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Annual Report 2023



Dear Shareholders,

As I enter my second year as CEO and President of Brinker International, I want to thank you for your ongoing support of our amazing company, highlight the progress we made during fiscal 2023, and share our plans to increase shareholder value in fiscal 2024 and beyond.

Fiscal 2023 was a year of refocusing on our core business and improving the four-wall economics of running a Chili's and Maggiano's. Our team collaborated cross-functionally to define a Northstar and strategy for both brands, establish a clear path to sustainably grow the business and expand profit margins, and began making real progress on that vision.

At Chili's, we listened to our operators' ideas on how to make our restaurant teams' jobs easier, more fun, and more rewarding. As a result, our teams feel heard, they're aligned to our strategy, and excited to get after it. We invested in our labor model, so we're properly staffed during our busiest shifts and deliver a better experience to every guest. We simplified our operational procedures and reduced our menu by 20%, to focus on what we do best: Southwest-inspired American favorites. Now our menu design and our innovation pipeline center around what we call the "Core 4" – Burgers, Crispers, Fajitas and Margaritas. Not only are these the categories Chili's uniquely owns, but they're among the top selling menu items Americans eat and drink, giving us ample opportunity to increase our relevance across a broad consumer base, and sustainably grow the business.

I'm so proud of the results the team generated in just one year – significant sales growth, all-time high guest metrics, and management turnover that's significantly below the industry.

The Maggiano's brand also achieved tremendous success this year hitting record average unit volumes, driving incremental off-premise sales, and rolling out an improved labor model. In fiscal 2023, the team worked together to reignite our purpose of doing whatever it takes to make people feel special.

We move into fiscal 2024 with encouraging momentum and plans to accelerate our strategy and our results.

Chili's world-class marketing team continues their work to make our iconic brand a relevant part of the cultural conversation. We're excited to increase our share of voice and leverage all the channels at our disposal – national TV, digital and social media, and our robust email database, to drive traffic into our restaurants.

We're also strengthening our balance sheet by paying down debt and building a stronger financial foundation for long-term growth.

I'm confident this work will help sustainably grow the business and improve returns for you, our shareholders. I am excited about what the future holds for Brinker and our brands and what we will accomplish together.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Hochman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin Hochman, CEO and President

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

FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended June 28, 2023
Commission File Number 1-10275



BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DE

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

3000 Olympus Blvd
Dallas TX

(Address of principal executive offices)

75-1914582

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

75019

(Zip Code)

(972)980-9917

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Title of each class

Trading Symbol(s)

Name of exchange on which registered

Common Stock, \$0.10 par value

EAT

NYSE

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

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

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

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

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Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

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

State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity, as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter: \$1,428,121,617

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class

Outstanding as of August 18, 2023

Common Stock, \$0.10 par value

44,628,483 shares

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of our Proxy Statement relating for our 2023 annual meeting of shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K where indicated. The Proxy Statement will be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year to which this report relates.

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Annual Report on Form 10-K
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INTRODUCTION

Forward-Looking Statements

Information and statements contained in this Form 10-K, in our other filings with the SEC or in our written and verbal communications that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. We intend all forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are generally accompanied by words like “believes,” “anticipates,” “estimates,” “predicts,” “expects,” “plans,” “intends,” “projects,” “continues” and other similar expressions that convey uncertainty about future events or outcomes.

All forward-looking statements are made only based on our current plans and expectations as of the date such statements are made, and we undertake no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances arising after the date such statements are made. Forward-looking statements are neither predictions nor guarantees of future events or performance and are subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from our historical results or from those projected in forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among other things, the impact of general economic conditions, including inflation, on economic activity and on our operations; disruptions on our business including consumer demand, costs, product mix, our strategic initiatives, our partners’ supply chains, operations, technology and assets, and our financial performance; the impact of competition; changes in consumer preferences; consumer perception of food safety; reduced consumer discretionary spending; unfavorable publicity; governmental regulations; the Company’s ability to meet its business strategy plan; loss of key management personnel; failure to hire and retain high-quality restaurant management and team members; the impact of social media or other unfavorable publicity; reliance on technology and third party delivery providers; failure to protect the security of data of our guests and team members; product availability and supply chain disruptions; regional business and economic conditions; volatility in consumer, commodity, transportation, labor, currency and capital markets; litigation; franchisee success; technology failures; failure to protect our intellectual property; outsourcing; impairment of goodwill or assets; failure to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting; downgrades in credit ratings; changes in estimates regarding our assets; actions of activist shareholders; failure to comply with new environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) requirements; failure to achieve any goals, targets or objectives with respect to ESG matters; adverse weather conditions; terrorist acts; health epidemics or pandemics; tax reform; inadequate insurance coverage and limitations imposed by our credit agreements; as well as the risks and uncertainties described in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors and uncertainties that generally apply to all businesses.

We wish to caution you against placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements because of these risks and uncertainties. Except as required by law, we expressly disclaim any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. We further caution that it is not possible to identify all risk and uncertainties, and you should not consider the identified factors as a complete list of all risks and uncertainties.

PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

General

References to “Brinker,” the “Company,” “we,” “us,” and “our” in this Form 10-K refer to Brinker International, Inc. and its subsidiaries and any predecessor companies of Brinker International, Inc.

We own, develop, operate and franchise the Chili’s® Grill & Bar (“Chili’s”) and Maggiano’s Little Italy® (“Maggiano’s”) restaurant brands, as well as a virtual brand, It’s Just Wings®. The Company was organized under the laws of the State of Delaware in September 1983 to succeed to the business operated by Chili’s, Inc., a Texas corporation, which was organized in August 1977. We completed the acquisition of Maggiano’s in August 1995.

References to “fiscal” or “fiscal year” are to the fiscal year ended of the applicable year. For example, fiscal 2023 refers to the fiscal year ended June 28, 2023.

Restaurant Brands

Chili’s Grill & Bar

Chili’s is a recognized leader in the casual dining industry and the flagship brand of Dallas-based Brinker International, Inc. Chili’s has been operating restaurants for over 48 years and enjoys a global presence with restaurants in the United States, 29 other countries and two United States territories. Whether domestic or international, or franchised, Chili’s is dedicated to delivering delicious and craveable food with value-centric offerings such as “3 for Me” starting at only \$10.99, as well as dining experiences in a vibrant atmosphere that make guests feel special.

Our menu features bold, Southwest inspired American favorites and Chili’s has built a reputation for big mouth burgers, full-on sizzling fajitas, crispy Chicken Crispers® and hand-shaken margaritas. As part of our new strategy, we’re improving and innovating on these four core food and drink offerings. We believe our shift in focusing on four core equities, simplifying our menu, being intentional about our fun laid-back Chilihead culture, and maintaining our strong hospitality standards allow Chili’s to differentiate its high-quality food and service from other casual dining restaurants.

In fiscal 2023, entrée selections at our Company-owned restaurants ranged in menu price from \$8.29 to \$23.17. Our average annual net sales per Company-owned Chili’s restaurant during fiscal 2023 was \$3.4 million, and the average revenue per meal, including alcoholic beverages, was approximately \$18.76 per guest. Food and non-alcoholic beverage sales accounted for 89.3% of Chili’s Company sales in fiscal 2023 with alcoholic beverage sales accounting for the remainder.

Maggiano’s Little Italy

Maggiano’s is a full-service, national, polished casual restaurant brand offering Italian-American cuisine. With a passion for making people feel special, the brand is known for catering to special occasions and large parties. Each Maggiano’s location is uniquely designed and features open dining rooms with fresh flowers, warm carpets and soft lighting. Most locations feature designated banquet facilities and all offer catering for large parties at homes or local businesses. Our full carryout menu is

also available for pick up or delivered through third-party delivery providers. Each Maggiano's has an executive chef preparing authentic recipes from scratch ingredients. Dishes are served in abundant portions both à la carte and family style. We offer a full range of lunch and dinner options, complimented by a premium wine list and handcrafted cocktails.

In fiscal 2023, entrée selections ranged in menu price from \$9.99 to \$44.99. Our average annual sales per Maggiano's restaurant in fiscal 2023 was \$9.5 million and the average revenue per meal, including alcoholic beverages, was approximately \$32.28 per guest. Sales from events at our banquet facilities made up 14.5% and 12.5% of Maggiano's Company sales in fiscal 2023 and 2022, respectively. Food and non-alcoholic beverage sales accounted for 87.6% of Maggiano's Company sales for fiscal 2023 with alcoholic beverage sales accounting for the remainder.

Virtual Brands

Our virtual brand, It's Just Wings, provides restaurant-like menu offerings that are only available for purchase digitally. It's Just Wings primarily offers chicken wings available with a variety of different sauces and rubs. It's Just Wings is available for purchase through our third-party service providers and a brand specific website, itsjustwings.com. Maggiano's Italian Classics, which offered a select group of items inspired by the menu at Maggiano's Little Italy, was phased out by the end of fiscal 2023 so we can focus on the Chili's strategies discussed below. The operating results for virtual brands are included in the results of our Chili's and Maggiano's brands, based on the restaurants that prepared and processed the food orders.

Business Strategy

We are committed to strategies and a Company culture that we believe will grow sales, increase profits, bring back guests and engage team members. Our strategies and culture are intended to strengthen our position in casual dining and grow our core business over time.

Chili's

Our strategy is to make everyone feel special through a fun atmosphere, delicious food and drinks and our Chili's hospitality. We are making work at Chili's easier, more fun and more rewarding for our team members so that they are more engaged and provide a better experience for our guests. One way we have done this is by eliminating tasks that were unnecessary and did not add value to our guests. We have also simplified our menu to focus on core equities we believe can help grow sales—burgers, fajitas, Chicken Crispers, and margaritas, as well as other classic favorites. Our team members can make our core menu items better and more consistently because we have fewer menu items that need to be perfected.

We are improving our hospitality by scheduling more team members per shift to serve our guests and by improving systems and technology that can help with our order accuracy and guest experience. Another priority is having clean and well-maintained restaurants that provide an inviting atmosphere for team members to work and guests to dine.

We have a flexible platform of value offerings at both lunch and dinner that we believe is compelling to our guests. Our "3 for Me" platform allows guests to enjoy a non-alcoholic drink, an appetizer and certain entrées starting at just \$10.99. In fiscal 2023, we returned to advertising on television with a campaign that highlighted this incredible value and we believe our value offerings will continue to be

an important traffic driver in the current economic circumstances. We have increased menu pricing in other areas in light of the inflationary challenges and we have also improved menu offerings and merchandising to incentivize our guests to purchase higher priced items.

In addition, Chili's has focused on a seamless digital experience as our guests' preferences and expectations around dining convenience have evolved in recent years. Investments in our technology and off-premise options have enabled us to provide a faster, more convenient dine-in experience and to offer more To-Go and delivery options for our guests. Our To-Go menu is available through the Chili's mobile app, chilis.com, our delivery partners DoorDash, Uber Eats and Grubhub, Google Food Ordering or by calling the restaurant directly.

In dining rooms, we use tabletop devices with functionality for guests to pay at the table, provide guest feedback and interact with our My Chili's Rewards[®] program. Our My Chili's Rewards loyalty program offers free chips and salsa or a non-alcoholic beverage to members based on their visit frequency and allows us to communicate and advertise to our guests through email and text. Our servers use handheld tablets to place orders for our guests, increasing the efficiency of our team members and allowing orders to reach our kitchen quicker for better service to our guests.

Maggiano's Little Italy

At Maggiano's, we are focused making our guests feel special. This warm and generous hospitality creates an environment where guests come together to celebrate birthdays, weddings and many more special occasions. While our dining rooms support the majority of our business, we have focused on increasing our carry-out and delivery business in recent years, including through partnerships with delivery service providers that have made our restaurants more accessible to guests and helped create an additional significant revenue channel. Our restaurants also have banquet rooms to host large party events and we have begun to renovate these banquet rooms in certain restaurants to provide a better experience for this profitable revenue channel, particularly during the holiday season in the second and third quarters of the fiscal year.

Company Development

During fiscal 2023, we continued to develop our restaurant brands domestically through the opening of new Company-owned restaurants in strategically desirable markets. We concentrate on the development within certain identified markets that we believe are most likely to improve our competitive position and achieve the desired level of market share potential, profitability and return on invested capital. Our domestic expansion efforts focus not only on major metropolitan areas in the United States but also on smaller market areas and partnerships with franchisees to enter non-traditional locations (such as airports) that can adequately support our restaurant brands. For smaller market areas, we have developed a smaller Chili's building prototype that allows us to expand into these markets and serve our guests while maintaining a focus on profitability and return on invested capital.

The restaurant site selection process is critical, and we devote significant effort to the investigation of new locations utilizing a variety of sophisticated analytical techniques. Members of each brand's executive team inspect, review, and approve each restaurant site prior to its leasing or acquisition for that brand. Our process evaluates a variety of factors, including:

- Trade area demographics, such as target population density and household income levels;

- Physical site characteristics, such as visibility, accessibility and traffic volume;
- Relative proximity to activity centers, such as shopping centers, hotel and entertainment complexes and office buildings; and
- Supply and demand trends, such as proposed infrastructure improvements, new developments and existing and potential competition.

The specific rate at which we are able to open new restaurants is determined, in part, by our success in locating satisfactory sites, negotiating acceptable lease or purchase terms, securing appropriate local governmental permits and approvals, our capacity to supervise construction and recruit and train team members. The following table illustrates the Company-owned restaurants opened during fiscal 2023 and the projected openings for fiscal 2024. The fiscal 2024 projected openings remain subject to change:

	Fiscal 2023 Fiscal Year Openings	Fiscal 2024 Projected Openings
Company-owned restaurants		
Chili's domestic	14	12
Chili's international	—	—
Maggiano's domestic	—	—
Total Company-owned new openings	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>
Company-owned relocations		
Chili's domestic	1	—

We periodically evaluate the financial performance of Company-owned restaurants to assess whether performance has fallen below our minimum standards. In the event that a restaurant's financial performance falls below expectations, each brand makes a concerted effort to improve the restaurant's performance by providing physical, operating, and marketing enhancements unique to each restaurant's situation. In some cases, the brand considers relocation to a proximate, more desirable site, or evaluates closing the restaurant if the brand's measurement criteria, such as cash flow and area demographic trends, do not support relocation.

During fiscal 2023, excluding temporary closures, we permanently closed 16 Company-owned Chili's, including one relocation closure and two Company-owned Maggiano's restaurants that were performing below our standards and were near or at the expiration of their lease terms. Our strategic plan is targeted to support our long-term growth objectives, with a focus on continued development of those restaurant locations that have the greatest return potential for the Company and our shareholders.

Franchise Development

We also pursue expansion through the development of our franchisees. The following table illustrates the franchise-operated restaurants opened during fiscal 2023 and the projected openings for fiscal 2024. The fiscal 2024 projected openings remain subject to change.

	Fiscal 2023 Fiscal Year Openings	Fiscal 2024 Projected Openings
Franchise-operated restaurants		
Chili's domestic	2	0-1
Chili's international	18	19-24
Maggiano's domestic	—	—
Total openings	<u>20</u>	<u>19-25</u>

The following table illustrates the percentages of franchise-operated restaurants out of the total Company-owned and franchise-operated restaurants as of June 28, 2023, by restaurant brand:

	Percentage of Franchise-Operated Restaurants		
	Domestic ⁽¹⁾	International ⁽²⁾	Overall ⁽³⁾
Brinker	8 %	99 %	28 %
Chili's	8 %	99 %	29 %
Maggiano's	4 %	— %	4 %

- (1) Domestic franchise-operated restaurants as a percentage of total domestic restaurants.
- (2) International franchise-operated restaurants as a percentage of total international restaurants.
- (3) Franchise-operated restaurants (domestic and international) as a percentage of total system-wide restaurants.

International Franchises

Our international growth is driven by development agreements with new and existing franchise partners. This growth introduces Chili's to new countries and expands the brand within our existing markets. As of June 28, 2023, we have 18 active development arrangements. During fiscal 2023, we opened 18 new locations, and entered into three new arrangements, both with existing and new franchise partners. We plan to strategically pursue expansion of Chili's internationally in areas where we see the most growth opportunities. Our international agreements provide for development fees and initial franchise fee revenues in addition to subsequent royalty fee revenues based on the gross sales of each restaurant. We expect future agreements to remain limited to enterprises that demonstrate a proven track record as a restaurant operator and showcase financial strength that can support a multi-unit development agreement.

Domestic Franchises

As of June 28, 2023, no domestic development arrangement existed, however, certain of our domestic partners have opened new domestic franchised locations. Similar to our international agreements, a

typical domestic franchise agreement provides for initial franchise fees revenues in addition to subsequent royalty and advertising fee revenues based on the gross sales of each restaurant. We have from time to time purchased restaurants from our franchisees in order to support our growth objectives in certain markets. In fiscal 2022, we purchased 68 Chili's restaurants from three former franchisees located in the Mid-Atlantic, Great Lakes and Northwest regions of the United States. We believe these acquisitions represent an opportunity to create value for our shareholders and to generate additional earnings and cash flow growth. We remain committed to supporting the growth of our existing franchisees.

Restaurant Management

Our Chili's and Maggiano's brands have separate designated teams who support each brand, including operations, finance, franchise, marketing, human resources and culinary. We believe these strategic, brand-focused teams foster the identities of the individual and uniquely positioned brands. To maximize efficiencies, brands continue to utilize common and shared infrastructure, including, among other services, accounting, information technology, supply chain, guest relations, legal, and restaurant development.

At the restaurant level, management structure varies by brand. A typical restaurant is led by a management team including a general manager and two to three additional managers; and for Maggiano's, an executive chef partner with an additional two to three chefs. Each restaurant is overseen by a Director of Operations/Areas Director and Vice President of Operations/Regional Director, collectively "Regional Management", who directly or indirectly report to our Chief Operating Officer/Chief Concept Officer. The level of restaurant supervision depends upon the operating complexity and traffic of individual locations. We believe there is a high correlation between the quality of restaurant management and the long-term success of a brand. In that regard, we encourage longer tenure at all management positions through various short and long-term incentive programs, which may include equity ownership. These programs, coupled with a general management philosophy emphasizing quality of life, have enabled us to attract and retain key team members.

We strive to provide consistent quality standards in our brands through the issuance of operational manuals covering all elements of operations and food and beverage manuals, which provide guidance for preparation of brand-formulated recipes. Routine restaurant visits by Regional Management and brand and executive leadership enforce strict adherence to our overall brand standards and operating procedures and also create an opportunity to capture and act on feedback so we continue to improve. Each brand is responsible for maintaining their operational training program. Depending on the brand, the training program typically includes a training period of two to three months for restaurant management trainees, as well as special training for high-potential team members and managers. We also provide recurring management training for managers and supervisors to improve effectiveness or prepare them for more responsibility.

Supply Chain and Quality Assurance

Our ability to maintain consistent quality and continuity of supply throughout each restaurant brand depends upon acquiring products from reliable sources. Our approved suppliers and our restaurants are required to adhere to strict product and safety specifications established through our quality assurance and culinary programs. These requirements are intended to ensure high-quality products are served in each of our restaurants. We strategically negotiate directly with major suppliers to obtain competitive

prices. We also use purchase commitment contracts when appropriate to stabilize the potentially volatile pricing associated with certain commodity items. All essential products are available from pre-qualified distributors to be delivered to our restaurant brands. Although we have not experienced significant supply chain disruptions given recent market conditions, we have experienced limited product shortages in our supply chain.

Additionally, as a purchaser of a variety of food products, we require our suppliers to adhere to our supplier code of conduct, which sets forth our expectation of business integrity, food safety and food ingredients, animal welfare and sustainability. Due to the relatively rapid turnover of perishable food products and inventories in the restaurants, which consist primarily of food, beverages and supplies, our inventories have a modest aggregate dollar value in relation to revenues. Internationally, our franchisees may encounter cultural and regulatory differences resulting in variances with product specifications for international restaurant locations.

Advertising and Marketing

Chili's primary focus for developing menu innovation and targeting our digital advertising and loyalty program direct promotions are the Generation X and Millennial families who desire quality food, good value and a service experience that allows them to connect with family and friends. These young families represent a significant percentage of our guest base today and, we believe, will only grow in importance in the years ahead. We rely on digital marketing, direct marketing, social media and word of mouth to advertise. In fiscal 2023, we returned to advertising on television with a campaign that highlighted our "3 for Me" value offering.

Our domestic Chili's franchise agreements generally require advertising contributions to us by the franchisees. We use these contributions, in conjunction with Company funds, for the purpose of retaining advertising agencies, obtaining consumer insights, developing and producing brand-specific creative materials and purchasing national or regional media to meet the brand's strategies. Some franchisees also spend additional amounts on local advertising. Any such local advertising is required to be approved by us.

Maggiano's, as a "polished casual" restaurant with 52 Company-owned and franchise-operated locations, primarily targets guests from affluent households who live and work around the higher-end malls where the majority of Maggiano's restaurants are located. Maggiano's relies on digital marketing, direct marketing, social media and word of mouth to advertise.

Seasonality

Our business has historically been seasonal and experienced fluctuation in sales volume during the fiscal year. The highest sales are generally observed during the winter and the spring months, whereas the summer and the fall months are accompanied with lower sales. Moreover, factors such as inclement weather conditions, natural disasters, and timing of holidays tend to impact this seasonality by region.

Sustainability

Building sustainable value for all of our stakeholders has always been a key part of our business strategy. Our ability to sustainably deliver profits to shareholders is built on a foundation of investing in and caring for all of our team members, safely serving great quality food to our guests and acting responsibly in all that we do. Our Board's Governance and Nominating Committee oversees and

provides input on the sustainability strategic framework, goals and initiatives, as well as reviews ESG metrics and results. For more information, please review our Sustainability report on our Sustainability page on our website at www.brinker.com. The contents of the Sustainability report and our website are not incorporated by reference into this Form 10-K.

Human Capital Management

Our employee base as of June 28, 2023, consisted of 64,323 team members, including 538 restaurant support center team members, 5,070 restaurant management team members, with the remainder being hourly team members. Of our hourly team members, approximately 27% are full-time and 73% are part-time employees. As of June 28, 2023, approximately 52% of our employees are women and approximately 56% of our employees (who self-identified as a race or ethnicity) are racially or ethnically diverse. Our team members are not covered by any collective bargaining agreements. Our executive officers have an average of more than 17 years of experience in the restaurant industry.

Culture and Wellbeing

For decades, our culture has been built on our passion for making people feel special, and that starts with our team members. We affectionately call them Brinkerheads, Chiliheads or Maggiano's Teammates, and we know that when they feel their best, they provide great food and service to our guests. Our motto is "Life is Short, Work Happy" and we promote and nurture a corporate culture that promotes wellbeing, inclusion and growth. We believe that hiring, training, mentoring and supporting team members is the key to retention and living our culture.

We strive to help our team members turn their restaurant jobs into lasting careers. We provide separate development programs for each of our new managers, managers preparing to become general managers and general managers preparing to become directors of operations. Approximately 90% of our new general managers are promoted from our existing team members. In fiscal 2023, our certified shift leader ("CSL") apprenticeship program provided hourly team members the first step into the path to management. Beginning in fiscal 2024, our hourly team members identified for potential leadership positions will be immediately elevated to assistant managers and we have discontinued the CSL program.

Our no-cost education program, Best You EDU™, provides foundational learning, ESL, citizenship preparation courses, GED, associate degree programs and other educational benefits, such as Spanish and standard tuition reimbursement. Beginning in fiscal 2024 this program is available to all team members on their first day of employment.

Brinker cares about the health and wellbeing of all team members and provides resources and opportunities to help team members be their best, while at work and at home with their family, with our Be Well program. This program focuses on five areas of wellbeing: career, social, financial, physical/emotional and community. In addition to our career development programs discussed above, we provide resources and opportunities to raise millions of dollars annually for charitable causes, and we provide annual fitness reimbursements for salaried team members and free mental health counselling for those enrolled in our benefit plans.

We believe that every team member should feel valued and respected and know that their work is meaningful and makes a difference in our brands and our communities. We ask all of our team members to take a survey semi-annually, which includes meaningful feedback on how our team

members feel about their overall work experience, their manager and our culture. Our executive management team reviews the results of these surveys with our Board of Directors and strives to incorporate this feedback into future strategies.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (“DE&I”)

Our restaurants are built on the foundation of a culture of inclusion. Our team members are diverse in gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, religion, age, cultural background and life experiences. We celebrate the differences that make us stronger. We are committed to a workplace environment where every team member feels that they belong and where every team member can succeed. Our Board’s Talent and Compensation Committee provides oversight for aspects of our culture, equity, and inclusion, in addition to quarterly and annual reviews by our Board of Directors. We are working to strengthen the foundation of our culture of inclusion and to build greater diverse leadership at Brinker through the following programs and initiatives:

- *Journey Groups* – Opportunities for team members to connect with other team members interested in taking steps on their personal journey to learn and discuss anti-racism, allyship and equality in a safe space focused on a supporting book, video, podcast, etc.
- *Women Taking the Lead* – Development, mentoring and resources to help professionally develop female leaders.
- *Leaders Leading Through Diversity* – A development program to increase diverse representation among restaurant operations leadership.
- *DE&I Training* – Online learning paths on topics such as conscious and unconscious bias, as well as additional mandatory training programs for certain operations leaders.
- *Communities of Interest* – Six resource groups providing safe spaces for underrepresented groups and allies to develop connections, share ideas and encourage diversity of thought in the organization.
- *Culture of Inclusion Series* – Events to help educate team members about inclusion and different cultures.
- *TM Highlights* – Opportunities for team members to share their personal stories, experiences, and what inclusion and allyship means to them.
- *Serving it Forward* – allows us to go out and support, learn and impact communities to help create a better more-inclusive tomorrow partnering with non-profits that align with our giveback pillars of education, kids and hunger.

Information Technology and Cyber Security

We pride ourselves on being innovators in our field, striving to create and procure cutting edge technology to improve the guest experience and create operational efficiencies. We have created and implemented technologies to facilitate a contactless guest experience through apps, tabletop and handheld devices and QR code payment. Our restaurant operators utilize our back office systems for inventory control, curbside management, forecasting, demand preparation and productivity. Our

service desk supports the needs of both our restaurant support center and each of our restaurants. Our data centers are geographically dispersed, which helps support continuity of our operations and systems. Our systems operate in multiple cloud environments, which gives us ability to scale up infrastructure and provides flexibility for expansion. They are comprised of a combination of internally developed and third-party developed software; our team builds foundational frameworks to integrate and bridge technologies. We believe our information systems are sufficient to support our business and we continually seek to improve our processes based on the strategic and financial priorities of the business.

Our existing cyber security policy includes continuous monitoring and detection programs, network security precautions, encryption of critical data, in depth security assessment of vendors and incident response guidelines. We continue to invest and innovate around the areas of protection of systems, sensitive data, technology and processes using third-party and in-house tools and resources. We remain vigilant in staying ahead of new and emerging risks utilizing our tools and security teams and continue to review and make strategic continued investments in our systems to keep the Company, our guests and our team members data secure.

We subscribe to multiple feeds and associations that discuss and monitor risks of any technology compromise or risks at our business partners where relevant. Relevant restaurant level personnel and employees at the restaurant support center receive annual training on information security best practices. Additionally, we provide annual credit card handling training following Payment Card Industry guidelines to team members that handle guest payment information. We maintain a disaster recovery plan and protect against business interruption by backing up our major systems. In addition, we periodically scan our environment for any vulnerability, perform penetration testing and engage third parties to assess effectiveness of our data security practices. A third-party conducts regular network security reviews, scans and audits.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has oversight responsibility for our data security practices and we believe the committee has the requisite skills and visibility into the design and operation of our data security practices, to fulfill this responsibility effectively. Management reporting on the effectiveness of these practices is provided to the Board of Directors, including the Audit Committee, on a quarterly basis or as needed.

We are currently investing in new enterprise resource planning (“ERP”) and human capital management to provide our restaurant management and restaurant support teams with the tools necessary to enhance our ability to record and track data, make more effective real-time decisions, and drive process efficiencies. We plan to implement these new systems over the next year.

Trademarks

We have registered, among other marks, “Brinker International”, “Chili’s”, “Maggiano’s” and “It’s Just Wings” as trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Available Information

We maintain a website with the address of <http://www.brinker.com>. You may obtain at our website, free of charge, copies of our reports filed with, or furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K. The SEC also maintains a website, with the address of www.sec.gov, which contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information filed electronically or furnished to the SEC.

In addition, you may view and obtain, free of charge, at our website, copies of our corporate governance materials, including: Corporate Governance Guidelines, Audit Committee Charter, Compensation Committee Charter, Governance and Nominating Committee Charter, Code of Conduct for the Board of Directors, Brinker International Inc. Code of Conduct - Making People Feel Special and Policy Governing the Improper Use of Materials. The information contained on our website is not a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Various risks and uncertainties could affect our business. In addition to the information contained elsewhere in this report and other filings that we make with the SEC, the risk factors described below could have a material impact on our business, financial condition, results of operation, cash flows or the trading price of our common stock. It is not possible to identify all risk factors. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently believe to be immaterial may also impair our business operations.

Strategic and Operational Risks

If we are unable to successfully design and execute a business strategy plan, our gross sales and profitability may be adversely affected.

Our ability to increase revenues and profitability is dependent on designing and executing effective business strategies. If we are delayed or unsuccessful in executing our strategies or if our strategies do not yield the desired results, our business, financial condition and results of operations may suffer. Our ability to meet our business strategy plan is dependent upon, among other things, our and our franchisees' ability to:

- Increase gross sales and operating profits at existing restaurants with food and beverage options desired by our guests;
- Evolve our marketing and branding strategies in order to appeal to guests;
- Innovate and implement technology initiatives that provide a unique digital guest experience;
- Identify adequate sources of capital to fund and finance strategic initiatives, including reimaging existing restaurants, new restaurant development and new restaurant equipment;
- Grow and expand operations, including identifying available, suitable and economically viable locations for new restaurants, or making strategic acquisitions; and
- Improve the speed and quality of our service.

Changes in consumer preferences may decrease demand for food at our restaurants.

Changing health or dietary preferences may cause consumers to avoid our products in favor of alternative foods. The food service industry as a whole depends on consumer preferences at the local, regional, national and international levels. New information or changes in dietary, nutritional or health insurance guidelines, whether issued by government agencies, academic studies, advocacy organizations or similar groups, may cause consumers to select foods other than those that are offered

by our restaurants. We may not be able to adequately adapt our menu offerings to keep pace with developments in current consumer preferences, which may result in reductions to the revenues generated by our Company-owned restaurants and the payments we receive from franchisees.

Food safety incidents at our restaurants or in our industry or supply chain may adversely affect customer perception of our brands or industry and result in declines in sales and profits.

Regardless of the source or cause, any report of food-borne illnesses or other food safety issues at one of our restaurants or our franchisees' restaurants could irreparably damage our brand reputations and result in declines in guest traffic and sales at our restaurants. A food safety incident may subject us to regulatory actions and litigation, including criminal investigations, and we may be required to incur significant legal costs and other liabilities. Food safety incidents may occur in our supply chain and be out of our control. Health concerns or outbreaks of disease in a food product could also reduce demand for particular menu offerings. Even instances of food-borne illness, food tampering or food contamination occurring solely at restaurants of our competitors could result in negative publicity about the restaurant industry in general and adversely affect our sales or cause us to incur additional costs to implement food safety protocols beyond industry standards. The occurrence of food-borne illnesses or food safety issues could also adversely affect the price and availability of affected ingredients, resulting in higher costs and lower margins.

Unfavorable publicity relating to one or more of our restaurants in a particular brand may affect public perception of the brand.

Multi-unit restaurant businesses can be adversely affected by publicity resulting from poor food quality, customer complaints, litigation, illness or health concerns or other issues stemming from one or a limited number of restaurants, regardless of whether such events have a factual basis. In particular, since we depend heavily on the Chili's brand for a majority of our revenues, unfavorable publicity relating to one or more Chili's restaurants could have a material adverse effect on the Chili's brand, and consequently on our business, financial condition and results of operations. The speed at which negative publicity (whether or not accurate) can be disseminated has increased dramatically with the capabilities of social media and the internet. If we are unable to quickly and effectively respond to such reports, we may suffer declines in guest traffic which could materially impact our financial performance.

Additionally, consumers' ability to immediately post opinions on social media platforms to a broad audience of consumers and other interested persons, often without filters or checks on accuracy of the content posted, may be adverse to our interests and may harm our performance, prospects or business, regardless of the information's accuracy. The use of social media vehicles by our guests or employees could increase our costs, lead to litigation or result in negative publicity that could damage our reputation.

We face risks related to our ability to continue to grow sales through delivery orders and digital commerce.

Part of our strategy for growth is dependent on increased sales from guests that want to enjoy our food off premises. Customers are increasingly using websites and applications, including both our internally developed brand websites and third-party delivery aggregators, to place and pay for their orders. As we become increasingly reliant on digital ordering and payment as a sales channel, our business could be negatively impacted if we are unable to successfully implement, execute or maintain our consumer-

facing digital initiatives, such as curbside pick-up, brand websites, and application based ordering. These digital ordering and payment platforms also could be damaged or interrupted by power loss, technological failures, user errors, cyber-attacks, other forms of sabotage, inclement weather or natural disasters. The digital ordering platforms we rely on could experience interruptions, which could limit or delay customers' ability to order through such platforms or make customers less inclined to return to such platforms.

We currently rely on third-party delivery providers for our off premise delivery (other than Maggiano's catering). We rely on such third-party providers for ordering and payment platforms that receive guest orders and that send orders directly to our point-of-sale system. These platforms, as well as our own brand websites, could be damaged or interrupted by technological failures, cyber-attacks or other factors, which may adversely impact our sales through these channels.

Delivery providers generally fulfill delivery orders through drivers that are independent contractors. These drivers may make errors, fail to make timely deliveries, damage our food or poorly represent our brands, which may lead to customer disappointment, reputational harm and unmet sales expectations. Our sales may also be adversely impacted if there is a shortage of drivers that are willing and available to make deliveries from our restaurants. If the third-party aggregators that we utilize for delivery cease or curtail their operations, fail to maintain sufficient labor force to satisfy demand, materially change fees, access or visibility to our products or give greater priority or promotions on their platforms to our competitors, our business may be negatively impacted.

Loss of key management personnel could hurt our business and limit our ability to operate and grow successfully.

Our success depends, to a significant extent, on our leadership team and other key management personnel. These personnel serve to maintain a corporate vision for our Company, execute our business strategy, and maintain consistency in the operating standards of our restaurants. If we are unable to attract and retain sufficiently experienced and capable key management personnel, our business and financial results may suffer.

Failure to recruit, train and retain high-quality restaurant management and team members may result in lower guest satisfaction and lower sales and profitability.

Our restaurant-level management and team members are largely responsible for the quality of our service. Our guests may be dissatisfied and our sales may decline if we fail to recruit, train and retain managers and team members that effectively implement our business strategy and provide high quality guest service. There is active competition for quality management personnel and hourly team members. We are experiencing and may continue to experience challenges in recruiting and retaining team members in various locations as we are experiencing an increasingly tight and competitive labor market. These challenges may continue to result in higher labor costs (such as increased overtime to meet demand and increased wages to attract and retain team members), increased turnover and a shortage of adequate management personnel and hourly team members required for operations and for future growth, which can lead to lower guest satisfaction and decreased profitability.

Our results can be adversely affected by events, such as adverse weather conditions, natural disasters, climate change, pandemics or other catastrophic events.

Adverse weather conditions, natural disasters, climate change or catastrophic events, such as terrorist acts, can adversely impact restaurant sales. Natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, and

severe adverse weather conditions, climate change and health pandemics, whether occurring in the United States or abroad, can keep customers in the affected area from dining out, adversely affect consumer spending and confidence levels and supply availability and costs, cause damage to or closure of restaurants and result in lost opportunities for our restaurants. Our receipt of proceeds under any insurance we maintain with respect to some of these risks may be delayed or the proceeds may be insufficient to cover our losses fully.

The large number of Company-owned restaurants concentrated in Texas, Florida and California makes us susceptible to changes in economic and other trends in those regions.

A high concentration of our Company-owned restaurants are located in Texas, Florida and California comprising 18.7%, 11.6% and 9.5%, respectively, as of June 28, 2023. As a result, we are particularly susceptible to adverse trends and economic conditions in those states. Negative publicity, local economic conditions, health epidemics or pandemics (such as COVID-19), local strikes, energy shortages or extreme fluctuations in energy prices, droughts, earthquakes, fires or other natural disasters in regions where our restaurants are highly concentrated could have a material adverse effect on our business and operations.

The operational success of our franchise system is important to our business and future international growth.

A significant percentage of system-wide restaurants are owned and operated by our franchisees. Our franchise related revenue is not material to our total revenues; however, franchise agreements are designed to require our franchisees to maintain brand consistency and the franchise relationship reduces our direct day-to-day oversight of these restaurants and may expose us to risks not otherwise encountered if we maintained ownership and control. Our international restaurants are substantially all franchised and our ability to grow internationally is largely dependent on the success of our franchise partners in developing and maintaining new restaurants.

Our reputation and financial results may be negatively impacted by: franchisee defaults in their obligations to us; limitations on our ability to enforce franchise obligations due to bankruptcy proceedings or differences in legal remedies in international markets; franchisee failures to participate in business strategy changes due to financial constraints; franchisee failures to meet obligations to pay employees; and franchisees' failure to comply with food quality and preparation requirements.

Additionally, our international franchisees are subject to risks not encountered by our domestic franchisees, and royalties paid to us may decrease if their businesses are negatively impacted. These risks include:

- Difficulties in achieving consistency of product quality and service as compared to domestic operations;
- Changes to recipes and menu offerings to meet cultural norms;
- Challenges to obtain adequate and reliable supplies necessary to provide menu items and maintain food quality; and
- Differences, changes or uncertainties in economic, regulatory, legal, cultural, social and political conditions.

Failure to protect our service marks or other intellectual property could harm our business.

We regard our Chili's® and Maggiano's® service marks, and other service marks and trademarks related to our restaurant businesses, as having significant value and being important to our marketing efforts. We rely on a combination of protections provided by contracts, copyrights, patents, trademarks, service marks and other common law rights, such as trade secret and unfair competition laws, to protect our restaurants and services from infringement. We have registered certain trademarks and service marks in the United States and foreign jurisdictions. However, we are aware of names and marks identical or similar to our service marks being used from time to time by other entities. Although our policy is to oppose any such infringement, further or unknown unauthorized uses or other misappropriation of our trademarks or service marks could diminish the value of our brands and adversely affect our business. In addition, effective intellectual property protection may not be available in every country in which we have or intend to open or franchise a restaurant. Although we believe we have taken appropriate measures to protect our intellectual property, there can be no assurance that these protections will be adequate and defending or enforcing our service marks and other intellectual property could result in the expenditure of significant resources.

We outsource certain business processes to third-party vendors that subject us to risks, including disruptions in business and increased costs.

Some business processes are or may in the future be outsourced to third parties. Such processes include certain information technology processes, gift card tracking and authorization, credit card authorization and processing, insurance claims processing, certain payroll processing, tax filings and other accounting processes. We also continue to evaluate our other business processes to determine if additional outsourcing is a viable option to accomplish our goals. We make a diligent effort to ensure that all providers of outsourced services are observing proper internal control practices, such as redundant processing facilities and adequate security frameworks to guard against breaches or data loss; however, there are no guarantees that failures will not occur. Failure of third parties to provide adequate services could have an adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition or ability to accomplish our financial and management reporting.

ESG matters, including those related to climate change and sustainability, may have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and operating results and may damage our reputation.

Companies across all industries are facing increasing scrutiny relating to their environmental, social, and governance practices. Changing consumer preferences may result in increased demands regarding our products and supply chain and their respective environmental and social impact, including on sustainability. These demands could require additional transparency, due diligence, and reporting and could cause us to incur additional costs or to make changes to our operations to comply with such demands. We may also determine that certain changes are required in anticipation of further evolution of consumer preferences and demands. Increased focus and activism related to ESG may also result in investors reconsidering their investment decisions as a result of their assessment of a company's ESG practices. Further, concern over climate change and other environmental sustainability matters, has and may in the future result in new or increased legal and regulatory requirements to reduce or mitigate impacts to the environment, including greenhouse gas emissions regulations, alternative energy policies, and sustainability initiatives. If we fail to achieve any goals, targets, or objectives we may set with respect to ESG matters, if we do not meet or comply with new regulations or evolving consumer,

investor, industry, or stakeholder expectations and standards, including those related to reporting, or if we are perceived to have not responded appropriately to the growing concern for ESG matters, we may face legal or regulatory actions, the imposition of fines, penalties, or other sanctions, adverse publicity, and decreased demand from consumers, or the price of our common shares could decline, any of which could materially harm our reputation or have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, or operating results.

Macroeconomic and Industry Risks

Competition may adversely affect our operations and financial results.

The restaurant business is highly competitive as to price, service, restaurant location, convenience, and type and quality of food. We compete within each market with locally-owned restaurants as well as national and regional restaurant chains. The casual dining segment of the restaurant industry has not seen significant growth in customer traffic in recent years. If these trends continue, our ability to grow customer traffic at our restaurants (including through off-premise) will depend on our ability to increase our market share within the casual dining segment. We also face competition from quick service and fast casual restaurants; the convergence in grocery, deli and restaurant services; and meal kit and food delivery providers. We compete primarily on the quality, variety and value perception of menu items, as well as the quality and efficiency of service, the attractiveness of facilities and the effectiveness of advertising and marketing programs. Although we may implement a number of business strategies, the success of new products, initiatives and overall strategies is highly difficult to predict. If we are unable to compete effectively, our gross sales, guest traffic and profitability may decline.

Global and domestic economic conditions negatively impact consumer discretionary spending and our business operations and could have a material negative effect on our financial performance.

The restaurant industry is dependent upon consumer discretionary spending, which is negatively affected by global and domestic economic conditions, such as: fluctuations in disposable income and changes in consumer confidence, the price of gasoline, slow or negative growth, unemployment, credit conditions and availability, volatility in financial markets, inflationary pressures, weakness in the housing market, tariffs and trade barriers, wars or conflict in certain regions, pandemics or public health concerns, and changes in government and central bank monetary policies. When economic conditions negatively affect consumer spending, discretionary spending for restaurant visits will be challenged, our guest traffic may deteriorate and the average amount guests spend in our restaurants may be reduced. This will negatively impact our revenues and also result in lower royalties collected, spreading fixed costs across a lower level of sales, and in turn, cause downward pressure on our profitability. This could result in further reductions in staff levels, asset impairment charges and potential restaurant closures.

We have been adversely impacted by, and may continue to be adversely impacted by, ongoing macroeconomic challenges in the U.S. and other regions of the world where our franchisees operate, including recent labor, commodity, transportation and other inflationary pressures, supply chain disruptions, military conflict and impacts arising from governmental restrictions implemented in certain regions to mitigate against the pandemic.

General economic conditions, including inflation and fluctuations in energy costs, may continue to increase our operating expenses.

We have in the past, and are currently experiencing the impacts of economic conditions, including inflation and fluctuations in utility and energy costs. Inflation has caused added food, labor and benefits costs and increased our operating expenses. Fluctuations and increases in utility and energy costs have also increased our operating expenses on regional and national levels, including through suppliers putting pressure on margins by passing on higher prices for petroleum-based fuels. As operating expenses rise, we, to the extent permitted by competition, recover costs by raising menu prices, or by implementing alternative products, processes or cost reduction procedures. We cannot ensure, however, we will be able to continue to recover some of the increases in operating expenses due to economic conditions, including inflation, in this manner.

Shortages or interruptions in the availability and delivery of food and other products may increase costs or reduce revenues.

Possible shortages or interruptions in the supply of food items and other products to our restaurants caused by inclement weather; natural disasters such as floods, droughts and hurricanes; health epidemics or pandemics; shortages in the availability of truck drivers; the inability of our suppliers to obtain credit in a tight credit market; trade barriers; food safety warnings or advisories or the prospect of such pronouncements; animal disease outbreaks; or other conditions beyond our control could adversely affect the availability, quality and cost of items we buy and the operations of our restaurants. Our inability to effectively manage supply chain risk could increase our costs or reduce revenues and limit the availability of products critical to our restaurant operations.

Information and Technology Related Risks

We are exposed to risks related to cyber security and protection of confidential information, and failure to protect the integrity and security of payment card or individually identifiable information of our guests and teammates or confidential and proprietary information of the Company could damage our reputation and expose us to loss of revenues, increased costs and litigation.

Our technology systems contain personal, financial and other information that is entrusted to us by our guests and team members, as well as financial, proprietary and other confidential information related to our business, and a significant portion of our restaurant sales are by credit or debit cards. If our technology systems, or those of third-party services providers we rely upon, are compromised as a result of a cyber-attack (including whether from circumvention of security systems, denial-of-service attacks, hacking, “phishing” attacks, computer viruses, ransomware, malware, or social engineering) or other external or internal method, it could result in an adverse and material impact on our reputation, operations, and financial condition. The cyber risks we face range from cyber-attacks common to most industries, to attacks that target us due to the confidential consumer information we obtain through our electronic processing of credit and debit card transactions. Such security breaches could also result in litigation or governmental investigation against us, as well as the imposition of penalties. These impacts could also occur if we are perceived either to have had an attack or to have failed to properly respond to an incident.

To conduct our operations, we regularly move data across national borders, and consequently are subject to a variety of continuously evolving and developing laws and regulations regarding privacy,

data protection, and data security, including those related to the collection, storage, handling, use, disclosure, transfer, and security of personal data. The use and disclosure of such information is regulated and enforced at the federal, state and international levels, and these laws, rules and regulations are subject to change.

As privacy and information security laws and regulations change or cyber risks evolve pertaining to data, we may incur significant additional costs in technology, third-party services and personnel to maintain systems designed to anticipate and prevent cyber-attacks. For example, the Company experienced a cyber security incident at some Chili's locations in fiscal 2018. As with many public companies, our defenses are under attack regularly. There have been and will be minor intrusions from time-to-time. As a result of the incident, we have taken certain additional preventative measures to reduce cyber risks. However, we cannot provide assurance that our security frameworks and measures will be successful in preventing future significant cyber-attacks or data loss.

We are dependent on information technology and any material failure in the operation or security of that technology or our ability to execute a comprehensive business continuity plan could impair our ability to efficiently operate our business.

We rely on information systems across our operations, including, for example, point-of-sale processing in our restaurants, management of our supply chain, collection of cash, payment of obligations and various other processes and procedures. Our ability to efficiently manage our business depends significantly on the reliability and capacity of these systems. The failure of these systems to operate effectively, problems with maintenance, upgrading or transitioning to replacement systems or a breach in security of these systems could cause delays in customer service and reduce efficiency in our operations.

Additionally, our corporate systems and processes and corporate support for our restaurant operations are handled primarily at our restaurant support center. We have disaster recovery procedures and business continuity plans in place to address most events of a crisis nature, including tornadoes and other natural disasters, and back up and off-site locations for recovery of electronic and other forms of data and information. However, if we are unable to fully implement our disaster recovery plans, we may experience delays in recovery of data, inability to perform vital corporate functions, tardiness in required reporting and compliance, failures to adequately support field operations and other breakdowns in normal communication and operating procedures that could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operation and exposure to administrative and other legal claims.

Financial Risks

Downgrades in our credit ratings could impact our ability to access capital and materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Credit rating agencies have, and in the future may, change their credit rating for us, among other things, based on the performance of our business, our capital strategies or their overall view of our industry. There can be no assurance that any rating assigned to our currently outstanding public debt securities will remain in effect for any given period of time or that any such ratings will not be further lowered, suspended or withdrawn entirely by a rating agency if, in that agency's judgment, circumstances so warrant. A downgrade of our credit ratings could, among other things:

- Increase our cost of borrowing;

- Limit our ability to access capital;
- Result in more restrictive covenants in agreements governing the terms of any future indebtedness that we may incur, including restrictions on our ability to pay distributions or repurchase shares;
- Require us to provide collateral for any future borrowings; and
- Adversely affect the market price of our outstanding debt securities.

These ratings and our current credit condition affect, among other things, our ability to access new capital. Negative changes to these ratings may result in more stringent covenants and higher interest rates under the terms of any new debt agreement. Our credit ratings could be further lowered, or rating agencies could issue adverse commentaries in the future, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity. In particular, a weakening of our financial condition, including any further increase in our leverage or decrease in our profitability or cash flows, could adversely affect our ability to obtain necessary funds, could result in a credit rating downgrade or change in outlook, or could otherwise increase our cost of borrowing.

Declines in the market price of our common stock or changes in other circumstances that may indicate an impairment of goodwill could adversely affect our financial position and results of operations.

We perform our annual goodwill impairment tests in the second quarter of each fiscal year. Interim goodwill impairment tests are also required when events or circumstances change between annual tests that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of our reporting units below their carrying value. We performed our annual goodwill impairment test in the second quarter of fiscal 2023 and no indicators of impairment were identified. Additionally, no indicators of impairment were identified through the end of fiscal 2023. This assessment is predicated on our ability to continue to operate dining and banquet rooms and generate off-premise sales at our restaurants. We will continue to monitor and evaluate our results and evaluate the likelihood of any potential impairment charges at our reporting units.

It is possible that a change in circumstances such as the decline in the market price of our common stock or changes in consumer spending levels, or in the numerous variables associated with the judgments, assumptions and estimates made in assessing the appropriate valuation of our goodwill, could negatively impact the valuation of our brands and create the potential for the recognition of impairment losses on some or all of our goodwill. If we were required to write down a portion of our goodwill and record related non-cash impairment charges, our financial position and results of operations would be adversely affected.

Changes to estimates related to our property and equipment, or operating results that are lower than our current estimates at certain restaurant locations, may cause us to incur impairment charges on certain long-lived assets.

We make certain estimates and projections with respect to individual restaurant operations, as well as our overall performance in connection with our impairment analyses for long-lived assets. An impairment charge is required when the carrying value of the asset exceeds the estimated fair value. For example, in fiscal 2023, we recognized \$12.0 million of long-lived asset and lease asset

impairment charges as a result of decreased cash flows, and it is possible that we may incur similar charges in greater amounts in the future. Refer to Note 1 - Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies within Part II, Item 8 - Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for more information. The projection of future cash flows used in the analyses requires the use of judgment and a number of estimates and projections of future operating results. If actual results differ from our estimates, additional charges for asset impairments may be required in the future. If impairment charges are significant, our financial position and results of operations could be adversely affected.

Legal and Regulatory Risks

Litigation could have a material adverse impact on our business and our financial performance.

We are subject to lawsuits, administrative proceedings and claims that arise in the regular course of business or out of special circumstances. These matters typically involve claims by guests, team members and others regarding issues such as food-borne illness, food safety, premises liability, compliance with wage and hour requirements, work-related injuries, discrimination, harassment, disability and other operational issues common to the food service industry, as well as contract disputes and intellectual property infringement matters. Our franchise activity also creates a risk of us being named as a joint employer of workers of franchisees for alleged violations of labor and wage laws. We could be adversely affected by negative publicity and litigation costs resulting from these claims, regardless of their validity. Significant legal fees and costs in complex class action litigation or an adverse judgment or settlement that is not insured or is in excess of insurance coverage could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations.

Our business and operation could be negatively affected if we become subject to any securities litigation or shareholder activism, which could cause us to incur significant expenses, hinder execution of investment strategy and impact our stock price.

In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been brought against that company. Publicly traded companies also may become the target of shareholder activism, which could take many forms or arise in a variety of situations. Due to the potential volatility of our stock price and for a variety of other reasons, we may become the target of securities litigation or shareholder activism. Securities litigation and shareholder activism, including potential proxy contests, could result in substantial costs and legal fees and divert management's and our Board of Directors' attention and resources from our business. Additionally, such securities litigation and shareholder activism could give rise to perceived uncertainties as to our future, adversely affect our relationships with service providers and make it more difficult to attract and retain qualified personnel. Further, our stock price could be subject to significant fluctuation or otherwise be adversely affected by the events, risks and uncertainties of any securities litigation and shareholder activism.

From time to time we may implement measures that make it more difficult for an activist investor or potential acquirer to purchase a large portion of our securities, to initiate a tender offer or a proxy contest, or to acquire the Company through a merger or similar transaction. These measures may discourage investment in our common stock and may delay or discourage acquisitions that would result in our stockholders receiving a premium for their shares over the then-current market price.

Employment and labor laws and regulations may increase the cost of labor for our restaurants.

We are subject to various federal, state and local employment and labor laws and regulations that govern employment and labor matters, including, employment discrimination, minimum wages, work scheduling, overtime, tip credits, tax reporting, working conditions, safety standards, employment of minors, family leave and immigration status. Compliance with these laws and regulations can be costly, and a failure or perceived failure to comply with these laws could result in negative publicity or litigation. We have been and are under investigation for compliance periodically, and we have been and will be fined for alleged violations of these regulations. Some states and localities have, and many others are contemplating, increases to their minimum wage and tip credit wage, and such increases can have a significant impact on our labor costs. In addition, new employment or labor laws may mandate additional benefits for employees or impose additional obligations that may adversely impact the costs of labor, the availability of labor and our business operations. In addition, our suppliers may be affected by higher minimum wage standards or availability of labor, which may increase the price of goods and services they supply to us. There are no assurances that a combination of cost management and price increases can offset all of the costs associated with compliance.

Governmental regulation may adversely affect our ability to maintain our existing and future operations and to open new restaurants.

We are subject to extensive federal, state, local and international laws and regulations, which vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and which increase our exposure to litigation and governmental proceedings. Among other laws and regulations, we are subject to laws and regulations relating to the design and operation of facilities, minimum wage, licensing and regulation by alcoholic beverage control, health, sanitation, safety and fire agencies, nutritional content and menu labeling, including the Affordable Care Act, which requires restaurant companies such as ours to disclose calorie information on their menus. Compliance with these laws and regulations may lead to increased costs and operational complexity, changes in sales mix and profitability, and increased exposure to governmental investigations or litigation. We cannot reliably anticipate any changes in guest behavior resulting from implementation of these laws.

We are also subject to federal and state environmental regulations, and although these have not had a material negative effect on our operations, we cannot ensure this will not occur in the future. In particular, the United States and other foreign governments have increased focus on environmental matters such as climate change, greenhouse gases and water conservation. These efforts could result in increased taxation or in future restrictions on or increases in costs associated with food and other restaurant supplies, transportation costs and utility costs, any of which could decrease our operating profits and/or necessitate future investments in our restaurant facilities and equipment to achieve compliance.

We are subject to federal and state laws and regulations which govern the offer and sale of franchises and which may supersede the terms of franchise agreements between us and our franchisees. Failure to comply with such laws and regulations or to obtain or retain licenses or approvals to sell franchises could adversely affect us and our franchisees. Due to our international franchising, we are also subject to governmental regulations throughout the world impacting the way we do business with our international franchisees. These include antitrust and tax requirements, anti-boycott regulations, import/export/customs and other international trade regulations, the USA Patriot Act and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Failure to comply with any such legal requirements could subject us to

monetary liabilities and other sanctions, which could adversely impact our business and financial performance.

The impact of current laws and regulations, the effect of future changes in laws or regulations that impose additional requirements and the consequences of litigation relating to current or future laws and regulations, or our inability to respond effectively to significant regulatory or public policy issues, could increase our compliance and other costs of doing business and therefore have an adverse effect on our results of operations. Failure to comply with the laws and regulatory requirements of federal, state, local, and international authorities could result in, among other things, revocation of required licenses, administrative enforcement actions, fines and civil and criminal liability. Compliance with these laws and regulations can be costly and can increase our exposure to litigation or governmental investigations or proceedings.

Changes in tax laws and unanticipated tax liabilities could adversely affect the taxes we pay and our profitability.

We are subject to income and other taxes in the United States and foreign jurisdictions, and our operations, plans and results are affected by tax and other initiatives around the world. In particular, we are affected by the impact of changes to tax laws or policy or related authoritative interpretations. We are also impacted by settlements of pending or any future adjustments proposed by taxing and governmental authorities inside and outside of the United States in connection with our tax audits, all of which will depend on their timing, nature and scope. Any significant increases in income tax rates, changes in income tax laws or unfavorable resolution of tax matters could have a material adverse impact on our financial results.

Failure to achieve and maintain effective internal controls in accordance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act could have a material adverse effect on our business and stock price.

We are subject to the internal control requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, which require management to assess the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting and our independent auditors to attest to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. Our processes for designing and implementing effective internal controls involve continuous effort that requires us to anticipate and react to changes in our business as well as in the economic and regulatory environments. As a result, we expend significant resources to maintain a system of internal controls that is adequate to satisfy our reporting obligations as a public company. We cannot assure you that the measures we will take as part of this effort will be sufficient to maintain effective internal control over our financial reporting. Failure to maintain effective internal controls could result in consolidated financial statements that do not accurately reflect our financial condition, cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information, or result in regulatory scrutiny, penalties or shareholder litigation, all of which could have a negative effect on the trading price of our common stock.

General Risk Factors

Other risk factors may adversely affect our financial performance.

Other risk factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated in forward-looking statements, include, without limitation, changes in financial and credit markets (including rising interest rates); increased fuel costs and availability for our team members, customers

and suppliers; increased health care costs; health epidemics or pandemics or the prospects of these events; changes in consumer behaviors; changes in demographic trends; labor shortages and availability of employees; union organization; strikes; wars or conflicts in certain regions; terrorist acts; energy shortages and rolling blackouts; weather and climate change (including, major hurricanes and regional winter storms); inadequate insurance coverage; and limitations imposed by our credit agreements.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

Restaurant Locations

As of June 28, 2023, our system of Company-owned and franchise-operated restaurants included 1,657 restaurants. The below table contains a breakdown of our portfolio of restaurants:

	June 28, 2023		
	Domestic	International	Total
Chili's			
Company-owned	1,130	5	1,135
Franchise	101	369	470
	<u>1,231</u>	<u>374</u>	<u>1,605</u>
Maggiano's			
Company-owned	50	—	50
Franchise	2	—	2
	<u>52</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>52</u>
System-wide	<u>1,283</u>	<u>374</u>	<u>1,657</u>

Our Chili's domestic Company-owned and franchise-operated restaurants are located in 49 states. We and our franchisees also have Chili's restaurants in two United States territories, Guam and Puerto Rico, and 29 other countries: Bahrain, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tunisia, and the United Arab Emirates. Our Maggiano's Company-owned and franchise-operated restaurants are located in 22 states and Washington, D.C.

Restaurant Property Information

The following table illustrates the approximate dining room capacity for a prototypical restaurant of each of our brands:

	Chili's	Maggiano's
Square feet	3,200-8,000	8,200-23,300
Dining seats	140-340	250-760
Dining tables	20-70	40-130

As of June 28, 2023, we own 50 properties of the 1,185 Company-owned restaurant locations. The related book value of these owned restaurant locations as of June 28, 2023 includes Land of \$41.6 million and the net book value of Buildings and improvements totaling \$12.6 million. In fiscal 2023, we sold Land related to three closed restaurants, with a combined book value of \$1.8 million. The remaining 1,135 Company-owned restaurant locations are leased. These leased restaurant locations can be categorized as follows: 777 ground leases (where we lease land only, but construct the building and leasehold improvements) and 358 retail leases (where we lease the land/retail space and building, but construct the leasehold improvements). Our leased restaurants typically have an initial lease term of 10 to 20 years, with one or more renewal terms ranging from one to 10 years. The leases typically provide for a fixed rental or a fixed rental plus percentage rentals based on sales volume.

Other Properties

We lease an office building in Dallas, Texas containing approximately 216,300 square feet which we use for our corporate headquarters and menu development activities. As of June 28, 2023, we have also acquired land for a future Company-owned restaurant location with a value of \$0.8 million.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

This information is set forth within Part II, Item 8 - Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 9 - Commitments and Contingencies of this Annual Report on Form 10-K is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

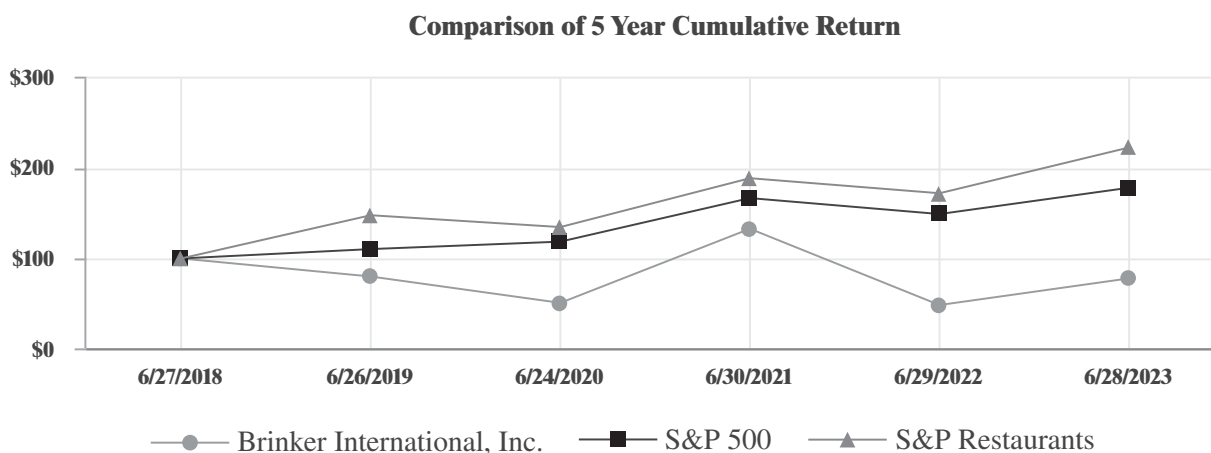
PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) under the symbol “EAT”, and as of August 18, 2023, there were 430 holders of record of our common stock.

Comparison of Five Year Cumulative Total Return

The graph below presents Brinker International, Inc.’s cumulative 5-Year total shareholder return on common stock relative to the cumulative total returns of the S&P 500 index and the S&P Restaurants index for the period of June 27, 2018 through June 28, 2023. The graph is based on \$100 invested as of June 27, 2018 in the Company’s common stock and each index, including the reinvestment of all dividends. The values shown below are neither indicative nor determinative of future performance.



	Fiscal 2018	Fiscal 2019	Fiscal 2020	Fiscal 2021	Fiscal 2022	Fiscal 2023
Brinker International, Inc.	\$ 100.00	\$ 79.93	\$ 50.61	\$ 133.03	\$ 48.20	\$ 77.86
S&P 500	\$ 100.00	\$ 110.42	\$ 118.70	\$ 167.13	\$ 149.39	\$ 178.66
S&P Restaurants ⁽¹⁾	\$ 100.00	\$ 148.08	\$ 134.90	\$ 189.26	\$ 172.52	\$ 223.43

⁽¹⁾ The S&P Restaurants Index is comprised of Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc., Darden Restaurants, Inc., Domino’s Pizza Inc., McDonald’s Corp., Starbucks Corp., and Yum! Brands, Inc.

Share Repurchase Program

In fiscal 2022, our Board of Directors approved a \$300.0 million share repurchase program, and the Company repurchased 2.3 million shares of our common stock for \$96.0 million. The Company did not repurchase any shares under the repurchase program in fiscal 2023.

During the thirteen week period ended June 28, 2023, we repurchased shares as follows (in millions, except per share amounts, unless otherwise noted):

	Total Number of Shares Purchased ⁽¹⁾	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program	Approximate Dollar Value that May Yet be Purchased Under the Program ⁽²⁾
March 30, 2023 through May 3, 2023	0.0	\$ 38.62	—	\$ 204.0
May 4, 2023 through May 31, 2023	—	—	—	204.0
June 1, 2023 through June 28, 2023	0.1	38.83	—	\$ 204.0
Total	0.1	\$ 38.81	—	

(1) These amounts include shares purchased as part of our publicly announced programs and shares owned and tendered by team members to satisfy tax withholding obligations on the vesting of restricted share awards, which are not deducted from shares available to be purchased under publicly announced programs. Shares owned and tendered by team members to satisfy tax withholding obligations were purchased at the average of the high and low prices of the Company's shares on the date of vesting. In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2023, 70,401 shares were tendered by team members at an average price of \$38.81.

(2) The final amount shown is as of June 28, 2023.

Dividend Program

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2020, our Board of Directors voted to suspend the quarterly cash dividend due to uncertainty surrounding the duration of closures of our dining rooms and other restrictions mandated by state and local governments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Future decisions to reinstate the dividend program to pay, or to increase or decrease dividends, are at the discretion of the Board of Directors and will be dependent on our operating performance, financial condition, capital expenditure requirements, limitations on cash distributions pursuant to the terms and conditions of our revolving credit facility and applicable law, and such other factors that the Board of Directors considers relevant.

ITEM 6. [RESERVED]

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

GENERAL

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") is intended to help you understand our Company, our operations and our current operating environment. For an understanding of the significant factors that influenced our performance, the MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part II, Item 8 - Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of this report. Our MD&A consists of the following sections:

- **Overview** - a brief description of our business and a discussion on the financial impact of COVID-19 and other trends impacting our business;

- **Results of Operations** - an analysis of the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income included in the Consolidated Financial Statements;
- **Liquidity and Capital Resources** - an analysis of cash flows, including capital expenditures, aggregate contractual obligations, financing activity, and known trends that may impact liquidity, including off-balance sheet arrangements; and
- **Critical Accounting Estimates** - a discussion of accounting policies that require critical judgments and estimates, including recent accounting pronouncements.

The following MD&A includes a discussion comparing our results in fiscal 2023 to fiscal 2022. For a discussion comparing our results from fiscal 2022 to fiscal 2021, refer to “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 29, 2022, filed with the SEC on August 26, 2022.

The Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, and include the accounts of Brinker International, Inc. and our wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. We have a 52 or 53 week fiscal year ending on the last Wednesday in June. We utilize a 13 week accounting period for quarterly reporting purposes, except in years containing 53 weeks when the fourth quarter contains 14 weeks. Fiscal 2023 and Fiscal 2022, which ended on June 28, 2023 and June 29, 2022, respectively, each contained 52 weeks. Fiscal 2021, which ended on June 30, 2021, contained 53 weeks. All amounts within the MD&A are presented in millions unless otherwise specified.

OVERVIEW

The Company is principally engaged in the ownership, operation, development, and franchising of the Chili’s® Grill & Bar (“Chili’s”) and Maggiano’s Little Italy® (“Maggiano’s”) restaurant brands. Our two restaurant brands, Chili’s and Maggiano’s, are both operating segments and reporting units. Refer to Part I, Item 1 - Business of this document for additional information about our business and operational strategies.

External impacts to Our Operating Environment

During both fiscal 2022 and fiscal 2023, our operating results were impacted by geopolitical and other macroeconomic events, leading to higher than usual inflation on wages and food and beverage costs. Geopolitical and other macroeconomic events could lead to wage inflation, staffing challenges, product cost inflation and disruptions in the supply chain that impact our restaurants’ ability to obtain the products needed to support their operation. Such events could also negatively affect consumer spending potentially reducing guest traffic and/or reducing the average amount guests spend in our restaurants.

During fiscal 2023, all our domestic Company-owned and franchise restaurants operated with no restrictions. During fiscal 2022, the continuing spread of COVID-19 cases (particularly the Omicron variant), significantly impacted our guest traffic and sales. Many of our restaurants had face mask requirements and some of our restaurants had proof of vaccination requirements for our customers, team members or both.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table sets forth selected operating data:

	Fiscal Years Ended			
	June 28, 2023		June 29, 2022	
	Dollars	As a percentage ⁽¹⁾	Dollars	As a percentage ⁽¹⁾
Revenues				
Company sales	\$ 4,093.2	99.0 %	\$ 3,764.5	99.0 %
Franchise revenues	40.0	1.0 %	39.6	1.0 %
Total revenues	4,133.2	100.0 %	3,804.1	100.0 %
Operating costs and expenses				
Food and beverage costs	1,146.3	28.0 %	1,048.5	27.9 %
Restaurant labor	1,389.3	34.0 %	1,288.1	34.2 %
Restaurant expenses	1,097.5	26.8 %	968.3	25.7 %
Depreciation and amortization	168.5	4.1 %	164.4	4.3 %
General and administrative	154.5	3.7 %	144.1	3.8 %
Other (gains) and charges	32.7	0.8 %	31.2	0.8 %
Total operating costs and expenses	3,988.8	96.5 %	3,644.6	95.8 %
Operating income	144.4	3.5 %	159.5	4.2 %
Interest expenses	54.9	1.3 %	46.1	1.2 %
Other income, net	(1.3)	0.0 %	(1.8)	0.0%
Income before income taxes	90.8	2.2 %	115.2	3.0 %
(Benefit) Provision for income taxes	(11.8)	(0.3)%	(2.4)	(0.1)%
Net income	\$ 102.6	2.5 %	\$ 117.6	3.1 %

⁽¹⁾ Food and beverage costs, Restaurant labor and Restaurant expenses are calculated based on a percentage of Company sales. All others are calculated as a percentage of Total revenues.

Revenues

Revenues are presented in two separate captions in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income to provide more clarity around Company-owned restaurant revenues and operating expenses trends:

- Company sales include revenues generated by the operation of Company-owned restaurants including food and beverage sales, net of discounts, gift card breakage, Maggiano's banquet service charge income, delivery, digital entertainment revenues, merchandise income and gift card discount costs from third-party gift card sales.
- Franchise revenues include royalties, franchise advertising fees, gift card equalization, and franchise and development fees.

The following is a summary of the change in Total revenues:

	Total Revenues		
	Chili's	Maggiano's	Total Revenues
Fiscal year ended June 29, 2022	\$ 3,379.6	\$ 424.5	\$ 3,804.1
Change from:			
Comparable restaurant sales ⁽¹⁾	220.3	68.3	288.6
Restaurant acquisitions ⁽²⁾	52.6	—	52.6
Restaurant openings	27.7	—	27.7
Maggiano's banquet income	—	4.3	4.3
Gift card discount costs	0.9	0.2	1.1
Gift card breakage ⁽³⁾	(17.2)	(2.4)	(19.6)
Merchandise income	0.2	—	0.2
Digital entertainment revenues	2.7	—	2.7
Delivery service fee income	(3.1)	0.6	(2.5)
Restaurant closures	(17.9)	(8.5)	(26.4)
Company sales	266.2	62.5	328.7
Franchise revenues ⁽⁴⁾	0.3	0.1	0.4
Fiscal year ended June 28, 2023	\$ 3,646.1	\$ 487.1	\$ 4,133.2

- (1) Comparable restaurant sales increased due to menu price increases and favorable menu item mix, partially offset by lower traffic.
- (2) We acquired 68 Chili's restaurants from three former franchisees in fiscal 2022. Restaurant acquisitions includes revenues of acquired restaurants until the restaurant has been in operation for more than 18 months.
- (3) Gift card breakage decreased primarily due to a prior year change in estimate to increase the breakage rate on certain aged sales years.
- (4) Our Chili's and Maggiano's franchisees generated sales of approximately \$876.0 million and \$10.6 million respectively in fiscal 2023 compared to \$806.2 million and \$8.5 million respectively in fiscal 2022.

The table below presents the percentage change in comparable restaurant sales and restaurant capacity for fiscal 2023 compared to fiscal 2022:

	Comparable Sales ⁽¹⁾	Price Impact	Mix-Shift Impact ⁽²⁾	Traffic Impact	Restaurant Capacity ⁽³⁾
Company-owned	8.1 %	9.0 %	4.4 %	(5.3)%	1.7 %
Chili's	7.0 %	9.2 %	4.7 %	(6.9)%	1.8 %
Maggiano's	17.3 %	7.9 %	2.8 %	6.6 %	(2.1)%
Franchise ⁽⁴⁾	9.6 %				
U.S.	3.3 %				
International	13.3 %				
Chili's domestic ⁽⁵⁾	6.5 %				
System-wide ⁽⁶⁾	8.4 %				

- (1) Comparable Restaurant Sales include all restaurants that have been in operation for more than 18 full months. Restaurants temporarily closed 14 days or more are excluded from Comparable Restaurant Sales. Percentage amounts are calculated based on the comparable periods year-over-year.
- (2) Mix-Shift is calculated as the year-over-year percentage change in Company sales resulting from the change in menu items ordered by guests.
- (3) Restaurant Capacity is measured by sales weeks and is calculated based on comparable periods year-over-year, including the effect of the acquisitions completed during fiscal 2022. No adjustments have been made to capacity for temporary closures.
- (4) Chili's and Maggiano's franchise sales generated by franchisees are not included in Total revenues in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income; however, we generate royalty revenues and advertising fees based on franchisee revenues, where applicable. We believe presenting Franchise Comparable Restaurant Sales provides investors relevant information regarding total brand performance.
- (5) Chili's domestic Comparable Restaurant Sales percentages are derived from sales generated by Company-owned and franchise-operated Chili's restaurants in the United States.
- (6) System-wide Comparable Restaurant Sales are derived from sales generated by Chili's and Maggiano's Company-owned and franchise-operated restaurants.

Costs and Expenses

The following is a summary of the changes in Costs and Expenses:

	Fiscal Years Ended				Favorable (Unfavorable)	
	June 28, 2023		June 29, 2022		Variance	
	Dollars	% of Company Sales	Dollars	% of Company Sales	Dollars	% of Company Sales
Food and beverage costs	\$ 1,146.3	28.0 %	\$ 1,048.5	27.9 %	\$ (97.8)	(0.1)%
Restaurant labor	1,389.3	34.0 %	1,288.1	34.2 %	(101.2)	0.2 %
Restaurant expenses	1,097.5	26.8 %	968.3	25.7 %	(129.2)	(1.1)%
Depreciation and amortization	168.5		164.4		(4.1)	
General and administrative	154.5		144.1		(10.4)	
Other (gains) and charges	32.7		31.2		(1.5)	
Interest expenses	54.9		46.1		(8.8)	
Other income, net	(1.3)		(1.8)		(0.5)	

As a percentage of Company sales:

- *Food and beverage costs* increased 0.1%, including 3.3% of higher poultry, meat, produce and other commodity costs resulting from inflationary pressures, partially offset by 2.4% of favorable menu pricing and 0.8% of favorable menu item mix.
- *Restaurant labor* decreased 0.2%, including 2.5% of sales leverage and 0.2% of lower other restaurant labor, partially offset by 1.4% of higher hourly restaurant wages due to increased staffing levels and higher wage rates and 1.1% of higher manager salaries and bonus expenses.
- *Restaurant expenses* increased 1.1%, driven by 0.8% of higher repairs and maintenance, 0.5% of higher advertising, 0.3% of higher utilities, 0.3% of higher workers' compensation and general liability insurance, 0.2% of higher rent and 0.5% of higher other restaurant expenses. These increases were partially offset by 1.5% of sales leverage.

Depreciation and amortization increased \$4.1 million as follows:

	Depreciation and Amortization
Fiscal year ended June 29, 2022	\$ 164.4
Change from:	
Additions for existing and new restaurant assets	22.0
Acquisition of Chili's restaurants ⁽¹⁾	3.2
Corporate assets	1.8
Finance leases	(3.2)
Retirements and fully depreciated restaurant assets	(19.2)
Other	(0.5)
Fiscal year ended June 28, 2023	\$ 168.5

⁽¹⁾ Represents the incremental depreciation and amortization of the assets and finance leases related to the 68 Chili's restaurants acquired in fiscal 2022.

General and administrative expenses increased \$10.4 million as follows:

	General and Administrative
Fiscal year ended June 29, 2022	\$ 144.1
Change from:	
Performance-based compensation ⁽¹⁾	7.3
Defined contribution plan employer expenses and other benefits	2.4
Payroll expenses	1.5
Travel and entertainment expenses	0.4
Stock-based compensation ⁽²⁾	(4.4)
Other ⁽³⁾	3.2
Fiscal year ended June 28, 2023	<u>\$ 154.5</u>

- (1) Performance-based compensation increased in fiscal 2023 due to higher business performance metrics compared to targets.
- (2) Stock-based compensation decreased primarily due to the reversal in the second quarter of fiscal 2023 of performance-based award expense as certain performance targets are no longer expected to be achieved.
- (3) Other increased primarily due to an increase in professional consulting fees and costs related to IT initiatives.

Other (gains) and charges consisted of the following (for further details, refer to Note 14 - Other Gains and Charges):

	Fiscal Years Ended	
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022
Restaurant level impairment charges	\$ 12.1	\$ 8.5
Restaurant closure asset write-offs and charges	8.3	3.7
Enterprise system implementation costs	4.7	2.4
Severance and other benefit charges	3.7	—
Lease contingencies	2.0	3.1
Remodel-related asset write-off	1.1	4.9
Loss from natural disasters, net of (insurance recoveries)	0.8	1.1
Gain on sale of assets, net	(3.7)	—
Other	3.7	7.5
	<u>\$ 32.7</u>	<u>\$ 31.2</u>

Interest expenses increased \$8.8 million primarily due to higher interest rates and average borrowing balances on our revolving credit facility in fiscal 2023.

Income Taxes

	Fiscal Years Ended	
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022
Effective income tax rate	(13.0)%	(2.1)%

The federal statutory tax rate was 21.0% for both fiscal 2023 and 2022. Our effective income tax rates for fiscal 2023 and 2022 were lower than the federal statutory tax rate primarily due to the leverage of the FICA tip tax credit relative to Income before income taxes. The higher tax benefit in fiscal 2023 is primarily due to an increased leverage of the FICA tip tax credit against a lower Income before incomes taxes compared to fiscal 2022.

Segment Results

Chili's Segment

	Fiscal Years Ended		Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance	
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	Dollars	%
Company sales	\$ 3,606.7	\$ 3,340.5	\$ 266.2	8.0 %
Franchise and other revenues	39.4	39.1	0.3	0.8 %
Total revenues	\$ 3,646.1	\$ 3,379.6	\$ 266.5	7.9 %

Chili's Total revenues increased 7.9% primarily due to increased menu pricing, favorable menu item mix and the acquisition of 68 Chili's restaurants from three former franchisees, partially offset by lower traffic. Refer to the "Revenues" section above for further details about Chili's revenues changes.

The following is a summary of the changes in Chili's operating costs and expenses:

	Fiscal Years Ended				Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance	
	June 28, 2023		June 29, 2022		Dollars	% of Company Sales
Dollars	% of Company Sales	Dollars	% of Company Sales			
Food and beverage costs	\$ 1,022.9	28.3 %	\$ 945.9	28.4 %	\$ (77.0)	0.1 %
Restaurant labor	1,232.3	34.2 %	1,146.5	34.3 %	(85.8)	0.1 %
Restaurant expenses	966.2	26.8 %	849.8	25.4 %	(116.4)	(1.4)%
Depreciation and amortization	145.3		139.8		(5.5)	
General and administrative	35.5		33.3		(2.2)	
Other (gains) and charges	22.0		23.3		1.3	

As a percentage of Company sales:

- Chili's Food and beverage costs decreased 0.1%, including 2.5% of favorable menu pricing and 1.0% of favorable menu item mix, partially offset by 3.4% of higher poultry, meat, produce and other commodity costs resulting from inflationary pressures.
- Chili's Restaurant labor decreased 0.1%, including 2.4% of sales leverage and 0.1% of lower other restaurant labor, partially offset by 1.2% of higher restaurant hourly wages and 1.2% of higher manager salaries and bonus expenses.
- Chili's Restaurant expenses increased 1.4%, driven by 0.8% of higher repairs and maintenance, 0.6% of higher advertising, 0.3% of higher workers' compensation and general liability insurance, 0.2% of higher utilities, 0.2% of higher rent, and 0.5% of higher other restaurant expense. These increases were partially offset by 1.2% of sales leverage.

Chili's Depreciation and amortization increased \$5.5 million as follows:

	Depreciation and Amortization
Fiscal year ended June 29, 2022	\$ 139.8
Change from:	
Additions for new and existing restaurant assets	20.3
Acquisition of Chili's restaurants ⁽¹⁾	3.2
Finance leases	(3.0)
Retirements and fully depreciated restaurant assets	(14.7)
Other	(0.3)
Fiscal year ended June 28, 2023	<u>\$ 145.3</u>

⁽¹⁾ Represents the incremental depreciation and amortization of the assets and finance leases related to the 68 Chili's restaurants acquired in fiscal 2022.

Chili's General and administrative increased \$2.2 million as follows:

	General and Administrative
Fiscal year ended June 29, 2022	\$ 33.3
Change from:	
Performance-based compensation	2.0
Payroll expenses	0.9
Defined contribution plan employer expenses and other benefits	0.7
Stock-based compensation	(1.2)
Other	(0.2)
Fiscal year ended June 28, 2023	<u>\$ 35.5</u>

Chili's Other (gains) and charges consisted of the following (for further details, refer to Note 14 - Other Gains and Charges):

	Fiscal Years Ended	
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022
Restaurant level impairment charges	\$ 12.1	\$ 8.3
Restaurant closure asset write-offs and charges	7.3	3.6
Severance and other benefit charges	1.9	—
Remodel-related asset write-off	1.1	4.8
Loss from natural disasters, net of (insurance recoveries)	0.8	1.1
Gain on sale of assets, net	(3.7)	—
Other	2.5	5.5
	<u>\$ 22.0</u>	<u>\$ 23.3</u>

Maggiano's Segment

	Fiscal Years Ended		Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance	
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	Dollars	%
Company sales	\$ 486.5	\$ 424.0	\$ 62.5	14.7 %
Franchise revenues	0.6	0.5	0.1	20.0 %
Total revenues	\$ 487.1	\$ 424.5	\$ 62.6	14.7 %

Maggiano's Total revenues increased 14.7% primarily due to increased menu pricing, favorable menu item mix and higher traffic. Total banquet income increased \$4.3 million in fiscal 2023 compared to fiscal 2022 as our banquet business recovered from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Refer to the "Revenues" section above for further details about Maggiano's revenues changes.

The following is a summary of the changes in Maggiano's operating costs and expenses:

	Fiscal Years Ended				Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance	
	June 28, 2023		June 29, 2022		Dollars	% of Company Sales
	Dollars	% of Company Sales	Dollars	% of Company Sales		
Food and beverage costs	\$ 123.4	25.3 %	\$ 102.6	24.2 %	\$ (20.8)	(1.1)%
Restaurant labor	157.0	32.3 %	141.6	33.4 %	(15.4)	1.1 %
Restaurant expenses	130.4	26.8 %	117.9	27.8 %	(12.5)	1.0 %
Depreciation and amortization	13.0		13.4		0.4	
General and administrative	7.8		8.0		0.2	
Other (gains) and charges	1.4		—		(1.4)	

As a percentage of Company sales:

- Maggiano's Food and beverage costs increased 1.1%, including 2.1% of unfavorable commodity pricing and 0.2% of unfavorable menu item mix, partially offset by 1.2% of favorable menu pricing.
- Maggiano's Restaurant labor decreased 1.1%, including 4.2% of sales leverage, 0.2% of lower manager bonus and 0.1% of other restaurant labor, partially offset by 2.8% of higher restaurant hourly wages and 0.6% of higher manager salaries.
- Maggiano's Restaurant expenses decreased 1.0%, driven by 2.5% of sales leverage, partially offset by 0.5% of higher delivery fees and to-go supplies, 0.4% of higher repairs and maintenance, 0.2% of higher workers' compensation and general liability insurance and 0.4% of higher other restaurant expenses.

Maggiano's Other (gains) and charges primarily consisted of restaurant closure asset write offs and charges, refer to Note 14 - Other Gains and Charges)

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Our significant accounting policies are disclosed in Note 1 - Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in Part II, Item 8 - Financial Statements and Supplementary Data,

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. The following discussion addresses our most critical accounting estimates, which are those that are most important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results, and that require significant judgment.

Gift Card Revenues Recognition

Proceeds from the sale of gift cards are recorded as deferred revenues and recognized as revenues when the gift cards are redeemed by the holders. Breakage income represents the value associated with the portion of gift cards sold that will most likely never be redeemed and is estimated based on our historical gift card redemption patterns and actuarial estimates. Breakage revenues are recognized proportionate to the pattern of related gift card redemptions. We recognize breakage income in Franchise revenues in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

We update our breakage rate estimate periodically and, if necessary, adjust the deferred revenues balance accordingly. If actual redemption patterns vary from our estimate, actual gift card breakage income may differ from the amounts recorded. Changing our breakage-rate assumption used to record breakage attributable to gift cards sold in fiscal 2023 by 50 basis points would result in an impact to the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income of approximately \$0.6 million on the current year.

Valuation of Long-Lived Assets

We review the carrying amount of property, equipment and lease assets on an annual basis or more often if events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. The impairment test is a two-step process. Step one includes comparing the operating cash flows of each restaurant over its remaining service life to the carrying value of the asset group. If the cash flows exceed the carrying value, then the asset group is not impaired, and no further evaluation is required. If the carrying value of the asset group exceeds its cash flows, impairment may exist and performing step two is necessary to determine the impairment loss. If the carrying amount is not recoverable, we record an impairment charge for the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value of the asset group. We determine fair value based on discounted projected future operating cash flows of each restaurant over its remaining service life using a risk adjusted discount rate. This process requires the use of estimates and assumptions, which are subject to a high degree of judgment.

Leases

At the inception of each lease, we evaluate the lease agreement to determine whether it is an operating or finance lease. The evaluation requires significant judgments in determining the fair value of the lease asset and the lease liability and the appropriate reasonably certain lease term. Given that our lease agreements generally do not provide an implicit interest rate, we estimate our fully collateralized incremental borrowing rate corresponding with the lease terms for the purposes of determining the fair value of initial liability for each lease.

We also estimate the reasonably certain lease term at inception. The lease term commences on the date when the lessor makes the underlying property available, irrespective of the contractual lease payments schedule. When determining the length of the lease term at commencement, we consider both termination and renewal option periods available. The renewal periods included in the lease term at the inception are those during which failure to renew the lease imposes a significant penalty on us.

Lease accounting requires the application of significant judgements by management. Variation in judgements applied could result in a change of lease classification and materially different expenses

such as rent, depreciation and amortization in a given reporting period; fair value of lease asset and lease liability at inception; or reasonably certain lease terms at inception.

Income Taxes

We make certain estimates and judgments in the calculation of tax expenses, the resulting tax liabilities, and in the recoverability of deferred tax assets that arise from temporary differences between the tax and financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. When considered necessary, we record a valuation allowance to reduce deferred tax assets to a balance that is more likely than not to be recognized. We use an estimate of our annual effective tax rate at each interim period based on the facts and circumstances available at that time while the actual effective tax rate is calculated at year-end.

We have recorded deferred tax assets reflecting the benefit of income tax credits and state loss carryforwards, which expire in varying amounts. Realization is dependent on generating sufficient taxable income in the relevant jurisdiction prior to expiration of the income tax credits and state loss carryforwards. Although realization is not assured, management believes it is more likely than not that the recognized deferred tax assets will be realized. The amount of the deferred tax assets considered realizable, however, could be reduced in the near term if estimates of future taxable income in the carryforward period are reduced.

We record a liability for unrecognized tax benefits resulting from tax positions taken, or expected to be taken, in an income tax return. We recognize any interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in (Benefit) Provision for income taxes. Significant judgment is required in assessing, among other factors, the timing and amounts of deductible and taxable items. Tax reserves are evaluated and adjusted as appropriate, while taking into account the progress of audits of various taxing jurisdictions.

In addition to the risks related to the effective tax rate described above, the effective tax rate reflected in forward-looking statements is based on current tax law. Any significant changes in the tax laws could affect these estimates.

Insurance Reserves

We are self-insured for certain losses related to health, general liability and workers' compensation. We maintain stop loss coverage with third-party insurers to limit our total exposure. We record a liability for all unresolved claims and for an estimate of incurred but not reported claims at the anticipated cost that falls below our specified retention levels or per-claim deductible amounts. This liability represents an estimate of the ultimate cost of claims incurred and unpaid as of the balance sheet date.

In establishing our reserves, we consider certain actuarial assumptions and judgments regarding economic conditions, the frequency and severity of claims and claim development history and settlement practices. The estimated liability is not discounted and is established based upon analysis of historical data and actuarial estimates and is reviewed on a quarterly basis to ensure that the liability is appropriate. If actual results are not consistent with our estimates or assumptions, we may be exposed to losses or gains that could be material.

Effect of New Accounting Standards

The impact of new accounting pronouncements can be found at Note 1 - Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in Part II, Item 8 - Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash Flows

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

	Fiscal Years Ended		Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 256.3	\$ 252.2	\$ 4.1

Net cash provided by operating activities increased due to a decrease in payments of performance-based compensation in the current year and the timing of operational receipts and payments, partially offset by an increase in income tax payments, net of refunds received and a decrease in operating income.

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

	Fiscal Years Ended		Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property and equipment	\$ (184.9)	\$ (150.3)	\$ (34.6)
Payments for franchise restaurant acquisitions	—	(106.6)	106.6
Proceeds from sale leaseback transactions, net of related expenses	—	20.5	(20.5)
Proceeds from note receivable	4.5	2.1	2.4
Proceeds from sale of assets	5.5	0.1	5.4
Insurance recoveries	0.7	—	0.7
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (174.2)	\$ (234.2)	\$ 60.0

Net cash used in investing activities decreased primarily due to \$106.6 million of cash consideration paid for the purchase of 68 Chili's restaurants in fiscal 2022, partially offset by proceeds of \$20.5 million received from the sale leaseback transactions on six of the acquired restaurants in fiscal 2022. Additionally, capital expenditures increased in fiscal 2023 primarily for construction of new restaurants, new equipment purchases, and increased capital maintenance, partially offset by the reduction in scope of the Chili's remodel initiative and reduced technology spend.

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

	Fiscal Years Ended		Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	
Cash flows from financing activities			
Borrowings on revolving credit facility	\$ 765.0	\$ 720.5	\$ 44.5
Payments on revolving credit facility	(875.0)	(620.5)	(254.5)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	350.0	—	350.0
Payments on long-term debt	(322.1)	(23.7)	(298.4)
Purchases of treasury stock	(5.0)	(100.9)	95.9
Proceeds from issuance of treasury stock	12.5	0.4	12.1
Payments for debt issuance costs	(5.3)	(3.1)	(2.2)
Payments of dividends	(0.6)	(1.1)	0.5
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>\$ (80.5)</u>	<u>\$ (28.4)</u>	<u>\$ (52.1)</u>

Net cash used in financing activities increased primarily due to the payoff of the \$300.0 million 3.875% notes and \$110.0 million of net repayment activity in fiscal 2023 compared to \$100.0 million of net borrowing activity in fiscal 2022 on the revolving credit facility, partially offset by proceeds from issuance of the \$350.0 million 8.250% notes (the “2030 Notes”), a decrease in share repurchases and an increase in proceeds from employee stock option exercises.

Revolving Credit Facility

On May 2, 2023, we amended our \$800.0 million revolving credit facility to increase the capacity to \$900.0 million and to adopt SOFR as the new benchmark rate, replacing LIBOR. During fiscal 2023, we incurred and capitalized \$0.5 million of debt issuance costs associated with the revolving credit facility, which are included in Other assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The \$900.0 million revolving credit facility, as amended, matures on August 18, 2026 and bears interest of SOFR plus an applicable margin of 1.500% to 2.250% and an undrawn commitment fee of 0.250% to 0.350%, both based on a function of our debt-to-cash-flow ratio. As of June 28, 2023, our interest rate was 6.952% consisting of SOFR of 5.102% plus the applicable margin and spread adjustment of 1.850%. As of June 28, 2023, there was \$738.7 million of borrowing capacity under the revolving credit facility.

On May 15, 2023, our \$300.0 million 3.875% notes matured and the payoff was funded with borrowings from our revolving credit facility.

On June 27, 2023, we issued \$350.0 million of 8.250% senior notes due July 15, 2030 and used \$340.0 million of the proceeds to reduce outstanding borrowings on the revolver. The 2030 Notes require semi-annual interest payments in arrears, on each January 15 and July 15, beginning on January 15, 2024. During fiscal 2023, we incurred and capitalized \$5.7 million of debt issuance costs associated with the 2030 Notes, which are included in Long-term debt and finance leases, less current installments in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

As of June 28, 2023, we were in compliance with our covenants pursuant to the \$900.0 million revolving credit facility and under the terms of the indentures governing our 2024 Notes and 2030

Notes. Refer to Note 8 - Debt within Part II, Item 8 - Financial Statements and Supplementary Data for further information about our notes and revolving credit facility.

Share Repurchase Program

In fiscal 2022, our Board of Directors approved a \$300.0 million share repurchase program, and the Company repurchased 2.3 million shares of our common stock for \$96.0 million. The Company did not repurchase any shares under the repurchase program in fiscal 2023. Our share repurchase program is used to return capital to shareholders and to minimize the dilutive impact of stock options and other share-based awards. We evaluate potential share repurchases under our plan based on several factors, including our cash position, share price, operational liquidity, proceeds from divestitures, borrowings and planned investment and financing needs. Repurchased shares are reflected as an increase in Treasury stock within Shareholders' deficit in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In fiscal 2023, we repurchased 0.1 million shares of our common stock for \$5.0 million, all of which were purchased from team members to satisfy tax withholding obligations on the vesting of restricted shares. These withheld shares of common stock are not considered common stock repurchases under our authorized common stock repurchase plan. On June 28, 2023, we had \$204.0 million of authorized repurchases remaining under the share repurchase program.

Dividend Program

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2020, our Board of Directors voted to suspend the quarterly cash dividend due to uncertainty surrounding the duration of closures of our dining rooms and other restrictions mandated by state and local governments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Future decisions to reinstate the dividend program to pay, or to increase or decrease dividends, are at the discretion of the Board of Directors and will be dependent on our operating performance, financial condition, capital expenditure requirements, limitations on cash distributions pursuant to the terms and conditions of our revolving credit facility and applicable law, and such other factors that the Board of Directors considers relevant.

Cash Flow Outlook

Cash flow from operations typically provides the company with a significant source of liquidity. During fiscal 2023, all our domestic Company-owned and franchise restaurants operated with no state or local restrictions. Additionally, during fiscal 2023, we increased the capacity under our revolving credit facility by \$100.0 million and issued new \$350.0 million senior notes that mature in 2030.

As a result of uncertainties in the near-term macro environment, including supply chain challenges, and commodity and labor inflation, we continue to focus on cash flow generation and maintaining a solid and flexible financial position to execute our long-term strategy of investing in our business. We continue to monitor the macro environment and will adjust our overall approach to capital allocation, including share repurchases, as events and macroeconomic trends unfolds.

Based on the current level of operations, we believe that our current cash and cash equivalents, coupled with cash generated from operations and availability under our existing revolving credit facility will be adequate to meet our capital expenditure and working capital needs for at least the next twelve months, including the repayment of current debt obligations.

Future Commitments and Contractual Obligations

Payments due under our contractual obligations for outstanding indebtedness, leases and purchase obligations as of June 28, 2023 are as follows:

	Payments Due by Period					Total
	Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More than 5 Years		
Long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	\$ —	\$ 350.0	\$ 161.3	\$ 350.0	\$ 861.3	
Interest ⁽²⁾	44.9	88.9	59.2	72.2	265.2	
Finance leases ⁽³⁾	13.7	20.4	15.1	40.1	89.3	
Operating leases ⁽³⁾	179.4	342.4	277.0	944.5	1,743.3	
Purchase obligations ⁽⁴⁾	30.0	38.3	2.5	—	70.8	

- (1) Long-term debt consists of principal amounts owed on the 5.000% and 8.250% notes and the revolving credit facility. As of June 28, 2023, \$738.7 million of credit is available under the revolving credit facility. The revolving credit facility is due in August 2026.
- (2) Interest consists of remaining interest payments on the 5.000% and 8.250% notes totaling \$230.2 million and remaining interest payments on the revolver totaling \$35.0 million. The interest rates on the notes are fixed whereas the interest rate on the revolver is variable based on SOFR and our applicable margin. We have assumed that the revolver balance carried will be \$161.3 million until the maturity date of August 18, 2026 using the interest rate of 6.952%, which is the total of SOFR plus our applicable margin as of June 28, 2023.
- (3) Finance leases and Operating leases total future lease payments represent the contractual obligations due under the lease agreements, including cancellable option periods where we are reasonably assured to exercise the options. As of June 28, 2023, these total future lease payments included non-cancelable lease commitments of \$63.6 million for finance leases and \$1,067.6 million for operating leases.
- (4) Purchase obligations are defined as an agreement to purchase goods or services that is enforceable and legally binding on us and that specifies all significant terms, including: fixed or minimum quantities to be purchased; fixed, minimum or variable price provisions; and the approximate timing of the transaction. Our purchase obligations primarily consist of long-term obligations for the purchase of fountain beverages, software and professional services contracts, as well as non-cancellable insurance premiums, and exclude agreements that are cancellable without significant penalty.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have entered into certain pre-commencement leases as disclosed in Note 7 - Leases and have obligations for guarantees on certain lease agreements and letters of credit as disclosed in Note 9 - Commitments and Contingencies included within Part II, Item 8 - Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

This market risk discussion contains forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from this discussion based upon general market conditions and changes in domestic and global financial markets.

Interest Rate Risk

The terms of our revolving credit facility require us to pay interest on outstanding borrowings at SOFR plus an applicable margin based on a function of our debt-to-cash-flow ratio. As of June 28, 2023, \$161.3 million was outstanding under the revolving credit facility. The impact on our annual results of operations of a hypothetical 100 basis points interest rate change on the outstanding balance of this variable rate financial instrument as of June 28, 2023 would be approximately \$1.6 million.

Commodity Price Risk

We purchase food and other commodities for use in our operations based on market prices established with our suppliers. While our purchasing commitments partially mitigate the risk of such fluctuations, there is no assurance that supply and demand factors such as disease, inclement weather or recent geopolitical unrest, will not cause the prices of the commodities used in our restaurant operations to fluctuate. The aggregate impact of these and other factors have contributed to significant cost inflation. Additionally, if there is a time lag between the increasing commodity prices and our ability to increase menu prices or if we believe the commodity price increase to be short in duration and we choose not to pass on the cost increases, our short-term financial results could be negatively affected.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors
Brinker International, Inc.:

Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Brinker International, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of June 28, 2023 and June 29, 2022, the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, shareholders' deficit, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended June 28, 2023, and the related notes (collectively, the consolidated financial statements). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of June 28, 2023 and June 29, 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended June 28, 2023, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of June 28, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, and our report dated August 23, 2023 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Critical Audit Matter

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the consolidated financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of a critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated

financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

Assessment of gift card breakage revenue

As discussed in Notes 1 and 2 to the consolidated financial statements, gift card breakage revenue represents the monetary value associated with outstanding gift card balances that will not be redeemed. The Company estimates this amount based on the historical gift card redemption patterns and recognizes the estimated breakage as revenue in proportion to the pattern of related gift card redemptions. The gift card breakage revenue recognized for the year ended June 28, 2023 was \$16.5 million.

We identified the assessment of gift card breakage revenue as a critical audit matter. Subjective auditor judgment was required to evaluate the Company's assessment of the trends in historical and expected future redemption patterns as well as the actuarial models utilized to update the breakage rate.

The following are the primary procedures we performed to address this critical audit matter. We evaluated the design and tested the operating effectiveness of certain internal controls related to the Company's gift card breakage revenue process. This included controls related to the Company's estimation of the breakage rate, review of the actuarial models used, and the timing of breakage revenue recognition. We assessed breakage revenue by comparing the Company's estimated breakage rate to rates derived from historical redemption data. We evaluated the timing of breakage revenue recognition by analyzing historical redemption patterns and assessing the volume of redemptions subsequent to the period of breakage revenue recognition. We also involved actuarial professionals with specialized skills and knowledge, who assisted in assessing the reasonableness of the actuarial models by comparing them to generally accepted actuarial standards.

/s/ KPMG LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 1984.

Dallas, Texas

August 23, 2023

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors
Brinker International, Inc.:

Opinion on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We have audited Brinker International, Inc. and subsidiaries' (the Company) internal control over financial reporting as of June 28, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of June 28, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of June 28, 2023 and June 29, 2022, the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, shareholders' deficit, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended June 28, 2023, and the related notes (collectively, the consolidated financial statements), and our report dated August 23, 2023 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

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

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are

recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

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

/s/ KPMG LLP

Dallas, Texas

August 23, 2023

MANAGEMENT’S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act. The Company’s internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and includes those policies and procedures that:

- Pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;
- Provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and
- Provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company’s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

We have assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on our assessment, we concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of June 28, 2023.

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

The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of June 28, 2023 has been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in its attestation report which is included herein.

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
(In millions, except per share amounts)

	Fiscal Years Ended		
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	June 30, 2021 ⁽¹⁾
Revenues			
Company sales	\$ 4,093.2	\$ 3,764.5	\$ 3,301.3
Franchise revenues	40.0	39.6	36.5
Total revenues	4,133.2	3,804.1	3,337.8
Operating costs and expenses			
Food and beverage costs	1,146.3	1,048.5	867.8
Restaurant labor	1,389.3	1,288.1	1,108.2
Restaurant expenses	1,097.5	968.3	858.5
Depreciation and amortization	168.5	164.4	150.2
General and administrative	154.5	144.1	134.8
Other (gains) and charges	32.7	31.2	19.0
Total operating costs and expenses	3,988.8	3,644.6	3,138.5
Operating income	144.4	159.5	199.3
Interest expenses	54.9	46.1	56.2
Other income, net	(1.3)	(1.8)	(2.1)
Income before income taxes	90.8	115.2	145.2
(Benefit) Provision for income taxes	(11.8)	(2.4)	13.6
Net income	\$ 102.6	\$ 117.6	\$ 131.6
Basic net income per share			
	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.62	\$ 2.89
Diluted net income per share			
	\$ 2.28	\$ 2.58	\$ 2.83
Basic weighted average shares outstanding			
	44.1	44.8	45.5
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding			
	45.0	45.6	46.6
Other comprehensive income			
Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$ (0.7)	\$ (0.6)	\$ 1.5
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(0.7)	(0.6)	1.5
Comprehensive income	\$ 101.9	\$ 117.0	\$ 133.1

- ⁽¹⁾ Fiscal 2021, which ended on June 30, 2021, contained 53 weeks. The impact of the 53rd week in fiscal 2021 resulted in an increase in Total revenues. While certain expenses increased in direct relationship to additional revenues from the 53rd week, other expenses, such as fixed costs, are incurred on a calendar month basis.

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(In millions, except per share amounts)

	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15.1	\$ 13.5
Accounts receivable, net	60.9	66.4
Inventories	34.5	35.6
Restaurant supplies	55.6	55.5
Prepaid expenses	17.2	25.7
Income taxes receivable, net	—	4.5
Total current assets	<u>183.3</u>	<u>201.2</u>
Property and equipment, at cost		
Land	42.4	43.4
Buildings and leasehold improvements	1,635.7	1,603.9
Furniture and equipment	765.8	793.0
Construction-in-progress	30.1	33.6
	<u>2,474.0</u>	<u>2,473.9</u>
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(1,665.7)	(1,657.2)
Net property and equipment	<u>808.3</u>	<u>816.7</u>
Other assets		
Operating lease assets	1,134.9	1,160.5
Goodwill	195.0	195.1
Deferred income taxes, net	93.4	62.5
Intangibles, net	23.9	27.4
Other	48.2	21.0
Total other assets	<u>1,495.4</u>	<u>1,466.5</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,487.0</u>	<u>\$ 2,484.4</u>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 125.7	\$ 134.3
Gift card liability	73.0	83.9
Accrued payroll	106.1	111.0
Operating lease liabilities	112.4	112.7
Other accrued liabilities	116.3	116.1
Income taxes payable, net	2.4	—
Total current liabilities	<u>535.9</u>	<u>558.0</u>
Long-term debt and finance leases, less current installments	912.2	989.1
Long-term operating lease liabilities, less current portion	1,125.8	1,151.1
Other liabilities	57.4	54.3
Commitments and contingencies (Note 9)		
Shareholders' deficit		
Common stock (250.0 million authorized shares; \$0.10 par value; 60.3 million shares issued and 44.6 million shares outstanding at June 28, 2023, and 70.3 million shares issued and 43.8 million shares outstanding at June 29, 2022)	6.0	7.0
Additional paid-in capital	690.0	690.9
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(6.0)	(5.3)
Accumulated deficit	(351.9)	(148.4)
Treasury stock, at cost (15.7 million shares at June 28, 2023, and 26.5 million shares at June 29, 2022)	(482.4)	(812.3)
Total shareholders' deficit	<u>(144.3)</u>	<u>(268.1)</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' deficit	<u>\$ 2,487.0</u>	<u>\$ 2,484.4</u>

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(In millions)

	Fiscal Years Ended		
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	June 30, 2021
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net income	\$ 102.6	\$ 117.6	\$ 131.6
Adjustments to reconcile Net income to Net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	168.5	164.4	150.2
Deferred income taxes, net	(30.9)	(11.7)	(12.5)
Restructure and impairment charges	24.0	20.3	9.8
Stock-based compensation	14.4	18.6	16.4
Net loss on disposal of assets	2.7	3.4	1.8
Other	1.8	3.0	3.7
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the impact of acquisitions:			
Accounts receivable, net	0.7	3.4	(9.9)
Inventories	0.0	(5.5)	(2.2)
Restaurant supplies	(1.1)	(1.6)	(1.0)
Prepaid expenses	(20.6)	(12.2)	0.3
Current income taxes	8.0	14.4	14.7
Operating lease assets, net of liabilities	(2.8)	3.4	(27.6)
Other assets	0.0	0.0	(0.5)
Accounts payable	(5.8)	0.2	21.1
Gift card liability	(10.9)	(23.3)	(3.5)
Accrued payroll	(5.3)	(11.5)	57.2
Other accrued liabilities	10.0	(2.0)	6.3
Other liabilities	1.0	(28.7)	13.8
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>256.3</u>	<u>252.2</u>	<u>369.7</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property and equipment	(184.9)	(150.3)	(94.0)
Payments for franchise restaurant acquisitions	—	(106.6)	—
Proceeds from sale leaseback transactions, net of related expenses	—	20.5	—
Proceeds from note receivable	4.5	2.1	1.5
Proceeds from sale of assets	5.5	0.1	1.6
Insurance recoveries	0.7	—	—
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(174.2)</u>	<u>(234.2)</u>	<u>(90.9)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Borrowings on revolving credit facility	765.0	720.5	43.4
Payments on revolving credit facility	(875.0)	(620.5)	(345.0)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	350.0	—	—
Payments on long-term debt	(322.1)	(23.7)	(20.0)
Purchases of treasury stock	(5.0)	(100.9)	(4.2)
Proceeds from issuance of treasury stock	12.5	0.4	30.7
Payments for debt issuance costs	(5.3)	(3.1)	(2.2)
Payments of dividends	(0.6)	(1.1)	(1.5)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(80.5)</u>	<u>(28.4)</u>	<u>(298.8)</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	1.6	(10.4)	(20.0)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	13.5	23.9	43.9
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 15.1</u>	<u>\$ 13.5</u>	<u>\$ 23.9</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:			
Income taxes paid (refunds received), net	\$ 12.4	\$ (4.7)	\$ 9.7
Interest paid, net of amounts capitalized	51.0	41.0	49.5
Accrued capital expenditures	11.3	15.2	8.8

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BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Deficit
(In millions)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total
	Shares	Amount					
Balances at June 24, 2020	45.0	\$ 7.0	\$ 669.4	\$ (397.5)	\$ (751.8)	\$ (6.2)	\$ (479.1)
Net income	—	—	—	131.6	—	—	131.6
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	1.5	1.5
Dividends	—	—	—	(0.2)	—	—	(0.2)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	16.4	—	—	—	16.4
Purchases of treasury stock	(0.1)	—	(1.2)	—	(3.0)	—	(4.2)
Issuances of treasury stock	1.0	—	0.8	—	29.9	—	30.7
Balances at June 30, 2021	45.9	7.0	685.4	(266.1)	(724.9)	(4.7)	(303.3)
Net income	—	—	—	117.6	—	—	117.6
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	—	(0.6)	(0.6)
Dividends	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	0.1
Stock-based compensation	—	—	18.6	—	—	—	18.6
Purchases of treasury stock	(2.4)	—	(2.0)	—	(98.9)	—	(100.9)
Issuances of treasury stock	0.3	—	(11.1)	—	11.5	—	0.4
Balances at June 29, 2022	43.8	7.0	690.9	(148.4)	(812.3)	(5.3)	(268.1)
Net income	—	—	—	102.6	—	—	102.6
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	—	(0.7)	(0.7)
Dividends	—	—	—	0.0	—	—	0.0
Stock-based compensation	—	—	14.4	—	—	—	14.4
Purchases of treasury stock	(0.1)	—	(0.4)	—	(4.6)	—	(5.0)
Issuances of treasury stock	0.9	—	(14.9)	—	27.4	—	12.5
Retirement of stock	—	(1.0)	—	(306.1)	307.1	—	—
Balances at June 28, 2023	44.6	\$ 6.0	\$ 690.0	\$ (351.9)	\$ (482.4)	\$ (6.0)	\$ (144.3)

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

The Company is principally engaged in the ownership, operation, development and franchising of the Chili's® Grill & Bar ("Chili's") and Maggiano's Little Italy® ("Maggiano's") restaurant brands. As of June 28, 2023, we owned, operated or franchised 1,657 restaurants, consisting of 1,185 Company-owned restaurants and 472 franchised restaurants, located in the United States, 29 other countries and two United States territories.

Basis of Presentation

Principles of Consolidation - The Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"), and include the accounts of Brinker International, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. All amounts within the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are presented in millions unless otherwise specified.

Fiscal Year - We have a 52 or 53 week fiscal year ending on the last Wednesday in June. We utilize a 13 week accounting period for quarterly reporting purposes, except in years containing 53 weeks when the fourth quarter contains 14 weeks. Fiscal 2023 and Fiscal 2022, which ended on June 28, 2023 and June 29, 2022, respectively, each contained 52 weeks. Fiscal 2021, which ended on June 30, 2021, contained 53 weeks.

Reclassifications - Beginning in fiscal 2023, we are presenting certain revenue streams related to gift cards, digital entertainment, Maggiano's banquet service charges and delivery fees within Company sales to better align with the presentation used within the casual dining industry. Our presentation of Franchise revenues will now include only revenues related to the ongoing franchise-operated restaurants. Comparative figures in prior years have been adjusted to conform to the current year's presentation. These reclassifications have no effect on Total revenues or Net income previously reported.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements is in conformity with GAAP and requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the Consolidated Financial Statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and costs and expenses in the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

External Impacts to Our Operating Environment - During both fiscal 2022 and fiscal 2023, our operating results were impacted by geopolitical and other macroeconomic events, leading to higher than usual inflation on wages and food and beverage costs. During fiscal 2023, all our domestic Company-owned and franchise restaurants operated with no restrictions. During fiscal 2022, the continuing spread of COVID-19 cases (particularly the Omicron variant), significantly impacted our guest traffic and sales. Many of our restaurants had face mask requirements and some of our restaurants had proof of vaccination requirements for our customers, team members or both.

Significant Accounting Policies

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Our policy is to invest cash in excess of operating requirements in income-producing investments. Income-producing investments with original maturities of three months or less are reflected as cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable - Accounts receivable, net of the allowance for credit losses, represents the estimated net realizable value. Our primary accounts receivables are due from third-party gift card sales, vendor rebates, restaurant sales made with credit cards and franchisees. Provisions for credit losses are recorded based on management’s judgment regarding our ability to collect as well as the age of the receivables. Accounts receivable are written off when they are deemed uncollectible.

Inventories - Inventories consist of food, beverages and supplies and are valued at the lower of cost (using the first-in, first-out method) or net realizable value.

Cloud-Based Computing Arrangements - The Company defers application development stage costs for cloud-based computing arrangements and amortizes those costs over the related service (subscription) agreement. The current and long term portion is included in Prepaid expenses and Other assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, respectively.

Fair Value Measurements - Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date under market conditions. Fair value measurements are categorized in three levels based on the types of significant inputs used, as follows:

Level 1	Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
Level 2	Observable inputs available at measurement date other than quote prices included in Level 1
Level 3	Unobservable inputs that cannot be corroborated by observable market data

Property and Equipment - Property and equipment is recorded at cost and depreciated using the straight-line method over the lesser of the remaining term of the lease, including certain renewal options, or the estimated useful lives of the assets. Typical useful lives of our Buildings and leasehold improvements range from 5 to 20 years, and Furniture and equipment range from 3 to 7 years.

Depreciation expenses related to property and equipment for the fiscal years ended June 28, 2023, June 29, 2022, and June 30, 2021, of \$165.3 million, \$161.3 million, and \$148.2 million, respectively, were recorded in Depreciation and amortization in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Routine repair and maintenance costs are expensed when incurred. Major replacements and improvements are capitalized.

We review the carrying amount of property and equipment on an annual basis or when events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. We have determined the restaurant level is the lowest level of identifiable cash flows. If the carrying amount is not recoverable, we record an impairment charge for the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value. We determine fair value based on discounted projected future operating cash flows of the restaurants over their remaining service life using a risk adjusted discount rate that is commensurate with the inherent risk that is considered Level 3 (refer to Fair Value Measurements policy above for definition of levels). Impairment charges are included in Other (gains) and charges in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Leases - We recognize, on the balance sheet, the lease assets and related lease liabilities for the rights and obligations created at lease commencement by operating and finance leases with lease terms of more than 12 months. The lease term commences on the date the lessor makes the underlying asset or assets available, irrespective of when lease payments begin under the contract. When determining the

lease term at commencement, we consider both termination and renewal option periods available, and only include the period for which failure to renew the lease imposes a penalty on us in such an amount that renewal, or termination options, appear to be reasonably certain.

Our lease liability is generally based on the present value of the lease payments, consisting of fixed costs and certain rent escalations, using our incremental borrowing rate applicable to the lease term. The lease asset is generally based on the lease liability, adjusted for amounts related to other lease-related assets and liabilities. Our adjustments typically include prepaid rent, landlord contributions as a reduction to the asset and favorable or unfavorable lease purchase price adjustments.

The interest rates used in our lease contracts are not implicit. We have derived our incremental borrowing rate using the interest rate we would pay on our existing borrowings, adjusted for the effect of designating collateral and the lease terms using market data as well as publicly available data for instruments with similar characteristics. The reasonably certain lease term and incremental borrowing rate for each lease requires judgment by management and can impact the classification and accounting for a lease as operating or finance, as well as the value of the lease asset and lease liability.

Lease asset carrying amounts are assessed for impairment annually or when events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable, in accordance with our long-lived asset impairment policy. We monitor for events or changes in circumstances that require reassessment of lease classification. When a reassessment results in the re-measurement of a lease liability, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the lease asset.

Variable lease costs, consisting primarily of property taxes, maintenance expenses and contingent rent, are expensed as incurred in Restaurant expenses related to restaurant properties and General and administrative for our corporate headquarters in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income and are not included in lease liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Contingent rent represents payment of variable lease obligations based on a percentage of sales, as defined by the terms of the applicable lease, for certain restaurant facilities and is recorded at the point in time we determine that it is probable that such sales levels will be achieved.

Operating lease expenses are recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term in Restaurant expenses for restaurant properties and General and administrative for our corporate headquarters, in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Finance lease expenses are recognized on a straight-line basis over the lesser of the useful life of the leased asset or the lease term and the expenses are recognized in Depreciation and amortization in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Interest on each finance lease liability is recorded to Interest expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Definite-Lived Intangible Assets - Definite-lived intangible assets primarily include the reacquired franchise rights resulting from our acquisitions and included in Intangibles, net in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. These assets are amortized using the straight-line method over the remaining term of the related franchise agreement. We determine the fair value of reacquired franchise rights based on discounted projected future operating cash flows of the restaurants associated with these franchise rights. We review the carrying amount annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. If the carrying amount is not recoverable, we record an impairment charge for the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value. Impairment charges are included in Other (gains) and charges in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets - The costs of obtaining non-transferable liquor licenses from local government agencies are expensed over the specified term of the license to Restaurant expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. The costs of purchasing transferable liquor licenses through open markets in jurisdictions with a limited number of authorized liquor licenses are capitalized as indefinite-lived intangible assets and included in Intangibles, net in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Transferable liquor licenses are tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events or circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. Impairment charges are recognized based on the excess of carrying value over fair value. We determine fair value based on prices in the open market for licenses in same or similar jurisdictions. Impairment charges are included in Other (gains) and charges in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Goodwill - Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired in business combinations and is assigned to the reporting unit in which the acquired business will operate for purposes of impairment testing. Goodwill is tested for impairment annually, as of the first day of the second quarter of each fiscal year, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. Our two restaurant brands, Chili's and Maggiano's, are both operating segments and reporting units.

We may elect to perform a qualitative assessment to determine whether it is more likely than not that a reporting unit is impaired. If the qualitative assessment is not performed or if we determine that it is not more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds the carrying value, the fair value of the reporting unit is calculated. The carrying value of the reporting unit is compared to its estimated fair value, and if the carrying value of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, goodwill is written down to its implied fair value.

During fiscal 2023, fiscal 2022 and fiscal 2021, we performed our annual goodwill impairment analysis using a qualitative approach to determine whether indicators of impairment exist. Related to the qualitative assessment, we evaluated factors including our market capitalization, as well as the market capitalization of other companies in the restaurant industry, sales at our restaurants and significant adverse changes in the operating environment for the restaurant industry. Based on these factors, no indicators of impairment were identified during our annual analysis performed in the second quarters of fiscal 2023, fiscal 2022 and fiscal 2021. Additionally, no indicators of impairment were identified through the end of each fiscal year.

Insurance Reserves - We are self-insured for certain losses related to health, general liability and workers' compensation. We maintain stop loss coverage with third-party insurers to limit our total exposure. The self-insurance liability represents an estimate of the ultimate cost of claims incurred and unpaid as of the balance sheet date. The estimated liability is not discounted and is established based upon analysis of historical data and actuarial estimates and is reviewed on a quarterly basis to ensure that the liability is appropriate. The estimated incurred but unreported costs to settle unpaid claims are included in Other accrued liabilities and Other liabilities, depending on their current or long-term nature, in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Preferred Stock - Our Board of Directors is authorized to provide for the issuance of 1.0 million preferred shares with a par value of \$1.00 per share, in one or more series, and to fix the voting rights, liquidation preferences, dividend rates, conversion rights, redemption rights, and terms, including

sinking fund provisions, and certain other rights and preferences. As of June 28, 2023, no preferred shares were issued.

Revenues - Revenues are presented in the Company sales and Franchise revenues captions in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Company Sales - Company sales include revenues generated by the operation of Company-owned restaurants including food and beverage sales, net of discounts, gift card breakage, Maggiano's banquet service charge income, delivery, digital entertainment revenues, merchandise income and gift card discount costs from third-party gift card sales. We record revenues from the sale of food, beverages and alcohol, net of discounts, upon delivery to the customer. Sales taxes assessed by a governmental authority that are both imposed on and concurrent with specific revenue transactions and collected from a customer have been excluded from revenues.

Gift Card Breakage Revenue - Breakage revenues represent the monetary value associated with outstanding gift card balances that will not be redeemed. We estimate this amount based on our historical gift card redemption patterns and actuarial estimates, update the breakage rate estimate periodically and if necessary, adjust the deferred revenues balance within the Gift card liability in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Breakage revenues are recognized proportionate to the pattern of related gift card redemptions. We do not charge dormancy, or any other fees related to monitoring or administering the gift card program to cardholders. Additionally, proceeds from the sale of gift cards are recorded as deferred revenues in the Gift card liability in the Consolidated Balance Sheets and recognized as Company sales when the gift card is redeemed by the holder.

Gift Card Discount Costs - Our gift cards are sold through various outlets such as in-restaurant, Chili's and Maggiano's websites, directly to other businesses and through third-party distributors that sell our gift cards at retail locations. We incur incremental direct costs, such as commissions and activation fees, for gift cards sold by third-party businesses and distributors. These initial direct costs are deferred and amortized against revenues proportionate to the pattern of related gift card redemptions.

Franchise Revenues - Franchise revenues include royalties, franchise advertising fees, gift card equalization, and franchise and development fees. Franchise royalties are based on a percentage of the sales generated by our franchise-operated restaurants. The performance obligation related to franchise sales is considered complete upon the sale of food, beverages and alcohol, therefore royalty revenues are recognized in the same period the sales are generated at the franchise-operated restaurants. Franchise advertising contributions from domestic franchisees are contractually obligated to contribute into certain advertising and marketing funds. Franchise and Development Fees are received from franchises for new restaurant openings and for territory development arrangements. The performance obligation related to these arrangements are collectively deferred as a contract liability and recognized on a straight-line basis into Franchise revenues in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income over the term of the underlying agreements.

Advertising Expenses - Advertising production costs are expensed in the period when the advertising first takes place. Other advertising costs are expensed as incurred. In the fiscal years ended June 28, 2023, June 29, 2022 and June 30, 2021, advertising expenses of \$58.2 million, \$37.4 million and \$26.4 million, respectively, were included in Restaurant expenses, and advertising contributions from franchisees of \$3.0 million, \$2.4 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, were recorded in Franchise revenues in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Income Taxes - Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

We record a liability for unrecognized tax benefits resulting from tax positions taken, or expected to be taken, in an income tax return that is not more-likely-than-not to be realized. We recognize any interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in (Benefit) Provision for income taxes in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Additionally, income taxes are computed on a consolidated legal jurisdiction basis with no regard to brand.

Stock-Based Compensation - We measure and recognize compensation costs at fair value for all share-based payments. We record compensation expenses using a graded-vesting schedule or on a straight-line basis, as applicable, over the vesting period, or the date on which retirement eligibility is achieved, if earlier. We recognize compensation expenses for only the portion of share-based awards that are expected to vest. Therefore, we apply estimated forfeiture rates that are derived from our historical forfeitures of similar awards.

Certain employees are eligible to receive stock options, performance stock options, performance shares, restricted stock and restricted stock units, while non-employee members of the Board of Directors are eligible to receive stock options, restricted stock and restricted stock units. Awards granted to the Board of Directors are non-forfeitable and are fully expensed upon grant. Awards to eligible employees may vest over a specified period of time or service period and may also contain performance-based conditions. The fair value of restricted stock and restricted stock units that do not contain a performance condition are based on our closing stock price on the date of grant, while the fair value of stock options, if granted, is estimated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model on the date of grant.

Performance shares represent a right to receive shares of common stock upon satisfaction of Company performance goals usually at the end of a three-fiscal-year cycle. Vesting of performance shares granted are generally contingent upon meeting Company performance goals based on a specified rate of earnings growth or a specified range of earnings at the end of the three-fiscal-year period and may also include a market-based metric, such as TSR. Compensation expenses for the performance shares is recorded to General and administrative expenses based on management's periodic estimates of the number of shares that will be earned under the Company performance metric, and the fair value of the shares as determined by our closing stock price on the date of grant, or by Monte Carlo simulation if a market-based metric is included. A cumulative expenses adjustment is recognized when that estimate changes.

Foreign Currency - Foreign currency translation adjustments represent the unrealized impact of translating the financial statements of our Canadian restaurants from their respective functional currency (Canadian dollars) to U.S. dollars and are reported as a component of comprehensive income and recorded in Accumulated other comprehensive loss on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Net Income Per Share - Basic net income per share is computed by dividing Net income by the Basic weighted average shares outstanding for the reporting period. Diluted net income per share reflects the

potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock. For the calculation of Diluted net income per share, the Basic weighted average shares outstanding is increased by the dilutive effect of stock options and restricted share awards. Stock options and restricted share awards with an anti-dilutive effect are not included in the Diluted net income per share calculation. Basic weighted average shares outstanding are reconciled to Diluted weighted average shares outstanding as follows:

	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	June 30, 2021
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	44.1	44.8	45.5
Dilutive stock options	0.1	0.2	0.4
Dilutive restricted shares	0.8	0.6	0.7
Total dilutive impact	0.9	0.8	1.1
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	45.0	45.6	46.6
Awards excluded due to anti-dilutive effect	1.3	0.8	0.5

New Accounting Standards Implemented

We reviewed all accounting pronouncements that became effective for our fiscal 2023 and determined that either they were not applicable or they did not have a material impact on the Consolidated Financial Statements. We also reviewed all recently issued accounting pronouncements to be adopted in future periods and determined that they are not expected to have a material impact on the Consolidated Financial Statements.

2. REVENUE RECOGNITION

Deferred Franchise and Development Fees

Our deferred franchise and development fees consist of the unrecognized fees received from franchisees. Recognition of these fees in subsequent periods is based on satisfaction of the contractual performance obligations of the active contracts with franchisees. The weighted average remaining term of the current franchise agreements, including certain renewal periods expected to be exercised, was approximately 20 years as of June 28, 2023. We also expect to earn subsequent period royalties and advertising fees related to our franchise contracts; however, due to the variability and uncertainty of these future revenues based upon a sales-based measure, these future revenues are not yet estimable as the performance obligations remain unsatisfied. Deferred franchise and development fees are classified within Other accrued liabilities for the current portion expected to be recognized within the next 12 months and Other liabilities for the long-term portion in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The following table reflects the changes in deferred franchise and development fees for the fiscal years ended on June 28, 2023 and June 29, 2022:

	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022
Beginning balance	\$ 10.1	\$ 11.4
Additions	1.9	1.1
Amount recognized to Other gains and charges ⁽¹⁾	—	(0.9)
Amount recognized to Franchise revenues	(0.9)	(1.5)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 11.1</u>	<u>\$ 10.1</u>

- ⁽¹⁾ The remaining deferred franchise and development fee balances associated with the 68 Chili's restaurants acquired during fiscal 2022 were recognized as of the acquisition dates in Other (gains) and charges in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Refer to Note 3 - Acquisitions for further details.

The following table illustrates franchise and development fees expected to be recognized in the future related to performance obligations that were unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied as of June 28, 2023:

Fiscal Year	Franchise and Development Fees Revenue Recognition
2024	\$ 0.9
2025	0.9
2026	0.8
2027	0.8
2028	0.7
Thereafter	7.0
	<u>\$ 11.1</u>

Deferred Gift Card Revenues

Total deferred revenues related to our gift cards include the full value of unredeemed gift card balances less recognized breakage and the unamortized portion of third-party fees. The following table reflects the changes in the Gift card liability for fiscal years ended on June 28, 2023 and June 29, 2022:

	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022
Beginning balance	\$ 83.9	\$ 106.4
Gift card sales	127.1	134.8
Gift card redemptions recognized to Company sales	(121.7)	(122.1)
Gift card breakage recognized to Company sales ⁽¹⁾	(16.5)	(36.1)
Other	0.2	0.9
Ending balance	<u>\$ 73.0</u>	<u>\$ 83.9</u>

- ⁽¹⁾ Gift card breakage recognized to Company sales decreased due to prior year change in estimate to increase gift card breakage rates primarily attributable to gift cards sold prior to fiscal 2022.

3. ACQUISITIONS

During fiscal 2022, we completed three acquisitions of substantially all of the assets and certain liabilities related to previously franchised Chili's locations, as follows:

- *Mid-Atlantic Region Acquisition* - On September 2, 2021, we acquired 23 previously franchised Chili's restaurants located in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States for a total purchase price of \$47.7 million, including post-closing adjustments. The acquisition was funded with borrowings from our existing credit facility and proceeds from a sale leaseback transaction completed simultaneously with the acquisition (refer to Note 7 - Leases for further details on the sale leaseback transaction).
- *Great Lakes Region Acquisition* - On October 31, 2021, we acquired 37 previously franchised Chili's restaurants located in the Great Lakes and Northeast region of the United States for a total purchase price of \$57.1 million, including post-closing adjustments, funded with borrowings from our existing credit facility.
- *Northwest Region Acquisition* - On February 1, 2022, we acquired six previously franchised Chili's restaurants and on May 5, 2022, we acquired two additional previously franchised Chili's restaurants located in the Northwest region of the United States for a total purchase price of \$2.0 million, including post-closing adjustments.

We accounted for each of these acquisitions as a business combination. The results of operations, and assets and liabilities, of these restaurants are included in the Consolidated Financial Statements from the acquisition dates. The assets and liabilities of the acquired restaurants were recorded at their fair values. The fair values of tangible and intangible assets acquired were primarily based on significant inputs not observable in an active market, including estimates of replacement costs, future cash flows and discount rates. These inputs represent Level 3 fair value measurements as defined under GAAP. The amounts recorded for the fair value of acquired assets and liabilities for the more significant acquisitions are as follows:

	<u>Mid-Atlantic Region</u>	<u>Great Lakes Region</u>
	<u>Fair Value September 2, 2021</u>	<u>Fair Value October 31, 2021</u>
Current assets	\$ 1.4	\$ 2.1
Property and equipment	46.2	43.6
Operating lease assets	23.6	47.8
Reacquired franchise rights ⁽¹⁾	4.7	4.6
Goodwill ⁽²⁾	—	7.2
Current liabilities	(1.4)	(1.4)
Finance lease liabilities, less current portion	(3.7)	—
Operating lease liabilities, less current portion	(23.1)	(46.8)
Net assets acquired	<u>\$ 47.7</u>	<u>\$ 57.1</u>

(1) Reacquired franchise rights related to the Mid-Atlantic Region acquisition and Great Lakes Region acquisition both have weighted average amortization periods of approximately 15 years.

(2) Goodwill is expected to be deductible for tax purposes. The portion of the purchase price attributable to goodwill represents the benefits expected as a result of the acquisition, including sales and unit growth opportunities, and the benefit of the assembled workforce of the acquired restaurants.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Non-Financial Assets

We review the carrying amounts of non-financial assets, primarily long-lived property and equipment, finance lease assets, operating lease assets, reacquired franchise rights, goodwill and transferable liquor licenses annually or when events or circumstances indicate that the fair value may not substantially exceed the carrying amount. We record an impairment charge for the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value. All impairment charges were included in Other (gains) and charges in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the periods presented. Refer to Note 14 - Other Gains and Charges for more information.

Intangibles, net in the Consolidated Balance Sheets includes both indefinite-lived intangible assets such as transferable liquor licenses and definite-lived intangible assets such as reacquired franchise rights and trademarks.

Definite-Lived Assets Impairment

Definite-lived assets include property and equipment, including finance lease assets, operating lease assets and reacquired franchise rights. During fiscal 2023, we impaired certain long-lived assets and operating lease assets primarily related to 38 underperforming Chili's restaurants. During fiscal 2022, we impaired certain long-lived assets and operating lease assets primarily related to 30 underperforming Chili's and two underperforming Maggiano's restaurants.

We determined the fair value of these assets based on Level 3 fair value measurements. The table below presents the carrying values and related impairment charges recorded on these impaired restaurants for the periods presented:

	Pre-Impairment Carrying Value		Impairment Charges	
			Fiscal Years Ended	
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022
Underperforming restaurants				
Long-lived assets	\$ 10.2	\$ 7.3	\$ 10.2	\$ 7.3
Reacquired franchise rights assets	0.3	—	0.3	—
Operating lease assets	21.4	13.0	1.5	1.0
Total underperforming restaurants	\$ 31.9	\$ 20.3	\$ 12.0	\$ 8.3

Indefinite-Lived Assets Impairment

The fair values of transferable liquor licenses are based on prices in the open market for licenses in the same or similar jurisdictions and are categorized as Level 2. Based on our annual reviews, in fiscal 2023 we determined there was a \$0.1 million impairment and in fiscal 2022 we determined there was \$0.2 million impairment.

Chili's Restaurant Acquisitions

In fiscal 2022, we completed the acquisition of 68 Chili's restaurants from three former franchisees. The preliminary fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed for these restaurants utilized

Level 3 inputs. The fair values of intangible assets acquired were primarily based on significant inputs not observable in an active market, including estimates of replacement costs, future cash flows, and discount rates. Refer to Note 3 - Acquisitions for further details.

Other Financial Instruments

Our financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and long-term debt. The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate their carrying amounts because of the short maturity of these items.

Long-Term Debt

The carrying amount of debt outstanding related to our revolving credit facility approximates fair value as the interest rate on this instrument approximates current market rates (Level 2). The fair values of our notes are based on quoted market prices and are considered Level 2 fair value measurements.

The 5.000%, 8.250% and 3.875% notes' carrying amounts, which are net of unamortized debt issuance costs and discounts, and fair values are as follows, refer to Note 8 - Debt for further details:

	June 28, 2023		June 29, 2022	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
5.000% notes	\$ 349.0	\$ 343.5	\$ 348.2	\$ 329.0
8.250% notes ⁽¹⁾	344.3	348.3	—	—
3.875% notes ⁽²⁾	—	—	299.7	295.4

- (1) On June 27, 2023 we issued \$350.0 million of 8.250% senior notes due July 2030 (the “2030 Notes”).
- (2) On May 15, 2023 the 3.875% notes matured and were repaid in full using borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

5. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLES

There have been no impairments of Goodwill for the fiscal years ended June 28, 2023, June 29, 2022 and June 30, 2021. The changes in the carrying amount of Goodwill by segment are as follows:

	June 28, 2023			June 29, 2022		
	Chili's	Maggiano's	Consolidated	Chili's	Maggiano's	Consolidated
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 156.7	\$ 38.4	\$ 195.1	\$ 149.8	\$ 38.4	\$ 188.2
Changes in goodwill:						
Additions ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	7.2	—	7.2
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(0.1)	—	(0.1)	(0.3)	—	(0.3)
Balance at end of year	\$ 156.6	\$ 38.4	\$ 195.0	\$ 156.7	\$ 38.4	\$ 195.1

- (1) In the fiscal year ended June 29, 2022, we acquired 68 domestic Chili's restaurants previously owned by three franchise partners. Refer to Note 3 - Acquisitions for further information.

Intangible assets, net are as follows:

	June 28, 2023			June 29, 2022		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
Definite-lived intangible assets						
Chili's reacquired franchise rights	\$ 28.4	\$ (14.9)	\$ 13.5	\$ 29.3	\$ (12.2)	\$ 17.1
Chili's other	0.4	(0.4)	—	0.4	(0.4)	—
	<u>\$ 28.8</u>	<u>\$ (15.3)</u>	<u>\$ 13.5</u>	<u>\$ 29.7</u>	<u>\$ (12.6)</u>	<u>\$ 17.1</u>
Indefinite-lived intangible assets						
Chili's liquor licenses	\$ 9.6			\$ 9.4		
Maggiano's liquor licenses	0.8			0.9		
	<u>\$ 10.4</u>			<u>\$ 10.3</u>		

Amortization expenses for all definite-lived intangible assets were recorded in Depreciation and amortization in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income as follows:

	Fiscal Years Ended		
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	June 30, 2021
Definite-lived intangibles amortization expense	\$ 3.2	\$ 3.0	\$ 2.0

Annual amortization expenses for definite-lived intangible assets are estimated to be \$3.0 million for fiscal 2024, \$2.7 million for each of fiscal 2025, fiscal 2026, and fiscal 2027 and \$1.4 million for fiscal 2028.

6. ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Other accrued liabilities consist of the following:

	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022
Insurance	\$ 29.3	\$ 23.5
Property tax	24.5	23.3
Sales tax	17.3	14.4
Utilities and services	10.4	9.6
Current installments of finance lease obligations	10.2	20.3
Interest	6.4	6.5
Other	18.2	18.5
	<u>\$ 116.3</u>	<u>\$ 116.1</u>

7. LEASES

As of June 28, 2023, 1,135 of our 1,185 Company-owned restaurant facilities were leased. We typically lease our restaurant facilities through ground leases (where we lease land only, but construct the building and leasehold improvements) or retail leases (where we lease the land/retail space and building, but construct the leasehold improvements). As of June 28, 2023, the restaurant leases have cumulative renewal clauses of 1 to 30 years at our option. Our leased restaurants typically have an initial lease term of 10 to 20 years, with one or more renewal terms ranging from 1 to 10 years. The leases typically provide for a fixed rental or a fixed rental plus percentage rentals based on sales volume. In addition to our restaurant facilities, we also lease our corporate headquarters location and certain equipment. Our lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or material covenant restrictions.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Disclosure of Lease Amounts

The following table includes a detail of lease assets and liabilities included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets:

	June 28, 2023		
	Finance Leases ⁽¹⁾	Operating Leases ⁽²⁾	Total Leases
Lease assets	\$ 51.3	\$ 1,134.9	\$ 1,186.2
Current lease liabilities	10.2	112.4	122.6
Long-term lease liabilities	57.6	1,125.8	1,183.4
Total lease liabilities	\$ 67.8	\$ 1,238.2	\$ 1,306.0

	June 29, 2022		
	Finance Leases ⁽¹⁾	Operating Leases ⁽²⁾	Total Leases
Lease assets	\$ 71.1	\$ 1,160.5	\$ 1,231.6
Current lease liabilities	20.3	112.7	133.0
Long-term lease liabilities	69.9	1,151.1	1,221.0
Total lease liabilities	\$ 90.2	\$ 1,263.8	\$ 1,354.0

(1) Finance lease assets are recorded in Property and equipment, at cost, and the related current and long-term lease liabilities are recorded within Other accrued liabilities and Long-term debt and finance leases, less current installments, respectively.

(2) Operating lease assets are recorded in Operating lease assets and the related current and long-term lease liabilities are recorded within Operating lease liabilities and Long-term operating lease liabilities, less current portion, respectively.

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income Disclosure of Lease Amounts

The components of lease expenses, including variable lease costs primarily consisting of rent based on a percentage of sales, common area maintenance and real estate tax charges, and short-term lease

expenses for leases with lease terms less than twelve months are included in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income as follows:

	Fiscal Years Ended		
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	June 30, 2021
Operating lease cost	\$ 181.0	\$ 173.7	\$ 167.2
Finance lease amortization	19.7	21.9	17.3
Finance lease interest	4.1	5.5	5.9
Short-term lease cost	0.3	0.6	0.5
Variable lease cost	63.5	60.5	57.9
Sublease income	(2.8)	(4.2)	(4.4)
Total lease costs, net	\$ 265.8	\$ 258.0	\$ 244.4

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows Disclosure of Lease Amounts

Supplemental cash flow information related to leases recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows is as follows:

	Fiscal Years Ended		
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	June 30, 2021
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash paid related to lease liabilities			
Operating leases ⁽¹⁾	\$ 184.3	\$ 171.1	\$ 195.5
Finance leases	4.1	5.5	5.9
Cash flows from financing activities			
Cash paid related to lease liabilities			
Finance leases	22.1	23.7	20.0
Non-cash lease assets obtained in exchange for lease liabilities			
Operating leases ⁽²⁾	101.7	255.4	60.6
Finance leases	0.3	13.4	29.8

(1) Cash paid related to lease liabilities for Operating leases were higher in fiscal 2021 primarily due to the lease payments made during fiscal 2021 for rents that were deferred in fiscal 2020 due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

(2) Non-cash operating lease assets obtained in exchange for operating lease liabilities were higher in fiscal 2022 primarily due to the new and assumed operating lease additions associated with the 68 restaurants purchased from three former franchisees, including sale leaseback transactions on six of the acquired restaurants. The combined transactions resulted in increased operating lease assets of \$86.8 million as of the end of fiscal 2022, and cash proceeds of \$20.5 million were received from the sale leaseback transactions. Additionally, the modifications of 25 leases in fiscal 2022 from finance leases to operating leases, resulted in increased operating lease assets of \$47.9 million.

Weighted Average Lease Term and Discount Rate

Other information related to leases is as follows:

	Fiscal Years Ended			
	June 28, 2023		June 29, 2022	
	Finance Leases	Operating Leases	Finance Leases	Operating Leases
Weighted average remaining lease term	9.9 years	11.8 years	9.1 years	12.0 years
Weighted average discount rate	5.5 %	5.8 %	5.1 %	5.5 %

Lease Maturity Analysis

Finance leases and Operating leases total future lease payments represent the contractual obligations due under the lease agreements, including cancellable option periods where we are reasonably assured to exercise the options. As of June 28, 2023, the future minimum lease payments on finance and operating leases, as well as sublease income were as follows:

Fiscal Year	June 28, 2023		
	Finance Leases	Operating Leases	Sublease Income
2024	\$ 13.7	\$ 179.4	\$ 0.8
2025	12.3	177.6	0.7
2026	8.1	164.8	0.6
2027	7.6	147.7	0.5
2028	7.5	129.3	0.3
Thereafter	40.1	944.5	0.1
Total future lease payments	89.3	1,743.3	\$ 3.0
Less: Imputed interest	21.5	505.1	
Present value of lease liability	\$ 67.8	\$ 1,238.2	

Pre-Commencement Leases

In fiscal 2023, we executed five leases for new Chili's locations with undiscounted fixed payments over the initial term of \$17.7 million. These leases are expected to commence in the next 12 months and are expected to have an economic lease term of 20 years. These leases will commence when the landlords make the property available to us for new restaurant construction. We will assess the reasonably certain lease term at the lease commencement date.

8. DEBT

Long-term debt consists of the following:

	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022
Revolving credit facility	\$ 161.3	\$ 271.3
5.000% notes	350.0	350.0
8.250% notes ⁽¹⁾	350.0	—
3.875% notes ⁽²⁾	—	300.0
Finance lease obligations	67.8	90.2
Total long-term debt	929.1	1,011.5
Less: unamortized debt issuance costs and discounts	(6.7)	(2.1)
Total long-term debt, less unamortized debt issuance costs and discounts	922.4	1,009.4
Less: current installments of finance lease obligations ⁽³⁾	(10.2)	(20.3)
Total long-term debt, less current portion	<u>\$ 912.2</u>	<u>\$ 989.1</u>

- (1) On June 27, 2023 we issued \$350.0 million of 8.250% senior notes due July 2030.
- (2) On May 15, 2023 the 3.875% notes matured and were repaid in full using borrowings under our revolving credit facility.
- (3) Current installments of finance lease obligations, for the periods presented, are recorded within Other accrued liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Refer to Note 6 - Accrued Liabilities for further details.

Excluding finance lease obligations and interest, our long-term debt maturities for the five fiscal years following June 28, 2023 and thereafter are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Long-Term Debt
2024	\$ —
2025	350.0
2026	—
2027	161.3
2028	—
Thereafter	350.0
	<u>\$ 861.3</u>

Revolving Credit Facility

On May 2, 2023, we amended our \$800.0 million revolving credit facility to increase the capacity to \$900.0 million and to adopt SOFR as the new benchmark rate, replacing LIBOR. During fiscal 2023, we incurred and capitalized \$0.5 million of debt issuance costs associated with the revolving credit facility, which are included in Other assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The \$900.0 million revolving credit facility, as amended, matures on August 18, 2026 and bears interest of SOFR plus an applicable margin of 1.500% to 2.250% and an undrawn commitment fee of

0.250% to 0.350%, both based on a function of our debt-to-cash-flow ratio. As of June 28, 2023, our interest rate was 6.952% consisting of SOFR of 5.102% plus the applicable margin and spread adjustment of 1.850%. As of June 28, 2023, there was \$738.7 million of borrowing capacity under the revolving credit facility.

3.875% Notes

On May 15, 2023, our \$300.0 million 3.875% notes matured and the payoff was funded with borrowings from our revolving credit facility.

8.250% Notes

On June 27, 2023, we issued \$350.0 million of 8.250% senior notes due July 15, 2030 and used \$340.0 million of the proceeds to reduce outstanding borrowings on the revolver. The 2030 Notes require semi-annual interest payments in arrears, on each January 15 and July 15, beginning on January 15, 2024. During fiscal 2023, we incurred and capitalized \$5.7 million of debt issuance costs associated with the 2030 Notes, which are included in Long-term debt and finance leases, less current installments in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

5.000% Notes

In fiscal 2017, we issued \$350.0 million of 5.000% senior notes due October 2024 (the “2024 Notes”). The notes require semi-annual interest payments which began on April 1, 2017.

Financial and Other Covenants

The indentures for the 2024 Notes and 2030 Notes contain certain covenants, including, but not limited to, limitations and restrictions on the ability of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries (as defined in the indentures) to (i) create liens on Principal Property (as defined in the Indenture) and (ii) merge, consolidate or amalgamate with or into any other person or sell, transfer, assign, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of their property. These covenants are subject to a number of important conditions, qualifications, exceptions and limitations.

Our debt agreements contain various financial covenants that, among other things, require the maintenance of certain leverage ratios. As of June 28, 2023, we were in compliance with our covenants pursuant to the \$900.0 million revolving credit facility and under the terms of the indentures governing our 2024 Notes and 2030 Notes. We expect to remain in compliance with our covenants throughout fiscal 2024.

9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Lease Commitments and Guarantees

We have, in certain cases, divested brands or sold restaurants to franchisees and have not been released from lease guarantees for the related restaurants. As of June 28, 2023 and June 29, 2022, we have outstanding lease guarantees or are secondarily liable for \$16.9 million and \$26.3 million, respectively. These amounts represent the maximum known potential liability of rent payments under the leases, but outstanding rent payments can exist outside of our knowledge as a result of the landlord and tenant relationship being between two third parties. These leases have been assigned to the buyers and expire

at the end of the respective lease terms, which range from fiscal 2024 through fiscal 2029. In the event of default under a lease by a franchisee or owner of a divested brand, the indemnity and default clauses in our agreements with such third parties and applicable laws govern our ability to pursue and recover amounts we may pay on behalf of such parties.

We have received notices of default and have been named a party in lawsuits pertaining to some of these leases in circumstances where the current lessee did not pay its rent obligations. In the event of default under a lease by an owner of a divested brand, the indemnity and default clauses in our agreements with such third parties and applicable laws, including bankruptcy laws, govern our ability to pursue and recover amounts we may pay on behalf of such third parties. We recorded a \$2.0 million and \$3.1 million charge in fiscal 2023 and fiscal 2022, respectively, which are included in Other (gains) and charges in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. These amounts are related to these leases and lawsuits and represent the low end of our estimated range of losses. We will continue to closely monitor our exposure.

Letters of Credit

We provide letters of credit to various insurers to collateralize obligations for outstanding claims. As of June 28, 2023, we had \$5.8 million in undrawn standby letters of credit outstanding. All standby letters of credit are renewable within the next 11 months.

Cyber Security Litigation

In fiscal 2018, we discovered malware at certain Chili's restaurants that may have resulted in unauthorized access or acquisition of customer payment card data. We settled all claims from payment card companies related to this incident and do not expect material claims from payment card companies in the future. In connection with this event, the Company was also named as a defendant in a putative class action lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida (the "Litigation") relating to this incident. In the Litigation, plaintiffs assert various claims at the Company's Chili's restaurants involving customer payment card information and seek monetary damages in excess of \$5.0 million, injunctive and declaratory relief, and attorney's fees and costs.

On July 11, 2023, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals issued its order on our appeal of the district court's class certification order. The majority (1) found that only one plaintiff sufficiently alleged standing, but that Plaintiffs' allegation that all cards involved in the data breach were posted to the "dark web" constitutes misuse sufficient to establish Article III standing; (2) vacated and remanded the class certification decision for the district court to reconsider its predominance requirement; and (3) upheld Plaintiff's "averaging" damages methodology. While the court's decision to decertify the class is favorable, we believe the majority's reasoning on the issues of standing and damages calculation is erroneous. Accordingly, we intend to file a petition for rehearing with the Eleventh Circuit. All matters at the district court remain stayed. We believe we have defenses and intend to continue defending the Litigation. As such, as of June 28, 2023, we have concluded that a loss, or range of loss, from this matter is not determinable, therefore, we have not recorded a liability related to the Litigation. We will continue to evaluate this matter based on new information as it becomes available.

Legal Proceedings

Evaluating contingencies related to litigation is a process involving judgment on the potential outcome of future events, and the ultimate resolution of litigated claims may differ from our current analysis.

Accordingly, we review the adequacy of accruals and disclosures pertaining to litigated matters each quarter in consultation with legal counsel and we assess the probability and range of possible losses associated with contingencies for potential accrual in the Consolidated Financial Statements.

We are engaged in various legal proceedings and have certain unresolved claims pending. Liabilities have been established based on our best estimates of our potential liability in certain of these matters. Based upon consultation with legal counsel, management is of the opinion that there are no matters pending or threatened which are expected to have a material adverse effect, individually or in the aggregate, on the consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

10. INCOME TAXES

Income before income taxes consists of the following:

	Fiscal Years Ended		
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	June 30, 2021
Domestic	\$ 87.8	\$ 113.5	\$ 146.7
Foreign	3.0	1.7	(1.5)
Income before income taxes	\$ 90.8	\$ 115.2	\$ 145.2

The (Benefit) Provision for income taxes and effective tax rate consists of the following:

	Fiscal Years Ended		
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	June 30, 2021
Current income tax (benefit) expenses:			
Federal	\$ 12.2	\$ 5.8	\$ 11.6
State	6.8	3.7	14.4
Foreign	0.2	(0.3)	0.0
Total current income tax expenses	19.2	9.2	26.0
Deferred income tax (benefit) expenses:			
Federal	(29.5)	(15.7)	(9.4)
State	(2.0)	3.7	(3.0)
Foreign	0.5	0.4	0.0
Total deferred income tax (benefit) expenses	(31.0)	(11.6)	(12.4)
(Benefit) Provision for income taxes	\$ (11.8)	\$ (2.4)	\$ 13.6
Effective tax rate	(13.0)%	(2.1)%	9.4%

A reconciliation between the reported (Benefit) Provision for income taxes and the amount computed by applying the statutory Federal income tax rate to Income before income taxes is as follows:

	Fiscal Years Ended		
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	June 30, 2021
Income tax expense at statutory rate	\$ 19.0	\$ 24.2	\$ 30.5
FICA and other tax credits	(34.6)	(32.9)	(24.7)
State income taxes, net of Federal benefit	4.7	6.2	7.8
Stock based compensation tax shortfall (windfall)	0.8	(0.7)	(2.3)
Other	(1.7)	0.8	2.3
(Benefit) Provision for income taxes	<u>\$ (11.8)</u>	<u>\$ (2.4)</u>	<u>\$ 13.6</u>

Our federal statutory tax rate for fiscal 2023, fiscal 2022 and fiscal 2021 was 21.0%.

Deferred Tax and Allowances

The income tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of deferred income tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022
Deferred income tax assets:		
Lease liabilities	\$ 451.5	\$ 337.3
Gift cards	9.2	9.9
Insurance reserves	13.7	11.6
Stock-based compensation	9.5	11.6
Federal credit carryover	59.5	41.1
Net operating losses	4.2	3.7
State credit carryover	2.1	2.5
Restructure charges and impairments	2.1	2.3
Payroll tax deferral	—	6.8
Other, net	9.7	8.0
Less: Valuation allowance	(4.3)	(5.8)
Total deferred income tax assets	<u>557.2</u>	<u>429.0</u>
Deferred income tax liabilities:		
Lease assets	421.9	307.1
Goodwill and other amortization	23.2	23.3
Depreciation and capitalized interest on property and equipment	0.7	17.8
Prepaid expenses	17.3	16.9
Other, net	0.7	1.4
Total deferred income tax liabilities	<u>463.8</u>	<u>366.5</u>
Deferred income taxes, net	<u>\$ 93.4</u>	<u>\$ 62.5</u>

As of June 28, 2023, we have deferred tax assets of \$5.3 million reflecting the benefit of state loss carryforwards, before federal benefit and valuation allowance, which expire at various dates between

2024 and 2043. We have deferred tax assets of \$59.5 million of federal and \$2.6 million of state tax credits, before federal benefit and valuation allowance, which expire at various dates between 2024 and 2043. The recognized deferred tax asset for the state loss carryforwards, net of valuation allowance, is \$2.3 million and the federal tax credits is \$59.5 million. \$5.7 million of the federal credit carryover is limited by Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The valuation allowance is \$4.3 million at the end of fiscal 2023 to recognize certain deductions and tax credits management believes are more-likely-than-not to not be realized. In assessing whether a deferred tax asset will be realized, we consider the likelihood of the realization, and the reversal of existing taxable temporary differences, projected future taxable income and tax planning strategies in making this assessment. Based upon the level of historical taxable income and projections for future taxable income, as of June 28, 2023, we believe it is more-likely-than-not that we will realize the benefits of the deferred tax assets, net of the existing valuation allowances.

Unrecognized Tax Benefits

A reconciliation of unrecognized tax benefits are as follows:

	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 3.7	\$ 4.3
Additions based on tax positions related to the current year	0.4	0.3
Additions (Decreases) based on tax positions related to prior years	0.1	(0.1)
Settlements with tax authorities	—	(0.8)
Expiration of statute of limitations	(1.4)	0.0
Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 2.8</u>	<u>\$ 3.7</u>

The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits, excluding interest and penalties, which would affect income tax expenses if resolved in our favor was \$2.2 million and \$2.9 million as of June 28, 2023 and June 29, 2022, respectively. We do not expect any material changes to our liability for uncertain tax positions in the next 12 months.

We recognize accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in (Benefit) Provision for income taxes in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. As of June 28, 2023, we had \$0.2 million (\$0.2 million net of a \$0.0 million Federal deferred tax benefit) of interest and penalties accrued, compared to \$0.5 million (\$0.4 million net of a \$0.1 million Federal deferred tax benefit) as of June 29, 2022.

Our income tax returns are subject to examination by taxing authorities in the jurisdictions in which we operate. The periods subject to examination for our federal return are fiscal 2022 to fiscal 2024, and fiscal 2020 to fiscal 2022 for our Canadian returns. State income tax returns are generally subject to examination for a period of three to five years from date return is filed. We have various state income tax returns in the process of examination or settlements. Our federal returns for fiscal 2022 to 2024 are currently under examination through the Internal Revenue Service: Compliance Assurance Process (CAP) program. There are no unrecorded liabilities associated with these examinations.

11. SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT

Retirement of Common Stock

During the first quarter of fiscal 2023, the Board of Directors approved the retirement of 10.0 million shares of Treasury stock for a weighted average price per share of \$30.71. As of June 28, 2023, 15.7 million shares remain in treasury.

Share Repurchases

In fiscal 2022, our Board of Directors approved a \$300.0 million share repurchase program and the Company repurchased 2.3 million shares of our common stock for \$96.0 million. The Company did not repurchase any shares under the repurchase program in fiscal 2023. Our share repurchase program is used to return capital to shareholders and to minimize the dilutive impact of stock options and other share-based awards. We evaluate potential share repurchases under our plan based on several factors, including our cash position, share price, operational liquidity, proceeds from divestitures, borrowings and planned investment and financing needs. Repurchased shares are reflected as an increase in Treasury stock within Shareholders' deficit in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In fiscal 2023, we repurchased 0.1 million shares of our common stock for \$5.0 million, all of which were purchased from team members to satisfy tax withholding obligations on the vesting of restricted shares. These withheld shares of common stock are not considered common stock repurchases under our authorized common stock repurchase plan. As of June 28, 2023, approximately \$204.0 million was available in the share repurchase program.

12. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Our shareholder approved stock-based compensation plans include the Stock Option and Incentive Plan for employees ("Employee Plan") and the Stock Option and Incentive Plan for Non-Employee Directors and Consultants ("Non-Employee Plan" and collectively, the "Plans"). In fiscal 2023, our shareholders approved and we registered an additional 0.3 million shares of common stock of Brinker International, Inc. available for issuance under the Non-Employee Plan. The Plans provide for grants of options to purchase our common stock, performance shares, restricted stock, restricted stock units, and stock appreciation rights. Additionally, grants to eligible employees may vest over a specified period of time or service period, or may contain performance-based conditions. As of June 28, 2023, the total number of shares authorized for issuance to employees and non-employee directors and consultants under the Plans was 39.0 million shares.

Presented below is total stock-based compensation expenses, and the related total income tax benefit recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income:

	Fiscal Years Ended		
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	June 30, 2021
Stock-based compensation expenses	\$ 14.4	\$ 18.6	\$ 16.4
Tax benefit related to stock-based compensation expenses	2.6	3.9	3.0

Stock Options

In fiscal 2019 and fiscal 2018, certain eligible employees under the Plans were granted performance stock options whose vesting was contingent upon meeting Company performance goals based on our

annual earnings at the end of fiscal 2021 and fiscal 2022. Expenses for performance stock options were recognized using a graded-vesting schedule over the vesting period based upon management’s periodic estimates of the number of stock options that ultimately vested. At the end of fiscal 2021, the first performance goal was met, resulting in the vesting of 0.4 million, or one-half, of the outstanding performance stock options. At the end of fiscal 2022, the second performance goal was not met, which resulted in the forfeiture of the remaining 0.4 million performance stock options. The options have a contractual term to exercise of no later than August 31, 2025.

Stock options that do not contain a performance condition were also granted to eligible employees in the fiscal years prior to fiscal 2021. Expenses related to these stock options are recognized using a graded-vesting schedule over the vesting period or to the date on which retirement eligibility is achieved, if shorter. Stock options generally vest over a period of 1 to 4 years and have contractual terms to exercise of 8 years. Full or partial vesting of awards may occur upon a change in control (as defined in the Plans), or upon an employee’s death, disability or involuntary termination.

No stock options have been granted in fiscal 2023, fiscal 2022, or fiscal 2021.

Stock option transactions during fiscal 2023 were as follows (option prices in dollars):

	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Stock options outstanding at June 29, 2022	1.9	\$ 38.73		
Exercised	(0.4)	31.52		
Forfeited or canceled	(0.5)	40.36		
Stock options outstanding at June 28, 2023	1.0	\$ 40.74	2.5	\$ 1.3
Stock options exercisable at June 28, 2023	1.0	\$ 40.98	2.4	\$ 1.1

The intrinsic value and related tax benefit of options exercised is as follows:

	Fiscal Years Ended		
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	June 30, 2021
Intrinsic value of options exercised	\$ 3.3	\$ 0.2	\$ 9.8
Tax benefit realized on options exercised	0.8	—	2.4

Restricted Share Awards

Restricted share awards consist of performance shares and restricted stock units. In fiscal 2023 and fiscal 2022, eligible employees under the Plans were granted performance shares whose vesting is contingent upon meeting Company performance goals based on our earnings at the end of a three-fiscal-year period. The number of shares that will vest varies depending on the amount of earnings achieved as compared to the target amount. The fiscal 2023 grant also includes a provision that will increase or decrease the number of shares to be vested if Brinker’s relative TSR ranking compared to the peer group falls in the top 25% or bottom 25%, respectively. In fiscal 2021, certain eligible employees under the Plans were granted performance shares whose vesting is contingent upon the Company exceeding a specified level of annual earnings in any of fiscal 2022, fiscal 2023 or fiscal

2024. The number of shares that will vest varies depending on the fiscal year that the performance criteria is first met. Expenses are recognized ratably over the vesting period, or to the date on which retirement eligibility is achieved, if shorter, based upon management’s periodic estimates of the number of shares that will be earned under the Company performance metric.

Restricted stock units granted to eligible employees under the Plans generally vest over a three-year period from the date of grant. Restricted stock units issued to eligible employees under our career equity plan generally vest upon each employee’s retirement from the Company. Expenses are recognized ratably over the vesting period, or to the date on which retirement eligibility is achieved, if shorter. Full or partial vesting of awards may occur upon a change in control (as defined in the Plans), or upon an employee’s death, disability or involuntary termination.

Restricted stock units granted to non-employee directors under the Plans are non-forfeitable and are expensed upon grant. Non-employee directors’ awards have variable distribution dates ranging from one year after grant to two years following departure from the Board.

Restricted share award transactions, including performance shares reflected at target, during fiscal 2023 were as follows (fair value per award in dollars):

	Number of Restricted Share Awards	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Award
Restricted share awards outstanding at June 29, 2022	1.3	\$ 42.85
Granted	0.8	29.87
Vested	(0.5)	40.85
Forfeited	(0.1)	39.95
Restricted share awards outstanding at June 28, 2023	<u>1.5</u>	<u>\$ 36.97</u>

As of June 28, 2023, unrecognized compensation expenses related to unvested restricted share awards that are expected to vest totaled approximately \$14.0 million and will be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.7 years. The fair value of shares that vested is as follows:

	Fiscal Years Ended		
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	June 30, 2021
Fair value of restricted share awards vested	\$ 16.1	\$ 18.1	\$ 14.9

13. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

We sponsor a qualified defined contribution retirement plan. The plan covers all employees who have attained the age of 21 and have completed 90 days of eligible service.

Eligible employees are allowed to contribute, subject to IRS limitations on total annual contributions, up to 50% of their base compensation and 100% of their eligible bonuses, as defined in the plan, to various investment funds. We match, in cash, what an employee contributes at a rate of 100% of the first 3% and 50% of the next 2% with immediate vesting. Effective January 1, 2021, the plan was amended and restated in its entirety primarily for the purpose of reinstating the safe harbor matching employer contributions which were suspended in May 2020 to reduce corporate expenses in response to the business downturn caused by the COVID-19 impact. Additionally, in June 2021, the plan was amended and restated to adopt a new pre-approved plan document as required by the IRS.

We contributed employer matching contributions in each fiscal year which is recorded to General and administrative in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income:

	Fiscal Years Ended		
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	June 30, 2021
Employer contributions match expenses	\$ 11.9	\$ 11.0	\$ 4.6

14. OTHER GAINS AND CHARGES

Other (gains) and charges in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income consist of the following:

	Fiscal Years Ended		
	June 28, 2023	June 29, 2022	June 30, 2021
Restaurant level impairment charges	\$ 12.1	\$ 8.5	\$ 3.0
Restaurant closure asset write-offs and charges	8.3	3.7	2.4
Enterprise system implementation costs	4.7	2.4	—
Severance and other benefit charges	3.7	—	0.5
Lease contingencies	2.0	3.1	2.2
Remodel-related asset write-off	1.1	4.9	2.3
Loss from natural disasters, net of (insurance recoveries)	0.8	1.1	2.9
Gain on sale of assets, net	(3.7)	—	(0.3)
Other	3.7	7.5	6.0
	<u>\$ 32.7</u>	<u>\$ 31.2</u>	<u>\$ 19.0</u>

Restaurant level impairment charges primarily associated with the following long-lived assets:

- Fiscal 2023 - 38 underperforming Chili's restaurants. Refer to Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements for further details.
- Fiscal 2022 - 30 underperforming Chili's and two underperforming Maggiano's restaurants.
- Fiscal 2021 - 11 underperforming Chili's and three underperforming Maggiano's restaurants.

Restaurant closure asset write-offs and charges includes costs associated with the closure of certain Chili's and Maggiano's restaurants.

Enterprise system implementation costs primarily consists of software subscription fees, certain consulting fees, and contract labor associated with the ongoing enterprise system implementation that are not capitalized.

Severance and other benefit charges relates to changes in our management team and organizational structure in fiscal 2023 and the elimination of certain Maggiano's banquet manager positions in fiscal 2021.

Lease contingencies includes expenses related to lease guarantees and certain sublease receivables for divested brands when we have determined it is probable that the current lessee will default on the lease obligation. Refer to Note 9 - Commitments and Contingencies for additional information about our secondarily liable lease guarantees.

Remodel-related asset write-off relates to assets that are removed or discarded in connection with Chili's and Maggiano's remodel projects.

Loss from natural disasters, net of (insurance recoveries) primarily relates to the following natural disasters:

- Fiscal 2023 - Hurricane Ian in September 2022 and the Winter Storm in December 2022.
- Fiscal 2022 - Hurricane Ida in August 2021.
- Fiscal 2021 - Winter Storm Uri in February 2021.

Gain on sale of assets, net in fiscal 2023 relates to sale of three land parcels for previously closed Chili's restaurants.

15. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Our operating segments are Chili's and Maggiano's. The Chili's segment includes the results of our Company-owned Chili's restaurants, which are principally located in the United States, within the full-service casual dining segment of the industry. The Chili's segment also has Company-owned restaurants in Canada, and franchised locations in the United States, 29 other countries and two United States territories. The Maggiano's segment includes the results of our Company-owned Maggiano's restaurants in the United States as well as the results from our domestic franchise business. The Other segment includes costs related to our restaurant support teams for the Chili's and Maggiano's brands, including operations, finance, franchise, marketing, human resources and culinary innovation. The Other segment also includes costs related to the common and shared infrastructure, including accounting, information technology, purchasing, guest relations, legal and restaurant development.

Company sales for each operating segment include revenues generated by the operation of Company-owned restaurants including food and beverage sales, net of discounts, gift card breakage, Maggiano's banquet service charge income, delivery, digital entertainment revenues, merchandise income and gift card discount costs from third-party gift card sales. Franchise revenues for each operating segment include royalties, franchise advertising fees, gift card equalization, and franchise and development fees.

We do not rely on any major customers as a source of sales, and the customers and long-lived assets of our operating segments are predominantly located in the United States. There were no material transactions amongst our operating segments.

Our chief operating decision maker uses Operating income as the measure for assessing performance of our segments. Operating income includes revenues and expenses directly attributable to segment-level results of operations. Restaurant expenses during the years presented primarily included restaurant rent, supplies, repairs and maintenance, utilities, delivery fees, advertising, property taxes and workers' compensation and general liability insurance.

The following tables reconcile our segment results to our consolidated results reported in accordance with GAAP:

	Fiscal Year Ended June 28, 2023			
	Chili's	Maggiano's	Corporate	Consolidated
Company sales	\$ 3,606.7	\$ 486.5	\$ —	\$ 4,093.2
Franchise revenues	39.4	0.6	—	40.0
Total revenues	3,646.1	487.1	—	4,133.2
Food and beverage costs	1,022.9	123.4	—	1,146.3
Restaurant labor	1,232.3	157.0	—	1,389.3
Restaurant expenses	966.2	130.4	0.9	1,097.5
Depreciation and amortization	145.3	13.0	10.2	168.5
General and administrative	35.5	7.8	111.2	154.5
Other (gains) and charges	22.0	1.4	9.3	32.7
Total operating costs and expenses	3,424.2	433.0	131.6	3,988.8
Operating income (loss)	221.9	54.1	(131.6)	144.4
Interest expenses	3.7	0.3	50.9	54.9
Other income, net	(0.1)	—	(1.2)	(1.3)
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ 218.3	\$ 53.8	\$ (181.3)	\$ 90.8
Segment assets	\$ 2,079.5	\$ 244.5	\$ 163.0	\$ 2,487.0
Payments for property and equipment	158.1	16.6	10.2	184.9
	Fiscal Year Ended June 29, 2022			
	Chili's ⁽¹⁾	Maggiano's	Corporate	Consolidated
Company sales	\$ 3,340.5	\$ 424.0	\$ —	\$ 3,764.5
Franchise revenues	39.1	0.5	—	39.6
Total revenues	3,379.6	424.5	—	3,804.1
Food and beverage costs	945.9	102.6	—	1,048.5
Restaurant labor	1,146.5	141.6	—	1,288.1
Restaurant expenses	849.8	117.9	0.6	968.3
Depreciation and amortization	139.8	13.4	11.2	164.4
General and administrative	33.3	8.0	102.8	144.1
Other (gains) and charges	23.3	—	7.9	31.2
Total operating costs and expenses	3,138.6	383.5	122.5	3,644.6
Operating income (loss)	241.0	41.0	(122.5)	159.5
Interest expenses	5.1	0.4	40.6	46.1
Other income, net	(0.3)	—	(1.5)	(1.8)
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ 236.2	\$ 40.6	\$ (161.6)	\$ 115.2
Segment assets	\$ 2,116.7	\$ 223.6	\$ 144.1	\$ 2,484.4
Payments for property and equipment	133.7	9.1	7.5	150.3

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 ⁽²⁾			
	Chili's	Maggiano's	Corporate	Consolidated
Company sales	\$ 3,023.7	\$ 277.6	\$ —	\$ 3,301.3
Franchise revenues	36.2	0.3	—	36.5
Total revenues	3,059.9	277.9	—	3,337.8
Food and beverage costs	803.5	64.3	—	867.8
Restaurant labor	1,014.2	94.0	—	1,108.2
Restaurant expenses	765.6	92.1	0.8	858.5
Depreciation and amortization	124.3	13.8	12.1	150.2
General and administrative	27.4	5.8	101.6	134.8
Other (gains) and charges	12.7	1.4	4.9	19.0
Total operating costs and expenses	2,747.7	271.4	119.4	3,138.5
Operating income (loss)	312.2	6.5	(119.4)	199.3
Interest expenses	5.6	0.2	50.4	56.2
Other income, net	(0.5)	—	(1.6)	(2.1)
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ 307.1	\$ 6.3	\$ (168.2)	\$ 145.2
Payments for property and equipment	\$ 82.9	\$ 2.6	\$ 8.5	\$ 94.0

- (1) Chili's segment information for fiscal 2022 includes the results of operations and the fair values of assets related to the 68 restaurants purchased from three former franchisees subsequent to the acquisition dates. Refer to Note 3 - Acquisitions for further details.
- (2) Fiscal 2021, which ended on June 30, 2021, contained 53 weeks. The impact of the 53rd week in fiscal 2021 resulted in an increase in Total revenues. While certain expenses increased in direct relationship to additional revenues from the 53rd week, other expenses, such as fixed costs, are incurred on a calendar month basis.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures (as that term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in our reports under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission’s rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer and, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

In connection with the preparation of this Form 10-K, we carried out an evaluation under the supervision of and with the participation of management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as of June 28, 2023, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based upon this evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that as of June 28, 2023, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

“Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting” and the attestation report of the independent registered public accounting firm of KPMG LLP on internal control over financial reporting are presented within Part II, Item 8 - Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2023 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 9C. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTION

Not applicable.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

For information about our executive officers, Board of Directors, including its committees, and Section 16(a) reporting compliance, refer to the sections entitled “Proposal 1 - Election of Directors -

Information About Nominees”, “Information About the Board of Directors and Governance of the Company - Board Committees” and “Information about our Executive Officers”, and to the extent applicable “Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports” in our Proxy Statement for the 2023 annual meeting of shareholders. We incorporate that information in this document by reference.

We adopted a code of ethics that applies to all of our team members, including the principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. We also have a code of conduct that applies to our Board of Directors. These documents are posted on our internet website at: <https://investors.brinker.com> under the Governance tab. You may obtain free of charge copies of the code from our website at the above internet address. Any amendment of, or waiver from, our code of ethics required to be disclosed by applicable SEC rules or stock exchange listing requirements will be posted on our website within four business days of such amendment or waiver.

We also have adopted a set of corporate governance guidelines and charters for all of our Board committees. The corporate governance guidelines and committee charters are available on our website at: <https://investors.brinker.com> under the Governance tab. You may obtain free of charge copies of the guidelines and charters from our website at the above internet address.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

For information about our executive and director compensation, refer to the section entitled “Executive Compensation” and “Information About the Board of Directors and Governance of the Company - Director Compensation” in our Proxy Statement for the 2023 annual meeting of shareholders. We incorporate that information in this document by reference.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

For information about our security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management and related stockholder matters, refer to the sections “Stock Ownership of Certain Persons” and “Executive Compensation - Equity Compensation Plan Information” in our Proxy Statement for the 2023 annual meeting of shareholders. We incorporate that information in this document by reference.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

For information about certain relationships and related transactions, refer to the section “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions” in our Proxy Statement for the 2023 annual meeting of shareholders. We incorporate that information in this document by reference.

For information about the independence of our non-management directors, refer to the section entitled “Information About the Board of Directors and Governance of the Company - Director Independence” in our Proxy Statement for the 2023 annual meeting of shareholders. We incorporate that information in this document by reference.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

For information about principal accountant fees and services, refer to the section “Proposal 2 - Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm” in our Proxy Statement for the 2023 annual meeting of shareholders. We incorporate that information in this document by reference.

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a)(1) Financial Statements - For a list of all financial statements, refer to the Consolidated Financial Statements Table of Contents in Part II, Item 8 - Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(a)(2) Financial Statement Schedules - All schedules are omitted as the required information is inapplicable or the information is presented in the Part II, Item 8 - Financial Statements and Supplementary Data financial statements or related notes.

(a)(3) Exhibits - We make reference to the exhibits listed under Part (b) below.

(b) Exhibits

Exhibit	Description
3(a)	Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended ⁽¹⁾
3(b)	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant ⁽²⁾
4(a)	Form of 3.875% Note due 2023 ⁽³⁾
4(b)	Indenture dated as of April 30, 2013 between Registrant and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as Trustee ⁽⁴⁾
4(c)	Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of May 15, 2013 between the Registrant and Wilmington Trust, National Association ⁽³⁾
4(d)	Form of 5.000% Senior Note due 2024 ⁽⁵⁾
4(e)	Senior Notes Indenture dated as of September 23, 2016, by and among the Registrant, the Guarantors named therein and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee ⁽⁵⁾
4(f)	Form of 8.250% Senior Notes due 2030 ⁽⁶⁾
4(g)	Indenture, dated as of June 27, 2023, by and among the Company, the Guarantors named therein and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee ⁽⁶⁾
4(h)	Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 22, 2023, by and among the Company, the Guarantors named therein and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as representative to the initial purchasers ⁽⁶⁾
4(i)	Description of Registered Securities ⁽⁷⁾
10(a)	Registrant's Stock Option and Incentive Plan, as amended ⁽⁸⁾
10(b)	Registrant's 1999 Stock Option and Incentive Plan for Non-Employee Directors and Consultants, as amended ⁽⁹⁾
10(c)	Credit Agreement dated August 18, 2021 ⁽¹⁰⁾
10(d)	First Amendment to Credit Agreement dated October 27, 2021 ⁽¹¹⁾
10(e)	Second Amendment to the Credit Agreement dated May 2, 2023 ⁽¹²⁾
10(f)	SVP Change in Control Agreement ⁽¹³⁾
10(g)	Executive Severance Benefits Plan and Summary Plan Description ⁽¹³⁾
10(h)	NEO Change in Control Severance Agreement ⁽¹⁴⁾
10(i)	Registrant's Terms of Stock Option Award ⁽⁷⁾
10(j)	Registrant's Terms of Retention Stock Unit Award ⁽⁷⁾
10(k)	Registrant's Terms of Restricted Stock Unit Award ⁽¹⁵⁾
10(l)	Registrant's Terms of Board of Directors Restricted Stock Unit Award ⁽¹⁶⁾

10(m)	Registrant's Fiscal 2021 Performance Share Plan ⁽¹⁷⁾
10(n)	Registrant's Fiscal 2022 Performance Share Plan ⁽¹⁵⁾
10(o)	Registrant's Fiscal 2023 Performance Share Plan ⁽¹⁸⁾
10(p)	Registrant's Terms of F21 Restricted Stock Unit Award ⁽¹⁹⁾
10(q)	Form of Retention Bonus Award Letter ⁽²⁰⁾
10(r)	Employment Agreement between Registrant and Kevin Hochman ⁽¹³⁾
10(s)	Form of Director and Officer Indemnification Agreement*
21	Subsidiaries of the Registrant*
23	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm*
31(a)	Certification by Kevin D. Hochman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Registrant, pursuant to 17 CFR 240.13a-14(a) or 17 CFR 240.15d-14(a)*
31(b)	Certification by Joseph G. Taylor, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant, pursuant to 17 CFR 240.13a-14(a) or 17 CFR 240.15d-14(a)*
32(a)	Certification by Kevin D. Hochman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Registrant, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*
32(b)	Certification by Joseph G. Taylor, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*
101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Schema Document
101.CAL	Inline XBRL Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	Inline XBRL Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	Inline XBRL Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	Inline XBRL Presentation Linkbase
104	The cover page from the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 28, 2023 is formatted in Inline XBRL

* Filed herewith.

The following are filed as an exhibit to the specified filing, and incorporated herein by reference:

- (1) Annual report on Form 10-K for year ended June 28, 1995
- (2) Current report on Form 8-K dated May 18, 2023
- (3) Current report on Form 8-K dated May 15, 2013
- (4) Registration statement on Form S-3 filed April 30, 2013, SEC File No. 333-188252
- (5) Current report on Form 8-K dated September 23, 2016
- (6) Current report on Form 8-K dated June 22, 2023
- (7) Annual report on Form 10-K for year ended June 26, 2019

- (8) Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for quarter ended September 28, 2022
- (9) Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for quarter ended December 28, 2022
- (10) Current report on Form 8-K dated August 18, 2021
- (11) Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for quarter ended September 29, 2021
- (12) Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for quarter ended March 29, 2023
- (13) Annual report on Form 10-K for year ended June 29, 2022
- (14) Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for quarter ended March 29, 2017
- (15) Current report on Form 8-K dated August 26, 2021
- (16) Annual report on Form 10-K for year ended June 24, 2020
- (17) Current report on Form 8-K dated August 20, 2020
- (18) Current report on Form 8-K dated October 31, 2022
- (19) Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for quarter ended September 23, 2020
- (20) Current report on Form 8-K dated June 30, 2022

ITEM 16. FORM 10-K SUMMARY

None.

SIGNATURES

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

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
a Delaware corporation

Date: August 23, 2023

By: /S/ JOSEPH G. TAYLOR

Joseph G. Taylor,
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we have signed in our indicated capacities on August 23, 2023:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>/S/ KEVIN D. HOCHMAN</u> Kevin D. Hochman	President and Chief Executive Officer of Brinker International, Inc. and President of Chili's Grill & Bar (Principal Executive Officer) and Director
<u>/S/ JOSEPH G. TAYLOR</u> Joseph G. Taylor	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
<u>/S/ JOSEPH M. DEPINTO</u> Joseph M. DePinto	Chairman of the Board
<u>/S/ FRANCES L. ALLEN</u> Frances L. Allen	Director
<u>/S/ CYNTHIA L. DAVIS</u> Cynthia L. Davis	Director
<u>/S/ HARRIET EDELMAN</u> Harriet Edelman	Director
<u>/S/ WILLIAM T. GILES</u> William T. Giles	Director
<u>/S/ RAMONA T. HOOD</u> Ramona T. Hood	Director
<u>/S/ JAMES C. KATZMAN</u> James C. Katzman	Director
<u>/S/ PRASHANT N. RANADE</u> Prashant N. Ranade	Director

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

This INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into as of the _____ day of _____, 202 __, by and between BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and _____ (“Indemnitee”).

RECITALS:

A. Competent and experienced persons are reluctant to serve or to continue to serve corporations as directors, officers, or in other capacities unless they are provided with adequate protection through insurance or indemnification (or both) against claims and actions against them arising out of their service to and activities on behalf of those corporations.

B. The current uncertainties relating to the availability of adequate insurance for directors and officers have increased the difficulty for corporations to attract and retain competent and experienced persons.

C. The Board of Directors of the Company has determined that the continuation of present trends in litigation will make it more difficult to attract and retain competent and experienced persons, that this situation is detrimental to the best interests of the Company’s stockholders, and that the Company should act to assure its directors and officers that there will be increased certainty of adequate protection in the future.

D. The Bylaws of the Company require the Company to indemnify its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by law.

E. It is reasonable, prudent, and necessary for the Company to obligate itself contractually to indemnify its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law in order to induce them to serve or continue to serve the Company.

F. Indemnitee is willing to serve and continue to serve the Company on the condition that he/she be indemnified to the fullest extent permitted by law.

G. Concurrently with the execution of this Agreement, Indemnitee is agreeing to serve or to continue to serve as a director or officer of the Company.

AGREEMENTS:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises, Indemnitee’s agreement to serve or continue to serve as a director or officer of the Company, and the covenants contained in this Agreement, the Company and Indemnitee hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. Certain Definitions:

For purposes of this Agreement:

(a) Acquiring Person: shall mean any Person other than (i) the Company, (ii) any of the Company’s Subsidiaries, (iii) any employee benefit plan of the Company or of a Subsidiary of the

Company or of a corporation owned directly or indirectly by the stockholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of stock of the Company, or (iv) any trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company or of a Subsidiary of the Company or of a corporation owned directly or indirectly by the stockholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of stock of the Company.

(b) Change in Control: shall be deemed to have occurred if:

(i) any Acquiring Person is or becomes the “beneficial owner” (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended [the “Exchange Act”]), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing twenty percent or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding Voting Securities of the Company; or

(ii) members of the Incumbent Board cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board of Directors of the Company; or

(iii) a public announcement is made of a tender or exchange offer by any Acquiring Person for fifty percent or more of the outstanding Voting Securities of the Company, and the Board of Directors of the Company approves or fails to oppose that tender or exchange offer in its statements in Schedule 14D-9 under the Exchange Act; or

(iv) the stockholders of the Company approve a merger or consolidation of the Company with any other Person (or, if no such approval is required, the consummation of such a merger or consolidation of the Company), other than a merger or consolidation that would result in the Voting Securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior to the consummation thereof continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into Voting Securities of the surviving entity or of a parent of the surviving entity) a majority of the combined voting power of the Voting Securities of the surviving entity (or its parent) outstanding immediately after that merger or consolidation; or

(v) the stockholders of the Company approve a plan of complete liquidation of the Company or an agreement for the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all the Company’s assets (or, if no such approval is required, the consummation of such a liquidation, sale, or disposition in one transaction or series of related transactions) other than a liquidation, sale, or disposition of all or substantially all the Company’s assets in one transaction or a series of related transactions to an entity owned directly or indirectly by the stockholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of stock of the Company.

(c) Claim: shall mean any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding (including, without limitation, securities laws actions, suits, and proceedings and also any crossclaim or counterclaim in any action, suit, or proceeding), whether civil, criminal, arbitral, administrative, or investigative in nature, or any inquiry or investigation (including discovery), whether conducted by the Company or any other Person, that Indemnitee in good faith believes might lead to the institution of any action, suit, or proceeding.

(d) Expenses: shall mean all costs, expenses (including attorneys’ and expert witnesses’ fees), and obligations paid or incurred in connection with investigating, defending (including affirmative defenses and counterclaims), being a witness in, or participating in (including on appeal), or preparing to defend, be a witness in, or participate in, any Claim relating to any Indemnifiable Event.

(e) Incumbent Board: shall mean individuals who, at a given point in time, constitute the Board of Directors of the Company and any other individual who becomes a director of the Company after that date and whose election or appointment by the Board of Directors or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board.

(f) Indemnifiable Event: shall mean any actual or alleged act, omission, statement, misstatement, event, or occurrence related to the fact that Indemnitee is or was a director, officer, agent, or fiduciary of the Company, or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, trustee, agent, or fiduciary of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, employee benefit plan, trust, or other enterprise, or by reason of any actual or alleged thing done or not done by Indemnitee in any such capacity. For purposes of this Agreement, the Company agrees that Indemnitee's service on behalf of or with respect to any Subsidiary or employee benefits plan of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company shall be deemed to be at the request of the Company.

(g) Indemnifiable Liabilities: shall mean all Expenses and all other liabilities, damages (including, without limitation, punitive, exemplary, and the multiplied portion of any damages), judgments, payments, fines, penalties, amounts paid in settlement, and awards paid or incurred that arise out of, or in any way relate to, any Indemnifiable Event.

(h) Person: shall mean any person or entity of any nature whatsoever, specifically including an individual, a firm, a company, a corporation, a partnership, a trust, or other entity. A Person, together with that Person's Affiliates and Associates (as those terms are defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act), and any Persons acting as a partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, association, syndicate, or other group (whether or not formally organized), or otherwise acting jointly or in concert or in a coordinated or consciously parallel manner (whether or not pursuant to any express agreement), for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting, or disposing of securities of the Company with such Person, shall be deemed a single "Person."

(i) Potential Change in Control: shall be deemed to have occurred if (i) the Company enters into an agreement, the consummation of which would result in the occurrence of a Change in Control; (ii) any Person (including the Company) publicly announces an intention to take or to consider taking actions that, if consummated, would constitute a Change in Control; or (iii) the Board of Directors of the Company adopts a resolution to the effect that, for purposes of this Agreement, a Potential Change in Control has occurred.

(j) Reviewing Party: shall mean any appropriate person or body consisting of a member or members of the Company's Board of Directors or any other person or body appointed by the Board (including Special Counsel referred to in Section 3) who is not a party to the particular Claim for which Indemnitee is seeking indemnification.

(k) Special Counsel: shall mean special, independent counsel selected by Indemnitee and approved by the Company (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld), and who has not otherwise performed services for the Company or for Indemnitee within the last three years (other than as Special Counsel under this Agreement or similar agreements).

(l) Subsidiary: shall mean, with respect to any Person, (i) any corporation or other entity of which a majority of the voting power of the voting equity securities or equity interest is owned, directly or indirectly, by that Person.

(m) Voting Securities: shall mean any securities that vote generally in the election of directors, in the admission of general partners, or in the selection of any other similar governing body.

2. Indemnification and Expense Advancement.

(a) The Company shall indemnify Indemnitee and hold Indemnitee harmless to the fullest extent permitted by law, as soon as practicable but in any event no later than thirty (30) days after written demand is presented to the Company, from and against any and all Indemnifiable Liabilities.

(b) If so requested by Indemnitee, the Company shall advance to Indemnitee all Expenses incurred by Indemnitee (or, if applicable, reimburse Indemnitee for any and all Expenses incurred by Indemnitee and previously paid by Indemnitee) within ten (10) business days after such request (an "Expense Advance") and delivery by Indemnitee of an undertaking to repay Expense Advances if and to the extent such undertaking is required by applicable law prior to the Company's payment of Expense Advances. The Company shall be obligated from time to time at the request of Indemnitee to make or pay an Expense Advance in advance of the final disposition or conclusion of any Claim. In connection with any request for an Expense Advance, if requested by the Company, Indemnitee or Indemnitee's counsel shall submit an affidavit stating that the Expenses to which the Expense Advances relate are reasonable. Any dispute as to the reasonableness of any Expense shall not delay an Expense Advance by the Company. If, when, and to the extent that the Reviewing Party determines that Indemnitee would not be permitted to be indemnified with respect to a Claim under applicable law, the Company shall be entitled to be reimbursed by Indemnitee and Indemnitee hereby agrees to reimburse the Company without interest (which agreement shall be an unsecured obligation of Indemnitee) for all related Expense Advances theretofore made or paid by the Company; provided, however, that if Indemnitee has commenced legal proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure a determination that Indemnitee could be indemnified under applicable law, any determination made by the Reviewing Party that Indemnitee would not be permitted to be indemnified under applicable law shall not be binding, and Indemnitee shall not be required to reimburse the Company for any Expense Advance, and the Company shall be obligated to continue to make Expense Advances, until a final judicial determination is made with respect thereto (as to which all rights of appeal therefrom have been exhausted or lapsed). If there has not been a Potential Change in Control or a Change in Control, the Reviewing Party shall be selected by the Board of Directors of the Company. If there has been a Potential Change in Control or a Change in Control, the Reviewing Party shall be advised by or shall be Special Counsel referred to in Section 3 hereof, if and as Indemnitee so requests. If there has been no determination by the Reviewing Party or if the Reviewing Party determines that Indemnitee substantively would not be permitted to be indemnified in whole or part under applicable law, Indemnitee shall have the right to commence litigation in any court in the states of Texas or Delaware having subject matter jurisdiction thereof and in which venue is proper seeking an initial determination by the court or challenging any such determination by the Reviewing Party or any aspect thereof, and the Company hereby consents to service of process and to appear in any such proceeding. Any determination by the Reviewing Party otherwise shall be conclusive and binding on the Company and Indemnitee.

3. Change in Control. The Company agrees that, if there is a Potential Change in Control or a Change in Control and if Indemnitee requests in writing that Special Counsel advise the Reviewing Party or be the Reviewing Party, then the Company shall not deny any indemnification payments (and Expense Advances shall continue to be paid by the Company pursuant to Section 2(b)) that Indemnitee

requests or demands under this Agreement or any other agreement or law now or hereafter in effect relating to Claims for Indemnifiable Events. The Company further agrees not to request or seek reimbursement from Indemnitee of any indemnification payment or Expense Advances unless, in either case, Special Counsel has rendered its written opinion to the Company and Indemnitee that the Company was not or is not permitted under applicable law to pay Indemnitee and to allow Indemnitee to retain such indemnification payment or Expense Advances. However, if Indemnitee has commenced legal proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure a determination that Indemnitee could be indemnified under applicable law, any determination made by Special Counsel that Indemnitee would not be permitted to be indemnified under applicable law shall not be binding, and Indemnitee shall not be required to reimburse the Company for any Expense Advance, and the Company shall be obligated to continue to make Expense Advances, until a final judicial determination is made with respect thereto (as to which all rights of appeal therefore have been exhausted or lapsed). The Company agrees to pay the reasonable fees of Special Counsel and to indemnify Special Counsel against any and all expenses (including attorneys' fees), claims, liabilities, and damages arising out of or relating to this Agreement or Special Counsel's engagement pursuant hereto.

4. Establishment of Trust. In the event of a Potential Change in Control or a Change in Control, the Company shall, upon written request by Indemnitee, create a trust for the benefit of Indemnitee (the "Trust") and from time to time upon written request of Indemnitee shall fund the Trust in an amount equal to all Indemnifiable Liabilities reasonably anticipated at the time to be incurred in connection with any Claim. The amount to be deposited in the Trust pursuant to the foregoing funding obligation shall be determined by the Reviewing Party. The terms of the Trust shall provide that, upon a Change in Control, (i) the Trust shall not be revoked or the principal thereof invaded, without the written consent of Indemnitee; (ii) the trustee of the Trust shall advance, within ten (10) business days of a request by Indemnitee, any and all Expenses to Indemnitee (and Indemnitee hereby agrees to reimburse the Trust under the circumstances in which Indemnitee would be required to reimburse the Company for Expense Advances under this Agreement); (iii) the Trust shall continue to be funded by the Company in accordance with the funding obligation set forth above; (iv) the trustee of the Trust shall promptly pay to Indemnitee all amounts for which Indemnitee shall be entitled to indemnification pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise; and (v) all unexpended funds in that Trust shall revert to the Company upon a final determination by the Reviewing Party or a court of competent jurisdiction, as the case may be, that Indemnitee has been fully indemnified under the terms of this Agreement. The trustee of the Trust shall be chosen by Indemnitee. Nothing in this Section 4 shall relieve the Company of any of its obligations under this Agreement.

5. Indemnification for Additional Expenses. The Company shall indemnify Indemnitee against any and all costs and expenses (including attorneys' and expert witnesses' fees) and, if requested by Indemnitee, shall (within two [2] business days of that request) advance those costs and expenses to Indemnitee, that are incurred by Indemnitee if Indemnitee, whether by formal proceedings or through demand and negotiation without formal proceedings: (a) seeks to enforce Indemnitee's rights under this Agreement, (b) seeks to enforce Indemnitee's rights to expense advancement or indemnification under any other agreement or provision of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws now or hereafter in effect relating to Claims for Indemnifiable Events, or (c) seeks recovery under any directors' and officers' liability insurance policies maintained by the Company, in each case regardless of whether Indemnitee ultimately prevails. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Company waives any and all rights that it may have to recover its costs and expenses from Indemnitee.

6. Partial Indemnity. If Indemnitee is entitled under any provision of this Agreement to indemnification by the Company for some, but not all, of Indemnitee's Indemnifiable Liabilities, the Company shall indemnify Indemnitee for the portion thereof to which Indemnitee is entitled.

7. Contribution.

(a) Contribution Payment. To the extent the indemnification provided for under any provision of this Agreement is determined (in the manner hereinabove provided) not to be permitted under applicable law, the Company, in lieu of indemnifying Indemnitee, shall, to the extent permitted by law, contribute to the amount of any and all Indemnifiable Liabilities incurred or paid by Indemnitee for which such indemnification is not permitted. The amount the Company contributes shall be in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of Indemnitee, on the one hand, and of the Company and any and all other parties (including officers and directors of the Company other than Indemnitee) who may be at fault (collectively, including the Company, the "Third Parties"), on the other hand.

(b) Relative Fault. The relative fault of the Third Parties and the Indemnitee shall be determined (i) by reference to the relative fault of Indemnitee as determined by the court or other governmental agency or (ii) to the extent such court or other governmental agency does not apportion relative fault, by the Reviewing Party (which shall include Special Counsel) after giving effect to, among other things, the relative intent, knowledge, access to information, and opportunity to prevent or correct the relevant events, of each party, and other relevant equitable considerations. The Company and Indemnitee agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution were determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation which does take account of the equitable considerations referred to in this Section 7(b).

8. Burden of Proof. In connection with any determination by the Reviewing Party or otherwise as to whether Indemnitee is entitled to be indemnified under any provision of this Agreement or to receive contribution pursuant to Section 7 of this Agreement, to the extent permitted by law the burden of proof shall be on the Company to establish that Indemnitee is not so entitled.

9. No Presumption. For purposes of this Agreement, the termination of any Claim by judgment, order, settlement (whether with or without court approval), or conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere, or its equivalent, or an entry of an order of probation prior to judgment shall not create a presumption (other than any presumption arising as a matter of law that the parties may not contractually agree to disregard) that Indemnitee did not meet any particular standard of conduct or have any particular belief or that a court has determined that indemnification is not permitted by applicable law.

10. Non-exclusivity. The rights of Indemnitee hereunder shall be in addition to any other rights Indemnitee may have under the Company's Bylaws or Certificate of Incorporation or the Delaware General Corporation Law or otherwise. To the extent that a change in the Delaware General Corporation Law (whether by statute or judicial decision) permits greater indemnification by agreement than would be afforded currently under the Company's Bylaws or Certificate of Incorporation and this Agreement, it is the intent of the parties hereto that Indemnitee shall enjoy by this Agreement the greater benefits so afforded by that change. Indemnitee's rights under this Agreement shall not be diminished by any amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws, or of any other agreement or instrument to which Indemnitee is not a party, and shall not diminish any other rights which Indemnitee now or in the future has against the Company.

11. Liability Insurance. Except as otherwise agreed to by the Company and Indemnitee in a written agreement, to the extent the Company maintains an insurance policy or policies providing directors' and officers' liability insurance, Indemnitee shall be covered by that policy or those policies, in accordance with its or their terms, to the maximum extent of the coverage available for any Company director or officer.

12. Period of Limitations. No action, lawsuit, or proceeding may be brought against Indemnitee or Indemnitee's spouse, heirs, executors, or personal or legal representatives, nor may any cause of action be asserted in any such action, lawsuit, or proceeding, by or on behalf of the Company, after the expiration of two years after the statute of limitations commences with respect to Indemnitee's act or omission which gave rise to the action, lawsuit, proceeding, or cause of action; provided, however, that, if any shorter period of limitations is otherwise applicable to any such action, lawsuit, proceeding, or cause of action, the shorter period shall govern.

13. Amendments. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by both of the parties hereto. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing signed by the party granting the waiver. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any other provisions hereof (whether or not similar) nor shall that waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

14. Other Sources. Indemnitee shall not be required to exercise any rights that Indemnitee may have against any other Person (for example, under an insurance policy) before Indemnitee enforces his/her rights under this Agreement. However, to the extent the Company actually indemnifies Indemnitee or advances him/her Expenses, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of Indemnitee and shall be entitled to enforce any such rights which Indemnitee may have against third parties. Indemnitee shall assist the Company in enforcing those rights if it pays his/her costs and expenses of doing so. If Indemnitee is actually indemnified or advanced Expenses by any third party, then, for so long as Indemnitee is not required to disgorge the amounts so received, to that extent the Company shall be relieved of its obligation to indemnify Indemnitee or advance Indemnitee Expenses.

15. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective successors, assigns (including any direct or indirect successor by purchase, merger, consolidation, or otherwise to all or substantially all of the business or assets of the Company), spouses, heirs, and personal and legal representatives. This Agreement shall continue in effect regardless of whether Indemnitee continues to serve as an officer or director of the Company or another enterprise at the Company's request.

16. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable under present or future laws effective during the term hereof, that provision shall be fully severable; this Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if that illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision had never comprised a part hereof; and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected by the illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision or by its severance from this Agreement. Furthermore, in lieu of that illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision, there shall be added automatically as a part of this Agreement a provision as similar in terms to the illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision as may be possible and be legal, valid, and enforceable.

17. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware applicable to contracts made and to be performed in that state without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of laws.

18. Headings. The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

19. Notices. Whenever this Agreement requires or permits notice to be given by one party to the other, such notice must be in writing to be effective and shall be deemed delivered and received by the party to whom it is sent upon actual receipt (by any means) of such notice. Receipt of a notice by the General Counsel of the Company shall be deemed receipt of such notice by the Company.

20. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but in making proof hereof it shall not be necessary to produce or account for more than one such counterpart.

EXECUTED as of the date first written above.

COMPANY:

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
a Delaware corporation

By: _____
Kevin D. Hochman,
Chief Executive Officer and President

INDEMNITEE:

**BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION
SUBSIDIARIES**

BRINKER RESTAURANT CORPORATION, a Virginia corporation
BRINKER INTERNATIONAL PAYROLL COMPANY, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
BRINKER ALABAMA, INC., a Virginia corporation
BRINKER ARKANSAS, INC., a Virginia corporation
BRINKER BRAZIL, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
BRINKER CANADIAN HOLDING CO., ULC, a British Columbia unlimited liability company
BRINKER CANADIAN RESTAURANT CO., ULC, a British Columbia unlimited liability company
BRINKER FHC B.V., a Netherlands private company
BRINKER FLORIDA, INC., a Virginia corporation
BRINKER FREEHOLD, INC., a New Jersey corporation
BRINKER GEORGIA, INC., a Virginia corporation
BRINKER LOUISIANA, INC., a Virginia corporation
BRINKER MICHIGAN, INC., a Virginia corporation
BRINKER MISSISSIPPI, INC., a Virginia corporation
BRINKER MISSOURI, INC., a Virginia corporation
BRINKER NEVADA, INC., a Nevada corporation
BRINKER NEW JERSEY, INC., a Virginia corporation
BRINKER NORTH CAROLINA, INC., a Virginia corporation
BRINKER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, INC., a Maryland corporation
BRINKER OF CARROLL COUNTY, INC., a Maryland corporation
BRINKER OF CECIL COUNTY, INC., a Maryland corporation
BRINKER OKLAHOMA, INC., a Virginia corporation
BRINKER OPCO, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company
BRINKER PENN TRUST, a Pennsylvania business trust
BRINKER PROPCO FLORIDA, INC., a Delaware corporation
BRINKER PROPERTY CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation
BRINKER PURCHASING, INC., a Delaware corporation
BRINKER SERVICES CORPORATION, a Virginia corporation
BRINKER SOUTH CAROLINA, INC., a Virginia corporation
BRINKER TEXAS, INC., a Virginia corporation
BRINKER VIRGINIA, INC., a Virginia corporation
CHILI'S BEVERAGE COMPANY, INC., a Texas corporation
CHILI'S, INC., a Delaware corporation
CHILI'S, INC., a Tennessee corporation
CHILI'S INTERNATIONAL BASES, B.V., a Netherlands private company
CHILI'S OF BEL AIR, INC., a Maryland corporation
CHILI'S OF KANSAS, INC., a Kansas corporation
CHILI'S OF MARYLAND, INC., a Maryland corporation
CHILI'S OF SALISBURY, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company
CHILI'S OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC., a West Virginia corporation
MAGGIANO'S, INC., an Illinois corporation
MAGGIANO'S BEVERAGE COMPANY, a Texas corporation
MAGGIANO'S HOLDING CORPORATION, a Virginia corporation
MAGGIANO'S OF ANNAPOLIS, INC., a Maryland corporation
MAGGIANO'S OF HOWARD COUNTY, INC., a Maryland corporation

MAGGIANO'S OF KANSAS, INC., a Kansas corporation
MAGGIANO'S OF TYSON'S, INC., a Virginia corporation
MAGGIANO'S PROPERTY CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation
MAGGIANO'S TEXAS, INC., a Virginia corporation
PEPPER DINING HOLDING CORP., a Virginia corporation
PEPPER DINING, INC., a Virginia corporation
PEPPER DINING VERMONT, INC., a Vermont corporation
BIPC GLOBAL PAYROLL COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
BIPC MANAGEMENT, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
BIPC INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statements (Nos. 333-93755, 333-105720, 333-125289, 333-157050, 333-201929, 333-230574, and 333-269619) on Form S-8 of our reports dated August 23, 2023, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Brinker International, Inc. and subsidiaries and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Dallas, Texas

August 23, 2023

CERTIFICATION

I, Kevin D. Hochman, certify that:

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

Date: August 23, 2023

By: /S/ KEVIN D. HOCHMAN

Kevin D. Hochman,
*President and Chief Executive Officer
of Brinker International, Inc.
and President of Chili's Grill & Bar
(Principal Executive Officer)*

CERTIFICATION

I, Joseph G. Taylor, certify that:

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

Date: August 23, 2023

By: /S/ JOSEPH G. TAYLOR

Joseph G. Taylor,
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, the undersigned officer of Brinker International, Inc. (the “Company”), hereby certifies that the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 28, 2023 (the “Report”) fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: August 23, 2023

By: /S/ KEVIN D. HOCHMAN

Kevin D. Hochman,
*President and Chief Executive Officer
of Brinker International, Inc.
and President of Chili’s Grill & Bar
(Principal Executive Officer)*

CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, the undersigned officer of Brinker International, Inc. (the “Company”), hereby certifies that the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 28, 2023 (the “Report”) fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: August 23, 2023

By: /S/ JOSEPH G. TAYLOR

Joseph G. Taylor,
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. (CST)
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10-K Availability

The company will furnish to any shareholder, without charge,
a copy of the company's annual report filed with the
Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-K for the
2023 fiscal year from our website at: www.brinker.com or
upon written request from the shareholder.

Please send your written request to:

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CEO/CFO Certifications

On December 6, 2022, the company submitted its annual
Section 303A CEO certification to the New York Stock
Exchange.

The company also filed the CEO and CFO certifications
required under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of
2002 with the Securities and Exchange Commission as
exhibits to its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year
ended June 28, 2023.

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