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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Form 10-Q  
(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2013  
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: 0-25370  
Rent-A-Center, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 45-0491516  
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer  
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)  
5501 Headquarters Drive  
Plano, Texas 75024  
(Address, including zip code of registrant's  
principal executive offices)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 972-801-1100

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES

NO

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

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of October 21, 2013:

Class	Outstanding
Common stock, \$.01 par value per share	53,521,972

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Item 1. Consolidated Financial Statements.  
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 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

	Three Months Ended September		Nine Months Ended September	
	30, 2013	2012	30, 2013	2012
(In thousands, except per share data)	Unaudited		Unaudited	
Revenues				
Store				
Rentals and fees	\$671,334	\$652,059	\$2,013,885	\$1,989,027
Merchandise sales	53,808	58,854	227,171	242,335
Installment sales	17,474	15,560	52,138	49,225
Other	4,483	2,811	14,244	12,280
Franchise				
Merchandise sales	6,396	8,697	23,072	27,332
Royalty income and fees	1,285	1,333	4,062	4,067
	754,780	739,314	2,334,572	2,324,266
Cost of revenues				
Store				
Cost of rentals and fees	170,979	158,805	507,826	481,954
Cost of merchandise sold	42,344	47,497	175,903	192,038
Cost of installment sales	5,983	5,376	18,141	17,402
Franchise cost of merchandise sold	6,142	8,295	22,072	26,141
	225,448	219,973	723,942	717,535
Gross profit	529,332	519,341	1,610,630	1,606,731
Operating expenses				
Salaries and other expenses	435,107	410,693	1,280,457	1,248,732
General and administrative expenses	37,054	38,088	114,227	113,562
Amortization and write-down of intangibles	639	2,447	2,694	5,263
	472,800	451,228	1,397,378	1,367,557
Operating profit	56,532	68,113	213,252	239,174
Interest expense	10,916	8,096	28,773	25,416
Interest income	(183)	(167)	(659)	(470)
Earnings before income taxes	45,799	60,184	185,138	214,228
Income tax expense	18,177	20,274	69,055	78,195
NET EARNINGS	\$27,622	\$39,910	\$116,083	\$136,033
Basic earnings per common share	\$0.52	\$0.68	\$2.09	\$2.30
Diluted earnings per common share	\$0.51	\$0.67	\$2.08	\$2.28
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$0.21	\$0.16	\$0.63	\$0.48

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements



## RENT-A-CENTER, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013 Unaudited	2012	2013 Unaudited	2012
Net earnings	\$27,622	\$39,910	\$116,083	\$136,033
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	41	3,470	(1,330	) 3,439
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	41	3,470	(1,330	) 3,439
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$27,663	\$43,380	\$114,753	\$139,472

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

## RENT-A-CENTER, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
(In thousands, except share and par value data)	Unaudited	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$52,857	\$61,087
Receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$7,386 and \$6,917 in 2013 and 2012, respectively	48,527	48,822
Prepaid expenses and other assets	73,910	71,963
Rental merchandise, net		
On rent	854,580	821,887
Held for rent	217,388	198,917
Merchandise held for installment sale	4,054	3,741
Property assets, net of accumulated depreciation of \$427,201 and \$398,039 in 2013 and 2012, respectively	324,648	309,800
Goodwill	1,353,941	1,344,665
Other intangible assets, net	7,405	8,223
	<b>\$2,937,310</b>	<b>\$2,869,105</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable – trade	\$124,256	\$99,566
Accrued liabilities	306,699	309,066
Deferred income taxes	324,062	303,110
Senior debt	284,575	387,500
Senior notes	550,000	300,000
	1,589,592	1,399,242
<b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES</b>		
<b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 250,000,000 shares authorized; 109,036,927 and 108,530,911 shares issued in 2013 and 2012, respectively	1,090	1,085
Additional paid-in capital	759,814	784,725
Retained earnings	1,893,793	1,812,293
Treasury stock at cost, 55,552,836 and 50,495,378 shares in 2013 and 2012, respectively	(1,307,677	) (1,130,268
Accumulated other comprehensive income	698	2,028
	1,347,718	1,469,863
	<b>\$2,937,310</b>	<b>\$2,869,105</b>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



## RENT-A-CENTER, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012
(In thousands)	Unaudited	
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net earnings	\$ 116,083	\$ 136,033
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation of rental merchandise	487,412	464,560
Bad debt expense	3,031	2,543
Stock-based compensation expense	5,524	6,673
Depreciation of property assets	56,654	54,744
Loss on sale or disposal of property assets	2,035	1,833
Amortization of intangibles	1,897	4,042
Amortization of financing fees	2,338	2,074
Deferred income taxes	20,952	(960)
Excess tax benefit related to stock awards	(245)	(2,860)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions		
Rental merchandise	(534,843)	(457,749)
Receivables	(2,736)	1,394
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(4,670)	(4,788)
Accounts payable – trade	24,689	37,528
Accrued liabilities	(5,212)	13,682
Net cash provided by operating activities	172,909	258,749
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property assets	(73,761)	(73,103)
Proceeds from sale of property assets	1,620	4,898
Acquisitions of businesses	(13,829)	(5,249)
Net cash used in investing activities	(85,970)	(73,454)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Purchase of treasury stock	(217,419)	(30,121)
Exercise of stock options	10,711	11,275
Excess tax benefit related to stock awards	245	2,860
Payments on capital leases	—	(27)
Proceeds from debt	631,435	321,985
Repayments of debt	(484,360)	(469,360)
Dividends paid	(35,564)	(28,505)
Net cash used in financing activities	(94,952)	(191,893)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(217)	333
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(8,230)	(6,265)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	61,087	88,065
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 52,857	\$ 81,800

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.





RENT-A-CENTER, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Significant Accounting Policies and Nature of Operations.

The interim consolidated financial statements of Rent-A-Center, Inc. included herein have been prepared by us pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the SEC’s rules and regulations, although we believe the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. We suggest these financial statements be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. In our opinion, the accompanying unaudited interim financial statements contain all adjustments, consisting only of those of a normal recurring nature, necessary to present fairly our results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented. The results of operations for the periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

**Principles of Consolidation and Nature of Operations.** These financial statements include the accounts of Rent-A-Center, Inc., and its direct and indirect subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. Unless the context indicates otherwise, references to “Rent-A-Center” refer only to Rent-A-Center, Inc., the parent, and references to “we,” “us” and “our” refer to the consolidated business operations of Rent-A-Center and any or all of its direct and indirect subsidiaries. We report four operating segments: Core U.S., RAC Acceptance, International and Franchising (formerly reported as ColorTyme).

Our Core U.S. segment consists of company-owned rent-to-own stores that lease household durable goods to customers on a rent-to-own basis. We also offer merchandise on an installment sales basis in certain of our stores under the names “Get It Now” and “Home Choice.”

Our RAC Acceptance segment generally offers the rent-to-own transaction to consumers who do not qualify for financing from the traditional retailer through kiosks located within such retailers’ stores.

Our International segment consists of our company-owned rent-to-own stores in Mexico and Canada that lease household durable goods to customers on a rent-to-own basis. Our stores in Canada operate under the name “Rent-A-Centre.”

Rent-A-Center Franchising International, Inc. (formerly ColorTyme, Inc.), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Rent-A-Center, is a franchisor of rent-to-own stores. Our Franchising segment’s primary source of revenue is the sale of rental merchandise to its franchisees, who in turn offer the merchandise to the general public for rent or purchase under a rent-to-own transaction. The balance of our Franchising segment’s revenue is generated primarily from royalties based on franchisees’ monthly gross revenues.

**Rental Merchandise.** Rental merchandise is carried at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation for merchandise is generally provided using the income forecasting method, which is intended to match as closely as practicable the recognition of depreciation expense with the consumption of the rental merchandise, and assumes no salvage value. The consumption of rental merchandise occurs during periods of rental and directly coincides with the receipt of rental revenue over the rental purchase agreement period. Under the income forecasting method, merchandise held for rent is not depreciated and merchandise on rent is depreciated in the proportion of rents received to total rents provided in the rental contract, which is an activity-based method similar to the units of production method. Effective January 1, 2013, we depreciate merchandise (including computers and tablets) that is held for rent for at least 180 consecutive days using the straight-line method over a period generally not to exceed 18 months. Prior to January 1, 2013, merchandise held for rent (except for computers and tablets) that was at least 270 days old and held for rent for at least 180 consecutive days, was depreciated using the straight-line method over a period generally not to exceed 20 months. Prior to January 1, 2013, the straight-line method was used for computers and tablets that were 24 months old or older and which had become idle over a period of at least six months, generally not to exceed an aggregate depreciation period of 30 months. This change has not had a significant impact on cost of revenues, gross profit, net earnings or earnings per share.

Rental merchandise which is damaged and inoperable is expensed when such impairment occurs. If a customer does not return the merchandise or make payment, the remaining book value of the rental merchandise associated with delinquent accounts is generally charged off on or before the 90<sup>th</sup> day following the time the account became past due

in the Core U.S. and International segments, and on or before the 120<sup>th</sup> day in the RAC Acceptance segment. We maintain a reserve for these expected expenses. In addition, any minor repairs made to rental merchandise are expensed at the time of the repair.

Reclassification. We revised the 2012 consolidated statement of earnings to classify stock-based compensation received by employees above the district manager level that was previously reported within salaries and other expenses to general and administrative expenses to conform to the 2013 presentation. This reclassification resulted in a decrease in salaries and other expenses of \$1.9 million and \$6.7 million for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2012, with a corresponding increase to general and administrative expenses. This reclassification had no impact on net earnings or earnings per share for 2012.

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Use of Estimates. In preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, we are required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent losses and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. In applying accounting principles, we must often make individual estimates and assumptions regarding expected outcomes or uncertainties. Our estimates, judgments and assumptions are continually evaluated based on available information and experience. Because of the use of estimates inherent in the financial reporting process, actual results could differ from those estimates.

New Accounting Pronouncements. From time to time, new accounting pronouncements are issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") or other standards setting bodies that we adopt as of the specified effective date. Unless otherwise discussed, we believe the impact of any other recently issued standards that are not yet effective are either not applicable to us at this time or will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements upon adoption.

## 2. Intangible Assets and Acquisitions.

Amortizable intangible assets consist of the following (in thousands):

	Avg. Life (years)	September 30, 2013		December 31, 2012	
		Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
Non-compete agreements	3	\$6,113	\$6,101	\$6,104	\$6,098
Customer relationships	2	72,876	71,459	71,816	70,001
Vendor relationships	11	7,538	1,562	7,538	1,136
Total		\$86,527	\$79,122	\$85,458	\$77,235

The weighted average amortization period was approximately 21 months for intangible assets added during the three- and nine- month periods ended September 30, 2013. Estimated remaining amortization expense, assuming current intangible balances and no new acquisitions, for each of the years ending December 31, is as follows (in thousands):

	Estimated Amortization Expense
2013	\$461
2014	1,523
2015	722
2016	569
2017	568
Thereafter	3,562
Total	\$7,405

At September 30, 2013, the amount of goodwill allocated to the Core U.S., RAC Acceptance and International segments was approximately \$1,298.4 million, \$54.4 million and \$1.1 million, respectively. At December 31, 2012, the amount of goodwill allocated to the Core U.S., RAC Acceptance and International segments was approximately \$1,289.2 million, \$54.4 million and \$1.1 million, respectively.

A summary of the changes in recorded goodwill follows (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013	Year Ended December 31, 2012
Balance as of January 1,	\$1,344,665	\$1,339,125
Additions from acquisitions	9,779	6,874
Store dispositions and write-down	(797	) (1,221
Post purchase price allocation adjustments	294	(113

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Balance as of the end of the period	\$1,353,941	\$1,344,665
Additions to goodwill due to acquisitions in the first nine months of 2013 were tax deductible.		

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## 3. Senior Debt.

Our \$750.0 million senior credit facilities consist of a \$250.0 million, five-year term loan and a \$500.0 million, five-year revolving credit facility. The amounts outstanding under the term loan were \$193.8 million and \$212.5 million at September 30, 2013, and December 31, 2012, respectively, and the amounts outstanding under the revolving credit facility were \$89.0 million and \$175.0 million at September 30, 2013, and December 31, 2012, respectively.

The full amount of the revolving credit facility may be used for the issuance of letters of credit, of which \$115.1 million had been so utilized as of September 30, 2013, and at which date \$295.9 million was available. The revolving credit facility and the term loan expire on July 14, 2016.

Borrowings under our senior credit facility accrue interest at varying rates equal to, at our election, either (y) the prime rate plus 0.50% to 1.50%; or (z) the Eurodollar rate plus 1.50% to 2.50%. Interest periods range from seven days (for borrowings under the revolving credit facility only) to one, two, three or six months, at our election. The margins on the Eurodollar rate and on the prime rate, which were 2.25% and 1.25%, respectively, at September 30, 2013, may fluctuate dependent upon an increase or decrease in our consolidated leverage ratio as defined by a pricing grid included in the amended credit agreement. We have not entered into any interest rate protection agreements with respect to term loans under our senior credit facilities. A commitment fee equal to 0.30% to 0.50% of the average daily amount of the available revolving commitment is payable quarterly.

Our senior credit facilities are secured by a security interest in substantially all of our tangible and intangible assets, including intellectual property. Our senior credit facilities are also secured by a pledge of the capital stock of our wholly owned U.S. subsidiaries (other than certain specified subsidiaries).

Our senior credit facilities contain, without limitation, covenants that generally limit our ability to:

- incur additional debt in excess of \$250.0 million at any one time outstanding (other than subordinated debt, which is generally permitted if the maturity date is later than July 14, 2017);
- repurchase our capital stock, 6.625% notes and 4.75% notes and pay cash dividends in the event the pro forma senior leverage ratio is greater than 2.50x;
- incur liens or other encumbrances;
- merge, consolidate or sell substantially all our property or business;
- sell assets, other than inventory, in the ordinary course of business;
- make investments or acquisitions unless we meet financial tests and other requirements;
- make capital expenditures in the event the pro forma consolidated leverage ratio is greater than 2.75x; or
- enter into an unrelated line of business.

Our senior credit facilities require us to comply with several financial covenants. The table below shows the required and actual ratios under our credit facilities calculated as of September 30, 2013:

	Required Ratio		Actual Ratio
Maximum consolidated leverage ratio	No greater than	3.25:1	2.17:1
Minimum fixed charge coverage ratio	No less than	1.35:1	1.53:1

These financial covenants, as well as the related components of their computation, are defined in the amended and restated credit agreement governing our senior credit facility, which is included as an exhibit to our Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of July 14, 2011. In accordance with the credit agreement, the maximum consolidated leverage ratio was calculated by dividing the consolidated funded debt outstanding at September 30, 2013 (\$804.9 million) by consolidated EBITDA for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2013 (\$371.1 million). For purposes of the covenant calculation, (i) "consolidated funded debt" is defined as outstanding indebtedness less cash in excess of \$25.0 million, and (ii) "consolidated EBITDA" is generally defined as consolidated net income (a) plus the sum of income taxes, interest expense, depreciation and amortization expense, extraordinary non-cash expenses or losses, and other non-cash charges, and (b) minus the sum of interest income, extraordinary income or gains, other non-cash income, and cash payments with respect to extraordinary non-cash expenses or losses recorded in prior fiscal quarters.

Consolidated EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure that is presented not as a measure of operating results, but rather as a measure used to determine covenant compliance under our senior credit facilities.

The minimum fixed charge coverage ratio was calculated pursuant to the credit agreement by dividing consolidated EBITDA for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2013, as adjusted for certain capital expenditures (\$524.1 million), by consolidated fixed charges for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2013 (\$342.3 million). For purposes of the covenant calculation,

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“consolidated fixed charges” is defined as the sum of interest expense, lease expense, cash dividends and mandatory debt repayments.

Events of default under our senior credit facilities include customary events, such as a cross-acceleration provision in the event that we default on other debt. In addition, an event of default under the senior credit facility would occur if a change of control occurs. This is defined to include the case where a third party becomes the beneficial owner of 35% or more of our voting stock or upon certain changes in the constitution of Rent-A-Center’s Board of Directors. An event of default would also occur if one or more judgments were entered against us of \$50.0 million or more and such judgments were not satisfied or bonded pending appeal within 30 days after entry.

We utilize our revolving credit facility for the issuance of letters of credit, as well as to manage normal fluctuations in operational cash flow caused by the timing of cash receipts. In that regard, we may from time to time draw funds under the revolving credit facility for general corporate purposes. The funds drawn on individual occasions have varied in amounts of up to \$100.0 million, which occurred at the date we refinanced our senior secured debt, with total amounts outstanding ranging up to \$221.0 million. Amounts are drawn as needed due to the timing of cash flows and are generally paid down as cash is generated by our operating activities.

In addition to the senior credit facilities discussed above, we maintain a \$20.0 million unsecured, revolving line of credit with INTRUST Bank, N.A. to facilitate cash management. The outstanding balance of this line of credit was \$1.8 million and \$0 at September 30, 2013, and December 31, 2012, respectively.

#### 4. Subsidiary Guarantors – Senior Notes.

Senior Notes Due 2020. On November 2, 2010, we issued \$300.0 million in senior unsecured notes due November 2020, bearing interest at 6.625%, pursuant to an indenture dated November 2, 2010, among Rent-A-Center, Inc., its subsidiary guarantors and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, as trustee. A portion of the proceeds of this offering were used to repay approximately \$200.0 million of outstanding term debt under our senior credit facility. The remaining net proceeds were used to repurchase shares of our common stock.

Senior Notes Due 2021. On May 2, 2013, we issued \$250.0 million in senior unsecured notes due May 2021, bearing interest at 4.75%, pursuant to an indenture dated May 2, 2013, among Rent-A-Center, Inc., its subsidiary guarantors and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, as trustee. A portion of the proceeds of this offering were used to repurchase shares of our common stock under a \$200.0 million accelerated stock buyback program. The remaining net proceeds were used to repay outstanding revolving debt under our senior credit facility.

The indentures governing the 6.625% notes and the 4.75% notes are substantially similar. Each indenture contains covenants that limit our ability to:

- incur additional debt;
- sell assets or our subsidiaries;
- grant liens to third parties;
- pay cash dividends or repurchase stock; and
- engage in a merger or sell substantially all of our assets.

Events of default under each indenture include customary events, such as a cross-acceleration provision in the event that we default in the payment of other debt due at maturity or upon acceleration for default in an amount exceeding \$50.0 million, as well as in the event a judgment is entered against us in excess of \$50.0 million that is not discharged, bonded or insured.

The 6.625% notes may be redeemed on or after November 15, 2015, at our option, in whole or in part, at a premium declining from 103.313%. The 6.625% notes may be redeemed on or after November 15, 2018, at our option, in whole or in part, at par. The 6.625% notes also require that upon the occurrence of a change of control (as defined in the 2010 indenture), the holders of the notes have the right to require us to repurchase the notes at a price equal to 101% of the original aggregate principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of repurchase. The 4.75% notes may be redeemed on or after May 1, 2016, at our option, in whole or in part, at a premium declining from 103.563%. The 4.75% notes may be redeemed on or after May 1, 2019, at our option, in whole or in part, at par. The 4.75% notes also require that upon the occurrence of a change of control (as defined in the 2013 indenture), the



holders of the notes have the right to require us to repurchase the notes at a price equal to 101% of the original aggregate principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of repurchase. Any mandatory repurchase of the 6.625% notes and/or the 4.75% notes would trigger an event of default under our senior credit facilities. We are not required to maintain any financial ratios under either of the indentures.

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Rent-A-Center and its subsidiary guarantors have fully, jointly and severally, and unconditionally guaranteed the obligations of Rent-A-Center with respect to the 6.625% notes and the 4.75% notes. Rent-A-Center has no independent assets or operations, and each subsidiary guarantor is 100% owned directly or indirectly by Rent-A-Center. The only direct or indirect subsidiaries of Rent-A-Center that are not guarantors are minor subsidiaries. There are no restrictions on the ability of any of the subsidiary guarantors to transfer funds to Rent-A-Center in the form of loans, advances or dividends, except as provided by applicable law.

5. Income Taxes.

We are subject to federal, state, local and foreign income taxes. Along with our U.S. subsidiaries, we file a U.S. federal consolidated income tax return. We are no longer subject to U.S. federal, state, foreign and local income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2008. During 2013, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) commenced a limited-scope audit of our consolidated U.S. income tax return for 2010. One issue is still outstanding with the IRS which occurred in years 2003 through 2007. This matter was appealed through the IRS Office of Appeals and subsequently was heard by the United States Tax Court at trial during November 2011, and a decision is expected during 2013. Currently, we are also under examination in various states. We do not anticipate that adjustments, if any, regarding the 2003 through 2007 disputed issue or state examinations will result in a material change to our consolidated statement of earnings, financial condition, statement of cash flows or earnings per share. We provide for uncertain tax positions and related interest and adjust our unrecognized tax benefits and accrued interest in the normal course of our business. At September 30, 2013, our unrecognized tax benefits were increased by approximately \$2.8 million from December 31, 2012.

6. Fair Value.

We use a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which classifies the inputs used in measuring fair values, in determining the fair value of our non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities, which consist primarily of goodwill. These tiers include: Level 1, defined as observable inputs such as quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets; Level 2, defined as inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable; and Level 3, defined as unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions. There were no changes in the methods and assumptions used in measuring fair value during the period.

At September 30, 2013, our financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, receivables, payables, senior debt and senior notes. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, receivables and payables approximates fair value at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, because of the short maturities of these instruments. Our senior debt is variable rate debt that re-prices frequently and entails no significant change in credit risk and, as a result, fair value approximates carrying value. The fair value of our senior notes is based on Level 1 inputs. At September 30, 2013, the fair value of our 6.625% senior notes was \$312.4 million, which was approximately \$12.4 million above their carrying value of \$300.0 million. At December 31, 2012, the fair value of our 6.625% senior notes was \$327.0 million, which was approximately \$27.0 million above their carrying value of \$300.0 million. At September 30, 2013, the fair value of our 4.75% senior notes was \$232.5 million, which was approximately \$17.5 million below their carrying value of \$250.0 million.

7. Stock Repurchase Plan.

Under our current common stock repurchase program, our Board of Directors has authorized the purchase, from time to time, in the open market and privately negotiated transactions, of up to an aggregate of \$1.25 billion of Rent-A-Center common stock. On May 2, 2013, we entered into an agreement with Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs") to repurchase \$200.0 million of Rent-A-Center common stock under an accelerated stock buyback program ("the ASB transaction"). Under the agreement, we paid \$200.0 million to Goldman Sachs on May 7, 2013, and we received an initial share delivery of 4,592,423 shares, which was estimated to represent 80% of shares expected to be purchased in the ASB transaction. The weighted value of these shares immediately reduced

weighted-average shares outstanding in our calculation of earnings per share. The remainder of the ASB transaction was subject to a forward contract that settled in October 2013, at which time we received an additional 816,916 shares, ending the ASB transaction. Our consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2013, reflects \$160.0 million in treasury stock and \$40.0 million in additional paid-in capital. Upon final settlement in October 2013, \$40.0 million will be reclassified from additional paid-in capital to treasury stock.

We have repurchased a total of 36,177,737 shares and 31,120,279 shares of Rent-A-Center common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$994.8 million and \$777.3 million as of September 30, 2013, and December 31, 2012, respectively, under our common stock repurchase program. In addition to the 4,592,423 shares repurchased pursuant to the accelerated stock

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buyback in the second quarter of 2013, we repurchased 465,035 shares for \$17.4 million in the first quarter of 2013, and no shares were repurchased in the third quarter of 2013.

8. Segment Information.

The operating segments reported below are the segments for which separate financial information is available and for which segment results are evaluated by the chief operating decision makers. Our operating segments are organized based on factors including, but not limited to, type of business transactions, geographic location and store ownership. All operating segments offer merchandise from four basic product categories: consumer electronics, appliances, computers, furniture and accessories. Reportable segments and their respective operations are defined as follows.

Our Core U.S. segment primarily operates rent-to-own stores in the United States and Puerto Rico whose customers enter into weekly, semi-monthly or monthly rental purchase agreements, which renew automatically upon receipt of each payment. We retain the title to the merchandise during the term of the rental purchase agreement and ownership passes to the customer if the customer has continuously renewed the rental purchase agreement through the end of the term or exercises a specified early purchase option. This segment also includes the 43 stores operating in two states that utilize a retail model which generates installment credit sales through a retail sale transaction. Segment assets include cash, receivables, rental merchandise, property assets, goodwill and other intangible assets.

Our RAC Acceptance segment operates kiosks within various traditional retailers' locations where we generally offer the rent-to-own transaction to consumers who do not qualify for financing from the traditional retailer. The transaction offered is generally similar to that of the Core U.S. segment; however, the majority of the customers in this segment enter into monthly rather than weekly agreements. Segment assets include cash, rental merchandise, property assets, goodwill and other intangible assets.

Our International segment consists of our company-owned rent-to-own stores in Mexico and Canada. The nature of this segment's operations and assets are the same as our Core U.S. segment. At September 30, 2013, we operated 150 stores in Mexico and 18 stores in Canada.

During the third quarter of 2013, ColorTyme, Inc., our franchisor of rent-to-own stores, changed its name to Rent-A-Center Franchising International, Inc., and all future franchises sold will be licensed under the Rent-A-Center name. This segment will be referred to as Franchising in the future. We offered our current franchisees the opportunity to convert their ColorTyme stores to the Rent-A-Center name. Our franchised stores use Rent-A-Center's or ColorTyme's trade names, service marks, trademarks and logos, and operate under distinctive operating procedures and standards. Franchising's primary source of revenue is the sale of rental merchandise to its franchisees who, in turn, offer the merchandise to the general public for rent or purchase under a rent-to-own program. As franchisor, Franchising receives royalties of 2.0% to 6.0% of the franchisees' monthly gross revenue and initial fees for new locations. Segment assets include cash, franchise fee receivables, property assets and intangible assets.

To facilitate the conversion of ColorTyme branded stores to Rent-A-Center, we will sell some of our company-owned stores to existing franchisees, purchase some of the former ColorTyme stores and either operate them under the Rent-A-Center brand or merge them with existing stores, and some franchised stores will continue to operate under the ColorTyme brand. We will also bear certain re-imaging costs incurred by franchisees who elect to re-brand. We anticipate recording a pre-tax restructuring charge in the fourth quarter of 2013 in connection with this rebranding initiative. No restructuring charges were incurred in the third quarter of 2013.

We incur costs at our corporate headquarters that benefit our Core U.S., RAC Acceptance and International operating segments. Accordingly, we allocate such costs among these segments based on segment revenue to determine segment operating profit. Likewise, certain corporate assets used to support these operating segments, including the land and building in which the corporate headquarters are located and related property assets, cash and prepaid expenses are also allocated to these operating segments based on segment revenue. Because our Franchising segment has maintained a separate, independent corporate office, no additional corporate costs or assets have been allocated to that segment.



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Segment information for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 is as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2013				
	Core U.S.	RAC Acceptance	International	Franchising	Total
Revenue	\$608,333	\$ 123,798	\$14,968	\$7,681	\$754,780
Gross profit	442,971	74,083	10,739	1,539	529,332
Operating profit (loss)	44,943	18,855	(7,665)	399	56,532
Depreciation of property assets	16,401	1,323	1,677	20	19,421
Amortization and write-down of intangibles	497	142	—	—	639
Capital expenditures	22,340	2,819	3,781	—	28,940
	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012				
	Core U.S.	RAC Acceptance	International	Franchising	Total
Revenue	\$634,575	\$ 83,838	\$10,871	\$10,030	\$739,314
Gross profit	460,353	49,737	7,516	1,735	519,341
Operating profit (loss)	69,544	7,259	(9,046)	356	68,113
Depreciation of property assets	15,981	936	1,475	20	18,412
Amortization and write-down of intangibles	583	897	967	—	2,447
Capital expenditures	22,056	1,191	1,536	—	24,783
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013				
	Core U.S.	RAC Acceptance	International	Franchising	Total
Revenue	\$1,897,586	\$ 368,454	\$41,398	\$27,134	\$2,334,572
Gross profit	1,365,980	209,960	29,628	5,062	1,610,630
Operating profit (loss)	179,608	52,384	(20,384)	1,644	213,252
Depreciation of property assets	48,319	3,574	4,701	60	56,654
Amortization and write-down of intangibles	2,267	427	—	—	2,694
Capital expenditures	57,537	7,021	9,203	—	73,761
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012				
	Core U.S.	RAC Acceptance	International	Franchising	Total
Revenue	\$2,016,761	\$ 248,626	\$27,480	\$31,399	\$2,324,266
Gross profit	1,444,824	137,524	19,125	5,258	1,606,731
Operating profit (loss)	244,215	17,024	(23,617)	1,552	239,174
Depreciation of property assets	47,689	2,620	4,366	69	54,744
Amortization and write-down of intangibles	1,606	2,690	967	—	5,263
Capital expenditures	59,089	3,582	10,432	—	73,103

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Segment information – selected balance sheet data (in thousands):

	September 30, 2013				
	Core U.S.	RAC Acceptance	International	Franchising	Total
Rental merchandise, net					
On rent	\$574,871	\$261,967	\$17,742	\$—	\$854,580
Held for rent	205,674	3,579	8,135	—	217,388
Total assets	2,513,251	351,407	71,443	1,209	2,937,310
	December 31, 2012				
	Core U.S.	RAC Acceptance	International	Franchising	Total
Rental merchandise, net					
On rent	\$597,771	\$209,964	\$14,152	\$—	\$821,887
Held for rent	189,526	2,979	6,412	—	198,917
Total assets	2,508,370	292,070	65,954	2,711	2,869,105

#### 9. Stock-Based Compensation.

We recognized \$1.8 million and \$1.9 million in pre-tax compensation expense related to stock options and restricted stock units during the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$5.5 million and \$6.7 million, during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, we granted approximately 638,000 stock options, 155,000 performance-based restricted stock units and 85,000 time-vesting restricted stock units. The stock options granted were valued using a Black-Scholes pricing model with the following assumptions: an expected volatility of 30.61% to 44.35%, a risk-free interest rate of 0.27% to 1.73%, an expected dividend yield of 2.2% to 2.4% and an expected life of 2.33 to 6.25 years. The weighted-average exercise price of the options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2013, was \$35.65 and the weighted-average grant-date fair value was \$9.21. The restricted stock units are valued using the last trade before the day of the grant, adjusted for any provisions affecting fair value, such as the lack of dividends or dividend equivalents during the vesting period. The weighted-average grant date fair value of the restricted stock units granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2013, was \$32.45.

#### 10. Litigation.

From time to time, we, along with our subsidiaries, are party to various legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. We reserve for litigation loss contingencies that are both probable and reasonably estimable. We regularly monitor developments related to these legal proceedings, and review the adequacy of our legal reserves on a quarterly basis. We do not expect these losses to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements if and when such losses are incurred.

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## 11. Earnings Per Common Share.

Basic and diluted earnings per common share were calculated as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

## Three Months Ended September 30, 2013

	Net Earnings	Weighted Average Shares	Per Share
Basic earnings per common share	\$27,622	53,438	\$0.52
Effect of dilutive stock awards	—	374	
Diluted earnings per common share	\$27,622	53,812	\$0.51

## Three Months Ended September 30, 2012

	Net Earnings	Weighted Average Shares	Per Share
Basic earnings per common share	\$39,910	58,882	\$0.68
Effect of dilutive stock awards	—	430	
Diluted earnings per common share	\$39,910	59,312	\$0.67

## Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013

	Net Earnings	Weighted Average Shares	Per Share
Basic earnings per common share	\$116,083	55,423	\$2.09
Effect of dilutive stock awards	—	377	
Diluted earnings per common share	\$116,083	55,800	\$2.08

## Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012

	Net Earnings	Weighted Average Shares	Per Share
Basic earnings per common share	\$136,033	59,098	\$2.30
Effect of dilutive stock awards	—	511	
Diluted earnings per common share	\$136,033	59,609	\$2.28

For the three-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, the number of anti-dilutive stock awards that were outstanding but not included in the computation of diluted earnings per common share were 1,183,826 and 691,491, respectively.

For the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, the number of anti-dilutive stock awards that were outstanding but not included in the computation of diluted earnings per common share were 1,340,372 and 1,059,078, respectively.



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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Forward-Looking Statements

The statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "would," "expect," "intend," "could," "estimate," "should," "anticipate" or "believe." We believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are accurate. However, we cannot assure you that these expectations will occur. Our actual future performance could differ materially from such statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to these differences include, but are not limited to:

- uncertainties regarding the ability to open new locations;
- our ability to acquire additional stores or customer accounts on favorable terms;
- our ability to control costs and increase profitability;
- our ability to enhance the performance of acquired stores;
- our ability to retain the revenue associated with acquired customer accounts;
- our ability to identify and successfully market products and services that appeal to our customer demographic;
- our ability to enter into new and collect on our rental or lease purchase agreements;
- the passage of legislation adversely affecting the rent-to-own industry;
- our compliance with applicable statutes or regulations governing our transactions;
- changes in interest rates;
- changes in the unemployment rate;
- economic pressures, such as high fuel costs, affecting the disposable income available to our current and potential customers;
- the general strength of the economy and other economic conditions affecting consumer preferences and spending;
- adverse changes in the economic conditions of the industries, countries or markets that we serve;
- changes in our stock price, the number of shares of common stock that we may or may not repurchase and future dividends, if any;
- changes in estimates relating to self-insurance liabilities and income tax and litigation reserves;
- changes in our effective tax rate;
- fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates;
- information technology and data security costs;
- our ability to maintain an effective system of internal controls;
- the resolution of our litigation; and
- the other risks detailed from time to time in our SEC reports.

Additional important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from our expectations are discussed under the section "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. You should not unduly rely on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Except as required by law, we are not obligated to publicly release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Our Business

We are the largest rent-to-own operator in North America, focused on improving the quality of life for our customers by providing them the opportunity to obtain ownership of high-quality durable products, such as consumer electronics, appliances, computers, furniture and accessories, under flexible rental purchase agreements with no long-term obligation.

We were incorporated in Delaware in 1986. From 1993 to 2006, we pursued an aggressive growth strategy in which we opened new stores and sought to acquire underperforming rent-to-own stores to which we could apply our operating model. As a result of this strategy, the number of our locations grew from 27 to over 3,400 in 2006, primarily through acquisitions. We acquired over 3,300 stores during this period, including approximately 390 of our

franchised stores. These acquisitions occurred in approximately 200 separate transactions, including ten transactions in each of which we acquired in excess of 50 locations. Since there are few large rent-to-own operators remaining in the United States, our store growth in the Core U.S. segment is currently through new store openings, augmented with opportunistic acquisitions of small rent-to-own operators.

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In addition, we strategically open or acquire stores near market areas served by existing stores to enhance service levels, gain incremental sales and increase market penetration. This planned cannibalization may negatively impact our same store revenue and cause us to grow at a slower rate. There can be no assurance we will open or acquire any new rent-to-own stores in the future, or as to the number, location or profitability thereof.

As our U.S. store base matured, we began to focus on attracting new customers through sources other than our existing U.S. rent-to-own store locations and to seek additional distribution channels for our products and services. One of our current growth strategies is our "RAC Acceptance" model. With this model, we operate kiosks within various traditional retailers' locations where we generally offer the rent-to-own transaction to consumers who do not qualify for financing from such retailers. We operated 1,254 RAC Acceptance locations at September 30, 2013, and we intend to continue growing the RAC Acceptance segment by expanding the number of our retail partners and the number of locations with our existing retail partners. Capital expenditures related to opening a RAC Acceptance kiosk in a retailer's store are very low, since the only fixed assets required are the kiosk and computer equipment. There is no long-term lease associated with these stores and the retailer does not charge us rent. Our operating model is highly agile and dynamic because we can open locations quickly and efficiently, and we can also close locations quickly and efficiently when their performance does not meet our expectations. In addition, we are rapidly expanding our operations in Mexico, and we are seeking to identify other international markets in which we believe our products and services would be in demand.

Total financing requirements of a typical new Core U.S. store approximate \$675,000, with roughly 55% of that amount relating to the purchase of rental merchandise inventory. A newly opened Core U.S. store is typically profitable on a monthly basis in the 12<sup>th</sup> month after its initial opening. Historically, a typical Core U.S. store has achieved cumulative break-even profitability in the third year after its initial opening. As a result, our quarterly earnings are impacted by how many new stores we opened during a particular quarter and the quarters preceding it. Historically, we achieved growth in our Core U.S. segment by opening new stores and acquiring underperforming rent-to-own stores to which we could apply our operating model. As a result, the acquired stores have generally experienced more significant revenue growth during the initial periods following their acquisition than in subsequent periods. Although we continue to believe there are attractive opportunities to expand our presence in the U.S. rent-to-own industry and we intend to continue our acquisition strategy of targeting under-performing and under-capitalized rent-to-own stores, the consolidation opportunities in the U.S. rent-to-own industry are more limited than in previous periods during which we experienced significant growth through acquisitions. Therefore, our historical results of operations and period-to-period comparisons of such results and other financial data, including the rate of earnings growth, may not be meaningful or indicative of future results.

Total financing requirements of a typical new RAC Acceptance kiosk location approximate \$345,000, with roughly 85% of that amount relating to the purchase of rental merchandise inventory. A newly opened RAC Acceptance location is typically profitable on a monthly basis in the 6<sup>th</sup> month after its initial opening, and achieves cumulative break-even profitability in the second year after its initial opening.

Total financing requirements of a typical new Mexico store approximate \$575,000, with roughly 45% of that amount relating to the purchase of rental merchandise inventory. The profitability and break-even economics are similar to a Core U.S. store.

Rental payments are generally made in advance on a weekly basis in our Core U.S. and International segments and monthly in our RAC Acceptance segment and, together with applicable fees, constitute our primary revenue source. Our expenses primarily relate to merchandise costs and the operations of our stores, including salaries and benefits for our employees, occupancy expense for our leased real estate, advertising expenses, lost, damaged or stolen merchandise, fixed asset depreciation and corporate and other expenses.

#### The Rental Purchase Transaction

The rental purchase transaction is a flexible alternative for consumers to obtain use and enjoyment of brand name merchandise with no long-term obligation. Key features of the rental purchase transaction include:

Brand name merchandise. We offer well-known brands such as LG, Panasonic, Philips, Sony and Toshiba home electronics; Whirlpool appliances; Acer, Apple, Asus, Dell, Hewlett-Packard, Samsung, Sony and Toshiba computers and/or tablets; and Albany, Ashley, England, Klaussner, Lane, Standard and Welton furniture.

Convenient payment options. Our customers make payments on a weekly, semi-monthly or monthly basis in our stores, kiosks, online or by telephone. We accept cash and credit or debit cards. Rental payments are generally made in advance and, together with applicable fees, constitute our primary revenue source. Approximately 84% and 87% of our rental purchase agreements are on a weekly term in our Core U.S. rent-to-own stores and our International segment, respectively. Payments are made in advance on a monthly basis in our RAC Acceptance segment.

No negative consequences. A customer may terminate a rental purchase agreement at any time without penalty.

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No credit needed. Generally, we do not conduct a formal credit investigation of our customers. We verify a customer's residence and sources of income. References provided by the customer are also contacted to verify the information contained in the rental purchase order form.

Delivery & set-up included. We generally offer same-day or next-day delivery and installation of our merchandise at no additional cost to the customer in our rent-to-own stores. Our RAC Acceptance locations rely on our third-party retail partners to deliver merchandise rented by the customer. Such third-party retail partners typically charge us a fee for delivery, which we pass on to the customer.

Product maintenance & replacement. We provide any required service or repair without additional charge, except for damage in excess of normal wear and tear. Repair services are provided through our network of service centers, the cost of which may be reimbursed by the vendor if the item is still under factory warranty. If the product cannot be repaired at the customer's residence, we provide a temporary replacement while the product is being repaired. If the product cannot be repaired, we will replace it with a product of comparable quality, age and condition.

Lifetime reinstatement. If a customer is temporarily unable to make payments on a piece of rental merchandise and must return the merchandise, that customer generally may later re-rent the same piece of merchandise (or if unavailable, a substitute of comparable quality, age and condition) on the terms that existed at the time the merchandise was returned, and pick up payments where they left off without losing what they previously paid.

Flexible options to obtain ownership. Ownership of the merchandise generally transfers to the customer if the customer has continuously renewed the rental purchase agreement for a period of seven to 24 months, depending upon the product type, or exercises a specified early purchase option.

### Our Operating Segments

We report four operating segments: Core U.S., RAC Acceptance, International and Franchising. Additional information regarding our operating segments is provided in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

#### Core U.S.

Our Core U.S. segment, consisting of our company-owned stores located in the United States and Puerto Rico, is our largest operating segment, comprising approximately 81% of our consolidated net revenues and approximately 84% of our operating profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. We continue to believe there are attractive opportunities to expand our presence in the U.S. rent-to-own industry. We plan to continue opening new stores in targeted markets and acquiring existing rent-to-own stores and store account portfolios. We will focus new market penetration in adjacent areas or regions that we believe are underserved by the rent-to-own industry. In addition, we intend to pursue our acquisition strategy of targeting under-performing and under-capitalized rent-to-own stores. We routinely evaluate the markets in which we operate and will close, sell or merge underperforming stores.

Our strategy to grow further the Core U.S. segment is focused on providing compelling product values for our customers through the use of strategic merchandise purchases and new marketing strategies. Approximately 75% of our business in this segment is from repeat customers. In addition, we seek to expand the offering of product lines to appeal to more customers, thus growing our customer base. At September 30, 2013, we operated 2,974 company-owned stores nationwide and in Puerto Rico, including 43 retail installment sales stores under the names "Get It Now" and "Home Choice."

#### RAC Acceptance

Through our RAC Acceptance segment, we generally provide an onsite rent-to-own option at a third-party retailer's location. In the event a retail purchase credit application is declined, the customer can be introduced to an in-store RAC Acceptance representative who explains an alternative transaction for acquiring the use and ownership of the merchandise. Because we neither require nor perform a credit investigation for the approval of the rental purchase transaction, applicants who meet the basic criteria are generally approved. We believe our RAC Acceptance program is beneficial for both the retailer and the consumer. The retailer captures more sales because we buy the inventory item directly from it and future rental payments are generally made at the retailer's location. We believe consumers also benefit from our RAC Acceptance program because they are able to obtain the products they want and need without

the necessity of credit.

Each RAC Acceptance kiosk location typically consists of an area with a computer, desk and chairs. We occupy the space without charge by agreement with each retailer. Accordingly, capital expenditures with respect to a new RAC Acceptance location are minimal. Likewise, any exit costs associated with the closure of a RAC Acceptance location would also be immaterial on an individual basis.

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We rely on our third-party retail partners to deliver merchandise rented by the customer. Such third-party retail partners typically charge us a fee for delivery, which we pass on to the customer. In the event the customer returns rented merchandise, we pick it up at no additional charge. Merchandise returned from a RAC Acceptance kiosk location is offered for rent at one of our Core U.S. rent-to-own stores.

We intend to grow the RAC Acceptance segment by increasing both the number of our retail partners and the number of locations with our existing retail partners. In addition, our strategy includes expanding customer awareness of the rent-to-own transaction by implementing joint marketing efforts with our retail partners. At September 30, 2013, we operated 1,254 kiosk locations inside furniture and electronics retailers located in 37 states and Puerto Rico. We expect to add approximately 325 kiosk locations in 2013.

### International

Our International segment currently consists of our company-owned rent-to-own stores in Mexico and Canada. We are expanding our operations in Mexico and seeking to identify other international markets in which we believe our products and services would be in demand. We believe there are numerous opportunities to extend the rent-to-own transaction internationally.

In Mexico, our strategy includes entering complementary new market areas, while expanding our presence in currently existing market areas. At September 30, 2013, we operated 150 stores after adding 60 rent-to-own store locations in 2013.

We currently operate 18 stores in Canada.

### Franchising

During the third quarter of 2013, ColorTyme, Inc., our franchisor of rent-to-own stores, changed its name to Rent-A-Center Franchising International, Inc., in connection with an offer to its current franchisees of the opportunity to convert their existing ColorTyme stores to the Rent-A-Center brand. We have ceased marketing franchises under the "ColorTyme" trade name and this segment will be referred to as Franchising in the future. Our franchised stores use Rent-A-Center's or ColorTyme's trade names, service marks, trademarks and logos, and operate under distinctive operating procedures and standards. Franchising's primary source of revenue is the sale of rental merchandise to its franchisees who, in turn, offer the merchandise to the general public for rent or purchase under a rent-to-own program. To facilitate the conversion of ColorTyme branded stores to Rent-A-Center, we will sell some of our company-owned stores to existing franchisees, purchase some of the former ColorTyme stores and either operate them under the Rent-A-Center brand or merge them with existing stores, and some franchised stores will continue to operate under the ColorTyme brand. We will also bear certain re-imaging costs incurred by franchisees who elect to re-brand. We anticipate recording a pre-tax restructuring charge in the fourth quarter of 2013 in connection with this rebranding initiative in the range of \$1 million to \$3 million. No restructuring charges were incurred in the third quarter of 2013. We believe that a unified network of both company-owned and franchised stores operating under the Rent-A-Center name creates a stronger service offering for our customers and leverages our growth efforts to reach more customers. At September 30, 2013, this segment franchised 213 stores in 32 states. These rent-to-own stores primarily offer high quality durable products such as consumer electronics, appliances, computers, furniture and accessories.

As franchisor, Franchising receives royalties of 2.0% to 6.0% of the franchisees' monthly gross revenue and, generally, an initial fee up to \$35,000 per new location.

### Critical Accounting Policies Involving Critical Estimates, Uncertainties or Assessments in Our Financial Statements

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent losses and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. In applying accounting principles, we must often make individual estimates and assumptions regarding expected outcomes or uncertainties. Our estimates, judgments and assumptions are continually evaluated based on available information and experience. Because of the use of estimates inherent in the financial reporting process, actual results could differ from those estimates. We believe the following are areas where the degree of judgment and complexity in determining amounts recorded in our

consolidated financial statements make the accounting policies critical.

If we make changes to our reserves in accordance with the policies described below, our earnings would be impacted. Increases to our reserves would reduce earnings and, similarly, reductions to our reserves would increase our earnings. A pre-tax change of approximately \$0.9 million in our estimates would result in a corresponding \$0.01 change in our diluted earnings per common share.



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**Self-Insurance Liabilities.** We have self-insured retentions with respect to losses under our workers' compensation, general liability and vehicle liability insurance policies. We establish reserves for our liabilities associated with these losses by obtaining forecasts for the ultimate expected losses and estimating amounts needed to pay losses within our self-insured retentions.

We continually institute procedures to manage our loss exposure and increases in health care costs associated with our insurance claims through our risk management function, including a transitional duty program for injured workers, ongoing safety and accident prevention training, and various other programs designed to minimize losses and improve our loss experience in our store locations. We make assumptions on our liabilities within our self-insured retentions using actuarial loss forecasts, company-specific development factors, general industry loss development factors and third-party claim administrator loss estimates which are based on known facts surrounding individual claims. These assumptions incorporate expected increases in health care costs. Periodically, we reevaluate our estimate of liability within our self-insured retentions. At that time, we evaluate the adequacy of our reserves by comparing amounts reserved on our balance sheet for anticipated losses to our updated actuarial loss forecasts and third-party claim administrator loss estimates, and make adjustments to our reserves as needed.

As of September 30, 2013, and December 31, 2012 the amount reserved for losses within our self-insured retentions with respect to workers' compensation, general liability and vehicle liability insurance was \$116.3 million and \$116.1 million, respectively. However, if any of the factors that contribute to the overall cost of insurance claims were to change, the actual amount incurred for our self-insurance liabilities could be more or less than the amounts currently reserved.

**Income Taxes.** Our annual tax rate is affected by many factors, including the mix of our earnings, legislation and acquisitions, and is based on our income, statutory tax rates and tax planning opportunities available to us in the jurisdictions in which we operate. Tax laws are complex and subject to differing interpretations between the taxpayer and the taxing authorities. Significant judgment is required in determining our tax expense, evaluating our tax positions and evaluating uncertainties. Deferred income tax assets represent amounts available to reduce income taxes payable in future years. Such assets arise because of temporary differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities, as well as from net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. We evaluate the recoverability of these future tax deductions and credits by assessing the future expected taxable income from all sources, including reversal of taxable temporary differences, forecasted operating earnings and available tax planning strategies. These sources of income rely heavily on estimates. We use our historical experience and our short- and long-range business forecasts to provide insight and assist us in determining recoverability. We recognize the financial statement benefit of a tax position only after determining that the relevant tax authority would more likely than not sustain the position following an audit. For tax positions meeting the more-likely-than-not threshold, the amount recognized in the financial statements is the largest benefit that has a greater than 50 percent likelihood of being realized upon the ultimate settlement with the relevant tax authority. A number of years may elapse before a particular matter, for which we have recorded a liability, is audited and effectively settled. We review our tax positions quarterly and adjust our liability for unrecognized tax benefits in the period in which we determine the issue is effectively settled with the tax authorities, the statute of limitations expires for the relevant taxing authority to examine the tax position or when more information becomes available.

**Valuation of Goodwill.** We perform an assessment of goodwill for impairment at the reporting unit level annually as of December 31 of each year, or when events or circumstances indicate that impairment may have occurred. Factors which could necessitate an interim impairment assessment include a sustained decline in our stock price, prolonged negative industry or economic trends and significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results. Our reporting units are generally our reportable operating segments identified in Note 8 to the consolidated financial statements. At September 30, 2013, the amount of goodwill allocated to the Core U.S., RAC Acceptance and International segments was approximately \$1,298.4 million, \$54.4 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, and no impairment of goodwill was indicated.

Based on an assessment of our accounting policies and the underlying judgments and uncertainties affecting the application of those policies, we believe our consolidated financial statements fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of our company as of, and for, the periods presented in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. However, we do not suggest that other general risk factors, such as those discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as changes in our growth objectives or performance of new or acquired stores, could not adversely impact our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows in future periods.

#### Significant Accounting Policies

Our significant accounting policies are summarized below and in Note A to our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Revenue. Merchandise is rented to customers pursuant to rental purchase agreements which provide for weekly, semi-monthly or monthly rental terms with non-refundable rental payments. Generally, the customer has the right to acquire title either through a

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purchase option or through payment of all required rentals. Rental revenue and fees are recognized over the rental term and merchandise sales revenue is recognized when the customer exercises the purchase option and pays the cash price due. Cash received prior to the period in which it should be recognized is deferred and recognized according to the rental term. Revenue is accrued for uncollected amounts due based on historical collection experience. However, the total amount of the rental purchase agreement is not accrued because the customer can terminate the rental agreement at any time and we cannot enforce collection for non-payment of future rents.

Revenue from the sale of merchandise in our retail installment stores is recognized when the installment note is signed, the customer has taken possession of the merchandise and collectability is reasonably assured.

Franchise Revenue. Revenue from the sale of rental merchandise is recognized upon shipment of the merchandise to the franchisee. Franchise royalty income and fee revenue is recognized upon completion of substantially all services and satisfaction of all material conditions required under the terms of the franchise agreement.

Depreciation of Rental Merchandise. Depreciation of rental merchandise is included in the cost of rentals and fees on our statement of earnings. Generally, we depreciate our rental merchandise using the income forecasting method.

Under the income forecasting method, merchandise held for rent is not depreciated and merchandise on rent is depreciated in the proportion of rents received to total rents provided in the rental contract, which is an activity-based method similar to the units of production method. Effective January 1, 2013, we depreciate merchandise (including computers and tablets) that is held for rent for at least 180 consecutive days using the straight-line method over a period generally not to exceed 18 months. Prior to January 1, 2013, merchandise held for rent (except for computers and tablets) that was at least 270 days old and held for rent for 180 consecutive days, was depreciated using the straight-line method over a period generally not to exceed 20 months. Prior to January 1, 2013, the straight-line method was used for computers and tablets that were 24 months old or older and which had become idle over a period of at least six months, generally not to exceed an aggregate depreciation period of 30 months. This change has not had a significant impact on cost of revenues, gross profit, net earnings or earnings per share.

Cost of Merchandise Sold. Cost of merchandise sold represents the net book value of rental merchandise at the time of sale.

Salaries and Other Expenses. Salaries and other expenses include all salaries and wages paid to store-level employees, together with district managers' salaries, payroll taxes and benefits, and travel, as well as all store-level general and administrative expenses and selling, advertising, insurance, occupancy, delivery, charge offs due to customer stolen merchandise, fixed asset depreciation and other operating expenses.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses include all corporate overhead expenses related to our headquarters such as salaries, payroll taxes and benefits, stock-based compensation, occupancy, administrative and other operating expenses.

Stock-Based Compensation Expense. We recognize share-based payment awards to our employees and directors at the estimated fair value on the grant date. Determining the fair value of any share-based award requires information about several variables that could include, but are not limited to, expected stock volatility over the term of the award, expected dividend yields and the predicted employee exercise behavior. We base expected life on historical exercise and post-vesting employment-termination experience, and expected volatility on historical realized volatility trends. In addition, all stock-based compensation expense is recorded net of an estimated forfeiture rate. The forfeiture rate is based upon historical activity and is analyzed as actual forfeitures occur. Stock options are valued using a Black-Scholes pricing model. Restricted stock units are valued using the last trade before the day of the grant. We revised the 2012 consolidated statement of earnings to classify stock-based compensation received by employees above the district manager level that was previously reported within salaries and other expenses to general and administrative expenses to conform to the 2013 presentation. This reclassification resulted in a decrease in salaries and other expenses of \$1.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, and \$6.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, with a corresponding increase to general and administrative expenses during those periods. This reclassification had no impact on net earnings or earnings per share for 2012.

The following discussion focuses on our results of operations and issues related to our liquidity and capital resources. You should read this discussion in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

2013 Overview

Core U.S. segment. Rentals and fees revenue and merchandise sales decreased compared to the prior year. Same store revenue generally represents revenue earned in 2,798 stores that were operated by us for 13 months or more. Same store revenues decreased by \$122.3 million, or 6.7%, to \$1,709.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to \$1,831.7 million

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in 2012. We experienced an unusually high volume of early purchase options in the prior year contributing to our recurring revenue portfolio being down year-over-year going into 2013, decreasing both merchandise sales and rentals and fees revenue in the current period. Our portfolio of agreements surpassed prior year levels in the third quarter of 2013, however, electronic product deflation coupled with promotional activity caused our average revenue per agreement (ticket) to lag behind the prior year, driving negative same store revenue. Additionally, we believe our business has been negatively impacted throughout the year by a delay in the issuance of U.S. federal income tax refunds, higher payroll taxes and overall macroeconomic conditions.

**RAC Acceptance segment.** During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, we continued our expansion of this segment, adding 288 locations during the period. Revenues in the nine months ended September 30, 2013, increased 48.2% and gross profit increased 52.7% compared to same period in the prior year, and the segment generated operating profit of \$52.4 million compared to \$17.0 million for the comparable period in the prior year. This segment contributed 15.8% of consolidated revenue in the nine months ended September 30, 2013. Same store revenue generally represents revenue earned in 768 locations that were operated by us for 13 months or more. Same store revenues increased by \$65.3 million, or 31.6%, to \$271.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to \$206.4 million in 2012. While the higher cost of merchandise results in lower gross margins in this segment, this segment's kiosk model has lower operating costs than our other operating segments, resulting in a positive contribution to operating profit while maintaining an aggressive growth plan.

**International segment.** Revenues in the nine months ended September 30, 2013, increased 50.6% and gross profit increased 54.9% over the same period in the prior year. Same store revenue generally represents revenue earned in 91 stores that were operated by us for 13 months or more. Same store revenues increased by \$9.0 million, or 48.3%, to \$27.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to \$18.6 million in 2012. Our primary target of international expansion is in Mexico, where we have added 60 stores during the first nine months of 2013. As the older stores become profitable, those profits are offset by the expected losses experienced in the new stores.

**Franchising segment.** During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, this segment continued to generate modest operating profit, and we continue to explore domestic and international franchise expansion, specifically with the rebranding initiative discussed above. We anticipate recording a pre-tax restructuring charge in the fourth quarter of 2013 in this segment in the range of \$1 million to \$3 million to re-brand certain stores from ColorTyme to Rent-A-Center. No restructuring charges were incurred in the third quarter of 2013.

**Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2012**

**Store Revenue.** Total store revenue increased by \$17.8 million, or 2.4%, to \$747.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013, from \$729.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012. Store revenue increased approximately \$40.0 million in the RAC Acceptance segment and approximately \$4.1 million in the International segment, partially offset by a decrease of approximately \$26.2 million in the Core U.S. segment.

**Rental and Fee Revenue.** Rentals and fees increased by \$19.3 million, or 3.0%, to \$671.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013, from \$652.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012. Rental and fee revenue increased approximately \$34.4 million in the RAC Acceptance segment and approximately \$4.1 million in the International segment, partially offset by a decrease of approximately \$19.3 million in the Core U.S. segment.

**Merchandise Sales Revenue.** Merchandise sales decreased by \$5.0 million, or 8.6%, to \$53.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013, from \$58.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012. Merchandise sales decreased approximately \$10.5 million in the Core U.S. segment, partially offset by an increase of approximately \$5.6 million in the RAC Acceptance segment.

Same store revenue generally represents revenue earned in 3,542 locations that were operated by us for 13 months or more. Same store revenues decreased by \$5.6 million, or 0.8%, to \$654.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to \$659.7 million in 2012. The decrease in same store revenues was primarily attributable to a 5.1% decrease in the Core U.S. segment, partially offset by increases of 29.3% and 33.1% in the RAC Acceptance and International segments.

**Cost of Rentals and Fees.** Cost of rentals and fees consists primarily of depreciation of rental merchandise. Cost of rentals and fees for the three months ended September 30, 2013, increased by \$12.2 million, or 7.7%, to \$171.0 million as compared to \$158.8 million in 2012. Growth in the RAC Acceptance and International segments generated increases in the cost of rentals and fees of approximately \$11.2 million and \$0.9 million, respectively. Cost of rentals and fees expressed as a percentage of store rentals and fees revenue increased to 25.5% for the three months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to 24.4% in 2012, driven by higher merchandise costs in the RAC Acceptance segment and selective price or term decreases in the Core U.S. segment.

**Cost of Merchandise Sold.** Cost of merchandise sold decreased by \$5.2 million, or 10.8%, to \$42.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013, from \$47.5 million in 2012, driven by a \$9.6 million decrease in the Core U.S. segment, partially offset

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by a \$4.5 million increase in the RAC Acceptance segment. The gross margin percent of merchandise sales increased to 21.3% for the three months ended September 30, 2013, from 19.3% in 2012, primarily due to changes in early purchase option pricing.

**Gross Profit.** Gross profit increased by \$10.0 million, or 1.9%, to \$529.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013, from \$519.3 million in 2012, primarily due to increased store revenue in the RAC Acceptance segment as discussed above. Gross profit increased \$24.3 million and \$3.2 million in the RAC Acceptance and International segments, respectively, and decreased \$17.4 million in the Core U.S. segment. Gross profit as a percentage of total revenue decreased to 70.1% for the three months ended September 30, 2013, from 70.2% in 2012, primarily due to growth in the RAC Acceptance segment, which generally has lower gross margins.

**Salaries and Other Expenses.** The amounts and percentages that follow have been adjusted for the reclassification of stock-based compensation expense discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements. Salaries and other expenses increased by \$24.4 million, or 5.9%, to \$435.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to \$410.7 million in 2012. This included increases of \$12.2 million and \$2.8 million in our RAC Acceptance and International segments, respectively, attributable to increased expenses associated with expansion in those segments, primarily payroll and payroll-related expenses. Salaries and other expenses also increased \$8.2 million in the Core U.S. segment due primarily to increased operating costs in our stores. Charge offs in our Core U.S. rental stores due to customer stolen merchandise, expressed as a percentage of revenues, were approximately 3.2% for the three months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to 2.6% in 2012. Salaries and other expenses expressed as a percentage of total store revenue increased to 58.2% for the three months ended September 30, 2013, from 56.3% in 2012, due primarily to a decrease in store revenue in the Core U.S. segment.

**General and Administrative Expenses.** The amounts and percentages that follow have been adjusted for the reclassification of stock-based compensation expense discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements. General and administrative expenses decreased by \$1.0 million, or 2.7%, to \$37.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to \$38.1 million in 2012. General and administrative expenses expressed as a percentage of total revenue decreased to 4.9% for the three months ended September 30, 2013, from 5.2% in 2012.

**Operating Profit.** Operating profit decreased by \$11.6 million, or 17.0%, to \$56.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to \$68.1 million in 2012. Operating profit as a percentage of total revenue decreased to 7.5% for the three months ended September 30, 2013, from 9.2% in 2012. Operating profit for the three months ended September 30, 2013, decreased primarily due to a \$24.6 million decrease in the Core U. S. segment, partially offset by increases of \$11.6 million and \$1.4 million in our RAC Acceptance and International segments, respectively.

**Net Earnings and Earnings per Share.** Net earnings decreased by \$12.3 million, or 30.8%, to \$27.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to \$39.9 million in 2012. This decrease was attributable to a \$11.6 million decrease in operating profit and a \$2.8 million increase in interest expense, partially offset by a \$2.1 million decrease in income tax expense in 2013 as compared to 2012. Diluted earnings per share decreased \$0.16, or 23.9%, to \$0.51 for the three months ended September 30, 2013, compared to \$0.67 in 2012, primarily due to a reduction in net earnings, partially offset by a decrease in weighted shares outstanding resulting from our common stock buyback program.

**Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012**

**Store Revenue.** Total store revenue increased by \$14.6 million, or 0.6%, to \$2,307.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, from \$2,292.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. Store revenue increased approximately \$119.8 million and \$13.9 million in the RAC Acceptance and International segments, respectively, substantially offset by a decrease of approximately \$119.2 million in the Core U.S. segment.

**Rental and Fee Revenue.** Rentals and fees increased by \$24.9 million, or 1.2%, to \$2,013.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, from \$1,989.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. Rental and fee revenue increased approximately \$100.2 million in the RAC Acceptance segment and approximately \$14.0 million in the International segment, partially offset by a decrease of approximately \$89.3 million in the Core U.S. segment.

Merchandise Sales Revenue. Merchandise sales decreased by \$15.2 million, or 6.3%, to \$227.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, from \$242.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. Merchandise sales decreased approximately \$34.4 million in the Core U.S. segment, partially offset by an increase of approximately \$19.4 million in the RAC Acceptance segment.

Same store revenue generally represents revenue earned in 3,657 locations that were operated by us for 13 months or more. Same store revenues decreased by \$48.0 million, or 2.3%, to \$2,008.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to \$2,056.8 million in 2012. The decrease in same store revenues was primarily attributable to a 6.7% decrease in the Core U.S. segment, partially offset by increases of 31.6% and 48.3% in the RAC Acceptance and International segments, respectively.



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**Cost of Rentals and Fees.** Cost of rentals and fees consists primarily of depreciation of rental merchandise. Cost of rentals and fees for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, increased by \$25.9 million, or 5.4%, to \$507.8 million as compared to \$482.0 million in 2012. Growth in the RAC Acceptance and International segments generated increases in the cost of rentals and fees of approximately \$33.5 million and \$3.4 million, respectively, partially offset by a decrease in the Core U.S. segment of \$11.0 million. Cost of rentals and fees expressed as a percentage of store rentals and fees revenue increased to 25.2% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to 24.2% in 2012, driven by higher merchandise costs in the RAC Acceptance segment and selective price or term decreases in the Core U.S. segment.

**Cost of Merchandise Sold.** Cost of merchandise sold decreased by \$16.1 million, or 8.4%, to \$175.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, from \$192.0 million in 2012, driven by a \$30.1 million decrease in the Core U.S. segment, partially offset by a \$13.9 million increase in the RAC Acceptance segment. The gross margin percent of merchandise sales increased to 22.6% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, from 20.8% in 2012, primarily due to changes in early purchase option pricing.

**Gross Profit.** Gross profit increased by \$3.9 million, or 0.2%, to \$1,610.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, from \$1,606.7 million in 2012, primarily due to increases in revenue in the RAC Acceptance and International segments as discussed above, partially offset by a decrease in revenue in the Core U.S. segment. Gross profit increased \$72.4 million and \$10.5 million in the RAC Acceptance and International segments, respectively, and decreased \$78.8 million in the Core U.S. segment. Gross profit as a percentage of total revenue decreased to 69.0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, from 69.1% in 2012, primarily due to growth in the RAC Acceptance segment, which generally has lower gross margins.

**Salaries and Other Expenses.** The amounts and percentages that follow have been adjusted for the reclassification of stock-based compensation expense discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements. Salaries and other expenses increased by \$31.7 million, or 2.5%, to \$1,280.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to \$1,248.7 million in 2012. This included increases of \$34.4 million and \$7.6 million in our RAC Acceptance and International segments, respectively, attributable to increased expenses associated with expansion in those segments, primarily payroll and payroll-related expenses. These increases were partially offset by a decrease of \$11.0 million in the Core U.S. segment due primarily to our efforts to reduce operating costs in our stores. Charge offs in our Core U.S. rental stores due to customer stolen merchandise, expressed as a percentage of revenues, were approximately 2.7% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to 2.3% in 2012. Salaries and other expenses expressed as a percentage of total store revenue increased to 55.5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, from 54.5% in 2012, due primarily to the expansion of our RAC Acceptance and International segments, as well as a decrease in store revenue in the Core U.S. segment.

**General and Administrative Expenses.** The amounts and percentages that follow have been adjusted for the reclassification of stock-based compensation expense discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements. General and administrative expenses increased by \$0.7 million, or 0.6%, to \$114.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to \$113.6 million in 2012. General and administrative expenses expressed as a percentage of total revenue were 4.9% for both nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012.

**Operating Profit.** Operating profit decreased by \$25.9 million, or 10.8%, to \$213.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to \$239.2 million in 2012. Operating profit as a percentage of total revenue decreased to 9.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, from 10.3% in 2012. Operating profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, decreased primarily due to a \$64.6 million decrease in the Core U. S. segment, partially offset by increases of \$35.4 million and \$3.2 million in our RAC Acceptance and International segments, respectively.

**Net Earnings and Earnings per Share.** Net earnings decreased by \$20.0 million, or 14.7%, to \$116.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to \$136.0 million in 2012. This decrease was primarily attributable to a \$25.9 million decrease in operating profit and a \$3.4 million increase in interest expense, partially offset by a \$9.1 million decrease in income tax expense in 2013 as compared to 2012. Diluted earnings per share

decreased \$0.20, or 8.8%, to \$2.08 for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, compared to \$2.28 in 2012 primarily due to a reduction in net earnings, partially offset by a decrease in weighted shares outstanding resulting from our common stock repurchase program.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Overview. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, we generated \$172.9 million in operating cash flow. We raised \$250.0 million in a bond offering, using \$200.0 million to purchase shares of our common stock in an accelerated stock buyback program. We used the remaining net proceeds to pay down a portion of our revolving debt. Other uses of cash were \$73.8 million for capital expenditures, \$35.6 million for payment of dividends and \$17.4 million to repurchase shares of our common stock in the first quarter in addition to the accelerated stock buyback program discussed above. We ended this nine-month period with \$52.9 million of cash and cash equivalents.

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**Analysis of Cash Flow.** Cash provided by operating activities decreased \$85.8 million to \$172.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, from \$258.7 million in 2012. This decrease was primarily attributable to changes in inventory and accounts payable balances.

Cash used in investing activities increased \$12.5 million to \$86.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, from \$73.5 million in 2012, due primarily to an increase in acquisitions of businesses and a decrease in the sale of property assets.

Net cash used in financing activities decreased \$96.9 million to \$95.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, from \$191.9 million in 2012. Proceeds from debt increased \$309.5 million and repayments of outstanding indebtedness increased \$15.0 million in 2013 compared to 2012, partially offset by a \$187.3 million increase in repurchases of our common stock and a \$7.1 million increase in dividends paid.

**Liquidity Requirements.** Our primary liquidity requirements are for rental merchandise purchases, implementation of our growth strategies, capital expenditures and debt service. Our primary sources of liquidity have been cash provided by operations and borrowings. In the future, to provide any additional funds necessary for the continued operations and expansion of our business, we may incur from time to time additional short-term or long-term bank indebtedness and may issue, in public or private transactions, equity and debt securities. The availability and attractiveness of any outside sources of financing will depend on a number of factors, some of which relate to our financial condition and performance, and some of which are beyond our control, such as prevailing interest rates and general financing and economic conditions. The global financial markets continue to experience volatility and adverse conditions and such conditions in the capital markets may affect our ability to access additional sources of financing. There can be no assurance that additional financing will be available, or if available, that it will be on terms we find acceptable.

We believe the cash flow generated from operations, together with amounts available under our senior credit facilities, will be sufficient to fund our liquidity requirements as discussed above during the next 12 months. Our revolving credit facilities, including our \$20.0 million line of credit at INTRUST Bank, provide us with revolving loans in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$520.0 million, of which \$332.9 million was available at October 21, 2013. At October 21, 2013, we had \$40.8 million in cash. To the extent we have available cash that is not necessary to fund the items listed above, we may declare and pay dividends on our common stock, repurchase additional shares of our common stock or make additional payments to service our existing debt. While our operating cash flow has been strong and we expect this strength to continue, our liquidity could be negatively impacted if we do not remain as profitable as we expect.

A change in control would result in an event of default under our senior credit facilities which would allow our lenders to accelerate the indebtedness owed to them. In addition, if a change in control occurs, we may be required to offer to repurchase all of our outstanding senior unsecured notes at 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued interest to the date of repurchase. Our senior credit facilities restrict our ability to repurchase the senior unsecured notes, including in the event of a change in control. In the event a change in control occurs, we cannot be sure we would have enough funds to immediately pay our accelerated senior credit facility and senior note obligations or that we would be able to obtain financing to do so on favorable terms, if at all.

**Deferred Taxes.** Various tax and recovery acts adopted by Congress in recent years have provided bonus depreciation of 50 - 100% on certain qualified property, such as our rental merchandise, placed in service during such periods. This tax legislation has resulted in an increase in our deferred tax liabilities through the acceleration of tax depreciation, resulting in the deferral of cash income tax payments. Accordingly, our cash flow has benefited over a period of years beginning in 2008 from having a lower cash tax obligation which, in turn, provided additional cash flow from operations. On January 2, 2013, President Obama signed into law the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (the "2012 Act") which extended the 50% bonus depreciation through December 31, 2013. We estimate that the remaining tax deferral associated with the previous acts to be \$187 million at December 31, 2012. Approximately \$127 million of this is expected to turn in 2013, which will be offset by approximately \$132 million in accelerated depreciation allowed in the 2012 Act, for a net benefit in 2013 of \$5 million.



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Merchandise. A reconciliation of merchandise, which includes purchases, follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 (In thousands)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012
Beginning merchandise value	\$ 1,071,680	\$ 924,945
Merchandise additions through acquisitions	2,187	1,472
Purchases	251,175	260,622
Depreciation of rental merchandise	(164,276 )	(153,078 )
Cost of goods sold	(48,327 )	(52,872 )
Skips and stolens	(27,413 )	(22,497 )
Other merchandise deletions <sup>(1)</sup>	(9,004 )	(6,560 )
Ending merchandise value	\$ 1,076,022	\$ 952,032

  

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 (In thousands)	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012
Beginning merchandise value	\$ 1,024,545	\$ 957,290
Merchandise additions through acquisitions	4,607	1,553
Purchases	828,136	752,208
Depreciation of rental merchandise	(487,412 )	(464,560 )
Cost of goods sold	(194,044 )	(209,439 )
Skips and stolens	(73,027 )	(63,278 )
Other merchandise deletions <sup>(1)</sup>	(26,783 )	(21,742 )
Ending merchandise value	\$ 1,076,022	\$ 952,032

(1) Other merchandise deletions include loss/damage waiver claims and unrepairable and missing merchandise, as well as acquisition write-offs.

Capital Expenditures. We make capital expenditures in order to maintain our existing operations as well as for new capital assets in new and acquired stores. We spent \$73.8 million and \$73.1 million on capital expenditures during the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and expect to spend an aggregate of approximately \$110.0 million in 2013.

Acquisitions and New Location Openings. During the first nine months of 2013, we used approximately \$13.8 million in cash acquiring locations and accounts in 22 separate transactions.

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The table below summarizes the location activity for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013.

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013				
	Core U.S.	RAC Acceptance	International	Franchising	Total
Locations at beginning of period	2,990	966	108	224	4,288
New location openings	15	320	62	9	406
Acquired locations remaining open	12	—	—	—	12
Closed locations					
Merged with existing locations	40	31	2	—	73
Sold or closed with no surviving location	3	1	—	20	24
Locations at end of period	2,974	1,254	168	213	4,609
Acquired locations closed and accounts merged with existing locations	18	—	—	—	18
Total approximate purchase price of acquired stores (in thousands)	\$13,829	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$13,829

The profitability of our Core U.S. stores tends to grow at a slower rate approximately five years after entering our system. As a result of the increasing maturity of our store base, in order for us to show improvements in our profitability, it is important for us to open stores in new locations as well as increase revenue in our existing stores. We intend to accomplish such revenue growth by acquiring customer accounts on favorable terms and seeking additional distribution channels for our products and services. We cannot assure you that we will be able to acquire customer accounts on favorable terms, or at all, or that we will be able to maintain the revenue from any such acquired customer accounts at the rates we expect, or at all. We also cannot assure you that we will be successful in identifying additional distribution channels for our products and services, or that such operations will be as profitable as we expect, or at all.

Senior Debt. Our \$750.0 million senior credit facilities consist of a \$250.0 million, five-year term loan and a \$500.0 million, five-year revolving credit facility.

The table below shows the scheduled maturity dates of our senior term loan outstanding at September 30, 2013:

Year Ending December 31,	(In thousands)
2013	\$6,250
2014	25,000
2015	25,000
2016	137,500
	\$193,750

The full amount of the revolving credit facility may be used for the issuance of letters of credit, of which \$115.1 million had been so utilized as of October 21, 2013, at which date \$72.0 million was outstanding and \$312.9 million was available. The revolving credit facility and the term loan expire on July 14, 2016.

Borrowings under our senior credit facility accrue interest at varying rates equal to, at our election, either (y) the prime rate plus 0.50% to 1.50%; or (z) the Eurodollar rate plus 1.50% to 2.50%. Interest periods range from seven days (for borrowings under the revolving credit facility only) to one, two, three or six months, at our election. The weighted average Eurodollar rate on our outstanding debt was 0.17% at October 21, 2013. The margins on the Eurodollar rate and on the prime rate, which were 2.25% and 1.25%, respectively, at September 30, 2013, may fluctuate dependent upon an increase or decrease in our consolidated leverage ratio as defined by a pricing grid included in the amended credit agreement. We have not entered into any interest rate protection agreements with respect to term loans under our senior credit facilities. A commitment fee equal to 0.30% to 0.50% of the average daily amount of the available revolving commitment is payable quarterly.

Our senior credit facilities are secured by a security interest in substantially all of our tangible and intangible assets, including intellectual property. Our senior credit facilities are also secured by a pledge of the capital stock of our

wholly owned U.S. subsidiaries (other than certain specified subsidiaries).

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Our senior credit facilities contain, without limitation, covenants that generally limit our ability to:

- incur additional debt in excess of \$250.0 million at any one time outstanding (other than subordinated debt, which is generally permitted if the maturity date is later than July 14, 2017);
- repurchase our capital stock and 6.625% notes and 4.75% notes and pay cash dividends in the event the pro forma senior leverage ratio is greater than 2.50x;
- incur liens or other encumbrances;
- merge, consolidate or sell substantially all our property or business;
- sell assets, other than inventory, in the ordinary course of business;
- make investments or acquisitions unless we meet financial tests and other requirements;
- make capital expenditures in the event the pro forma consolidated leverage ratio is greater than 2.75x; or
- enter into an unrelated line of business.

Our senior credit facilities require us to comply with several financial covenants. The table below shows the required and actual ratios under our credit facilities calculated as of September 30, 2013:

	Required Ratio		Actual Ratio
Maximum consolidated leverage ratio	No greater than	3.25:1	2.17:1
Minimum fixed charge coverage ratio	No less than	1.35:1	1.53:1

These financial covenants, as well as the related components of their computation, are defined in the amended and restated credit agreement governing our senior credit facility, which is included as an exhibit to our Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of July 14, 2011. In accordance with the credit agreement, the maximum consolidated leverage ratio was calculated by dividing the consolidated funded debt outstanding at September 30, 2013 (\$804.9 million) by consolidated EBITDA for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2013 (\$371.1 million). For purposes of the covenant calculation, (i) “consolidated funded debt” is defined as outstanding indebtedness less cash in excess of \$25.0 million, and (ii) “consolidated EBITDA” is generally defined as consolidated net income (a) plus the sum of income taxes, interest expense, depreciation and amortization expense, extraordinary non-cash expenses or losses, and other non-cash charges, and (b) minus the sum of interest income, extraordinary income or gains, other non-cash income, and cash payments with respect to extraordinary non-cash expenses or losses recorded in prior fiscal quarters.

Consolidated EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure that is presented not as a measure of operating results, but rather as a measure used to determine covenant compliance under our senior credit facilities.

The minimum fixed charge coverage ratio was calculated pursuant to the credit agreement by dividing consolidated EBITDA for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2013, as adjusted for certain capital expenditures (\$524.1 million), by consolidated fixed charges for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2013 (\$342.3 million). For purposes of the covenant calculation, “consolidated fixed charges” is defined as the sum of interest expense, lease expense, cash dividends and mandatory debt repayments.

Events of default under our senior credit facilities include customary events, such as a cross-acceleration provision in the event that we default on other debt. In addition, an event of default under the senior credit facility would occur if a change of control occurs. This is defined to include the case where a third party becomes the beneficial owner of 35% or more of our voting stock or certain changes in Rent-A-Center’s Board of Directors occurs. An event of default would also occur if one or more judgments were entered against us of \$50.0 million or more and such judgments were not satisfied or bonded pending appeal within 30 days after entry.

We utilize our revolving credit facility for the issuance of letters of credit, as well as to manage normal fluctuations in operational cash flow caused by the timing of cash receipts. In that regard, we may from time to time draw funds under the revolving credit facility for general corporate purposes. The funds drawn on individual occasions have varied in amounts of up to \$100.0 million, which occurred at the date we refinanced our senior secured debt, with total amounts outstanding ranging up to \$221.0 million. Amounts are drawn as needed due to the timing of cash flows and are generally paid down as cash is generated by our operating activities.

Senior Notes. On November 2, 2010, we issued \$300.0 million in senior unsecured notes due November 2020, bearing interest at 6.625%, pursuant to an indenture dated November 2, 2010, among Rent-A-Center, Inc., its subsidiary



guarantors and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, as trustee. A portion of the proceeds of this offering were used to repay approximately \$200.0 million of outstanding term debt under our senior credit facility. The remaining net proceeds were used to repurchase shares of our common stock.

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On May 2, 2013, we issued \$250.0 million in senior unsecured notes due May 2021, bearing interest at 4.75%, pursuant to an indenture dated May 2, 2013, among Rent-A-Center, Inc., its subsidiary guarantors and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, as trustee. A portion of the proceeds of this offering were used to repurchase shares of our common stock under a \$200.0 million accelerated stock buyback program. The remaining net proceeds were used to repay outstanding revolving debt under our senior credit facility.

The indentures governing the 6.625% notes and the 4.75% notes are substantially similar. Each indenture contains covenants that limit our ability to:

- incur additional debt;
- sell assets or our subsidiaries;
- grant liens to third parties;
- pay cash dividends or repurchase stock; and
- engage in a merger or sell substantially all of our assets.

Events of default under each indenture include customary events, such as a cross-acceleration provision in the event that we default in the payment of other debt due at maturity or upon acceleration for default in an amount exceeding \$50.0 million, as well as in the event a judgment is entered against us in excess of \$50.0 million that is not discharged, bonded or insured.

The 6.625% notes may be redeemed on or after November 15, 2015, at our option, in whole or in part, at a premium declining from 103.313%. The 6.625% notes may be redeemed on or after November 15, 2018, at our option, in whole or in part, at par. The 6.625% notes also require that upon the occurrence of a change of control (as defined in the 2010 indenture), the holders of the notes have the right to require us to repurchase the notes at a price equal to 101% of the original aggregate principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of repurchase. This would trigger an event of default under our senior credit facilities. We are not required to maintain any financial ratios under the 2010 indenture.

The 4.75% notes may be redeemed on or after May 1, 2016, at our option, in whole or in part, at a premium declining from 103.563%. The 4.75% notes may be redeemed on or after May 1, 2019, at our option, in whole or in part, at par. The 4.75% notes also require that upon the occurrence of a change of control (as defined in the 2013 indenture), the holders of the notes have the right to require us to repurchase the notes at a price equal to 101% of the original aggregate principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of repurchase. This would trigger an event of default under our senior credit facilities. We are not required to maintain any financial ratios under the 2013 indenture.

In addition to the senior credit facilities discussed above, we maintain a \$20.0 million unsecured, revolving line of credit with INTRUST Bank, N.A. to facilitate cash management. The outstanding balance of this line of credit was \$1.8 million and \$0 at September 30, 2013, and December 31, 2012, respectively.

**Store Leases.** We lease space for substantially all of our Core U.S. and International stores and certain support facilities under operating leases expiring at various times through 2023. Most of our store leases are five year leases and contain renewal options for additional periods ranging from three to five years at rental rates adjusted according to agreed-upon formulas.

**Franchising Guarantees.** Our subsidiary, ColorTyme Finance, Inc. ("ColorTyme Finance"), is a party to an agreement with Citibank, N.A., pursuant to which Citibank provides up to \$40.0 million in aggregate financing to qualifying franchisees of Franchising. Under the Citibank agreement, upon an event of default by the franchisee under agreements governing this financing and upon the occurrence of certain other events, Citibank can assign the loans and the collateral securing such loans to ColorTyme Finance, with ColorTyme Finance paying or causing to be paid the outstanding debt to Citibank and then succeeding to the rights of Citibank under the debt agreements, including the right to foreclose on the collateral. Rent-A-Center and ColorTyme Finance guarantee the obligations of the franchise borrowers under the Citibank facility. An additional \$20.0 million of financing is provided by Texas Capital Bank, National Association ("Texas Capital Bank") under an agreement similar to the Citibank financing, which is guaranteed by Rent-A-Center East, Inc., a subsidiary of Rent-A-Center. The maximum guarantee obligations under these

agreements, excluding the effects of any amounts that could be recovered under collateralization provisions, is \$60.0 million, of which \$20.1 million was outstanding as of September 30, 2013.

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Contractual Cash Commitments. The table below summarizes debt, lease and other minimum cash obligations outstanding as of September 30, 2013:

Contractual Cash Obligations	Payments Due by Period				
	Total	2013	2014-2015	2016-2017	Thereafter
	(In thousands)				
Senior Debt (including current portion)	\$284,575 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$6,250	\$51,825	\$226,500	\$—
6.625% Senior Notes <sup>(2)</sup>	449,060	9,938	39,750	39,750	359,622
4.75% Senior Notes <sup>(3)</sup>	344,970	5,904	23,750	23,750	291,566
Operating Leases	562,924	48,797	330,386	162,766	20,975
Total <sup>(4)</sup>	\$1,641,529	\$70,889	\$445,711	\$452,766	\$672,163

Amount referenced does not include interest payments. Our senior credit facilities bear interest at varying rates

(1) equal to the Eurodollar rate plus 1.5% to 2.5% or the prime rate plus 0.5% to 1.5% at our election. The weighted average Eurodollar rate on our outstanding debt at September 30, 2013, was 0.18%.

(2) Includes interest payments of \$9.9 million on each of May 15 and November 15 of each year.

(3) Includes interest payments of \$5.9 million on each of May 1 and November 1 of each year.

As of September 30, 2013, we have \$13.0 million in uncertain tax positions. Because of the uncertainty of the

(4) amounts to be ultimately paid as well as the timing of such payments, uncertain tax positions are not reflected in the contractual obligations table.

Repurchases of Outstanding Securities. Under our current common stock repurchase program, our Board of Directors has authorized the purchase, from time to time, in the open market and privately negotiated transactions, of up to an aggregate of \$1.25 billion of Rent-A-Center common stock. On May 2, 2013, we entered into an agreement with Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs") to repurchase \$200.0 million of Rent-A-Center common stock under an accelerated stock buyback program ("the ASB transaction"). Under the agreement, we paid \$200.0 million to Goldman Sachs on May 7, 2013, and we received an initial share delivery of 4,592,423 shares, which was estimated to represent 80% of shares expected to be purchased in the ASB transaction. The weighted value of these shares immediately reduced weighted-average shares outstanding in our calculation of earnings per share. The remainder of the ASB transaction was subject to a forward contract that settled in October 2013, at which time we received an additional 816,916 shares, ending the ASB transaction. Our consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2013, reflects \$160.0 million in treasury stock and \$40.0 million in additional paid-in capital. Upon final settlement in October 2013, \$40.0 million will be reclassified from additional paid-in capital to treasury stock.

We have repurchased a total of 36,177,737 shares and 31,120,279 shares of Rent-A-Center common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$994.8 million and \$777.3 million as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, under this common stock repurchase program. In addition to the 4,592,423 shares repurchased pursuant to the accelerated stock buyback in the second quarter of 2013, we repurchased 465,035 shares for \$17.4 million in the first quarter of 2013, and no shares were repurchased in the third quarter of 2013.

Economic Conditions. Although our performance has not suffered materially in previous economic downturns, we cannot assure you that demand for our products, particularly in higher price ranges, will not significantly decrease in the event of a prolonged recession. Fluctuations in our current and potential customers' monthly disposable income or high levels of unemployment could adversely impact our results of operations. In addition, inflation or deflation in any of our core product categories may impact our revenue and gross profit margins.

Seasonality. Our revenue mix is moderately seasonal, with the first quarter of each fiscal year generally providing higher merchandise sales than any other quarter during a fiscal year, primarily related to federal income tax refunds. Generally, our customers will more frequently exercise the early purchase option on their existing rental purchase agreements or purchase pre-leased merchandise off the showroom floor during the first quarter of each fiscal year. Furthermore, we tend to experience slower growth in the number of rental purchase agreements in the third quarter of each fiscal year when compared to other quarters throughout the year. We expect these trends to continue in the

future.

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Effect of New Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2013-11, Presentation of Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists, an amendment to FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 740, Income Taxes. This update clarifies that an unrecognized tax benefit, or a portion of an unrecognized tax benefit, should be presented in the financial statements as a reduction to a deferred tax asset for a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward if such settlement is required or expected in the event the uncertain tax position is disallowed. In situations where a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward is not available at the reporting date under the tax law of the applicable jurisdiction or the tax law of the jurisdiction does not require, and the entity does not intend to use the deferred tax asset for such purpose, the unrecognized tax benefit should be presented in the financial statements as a liability and should not be combined with deferred tax assets. This ASU is effective prospectively for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2013. Both early adoption and retrospective application are permitted, and we are currently evaluating the date and method of adoption. This standard will not have a material impact on our consolidated statement of earnings, financial condition, statement of cash flows or earnings per share.

From time to time, new accounting pronouncements are issued by the FASB or other standards setting bodies that we adopt as of the specified effective date. Unless otherwise discussed, we believe the impact of any other recently issued standards that are not yet effective are either not applicable to us at this time or will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements upon adoption.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Interest Rate Sensitivity

As of September 30, 2013, we had \$300.0 million in senior notes outstanding at a fixed interest rate of 6.625%, and \$250.0 million in senior notes outstanding at a fixed interest rate of 4.75%. We also had \$193.8 million outstanding in term loans, \$89.0 million outstanding on our revolving credit facility and \$1.8 million outstanding on our INTRUST line of credit, each at interest rates indexed to the Eurodollar rate. The fair value of the 6.625% senior notes, based on the closing price at September 30, 2013, was \$312.4 million. The fair value of the 4.75% senior notes, based on the closing price at September 30, 2013, was \$232.5 million. Carrying value approximates fair value for all other indebtedness.

Market Risk

Market risk is the potential change in an instrument's value caused by fluctuations in interest rates. Our primary market risk exposure is fluctuations in interest rates. Monitoring and managing this risk is a continual process carried out by our senior management. We manage our market risk based on an ongoing assessment of trends in interest rates and economic developments, giving consideration to possible effects on both total return and reported earnings. As a result of such assessment, we may enter into swap contracts or other interest rate protection agreements from time to time to mitigate this risk.

Interest Rate Risk

We have senior credit facilities with variable interest rates indexed to prime or Eurodollar rates that exposes us to the risk of increased interest costs if interest rates rise. As of September 30, 2013, we have not entered into any interest rate swap agreements. The credit markets have experienced adverse conditions, including wide fluctuations in rates. Such volatility in the credit markets could increase the costs associated with our existing long-term debt. Based on our overall interest rate exposure at September 30, 2013, a hypothetical 1.0% increase or decrease in interest rates would have the effect of causing a \$2.9 million additional pre-tax charge or credit to our statement of earnings.

Foreign Currency Translation

We are exposed to market risk from foreign exchange rate fluctuations of the Mexican peso and Canadian dollar to the U.S. dollar as the financial position and operating results of our stores in those countries are translated into U.S. dollars for consolidation. Resulting translation adjustments are recorded as a separate component of stockholders' equity.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures. In accordance with Rule 13a-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be

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disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is (1) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time period specified in the SEC's rules and forms and (2) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Based on this evaluation, our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, concluded that, as of September 30, 2013, our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) were effective. Changes in internal controls. For the quarter ended September 30, 2013, there have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II – Other Information

Item 6. Exhibits.

The exhibits required to be furnished pursuant to Item 6 of Form 10-Q are listed in the Exhibit Index filed herewith, which Exhibit Index is incorporated herein by reference.



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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 duly authorized.

Rent-A-Center, Inc.

By /s/ Robert D. Davis  
Robert D. Davis  
Executive Vice President - Finance,  
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 25, 2013

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Exhibit No.	Description
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation of Rent-A-Center, Inc., as amended (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of December 31, 2002.)
3.2	Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of Rent-A-Center, Inc., dated May 19, 2004 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004.)
3.3	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Rent-A-Center, Inc. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of September 28, 2011.)
4.1	Form of Certificate evidencing Common Stock (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4/A filed on January 13, 1999.)
4.2	Indenture, dated as of November 2, 2010, by and among Rent-A-Center, Inc., as Issuer, the Guarantors named therein, as Guarantors, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of November 2, 2010.)
4.3	Registration Rights Agreement relating to the 6.625% Senior Notes due 2020, dated as of November 2, 2010, among Rent-A-Center, Inc., the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as representative for the initial purchasers named therein (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of November 2, 2010.)
4.4	Indenture, dated as of May 2, 2013, by and among Rent-A-Center, Inc., as Issuer, the Guarantors named therein, as Guarantors, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of May 2, 2013.)
4.5	Registration Rights Agreement relating to the 4.75% Senior Notes due 2021, dated as of May 2, 2013, among Rent-A-Center, Inc., the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as representative for the initial purchasers named therein (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of May 2, 2013.)
4.6	Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 21, 2010, among Diamondback Merger Sub, Inc., Rent-A-Center, Inc., and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.)
4.7	Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 21, 2010, among The Rental Store, Inc., Rent-A-Center, Inc., and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.)
4.8	Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 19, 2012, among RAC Acceptance East, LLC, Rent-A-Center, Inc., and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee

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(Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.)

4.9 Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 19, 2012, among RAC Acceptance Texas, LLC, Rent-A-Center, Inc., and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.7 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.)

4.10 Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 19, 2012, among RAC Acceptance West, LLC, Rent-A-Center, Inc., and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.8 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.)

10.1† Amended and Restated Rent-A-Center, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2003.)

10.2 Amended and Restated Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, dated as of May 28, 2003, as amended and restated as of July 14, 2004, made by Rent-A-Center, Inc. and certain of its Subsidiaries in favor of JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Administrative Agent (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 15, 2004.)

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Exhibit No.	Description
10.3	Franchisee Financing Agreement, dated April 30, 2002, but effective as of June 28, 2002, by and between Texas Capital Bank, National Association, ColorTyme, Inc. and Rent-A-Center, Inc. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2002.)
10.4	Supplemental Letter Agreement to Franchisee Financing Agreement, dated May 26, 2003, by and between Texas Capital Bank, National Association, ColorTyme, Inc. and Rent-A-Center, Inc. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.23 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed July 11, 2003.)
10.5	First Amendment to Franchisee Financing Agreement, dated August 30, 2005, by and among Texas Capital Bank, National Association, ColorTyme, Inc. and Rent-A-Center East, Inc. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005.)
10.6	Franchise Financing Agreement, dated as of August 2, 2010, between ColorTyme Finance, Inc. and Citibank, N.A. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of August 2, 2010.)
10.7	Unconditional Guaranty of Rent-A-Center, Inc., dated as of August 2, 2010, executed by Rent-A-Center, Inc. in favor of Citibank, N.A. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of August 2, 2010.)
10.8	Unconditional Guaranty of Rent-A-Center, Inc., dated as of August 2, 2010, executed by ColorTyme Finance, Inc. in favor of Citibank, N.A. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of August 2, 2010.)
10.9†	Form of Stock Option Agreement issuable to Directors pursuant to the Amended and Restated Rent-A-Center, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004.)
10.10†	Form of Stock Option Agreement issuable to management pursuant to the Amended and Restated Rent-A-Center, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004.)
10.11†	Summary of Director Compensation (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.)
10.12†	Form of Stock Compensation Agreement issuable to management pursuant to the Amended and Restated Rent-A-Center, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.15 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006.)
10.13†	Form of Long-Term Incentive Cash Award issuable to management pursuant to the Amended and Restated Rent-A-Center, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to

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Exhibit 10.16 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006.)

- 10.14†\* Form of Loyalty and Confidentiality Agreement entered into with management
- 10.15† Rent-A-Center, Inc. 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.17 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006.)
- 10.16† Form of Stock Option Agreement issuable to management pursuant to the Rent-A-Center, Inc. 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006.)
- 10.17† Form of Stock Compensation Agreement issuable to management pursuant to the Rent-A-Center, Inc. 2006 Equity Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.)
- 10.18† Form of Long-Term Incentive Cash Award issuable to management pursuant to the Rent-A-Center, Inc. 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.)
- 10.19† Rent-A-Center, Inc. 2006 Equity Incentive Plan and Amendment (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the SEC on January 4, 2007.)

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10.20†	Form of Stock Option Agreement issuable to management pursuant to the Rent-A-Center, Inc. 2006 Equity Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.)
10.21†	Form of Stock Compensation Agreement issuable to management pursuant to the Rent-A-Center, Inc. 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.23 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.)
10.22†	Form of Stock Option Agreement issuable to Directors pursuant to the Rent-A-Center, Inc. 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.)
10.23†	Form of Deferred Stock Unit Award Agreement issuable to Directors pursuant to the Rent-A-Center, Inc. 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.23 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.)
10.24†*	Form of Executive Transition Agreement entered into with management
10.25†*	Employment Agreement, dated October 2, 2006, and amended and restated as of September 6, 2013, between Rent-A-Center, Inc. and Mark E. Speese
10.26†	Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement, dated October 2, 2006, between Rent-A-Center, Inc. and Mark E. Speese (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.23 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006.)
10.27†	Rent-A-Center, Inc. Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.28 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2007.)
10.28†	Rent-A-Center, Inc. 401-K Plan (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.30 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.)
10.29	Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of May 28, 2003, as amended and restated as of July 14, 2011, among Rent-A-Center, Inc., the several banks and other financial institutions or entities from time to time parties thereto, Bank of America, N.A., Compass Bank and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as syndication agents, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of July 14, 2011.)
10.30†	Rent-A-Center East, Inc. Retirement Savings Plan for Puerto Rico Employees (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed January 28, 2011.)
10.31	First Amendment, dated as of April 13, 2012, to the Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of May 28, 2003, as amended and restated as of July 14, 2011, among Rent-A-Center, Inc., the several banks and other financial institutions or entities from time to time

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parties thereto, Bank of America, N.A., Compass Bank and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as syndication agents, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.31 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2012.)

- 10.32 First Amendment to Franchisee Financing Agreement between ColorTyme Finance, Inc. and Citibank, N.A., dated as of July 25, 2012 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.32 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2012.)
- 10.33 Master Confirmation Agreement, dated as of May 2, 2013, between Rent-A-Center, Inc. and Goldman Sachs & Co. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of May 2, 2013.)
- 10.34\* Second Amendment to Franchisee Financing Agreement between ColorTyme Finance, Inc. and Citibank, N.A., dated as of August 30, 2013
- 16.1 Letter from Grant Thornton LLP to the Securities Exchange Commission dated December 19, 2012 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 16.1 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of December 13, 2012.)
- 16.2 Letter from Grant Thornton LLP to the Securities Exchange Commission dated February 25, 2013 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 16.1 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of February 25, 2013.)

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21.1	Subsidiaries of Rent-A-Center, Inc. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 21.1 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.)
31.1*	Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 implementing Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by Mark E. Speese
31.2*	Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 implementing Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by Robert D. Davis
32.1*	Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by Mark E. Speese
32.2*	Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by Robert D. Davis
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

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† Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

\* Filed herewith.