



Enhancing Value

**CEC Entertainment, Inc.** 2010 Annual Report

To Our Shareholders

#### ENHANCING SALES

During the most challenging economic time in the history of our company, we have continued to move aggressively to protect our brand through: 1) continuing to employ the best people in the industry; 2) committing significant capital to improve our existing store base; 3) developing a superior birthday party experience for our guests; and 4) implementing new marketing strategies to drive incremental traffic. Through the successful execution of these strategies, we were able to increase same calendar week average store sales during 2010 by 1.5%.

Chuck E. Cheese's is all about the experience – the experience of a family coming together to share food, games, prizes and fun. Our people make that experience possible and deserve the credit for making Chuck E. Cheese's the number one family entertainment and dining destination in the world. With an average tenure of 20.5 years for Regional Vice Presidents and Area Directors and 12 years for District and General Managers, our people know the high standards our guests expect from us, and we consistently execute on exceeding those expectations.

We continually strive to provide our guests with this unique, fun and exciting place to enjoy time with their families. During 2010 we invested more than \$60 million in capital on our existing stores in order to improve our guests' in-store experience with expansions, remodels and game enhancements. This significant capital commitment transformed 223 stores with 15 major remodels, 28 store expansions and 180 game enhancements during 2010. We plan to invest in excess of \$62 million in 2011 in existing stores to continue the evolution of our product in the marketplace.

The guest birthday party experience was enhanced significantly with the arrival of the Ticket Blaster in all stores as of June 2010. The Ticket Blaster is reserved only for the birthday child to get in and grab all the tickets they can while their friends cheer them on from the outside, generating fun and excitement for everyone. We supported this initiative with a national advertising campaign, which included the promotion of the extended birthday party from 1 ½ hours to 2 hours. Additionally, we enhanced our birthday party package and Super Star upgrade package with new components, and implemented a 100 bonus token promotion to shift parties from Saturdays to Fridays and Sundays. These initiatives have improved the overall value and appeal of the birthday party experience, which helped drive an increase in 2010 birthday party sales of 13%.

We enhanced our marketing strategies through inclusion of select value messaging during 2010 on national television campaigns, such as our \$9.99 Summer Pizza Saver. This type of value messaging continues to be central to our brand message, driving incremental guest visits and online coupon redemption. Notably, we were successful at continuing to provide an excellent value proposition to our guests while reducing our average coupon discount, which produced stronger store margins.



#### **ENHANCING RESULTS**

Our business model has produced significantly strong cash flows over time, validating the appropriateness of our business strategies. Over the past five years our cash flow, as measured by earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization as a percent of total revenues, has averaged 23% and was never lower than 22.5%. We believe our demonstrated ability to sustain consistent and strong cash flows speaks not only to our financial strength but to the vitality of the Chuck E. Cheese's concept – both in the United States and abroad.

We believe there are tremendous long-term growth opportunities ahead, both domestically and internationally, to grow our proven concept and further imprint the Chuck E Cheese's brand on guests throughout the world. Domestically, between 2006 and 2010 we opened a total of



39 new stores (including 7 relocations). In 2010 we opened 7 new domestic stores (including 2 relocations), and we are planning to open another 6 in 2011. In addition to the new stores we opened, we also acquired 5 existing store locations from franchisees. Internationally, the excitement surrounding our brand has been very encouraging. We opened three new international franchise stores in 2010 – in Chile, the island of Guam, and Saudi Arabia – and we are pleased with the initial sales results. In 2011, we will continue our strategic growth plan of seeking quality franchise partners in the key Latin American countries of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Puerto Rico.

#### **ENHANCING SHAREHOLDER VALUE**

During 2010 we once again confirmed our long-term commitment to our stock repurchase plan, buying back \$77.6 million of our common stock totaling 2.2 million shares, which represented 10% of diluted shares outstanding as of the end of 2010. We had a remaining outstanding share repurchase authorization of \$141.1 million at the end of 2010.

Given our confidence in our ability to continue to generate strong cash flow in the future, we believe it is appropriate to not only return capital to our shareholders through share repurchases but also to return cash to our shareholders through a cash dividend payment. Recently our Board of Directors approved the initiation of a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per share, or \$0.80 per share each year. Our first quarterly dividend of \$0.20 per share will be paid on April 21, 2011 to shareholders of record on March 24, 2011. Due to the timing of the Board's decision, dividends for 2011 are expected to be \$0.60 per share. While the declaration of dividends is subject to the final determination and approval of our Board, we currently intend to pay regular quarterly dividends for the foreseeable future. The initiation of a dividend payment and the continuation of our share repurchases are confirmation of our commitment to return capital to our shareholders.

#### **ENHANCING COMMUNITIES**

Giving back to our communities is essential to us. In the communities that we serve, we continue to provide support through our school and non-profit fundraising events. Since the inception of this program in 2004 we have given back \$6.0 million to our communities and during 2010 alone we donated \$1.7 million, an increase of 29% over the prior year.

#### **ENHANCING LIVES**

Our people make the difference. They drive the overall experience at Chuck E. Cheese's to be exciting to each and every one of our guests, and we have the industry's top talent to make it all happen. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each member of our corporate and franchise team for all of their hard work and dedication, and you, our shareholders, for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Richard M. Frank EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

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Michael H. Magusiak PRESIDENT & CEO

# 2010 Form **10-K**

CEC Entertainment, Inc.

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### **FORM 10-K**

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

For the fiscal year ended January 2, 2011

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 001-13687

## CEC ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kansas (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

4441 West Airport Freeway

Irving, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

Title of each class

Common Stock, \$0.10 par value

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

48-0905805

75062 (Zip Code)

(972) 258-8507

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Name of each exchange on which registered New York Stock Exchange

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

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  $\square$  No  $\boxtimes$ 

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

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  $\boxtimes$  No  $\square$ 

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

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

Large accelerated filer  $\square$  Accelerated filer  $\square$  Non-accelerated filer  $\square$  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company  $\square$ 

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

As of July 2, 2010, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, the aggregate market value of the common stock beneficially held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$619,220,655. (For purposes hereof, directors, executive officers and 10% or greater stockholders have been assumed to be affiliates).

As of February 14, 2011, an aggregate of 20,325,514 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, were outstanding.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement, to be filed pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in connection with the registrant's 2011 annual meeting of stockholders, are incorporated by reference in Part III of this report.

#### CEC ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

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#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements in this report, other than historical information, may be considered "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and are subject to various risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Statements that are not historical in nature, and which may be identified by the use of words such as "may," "should," "could," "believe," "predict," "potential," "continue," "plan," "intend," "expect," "anticipate," "future," "project," "estimate" and similar expressions (or the negative of such expressions) are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are made based on management's current expectations and beliefs concerning future events and, therefore, involve a number of assumptions, risks and uncertainties, including the risk factors described in Item 1A "Risk Factors" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may differ from those anticipated, estimated or expected. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- Changes in consumer discretionary spending and general economic conditions;
- Our ability to successfully implement our business development strategies;
- Costs incurred in connection with our business development strategies;
- Negative publicity concerning food quality, health, safety and other issues;
- Competition in both the restaurant and entertainment industries;
- Disruptions in the financial markets affecting the availability and cost of credit and our ability to maintain adequate insurance coverage;
- Loss of certain key personnel;
- Increases in food, labor and other operating costs;
- Changes in consumers' health, nutrition and dietary preferences;
- Continued existence or occurrence of certain public health issues;
- Disruption of our commodity distribution system;
- Our dependence on a few global providers for the procurement of games and rides;
- Fluctuations in our quarterly results of operations due to seasonality;
- Adverse effects of local conditions, natural disasters and other events;
- Risks in connection with owning and leasing real estate;
- Our ability to adequately protect our trademarks or other proprietary rights;
- Government regulations, litigation, product liability claims and product recalls;
- Disruptions of our information technology systems; and
- Conditions in foreign markets.

The forward-looking statements made in this report relate only to events as of the date on which the statements were made. Except as may be required by law, we undertake no obligation to update our forward-looking statements to reflect events and circumstances after the date on which the statements were made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

#### PART I

#### ITEM 1. Business.

#### General

Chuck E. Cheese's® is a nationally recognized leader in family dining and entertainment. CEC Entertainment, Inc. was incorporated in the state of Kansas in 1980. We consider the family dining and entertainment center business to be our sole reportable operating segment.

#### **Company Overview**

We develop, operate and franchise family dining and entertainment centers (also referred to as "stores") under the name "Chuck E. Cheese's" in 48 states and seven foreign countries or territories. Chuck E. Cheese's stores feature musical and comic entertainment by robotic and animated characters, arcade-style and skill-oriented games, video games, rides and other activities intended to appeal to our primary customer base of families with children between two and 12 years of age. All of our stores offer dining selections consisting of a variety of beverages, pizzas, sandwiches, appetizers, a salad bar, and desserts.

We believe that the dining and entertainment components of our business are interdependent, and therefore we primarily manage and promote them as an integrated product. Our typical guest experience involves a combination of wholesome family dining and entertainment, comprised of token-operated games and rides, and attractions provided free-of-charge. This integrated product drives our business development strategies as we endeavor to drive guest traffic into our stores, benefiting both dining and entertainment revenue.

The first Chuck E. Cheese's opened in 1977. Currently, we and our franchisees operate a total of 554 Chuck E. Cheese's stores located in 48 states and seven foreign countries or territories. As of January 2, 2011, we operated 507 Company-owned Chuck E. Cheese's stores located in 44 states and Canada and our franchisees operated a total of 47 stores located in 15 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, Guatemala, Chile, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. See Item 2. "Properties" for more information regarding the number and location of Chuck E. Cheese's stores.

#### **Business Development Strategy**

Our business development strategy is focused on maintaining and evolving our existing stores, developing high sales volume Company-owned stores primarily in densely populated areas, and selling development rights to franchisees in domestic and international markets where we do not currently intend to open Company-owned stores.

*Existing Stores.* We believe that in order to maintain consumer demand for and the appeal of our concept, we must continually reinvest in our existing stores. For our existing stores, we currently utilize the following capital initiatives: (a) game enhancements; (b) major remodels; and (c) store expansions. While initiatives such as expansions may capitalize on incremental revenue growth opportunities, we believe our capital initiatives involving major remodels and game enhancements serve more to preserve our existing sales base and cash flows over the long term.

Game enhancements include replacing a portion of the store's games and rides with new and, to a lesser extent, refurbished equipment. We believe game enhancements are necessary to maintain the relevance and appeal of our games and rides. In addition, game enhancements enable us to introduce improvements in game and ride technology. We completed 180 game enhancements in 2010. We currently expect to enhance the games and rides at approximately 140 to 150 stores in fiscal 2011 at an average cost of approximately \$0.1 million to \$0.2 million per store.

We undertake periodic major remodels when there is a need to improve the overall appearance or layout of a store or when we introduce concept changes or enhancements to our stores. The major remodel initiative typically includes interior design modifications that allow us to more effectively utilize space allocated to the playroom area of the store, increasing the number of games and rides and developing a new interior identity. We completed 15 major remodel initiatives in 2010. We currently expect to complete approximately 15 to 20 major remodels in fiscal 2011 at an average cost of approximately \$0.6 million per store.

We believe store expansions improve the quality of the guests' experience because the additional square footage allows us to increase the number and variety of games, rides and other entertainment offerings in the expanded stores. In addition to expanding the square footage of a store, store expansions typically include all components of a major remodel and result in an increase in the store's seat count. We completed 28 store expansions in 2010. We currently expect to complete approximately 30 to 35 store expansions in fiscal 2011 at an average cost of approximately \$1.0 million per store.

*New Company Store Development.* Our plan for the development of new Company-owned stores primarily focuses on opening high sales volume stores in densely populated areas. During 2010, we opened seven new Company-owned stores, including two relocated stores. The new stores we have opened over the past two years have an average square footage of approximately 15,000 to 16,000 square feet and generate average annual sales of approximately \$2.0 million per store. In addition to the new stores we opened during 2010, we also acquired five existing store locations from franchisees. We currently expect to open approximately six new

Company-owned stores, including three relocations, in fiscal 2011 at an average cost of approximately \$2.7 million to \$2.8 million per store.

We periodically reevaluate the site characteristics of our stores and will consider relocating a store if certain site characteristics considered essential for the success of a store deteriorate, more desirable property becomes available or we are unable to negotiate acceptable lease terms with the existing landlord.

See Item 7. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" for more information regarding our capital initiatives and related capital expenditures.

*New Domestic Franchise Store Development.* We added one new domestic franchise store in 2010. Currently, our domestic franchisees have rights to develop an additional 11 stores. Under our domestic agreements, we expect to open approximately two domestic franchise stores in fiscal 2011. We are currently offering franchise development rights in approximately 15 domestic markets.

*International Growth.* We believe that we have an opportunity to further expand the Chuck E. Cheese's concept globally. We have formalized a strategic plan for international growth and are actively seeking franchise partners in key Latin American countries including Argentina, Brazil, Columbia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Puerto Rico. In 2010, our international franchisees opened a new store in each Guam, Chile and Saudi Arabia. Under our international agreements, we expect to open approximately four international franchise stores in fiscal 2011.

#### **Store Design**

Chuck E. Cheese's are typically located in shopping centers or in free-standing buildings near shopping centers. Chuck E. Cheese's stores are typically divided into three areas: (1) a kitchen and related areas (cashier and prize area, salad bar, manager's office, technician's office, restrooms, etc.), (2) a showroom area, and (3) a playroom area. Total table and chair seating in both the showroom and playroom areas generally average between 325 to 425 guests per store. The showroom area of each Chuck E. Cheese's typically features a variety of comic and musical entertainment by computer-controlled robotic characters, together with video monitors and animated props, arranged in various stage-type settings. The playroom area features a variety of arcade-style and skill-oriented games, video games, rides and other forms of entertainment.

#### **Food and Beverages**

Each Chuck E. Cheese's offers a variety of pizzas, sandwiches, appetizers, a salad bar and desserts. Soft drinks, coffee and tea are also served, along with beer and wine where permitted by local laws. We believe that the quality of our food compares favorably with that of our competitors. The majority of the food, beverages and other supplies used in Company-owned stores are currently distributed under a system-wide agreement with a major food distributor. We believe that this distribution system creates certain cost and operational efficiencies for us.

Approximately 49.0%, 49.9% and 50.6% of our Company store sales were derived from food and beverage sales during fiscal years 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

#### **Entertainment and Merchandise**

Each Chuck E. Cheese's store includes a showroom area featuring musical entertainment presented by robotic and animated characters and playroom area offering arcade-style and skill-oriented games, rides, video games and other forms of entertainment. Tokens are used to activate the games and rides in the playroom area. All of our games and rides are activated with one token. A number of skill-oriented games dispense tickets that can be redeemed by guests for prize merchandise such as toys and plush items. Our guests can also purchase this merchandise directly. Also included in the playroom area of our stores are tubes and tunnels suspended from or reaching to the ceiling known as SkyTubes® or other free attractions for young children. We place a limited amount of table and chair seating in the playroom areas of our Company-owned store so that parents can more closely observe and interact with their children as they play the games and ride the rides.

Approximately 51.0%, 50.1% and 49.4% of our Company store sales were derived from entertainment and merchandise sales during fiscal years 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

#### Marketing

The primary customer base for our stores consists of families with children between two and 12 years of age. We conduct advertising campaigns focused on families with young children that feature the family entertainment experiences available at Chuck E. Cheese's with the primary objective of increasing the frequency of customer visits. The primary advertising medium we use continues to be television, due to its broad access to family audiences and our belief in its ability to effectively communicate the Chuck E. Cheese's experience. The television advertising campaigns are supplemented by promotional offers in newspapers, cross promotions with companies that target a similar customer base, our website, Internet advertising campaigns and e-mail.

#### Franchising

As of January 2, 2011, a total of 47 Chuck E. Cheese's stores were operated by our franchisees. Of these stores, 36 are located domestically in the United States and eleven are located internationally in Puerto Rico, Guam, Guatemala, Chile, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.

Our standard domestic franchise agreement grants to the franchisee the right to construct and operate a store and use the associated trade names, trademarks and service marks within the standards and guidelines established by us. Most of our existing franchise agreements have an initial term of 15 to 20 years and include a 10-year renewal option. The standard agreement provides us with a right of first refusal should a franchisee decide to sell a store. We may enter into area development agreements which grant franchisees exclusive rights to open a specified number of stores in a designated geographic area within a specified period of time.

We and our franchisees created the International Association of CEC Entertainment, Inc. (the "Association") to discuss and consider matters of common interest relating to the operation of Company-owned and franchised Chuck E. Cheese's. Routine business matters of the Association are conducted by a board of directors of the Association, composed of five members appointed by us and five members elected by the franchisees. The Association serves as an advisory council, which among other responsibilities, oversees expenditures from the funds established and managed by the Association. These funds include (1) the Advertising Fund, a fund that pays the costs of development, purchasing and placement of advertising programs, including Internet website, (2) the Entertainment Fund, a fund established to develop and improve audio-visual and animated entertainment attractions, as well as the development and implementation of new entertainment concepts and (3) the Media Fund, a fund primarily designated for the purchase of national network television advertising. The Association is included in our consolidated financial statements.

In addition to an initial franchise fee and a continuing monthly royalty fee equal to 3.8% of gross sales, the franchise agreements governing existing franchised Chuck E. Cheese's in the United States currently require each franchise to pay to the Association a monthly contribution of 3.4% of gross sales. Additionally, under these franchise agreements, we are required, with respect to Company-owned stores, to spend for local advertising and to contribute to the Advertising Fund and the Entertainment Fund at the same rates as franchisees. We and our franchisees could be required to make additional contributions to fund any deficits that may be incurred by the Association.

Approximately 0.5% of our total revenues were derived from royalties, franchise and area development fees and other miscellaneous franchise income during fiscal years 2010, 2009 and 2008.

#### **Foreign Operations**

As of January 2, 2011, we operated a total of 14 Company-owned stores in Canada. During fiscal years 2010, 2009 and 2008, our Canada stores generated total revenues of approximately \$21.8 million, \$20.8 million and \$22.8 million, respectively, representing approximately 2.7%, 2.5% and 2.8% of our total revenues in each respective fiscal year. As of January 2, 2011, we had approximately \$20.4 million, or approximately 3.0%, of our long-lived assets located in Canada.

Additionally, as of January 2, 2011, our international franchisees operated a total of eleven stores located in Puerto Rico, Guam, Guatemala, Chile, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. The total revenues derived from our international franchisees are not material in relation to our total revenues.

These foreign activities are subject to various risks of conducting business in a foreign country, including changes in foreign currency, laws and regulations and economic and political stability. See Item 1A. "Risk Factors" for more information regarding the risks associated with our operations located in foreign markets. As of January 2, 2011, we do not believe that we are materially dependent on these foreign operations.

#### Competition

The family dining industry and the entertainment industry are highly competitive, with a number of major national and regional chains operating in each of these spaces. In this regard, we compete for customers on the basis of (1) our name recognition; (2) the price, quality, variety, and perceived value of our food and entertainment offerings; (3) the quality of our customer service, and (4) the convenience and attractiveness of our facilities. Although there are other concepts that presently utilize the combined family dining and entertainment format, these competitors primarily operate on a regional or market-by-market basis. To a lesser extent, we may also compete directly and/or indirectly with other dining and entertainment formats including, full-service and quick-service restaurants appealing to families with young children, the quick service pizza segment, movie theaters, and themed amusement attractions.

We believe that our principal competitive strengths consist of our established recognized brand, the relative quality of the food and service we provide our customer, the quality and variety of our entertainment offerings, and the location and attractiveness of our stores. We also believe that our competitive strengths include our tenured management team's knowledge of the family dining and entertainment industries relative to our target market of families with young children.

#### **Intellectual Property**

We own various trademarks, including "Chuck E. Cheese's" and the Chuck E. Cheese character image used in connection with our business, which have been registered with the appropriate patent and trademark offices. The duration of such trademarks is unlimited, subject to continued use. We believe that we hold the necessary rights for protection of the trademarks considered essential to conduct our business. We believe our trade name and our ownership of trademarks in the names and character likenesses featured in the operation of our stores provides us with an important competitive advantage and we actively seek to protect our interest in such property.

#### Seasonality

Our operating results fluctuate seasonally due to the timing of school vacations, holidays and changing weather conditions. As a result, we typically generate higher sales volumes during the first and third quarters of each fiscal year. School operating schedules, holidays and weather conditions may affect sales volumes in some operating regions differently than others. Because of the seasonality of our business, results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be achieved for the full fiscal year.

#### **Government Regulation**

We and our franchisees are subject to various federal, state and local laws and regulations affecting the development and operation of Chuck E. Cheese's, including, but not limited to, those that impose restrictions, levy a fee or tax, or require a permit or license, or other regulatory approval, and those that relate to the operation of video and arcade games and rides, the preparation and sale of food and beverages, the sale and service of alcoholic beverages, and building and zoning requirements. We and our franchisees are also subject to laws governing relationships with employees, including minimum wage requirements, overtime, working and safety conditions, immigration status requirements and child labor laws. A significant portion of our store personnel are paid at rates related to the minimum wage established by federal, state and municipal law and, accordingly, increases in such minimum wage result in higher labor costs to us. We are also subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Family Medical Leave Act mandates. In addition, we are subject to regulation by the Federal Trade Commission, Federal Communications Commission and must comply with certain state laws which govern the offer, sale and termination of franchises and the refusal to renew franchises.

#### **Working Capital Practices**

Information about our working capital practices is contained under the caption "Overview of Liquidity" included in Item 7. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

#### Employees

As of January 2, 2011, we employed approximately 17,300 employees, including approximately 17,000 in the operation of our Company-owned stores and approximately 300 employed in our corporate office. None of our employees are members of any union or collective bargaining group. We believe that our employee relations are satisfactory, and we have not experienced any work stoppages at any of our stores.

Each Chuck E. Cheese's store typically employs a general manager, one or two managers, an electronic specialist who is responsible for repair and maintenance of the robotic characters, games and rides, and 20 to 40 food preparation and service employees, many of whom work part-time. Our staffing requirements are seasonal and the number of people we employ at our stores will fluctuate throughout the year.

#### **Available Information**

Our principal executive offices are located at 4441 W. Airport Freeway, Irving, Texas 75062, and our telephone number is (972) 258-8507. We maintain a website at <u>www.chuckecheese.com</u>.

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). You may read and copy any reports, statements and other information filed by us at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549-0102. Please call (800) SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room. The SEC maintains an Internet website (<u>www.sec.gov</u>) that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers, including us, that we file electronically with the SEC.

We make available, free of charge, on or through the investor information section of our website our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, statements of changes in beneficial ownership of securities, and amendments to those reports and statements as soon as reasonably practicable after electronic filing or furnishing of such material with the SEC. The address for our website is <u>www.chuckecheese.com</u>.

Documents available on our website include, among others, our (i) Corporate Governance Guidelines, (ii) Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, (iii) Code of Ethics for the Chief Executive Officer, President and Senior Financial Officers (the "Code of

Ethics"), (iv) Complaint and Reporting Procedures for Accounting and Auditing Matters, and (v) Charters for the Audit, Compensation, and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committees of the Board of Directors. These documents are also available in print, free of charge, to any stockholder who requests a copy from the Secretary, Meredith W. Bjorck, at 4441 W. Airport Freeway, Irving, Texas 75062. We intend to disclose future amendments to, or waivers from, certain provisions of the Code of Ethics on our website.

#### ITEM 1A. Risk Factors.

Our business operations and the implementation of our business strategy are subject to significant risks inherent in our business, including, without limitation, the risks and uncertainties described below. The occurrence of any one or more of the risks or uncertainties described below and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. While we believe we have identified and discussed below the key risk factors that affect our business, there may be additional risks and uncertainties that are not presently known or that are not currently believed to be significant that may adversely affect our business, operations, industry, financial position and financial performance in the future. Since these forward-looking statements are based on estimates and assumptions that are subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control or are subject to change, actual results could be materially different.

# Changes in consumer discretionary spending and general economic conditions could reduce sales at our stores and have an adverse effect on our financial results.

Purchases at our stores are discretionary for consumers and, therefore, our results of operations are susceptible to economic slowdowns and recessions. We are dependent in particular upon discretionary spending by consumers living in the communities in which our stores are located. A significant portion of our stores are clustered in certain geographic areas. Currently, a total of 166 Chuck E. Cheese's stores are located in California, Texas and Florida (162 are company-owned and 4 are franchised locations). A significant weakening in the local economies of these geographic areas, or any of the areas in which our stores are located, may cause consumers to curtail discretionary spending, which in turn could reduce our Company store sales and have an adverse effect on our financial results.

The future performance of the U.S. and global economies are uncertain and are directly affected by numerous national and global financial and other factors that are beyond our control. Increases in credit card, home mortgage and other borrowing costs and declines in housing values could weaken the U.S. economy leading to a decrease in consumer spending. It is difficult to predict the severity and the duration of such a decrease. We believe that consumers generally are more willing to make discretionary purchases, including at our stores, during periods in which favorable economic conditions prevail. Further, fluctuations in the retail price of gasoline and the potential for future increases in gasoline and other energy costs may affect consumers' disposable incomes available for entertainment and dining. Changes in consumer spending habits as a result of a recession or a reduction in consumer confidence are likely to reduce our sales performance, which could have a material adverse affect on our business, results of operations or financial condition. In addition, these economic factors may affect our level of spending on planned capital initiatives at our stores, and thereby impact our future sales.

#### We may not be successful in the implementation of our business development strategies.

Our continued growth depends, to a significant degree, on our ability to successfully implement our long-term growth strategies. As part of our long-term growth strategy, we plan to open additional new stores in selected markets, remodel and expand our existing stores and upgrade the games, rides and entertainment at our existing stores. The opening and success of new Chuck E. Cheese's stores is dependent on various factors, including but not limited to the availability of suitable sites, the negotiation of acceptable lease terms for such locations, our ability to meet construction schedules, our ability to manage such expansion and hire and train personnel to manage the new stores, the potential cannibalization of sales at our adjacent stores located in the market, as well as general economic and business conditions. Our ability to successfully open new stores or remodel, expand or upgrade the entertainment at existing stores will also depend upon the availability of sufficient capital for such purposes, including operating cash flow, our existing credit facility, future debt financings, future equity offerings or a combination thereof. There can also be no assurance that we will be successfull in opening and operating the number of anticipated new stores on a timely or profitable basis. There can be no assurance that we can continue to successfully remodel or expand our existing facilities or upgrade the games and entertainment. Our growth is also dependent on our ability to continually evolve and update our business model to anticipate and respond to changing customer needs and competitive conditions. There can be no assurance that we will be able to successfully anticipate changes in competitive conditions or customer needs or that the market will accept our business model.

Part of our growth strategy depends on our ability to attract new international franchisees to recently opened markets and the ability of these franchisees to open and operate new stores on a profitable basis. As we do not have a history of significant international growth experience, there can be no assurance that we will be able to successfully execute this strategy in the future. Delays or failures in identifying desirable franchise partners and opening new franchised stores could adversely affect our planned growth. Our new franchisees depend on the availability of financing to construct and open new stores. If these franchisees experience difficulty in obtaining adequate financing for these purposes, our growth strategy and franchise revenues may be adversely affected.

#### We may incur significant costs in connection with our business development strategies.

Our long-term growth is dependent on the success of strategic initiatives to increase the number of our stores and enhance the

facilities of existing stores. We incur significant costs each time we open a new store and other expenses when we relocate or remodel existing stores. The expenses of opening, relocating or remodeling any of our stores may be higher than anticipated. If we are unable to open or are delayed in opening new stores, we may incur significant costs which may adversely affect our financial results. If we are unable to remodel or are delayed in remodeling stores, we may incur significant costs which may adversely affect our financial results.

#### Negative publicity concerning food quality, health, safety or other issues could adversely affect our financial results.

Food service businesses can be adversely affected by litigation and complaints from guests, consumer groups or government authorities resulting from food quality, illness, injury or other health concerns or operating issues stemming from one store or a limited number of stores. Publicity concerning food-borne illnesses, injuries caused by food tampering and safety issues may negatively affect our operations, reputation and brand. Such publicity may have a significant adverse impact on our financial results.

Our target market of children between the ages of two and 12 and families with young children may be highly sensitive to adverse publicity that may arise from an actual or perceived negative event within one or more of our stores. There can be no assurance that we will not experience negative publicity regarding one or more of our stores, and the existence of negative publicity could materially and adversely affect our image with our customers and our results of operations.

#### We are subject to competition in both the restaurant and entertainment industries.

We believe that our combined restaurant and entertainment center concept puts us in a niche which combines elements of both the restaurant and entertainment industries. As a result, to some degree, we compete with entities in both industries. Although other restaurant chains presently utilize the concept of combined family dining-entertainment operations, we believe these competitors operate primarily on a local, regional or market-by-market basis. Within the traditional restaurant sector, we compete with other casual dining restaurants on a nationwide basis with respect to price, quality and speed of service, type and quality of food, personnel, the number and location of restaurants, attractiveness of facilities, effectiveness of advertising and marketing programs, and new product development. Such competitive market conditions, including the effectiveness of our advertising and promotion and the emergence of significant new competition, could adversely affect our operating results.

# Disruptions in the financial markets may adversely affect the availability and cost of credit and compromise our ability to maintain adequate insurance coverage.

Disruptions in the financial markets may adversely affect the availability of credit already arranged and the availability and cost of credit in the future. Failures of significant financial institutions could adversely affect our access to and reduce the alternative sources of liquidity needed to operate our business. Any disruption could require us to take measures to conserve cash until the markets stabilize or until alternative credit arrangements or other funding for our business needs can be arranged. Such measures could include deferring or curtailing our capital expenditures and other discretionary uses of cash.

We rely on insurance to mitigate our exposure to catastrophic losses we may sustain to our property, claims by our employees, customers or other third parties. Although we have historically obtained adequate levels of insurance coverage through well rated and capitalized firms, disruptions in the financial markets may affect our ability to obtain coverage under existing policies or purchase insurance under new policies at reasonable rates in the future. Additionally, we are potentially at risk if our insurance carriers become insolvent. As a result, we could potentially be exposed to financial losses, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

#### We are dependent on the service of certain key personnel.

The success of our business is highly dependent upon the continued employment of Richard M. Frank, our Executive Chairman, Michael H. Magusiak, our President and Chief Executive Officer, and other members of our senior management team. Although the Company has entered into employment agreements with each of Mr. Frank and Mr. Magusiak, they can voluntarily leave the Company at any time and the loss of the services of either of such individuals could have a material adverse effect upon our business and development. Our success will also depend upon our ability to retain and attract additional skilled management personnel to our senior management team and at our operational level. There can be no assurances that we will be able to retain the services of Messrs. Frank or Magusiak, senior members of our management team or the required operational support at the store level in the future.

#### We may experience an increase in food, labor and other operating costs.

The performance of our stores is affected by changes in the costs for food products we purchase, including cheese, dough, chicken, and beef. The commodity prices for these food products vary throughout the year and may be affected by changes in demand, supply and other factors beyond our control. A material increase in our food costs could negatively affect our profit margins and adversely affect our financial results.

A significant number of our store-level employees are subject to various minimum wage requirements. Several states and cities in which we operate stores have established a minimum wage higher than the federally mandated minimum wage. There may be similar increases implemented in other jurisdictions in which we operate or seek to operate. Changes in the minimum wage could increase our labor costs and may have an adverse effect on our profit margins and our financial results.

The performance of our stores is also adversely affected by increases in the price of utilities on which the stores depend, such as natural gas, whether as a result of inflation, shortages or interruptions in supply, or otherwise. Our business also incurs significant costs for and including among other things, insurance, marketing, taxes, real estate, borrowing and litigation, all of which could increase due to inflation, rising interest rates, changes in laws, competition, or other events beyond our control.

#### Changes in consumers' health, nutrition and dietary preferences could adversely affect our financial results.

Our industry is affected by consumer preferences and perceptions. Changes in prevailing health or dietary preferences and perceptions may cause consumers to avoid certain products we offer in favor of alternative or healthier foods. If consumer eating habits change significantly and we are unable to respond with appropriate menu offerings, it could adversely affect our financial results.

#### Public health issues may adversely affect our financial results.

Our business may be impacted by certain public health issues including epidemics, pandemics and the rapid spread of certain illness and contagious diseases (e.g., H1N1 influenza A virus, commonly referred to as the "swine flu"). To the extent that our guests feel uncomfortable visiting public locations, particularly locations with a large number of children, due to a perceived risk of exposure to a public health issue, we could experience a reduction in guest traffic, which could adversely affect our financial results.

#### We are subject to risks from disruption of our commodity distribution system.

Any disruption in our commodity distribution system could adversely affect our financial results. We use a single vendor to distribute most of the products and supplies used in our stores. Any failure by this vendor to adequately distribute products or supplies to our stores could increase our costs and have a material adverse affect on our financial results and our operations.

#### Our procurement of games and rides is dependent upon a few global providers.

Our ability to continue to procure new games, rides and other entertainment-related equipment is important to our business strategy. The number of suppliers from which we can purchase games, rides and other entertainment-related equipment is limited due to industry consolidation over the past several years coupled with a lower overall global demand. To the extent that the number of suppliers continues to decline, we could be subject to the risk of distribution delays, pricing pressure, lack of innovation and other associated risks.

#### Our business is highly seasonal and quarterly results may fluctuate significantly as a result of this seasonality.

We have experienced, and in the future could experience, quarterly variations in revenues and profitability as a result of a variety of factors, many of which are outside our control, including the timing of school vacations, holidays and changing weather conditions. We typically generate higher sales volumes and profitability in the first and third quarters of each fiscal year compared to the second and fourth quarters. If there is a material decrease in the guest traffic in our stores during the first and third quarters of the year, our operating results will be adversely affected for that quarter and further, may have an adverse effect on our financial results for the fiscal year.

#### Our stores may be adversely affected by local conditions, natural disasters and other events.

Certain regions in which our stores are located may be subject to adverse local conditions, natural disasters and other events. If severe weather, such as heavy snowfall or extreme temperatures, discourages or restricts customers in a particular region from traveling to our stores, our sales could be adversely affected. If severe weather conditions occur during the first and third quarters of the year, the adverse impact to our sales and profitability could be even greater than at other times during the year because we generate a significant portion of our sales and profits during these periods. Natural disasters including tornadoes, hurricanes and earthquakes may damage our stores or other operations which may adversely affect the financial results of the Company. Additionally, demographic shifts in the areas where our stores are located could adversely impact our sales and results of operations.

#### We are subject to risks in connection with owning and leasing real estate.

As an owner and lessee of the land and/or building for our Company-owned stores, we are subject to all of the risks generally associated with owning and leasing real estate, including changes in the supply and demand for real estate in general and the supply and demand for the use of the stores. Any obligation to continue making rental payments with respect to leases for closed stores could adversely affect our financial results.

#### We may not be able to adequately protect our trademarks or other proprietary rights.

We own certain common law trademark rights and a number of federal and international trademark and service mark registrations and proprietary rights relating to our operations. We believe that our trademarks and other proprietary rights are important to our success and our competitive position. We, therefore, devote appropriate resources to the protection of our trademarks and proprietary rights. The protective actions that we take, however, may not be enough to prevent unauthorized usage or imitation by others, which could harm our image, brand or competitive position and, if we commence litigation to enforce our rights, we may incur significant legal fees.

We cannot be assured that third parties will not claim that our trademarks or menu offerings infringe upon their proprietary rights. Any such claim, whether or not it has merit, may result in costly litigation, cause delays in introducing new menu items in the future, interfere with our international development agreements or require us to enter into royalty or licensing agreements. As a result, any such claim could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial position.

#### We are subject to various government regulations which may adversely affect our operations and financial performance.

The development and operation of our stores are subject to various federal, state and local laws and regulations in many areas of our business, including, but not limited to, those that impose restrictions, levy a fee or tax, or require a permit or license, or other regulatory approval. Difficulties or failure in obtaining required permits, licenses or other regulatory approvals could delay or prevent the opening of a new store, and the suspension of, or inability to renew, a license or permit could interrupt operations at an existing store. We are also subject to laws governing our relationship with employees, including minimum wage requirements, overtime, health insurance mandates, working and safety conditions, immigration status requirements, and child labor laws. Additionally, potential changes in federal labor laws, including "card check" regulations, could result in portions of our workforce being subjected to greater organized labor influence. This could result in an increase to our labor costs. A significant portion of our store personnel are paid at rates related to the minimum wage established by federal, state and municipal law. Increases in such minimum wage result in higher labor costs, which may be partially offset by price increases and operational efficiencies. Additionally, we are subject to certain laws and regulations that govern our handling of customers' personal information. A failure to protect the integrity and security of our customers' personal information could expose us to litigation, as well as materially damage our reputation with our customers. While we endeavor to comply with all applicable laws and regulations, governmental and regulatory bodies may change such laws and regulations in the future, which may require us to incur substantial cost increases. If we fail to comply with applicable laws and regulations, we may be subject to various sanctions, and/or penalties and fines or may be required to cease operations until we achieve compliance, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial results and operations.

#### We face litigation risks from customers, employees, franchisees and other third parties in the ordinary course of business.

Our business is subject to the risk of litigation by customers, current and former employees, suppliers, stockholders or others through private actions, class actions, administrative proceedings, regulatory actions or other litigation. The outcome of litigation, particularly class action lawsuits and regulatory actions, is difficult to assess or quantify. Plaintiffs in these types of lawsuits may seek recovery of very large or indeterminate amounts, and the magnitude of the potential loss relating to such lawsuits may remain unknown for substantial periods of time. The cost to defend future litigation may be significant. There may also be adverse publicity associated with litigation that could decrease customer acceptance of our food or entertainment offerings, regardless of whether the allegations are valid or whether we are ultimately found liable.

We are continually subject to risks from litigation and regulatory action regarding advertising to our market of children between the ages of two and 12 years old. In addition, since certain of our stores serve alcoholic beverages, we are subject to "dram shop" statutes. These statutes generally allow a person injured by an intoxicated person to recover damages from an establishment that wrongfully served alcoholic beverages to the intoxicated person. Although we believe we are adequately covered by insurance, a judgment against us under a "dram shop" statute in excess of the liability covered could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Under certain circumstances plaintiffs may file certain types of claims which may not be covered by insurance. In some cases, plaintiffs may seek punitive damages which may also not be covered by insurance. Any litigation we face could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### We face risks with respect to product liability claims and product recalls.

We purchase merchandise from third-parties and offer this merchandise to customers in exchange for prize tickets or for sale. This merchandise could be subject to recalls and other actions by regulatory authorities. Changes in laws and regulations could also impact the type of merchandise we offer to our customers. We have experienced, and may in the future experience, issues that result in recalls of merchandise. In addition, individuals have asserted claims, and may in the future assert claims, that they have sustained injuries from third-party merchandise offered by us, and we may be subject to future lawsuits relating to these claims. There is a risk that these claims or liabilities may exceed, or fall outside of the scope of, our insurance coverage. Any of the issues mentioned above could result in damage to our reputation, diversion of development and management resources, or reduced sales and increased costs, any of which could harm our business.

#### We are dependent on certain information technology systems and technologies which may be compromised.

The operation of our business is dependent upon the integrity, security and successful functioning of our computer networks and information systems, including the point-of-sales systems in our stores, data centers that process transactions and various software applications used in our operations. Damage to, or interruption or failure of these systems could result in losses due to disruption of our business operations. These adverse situations could lead to loss of sales or profits or cause us to incur additional development costs. In addition, despite our efforts to secure our computer networks and information systems, security could be compromised or confidential information could be misappropriated resulting in a loss of customers' personal information, negative publicity, harm to

our business and reputation or cause us to incur costs to reimburse third parties for damages.

#### Unanticipated conditions in foreign markets may adversely affect our ability to operate effectively in those markets.

In addition to our stores in the United States, we currently own or franchise stores in Canada, Puerto Rico, Guam, Guatemala, Chile, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. We and our franchisees are subject to the regulatory and economic and political conditions of any foreign market in which we and our franchisees operate stores. Any change in the laws and regulations and economic and political stability of these foreign markets may adversely affect our financial results. Changes in foreign markets that may affect our financial results include, but are not limited to, taxation, inflation, currency fluctuations, political instability, war, increased regulations and quotas, tariffs and other protectionist measures. Additionally, our long-term growth strategy includes expanding into additional foreign markets in the future. To the extent unfavorable conditions exist in the foreign markets we plan to expand into, we and our international franchise partners may not be successful in opening the number of anticipated new stores on a timely and profitable basis. Delays or failures in opening new foreign market store locations could adversely affect our planned growth.

#### ITEM 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

#### ITEM 2. Properties.

The following table summarizes information regarding the number and location of stores we and our franchisees operated as of January 2, 2011:

Domestic	Company - Owned Stores	Franchised Stores	Total
	7	1	8
Alabama Alaska	1	1	8
Arizona	2	- 7	9
Arkansas	6	/	6
	0 77	- 4	
California		4	81
Colorado	10	-	10
Connecticut	6	1	7
Delaware	2	-	2
Florida	25	-	25
Georgia	16	-	16
Hawaii	-	2	2
Idaho	1	-	1
Illinois	22	-	22
Indiana	14	-	14
Iowa	5	-	5
Kansas	4	-	4
Kentucky	5	-	5
Louisiana	9	1	10
Maine	1	-	1
Maryland	14	-	14
Massachusetts	11	-	11
Michigan	18	-	18
Minnesota	6	-	6
Mississippi	3	2	5
Missouri	8	-	8
Montana	-	1	1
Nebraska	2	1	2
Nevada	6	-	6
	2	-	2
New Hampshire	14	-	14
New Jersey	3	-	3
New Mexico		-	
New York	22	-	22
North Carolina	13	2	15
North Dakota	-	1	1
Ohio	19	1	20
Oklahoma	3	-	3
Oregon	1	3	4
Pennsylvania	23	-	23
Rhode Island	1	-	1
South Carolina	7	-	7
South Dakota	2	-	2
Tennessee	12	-	12
Texas	60	-	60
Utah	-	3	3
Virginia	11	4	15
Washington	9	3	12
West Virginia	1	-	1
Wisconsin	9	-	9
Total domestic	493	36	529
International			/
Canada	14	-	14
Chile	-	2	2
Guam	-	1	1
Guatemala	-	2	2
Puerto Rico	-	3	3
Saudi Arabia	-	2	2
United Arab Emirates	-	1	1
	1.4		
Total international	14	11	25
Total system	507	47	554

#### **Company Store Leases**

Of the 507 Company-owned Chuck E. Cheese's stores as of January 2, 2011, 59 occupy owned premises and 448 are leased.

The terms of our store leases vary in length from lease to lease, although a typical lease provides for an initial primary term of 10 years, with two additional five-year options to renew. As of January 2, 2011, the current lease terms (i.e., before consideration of available renewal option periods) of our store leases will expire on various dates through 2028 and provide renewal options that expire at various dates through 2043, as described in the table below.

Current Lease Term to Expire	Number of Stores	Available Renewal Options Expiring Through
Month-to-month	6	
2011	26	2013 to 2031
2012	39	2017 to 2032
2013	44	2016 to 2033
2014	53	2019 to 2034
2015	68	2020 to 2035
2016 through 2028	212	2021 to 2043

These leases generally require us to pay the cost of repairs, insurance and real estate taxes and, in some instances, may provide for additional rent equal to the amount by which a percentage of revenues exceed the minimum rent. It is common for us to take possession of leased premises prior to the commencement of rent payments for the purpose of constructing leasehold improvements.

#### **Corporate Office and Warehouse Facilities**

We lease a 76,556 square foot office building in Irving, Texas which serves as our corporate office and support services center. This lease expires in May 2015, with options to renew through May 2025.

We also lease a total of 146,142 square feet of warehouse space in Topeka, Kansas which primarily serves as storage and refurbishing facilities for our store fixtures and game equipment. The leases for this space expire in August and September 2013, respectively.

#### ITEM 3. Legal Proceedings.

From time to time, we are involved in various inquiries, investigations, claims, lawsuits, and other legal proceedings that are incidental to the conduct of our business. These matters typically involve claims from customers, employees or other third parties involved in operational issues common to the retail, restaurant and entertainment industries. Such matters typically represent actions with respect to contracts, intellectual property, taxation, employment, employee benefits, personal injuries and other matters. A number of such claims may exist at any given time and there are currently a number of claims and legal proceedings pending against us.

In the opinion of our management, after consultation with legal counsel, the amount of ultimate liability with respect to claims or proceedings currently pending against us is not expected to have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

#### ITEM 4. (Removed and Reserved).

#### PART II

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

#### **Market Information**

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CEC." The following table sets forth the highest and lowest sale price for our common stock during each quarterly period within the two most recent fiscal years, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange:

	Fisca	201	10	Fisca	al 2009		
	High Low			 High		Low	
1st Quarter	\$ 38.56	\$	31.93	\$ 27.50	\$	19.29	
2nd Quarter	\$ 41.79	\$	34.39	\$ 34.77	\$	23.54	
3rd Quarter	\$ 37.38	\$	30.44	\$ 34.53	\$	25.41	
4th Quarter	\$ 41.36	\$	32.51	\$ 33.23	\$	24.69	

As of February 14, 2011, there were an aggregate of 20,325,514 shares of our common stock outstanding and approximately 1,910 stockholders of record. The number of stockholders of record does not include a substantially greater number of beneficial holders of our common stock, whose shares are held in "street name" with brokers, banks and other financial institutions.

#### **Dividends and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

On February 22, 2011, our Board of Directors ("Board") approved the initiation of a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per share, or \$0.80 per share for each year. Due to the timing of the Board's decision, dividends paid during the 2011 fiscal year are expected to be \$0.60 per share. Our first quarterly dividend of \$0.20 per share will be paid on April 21, 2011 to shareholders of record on March 24, 2011. We expect to continue to pay quarterly dividends. However, there can be no assurance that future dividends will be declared or paid. The actual declaration and payment of future dividends, the amount of any such dividends, and the establishment of record and payment dates, if any, is subject to final determination by the Board each quarter after its review of our then-current strategy, applicable debt covenants, and financial performance and position, among other things. See "Item 1A. Risk Factors" for a discussion of factors that might affect our financial performance and compliance with debt covenants, including covenants that affect our ability to pay dividends. Also see "Note 6. Revolving Credit Facility" of our consolidated financial statements in this annual report on Form 10-K.

The following table presents information related to repurchases of our common stock during the fourth quarter of 2010 and the maximum dollar value of shares that may yet be purchased pursuant to our stock repurchase program:

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities												
Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased <sup>(1)</sup>	Pric	erage ce Paid Share <sup>(1)</sup>	Total Number of Shares Purchased As Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs <sup>(2)</sup>							
October 4 – October 31, 2010	190	\$	33.19	-	\$	151,318,128						
November 1 – November 28, 2010	260,811	\$	38.13	260,700	\$	141,376,147						
November 29, 2010 – January 2, 2011	6,330	\$	39.46	6,330	\$	141,126,355						
Total	267,331	\$	38.16	267,030	\$	141,126,355						

<sup>(1)</sup> For the periods ended October 31 and November 28, 2010, the total number of shares purchased included 190 shares and 111 shares, respectively, tendered by employees and non-employee directors at an average price per share of \$33.19 and \$35.75, respectively, to satisfy tax withholding requirements on the vesting of restricted stock awards, which are not deducted from shares available to be purchased under our stock repurchase program. Shares tendered by employees and non-employee directors to satisfy tax withholding requirements were considered purchased at the closing price of our common stock on the date of vesting.

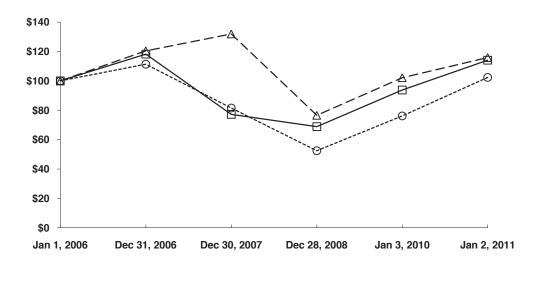
(2) We may repurchase shares of our common stock under a plan authorized by our Board of Directors (the "Board"). On July 25, 2005, the Board approved a stock repurchase program which authorized us to repurchase from time to time up to \$400 million of our common stock and on October 22, 2007 and October 27, 2009 authorized \$200 million increases each. The stock repurchase program, which does not have a stated expiration date, authorizes us to make repurchases in the open market, through accelerated share repurchases or in privately negotiated transactions.

Pursuant to our revolving credit facility agreement, there are restrictions on the amount of our repurchases of our common stock and cash dividends that we may pay on our common stock based on certain financial covenants and criteria. We currently plan to

utilize our earnings to finance anticipated capital expenditures, reduce our outstanding debt, pay dividends and potentially repurchase our common stock. See the discussion of our revolving credit facility under Item 7. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources—Debt Financing" and under Note 6. "Revolving Credit Facility" to our consolidated financial statements under Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

#### **Stock Performance Graph**

The graph below compares the annual change in the cumulative total stockholder return on our common stock over the last five fiscal years ended January 2, 2011, with the cumulative total return on the NYSE Composite Index and the S&P SmallCap 600 Restaurants Index. The comparison assumes an investment of \$100 on January 1, 2006 in our common stock and in each of the foregoing indices and assumes the reinvestment of dividends. Our stock price performance shown in the graph below may not be indicative of future stock price performance.



#### COMPARISON OF 5 YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN

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	Jan. 1 2006		Dec. 31 2006		Dec. 30 2007		Dec. 28 2008		Jan. 3 2010		Jan. 2 2011	
CEC Entertainment	\$	100.00	\$	118.24	\$	77.17	\$	68.89	\$	93.77	\$	114.07
NYSE Composite	\$	100.00	\$	120.47	\$	132.01	\$	76.60	\$	102.20	\$	115.87
S&P SmallCap 600 Restaurants	\$	100.00	\$	111.37	\$	81.58	\$	52.47	\$	76.13	\$	102.36

#### ITEM 6. Selected Financial Data.

The following selected financial data presented below should be read in conjunction with Item 7. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our consolidated financial statements under Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

	Fiscal Year <sup>(1)</sup>												
		2010		20	)09		2008		20	007		2	006
		(in th	ousa	ands	, except	per	share and st	ore	num	ber am	oun	ts)	
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Company store sales Franchise fees and royalties	\$	813,133 4,115	\$		814,563 3,783	\$	810,693 3,816	\$	/	81,665 3,657	\$		769,241 3,312
Total revenues		817,248			818,346		814,509		7	85,322		,	772,553
Company store operating costs: Cost of food, beverage, entertainment and merchandise (exclusive of items shown separately below)		124,882			128,245		131,416			26,413			121,808
Labor expenses		222,337			223,084		223,331			14,147		2	210,010
Depreciation and amortization		79,716			77,101		74,805			70,701			64,292
Rent expense		70,425			67,695		65,959			63,734			60,333
Other operating expenses		128,075			123,986		119,990		1	13,789			106,025
Total Company store operating costs		625,435			620,111		615,501		5	88,784		5	562,468
Advertising expense		35,282			36,641		34,736			30,651			32,253
General and administrative expenses		50,693			50,629		55,970			51,705			53,037
Asset impairments		936			-		282			9,638	_		3,910
Total operating costs and expenses		712,346			707,381		706,489		6	80,778		(	651,668
Operating income		104,902			110,965		108,020		1	04,544		1	120,885
Interest expense		12,142			12,017		17,389			13,170	_		9,508
Income before income taxes		92,760			98,948		90,631			91,374			111,377
Income taxes <sup>(2)</sup>		38,726			37,754		34,137			35,453			43,120
Net income	\$	54,034	\$		61,194	\$	56,494	\$		55,921	\$		68,257
Per Share Data: <sup>(3)</sup> Earnings per share: Basic Diluted <sup>(4)</sup>		\$ 2.55 \$ 2.55		\$ \$	2.68 2.67		\$ 2.37 \$ 2.33		\$ \$	1.79 1.75		\$ \$	2.08 2.03
Weighted average common shares outstanding:		21.162			22 825		22.825			21 227			22 704
Basic Diluted		21,163 21,204			22,835 22,933		23,825 24,199			31,237 31,970			32,794 33,623
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Balance Sheet Data (end of year): Cash and cash equivalents	\$	19,269	\$		17,361	\$	17,769	\$		18,373	\$		18,308
Total assets		778,029			744,266		747,440			37,893			704,185
Revolving credit facility borrowings		377,000			354,300		401,850			16,800			168,200
Total debt <sup>(5)</sup>		388,262			365,810		414,058			29,875			181,781
Stockholders' equity		158,062			167,913		128,586		2	17,993		-	359,206
Number of Stores (end of year):													
Company-owned		507			497		495			490			484
Franchised		47			48		46			44			45
	_	554			545		541			534	_		529

<sup>(1)</sup> We operate on a 52 or 53 week fiscal year ending on the Sunday nearest December 31. Fiscal year 2009 was 53 weeks in length and all other fiscal years presented were 52 weeks.

(2) Income taxes in 2010 included net unfavorable adjustments of \$3.0 million, which included \$2.4 million we reflected during the second quarter, primarily resulting from adjustments made to our tax accounts identified as a result of an IRS examination of our 2006 and 2007 tax years, various return-to-provision adjustments, and offsetting favorable adjustments related to California enterprise zone tax credits.

<sup>(3)</sup> No cash dividends on common stock were declared in any of the years presented.

<sup>(4)</sup> We estimate that the additional 53<sup>rd</sup> operating week in our 2009 fiscal year benefited 2009 diluted earnings per share by approximately \$0.17.

<sup>(5)</sup> Total debt includes our outstanding revolving credit facility borrowings and capital lease obligations.

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

We report and discuss our operating results using financial measures consistent with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). From time to time in the course of financial presentations, earnings conference calls or otherwise, we may disclose certain non-GAAP financial measures such as Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization ("EBITDA") presented below.

This non-GAAP financial measure should not be viewed as an alternative or substitute for our reported GAAP results.

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of net income to EBITDA and EBITDA expressed as a percentage of total revenues for the periods shown:

	Fiscal Year									
	2010		2009		2008		2007			2006
				(in thous	ands	, except per	centages)			
Revenues	\$	817,248	\$	818,346	\$	814,509	\$	785,322	\$	772,553
Net income Add:	\$	54,034	\$	61,194	\$	56,494	\$	55,921	\$	68,257
Income taxes		38,726		37,754		34,137		35,453		43,120
Interest expense		12,142		12,017		17,389		13,170		9,508
Depreciation and amortization		80,679		78,071		75,445		71,919		65,392
EBITDA	\$	185,581	\$	189,036	\$	183,465	\$	176,463	\$	186,277
EBITDA as a percent of revenues		22.7%		23.1%		22.5%		22.5%		24.1%

We define EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure, as net income before income taxes, interest expense and depreciation and amortization. EBITDA as defined herein may differ from similarly titled measures presented by other companies. We believe that EBITDA provides useful information to us, our investors and other interested parties about our operating performance, our capacity to incur and service debt, fund capital expenditures and other corporate uses. EBITDA as presented above, differs from the definition of consolidated EBITDA utilized in connection with the financial covenant ratios contained in our revolving credit facility agreement. See the discussion of our revolving credit facility under Item 7. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources—Debt Financing."

#### 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 ("MD&A") is intended to provide the readers of our financial statements with a narrative from the perspective of our management on our financial condition, results of operations, liquidity and certain other factors that may affect our future results. Our MD&A is presented in the following sections:

- Executive Summary
- Overview of Operations
- Results of Operations
- Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources
- Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations
- Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates
- Recently Issued Accounting Guidance

Our MD&A should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes included in Part II, Item 8 "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We operate on a 52 or 53 week fiscal year that ends on the Sunday nearest to December 31. Each quarterly period has 13 weeks, except for a 53 week year when the fourth quarter has 14 weeks. References to 2010, 2009 and 2008 are for the fiscal years ended January 2, 2011, January 3, 2010 and December 28, 2008, respectively. Our 2009 fiscal year consisted of 53 weeks and our 2010 and 2008 fiscal years each consisted of 52 weeks.

#### 53<sup>rd</sup> Week Impact

Our 2009 fiscal year consisted of 53 weeks compared to 52 weeks in 2010 and 2008, resulting in one additional operating week in the fourth quarter of 2009. The favorable impact to total revenues from the additional operating week was approximately \$19.5 million and our 2009 comparable store sales benefited 0.5%. We estimate that the additional operating week benefited 2009 diluted earnings per share approximately \$0.17. This benefit was primarily due to the operating leverage obtained from the additional high sales volume 53<sup>rd</sup> week, particularly related to certain fixed costs, such as depreciation and amortization and rent, that are recognized on a monthly basis as opposed to incremental weekly amounts. We believe it is important to understand the impact that this additional high sales volume week had on our 2009 fiscal year results when analyzing year over year performance for both 2010 compared to 2009 and 2009 compared to 2008.

#### **Executive Summary**

- Company store sales decreased 0.2% to \$813.1 million during 2010 compared to \$814.6 million in 2009.
  - Company store sales decline during 2010 was due to an additional operating week in 2009.
  - Comparable store sales on a same calendar week basis increased 1.5%.
  - Comparable store sales on a fiscal week basis increased 0.7%.
  - Weighted average Company-owned store count increased by approximately four stores.
  - Menu prices increased on average 2.6%.
- Operating income as a percentage of total revenues decreased 0.8 percentage points to 12.8%, reflecting the deleveraging of margins due to the additional operating week in 2009, increases in other operating expenses and asset impairments, partially offset by lower cost of sales and advertising.
- Our 2010 effective income tax rate included net unfavorable adjustments of \$3.0 million, which included \$2.4 million we reflected during the second quarter, primarily resulting from adjustments made to our tax accounts identified as a result of an Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") examination of our 2006 and 2007 tax years, various return-to-provision adjustments, and offsetting favorable adjustments related to California enterprise zone tax credits. As a result, the 2010 effective tax rate increased to 41.7% during 2010 compared to 38.2% in 2009.
- Diluted earnings per share decreased to \$2.55 in 2010 compared to \$2.67 in 2009. Fiscal year 2010 earnings per share benefited from our cumulative repurchase of approximately 4.0 million shares of our common stock since the beginning of 2009, including approximately 2.2 million shares repurchased during fiscal year 2010.
- Outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility increased \$22.7 million to \$377.0 million, primarily due to our increase in share repurchases during 2010.
- We completed 223 existing store capital initiatives, including 15 major remodels, 28 expansions and 180 game enhancements.
- We opened 12 Company-owned store locations, including five stores acquired from franchisees and two stores we relocated.
- Our franchisees opened four new stores, including three international store locations in Guam, Chile and Saudi Arabia.

#### **Overview of Operations**

We develop, operate and franchise family dining and entertainment centers under the name "Chuck E. Cheese's" in 48 states and seven foreign countries or territories. Chuck E. Cheese's stores feature musical and comic entertainment by robotic and animated characters, arcade-style and skill-oriented games, video games, rides and other activities intended to appeal to our primary customer base of families with children between two and 12 years of age. All of our stores offer dining selections consisting of a variety of beverages, pizzas, sandwiches, appetizers, a salad bar, and desserts.

The following table summarizes information regarding the number of Company-owned and franchised stores for the periods presented:

	]		
	2010	2009	2008
Number of Company-owned stores:			
Beginning of period	497	495	490
New <sup>(1)</sup>	7	3	5
Acquired from franchisees	5	-	2
Closed	(2)	(1)	(2)
End of period	507	497	495
Number of franchised stores:			
Beginning of period	48	46	44
New	4	3	4
Acquired by the Company	(5)	-	(2)
Closed	-	(1)	-
End of period	47	48	46

<sup>(1)</sup> The number of new Company-owned stores during 2010 and 2008 included two stores and one store, respectively, we relocated.

*Comparable store sales.* We define comparable store sales as the percentage change in sales for our domestic Company-owned stores that have been open for at least 18 months as of the beginning of each respective fiscal year or operated for at least 12 months for acquired stores (our "comparable store base"). Comparable store sales is a key performance indicator used within our industry and is a critical factor when evaluating our performance as it is indicative of acceptance of our strategic initiatives and local economic and consumer trends.

As a result of the 53 week fiscal year in 2009, our 2010 fiscal year began one week later than our 2009 fiscal year and excluded a seasonally high sales volume week. In order to provide useful information to investors to better analyze our business, we have provided comparable store sales presented on both a fiscal week basis and calendar week basis (see "Fiscal Year 2010 Compared to Fiscal Year 2009" below). Comparable store sales on a fiscal week basis compares the results of our 2010 and 2009 fiscal years. Comparable store sales for the 2010 fiscal year on a calendar week basis compares the results for the period from January 4, 2010 through January 2, 2011 (weeks 1 through 52 of our 2010 fiscal year) to the results for the period from January 5, 2009 through January 3, 2010 (weeks 2 through 53 of our 2009 fiscal year). We believe comparable store sales calculated on a same calendar week basis is more indicative of the health of our business. However, we also recognize that comparable store sales growth calculated on a fiscal week basis is a useful measure when analyzing year-over-year changes in our consolidated financial statements.

The following table summarizes information regarding our average annual comparable store sales and comparable store base:

		Fiscal Year						
	2010		2009	2008				
	(in tho	(in thousands, except store number amounts)						
Average annual sales per comparable store <sup>(1)</sup> Number of stores included in our comparable store base	\$ 1,6 4	4 \$ 3	1,632 467	\$	1,633 453			

(1) Average annual sales per comparable store have been calculated based on the average weekly sales of our comparable store base. The amount of average annual sales per comparable store cannot be used to compute year-over-year comparable store sales increases or decreases due to the change in comparable store base. Additionally, the average annual sales amount for 2009 includes the impact of an additional high sales volume 53<sup>rd</sup> week. Excluding the 53<sup>rd</sup> week in 2009, the average annual sales per comparable store was \$1,593 (in thousands).

**Revenues.** Our primary source of revenues is from sales at our Company-owned stores ("Company store sales") and consists of the sale of food, beverages, game-play tokens and merchandise. A portion of Company store sales comes from sales of value-priced combination packages generally comprised of food, beverage and game tokens ("package deals"), which we promote through in-store menu pricing or coupon offerings. Food and beverage sales include all revenue recognized with respect to stand-alone food and

beverage sales as well as the portion of revenue that is allocated from package deals. Entertainment and merchandise sales include all revenue recognized with respect to stand-alone game token sales as well as the portion of revenue that is allocated from package deals. This revenue caption also includes sales of merchandise at our stores. We allocate the revenue recognized from the sale of our package deals between "Food and beverage sales" and "Entertainment and merchandise sales" based upon the price charged for each component when it is sold separately or, in limited circumstances, our best estimate of selling price if a component is not sold on a stand-alone basis, which we believe approximates each component's fair value.

Franchise fees and royalties include royalties charged to franchisees based on a percentage of a franchised store's sales, area development and initial franchise fees received from franchisees to establish new stores and other miscellaneous sales to franchisees.

*Company store operating costs.* Certain costs and expenses relate only to the operation of our Company-owned stores and are as follows:

- Cost of food and beverage includes all direct costs of food, beverages and costs of related paper and birthday supplies, less rebates from suppliers;
- Cost of entertainment and merchandise includes all direct costs of prizes provided and merchandise sold to our customers, as well as the cost of tickets dispensed to customers and redeemed for prize items;
- Labor expenses consist of salaries and wages, related payroll taxes and benefits for store personnel;
- Depreciation and amortization includes expenses that pertain directly to our store assets primarily consisting of leasehold improvements, game and ride equipment, furniture, fixtures and other equipment;
- Rent expense includes lease costs for Company-owned stores, excluding other occupancy costs (e.g., common area maintenance ("CAM") charges, property taxes, etc.); and
- Other store operating expenses include utilities, repair costs, liability and property insurance, CAM charges, property taxes, preopening expenses, store asset disposal gains and losses, and all other costs directly related to the operation of a store.

Our "Cost of food and beverage" and "Cost of entertainment and merchandise" mentioned above do not include an allocation of (i) store employee payroll, related taxes and benefit costs and (ii) depreciation and amortization expense associated with Companystore assets. We believe that presenting store-level labor costs and depreciation and amortization expense in the aggregate provides the most informative financial reporting presentation. Our rationale for excluding such costs is as follows:

- based on the fact that our store employees are trained to sell and attend to both our dining and entertainment operations, we believe it would be difficult and potentially misleading to assign labor costs between food and beverage sales and entertainment and merchandise sales; and
- while certain assets are individually dedicated to either our food service operations or game activities, we also have significant capital investments in shared depreciating assets, such as leasehold improvements, point-of-sale systems, animatronics, and showroom fixtures. Therefore, we believe it would be difficult and potentially misleading to assign depreciation and amortization expense between food and beverage sales and entertainment and merchandise sales.

*Advertising expense.* Advertising expense includes production costs for television commercials, newspaper inserts, Internet advertising, coupons and media expenses for national and local advertising, with offsetting contributions from our franchisees.

*General and administrative expenses.* General and administrative expenses represent all costs associated with our corporate office operations, including regional and district management and corporate personnel payroll and benefits, depreciation and amortization of corporate assets and other administrative costs not directly related to the operation of a store location.

*Asset impairments.* Asset impairments (if any) represent non-cash charges we record to write down the carrying amount of long-lived assets within stores that are not expected to generate sufficient projected cash flows in order to recover their net book value.

*Seasonality and variations in quarterly results*. Our operating results fluctuate seasonally due to the timing of school vacations, holidays and changing weather conditions. As a result, we typically generate higher sales volumes during the first and third quarters of each fiscal year. School operating schedules, holidays and weather conditions may affect sales volumes in some operating regions differently than others. Because of the seasonality of our business, results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be achieved for the full fiscal year.

#### **Results of Operations**

#### Historical Results

The following table summarizes our principal sources of Company store sales expressed in dollars and as a percentage of total Company store sales for the periods presented:

	Fiscal Year										
	201	0	200	9	2008	3					
	(in thousands, except percentages)										
Food and beverage sales	\$ 398,241	49.0%	\$ 406,635	49.9%	\$ 409,895	50.6%					
Entertainment and merchandise sales	414,892	51.0%	407,928	50.1%	400,798	49.4%					
Company store sales	\$ 813,133	100.0%	\$ 814,563	100.0%	\$ 810,693	100.0%					

The following table summarizes our revenues and expenses expressed in dollars and as a percentage of total revenues (except as otherwise noted) for the periods presented:

	Fiscal Year								
	2010	)	2009	)	2008	8			
-		(in thousands, except percentages)							
Company store sales Franchising fees and royalties	\$ 813,133 4,115	99.5% 0.5%	\$ 814,563 3,783	99.5% 0.5%	\$ 810,693 3,816	99.5% 0.5%			
Total revenues	\$ 817,248	100.0%	\$ 818,346	100.0%	\$ 814,509	100.0%			
Company store operating costs: Cost of food and beverage <sup>(1)</sup> Cost of entertainment and merchandise <sup>(2)</sup>	90,649 34,233	22.8% 8.3%	91,816 36,429	22.6% 8.9%	96,891 34,525	23.6% 8.6%			
Cost of food, beverage, entertainment and merchandise <sup>(3)</sup>	124,882	15.4%	128,245	15.7%	131,416	16.2%			
Labor expenses <sup>(3)</sup>	222,337	27.3%	223,084	27.4%	223,331	27.5%			
Depreciation and amortization <sup>(3)</sup>	79,716	9.8%	77,101	9.5%	74,805	9.2%			
Rent expense <sup>(3)</sup>	70,425	8.7%	67,695	8.3%	65,959	8.1%			
Other store operating expenses <sup>(3)</sup>	128,075	15.8%	123,986	15.2%	119,990	14.8%			
Total Company store operating costs <sup>(3)</sup>	625,435	76.9%	620,111	76.1%	615,501	75.9%			
Other costs and expenses:									
Advertising expense	35,282	4.3%	36,641	4.5%	34,736	4.3%			
General and administrative expenses	50,693	6.2%	50,629	6.2%	55,970	6.9%			
Asset impairments	936	0.1%	-	0.0%	282	0.0%			
Total operating costs and expenses	712,346	87.2%	707,381	86.4%	706,489	86.7%			
Operating income Interest expense	104,902 12,142	12.8% 1.5%	110,965 12,017	13.6% 1.5%	108,020 17,389	13.3% 2.1%			
Income before income taxes	\$ 92,760	11.4%	\$ 98,948	12.1%	\$ 90,631	11.1%			

<sup>(1)</sup> Percent amount expressed as a percentage of food and beverage sales.

<sup>(2)</sup> Percent amount expressed as a percentage of entertainment and merchandise sales.

<sup>(3)</sup> Percent amount expressed as a percentage of Company store sales.

Due to rounding, percentages presented in the table above may not add. The percentage amounts for the components of cost of food, beverage, entertainment and merchandise do not sum due to the fact that cost of food and beverage and cost of entertainment and merchandise are expressed as a

percentage of related food and beverage and entertainment and merchandise sales, as opposed to total Company store sales.

#### Fiscal Year 2010 Compared to Fiscal Year 2009

#### Revenues

Company store sales decreased 0.2% to \$813.1 million during 2010 compared to \$814.6 million in 2009 due to the additional 53<sup>rd</sup> operating week sales in our 2009 fiscal year of approximately \$19.5 million, partially offset by a weighted average net increase of approximately four Company-owned stores during 2010 and a 0.7% increase in our comparable store sales on a fiscal week basis. On a same calendar week basis, which we believe to be more indicative of the health of our business, comparable store sales grew 1.5%. The difference between fiscal week and calendar week comparable store sales is primarily attributable to the effect of the additional operating week in our 2009 fiscal year which caused the seasonally strong first week of the 2010 calendar week to shift into the fourth quarter of 2009. Menu prices increased on average approximately 2.6% during 2010. We believe the various strategies we have implemented, including the ongoing capital initiatives at our stores and our continuing efforts to increase the number of birthday parties favorably affected our sales during 2010.

Our sales for 2010 also includes a \$0.6 million adjustment we recorded in food and beverage sales during the second quarter of 2010 for the initial recognition of breakage income related to unredeemed gift card balances. The initial and ongoing breakage income amount we recognized in 2010 is not included in either the fiscal week or calendar week comparable store sales figures. Refer to Note

1. "Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies—Revenue Recognition – Company Store Activities" of our consolidated financial statements included in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" for more information regarding our initial recognition of gift card breakage income.

Our Company store sales mix was 49.0% food and beverage sales and 51.0% entertainment and merchandise sales during 2010 compared to 49.9% and 50.1% respectively, in 2009. We believe the sales mix shift from food and beverage to entertainment and merchandise is primarily the result of increased game token sales associated with our token purchase promotions in the current year, as well as birthday party packages that contained greater components of merchandise and tokens as compared to the packages offered in 2009.

#### **Company Store Operating Costs**

Cost of food and beverage as a percentage of food and beverage sales increased 0.2 percentage points to 22.8% during 2010 from 22.6% in 2009 primarily due to an increase in cheese prices. During 2010, the average price per pound of cheese increased approximately \$0.21, or 16%, compared to prices paid in 2009. This increase was partially offset by menu price increases and the implementation of certain cost savings initiatives, including reductions in paper supplies.

Cost of entertainment and merchandise as a percentage of entertainment and merchandise sales decreased 0.6 percentage points to 8.3% during 2010 from 8.9% in 2009. This decrease is primarily due to margin pressure associated with incremental prize merchandise awarded to our guests in 2009 from promotional in-store token distributions, which did not occur in 2010, as well as from the liquidation of certain prize inventory in the first quarter of 2009. Additionally, during 2010 we reduced the costs associated with an attraction that dispensed novelty photo cards.

Labor expenses as a percentage of Company store sales decreased 0.1 percentage point to 27.3% during 2010 compared to 27.4% in 2009 primarily due to improved labor utilization of our hourly labor force during 2010, offsetting a 2.5% increase in average hourly wage rates at our stores. Partially offsetting this labor improvement were higher incentive compensation associated with our store-level personnel and increased group medical costs during 2010.

Depreciation and amortization expense related to our stores increased \$2.6 million to \$79.7 million during 2010 compared to \$77.1 million in 2009 primarily due to the ongoing capital investment initiatives occurring at our existing stores and new store development.

Store rent expense increased \$2.7 million to \$70.4 million in 2010 compared to \$67.7 million in 2009 primarily due to an increase in our leased properties resulting from new store development and expansions of existing stores.

Other store operating expenses as a percentage of Company store sales increased 0.6 percentage points to 15.8% during 2010 compared to 15.2% in 2009 primarily due to higher insurance related costs and a charge incurred to transition soft drink suppliers. Insurance related costs increased approximately \$1.7 million, or 0.2 percentage points, during 2010 compared to 2009 primarily due to the unfavorable development of certain general liability claims. Additionally, during 2010, we incurred a charge of approximately \$1.0 million to transition to a new soft drink supplier.

#### Advertising Expense

Advertising expense as a percentage of total revenues decreased 0.2 percentage points to 4.3% during 2010 from 4.5% in 2009 primarily due to lower television media costs compared to last year and reductions in certain other media expenditures during 2010. These decreases were partially offset by additional local television advertising during 2010.

#### Asset Impairments

During 2010, we recognized asset impairment charges of \$0.9 million for three of our stores based on the determination that the stores' projected performance had been adversely impacted by various economic factors in the markets in which they are located. Management determined that the estimated fair value of the stores' long-lived assets (computed as the discounted projected cash flows throughout each of the stores' remaining lease term) had declined below their carrying amount. For additional information about these impairment charges, refer to Note 4. "Property and Equipment—Asset Impairments" of our consolidated financial statements included in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

#### Interest Expense

Interest expense increased to \$12.1 million during 2010 compared to \$12.0 million in 2009 due to additional interest accrued during 2010 resulting from an IRS examination of prior tax years. This increase was partially offset by a decrease in interest expense incurred on our revolving credit facility, which was primarily attributable to a lower average debt balance outstanding during 2010 compared to 2009. During 2010, the average debt balance outstanding under our revolving credit facility was \$335.3 million compared to \$346.3 million during 2009, and our weighted average effective interest rate, including the effect of our interest rate swap, was unchanged at 2.9% in 2010 and 2009.

#### Income Taxes

Our effective income tax rate increased to 41.7% during 2010 compared to 38.2% for 2009. Our 2010 effective income tax rate included net unfavorable adjustments of \$3.0 million, which included \$2.4 million we reflected during the second quarter, primarily resulting from adjustments made to our tax accounts identified as a result of an IRS examination of our 2006 and 2007 tax years, various return-to-provision adjustments, and offsetting favorable adjustments related to California enterprise zone tax credits.

#### **Diluted Earnings Per Share**

Diluted earnings per share decreased to \$2.55 per share during 2010 from \$2.67 per share in 2009 primarily due to a 11.7% decrease in our net income, partially offset by a 7.5% decrease in the number of weighted average diluted shares outstanding between the two periods. As described under the caption "53<sup>rd</sup> Week Impact" above, we estimate that the additional operating week in 2009 benefited prior year diluted earnings per share by approximately \$0.17. Additionally, the decrease in diluted earnings per share between the two periods was impacted by our repurchase of approximately 4.0 million shares of our common stock since the beginning of 2009. We estimate that the decrease in the number of weighted average diluted shares outstanding during 2010 attributable solely to these repurchases incrementally benefited our earnings per share in 2010 by approximately \$0.19. Our estimate is based on the weighted average number of shares repurchased since the beginning of 2009 and includes consideration of the estimated additional interest expense attributable to increased borrowings under our revolving credit facility to finance the repurchases. Our computation does not include the effect of share repurchases prior to the 2009 fiscal year, or the effect of the issuance of restricted stock or exercise of stock options subsequent to the beginning of fiscal 2009.

#### Fiscal Year 2009 Compared to Fiscal Year 2008

#### Revenues

Company store sales increased 0.5% to \$814.6 million during 2009 compared to \$810.7 million in 2008 primarily due to the additional 53<sup>rd</sup> week sales of approximately \$19.5 million and a weighted average net increase of approximately four Company-owned stores during 2009 as compared to 2008. This increase was partially offset by a decline in our comparable store sales which, including the impact of the additional 53<sup>rd</sup> week in 2009, decreased 2.8%. We believe our comparable store sales in 2009 were negatively impacted by a restraint in consumer spending due to a weakened economic environment, and to a lesser extent the outbreak of the H1N1 influenza A virus, commonly referred to as the "swine flu." We believe the greatest impact of the swine flu occurred from April through June 2009. This negative impact to our comparable store sales was partially offset by menu prices which increased on average 1.6% during 2009. Despite the apparent restraint in consumer spending and added pressure from the swine flu, we believe the execution of various strategies we have implemented, including the ongoing capital initiatives at our stores and our continuing efforts to increase the number of birthday parties and fund raising events at our stores worked, in part, to counteract theses negative factors.

Our Company store sales mix was 49.9% food and beverage sales and 50.1% entertainment and merchandise sales during 2009 compared to 50.6% and 49.4%, respectively, in 2008. We believe the shift in sales mix from food and beverage to entertainment and merchandise is primarily the result of increased sales of promotional package deals and birthday parties containing greater components of game tokens and merchandise.

#### **Company Store Operating Costs**

Cost of food and beverage as a percentage of food and beverage sales decreased 1.0 percentage point to 22.6% during 2009 from 23.6% in 2008 primarily due to a \$0.59, or 31%, reduction in the average price per pound of cheese in 2009 compared to prices paid in 2008.

Cost of entertainment and merchandise as a percentage of entertainment and merchandise sales increased 0.3 percentage points to 8.9% during 2009 from 8.6% in 2008 primarily due to a 0.2 percentage point increase in costs associated with an attraction that dispenses novelty photo cards, and to a lesser extent increased distributions of prize redemption tickets related to specific promotions during the second and third quarters of 2009.

Labor expense as a percentage of Company store sales decreased 0.1 percentage point to 27.4% during 2009 compared to 27.5% in 2008 primarily due to improved productivity at the store level and a reduction in store personnel performance-based compensation costs associated with our Company store sales decline during 2009, largely offset by a 3.4% increase in average hourly wage rates at our stores.

Depreciation and amortization expense related to our stores increased \$2.3 million to \$77.1 million during 2009 compared to \$74.8 million in 2008 primarily due to the ongoing capital investment initiatives that occurred at our existing stores and new store development.

Store rent expense increased \$1.7 million to \$67.7 million during 2009 compared to \$66.0 million in 2008 primarily due to an increase in the number of leased properties resulting from our new store development and to a lesser extent expansions of existing stores.

Other store operating expenses as a percentage of Company store sales increased 0.4 percentage points to 15.2% during 2009

compared to 14.8% in 2008 primarily due to higher repair and maintenance costs and the effect of a \$0.8 million gain that we recognized in 2008 from the sale of property related to our TJ Hartford's Grill and Bar ("TJ Hartford's"). The increase in other store operating expenses as a percentage of Company store sales was partially offset by a reduction in general insurance costs during 2009 compared to 2008.

#### Advertising Expense

Advertising expense as a percentage of total revenues increased 0.2 percentage points to 4.5% during 2009 from 4.3% in 2008 primarily due to a combined 0.2 percentage point increase in television advertising and Internet-based media expenditures associated with our marketing programs in 2009.

#### General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses decreased \$5.3 million to \$50.6 million during 2009 from \$56.0 million in 2008 primarily due to lower performance-based compensation and a decrease in legal related costs. Performance-based compensation associated with our financial performance for 2009 decreased \$3.8 million in 2009 compared to 2008. Litigation related costs decreased approximately \$2.5 million primarily due to the non-recurrence of certain prior year legal matters. These decreases were partially offset by increases in other corporate office expenses.

#### Interest Expense

Interest expense decreased to \$12.0 million during 2009 compared to \$17.4 million in 2008 primarily due to a 120 basis point decrease in the average effective interest rates incurred and a reduction in the outstanding balance of our revolving credit facility between the two periods. The weighted average effective interest rate incurred on borrowings under our revolving credit facility was 2.9% during 2009 compared to 4.2% in 2008. During 2009, the average debt balance outstanding under our revolving credit facility was \$346.3 million compared to \$358.6 million during 2008.

#### Income Taxes

Our effective income tax rate was 38.2% and 37.7% for 2009 and 2008, respectively. The increase in our effective income tax rate was primarily due to the effect of favorable U.S. federal and state tax adjustments we made during 2008, and to a lesser extent unfavorable tax adjustments in 2009.

#### **Diluted Earnings Per Share**

Diluted earnings per share increased to \$2.67 per share during 2009 from \$2.33 per share in 2008 due to a 8.3% increase in our net income and a 5.2% decrease in the number of weighted average diluted shares outstanding between the two periods. As described under the caption "53<sup>rd</sup> Week Impact" above, we estimate that the additional operating week in 2009 benefited 2009 diluted earnings per share by approximately \$0.17. Additionally, the increase in diluted earnings per share between the two periods was impacted by our repurchase of approximately 6.7 million shares of our common stock since the beginning of 2008. We estimate that the decrease in the number of weighted average diluted shares outstanding during 2009 attributable solely to these repurchases incrementally benefited our earnings per share in 2009 by approximately \$0.17. Our estimate is based on the weighted average number of shares repurchased since the beginning of 2008 and includes consideration of the estimated additional interest expense attributable to increased borrowings under our revolving credit facility to finance the repurchases. Our computation does not include the effect of share repurchases prior to fiscal 2008, or the effect of the issuance of restricted stock or exercise of stock options subsequent to the beginning of fiscal 2008.

#### **Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources**

#### **Overview** of Liquidity

Funds generated by our operating activities, available cash and cash equivalents, and our revolving credit facility continue to be our most significant sources of liquidity. We believe funds generated from our expected results of operations and available cash and cash equivalents will be sufficient to finance our business development strategies and capital initiatives for the next year. Our revolving credit facility is also available for additional working capital needs and investment opportunities. However, in the event of a material decline in our sales trends or operating margins, there can be no assurance that we will generate cash flows at or above our current levels. Our ability to access our revolving credit facility is subject to our compliance with the terms and conditions of the credit facility agreement, including our compliance with certain prescribed financial ratio covenants, as more fully described below.

Our primary uses for cash provided by operating activities relate to planned capital expenditures and servicing our debt. We may also use cash from operations to pay dividends to our shareholders and make repurchases of our common stock.

Our requirement for working capital is not significant since our store customers pay for their purchases in cash or credit cards at the time of the sale and the cash from these sales is typically received before related accounts payable to suppliers and our employee payroll become due. Frequent inventory turnover results in limited investment in inventories and our accounts payable are generally

due in five to 30 days. As a result of these factors, we are able to operate with a net working capital deficit (current liabilities in excess of current assets), and we can do so without incurring significant short-term or long-term borrowings. Our net working capital deficit increased to \$1.7 million at January 2, 2011 from \$1.0 million at January 3, 2010 primarily due to variations in the timing and amount of payments for accounts payable and accrued income taxes.

We do not enter into any material development or contractual purchase obligations in connection with our business development strategy. As a result, with respect to our planned capital expenditures, including spending that pertains to our new store development and capital initiatives, we believe that we have the flexibility necessary to manage our liquidity by promptly deferring or curtailing our capital spending.

The following tables present summarized financial information that we believe is helpful in evaluating our liquidity and capital resources:

	<b>Fiscal Year</b>						
	2010			2009		2008	
_			(in t	thousands)	s)		
Net cash provided by operating activities Net cash used for investing activities Net cash used for financing activities Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash		156,870 (102,869) (52,163) 70	\$	154,258 (72,931) (80,568) (1,167)	\$	144,182 (85,478) (58,034) (1,274)	
Change in cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,908	\$	(408)	\$	(604)	
Interest paid Income taxes paid, net	\$ \$	11,596 41,725	\$ \$	12,317 20,454	\$ \$	16,542 46,696	

	At Yea	ar End	
	2010		2009
	(in thou	ds)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,269	\$	17,361
Revolving credit facility borrowings	\$ 377,000	\$	354,300
Available unused commitments under revolving credit facility	\$ 162,341	\$	185,743

#### Sources and Uses of Cash – Fiscal Year 2010 Compared to Fiscal Year 2009

Net cash provided by operating activities increased \$2.6 million to \$156.9 million during 2010 from \$154.3 million in 2009. The increase was primarily attributable to the timing of payments related to accounts payable and accrued income taxes during 2010 compared to 2009 and the receipt of a \$2.0 million franchise development fee in 2010.

Our cash interest payments decreased \$0.7 million to \$11.6 million during 2010 from \$12.3 million in 2009 primarily due to a reduction in the average debt balance outstanding under our revolving credit facility between the two periods.

Our cash payments for income taxes, net of refunds received, increased \$21.3 million to \$41.7 million during 2010 from \$20.5 million in 2009. The increase was primarily due to a decrease in the amount of tax overpayments which are typically applied towards the following years' tax returns. The decrease in 2009 overpayments caused an increase in the amount of federal and state estimated tax payments made during 2010 compared to 2009. The increase was also attributable to fewer refunds received in 2010, including the effect of a \$5.5 million refund of excess federal income taxes we received in 2009, combined with a \$2.5 million payment made during the fourth quarter of 2010 in connection with the settlement of an IRS examination of our 2006 and 2007 tax years. We currently anticipate receiving an income tax refund of approximately \$9.0 million resulting primarily from additional federal "bonus" tax depreciation.

Net cash used in investing activities increased \$29.9 million to \$102.9 million during 2010 from \$72.9 million in 2009, primarily due to an increase in the number of capital spending initiatives for our existing stores and our new company store development efforts during 2010. Capital spending initiatives for our existing stores affected 223 stores during 2010 compared to 160 stores in 2009. Additionally, during 2010 we opened four more new or relocated stores than in 2009. The increase in cash used for investing activities also includes cash payments associated with our acquisition of five former franchised store locations during 2010.

Net cash used in financing activities decreased \$28.4 million to \$52.2 million during 2010 from \$80.6 million in 2009, primarily due to a change in the net borrowings under our revolving credit facility during 2010 compared to 2009, partially offset by an increase in our share repurchase activity and a decrease in proceeds obtained through the exercise of employee stock options. During 2010, we increased the outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility by \$22.7 million, compared to 2009 when we made repayments of \$47.6 million. This increase in borrowings was primarily related to our repurchases of our common stock which increased \$25.0 million to \$77.6 million compared to \$52.6 million in 2009. Also, during 2010, cash proceeds received through the exercise of employee stock options decreased \$13.9 million compared to 2009 due to a decline in the number of exercisable awards outstanding.

#### Sources and Uses of Cash – Fiscal Year 2009 Compared to Fiscal Year 2008

Net cash provided by operating activities increased \$10.1 million to \$154.3 million during 2009 from \$144.2 million in 2008. The increase was primarily attributable to increases in net income and non-cash adjustments, partially offset by changes in our operating assets and liabilities.

Our cash interest payments decreased \$4.2 million to \$12.3 million during 2009 from \$16.5 million in 2008 primarily due to a reduction in the prevailing rates of interest incurred on our borrowings in 2009 as compared to the prior year, partially offset by payments of approximately \$0.5 million we made during 2009 in connection with various state tax settlements.

Our cash payments for income taxes, net of refunds we received, decreased \$26.2 million to \$20.5 million during 2009 compared to payments of \$46.7 million in 2008 primarily due to our payment of \$6.3 million in 2008 to the Internal Revenue Service for the settlement of certain federal income tax examination issues and a \$5.5 million refund we received during the first quarter of 2009 related to excess 2008 federal income tax payments.

Net cash used in investing activities decreased \$12.5 million to \$72.9 million during 2009 from \$85.5 million in 2008 primarily due to our adding fewer Company-owned stores in 2009 and reductions in general capital maintenance activities at our stores and capital spending at our corporate office compared to 2008. Cash flows from investing activities during 2008 also included the receipt of cash proceeds of approximately \$2.1 million from our sale of property related to TJ Hartford's.

Net cash used in financing activities increased \$22.5 million to \$80.6 million during 2009 from \$58.0 million in 2008, primarily due to our repayment during 2009 of borrowings under our revolving credit facility, partially offset by a reduction in our share repurchase activity. During 2009, we made repayments of \$47.6 million on the outstanding debt balance under our revolving credit facility, compared to 2008 when we increased our borrowings by \$85.1 million. Also, during 2009, our repurchases of our common stock decreased \$108.2 million to \$52.6 million, compared to \$160.8 million in 2008.

#### **Debt Financing**

Our revolving credit facility agreement provides for total borrowings of up to \$550.0 million. The credit facility, which matures in October 2012, also includes an accordion feature which allows us, subject to lender approval, to request an increase to the revolving commitment of up to \$50.0 million in borrowings at any time. As of January 2, 2011, there were \$377.0 million of borrowings and approximately \$10.7 million of letters of credit issued but undrawn under our credit facility. Based on the type of borrowing, the credit facility bears interest at the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus an applicable margin of 0.625% to 1.25% determined based on our financial performance and debt levels, or alternatively, the higher of (a) the prime rate or (b) the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50%. As of January 2, 2011, borrowings under the credit facility incurred interest at LIBOR (ranging from 0.26% - 0.28%) plus 1.00% or prime (3.25%). A commitment fee of 0.1% to 0.3%, depending on our financial performance and debt levels, is payable on a quarterly basis on any unused credit line. All borrowings under the credit facility are unsecured, but we have agreed not to pledge any of our existing assets to secure future indebtedness.

During 2010, we increased the outstanding debt balance under our revolving credit facility by \$22.7 million to \$377.0 million as of January 2, 2011 from \$354.3 million as of January 3, 2010, primarily due to an increase in our repurchases of our common stock during 2010. Including the effect of our interest rate swap contract, the weighted average effective interest rate incurred on borrowings under our revolving credit facility was 2.9%, 2.9% and 4.2% in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Our revolving credit facility agreement contains a number of covenants that, among other things, require us to comply with the following financial ratios as of the end of any fiscal quarter:

- a consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.5 to 1.0, based upon the ratio of (a) consolidated EBITR for the last four fiscal quarters to (b) the sum of consolidated interest charges plus consolidated rent expense during such period. Consolidated EBITR, as defined in the revolving credit facility agreement, equals net income plus consolidated interest charges, income taxes, stock-based compensation expense, rent expense, and other non-cash charges, reduced by non-cash income.
- a consolidated leverage ratio of not greater than 3.0 to 1.0, based upon the ratio of (a) the quarter-end consolidated funded indebtedness (as defined in the revolving credit facility agreement) to (b) consolidated EBITDA for the last four fiscal quarters. Consolidated EBITDA, as defined in the revolving credit facility agreement, equals our consolidated EBITR adjusted to exclude the non-cash portion of rent expense plus depreciation and amortization.

Our revolving credit facility is the primary source of committed funding from which we finance our planned capital expenditures, repurchase of our common stock, and provide for working capital needs. Non-compliance with the financial covenant ratios could prevent us from being able to access further borrowings under our revolving credit facility, require us to immediately repay all amounts outstanding under the revolving credit facility, and increase our cost of borrowing. As of January 2, 2011, we were in compliance with these covenant ratios, with a consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio of 2.25 to 1 and a consolidated leverage ratio of 2.04 to 1.

#### Interest Rate Swap

In May 2008, we entered into an interest rate swap contract to effectively convert \$150.0 million of our variable rate revolving credit facility debt to a fixed interest rate. The contract, which matures in May 2011, requires us to pay a fixed rate of 3.62% while receiving variable payments from the counterparty at the three-month LIBOR rate. Including the 1.00 percentage point applicable margin incurred on our revolving credit facility, the effective interest rate of the swap contract was 4.62% as of January 2, 2011. The differential amounts receivable or payable under the swap contract are recorded over the life of the contract as adjustments to interest expense. We continually assess our strategy towards managing interest rate risk and the appropriateness of interest rate swaps on future indebtedness.

As of January 2, 2011, the estimated fair value of the swap contract was a liability of approximately \$2.0 million. Refer to Note 7. "Derivative Instrument" of our consolidated financial statements included in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" for a more complete discussion of our interest rate swap contract.

#### **Capital Expenditures**

The following table summarizes information regarding the number of capital spending initiatives we completed during each of the periods presented:

	Fiscal Year					
	2010	2009	2008			
<b>Investment in existing Company-owned stores:</b> Game enhancements <sup>(1)</sup>						
Game enhancements <sup>(1)</sup>	180	125	125			
Major remodels	15	9	15			
Store expansions	28	26	20			
Total completed	223	160	160			
Company-owned stores added <sup>(2)</sup>	12	3	7			

(1) 2010 included incremental game enhancements completed for stores located in the Los Angeles, San Diego, Chicago, and Philadelphia market areas in conjunction with local television advertising.

<sup>(2)</sup> Company-owned stores added during 2010 included five stores we acquired from franchisees and two stores we relocated. Company-owned stores added during 2008 included two stores we acquired from franchisees and one store we relocated.

We believe that in order to maintain consumer demand for and the appeal of our concept, we must continually reinvest in our existing stores. For our existing stores, we currently utilize the following capital initiatives: (a) game enhancements; (b) major remodels; and (c) store expansions. While initiatives such as expansions may capitalize on incremental revenue growth opportunities, we believe our capital initiatives involving major remodels and game enhancements serve more to preserve our existing sales base and cash flows over the long term.

*Game enhancements.* Game enhancements include replacing a portion of a store's games and rides with new and, to a lesser extent, refurbished equipment. We believe game enhancements are necessary to maintain the relevance and appeal of our games and rides. In addition, game enhancements enable us to introduce improvements in game and ride technology.

*Major remodels.* We undertake periodic major remodels when there is a need to improve the overall appearance or layout of a store or when we introduce concept changes or enhancements to our stores. A major remodel initiative typically includes interior design modifications that allow us to more effectively utilize space allocated to the playroom area of the store, increasing the number of games and rides, and developing a new interior identity.

*Store expansions.* We believe store expansions improve the quality of our guests' experience because the additional square footage allows us to increase the number and variety of games, rides and other entertainment offerings in the expanded stores. In addition to expanding the square footage of a store, store expansions typically include all components of a major remodel and result in an increase in the store's seat count. We consider our investments in store expansions to generally be discretionary in nature. In undertaking store expansions, our objective is to improve the appeal of our stores and to respond to sales growth opportunities as they arise.

Since the lifecycles of our store format and our games are largely driven by changes in consumer behaviors and preferences, we believe that our capital initiatives involving major remodels and game enhancements are required in order to keep pace with consumer entertainment expectations. As a result, we view our major remodel and game enhancement initiatives as a means to maintaining and protecting our existing sales and cash flows over the long term. While we are hopeful that our major remodels and game enhancements will contribute to incremental sales growth, we believe that our capital spending with respect to expansions of existing stores will more directly lead to growth in our comparable store sales and cash flow. We typically invest in expansions when we believe there is a potential for sales growth and, in some instances, in order to maintain sales in stores that compete with other large-box competitors. We believe that expanding the square footage and entertainment space of a store increases our guest traffic and enhances the overall customer experience, which we believe will contribute to the growth of our long-term comparable store sales.

The objective of an expansion or remodel that increases space available for entertainment is not intended to exclusively improve our entertainment sales, but rather is focused on impacting overall Company store sales through increased guest traffic and satisfaction.

*New Company store development.* Our plan for new store development is primarily focused on opening high sales volume stores in densely populated areas. During 2010, we opened seven new Company-owned stores, including two relocated stores. Also, during 2010 we acquired five existing store locations from franchisees. The cost of a new store varies depending upon many factors including the size of the store, whether we acquire land and whether the store is located in an in-line or freestanding building.

#### Fiscal 2011 Capital Plan

Our future capital expenditures are expected to be primarily for reinvestment into our existing Company-owned store base through various capital initiatives and the development or acquisition of additional Company stores. We estimate capital expenditures in fiscal 2011 will total approximately \$94 million to \$95 million, including approximately \$63 million related to capital initiatives for our existing stores, approximately \$16 million related to new store development and the remainder for other store initiatives, general store requirements and corporate capital expenditures. We plan to fund these capital expenditures through cash flow from operations and, if necessary, borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

The following tables summarize information regarding the expected number of and estimated average cost for our projected capital expenditures activities in fiscal 2011:

	Projected Completions In Fiscal Year 2011	Estimated Average Cost Per Project
		(in millions)
Investment in existing Company-owned stores:		
Game enhancements	140 to 150	\$0.1 to \$0.2
Major remodels	15 to 20	\$0.6
Store expansions	30 to 35	\$1.0
Total	185 to 205	
New Company store development <sup>(1)</sup>	6	\$2.7 to \$2.8

<sup>(1)</sup> New Company store development projected for fiscal year 2011 includes three store relocations.

#### Share Repurchases

Our Board of Directors ("Board") has approved a program for us to repurchase shares of our common stock. On July 25, 2005, the Board approved a stock repurchase program which authorized us to repurchase from time to time up to \$400 million of our common stock and on October 22, 2007 and October 27, 2009 authorized \$200 million increases each. During 2010, we repurchased 2,184,515 shares of our common stock at an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$77.6 million, and as of January 2, 2011, approximately \$141.1 million remained available for share repurchases under our repurchase authorization.

The share repurchase authorization approved by the Board does not have an expiration date and the pace of our repurchase activity will depend on factors such as our working capital needs, our debt repayment obligations, our stock price, and economic and market conditions. Our share repurchases may be effected from time to time through open market purchases, accelerated share repurchases or in privately negotiated transactions. Our share repurchase program may be accelerated, suspended, delayed or discontinued at any time.

#### Cash Dividends

On February 22, 2011, our Board approved the initiation of a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per share, or \$0.80 per share for each year. Due to the timing of the Board's decision, dividends paid during the 2011 fiscal year are expected to be \$0.60 per share. Our first quarterly dividend of \$0.20 per share will be paid on April 21, 2011 to shareholders of record on March 24, 2011. We expect to continue to pay quarterly dividends. However, there can be no assurance that future dividends will be declared or paid. The actual declaration and payment of future dividends, the amount of any such dividends, and the establishment of record and payment dates, if any, is subject to final determination by our Board of Directors each quarter after its review of our then-current strategy, applicable debt covenants, and financial performance and position, among other things. See "Item 1A. Risk Factors" for a discussion of factors that might affect our financial performance and compliance with debt covenants, including covenants that affect our ability to pay dividends. Also see "Note 6. Revolving Credit Facility" of our consolidated financial statements in this annual report on Form 10-K.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations**

At January 2, 2011, we had no off-balance sheet financing arrangements as described in Regulation S-K Item 303(a)(4)(ii).

The following table summarizes our contractual cash obligations as of January 2, 2011:

	Payments Due by Period									
	Total		Less than Total 1 Year		1 – 3 Years		3 – 5 Years			ore than 5 Years
					(in	thousands)				
Operating leases <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	958,135	\$	73,175	\$	145,252	\$	143,087	\$	596,621
Capital leases		16,383		1,750		3,319		3,231		8,083
Revolving credit facility <sup>(2)</sup>		377,000		-		377,000		-		-
Interest obligations <sup>(3)</sup>		10,505		6,620		3,885		-		-
Purchase commitments		-		-		-		-		-
Uncertain tax positions <sup>(4)</sup>		482		482		-		-		-
	\$	1,362,505	\$	82,027	\$	529,456	\$	146,318	\$	604,704

(1) Includes the initial non-cancellable term plus renewal option periods provided for in the lease that can be reasonably assured and excludes obligations to pay property taxes, insurance and maintenance on the leased assets.

<sup>(2)</sup> The amount for the revolving credit facility excludes interest payments related to this variable rate debt.

(3) Interest obligations represent an estimate of future interest payments under our revolving credit facility. We calculated the estimate based on (i) terms of the credit facility agreement, (ii) using a 1.27% weighted average interest rate incurred on outstanding borrowings that were not subject to an interest rate swap agreement as of January 2, 2011, (iii) and \$150.0 million notional amount of debt converted to a fixed rate of 3.62% through an interest rate swap contract which matures in May 2011. Our estimate assumes that we will maintain the same levels indebtedness and financial performance through the credit facility's maturity in October 2012.

<sup>(4)</sup> Due to the uncertainty related to the timing and reversal of uncertain tax positions, only the current portion of the liability for unrecognized tax benefits has been provided in the table above. The noncurrent portion excluded from the table above is approximately \$3.9 million.

As of January 2, 2011, capital expenditures totaling \$11.1 million were outstanding and included in accounts payable. These amounts are expected to be paid in less than one year.

The total estimated accrued liabilities for our self-insurance programs was approximately \$20.0 million as of January 2, 2011. We estimate that approximately \$6.9 million of these liabilities will be paid in fiscal 2011 and the remainder paid in 2012 and beyond. Due to the nature of the underlying liabilities and the extended period of time often experienced in resolving insurance claims, we cannot make reliable estimates of the timing of cash payments to be made in the future for our accrued insurance liabilities. Therefore, no amounts for such liabilities have been included in the table above.

As of January 2, 2011, there were approximately \$10.7 million of letters of credit issued but undrawn under our credit facility. We utilize standby letters of credit primarily for our self-insurance programs. These letters of credit do not represent additional obligations of the Company since the underlying liabilities are recorded in our accrued insurance liabilities. However, if we were unable to pay insurance claims when due, our insurance carrier could make demand for payment pursuant to the letters of credit.

We enter into various purchase agreements in the ordinary course of business. While we have fixed price agreements and contracts with "spot" market prices relating primarily to food and beverage products, we do not have any material contracts (either individually or in the aggregate) in place committing us to a minimum or fixed level of purchases or that are cancelable subject to significant penalty. Therefore, no amounts for such arrangements have been included in the table above.

#### Inflation

Our cost of operations, including but not limited to labor, food products, supplies, utilities, financing and rental costs, are significantly affected by inflationary factors.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). The application of U.S. GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported values of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period, and the related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. The use of estimates is pervasive throughout our consolidated financial statements and is affected by management judgment and uncertainties. Our estimates, assumptions and judgments are based on historical experience, current market trends and other factors that we believe to be relevant and reasonable at the time the consolidated financial statements are prepared. We continually evaluate the information used to make these estimates as the business and the economic environment change. Actual results may differ materially from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

The significant accounting policies used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements are described in Note 1. "Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" included in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data." We consider an accounting policy or estimate to be critical if it requires difficult, subjective or complex judgments, and is material to the portrayal of financial condition, changes in financial condition or results of operations. The accounting policies and estimates that our management considers most critical are: estimation of reserves specifically related to insurance, tax reserves and legal contingencies; impairment of long-lived assets; accounting for leases and hedge accounting. The selection, application and disclosure of the critical accounting policies and estimates have been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

#### **Estimation of Reserves**

The amount of liability we record for claims related to insurance, tax and contingent losses requires us to make judgments about the amount of expenses that will ultimately be incurred. We use history and experience, as well as other specific circumstances surrounding these contingencies, in evaluating the amount of liability that should be recorded. As additional information becomes available, we assess the potential liability related to various claims and revise our estimates as appropriate. These revisions could materially impact our results of operations and financial position or liquidity.

*Insurance reserves.* We are self-insured for certain losses related to workers' compensation claims, property losses and general liability matters. We also have a self-insured health program administered by a third party covering the majority of the employees that participate in our health insurance programs. We estimate the amount of reserves for all the insurance programs discussed above at the end of each reporting period. This estimate is primarily based on information provided by independent third-party actuaries. The information includes historical claims experience, current claims data, demographic factors, severity factors and other factors we deem relevant. We purchase stop-loss insurance coverage through third-party insurance carriers for certain losses related to workers' compensation, general liability, property, employee health insurance programs and other liability claims, with deductibles of up to approximately \$0.2 million to \$0.5 million per occurrence. For claims that exceed the deductible amount, we record a gross liability and a corresponding receivable representing expected recoveries pursuant to the stop-loss coverage, since we are not legally relieved of our obligation to the claimant.

Tax reserves. We are subject to audits from multiple domestic and foreign tax authorities. We maintain reserves to provide for potential tax exposures when, despite our belief that tax return positions are fully supported by the applicable tax laws and regulations, we believe that certain positions may not be fully sustained upon review by taxing authorities (referred to as a "liability for unrecognized tax benefits" or tax reserve resulting from uncertain tax positions). We recognize the benefit from an uncertain tax position in our consolidated financial statements at the largest amount of benefit (measured using a probability weighted approach) that is greater than a 50 percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate resolution and settlement with the taxing authorities. We routinely assess the adequacy of our estimated liability for unrecognized tax benefits and our estimate may be affected by changing interpretations of laws, rulings by tax authorities, certain changes and/or developments with respect to audits, and expiration of the statute of limitations. Depending on the nature of the tax issue, the ultimate resolution of an uncertain tax position may not be known for a number of years; therefore, the estimated reserve balances might exist on the balance sheet for multiple years. To the extent that new information becomes available which causes us to change our judgment regarding the adequacy of recorded reserve balances, such changes to tax reserves will affect income tax expense in the period in which such determination is made. Although we believe our approach to determining the tax treatment is appropriate, there can be no assurance that the final outcome resulting from a tax authority's review will not be materially different than the amounts reflected in our estimated tax provision and tax reserves. If the results of any audit materially differ from the liabilities we have established for taxes, there would be a corresponding impact on our tax reserves, effective tax rate, net earnings and cash flows in the period of resolution.

Contingent loss reserves. From time to time we are involved with inquiries, investigations, claims, lawsuits and other legal proceedings for which we may be uninsured that are incidental to the conduct of our business which are brought about by customers, employees and others involved in operational issues common to the retail, restaurant and entertainment industries. When a contingency involving uncertainty as to a possible loss ("contingent loss") occurs, an estimate of such contingent loss may be accrued as a charge to income and a reserve established on the balance sheet. We perform regular assessments of our contingent losses and develop estimates of the degree of probability for and range of possible settlement. We record liabilities for those losses we deem to be probable and for which we are able to reasonably estimate an amount of settlement. If we are only able to determine a range of estimated loss, with no amount in the range representing better estimate than any other amount within the range, we record a contingent liability typically equal to the low end of the range. Our estimates of contingent loss are developed in consultation with inhouse and outside legal counsel and are based upon a combination of litigation and settlement strategies in light of specific events and circumstances including settlement discussions with respect to ongoing legal matters and court rulings in relevant, but unrelated, proceedings and reserve balances may be increased or decreased in the future to reflect further developments. The assessment of contingent loss reserves is highly subjective and requires us to make judgments about uncertain future events. Although we believe that our assessments of contingent loss reserves are based on reasonable judgments and estimates, there can be no assurance that there will not be a loss different from the amounts accrued, which may expose us to material gains or losses in future periods. These actual results could materially affect our net earnings and cash flows in the period of resolution.

#### Impairment of Property and Equipment

We review our property and equipment for impairment on a store-by-store basis when certain events or changes in circumstances

indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Such events or changes may include a significant change in the business climate in a particular market area (for example, due to economic downturn or natural disaster), historical negative cash flows or plans to dispose of or sell the property and equipment before the end of its previously estimated useful life. If an event or change in circumstances occur, we estimate the future cash flows expected to result from the use of the property and equipment and its eventual disposition. If the sum of the expected future cash flows, undiscounted and without interest, is less than the asset carrying amount (an indication that the carrying amount may not be recoverable), we may recognize an impairment loss. We estimate the fair value of a store's property and equipment by discounting the expected future cash flows of the store over its remaining lease term using a weighted average cost of capital commensurate with the risk. Factors that we must estimate when performing impairment tests include, among other items, sales volume, strategic plans, capital spending, useful lives, salvage values and discount rates. Our assessments of cash flows represent our best estimate as of the time of the impairment review. If actual results are not consistent with our estimates and assumptions, we may be exposed to additional impairment charges, which could be material to our results of operations.

Any impairment loss recognized equals the amount by which the asset carrying amount exceeds its estimated fair value. In the event an asset is impaired, its carrying value is adjusted to the estimated fair value, and any subsequent increases in fair value are not recorded. Additionally, if it is determined that the estimated remaining useful life of the asset should be decreased, any periodic depreciation expense is adjusted based on the new carrying value of the asset unless written down to salvage value, at which time depreciation ceases.

#### Accounting for Leases

We estimate the expected term of a lease by assuming the exercise of renewal options, in addition to the initial non-cancelable lease term, if the renewal is reasonably assured generally due to our contractual right to renew and the existence of an economic penalty that would preclude the abandonment of the lease at the end of the initial non-cancelable lease term. The expected term is used in the determination of whether a lease is a capital or operating lease and in the calculation of straight-line rent expense. Additionally, the useful life of leasehold improvements is limited by the expected lease term or the economic life of the asset, whichever is shorter. If significant expenditures are made for leasehold improvements late in the expected term of a lease and renewal is reasonably assured, the useful life of the leasehold improvement is limited to the end of the reasonably assured renewal period or economic life of the asset.

The determination of the expected term of a lease requires us to apply judgment and estimates concerning the number of renewal periods that are reasonably assured. If a lease is terminated prior to reaching the end of the expected term, this may result in the acceleration of depreciation or impairment of a store's long-lived assets, and it may result in the reversal of deferred rent balances that assumed higher rent payments in renewal periods that were never ultimately exercised by us.

#### Hedge Accounting

We use an interest rate swap contract to reduce our exposure to interest rate fluctuations on our variable rate revolving credit facility. This derivative instrument is recognized on the balance sheet at its estimated fair value. We determine the fair value of our interest rate swap contract using the present value of expected future cash flows arising from the contract which we believe approximates an amount to be received from or paid to a market participant for this instrument. Our valuation methodology utilizes forward interest rate yield curves obtained from an independent pricing service's forward quotes of the benchmark interest rate through the swap contract's maturity. At inception and on an ongoing basis, we assess whether the interest rate swap is highly effective in offsetting changes in the interest payment cash flows on the hedged amount of revolving credit facility debt. We have determined that our interest rate swap contract qualifies for hedge accounting treatment pursuant to U.S. GAAP, therefore, we recognize changes in its fair value that are determined to be effective in offsetting changes in the independent to be effective in offsetting changes in the encepted item in "Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)" ("hedge accounting"). Throughout the term of the swap contract, the unrealized gains or losses we have reported in accumulated other comprehensive income will be recognized in earnings, when the variable interest rate of the debt affects earnings. The ineffective portion of interest rate swap fair value changes, if any, are recorded immediately in earnings.

#### **Recently Issued Accounting Guidance**

#### Newly Adopted Accounting Guidance

As of the beginning of our 2010 fiscal year, we adopted a new accounting standard amending the consolidation accounting requirements for a variable interest entity ("VIE") which now prescribes a qualitative assessment for determining whether a variable interest gives an enterprise a controlling financial interest in a VIE. This new guidance also requires separate presentation of the assets and liabilities of a consolidated VIE on the face of the balance sheet if specific criteria are met. Our adoption of this new standard did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Also in 2010, we adopted the amended accounting guidance contained in Accounting Standards Update 2010-06, which required new and enhanced disclosures about recurring and nonrecurring fair value measurements. This new guidance requires the disclosure of changes in a measured item's assignment among the levels within the three-tiered fair value hierarchy, clarifies existing requirements concerning the disaggregation of fair value measurement disclosures for each class of assets and liabilities as well as additional disclosure around the valuation techniques and inputs used to measure fair value. Our adoption of this new guidance did not

have a significant impact on our disclosure of fair value measurements in our consolidated financial statements.

#### Accounting Guidance Not Yet Adopted

In October 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update 2009-13 which amends the accounting and reporting guidance for arrangements comprised of multiple products or services ("deliverables"). The FASB's revised guidance clarifies how an entity determines separate units of accounting in a multiple-deliverable arrangement and requires that revenue be allocated to all arrangement deliverables using the relative selling price method. The revised guidance is effective for the first annual reporting period beginning on or after June 15, 2010 and may be applied prospectively as of the adoption date or retrospectively for all periods presented. Early adoption is permitted provided that the revised guidance is retroactively applied to the beginning of the year of adoption. We will apply this guidance prospectively as of the start of our 2011 fiscal year. We have evaluated this new accounting guidance and our adoption will not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

#### ITEM 7A: Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

We are subject to interest rate, commodity price and foreign currency market risks.

#### Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to market risk from changes in the variable interest rates (primarily LIBOR) incurred on our revolving credit facility, which at January 2, 2011 had borrowings outstanding of \$377.0 million. We have entered into an interest rate swap contract which effectively fixes the LIBOR component of our interest rate to a fixed rate of 3.62% on \$150.0 million of our borrowings, leaving us with \$227.0 million of variable rate debt as of January 2, 2011. After giving effect to the interest rate swap, a 100 basis point increase in the variable interest rates on our revolving credit facility at January 2, 2011, assuming no change in our outstanding debt balance, would have increased our annual interest expense by approximately \$2.3 million.

#### **Commodity Price Risk**

Commodity prices of certain products that we purchase, primarily cheese and dough, vary throughout the year due to changes in demand, supply and other factors. Currently, we have not entered into any hedging arrangements to reduce our exposure to commodity price volatility. However, we typically enter into short term purchasing contracts which may contain pricing arrangements designed to minimize commodity price fluctuations. The estimated increase in our food costs from a hypothetical 10 percent increase in the average cheese block price per pound (approximately \$0.15 as of January 2, 2011) would have been approximately \$1.0 million for fiscal 2010. The estimated increase in our food costs from a hypothetical 10 percent per pound (approximately \$0.2011) would have been approximately \$0.5 million for fiscal 2010.

## Foreign Currency Risk

As of January 2, 2011, we operated a total of 14 Company-owned stores in Canada. As a result, we have market risk associated with changes in the value of the Canadian dollar. These changes result in cumulative translation adjustments, which are included in "Accumulated other comprehensive income", and potentially result in transaction gains or losses, which are included in our earnings. During 2010, our Canada stores represented approximately 0.2% of our operating income. A hypothetical 10 percent devaluation in the average quoted U.S. dollar-equivalent of the Canadian dollar exchange rate during 2010 would have reduced our reported operating income by less than \$0.1 million.

# CEC ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

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## **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Board of Directors and Stockholders CEC Entertainment, Inc. Irving, Texas

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of CEC Entertainment, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of January 2, 2011 and January 3, 2010, and the related consolidated statements of earnings, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 2, 2011. We also have audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of January 2, 2011, based on criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

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

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

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CEC Entertainment, Inc. and subsidiaries as of January 2, 2011 and January 3, 2010, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 2, 2011, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of January 2, 2011, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Dallas, Texas February 24, 2011

# CEC ENTERTAINMENT, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands, except per share and share amounts)

		anuary 2, 2011	January 3, 2010		
ASSETS					
Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Inventories Prepaid expenses Deferred tax asset.		19,269 32,237 18,485 13,942 3,420	\$	17,361 27,031 18,016 13,915 3,392	
Total current assets Property and equipment, net Other noncurrent assets		87,353 683,192 7,484		79,715 662,747 1,804	
Total assets	\$	778,029	\$	744,266	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current liabilities: Capital lease obligations, current portion Accounts payable Accrued expenses. Unearned revenues Accrued interest Derivative instrument liability. Total current liabilities		936 42,844 32,968 9,393 957 1,976 89,074	\$	881 32,754 33,927 7,641 1,077 4,459 80,739	
Capital lease obligations, less current portion Revolving credit facility borrowings Deferred rent liability Deferred landlord contributions Deferred tax liability Accrued insurance Derivative instrument liability		10,326 377,000 51,522 28,913 43,038 13,144		10,629 354,300 48,765 28,220 33,690 12,068 1,154	
Other noncurrent liabilities		6,950 619,967		6,788 576,353	
Commitments and contingencies (Note 8) Stockholders' equity: Common stock, \$0.10 par value; authorized 100,000,000 shares; 61,436,229 and 61,120,018 shares issued, respectively Capital in excess of par value		6,144 436,051		6,112 425,717	
Retained earnings Accumulated other comprehensive income Less treasury stock, at cost; 41,128,869 and 38,944,354 shares, respectively		756,448 4,522 (1,045,103)		702,414 1,140 (967,470)	
Total stockholders' equity		158,062		167,913	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	778,029	\$	744,266	

# CEC ENTERTAINMENT, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS (in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Fiscal Year					
	ź	2010	2009			2008
<b>REVENUES</b> Food and beverage sales Entertainment and merchandise sales	\$	398,241 414,892	\$	406,635 407,928	\$	409,895 400,798
Company store sales Franchise fees and royalties		813,133 4,115		814,563 3,783		810,693 3,816
Total revenues		817,248		818,346		814,509
OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES Company store operating costs: Cost of food and beverage (exclusive of items shown separately below) Cost of entertainment and merchandise (exclusive of items shown		90,649		91,816		96,891
separately below)		34,233		36,429		34,525
Cost of food, beverage, entertainment and merchandise Labor expenses		124,882 222,337 79,716		128,245 223,084 77,101		131,416 223,331 74,805
Depreciation and amortization Rent expense Other store operating expenses		70,425 128,075		67,695 123,986		65,959 119,990
Total Company store operating costs Advertising expense General and administrative expenses Asset impairments		625,435 35,282 50,693 936		620,111 36,641 50,629		615,501 34,736 55,970 282
Total operating costs and expenses		712,346		707,381		706,489
Operating income Interest expense		104,902 12,142		110,965 12,017		108,020 17,389
Income before income taxes Income taxes		92,760 38,726		98,948 37,754		90,631 34,137
Net income	\$	54,034	\$	61,194	\$	56,494
Earnings per share: Basic Diluted	<u>+</u> \$ \$	2.55	-	\$ 2.68 \$ 2.67	-	\$ 2.37 \$ 2.33
Weighted average common shares outstanding: Basic Diluted		21,163 21,204		22,835 22,933		23,825 24,199

## CEC ENTERTAINMENT, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY For Fiscal Years 2008, 2009 and 2010 (in thousands, except share amounts)

	Comm	on Stock	Capital In Excess of	Retained	Accumulated Other Comprehensive	Treasu	ry Stock	
	Shares	Amount	Par Value	Earnings	Income (Loss)	Shares	Amount	Total
Balance at December 31, 2007		\$ 5,887	\$ 374,376	\$ 584,726	\$ 7,011	32,258,224	\$ (754,007)	\$ 217,993
Net income Change in fair value of cash flow hedge, net of	-	-	-	56,494	-	-	-	56,494
income taxes of \$(2,968) Hedging loss realized in earnings, net of		-	-	-	(4,842)	-	-	(4,842)
income taxes of \$335		-	-	-	547	-	-	547
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of income taxes of \$(646)		-	-		(4,608)	-	-	(4,608)
Comprehensive income					( ) /			47,591
Stock-based compensation costs		_	6,173					6,173
Stock options exercised	. 671,311	67	19,102	-	-	-	-	19,169
Restricted stock issued, net of forfeitures Tax shortfall from stock options and		33	(33)	-	-	-	-	-
restricted stock		-	(1,008)	-	-	-	-	(1,008)
Restricted stock returned for taxes Common stock issued under 401(k) plan		(3)	(1,028) 542	-	-	-	-	(1,031) 544
Purchases of treasury stock		2	542					
						4,911,041	(160,845)	(160,845)
Balance at December 28, 2008		5,986	398,124	641,220 61,194	(1,892)	37,169,265	(914,852)	128,586 61,194
Change in fair value of cash flow hedge, net of				01,191				,
income taxes of \$(1,080) Hedging loss realized in earnings, net of		-	-	-	(1,761)	-	-	(1,761)
income taxes of \$1,579 Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of		-	-	-	2,576	-	-	2,576
income taxes of \$662		-	-	-	2,217	-	-	2,217
Comprehensive income								64,226
Stock-based compensation costs		-	8,154	-	-	-	-	8,154
Stock options exercised Restricted stock issued, net of forfeitures		98 31	19,633 (31)	-	-	-	-	19,731
Tax benefit from stock options and	í.	51						
restricted stock Restricted stock returned for taxes		(6)	625 (1,363)	-	-	-	-	625 (1,369)
Common stock issued under 401(k) plan	. 23,793	3	575	-	-	-	-	578
Purchases of treasury stock	-					1,775,089	(52,618)	(52,618)
Balance at January 3, 2010	. 61,120,018	6,112	425,717	702,414	1,140	38,944,354	(967,470)	
Net income		-	-	54,034	-	-	-	167,913 54,034
Change in fair value of cash flow hedge, net of income taxes of \$(510)		_	_		(835)	_	_	(835)
Hedging loss realized in earnings, net of		-	-	-	~ /	-	-	
income taxes of \$1,888 Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of	-	-	-	-	3,094	-	-	3,094
income taxes of \$144		-	-	-	1,123	-	-	1,123
Comprehensive income								57,416
Stock-based compensation costs		-	7,529	-	-	-	-	7,529
Stock options exercised	181,043	18	5,773	-	-	-	-	5,791
Restricted stock issued, net of forfeitures Tax shortfall from stock options and	194,700	20	(20)	-	-	-	-	-
restricted stock Restricted stock returned for taxes		(8)	(790) (2,759)	-	-	-	-	(790) (2,767)
Common stock issued under 401(k) plan	18,892	(8)	(2,739)	-	-	-	-	(2,707)
Purchases of treasury stock						2,184,515	(77,633)	(77,633)
Balance at January 2, 2011	61,436,229	\$ 6,144	\$ 436,051	\$ 756,448	\$ 4,522	41,128,869	\$ (1,045,103)	\$ 158,062

## CEC ENTERTAINMENT, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands)

	Fiscal Year							
		2010		2009		2008		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:								
Net income	\$	54,034	\$	61,194	\$	56,494		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	+	- ,	*		*			
Depreciation and amortization		80,679		78,071		75,445		
Deferred income taxes		7,210		8,581		580		
Stock-based compensation expense		7,338		7,934		5,980		
Amortization of landlord contributions		(2,049)		(2,023)		(1,967)		
Amortization of deferred debt financing costs		281		281		281		
Loss on asset disposals, net		3,320		2,941		2,245		
Asset impairments		936		-		282		
Other adjustments		15		(6)		(132)		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:						~ /		
Accounts receivable		1,132		5,234		(13,413)		
Inventories		(423)		(3,835)		1,275		
Prepaid expenses		ĺ		(2,719)		1,417		
Accounts payable		6,723		(4,862)		2,415		
Accrued expenses		336		2,763		7,298		
Unearned revenues		1,748		66		1,134		
Accrued interest		118		(2,380)		(421)		
Income taxes payable		(9,811)		1,244		669		
Deferred rent liability		2,658		1,368		2,567		
Deferred landlord contributions.		2,624		406		2,033		
Net cash provided by operating activities		156,870		154,258		144,182		
		150,870		134,230		144,102		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:								
Purchases of property and equipment		(99,844)		(73,090)		(87,790)		
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment		-		-		2,362		
Other investing activities		(3,025)		159		(50)		
Net cash used in investing activities		(102,869)		(72,931)		(85,478)		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:								
Net proceeds from (repayments on) revolving credit facility		22,700		(47,550)		85,050		
Payments on capital lease obligations		(885)		(812)		(754)		
Exercise of stock options		5,791		19,731		19,170		
Excess tax benefit realized from stock-based compensation		631		2,050		389		
Payment of taxes for returned restricted shares		(2,767)		(1,369)		(1,031)		
Treasury stock acquired		(77,633)		(52,618)		(160,845)		
Other financing activities		-		-		(13)		
Net cash used in financing activities		(52,163)		(80,568)		(58,034)		
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash				(1,167)		(1,274)		
Change in cash and cash equivalents		1,908		(408)		(604)		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		17,361		17,769		18,373		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	19,269	\$	17,361	\$	17,769		
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:	¢	11.506	¢	10.017	¢	16 540		
Interest paid		11,596	\$	12,317	\$	16,542		
Income taxes paid, net	\$	41,725	\$	20,454	\$	46,696		
NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:								
Accrued construction costs	\$	11,149	\$	6,479	\$	5,393		
Capital lease obligations incurred	\$	593	\$	-	\$	-		
Common stock issued under 401(k) plan		603	\$	578	\$	544		

#### 1. Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

**Description of Business:** CEC Entertainment, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company") operate and franchise Chuck E. Cheese's® family dining and entertainment centers (also referred to as "stores") in a total of 48 states and seven foreign countries or territories. As of January 2, 2011, the Company operated 507 Chuck E. Cheese's located in 44 states and Canada and its franchisees operated a total of 47 stores located in 15 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, Guatemala, Chile, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. The use of the terms "CEC Entertainment," "we," "us" and "our" throughout these Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements refer to the Company.

All of our stores utilize a consistent restaurant-entertainment format that features both family dining and entertainment areas where each store offers the same general mix of food, beverages, entertainment and merchandise. The economic characteristics, products and services, preparation processes, distribution methods and types of customers are substantially similar for each of our stores. Therefore, we aggregate each store's operating performance into one reportable operating segment for financial reporting purposes.

*Basis of Presentation:* Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and the International Association of CEC Entertainment, Inc. (the "Association"), a variable interest entity in which we have a controlling financial interest.

The Association primarily administers the collection and disbursement of funds (the "Association Funds") used for advertising, entertainment and media programs that benefit both us and our franchisees. We and our franchisees are required to contribute a percentage of gross sales to these funds and could be required to make additional contributions to fund any deficits that may be incurred by the Association. We include the Association in our consolidated financial statements because we concluded that we are the primary beneficiary of its variable interests because we (a) have the power to direct the majority of its significant operating activities, (b) provide it unsecured lines of credit and (c) own the majority of the store locations that benefit from the Association's advertising and media expenditures. The assets, liabilities and operating results of the Association are not material to our consolidated financial statements. Because the Association Funds are required to be segregated and used for specified purposes, we do not reflect franchisee contributions as revenue, but rather as an offset to reported expenses. We provide unsecured lines of credit to the Association which it uses to fund deficiencies in its media and advertising funds.

All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

*Fiscal Year:* We operate on a 52 or 53 week fiscal year that ends on the Sunday nearest to December 31. Each quarterly period has 13 weeks, except for a 53 week year when the fourth quarter has 14 weeks. References to 2010, 2009 and 2008 are for the fiscal years ended January 2, 2011, January 3, 2010 and December 28, 2008, respectively. Our 2009 fiscal year consisted of 53 weeks and our 2010 and 2008 fiscal years each consisted of 52 weeks.

Use of Estimates and Assumptions: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Subsequent Events:* We recognize the effects of events or transactions that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued ("subsequent events") if there is evidence that conditions related to the subsequent event existed at the date of the balance sheet, including the impact of such events on management's estimates and assumptions used in preparing the financial statements. Other significant subsequent events that are not recognized in the financial statements, if any, are disclosed in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents:* Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of demand deposits with banks and short-term cash investments with remaining maturities of three months or less from the date of purchase by us.

*Inventories:* Inventories of food, beverages, merchandise, paper products, and other supplies needed for our food service and entertainment operations are stated at the lower of cost on a first-in, first-out basis or market.

**Property and Equipment:** Property and equipment are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization are charged to operations using the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives, which are as follows:

Buildings	40 years
Game and ride equipment	4 to 12 years
Non-technical play equipment	15 to 20 years
Furniture, fixtures and other equipment	4 to 20 years

# 1. Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

Leasehold improvements are amortized by the straight-line method over the lesser of the lease term or the estimated useful lives of the related assets. We use a consistent lease period (generally, the initial non-cancelable lease term plus renewal option periods provided for in the lease that can be reasonably assured of being exercised) when estimating the depreciable lives of leasehold improvements, in determining classification of our leases as either operating or capital and recognizing straight-line rent expense. Interest costs incurred during the construction period are capitalized and depreciated based on the estimated useful life of the underlying asset.

We review our property and equipment for impairment on a store-by-store basis whenever events or changes in circumstance indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. We assess the recoverability of a store's property and equipment by comparing the sum of future cash flows, undiscounted and without interest, expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the property and equipment to its carrying amount. If the sum of the expected future cash flows is less than the asset carrying amount (an indication that the carrying amount may not be recoverable), we may recognize an impairment loss. Any impairment loss recognized equals the amount by which the asset carrying amount exceeds its fair value. We estimate the fair value of a store's property and equipment by discounting the expected future cash flows of the store over its remaining lease term using a weighted average cost of capital commensurate with the risk.

*Capitalized Store Development Costs:* We capitalize our internal department costs that are directly attributable to store development projects, such as the design and construction of a new store and the remodeling and expansion of our existing stores. Capitalized internal department costs include the compensation, benefits and various office costs related to our design, construction, facilities and legal departments. We also capitalize interest costs in conjunction with the construction of new stores. Store development costs are initially accumulated in a construction-in-progress account until a project is completed. At that time, the costs accumulated to date are reclassified to property and equipment and depreciated according to our depreciation policies. In 2010, 2009 and 2008, we capitalized internal costs of approximately \$3.6 million, \$3.2 million, and \$3.1 million, respectively, related to our store development activities. Interest costs capitalized were not material in 2010, 2009 and 2008.

*Goodwill:* We have recorded goodwill associated with certain stores we acquired from our franchisees representing the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the specific assets acquired. As of January 2, 2011, goodwill of approximately \$3.5 million was included in "Other noncurrent assets" in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. We had no goodwill recorded as of January 3, 2010. Goodwill is not amortized, but is tested for impairment at least once per year, or when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable, using a two-step fair value test. The first step of the test compares the carrying amount of the reporting unit to its estimated fair value, which is based on the discounted expected future cash flows of the store. If the estimated fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, a second step is performed to quantify the amount of goodwill impairment that should be recorded. When testing goodwill for impairment, we make assumptions regarding the amount and the timing of estimated future cash flows similar to those when testing a store's property and equipment for impairment, as described above. We did not record any losses in connection with our impairment test in 2010.

*Self-Insurance Accruals:* We are self-insured for certain losses related to workers' compensation claims, property losses, general liability matters and our company sponsored employee health insurance programs. We estimate the accrued liabilities for our self-insurance programs using historical claims experience and loss reserves, assisted by independent third-party actuaries. To limit our exposure to losses, we maintain stop-loss coverage through third-party insurers with deductibles of up to approximately \$0.2 million to \$0.5 million per occurrence. For claims that exceed the deductible amount, we record a gross liability and a corresponding receivable representing expected recoveries pursuant to the stop-loss coverage, since we are not legally relieved of our obligation to the claimant.

**Contingent Loss Accruals:** When a contingency involving uncertainty as to a possible loss ("contingent loss") occurs, an estimate of such contingent loss may be accrued as a charge to income and a reserve established on the balance sheet. We accrue liabilities for those losses we deem to be probable and for which we are able to reasonably estimate an amount of settlement. We generally do not record liabilities for losses we believe are only reasonably possible to result in an adverse outcome and the reserve balances may be increased or decreased in the future to reflect further developments. However, there can be no assurance that there will not be a loss different from the amounts accrued. Any such loss, if realized, could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in the period during which the underlying matters are resolved.

**Revolving Credit Facility Borrowings:** We classify the borrowings obtained under our revolving credit facility as a noncurrent liability on the Consolidated Balance Sheets because the credit agreement allows us, except in the event of our violation of a provision that makes the obligation callable, to continuously refinance borrowings on a long-term basis through the maturity date and by its terms, borrowings are not due on demand.

# 1. Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

*Comprehensive Income:* We report comprehensive income, consisting of net income and certain changes in stockholders' equity which are excluded from net income (referred to as "Other comprehensive income") on the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity. The components of other comprehensive income in 2010, 2009 and 2008 included the change in fair value of our interest rate swap contract and foreign currency translation adjustments. Other comprehensive income is recorded directly to accumulated other comprehensive income, a separate component of shareholders' equity.

*Foreign Currency Translation:* The consolidated financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars. The assets and liabilities of our Canadian subsidiary are translated to U.S. dollars at year-end exchange rates, while revenues and expenses are translated at average exchange rates during the year. Adjustments that result from translating amounts are reported as a component of other comprehensive income. The effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash is reported on the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows as a separate component of the reconciliation of the change in cash and cash equivalents during the period.

**Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities:** We use an interest rate swap contract to reduce our exposure to interest rate fluctuations on our variable rate revolving credit facility. This derivative instrument is recognized on the balance sheet at its estimated fair value. We have designated the swap contract as a cash flow hedge. Accordingly, gains or losses from changes in its fair value that are determined to be effective in offsetting changes in interest payment cash flows on the hedged amount of revolving credit facility debt are reported on the Consolidated Balance Sheets as a component of "Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)" ("hedge accounting"). Throughout the term of the swap contract, the unrealized gains or losses we have reported in accumulated other comprehensive income will be recognized in earnings, when the variable interest rate of the debt affects earnings. We determine the effective portion of a cash flow hedge's gains or losses by comparing the cumulative change in the derivative's fair value to the cumulative change in the present value of the hedged item's expected future cash flows. If the total cumulative change in fair value of the derivative instrument exceeds the cumulative change in the present value of expected future cash flows of the hedged item, the excess amount (representing the "ineffective portion") of the derivative's gains or losses, will be recorded immediately in earnings. Ineffective portions of the changes in the fair value of cash flow hedges are recognized immediately in earnings.

At its inception and at least quarterly thereafter, we assess whether our interest rate swap contract continues to be highly effective in offsetting changes in interest payment cash flows on the hedged amount of revolving credit facility debt. If we determine that it is no longer probable that the underlying hedge transaction will occur, or the interest rate swap ceases to be a highly effective hedge, we would discontinue our use of hedge accounting and recognize immediately in earnings any unrealized gains or losses included in accumulated other comprehensive income.

*Fair Value Disclosures:* Fair value is defined as the price that we would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. In determining fair value, U.S. GAAP establishes a three-level hierarchy used in measuring fair value, as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices available for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2 inputs are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, including quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable and reflect our own assumptions.

Our financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, our revolving credit facility, capital lease obligations and an interest rate swap contract. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximates fair value because of their short maturities. We believe that the carrying amount of our revolving credit facility approximates its fair value because the interest rates are adjusted regularly based on current market conditions. The carrying amount of our capital lease obligations approximates fair value as interest rates charged are commensurate with instruments with similar terms and risks. The fair value disclosures for our interest rate swap contract are presented in Note 7. "Derivative Instrument."

We may adjust the carrying amount of certain nonfinancial assets to fair value on a non-recurring basis when they are impaired. The fair value disclosures for stores we have impaired are presented in Note 4. "Property and Equipment."

# 1. Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

*Stock-Based Compensation:* We expense the fair value of stock-based compensation awards granted to our employees and directors in the financial statements on a straight-line basis over the period that services are required to be provided in exchange for the award ("requisite service period") which typically is the period over which the award vests. Stock-based compensation is recognized only for awards that vest and our periodic accrual of compensation cost is based on the estimated number of awards expected to vest. We measure the fair value of compensation cost related to restricted stock awards based on the closing market price of our common stock on the grant date. We discontinued the granting of stock options in 2006 (refer to Note 12. "Stock-Based Compensation Plans") and all previously granted and currently outstanding stock options were fully vested as of the end of 2009. We measured the fair value of compensation cost related stock option awards using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model which required the input of subjective assumptions including estimating the length of time that employees will retain their stock options before exercising them ("expected term"), the estimated volatility of our common stock price over the expected term, and dividend yield and risk-free interest rates.

The gross benefits of tax deductions in excess of the compensation cost recognized from the vesting of restricted stock and exercised stock options are tax effected and classified as cash inflows from financing activities in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

**Revenue Recognition – Company Store Activities:** Food, beverage and merchandise revenues are recognized when sold. Game revenues are recognized as game-play tokens are purchased by customers and we accrue a liability for the estimated amount of unused tokens which may be redeemed in the future. We allocate the revenue recognized from the sale of value-priced combination packages generally comprised of food, beverage and game tokens (and in some instances, merchandise) between "Food and beverage sales" and "Entertainment and merchandise sales" based upon the price charged for each component when it is sold separately, or in limited circumstances our best estimate of selling price if a component is not sold on a stand-alone basis, which we believe approximates each component's fair value.

We sell gift cards to our customers in our stores and through certain third party distributors which do not expire or incur a service fee on unused balances. Gift card sales are recorded as an unearned gift card revenue liability when sold and are recognized as revenue when: (i) the gift card is redeemed by the customer, or (ii) the likelihood of the gift card being redeemed by the customer is remote ("gift card breakage") and we determine that we do not have a legal obligation to remit the value of the unredeemed gift card under applicable state unclaimed property escheat statutes. Gift card breakage is determined based upon historical redemption patterns of our gift cards; however, because we did not have sufficient historical information regarding such redemption patterns, we have not recognized any material revenue from gift card breakage in our Consolidated Statements of Earnings prior to 2010. During the second quarter of 2010, we concluded that we had sufficient historical transaction data to estimate breakage for gift cards we have been selling in our stores and through certain third-party distributors, and based on our analysis we recorded a \$0.6 million adjustment for the initial recognition of breakage income related to unredeemed gift card balances. Breakage income from gift cards is included in "Food and beverage sales."

**Revenue Recognition – Franchise Fees and Royalties:** Franchise fees and royalties include royalties charged to franchisees based on a percentage of a franchised store's sales and area development and initial franchise fees (collectively referred to as "Franchise fees") received from franchisees to establish new stores and other miscellaneous sales to franchisees. Area development and initial franchise fees are accrued as an unearned franchise revenue liability when received and are recognized as revenue when the franchised stores covered by the fees open, which is generally when we have fulfilled all significant obligations to the franchisee. Continuing royalties and other miscellaneous sales are recognized in the period earned. Franchise fees included in revenues were approximately \$0.4 million, \$0.2 million, and \$0.4 million in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

*Cost of Food, Beverage, Entertainment and Merchandise:* Cost of food and beverage includes the direct cost of food and beverage sold to our customers and related paper and birthday party supplies used in our food service operations, less "vendor rebates" described below. Cost of entertainment and merchandise includes the direct cost of prizes provided and merchandise sold to our customers, as well as the cost of tickets dispensed to customers and redeemed for prize items. These amounts exclude any allocation of other operating costs including labor and related costs for store personnel and depreciation and amortization expense.

*Vendor Rebates:* We receive rebate payments primarily from a single third-party vendor. Pursuant to the terms of a volume purchasing and promotional agreement entered into with the vendor, rebates are primarily provided based on the quantity of the vendor's products we purchase over the term of the agreement. We record these allowances in the period they are earned as a reduction in the cost of the vendor's products, and when the related inventory is sold the allowances are recognized in "Cost of food and beverage" in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

# 1. Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

**Rent Expense:** We recognize rent expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term, including the construction period and lease renewal option periods provided for in the lease that can be reasonably assured at the inception of the lease. The lease term commences on the date when we take possession and have the right to control use of the leased premises. The difference between actual rent payments and rent expense in any period is recorded as a deferred rent liability in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Construction allowances received from the lessor as a lease incentive intended to reimburse us for the cost of leasehold improvements ("Landlord contributions") are accrued as a deferred landlord contributions in the period construction is completed and the store opens. Landlord contributions are amortized on a straight-line basis over the lease term as a reduction to rent expense.

*Advertising Costs:* Production costs for commercials and coupons are expensed in the period in which the commercials are initially aired and the coupons are distributed. All other advertising costs are expensed as incurred. As of January 2, 2011 and January 3, 2010, capitalized production costs of approximately \$1.2 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, were included in "Prepaid expenses" on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

We and our franchisees are required to contribute a percentage of gross sales to advertising and media funds maintained by the Association which are utilized to administer all the national advertising programs that benefit both us and our franchisees. As the contributions to these funds are designated and segregated for advertising related activities, the Association acts as an agent for us and our franchisees with regard to these contributions. We consolidate the advertising and media funds into our financial statements on a net basis, whereby contributions from franchisees, when received, are recorded as offsets to reported advertising expenses. Our contributions to these funds eliminate in consolidation. Contributions to the advertising and media funds from our franchisees were approximately \$2.2 million, \$2.3 million, and \$2.1 million in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

**Debt Financing Costs:** We capitalize direct costs incurred to obtain long-term financing or establishment of credit facilities. These costs are included in "Other noncurrent assets" on the consolidated balance sheets and are amortized as an adjustment to interest expense over the term of the related debt. In the case of debt refinancing or amending of a credit agreement, previously capitalized debt financing costs are expensed if we determine there has been a substantial modification of the related borrowing arrangement. As of January 2, 2011 and January 3, 2010, debt financing costs of approximately \$0.5 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, were included in "Other noncurrent assets."

*Income Taxes:* We account for income taxes under the asset and liability method which requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences attributable to temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis. A valuation allowance is applied against net deferred tax assets, if based on the weight of available evidence, it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred income taxes are not provided on undistributed income from our Canadian subsidiary, as such, earnings are considered to be permanently invested.

We maintain reserves to provide for potential tax exposures when, despite our belief that tax return positions are fully supported by the applicable tax laws and regulations, we believe that certain positions may not be fully sustained upon review by taxing authorities (referred to as a "liability for unrecognized tax benefits" resulting from uncertain tax positions). We recognize the benefit from an uncertain tax position in our consolidated financial statements at the largest amount of benefit that is greater than a 50 percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate resolution and settlement with the taxing authorities. We include interest related to unrecognized tax benefits in "Interest expense" and include related penalties in "General and administrative expenses" on the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

*Newly Adopted Accounting Guidance:* As of the beginning of our 2010 fiscal year, we adopted a new accounting standard amending the consolidation accounting requirements for a variable interest entity ("VIE") which now prescribes a qualitative assessment for determining whether a variable interest gives an enterprise a controlling financial interest in a VIE. This new guidance also requires separate presentation of the assets and liabilities of a consolidated VIE on the face of the balance sheet if specific criteria are met. Our adoption of this new standard did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Also in 2010, we adopted the amended accounting guidance contained in Accounting Standards Update 2010-06, which required new and enhanced disclosures about recurring and nonrecurring fair value measurements. This new guidance requires the disclosure of changes in a measured item's assignment among the levels within the three-tiered fair value hierarchy, clarifies existing requirements concerning the disaggregation of fair value measurement disclosures for each class of assets and liabilities as well as additional disclosure around the valuation techniques and inputs used to measure fair value. Our adoption of this new guidance did not have a significant impact on our disclosure of fair value measurements in our consolidated financial statements.

# 1. Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

Accounting Guidance Not Yet Adopted: In October 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update 2009-13 which amends the accounting and reporting guidance for arrangements comprised of multiple products or services ("deliverables"). The FASB's revised guidance clarifies how an entity determines separate units of accounting in a multiple-deliverable arrangement and requires that revenue be allocated to all arrangement deliverables using the relative selling price method. The revised guidance is effective for the first annual reporting period beginning on or after June 15, 2010 and may be applied prospectively as of the adoption date or retrospectively for all periods presented. Early adoption is permitted provided that the revised guidance is retroactively applied to the beginning of the year of adoption. We will apply this guidance prospectively as of the start of our 2011 fiscal year. We have evaluated this new accounting guidance and our adoption will not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

**Revised Presentation and Reclassifications:** We revised the presentation of our Consolidated Balance Sheets to disclose the separate balances of our deferred rent and deferred landlord contributions liabilities. Previously, these balances were presented on the consolidated balance sheets as a single deferred rent liability amount. In connection with this revised presentation, we also revised the presentation in our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows to reflect the change during the period in the deferred rent and deferred landlord contributions balances. As a result, certain cash flows from operating activities amounts in the 2009 and 2008 consolidated statements of cash flows have been reclassified to conform to the 2010 presentation. These revised financial statement presentations and reclassifications did not affect previously reported cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities, results of operations, or financial position for any periods presented.

#### 2. Accounts Receivable:

Accounts receivable consisted of the following:

	At Year End				
	 2010	010 20		10 2009	
	(in thou	ds)			
Trade receivables Vendor rebates Income taxes receivable Other accounts receivable	\$ 6,840 7,703 15,320 2,374	\$	7,308 9,286 5,930 4,507		
	\$ 32,237	\$	27,031		

Trade receivables consist primarily of debit and credit card receivables due from third-party financial institutions. The other accounts receivable balance consists primarily of lease incentives, amounts due from our franchisees and amounts expected to be recovered from third-party insurers through the stop-loss coverage we purchase for our self-insurance programs.

#### 3. Inventories:

Inventories consisted of the following:

	At Year End				
	2010		2009		
	(in thousands)				
Food and beverage	\$ 3,809	\$	4,934		
Entertainment and merchandise	 14,676		13,082		
	\$ 18,485	\$	18,016		

Food and beverage inventories include food, beverage, paper products and other supplies needed for our food service operations. Entertainment and merchandise inventories consist primarily of novelty toy items used as redemption prizes for certain games that may also be sold to our customers and birthday party and other supplies needed for our entertainment operations.

## 4. Property and Equipment:

Property and equipment consisted of the following:

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		2010		2009
		(in thou	ds)	
Land	\$	43,927	\$	43,927
Buildings		109,977		105,220
Leasehold improvements		554,676		512,467
Game and ride equipment		268,156		246,145
Furniture, fixtures and other equipment		220,046		220,427
Property leased under capital leases (Note 8)		16,673		16,020
		1,213,455		1,144,206
Less accumulated depreciation		(541,043)		(489,587)
Net property and equipment in service		672,412		654,619
Construction in progress		10,780		8,128
	\$	683,192	\$	662,747

Property leased under capital leases consists primarily of buildings for our store locations. Accumulated amortization related to these assets was approximately \$7.9 million and \$6.9 million as of January 3, 2011 and January 2, 2010, respectively. Amortization of assets under capital leases is included in depreciation and amortization expense.

Total depreciation and amortization expense was approximately \$80.7 million, \$78.1 million and \$75.4 million in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively (approximately \$1.0 million, \$1.0 million and \$0.6 million in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively, was recorded in "General and administrative expenses."

## Sale of TJ Hartford's

In April 2008, we sold substantially all of the property and equipment related to our former TJ Hartford's Grill and Bar ("TJ Hartford's") casual dining restaurant. Assets consisting primarily of land, a building and fixtures and equipment with a net carrying amount of approximately \$1.3 million were sold for cash proceeds of approximately \$2.1 million. In connection with this sale, we recognized a \$0.8 million gain included in "Other store operating expenses" in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

#### Asset Impairments

In 2010, we recognized asset impairment charges of \$0.9 million related to three stores we continue to operate due to the adverse impact of various economic factors in the markets in which the properties are located and resulting decline in the stores' financial performance. We did not record any asset impairment charges in 2009. In 2008, we recorded total asset impairment charges of \$0.3 million consisting of a \$0.1 million charge related to a previously impaired store and a \$0.2 million charge pertaining to a store we decided to close prior to the end of its expected lease term.

Asset impairments represent adjustments we record to write down the carrying amount of the property and equipment at our stores to their estimated fair value. We estimate the fair value of a store's property and equipment by discounting the expected future cash flows of the store over its remaining lease term using a weighted average cost of capital. Accordingly, the inputs to our fair value measurement of the stores we have recognized impairment charges for are classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. In 2010, we impaired assets at our stores with a carrying amount of approximately \$1.4 million to a fair value of \$0.5 million.

## 5. Accrued Expenses:

Accrued expenses consisted of the following:

		At Year End				
	2010			2009		
		(in thou	usands)			
Current:						
Salaries and wages	\$	12,722	\$	12,373		
Insurance		6,862		7,605		
Taxes, other than income		8,516		9,207		
Other accrued operating expenses		4,868		4,742		
	\$	32,968	\$	33,927		
Noncurrent:						
Insurance	\$	13,144	\$	12,068		

Accrued insurance represents estimated claims incurred but unpaid under our self-insurance programs for general liability, workers' compensation, health benefits and certain other insured risks.

#### 6. Revolving Credit Facility:

		At Yea	ır E	nd																										
	2010		2010		2010		2010		2010		2010		2010		2010		2010		2010		2010		2010		2010		2010		2009	
	(in thousands)																													
Revolving credit facility borrowings	\$	377,000	\$	354,300																										

We have a revolving credit facility providing for total borrowings of up to \$550.0 million. The credit facility, which matures in October 2012, also includes an accordion feature allowing us, subject to lender approval, to request an increase to the revolving commitment of up to \$50.0 million in borrowings at any time. As of January 2, 2011, there were \$377.0 million of borrowings outstanding and approximately \$10.7 million of letters of credit issued but undrawn under the credit facility. Based on the type of borrowing, the credit facility bears interest at the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus an applicable margin of 0.625% to 1.25% determined based on our financial performance and debt levels, or alternatively, the higher of (a) the prime rate or (b) the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50%. As of January 2, 2011, borrowings under the credit facility incurred interest at LIBOR (ranging from 0.26% - 0.28%) plus 1.00% or prime (3.25%). A commitment fee of 0.1% to 0.3%, depending on our financial performance and debt levels, is payable on a quarterly basis on any unused credit line. All borrowings under the credit facility are unsecured, but we have agreed not to pledge any of our existing assets to secure future indebtedness.

Including the effect of our interest rate swap contract discussed in Note 7. "Derivative Instrument," the weighted average effective interest rate incurred on borrowings under our revolving credit facility was 2.9%, 2.9%, and 4.2% in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

The revolving credit facility agreement contains certain restrictions and conditions that, among other things, require us to comply with financial covenant ratios, including a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.5 to 1.0 and a maximum leverage ratio of 3.0 to 1.0, as defined in the revolving credit agreement. Additionally, the terms of the revolving credit facility agreement limit the amount of our repurchases of our common stock and cash dividends we may pay on our common stock based on certain financial covenants and criteria. As of January 2, 2011, we were in compliance with these covenants.

# 7. Derivative Instrument:

Our revolving credit facility bears interest at variable rates and therefore exposes us to the impact of interest rate changes. To manage this risk, we use an interest rate swap contract to mitigate the variability of the interest payment cash flows and to reduce our exposure to adverse interest rate changes.

We have entered into a \$150.0 million notional amount interest rate swap contract to effectively convert a portion of our variable rate revolving credit facility debt to a fixed interest rate. The contract, which matures in May 2011, requires us to pay a fixed rate of 3.62% while receiving variable payments from the counterparty at the three-month LIBOR rate. Including the 1.00 percentage point applicable margin incurred on our revolving credit facility, the effective interest rate of the swap contract was 4.62% at January 2, 2011. The differential amounts receivable or payable under the swap contract are recorded over the life of the contract as adjustments to interest expense.

#### 7. Derivative Instrument (continued):

The following table summarizes the location and fair value of the derivative instrument in our Consolidated Balance Sheets:

		At Year End			
	<b>Balance Sheet Location</b>	2010		20	09
Derivative designated as hedging instrument			(in thou	sands)	
Interest rate swap contract	Derivative instrument liability <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	\$	1,976	\$	5,613

<sup>(1)</sup> As of January 2, 2011, the estimated fair value was recorded as a \$2.0 million current liability.

<sup>(2)</sup> As of January 3, 2010, the estimated fair value was comprised of a \$4.5 million current liability and a \$1.2 million noncurrent liability.

Our interest rate swap contract is not traded on a public exchange. Therefore, its fair value is determined using the present value of expected future cash flows arising from the contract which approximates an amount to be received from or paid to a market participant for this instrument. This valuation methodology utilizes forward interest rate yield curves obtained from an independent pricing service's quotes of three-month forward LIBOR rates through the swap contract's maturity. Accordingly, the inputs to our fair value measurement of the interest rate swap are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

The following table summarizes the effect of the derivative instrument on other comprehensive income ("OCI") and income:

	Fiscal Year							
		2010 2009				2008		
		(in thousands, excluding income tax effe						
Derivative in cash flow hedging relationship								
Loss recognized in accumulated OCI – effective portion:								
Interest rate swap contract	\$	(1,345)	\$	(2,841)	\$	(7,810)		
Loss reclassified from accumulated OCI into income - effective portion:								
Interest expense	\$	(4,982)	\$	(4,155)	\$	(882)		

There were no ineffective gains or losses recognized in 2010, 2009 or 2008. We expect that approximately \$1.2 million, net of taxes, of the change in fair value of the swap contract included in "Accumulated other comprehensive income" as of January 2, 2011 will be realized in earnings as additional interest expense within the next 12 months.

## 8. Commitments and Contingencies:

#### Leases

We lease certain store locations and related property and equipment under operating and capital leases. All leases require us to pay property taxes, insurance and maintenance of the leased assets. The leases generally have initial terms of 10 to 20 years with various renewal options.

Future minimum lease payments as of January 2, 2011 are as follows:

	0	Capital	O	perating
Fiscal Years		(in thou	sand	ls)
2011	\$	1,750	\$	73,175
2012		1,668		72,872
2013		1,651		72,380
2014		1,651		71,845
2015		1,580		71,242
Thereafter		8,083		596,621
Minimum future lease payments		16,383	\$	958,135
Less amounts representing interest (interest rates from 6.00% to 16.63%)		(5,121)		
Present value of future minimum lease payments		11,262		
Less current portion		(936)		
Capital lease obligations, net of current portion	\$	10,326		

#### 8. Commitments and Contingencies (continued):

Rent expense, including contingent rent based on a percentage of sales when applicable, was comprised of the following:

	Fiscal Year						
	2010		2009		2008		
		(in t	housands)				
Minimum rentals Contingent rentals	\$ 71,234 185	\$	68,414 273	\$	66,599 321		
	\$ 71,419	\$	68,687	\$	66,920		

Rent expense of approximately \$1.0 million in 2010, 2009 and 2008 related primarily to our corporate office and warehouse facilities and was recorded among "General and administrative expenses" in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

#### Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we are involved in various inquiries, investigations, claims, lawsuits, and other legal proceedings that are incidental to the conduct of our business. These matters typically involve claims from customers, employees or other third parties involved in operational issues common to the retail, restaurant and entertainment industries. Such matters typically represent actions with respect to contracts, intellectual property, taxation, employment, employee benefits, personal injuries and other matters. A number of such claims may exist at any given time and there are currently a number of claims and legal proceedings pending against us.

In the opinion of our management, after consultation with legal counsel, the amount of ultimate liability with respect to claims or proceedings currently pending against us is not expected to have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

#### 9. Income Taxes:

The components of income tax expense are as follows:

	Fiscal Year					
		2010 2009		2009		2008
			(in t	housands)		
Current tax expense (benefit):						
Federal	\$	24,131	\$	24,541	\$	28,240
State		6,660		4,380		5,577
Foreign		725		252		(260)
		31,516		29,173		33,557
Deferred tax expense (benefit):						
Federal		9,903		10,823		402
State		(1,959)		(994)		(431)
Foreign		(734)		(1,248)		609
		7,210		8,581		580
Income tax expense	\$	38,726	\$	37,754	\$	34,137
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A reconciliation of the 35% federal statutory income tax rate to the effective tax rates is as follows:

	<b>Fiscal Year</b>						
	2010	2009	2008				
Federal statutory rate	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%				
State income taxes, net of federal benefit	4.0	3.4	3.7				
Federal income tax credits, net	(0.6)	(0.8)	(0.8)				
Other	3.3	0.6	(0.2)				
Effective tax rate	41.7%	38.2%	37.7%				

#### 9. Income Taxes (continued):

We have revised the presentation in the table above reconciling our effective tax rates to better reflect the effect of our federal income tax credits and as a result the 2009 and 2008 amounts have been reclassified to conform to the 2010 presentation. This revision did not affect our previously reported results of operations or financial position for any of the periods presented.

Our 2010 effective income tax rate included net unfavorable adjustments of \$3.0 million, which included \$2.4 million we reflected during the second quarter, primarily resulting from adjustments made to our tax accounts identified as a result of an Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") examination of our 2006 and 2007 tax years, various return-to-provision adjustments, and offsetting favorable adjustments related to California enterprise zone tax credits.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities consisted of the following:

		d		
		2010		2009
		(in thou	sand	s)
Deferred tax assets:				
Accrued vacation	\$	1,836	\$	1,687
Unearned gift cards		2,782		2,124
Deferred rent		20,025		17,538
Stock-based compensation		2,657		3,859
Insurance		8,055		7,237
Unrecognized tax benefits <sup>(1)</sup>		2,679		2,141
Other		2,620		4,165
Gross deferred tax assets		40,654		38,751
Deferred tax liabilities:				
Depreciation		(78,972)		(68,566)
Other		(1,300)		(483)
Gross deferred tax liabilities		(80,272)		(69,049)
Net deferred tax liability	\$	(39,618)	\$	(30,298)
Amounts reported on consolidated balance sheets:				
Current deferred tax asset	\$	3,420	\$	3,392
Noncurrent deferred tax liability	,	(43,038)	•	(33,690)
	\$	(39,618)	\$	(30,298)

<sup>(1)</sup> Amount represents the value of future tax benefits that would result if the liabilities for unrecognized state tax benefits, including related interest, are settled.

We file numerous income tax returns in U.S. federal, state, local, and foreign jurisdictions. As a matter of ordinary course, we are subject to regular examination by various tax authorities. The federal statute of limitations has expired and we are no longer subject to U.S. federal income examinations for our federal tax returns filed for tax years ended before 2006. Currently, certain of our state income tax returns are under examination and are at various stages of the audit/appeals process. In general, the state tax returns that are open to audit range from 2003 through 2009 and the Canadian tax years open to audit include 2006 through 2009.

In December 2010, an IRS examination of our 2006 and 2007 tax years was concluded and we paid taxes of \$2.5 million and related interest of \$0.6 million, all of which was accrued prior to the fourth quarter of 2010.

In 2008, the IRS concluded an examination of our 2003 through 2005 tax years and we agreed to a \$6.3 million settlement of certain issues identified in the audit. This amount was fully reserved at December 30, 2007, and payment was made in the third quarter of 2008. There also arose from this examination certain pending issues that totaled \$2.6 million, and we filed an appeal with respect to such unresolved matters in the third quarter of 2008. We settled the remaining issues with the IRS during the third quarter of 2009 and, as a result, recognized a benefit of approximately \$1.1 million from a reduction in our estimated penalties and interest reserves for uncertain tax positions.

#### 9. Income Taxes (continued):

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

	<b>Fiscal Year</b>															
		2010		2010 2009		2010		2009		2009		2009		2009		2008
			(in thousands)													
Balance at beginning of period	\$	5,113	\$	5,009	\$	10,893										
Additions for tax positions related to the current year		550		642		520										
Increases for tax positions of prior years		2,989		1,022		426										
Decreases for tax positions of prior years		(390)		(857)		(132)										
Settlement with tax authorities		(3,899)		(397)		(6,329)										
Expiration of statute of limitations		-		(306)		(369)										
Balance at end of period	\$	4,363	\$	5,113	\$	5,009										

Included in the balance as of January 2, 2011, are approximately \$2.8 million of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would decrease our provision for income taxes. Within the next twelve months, we expect to settle or otherwise conclude certain ongoing state income tax audits. As such, it is possible that the unrecognized tax benefits would change within the next twelve months. However, the change in the unrecognized tax benefits cannot be estimated at this time.

Interest expense related to unrecognized tax benefits was \$1.1 million, \$0.5 million and \$1.0 million in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Penalties expense related to unrecognized tax benefits was \$0.3 million in 2010. During 2009 and 2008, we recognized a net benefit of approximately of \$0.6 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, from the reduction in our estimated penalties reserve for unrecognized tax benefits. The total amount of interest and penalties accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits as of January 2, 2011 and January 3, 2010 was \$3.0 million and \$2.6 million, respectively.

#### 10. Earnings Per Share:

Basic earnings per share ("EPS") represents net income divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS represents net income divided by the basic weighted average number of common shares plus, if dilutive, potential common shares outstanding during the period. Potential common shares consist of the incremental common shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options and unvested shares of restricted stock. The dilutive effect of potential common shares is determined using the treasury stock method, whereby outstanding stock options are assumed exercised at the beginning of the reporting period and the exercise proceeds from such stock options, unamortized compensation cost of unvested restricted stock, and excess tax benefits arising in connection with these stock-based awards are assumed to be used to repurchase our common stock at the average market price during the period.

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

	Fiscal Year							
		2010		2009		2008		
		(in thousar	ıds,	except per s	hare	data)		
Numerator:								
Net income	\$	54,034	\$	61,194	\$	56,494		
Denominator:								
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding		21,163		22,835		23,825		
Potential common shares for stock options and restricted stock		41		98		374		
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding		21,204		22,933		24,199		
Earnings per share:								
Basic	\$	2.55	\$	2.68	\$	2.37		
Diluted	\$	2.55	\$	2.67	\$	2.33		

Stock options to purchase 102,816 shares, 694,005 shares and 998,254 shares of our common stock were not included in the diluted EPS computations in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively, because the exercise prices of these options were greater than the average market price of the common shares and, therefore, their effect would be antidilutive.

## 11. Stockholders' Equity:

We have one class of common capital stock, our common stock, as disclosed on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote per share held on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders.

Our articles of incorporation authorize our Board of Directors ("Board"), at its discretion, to issue up to 500,000 shares of Class B Preferred Stock ("Preferred B Stock"), par value \$100.00. Preferred B Stock may be issued in one or more series and are entitled to dividends, voting powers, liquidation preferences, conversion and redemption rights, and certain other rights and preferences as determined by the Board. As of January 2, 2011 and January 3, 2010, there were no shares of Preferred B Stock issued or outstanding.

#### Stock Repurchase Program

Our Board has approved a program for us to repurchase shares of our common stock. On July 25, 2005, the Board approved a stock repurchase program which authorized us to repurchase from time to time up to \$400 million of our common stock and on October 22, 2007 and October 27, 2009 authorized \$200 million increases each. During 2010, 2009 and 2008, we repurchased 2,184,515 shares, 1,775,089 shares and 4,911,041 shares, respectively, of our common stock at an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$77.6 million, \$52.6 million and \$160.8 million, respectively, under the repurchase program. As of January 2, 2011, approximately \$141.1 million remained available for share repurchases under our repurchase authorization.

The share repurchase authorization approved by the Board does not have an expiration date and the pace of our repurchase activity will depend on factors such as our working capital needs, our debt repayment obligations, our stock price, and economic and market conditions. Our share repurchases may be effected from time to time through open market purchases, accelerated share repurchases or in privately negotiated transactions. Our share repurchase program may be accelerated, suspended, delayed or discontinued at any time.

#### Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

The following table summarizes changes in the components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes:

	Cash Flow Hedge	Foreign Currency (in thousands	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
Balance at December 31, 2007 Change in derivative instrument Foreign currency translation adjustments	(4,295)	\$ 7,011 (4,608)	\$ 7,011 (4,295) (4,608)
Balance at December 28, 2008 Change in derivative instrument Foreign currency translation adjustments	(4,295) 815	2,403 2,217	(1,892) 815 2,217
Balance at January 3, 2010 Change in derivative instrument Foreign currency translation adjustments	(3,480) 2,259	4,620	1,140 2,259 1,123
Balance at January 2, 2011	\$ (1,221)	\$ 5,743	\$ 4,522

#### 12. Stock-Based Compensation Plans:

We have stock-based compensation plans pursuant to which we may grant awards of restricted stock to our employees and nonemployee directors. In conjunction with stockholder approval of the restricted stock plans in fiscal year 2006, we discontinued the granting of stock options. The expense associated with previously granted stock options was recognized in the financial statements through 2009.

The following table summarizes stock-based compensation expense and associated tax benefit recognized in the consolidated financial statements:

	Fiscal Year						
		2010	2009			2008	
	(in thousands)						
Total stock-based compensation cost		7,529	\$	8,154	\$	6,173	
Portion capitalized as property and equipment <sup>(1)</sup>		(191)		(220)		(193)	
Stock-based compensation expense recognized <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	7,338	\$	7,934	\$	5,980	
Tax benefit recognized from stock-based compensation awards	\$	2,839	\$	3,054	\$	2,272	

(1) Capitalized stock-based compensation cost attributable to our store development projects included in "Property and equipment, net" on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

<sup>(2)</sup> Included in "General and administrative expense" in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

#### **Restricted Stock Plans**

We have adopted a restricted stock plan for our employees under which 2,300,000 shares are authorized to be granted before December 31, 2014. Shares awarded under the employee restricted stock plan provide for a vesting period of at least one year and no more than five years, and the full award may not vest in less than three years, subject to the terms of the employee restricted stock plan. The employee restricted stock plan provides for the granting of restricted stock units; however, as of January 2, 2011 none have been issued. We have also adopted a restricted stock plan for our non-employee directors under which 215,000 shares are authorized to be granted before May 1, 2020. Shares awarded under the non-employee directors restricted stock plan provide for a vesting period of four years. As of January 2, 2011, a total of 1,418,427 shares remained available for future grant under our current restricted stock plans. Shares of unvested stock issued under a restricted stock award are nontransferable and subject to the forfeiture restrictions. Unvested shares which are forfeited or cancelled may be re-granted under the plan.

The following table summarizes 2010 restricted stock activity for all plans (not presented in thousands):

		Ave Gran	ighted erage nt Date Value
Unvested restricted stock awards, January 3, 2010	712,227	\$	27.68
Granted	244,090	\$	35.74
Vested	(258,692)	\$	29.23
Forfeited	(49,390)	\$	30.26
Unvested restricted stock awards, January 2, 2011	648,235	\$	29.90

In 2009 and 2008, we granted 352,435 shares and 345,542 shares of restricted stock, respectively, at a weighted average grant date fair value of \$24.66 and \$26.74 per share, respectively. The awards we have granted since initiating our restricted stock grants in 2006 have had vesting periods of four years and 2010 represents the first year any awards have become fully vested. The total fair value of shares that vested during 2010, 2009 and 2008 was \$7.6 million, \$4.4 million and \$3.6 million, respectively. On January 7, 2011, we granted an additional 18,088 shares at a grant date fair value of \$38.59 per share under the non-employee directors restricted stock plan. As of January 2, 2011, unrecognized pretax stock-based compensation cost related to restricted stock awards was \$13.0 million which will be recognized over a weighted average remaining vesting period of 1.7 years.

#### 12. Stock-Based Compensation Plans (continued):

#### Stock Option Plans

We discontinued the granting of stock options in 2006. Under the stock option plans, employees and non-employee directors were granted options to purchase our common stock at a price equal to the market price of the underlying shares on the date of grant. The stock options we granted had vesting periods of one to four years and expire from five to seven years from the date of grant. As of January 2, 2011, all previously granted and currently outstanding stock options were fully vested and, if unexercised, will expire at various dates through March 2012. We issue new shares of our common stock when options are exercised.

The following table summarizes 2010 stock option activity and related information for all plans (except as otherwise noted, not presented in thousands):

	Option Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price		Average Exercise		Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (years)	Int	regate rinsic lue <sup>(1)</sup>
					(in tho	usands)		
Options outstanding, January 3, 2010	543,338	\$	35.19					
Granted	-		-					
Exercised	(181,043)	\$	31.99					
Forfeited/cancelled	(300,845)	\$	36.66					
Options outstanding, January 2, 2011	61,450	\$	37.41	0.9	\$	89		
Options exercisable, January 2, 2011	61,450	\$	37.41	0.9	\$	89		

<sup>(1)</sup> Aggregate intrinsic value represents the difference between the closing market price of our common stock on the last day of the fiscal year, which was \$38.83 on January 2, 2011, and the exercise price multiplied by the number of options outstanding.

Cash proceeds from the exercise of stock options totaled \$5.8 million, \$19.7 million, and \$19.2 million in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Stock options exercised during 2010, 2009 and 2008 had an aggregate intrinsic value (the amount by which the closing market price of our common stock on the date of exercise exceeded the exercise price multiplied by the number of shares) of \$1.2 million, \$10.6 million and \$5.6 million respectively. All previously granted and currently outstanding stock options are fully vested. As such there is no unrecognized stock-based compensation cost related to stock options.

#### 13. Employee Benefit Plan:

We have adopted the CEC 401(k) Retirement and Savings Plan (the "401(k) Plan"), a defined contribution profit sharing plan that allows participants to defer a portion of their annual compensation on a pretax basis. Only non-highly compensated employees, as determined by the Internal Revenue Service, who are at least 18 years of age and who have completed minimum service requirements are eligible to participate in the 401(k) Plan. Each year, at our discretion, we may make an annual contribution to the 401(k) Plan out of our current or accumulated earnings. We made contributions in the form of our common stock of approximately \$0.6 million, \$0.6 million and \$0.5 million for the 2009, 2008 and 2007 plan years, respectively. Commencing with the 2010 plan year, our discretionary contributions are based on a participant's years of continuous employment and our comparable store sales for the year. As of January 2, 2011, we had accrued approximately \$0.5 million for our common stock remained available for future contributions to the 401(k) Plan. However, we currently intend to pay future contributions in cash.

#### 14. Quarterly Results of Operations (Unaudited):

The following table summarizes our unaudited quarterly results of operations in 2010 and 2009:

	Quarters in Fiscal Year 2010								
		April 4, 2010		July 4, 2010		Oct. 3, 2010		Jan. 2, 2011	
		(in	n thousands, except per share da				ta)		
Food and beverage sales Entertainment and merchandise sales	\$	121,016 124,184	\$	89,064 91,065	\$	99,452 106,747	\$	88,709 92,896	
Company store sales Franchise fees and royalties		245,200 1,127		180,129 857		206,199 945		181,605 1,186	
Total revenues Operating income Income before income taxes Net income <sup>(1)</sup>		246,327 57,215 54,545 33,862		180,986 14,711 11,269 4,778		207,144 23,726 20,775 12,581		182,791 9,250 6,171 2,813	
Earnings per share: Basic Diluted	\$ \$	1.53 1.53		6 0.22 6 0.22		\$ 0.60 \$ 0.60		\$ 0.14 \$ 0.14	

	Quarters in Fiscal Year 2009 <sup>(2)</sup>							
	March 29, 2009		June 28, 2009		Sept. 27, 2009			Jan. 3, 2010
		(in	thous	sands, exc	nds, except per share dat			
Food and beverage sales Entertainment and merchandise sales	\$	128,479 118,581	\$	91,123 92,676	\$	95,060 101,860	\$	91,973 94,811
Company store sales Franchise fees and royalties		247,060 1,073		183,799 996		196,920 898		186,784 816
Total revenues Operating income Income before income taxes		248,133 59,214 56,140		184,795 16,955 13,860		197,818 23,435 20,666		187,600 11,361 8,282
Net income Earnings per share: Basic Diluted	\$ \$	34,052 1.49 1.48	\$ \$		9	12,711 6 0.55 6 0.55		5,437 \$ 0.24 \$ 0.24

(1) Net income included the effect of net unfavorable income tax adjustments of \$3.0 million, which included \$2.4 million we reflected during the second quarter, primarily resulting from adjustments made to our tax accounts identified as a result of an IRS examination of our 2006 and 2007 tax years, various return-to-provision adjustments, and offsetting favorable adjustments related to California enterprise zone tax credits.

(2) Our 2009 fiscal year consisted of 53 weeks. Each quarterly period had 13 weeks, except for the fourth quarterly period ended January 3, 2010 which had 14 weeks.

Quarterly operating results are not necessarily representative of operations for a full year. EPS amounts in each quarter are computed using the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the quarter and may not sum to EPS for the full year, which is computed using the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the full year.

#### 15. Subsequent Events:

On February 22, 2011, our Board approved the initiation of a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per share, or \$0.80 per share for each year. Due to the timing of the Board's decision, dividends paid during the 2011 fiscal year are expected to be \$0.60 per share. Our first quarterly dividend of \$0.20 per share will be paid on April 21, 2011 to shareholders of record on March 24, 2011.

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

None.

#### ITEM 9A. Controls and Procedures.

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We performed an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of January 2, 2011 to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, was (1) recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and (2) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that any control and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only a reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives.

#### Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. As defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f), internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer and effected by our Board of Directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and our directors; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our 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.

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of January 2, 2011 based on the criteria established in "Internal Control — Integrated Framework" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on our management's assessment, we have concluded that, as of January 2, 2011, our internal control over financial reporting was effective based on those criteria.

Deloitte & Touche LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm that audited our financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, has issued an attestation report on our internal control over financial reporting as of January 2, 2011, which is included in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" under the caption "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm."

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

During the quarterly period ended January 2, 2011, there has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### ITEM 9B. Other Information.

None.

#### PART III

#### ITEM 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

The information required by this Item regarding our directors and executive officers is incorporated by reference from and will be included in our definitive Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A in connection with our 2011 Annual Meeting under the captions "Proposal 1: Election of Directors", "Corporate Governance", "Additional Information Regarding the Executive Officers", "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance", and "Audit Committee Disclosure".

We have adopted a Code of Ethics for the Chief Executive Officer, President and Senior Financial Officers (the "Code of Ethics") that applies to the Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Financial Officer and principal accounting officer. Changes to and waivers granted with respect to the Code of Ethics related to the above named officers required to be disclosed pursuant to applicable rules and regulations will also be posted on our website at <u>www.chuckecheese.com</u>.

#### ITEM 11. Executive Compensation.

The information required by this Item regarding our directors and executive officers is incorporated by reference from and will be included in our definitive Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A in connection with our 2011 Annual Meeting under the captions "Meetings and Committees of the Boards of Directors", "Compensation Discussion and Analysis", "Compensation Committee Report", "Executive Compensation" and "Director Compensation".

#### ITEM 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference from and will be included in our definitive Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A in connection with our 2011 Annual Meeting under the captions "Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans" and "Security Ownership".

#### ITEM 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Directors Independence.

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference from and will be included in our definitive Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A in connection with our 2011 Annual Meeting under the captions "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" and "Meetings and Committees of the Board of Directors."

#### ITEM 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference from and will be included in our definitive Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A in connection with our 2011 Annual Meeting under the caption "Audit Committee Disclosure – Service Fees Billed in 2010 and 2009 by the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm."

#### PART IV

#### ITEM 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

- (a) Documents filed as a part of this report:
  - (1) Financial Statements.

The financial statements included in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" are filed as a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. See "Index to Consolidated Financial Statements."

(2) Financial Statement Schedules.

There are no financial statement schedules filed as a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, since the circumstances requiring inclusion of such schedules are not present.

(3) Exhibits.

The exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K are listed in the Exhibit Index, which Exhibit Index is incorporated in this Annual Report on Form 10-K by reference.

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 24, 2011

CEC Entertainment, Inc.

/s/ Michael H. Magusiak Michael H. Magusiak President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
<u>/s/ Michael H. Magusiak</u> Michael H. Magusiak	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	February 24, 2011
<u>/s/ Tiffany B. Kice</u> Tiffany B. Kice	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)	February 24, 2011
<u>/s/ Darin E. Harper</u> Darin E. Harper	Vice President, Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	February 24, 2011
<u>/s/ Richard M. Frank</u> Richard M. Frank	Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors	February 24, 2011
<u>/s/ Tommy R. Franks</u> Tommy R. Franks	Director	February 24, 2011
<u>/s/ Richard T. Huston</u> Richard T. Huston	Director	February 24, 2011
<u>/s/ Tim T. Morris</u> Tim T. Morris	Director	February 24, 2011
<u>/s/ Louis P. Neeb</u> Louis P. Neeb	Director	February 24, 2011
<u>/s/ Cynthia Pharr Lee</u> Cynthia Pharr Lee	Director	February 24, 2011
<u>/s/ Walter Tyree</u> Walter Tyree	Director	February 24, 2011
/s/ Raymond E. Wooldridge Raymond E. Wooldridge	Director	February 24, 2011

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit <u>Number</u>	Description
3.1	Second Restated Articles of Incorporation of CEC Entertainment, Inc. (the "Company") dated May 4, 2010 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-13687) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on May 6, 2010)
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company dated May 4, 2010 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-13687) as filed with the Commission on May 6, 2010)
4.1	Second Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company dated May 4, 2010 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-13687) as filed with the Commission on May 6, 2010)
4.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company dated May 4, 2010 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-13687) as filed with the Commission on May 6, 2010)
4.3	Specimen form of Certificate representing \$.10 par value Common Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-13687) as filed with the Commission on October 29, 2009)
10.1	Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated October 19, 2007 by and among CEC Entertainment Concepts, L.P., as the Borrower, the Company, as a Guarantor, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Syndication Agent, Wachovia Bank, N.A. and SunTrust Bank, as Co-Documentation Agents, Banc of America Securities LLC and J.P. Morgan Securities, Inc., as Co-Lead Arrangers and Co-Book Managers and the other lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-13687) as filed with the Commission on October 23, 2007)
10.2 §	Richard M. Frank 2010 Employment Agreement dated February 23, 2010 by and between Richard M. Frank and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-13687) as filed with the Commission on February 26, 2010)
10.3 §	Michael H. Magusiak 2010 Employment Agreement dated February 23, 2010 by and between Michael H. Magusiak and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-13687) as filed with the Commission on February 26, 2010)
10.4 §	1997 Non-Statutory Stock Option Plan (incorporated by referenced to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-119218) as filed with the Commission on September 23, 2004)
10.5 §	Form of Stock Option Agreement under the Company's 1997 Non-Statutory Stock Option Plan (incorporated by referenced to Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-13687) as filed with the Commission on February 20, 2009)
10.6 §	Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-119225) as filed with the Commission on September 23, 2004)
10.7 §	Form of Stock Option Agreement under the Company's Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan (incorporated by referenced to Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-13687) as filed with the Commission on February 20, 2009)
10.8 §	CEC Entertainment, Inc. Third Amended and Restated 2004 Restricted Stock Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-13687) as filed with the Commission on May 6, 2010)
10.9 § *	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement under the Company's Third Amended and Restated 2004 Restricted Stock Plan
10.10 §	CEC Entertainment, Inc. Second Amended and Restated Non-Employee Directors Restricted Stock Plan effective as of May 4, 2010 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-13687) as filed with the Commission on August 5, 2010)

Exhibit <u>Number</u>	Description
10.11 § *	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement under the Company's Second Amended and Restated Non-Employee Directors Restricted Stock Plan
10.12 §	Summary of Director Compensation (incorporated by reference to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement (File No. 001-13687) as filed with the Commission on March 22, 2010 under the section entitled "Director Compensation" on page 56)
10.13 §	Summary of Incentive Bonus Plan (incorporated by reference to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement (File No. 001-13687) as filed with the Commission on March 22, 2010 under the section entitled "Compensation Discussion and Analysis—How We Determine the Amount and Material Terms of Each Element of Compensation—Cash Bonus—Incentive Bonus Plan" on page 32)
21.1	Subsidiaries of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 21.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-13687) as filed with the Commission on February 26, 2010)
23.1 *	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
31.1 *	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a)
31.2 *	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a)
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101.INS †	XBRL Instance Document
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101.PRE †	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

<sup>\*</sup> Filed herewith.

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Management contract or compensatory plan, contract or arrangement. Pursuant to Item 406T of Regulation S-T, these interactive data files are deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or t prospectus for purposes of Sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and otherwise are not subject to liability.

## EXHIBIT 31.1

#### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a – 14(a)/15d-14(a) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002 (Chief Executive Officer)

I, Michael H. Magusiak, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2011 of CEC Entertainment, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

February 24, 2011

/s/ Michael H. Magusiak Michael H. Magusiak President and Chief Executive Officer

## EXHIBIT 31.2

#### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a – 14(a)/15d-14(a) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002 (Chief Financial Officer)

I, Tiffany B. Kice, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2011 of CEC Entertainment, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

February 24, 2011

/s/ Tiffany B. Kice

Tiffany B. Kice Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

## **EXHIBIT 32.1**

# CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002 (Chief Executive Officer)

In connection with the Annual Report of CEC Entertainment, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2011 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company as of, and for, the periods presented in this Report.

February 24, 2011

/s/ Michael H. Magusiak Michael H. Magusiak President and Chief Executive Officer

## **EXHIBIT 32.2**

# CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002 (Chief Financial Officer)

In connection with the Annual Report of CEC Entertainment, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2011 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company as of, and for, the periods presented in this Report.

February 24, 2011

/s/ Tiffany B. Kice

Tiffany B. Kice Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

# CEC entertainment, inc

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