistics and kitting businesses.

**Basis of Presentation.** The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Owens & Minor, Inc. and the subsidiaries it controls, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

**Reclassifications.** Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation.

**Use of Estimates.** The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to make assumptions and estimates that affect reported amounts and related disclosures. Estimates are used for, but are not limited to, the allowances for losses on accounts and notes receivable, inventory valuation allowances, supplier incentives, depreciation and amortization, goodwill valuation, valuation of intangible assets and other long-lived assets, valuation of property held for sale, self-insurance liabilities, tax liabilities, defined benefit obligations, share-based compensation and other contingencies. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents.** Cash and cash equivalents includes cash and marketable securities with an original maturity or maturity at acquisition of three months or less. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost. Nearly all of our cash and cash equivalents are held in cash depository accounts in major banks in the United States and Europe. Book overdrafts represent the amount of outstanding checks issued in excess of related bank balances and are included in accounts payable in our consolidated balance sheets, as they are similar to trade payables and are not subject to finance charges or interest. Changes in book overdrafts are classified as operating activities in our consolidated statements of cash flows.

**Accounts and Notes Receivable, Net.** Accounts receivable from customers are recorded at the invoiced amount. We assess finance charges on overdue accounts receivable that are recognized as other operating income based on their estimated ultimate collectability. We have arrangements with certain customers under which they make deposits on account. Customer deposits in excess of outstanding receivable balances are classified as other current liabilities. We maintain valuation allowances based upon the expected collectability of accounts and notes receivable. Our allowances include specific amounts for accounts that are likely to be uncollectible, such as customer bankruptcies and disputed amounts and general allowances for accounts that may become uncollectible. Allowances are estimated based on a number of factors, including industry trends, current economic conditions, creditworthiness of customers, age of the receivables, changes in customer payment patterns, and historical experience. Account balances are charged off against the allowance after all means of collection have been exhausted and the potential for recovery is considered remote.

**Financing Receivables and Payables.** We have an order-to-cash program in our International segment under which we invoice manufacturers' customers and remit collected amounts to the manufacturers. We retain credit risk for certain uncollected receivables under this program where contractually obligated. We continually monitor the expected collectability in this program and maintain valuation allowances when it is likely that an amount may be or may become uncollectible. Allowances are estimated based on a number of factors including creditworthiness of customers, age of the receivables and historical experience. We write off uncollected receivables under this program when collection is no longer being pursued. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the allowance for uncollectible accounts



as part of this program was \$0.1 million and \$0.4

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million. Fees charged for this program are included in net revenue. Product pricing and related product risks are retained by the manufacturer. Balances receivable and related amounts payable under this program are classified in other current assets and other current liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets.

**Merchandise Inventories.** Merchandise inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market, with cost determined by the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method for Domestic segment inventories. Cost of International segment inventories is determined using the first-in, first out (FIFO) method.

**Property and Equipment.** Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation or, if acquired under capital leases, at the lower of the present value of minimum lease payments or fair market value at the inception of the lease less accumulated amortization. Depreciation and amortization expense for financial reporting purposes is computed on a straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets or, for capital leases and leasehold improvements, over the term of the lease, if shorter. During the year we changed the useful lives of certain warehouse assets from eight years to 15 to better align with our current business practices. The cost basis of these assets were \$12.9 million and the change in useful lives reduced total depreciation expense by \$0.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2015. In general, the estimated useful lives for computing depreciation and amortization are four to 15 years for warehouse equipment, five to 40 years for buildings and building improvements, and three to eight years for computers, furniture and fixtures, and office and other equipment. Straight-line and accelerated methods of depreciation are used for income tax purposes. Normal maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred, and renovations and betterments are capitalized.

**Leases.** We have entered into non-cancelable agreements to lease most of our office and warehouse facilities with remaining terms generally ranging from one to 30 years. We also lease most of our transportation and material handling equipment for terms generally ranging from three to ten years. Certain information technology assets embedded in an outsourcing agreement are accounted for as capital leases. Leases are classified as operating leases or capital leases at their inception. Rent expense for leases with rent holidays or pre-determined rent increases are recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Incentives and allowances for leasehold improvements are deferred and recognized as a reduction of rent expense over the lease term.

**Goodwill.** We evaluate goodwill for impairment annually, as of October 1, and whenever events occur or changes in circumstance indicate that the carrying amount of goodwill may not be recoverable. We review goodwill first by performing a qualitative assessment to determine if it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying value. If not, we then perform a quantitative assessment by first comparing the carrying amount to the fair value of the reporting unit. If the fair value of the reporting unit is determined to be less than its carrying value, a second step is performed to measure the goodwill impairment loss as the excess of the carrying value of the reporting unit's goodwill over the estimated fair value of its goodwill. We estimate the fair value of the reporting unit using valuation techniques which can include comparable multiples of the unit's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) and present value of expected cash flows. The EBITDA multiples are based on an analysis of current enterprise values and recent acquisition prices of similar companies, if available.

**Intangible Assets.** Intangible assets acquired through purchases or business combinations are stated at fair value at the acquisition date and net of accumulated amortization in the consolidated balance sheets. Intangible assets, consisting primarily of customer relationships, customer contracts, non-competition agreements, trademarks, and tradenames are amortized over their estimated useful lives. In determining the useful life of an intangible asset, we consider our historical experience in renewing or extending similar arrangements. Customer relationships are generally amortized over 10 to 15 years and other intangible assets are amortized generally for periods between one and 15 years, based on their pattern of economic benefit or on a straight-line basis.

**Computer Software.** We develop and purchase software for internal use. Software development costs incurred during the application development stage are capitalized. Once the software has been installed and tested, and is ready for use, additional costs incurred in connection with the software are expensed as incurred. Capitalized computer software costs are amortized over the estimated useful life of the software, usually between three and ten years. Computer software costs are included in other assets, net, in the consolidated balance sheets. Unamortized software at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$68.4 million and \$75.2 million. Depreciation and amortization expense includes \$15.4 million, \$16.4 million and \$14.2 million of software amortization for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013. Additional amortization of \$4.5 million in 2015 and \$6.0 million in 2014 related to the accelerated

amortization of an information system which was replaced in the International segment is included in acquisition-related and exit and realignment charges in the consolidated statements of income.

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**Long-Lived Assets.** Long-lived assets, which include property and equipment, finite-lived intangible assets, and unamortized software costs, are evaluated for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of long-lived assets may not be recoverable. We assess long-lived assets for potential impairment by comparing the carrying value of an asset, or group of related assets, to their estimated undiscounted future cash flows.

**Self-Insurance Liabilities.** We are self-insured for most employee healthcare, workers' compensation and automobile liability costs; however, we maintain insurance for individual losses exceeding certain limits. Liabilities are estimated for healthcare costs using current and historical claims data. Liabilities for workers' compensation and automobile liability claims are estimated using historical claims data and loss development factors. If the underlying facts and circumstances of existing claims change or historical trends are not indicative of future trends, then we may be required to record additional expense or reductions to expense. Self-insurance liabilities are included in other accrued liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets.

**Revenue Recognition.** Revenue is recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, the price or fee is fixed or determinable, and collectability is reasonably assured. Under most of our distribution contracts, we record revenue at the time shipment is completed as title passes to the customer when the product is received by the customer.

Revenue for activity-based fees and other services is recognized as work is performed and as amounts are earned. Depending on the specific contractual provisions and nature of the deliverable, revenue from services may be recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the service, on a proportional performance model, based on level of effort, or when final deliverables have been provided. Additionally, we generate fees from arrangements that include performance targets related to cost-saving initiatives for customers that result from our supply-chain management services. Achievement against performance targets, measured in accordance with contractual terms, may result in additional fees paid to us or, if performance targets are not achieved, we may be obligated to refund or reduce a portion of our fees or to provide credits toward future purchases by the customer. For these arrangements, all contingent revenue is deferred and recognized as the performance target is achieved and the applicable contingency is released. When we determine that a loss is probable under a contract, the estimated loss is accrued.

We allocate revenue for arrangements with multiple deliverables meeting the criteria for a separate unit of accounting using the relative selling price method and recognize revenue for each deliverable in accordance with applicable revenue recognition criteria.

In most cases, we record revenue gross, as we are the primary obligor in our sales arrangements, bear the risk of general and physical inventory loss and carry all credit risk associated with sales. When we act as an agent in a sales arrangement and do not bear a significant portion of these risks, primarily for our third-party logistics business, we record revenue net of product cost. Sales taxes collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities are excluded from revenues.

**Cost of Goods Sold.** Cost of goods sold includes the cost of the product (net of supplier incentives and cash discounts) and all costs incurred for shipments of products from manufacturers to our distribution centers for all customer arrangements where we are the primary obligor, bear the risk of general and physical inventory loss and carry all credit risk associated with sales. We have contractual arrangements with certain suppliers that provide incentives, including cash discounts for prompt payment, operational efficiency and performance-based incentives. These incentives are recognized as a reduction in cost of goods sold as targets become probable of achievement.

In situations where we act as an agent in a sales arrangement and do not bear a significant portion of these risks, primarily for our third-party logistics business, there is no cost of goods sold and all costs to provide the service to the customer are recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses.

As a result of different practices of categorizing costs and different business models throughout our industry, our gross margins may not necessarily be comparable to other distribution companies.

**Selling, General and Administrative (SG&A) Expenses.** SG&A expenses include shipping and handling costs, labor and other costs for selling and administrative functions associated with our distribution and logistics services and all costs associated with our fee-for-service arrangements.

**Shipping and Handling.** Shipping and handling costs are included in SG&A expenses on the consolidated statements of income and include costs to store, to move, and to prepare products for shipment, as well as costs to deliver

products to customers. Shipping and handling costs totaled \$548.6 million, \$576.8 million and \$528.2 million for the years ended

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December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Third-party shipping and handling costs billed to customers, which are included in net revenue, are immaterial for all periods presented.

**Share-Based Compensation.** We account for share-based payments to employees at fair value and recognize the related expense in selling, general and administrative expenses over the service period for awards expected to vest.

**Derivative Financial Instruments.** We are directly and indirectly affected by changes in certain market conditions, which may adversely impact our financial performance and are referred to as “market risks.” When deemed appropriate, we use derivatives as a risk management tool to mitigate the potential impact of certain market risks, primarily foreign currency exchange risk. We use forward contracts, which are agreements to buy or sell a quantity of a commodity at a predetermined future date, and at a predetermined rate or price. We do not enter into derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. All derivatives are carried at fair value in our consolidated balance sheets, which is determined by using observable market inputs (Level 2). The cash flow impact of the our derivative instruments is primarily included in our consolidated statements of cash flows in net cash provided by operating activities.

**Income Taxes.** We account for income taxes under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. Valuation allowances are provided if it is more likely than not that a deferred tax asset will not be realized. When we have claimed tax benefits that may be challenged by a tax authority, an estimate of the effect of these uncertain tax positions is recorded. It is our policy to provide for uncertain tax positions and the related interest and penalties based upon an assessment of whether a tax benefit is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by tax authorities. To the extent that the tax outcome of these uncertain tax positions changes, based on our assessment, such changes in estimate may impact the income tax provision in the period in which such determination is made.

We earn a portion of our operating earnings in foreign jurisdictions outside the United States, which we consider to be indefinitely reinvested. Accordingly, no United States federal and state income taxes and withholding taxes have been provided on these earnings. Our cash, cash-equivalents, short-term investments, and marketable securities held by our foreign subsidiaries totaled \$46.0 million and \$31.5 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014. We do not intend, nor do we foresee a need, to repatriate these funds or other assets held outside the U.S. In the future, should we require more capital to fund activities in the U.S. than is generated by our domestic operations and is available through our borrowings, we could elect to repatriate cash or other assets from foreign jurisdictions that have previously been considered to be indefinitely reinvested. Upon distribution of these assets, we could be subject to additional U.S. federal and state income taxes and withholding taxes payable to foreign jurisdictions, where applicable.

**Fair Value Measurements.** Fair value is determined based on assumptions that a market participant would use in pricing an asset or liability. The assumptions used are in accordance with a three-tier hierarchy, defined by GAAP, that draws a distinction between market participant assumptions based on (i) observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets (Level 1), (ii) inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are observable either directly or indirectly (Level 2) and (iii) unobservable inputs that require the use of present value and other valuation techniques in the determination of fair value (Level 3).

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable reported in the consolidated balance sheets approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments. Property held for sale is reported at estimated fair value less selling costs with fair value determined based on recent sales prices for comparable properties in similar locations (Level 2). The fair value of long-term debt is estimated based on quoted market prices or dealer quotes for the identical liability when traded as an asset in an active market (Level 1) or, if quoted market prices or dealer quotes are not available, on the borrowing rates currently available for loans with similar terms, credit ratings, and average remaining maturities (Level 2). See Notes 7, 10 and 11 for the fair value of property held for sale, debt instruments and derivatives.

**Acquisition-Related and Exit and Realignment Charges.** We present costs incurred in connection with acquisitions in acquisition-related and exit and realignment charges in our consolidated statements of income. Acquisition-related charges consist primarily of transaction costs incurred to perform due diligence and to analyze, negotiate and

consummate an acquisition, costs to perform post-closing activities to establish the organizational structure, and costs to transition the acquired company's information technology and other operations and administrative functions from the former owner.

Costs associated with exit and realignment activities are recorded at their fair value when incurred. Liabilities are established at the cease-use date for remaining operating lease and other contractual obligations, net of estimated sub-lease income. The net lease termination cost is discounted using a credit-adjusted risk-free rate of interest. We evaluate these assumptions quarterly and adjust the liability accordingly. The current portion of accrued lease and other contractual termination costs is included in other accrued liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets, and the non-current portion is included in other liabilities. Severance benefits are recorded when payment is considered probable and reasonably estimable.

**Income Per Share.** Basic and diluted income per share are calculated pursuant to the two-class method, under which unvested share-based payment awards containing nonforfeitable rights to dividends are participating securities.

**Foreign Currency Translation.** Our foreign subsidiaries generally consider their local currency to be their functional currency. Assets and liabilities of these foreign subsidiaries are translated into U.S. dollars at period-end exchange rates and revenues and expenses are translated at average exchange rates during the period. Cumulative currency translation adjustments are included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in shareholders' equity. Gains and losses on intercompany foreign currency transactions that are long-term in nature and which we do not intend to settle in the foreseeable future are also recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) in shareholders' equity. Realized gains and losses from foreign currency transactions are recorded in other operating income, net in the consolidated statements of income and were not material to our consolidated results of operations in 2015, 2014, and 2013.

**Business Combinations.** We account for acquired businesses using the acquisition method of accounting, which requires that the assets acquired and liabilities assumed be recorded at the date of acquisition at their respective fair values. Any excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair values of the net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements.** During 2015, we adopted Accounting Standard Updates (ASU's) issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB).

In November 2015 the FASB released as part of its simplification initiative ASU 2015-17 which will require entities, starting in 2017, to classify all deferred taxes as non-current. This is a change from the current GAAP which requires deferred taxes to be classified as current or non-current based on the underlying book asset/liability. As allowed by the standard, we have chosen to early adopt this guidance on a retrospective basis. As a result, all deferred income taxes in the consolidated balance sheets are reflected as non-current assets or liabilities. Deferred tax liabilities of \$38.0 million and deferred tax assets of \$0.8 million presented as current in the prior year have been reclassified to non-current to conform to this new presentation.

In September 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-16, Business Combinations (Topic 805): Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments, which eliminates the requirement for an acquirer in a business combination to account for measurement-period adjustments retrospectively. Under this ASU, acquirers must recognize measurement-period adjustments in the period in which they determine the amounts, including the effect on earnings of any amounts they would have recorded in previous periods if the accounting had been completed at the acquisition date. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, with early adoption permitted. The Company elected to early adopt this ASU in the third quarter of 2015. We have not retrospectively accounted for the measurement-period adjustments as described in Note 3.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, Interest-Imputation of Interest: Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs (ASU 2015-03), which requires 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. The standard is effective for the Company on January 1, 2016, with early adoption permitted. The adoption of ASU 2015-03 is not expected to have a material impact on the financial statements of the Company.

On May 28, 2014, the FASB issued an ASU, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The ASU will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP when it becomes effective on January 1, 2018. Early application as of January 1, 2017 is permitted. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. We are evaluating the effect that the ASU will have on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. We have not yet selected a transition method nor have



we determined the effect of the standard on our ongoing financial reporting.

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### Note 2—Significant Risks and Uncertainties

Many of our hospital customers in the U.S. are represented by group purchasing organizations (GPOs) that contract with us for services on behalf of the GPO members. GPOs representing a significant portion of our business are Novation, LLC (Novation), MedAssets Inc. (MedAssets) and Premier, Inc. (Premier). Members of these GPOs have incentives to purchase from their primary selected distributor; however, they operate independently and are free to negotiate directly with distributors and manufacturers. For 2015, 2014 and 2013, net revenue from hospitals under contract with these GPOs represented the following approximate percentages of our net revenue annually:

Novation—32% to 33%; MedAssets—24% to 26%; and Premier—21% to 24%.

Net revenue from sales of product supplied by subsidiaries of Covidien Ltd. represented approximately 13% and Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Systems, Inc. represented between 9% to 10% of our net revenue annually for 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

### Note 3—Acquisitions

On October 1, 2014, we completed the acquisition of Medical Action Industries Inc., (Medical Action), a leading producer of surgical kits and procedure trays, which will enable an expansion of our capabilities in the assembly of kits, packs and trays for the healthcare market.

On November 1, 2014, we acquired ArcRoyal, a privately held surgical kitting company based in Ireland (ArcRoyal). The transaction expanded our capabilities in the assembly of kits, packs and trays in the European healthcare market. The combined consideration for these two acquisitions was \$261.6 million, net of cash acquired, and including debt assumed of \$13.4 million (capitalized lease obligations).

The purchase price was allocated to the underlying assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon our preliminary estimate of their fair values at the date of acquisition, with certain exceptions permitted under GAAP. The combined purchase price exceeded the preliminary estimated fair value of the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets by \$150.6 million, which was allocated to goodwill. The following table presents, in the aggregate, the estimated fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed recognized as of the acquisition date.

	Preliminary Fair Value as of Acquisition Date	Measurement Period Adjustments Recorded in 2015	Fair Value as of Acquisition Date
Assets acquired:			
Current assets	\$90,608	\$(229)	)\$90,379
Property and equipment	34,048	(2,502)	)31,546
Goodwill	150,492	121	150,613
Intangible assets	77,623	—	77,623
Total assets	352,771	(2,610)	)350,161
Liabilities assumed:			
Current liabilities	64,736	(1,187)	)63,549
Noncurrent liabilities	26,426	(1,423)	)25,003
Total liabilities	91,162	(2,610)	)88,552
Fair value of net assets acquired, net of cash	\$261,609	\$—	\$261,609

We are amortizing the fair value of acquired intangible assets, primarily customer relationships, over their remaining weighted average useful lives of 14 years.

Goodwill of \$150.6 million consists largely of expected opportunities to expand our kitting capabilities. We assigned goodwill of \$20.9 million to our International segment and \$129.7 million to our Domestic segment. None of the goodwill recognized is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes.

Pro forma results of operations for these acquisitions have not been presented because the effects on revenue and net income were not material to our historic consolidated financial statements.

Acquisition-related expenses for the years ending December 31, 2015 and 2014 consisted of transaction costs incurred to perform due diligence and to analyze, negotiate and consummate the Medical Action and ArcRoyal acquisitions, and costs to integrate the acquired operations (including certain severance and contractual payments to former management). We also incurred certain acquisition-related charges in 2014 and 2013 associated with costs in Movianto to resolve certain issues and claims with the former owner. We recognized pre-tax acquisition-related expenses of \$9.8 million, \$16.1 million and \$3.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 related to these activities.

Note 4—Accounts and Notes Receivable, Net

Allowances for losses on accounts and notes receivable of \$13.2 million and \$13.3 million have been applied as reductions of accounts receivable at December 31, 2015 and 2014. Write-offs of accounts and notes receivable were \$1.2 million, \$3.1 million and \$1.1 million for 2015, 2014 and 2013.

Note 5—Merchandise Inventories

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, we had inventory of \$940.8 million and \$872.5 million, of which \$923.8 million and \$811.3 million were valued under LIFO. If LIFO inventories had been valued on a current cost or first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis, they would have been greater by \$116.4 million and \$116.2 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, included in our inventory was \$22.3 million and \$20.0 million in raw materials, \$10.6 million and \$5.4 million in work in process and the remainder was finished goods.

Note 6—Financing Receivables and Payables

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, we had financing receivables of \$198.5 million and \$196.2 million and related payables of \$148.5 million and \$168.8 million outstanding under our order-to-cash program, which were included in other current assets and other current liabilities, respectively, in the consolidated balance sheets.

Note 7—Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consists of the following:

December 31,	2015	2014
Warehouse equipment	\$168,599	\$169,083
Computer equipment	53,566	31,162
Building and improvements	75,229	87,974
Leasehold improvements	60,522	58,046
Land and improvements	17,386	17,771
Furniture and fixtures	14,517	12,539
Office equipment and other	8,216	19,781
	398,035	396,356
Accumulated depreciation	(189,105 )	(163,377 )
Property and equipment, net	\$208,930	\$232,979

The gross value of assets recorded under capital leases was \$38.7 million and \$40.0 million with associated accumulated depreciation of \$13.7 million and \$10.5 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Depreciation expense for property and equipment and assets under capital leases was \$36.3 million, \$35.5 million and \$33.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013.

Property held for sale in our Domestic segment was \$3.8 million at December 31, 2015 and is included in other current assets, net, in the consolidated balance sheets. We are actively marketing the property for sale; however, the ultimate timing is dependent on local market conditions. Property held for sale in our Domestic segment was \$5.6 million at December 31, 2014.

## Note 8—Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The following table summarizes the changes in the carrying amount of goodwill through December 31, 2015:

	Domestic Segment	International Segment	Consolidated
Carrying amount of goodwill, December 31, 2014	\$377,089	\$46,187	\$423,276
Currency translation adjustments	—	(3,778)	(3,778)
Acquisitions (See Note 3)	1,116	(995)	121
Carrying amount of goodwill, December 31, 2015	\$378,205	\$41,414	\$419,619

Intangible assets at December 31, 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

	2015		2014	
	Customer Relationships	Other Intangibles	Customer Relationships	Other Intangibles
Gross intangible assets	\$121,888	\$4,621	\$125,448	\$3,405
Accumulated amortization	(29,872)	(1,387)	(19,773)	(487)
Net intangible assets	\$92,016	\$3,234	\$105,675	\$2,918
Weighted average useful life	14 years	5 years	14 years	6 years

At December 31, 2015, \$60.2 million in net intangible assets were held in the Domestic segment and \$35.1 million were held in the International segment. Amortization expense for intangible assets was \$9.8 million for 2015, \$5.5 million for 2014 and \$3.3 million for 2013.

Based on the current carrying value of intangible assets subject to amortization, estimated amortization expense is \$10.2 million for 2016, \$9.9 million for 2017, \$9.3 million for 2018, \$9.1 million for 2019 and \$9.0 million for 2020.

## Note 9—Exit and Realignment Costs

We periodically incur exit and realignment and other charges associated with optimizing our operations which include the closure and consolidation of certain distribution and logistics centers, administrative offices and warehouses in the United States and Europe. These charges also include costs associated with our strategic organizational realignment which include management changes, certain professional fees, and costs to streamline administrative functions and processes.

Exit and realignment charges by segment for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were as follows:

Year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Domestic segment	\$7,318	\$7,223	\$8,176
International segment	11,312	19,490	751
Total exit and realignment charges	\$18,630	\$26,713	\$8,927

The following table summarizes the activity related to exit and realignment cost accruals through December 31, 2015:

	Lease Obligations	Severance and Other	Total
Accrued exit and realignment charges, January 1, 2013	\$5,098	\$1,116	\$6,214
Provision for exit and realignment activities	2,932	128	3,060
Cash payments, net of sublease income	(5,596	) (769	) (6,365
Accrued exit and realignment charges, December 31, 2013	2,434	475	2,909
Provision for exit and realignment activities	5,592		