# CHURCHILL DOWNS

Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders 2015 Proxy Statement 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K

#### Dear Shareholder:

The value of your common stock investment in Churchill Downs Incorporated (NASDAQ: CHDN) increased 6% in 2014 following a 35% increase in 2013, a 27% increase in 2012, a 20% increase in 2011, and a 16% increase in 2010 (all on a Dec. 31 to Dec. 31 basis). In addition, we were able to again increase the Company's annual dividend in 2014 from \$0.87 to \$1.00 per share, double what it was in 2010 (\$0.50).

Your Company achieved record revenues of \$813 million in 2014 and record Adjusted EBITDA of \$202 million, 4% and 15% increases, respectively, over 2013. Additional information regarding the Company's financial performance can be found in the Form 10-K section of this annual report.

In February, we announced a ten-year extension (through 2025) of our Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby media rights agreement with NBC. And, in September we announced a five-year extension (through 2020) of our Kentucky Derby presenting sponsorship deal with Yum! Brands.

In May we opened Churchill Downs Racetrack's new Grandstand Terrace which added 2,400 new premium seats; and lit up our new "Big Board", the largest (15,224 square foot) 4K-resolution video board in the world.

Also in May we announced a deal with The Stronach Group under which they will operate racing at Calder Race Course through the end of 2020. We continue to own the assets and operate the Calder Casino. This deal ended the dispute over race days and puts thoroughbred racing in south Florida on a better footing.

In July we completed a \$61.6 million transaction to repurchase 691,000 shares of our common stock at \$89.15 per share representing about 4% of outstanding shares.

In August we undertook an important change in the Company's leadership as Bill Carstanjen, formerly our President and Chief Operating Officer, was appointed the 140-year-old Company's 12<sup>th</sup> Chief Executive Officer replacing Bob Evans who will continue as Chairman of the Board of Directors. At the same time, Bill Mudd, our Chief Financial Officer, was also appointed President while maintaining his Chief Financial Officer role.

Finally, in November, we announced the biggest transaction in your Company's history, the acquisition of Seattle's Big Fish Games for \$485 million upfront plus up to \$350 million in an earnout payable in 2016 based on Big Fish's 2015 performance. We are excited about Big Fish's growth prospects and the outstanding new capabilities we now have with the addition of the nearly 600-person Big Fish team. This transaction closed on Dec. 16, which resulted in two weeks of Big Fish's financial results, \$14 million in revenue and \$4 million in Adjusted EBITDA, being included in our 2014 financial results.

Your Board of Directors and the management team thank you for your investment in Churchill Downs Incorporated and for your support and trust in our leadership.

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Robert L. Evans Chairman of the Board William C. Carstanjen Chief Executive Officer

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#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON APRIL 23, 2015

To the Shareholders of Churchill Downs Incorporated:

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Churchill Downs Incorporated (the "Company"), a Kentucky corporation, will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel Seattle, located at 99 Union Street, Seattle, Washington 98101, on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Saving Time, for the following purposes:

- I. To elect the three (3) Class I Directors identified in this Proxy Statement for a term of three (3) years, and one (1) Class III Director identified in this Proxy Statement for a term of two (2) years (Proposal No. 1);
- II. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2015 (Proposal No. 2);
- IV. To conduct an advisory vote on executive compensation (Proposal No. 3); and
- V. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof, including matters incident to its conduct.

The close of business on February 27, 2015, has been fixed as the record date for determining the shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. Only shareholders of record at that time will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and at any adjournments thereof.

Shareholders who do not expect to attend the meeting in person are urged to sign, date and promptly return the Proxy that is enclosed herewith or vote by telephone or over the Internet.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

ALAN K. TSE Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

March 23, 2015

# IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON APRIL 23, 2015

The Company's Proxy Statement for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and the Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 are available at <a href="http://www.churchilldownsincorporated.com/proxy">http://www.churchilldownsincorporated.com/proxy</a>.

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#### PROXY STATEMENT

#### Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 23, 2015

The enclosed Proxy is being solicited by the Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors" or "Board") of Churchill Downs Incorporated to be voted at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Saving Time (the "Annual Meeting"), at **the Four Seasons Hotel Seattle, located at 99 Union Street, Seattle, Washington 98101**, and any adjournments thereof. This solicitation is being made primarily by mail and at the expense of the Company. Certain officers and directors of the Company and persons acting under their instruction may also solicit proxies on behalf of the Board of Directors by means of telephone calls, personal interviews and mail at no additional expense to the Company. The Proxy Card and this Proxy Statement are being sent to shareholders on or about March 23, 2015.

#### Voting Rights

Only holders of record of the Company's Common Stock, no par value ("Common Stock"), on February 27, 2015, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. On that date, **17,633,393** shares of Common Stock were outstanding and entitled to vote. Each shareholder has one vote per share on all matters coming before the Annual Meeting. The shareholders of the Company do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not counted in determining the number of votes required for the election of a director or passage of any matter submitted to the shareholders. Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists.

If the enclosed Proxy Card is properly executed and returned prior to the Annual Meeting, the shares represented thereby will be voted as specified therein. If a shareholder does not specify otherwise, the shares represented by the shareholder's proxy will be voted: (i) for the election of the nominees listed below under "Election of Directors"; (ii) for the ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2015; (iii) for the advisory approval of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as disclosed in this Proxy Statement pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC; and (iv) in the discretion of the person or persons voting the proxies, on such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

#### **Voting Instructions and Information**

The enclosed proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of Churchill Downs Incorporated, a Kentucky corporation ("Company," "CDI," or "CHDN") for use at the Company Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 23, 2015, or at any adjournment thereof ("Annual Meeting" or "2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders").

When and where is our Annual Meeting?

We will hold our Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., Pacific Daylight Saving Time, at the Four Seasons Hotel Seattle, located at 99 Union Street, Seattle, Washington 98101.

How are we distributing our proxy materials?

We are using the rule of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") that allows companies to furnish proxy materials to their shareholders using the "full set delivery" option; however, the Company may elect to use the "notice only" option in the future. A company may use either option, "notice only" or "full set delivery," for all of its shareholders or may use one method for some shareholders and the other method for others. Pursuant to the rules governing the "full set delivery" option, a company may provide proxy materials in paper form and send them via standard United States mail or, if a shareholder has previously elected, may provide the proxy materials in electronic form and send them via e-mail. In addition to delivering materials to shareholders, the Company is obligated to post all proxy materials on a publicly available website and provide information to shareholders about how to access that website.

Accordingly, each shareholder will receive the Company's proxy materials by mail or, if previously agreed to by a shareholder, by e-mail. These proxy materials include the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders, proxy statement, proxy card and Annual Report. These materials are also available at http://www.churchilldownsincorporated.com/proxy.

Who can vote at the Annual Meeting?

You are entitled to vote or direct the voting of your shares of CHDN's Common Stock, if you were a shareholder of record or if you held CHDN Common Stock in "street name" at the close of business on Friday, February 27, 2015 (the "Record Date"). On that date, 17,633,393 shares of CHDN Common Stock were outstanding. Each share of CHDN Common Stock held by you on the Record Date is entitled to one vote.

How many votes must be present to hold the Annual Meeting?

We must have a "quorum" to conduct the Annual Meeting. A majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum. Once a share is represented for any purpose at the Annual Meeting, it will be deemed present for quorum purposes for the remainder of the Annual Meeting and for any adjournment of the Annual Meeting, unless a new record date must be set for the adjourned meeting.

What do I need to attend, and vote at, the Annual Meeting?

If you plan on attending the Annual Meeting, please remember to bring photo identification with you, such as a driver's license. In addition, if you hold shares in "street name" and would like to attend the Annual Meeting, you must bring an account statement or other acceptable evidence of ownership of CHDN Common Stock as of the close of business on the Record Date. In order to vote at the Annual Meeting if you hold shares in "street name," you will also need a valid "legal proxy," which you can obtain by contacting your account representative at the broker, bank or similar institution through which you hold your shares.

What proposals will be voted on at the Annual Meeting?

The following proposals from the Company will be considered and voted on at the Annual Meeting:

- 1. To elect the three (3) Class I Directors identified in this Proxy Statement for a term of three (3) years, and one (1) Class III Director identified in this Proxy Statement for a term of two (2) years (Proposal No. 1);
- 2. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2015 (Proposal No. 2); and
- 3. To conduct an advisory vote on executive compensation (Proposal No. 3).

You may also vote on any other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof, including matters incident to the meeting's conduct.

How does the Board of Directors recommend I vote?

CDI's Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote:

- 1. "FOR" each of the nominees specified in this Proxy Statement under "Nominees for Election as Directors" to the Board of Directors.
- 2. "FOR" the proposal to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2015.
- 3. "FOR" the proposal to approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, executive compensation.

#### How do I vote?

You may cast your vote in one of four ways:

- **By Submitting a Proxy by Internet.** Go to the following website: <a href="www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a>. You may submit a proxy by Internet 24 hours a day. To be valid, your proxy by Internet must be received by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on April 22, 2015. Please have your proxy card available when you access the website and follow the instructions to create an electronic voting instruction form.
- **By Submitting a Proxy by Telephone.** To submit a proxy using the telephone, call 1-800-690-6903 any time on a touch-tone telephone. There is NO CHARGE to you for the call in the United States or Canada. International calling charges apply outside the United States and Canada. You may submit a proxy by telephone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Follow the simple prompts and instructions provided by the recorded message. To be valid, your proxy by telephone must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on April 22, 2015.
- By Submitting a Proxy by Mail. Mark your proxy card, sign and date it, and return it in the prepaid envelope that has been provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717. To be valid, your proxy by mail must be received by 7:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on April 23, 2015.
- At the Annual Meeting. You can vote your shares in person at the Annual Meeting (see "What do I need to attend, and vote at, the Annual Meeting?"). If you are a shareholder of record, in order to vote at the Annual Meeting, you must present an acceptable form of photo identification, such as a driver's license. If you hold your shares in street name, you must obtain a legal proxy, as described above under "What do I need to attend, and vote at, the Annual Meeting?", and bring that proxy to the Annual Meeting.

How can I revoke my proxy or substitute a new proxy or change my vote?

You can revoke your proxy or substitute a new proxy by use of any of the following means:

#### For a Proxy Submitted by Internet or Telephone

- By submitting in a timely manner a new proxy through the Internet or by telephone that is received by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on April 22, 2015;
- Executing and mailing a later-dated proxy card that is received prior to 7:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on April 23, 2015; or
- By voting in person at the Annual Meeting.

#### For a Proxy Submitted by Mail

- Executing and mailing another proxy card bearing a later date that is received prior to 7:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on April 23, 2015;
- Giving written notice of revocation to CDI's Secretary at 600 N. Hurstbourne Parkway, Ste. 400, Louisville, Kentucky 40222 that is received by CDI prior to 7:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on April 23, 2015; or
- By voting in person at the Annual Meeting.

#### Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The following table sets forth information as of February 27, 2015, (except as otherwise indicated below) regarding the beneficial ownership of the Common Stock by the only persons known by the Company to beneficially own more than five percent (5%) of the Common Stock, each director and director nominee of the Company, each named executive officer (as defined in "Executive Compensation-Summary Compensation Table" herein), and the Company's directors and executive officers as a group. Except as otherwise indicated, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all of the shares of Common Stock shown as beneficially owned by them. The percentage of beneficial ownership is calculated based on 17,633,393 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of February 27, 2015. We are not aware of any pledge of our Common Stock or any other arrangements the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of our Company.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature Of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
The Duchossois Group, Inc. (f/k/a Duchossois Industries, Inc.)	2,944,756	16.70
845 Larch Avenue		
Elmhurst, IL 60126		
PAR Capital Management, Inc.	1,286,544	7.30
1 International Place, #2401		
Boston, MA 02110		
GAMCO Investors, Inc. and affiliates	1,247,130(1)	7.07
One Corporate Center		
Rye, NY 10580-1435		
Three Bays Capital LP and affiliates	897,321(2)	5.09
222 Berkeley Street, 19th Floor		
Boston, MA 02116		
Balyasny Asset Management and affiliates	945,254(3)	5.36
181 West Madison Street, 36th Floor		
Chicago, IL 60602		
Ulysses L. Bridgeman, Jr.	-0-(4)	
Craig J. Duchossois	3,099,543(5)	
Richard L. Duchossois	3,247,944(6)	
Robert L. Fealy	-0-(7)	
Aditi J. Gokhale	-0-	*
Daniel P. Harrington	233,300(8)	
G. Watts Humphrey, Jr	51,000	0.29
James F. McDonald	$2,000^{(9)}$	
R. Alex Rankin	4,800	*
William C. Carstanjen	102,602(10	
Robert L. Evans	151,464(1	
William E. Mudd	$60,596^{(1)}$	
Alan K. Tse	14,971(13	
James E. Gay	44,530(14	
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<sup>\*</sup> Less than 0.1%

<sup>(1)</sup> GAMCO and its subsidiaries and affiliates own beneficial interest of 7.07%. The 7.07% interest is held by the following: (a) GAMCO Asset Management, Inc., (b) Gabelli Funds, LLC, (c) Teton Advisors, Inc., and (d) Mario J. Gabelli. All are related entities.

- (2) Three Bays Capital LP and its affiliates own beneficial interest of 5.09%. The 5.09% interest is held by the following: (a) Three Bays Capital LP, (b) TBC GP LLC, (c) TBC Master, (d) TBC Partners GP LLC, and (e) Matthew Sidman. All are related entities.
- (3) Balyasny Asset Management L.P. and its affiliates own beneficial interest of 5.36%. The 5.36% is held by the following: (a) Atlas Master Fund, Ltd., (b) Atlas Global, LLC, (c) Atlas Global Investments, Ltd., (d) Atlas Institutional Fund, LLC, (e) Atlas Institutional Fund, Ltd., (f) Atlas Institutional Fund II, LLC, (g) Atlas Institutional Fund II, Ltd., (h) Atlas Global Japan Unit Trust, (i) Atlas Enhanced Master Fund, Ltd., (j) Atlas Enhanced Fund, L.P., (k) Atlas Enhanced Fund, Ltd., (l) Atlas Fundamental Trading Master Fund Ltd., (m) Atlas Fundamental Trading Fund, L.P., (n) Atlas Fundamental Trading Fund Ltd., (o) Lyxor/ Balyasny Atlas Enhanced Fund Limited, (p) BAM Zie Master Fund, Ltd., (q) BAM Zie Fund, LLC, (r) BAM Zie Fund, Ltd., (s) Balyasny Asset Management L.P., and (t) Dmitry Balyasny. All are related entities.
- (4) Excludes 622 deferred stock units, which Mr. Bridgeman has elected to defer pursuant to the Company's deferred compensation plan. Also excludes 1,317 restricted shares, over which Mr. Bridgeman has neither voting nor dispositive power until his resignation or retirement from the Board, awarded by the Company for his board service.
- (5) Mr. Craig J. Duchossois is the son of Mr. Richard L. Duchossois, who is also a director of the Company. Craig J. Duchossois shares voting and investment power with respect to 2,944,756 shares owned by The Duchossois Group, Inc. (formerly known as Duchossois Industries, Inc.) and 137,141 shares owned by Spring Creek Investors II, LLC, an affiliate of The Duchossois Group, Inc. Mr. Craig J. Duchossois also shares voting and investment power with respect to 17,646 shares owned by three trusts. He specifically disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares. Of the shares listed as beneficially owned by Mr. Craig J. Duchossois, 3,081,897 shares are also listed as beneficially owned by Mr. Richard L. Duchossois. Figure illustrated excludes 9,615 deferred stock units, which Mr. Craig J. Duchossois has elected to defer pursuant to the Company's deferred compensation plan. Also excludes 3,077 restricted shares, over which Mr. Craig J. Duchossois has neither voting nor dispositive power until his resignation or retirement from the Board, awarded by the Company for his board service.
- (6) Mr. Richard L. Duchossois is the father of Mr. Craig J. Duchossois, who is also a director of the Company. Mr. Richard L. Duchossois shares voting and investment power with respect to 2,944,756 shares owned by The Duchossois Group, Inc. (formerly known as Duchossois Industries, Inc.) and 137,141 shares owned by Spring Creek Investors II, LLC, an affiliate of The Duchossois Group, Inc. Mr. Richard L. Duchossois also shares voting and investment power with respect to 166,047 shares owned by the RLD Revocable Trust. He specifically disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares. Of the shares listed as beneficially owned by Mr. Richard L. Duchossois, 3,081,897 shares are also listed as beneficially owned by Mr. Craig J. Duchossois. Figure illustrated excludes 2,553 deferred stock units, which Mr. Duchossois has elected to defer pursuant to the Company's deferred compensation plan. Also excludes 3,077 restricted shares, over which Mr. Duchossois has neither voting nor dispositive power until his resignation or retirement from the Board, awarded by the Company for his board service.
- (7) Excludes 9,007 deferred stock units, which Mr. Fealy has elected to defer pursuant to the Company's deferred compensation plan. Also excludes 3,079 restricted shares, over which Mr. Fealy has neither voting nor dispositive power until his resignation or retirement from the Board, awarded by the Company for his board service.
- (8) Mr. Harrington shares voting and investment power with respect to 233,299 shares held by TVI Corp. He specifically disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (9) Excludes 5,762 deferred stock units, which Mr. McDonald has elected to defer pursuant to the Company's deferred compensation plan. Also excludes 3,077 restricted shares, over which Mr. McDonald has neither voting nor dispositive power until his resignation or retirement from the Board, awarded by the Company for his board service.

- (10) Excludes 32,500 restricted shares, tied to Mr. Carstanjen's continued service to the Company, awarded under the Company's 2007 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan over which Mr. Carstanjen has neither voting nor dispositive power until December 31, 2015, at which time 5,000 shares shall vest without restriction, December 31, 2016, at which time 7,500 shares shall vest without restriction, and December 31, 2017, at which time 20,000 shares shall vest without restriction. Also excludes 25,000 restricted shares awarded under the Company's equity compensation program over which Mr. Carstanjen has neither voting nor dispositive power until December 31, 2015, at which time 12,500 shares shall vest without restriction, and December 31, 2016 at which time the remaining 12,500 shall vest without restriction.
- (11) Excludes 30,000 restricted shares, tied to Mr. Evans' continued service, awarded under the Company's 2007 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan over which Mr. Evans has neither voting nor dispositive power until the restricted shares vest without restriction in equal installments of 15,000 shares on August 14, 2015 and August 14, 2016, respectively. Also excludes 65,000 vested restricted stock units and 26,406 restricted shares awarded pursuant to Mr. Evans' employment agreement over which Mr. Evans has neither voting nor dispositive power until the lapse of certain restrictions pursuant to the restricted stock agreements governing the awards.
- (12) Excludes 20,000 restricted shares, tied to Mr. Mudd's continued service, awarded under the Company's 2007 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan over which Mr. Mudd has neither voting nor dispositive power until December 31, 2015, at which time 2,500 shares shall vest without restriction, December 31, 2016, at which time 2,500 shares shall vest without restriction. Also excludes 4,500 shares issuable under currently exercisable options. Excludes 15,000 restricted shares awarded pursuant to Mr. Mudd's employment agreement over which Mr. Mudd has neither voting nor dispositive power until the lapse of a restriction period ending on March 31, 2015. Excludes 20,000 restricted shares awarded under the Company's equity compensation program over which Mr. Mudd has neither voting nor dispositive power until December 31, 2015, at which time 10,000 shares shall vest without restriction, and December 31, 2016 at which time the remaining 10,000 shall vest without restriction.
- (13) Excludes 5,000 restricted shares, tied to Mr. Tse's continued service, awarded under the Company's 2007 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan over which Mr. Tse has neither voting nor dispositive power until December 31, 2017, at which time the shares shall vest without restriction. Also excludes 5,000 restricted shares awarded under the Company's equity compensation program over which Mr. Tse has neither voting nor dispositive power until December 31, 2015 at which time 2,500 shall vest without restriction, and December 31, 2016 at which time the remaining 2,500 shares will vest without restriction.
- (14) Excludes 5,000 restricted shares, tied to Mr. Gay's continued service, awarded under the Company's 2007 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan over which Mr. Gay has neither voting nor dispositive power until December 31, 2017, at which time the shares shall vest without restriction. Excludes 12,000 restricted shares awarded under the Company's equity compensation program over which Mr. Gay has neither voting nor dispositive power until December 31, 2015, at which time 6,000 shares shall vest without restriction, and December 31, 2016 at which time the remaining 6,000 shall vest without restriction.
- (15) See table on page 15 and "Executive Officers of the Company"

#### **Executive Officers of the Company**

The Company's executive officers, as listed below, are elected annually to their executive offices and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

Name and Age	Position(s) With Company and Term of Office
Robert L. Evans(1)	Chairman since August 2014; Chairman and Chief Executive Officer from June 2011
62	to August 2014; Chief Executive Officer from March 2011 to June 2011; President
	and Chief Executive Officer from August 2006 to March 2011
William C. Carstanjen <sup>(2)</sup>	Chief Executive Officer since August 2014; President and Chief Operating Officer
47	from March 2011 to August 2014; Chief Operating Officer from January 2009 to
	March 2011; Executive Vice President and Chief Development Officer from June
	2005 to January 2009; General Counsel from June 2005 to December 2006
William E. Mudd(3)	President and Chief Financial Officer since August 2014; Executive Vice President
43	and Chief Financial Officer from October 2007 to August 2014
Alan K. Tse <sup>(4)</sup>	Executive Vice President and General Counsel since March 2011
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- (1) Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Evans served as the Managing Director of Symphony Technology Group, a strategic technology holding group focused on the software, services and analytics market, and as President and CEO of Symphony Services Corp., a product engineering outsourcing services company, from 2002 to 2004. From 1999 to 2000, he served as President and Chief Operating Officer of i2 Technologies/Aspect Development.
- (2) Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Carstanjen was employed at General Electric Company. From 2004 through June 2005, he served as the Managing Director and General Counsel of GE Commercial Finance, Energy Financial Services. From 2002 to 2004, he served as General Counsel of GE Specialty Materials and, from 2000 to 2002, he served as Transactions and Finance Counsel of GE Worldwide Headquarters.
- (3) Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Mudd was employed at General Electric Company. From 2006 through October 2007, he served as Chief Financial Officer, Global Commercial & Americas P&L of GE Infrastructure, Water & Process Technologies. From 2004 to 2006, he served as Chief Financial Officer, Supply Chain, Information Technology and Technology Finance, GE Consumer & Industrial Europe, Middle East, & Africa, Budapest and Hungary and, from 2002 to 2004, he served as Manager, Global Financial Planning & Analysis and Business Development.
- (4) Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Tse was employed at LG Electronics Mobilecomm U.S.A., Inc., a leading cellular telephone manufacturer in the United States, where from January 2005 through March 2011, he served as Vice President and General Counsel.

# Election of Directors (Proposal No. 1)

At the Annual Meeting, shareholders will vote to elect three (3) persons to serve in Class I and one (1) person to serve in Class III of the Board of Directors and to hold office for a term of three (3) years expiring at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders for those in Class I and for a term of two (2) years expiring at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders for the individual in Class III and thereafter until their respective successors shall be duly elected and qualified or until the earlier of their resignation, death or removal.

The Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company provide that the Board of Directors shall be composed of not fewer than three (3) nor more than fifteen (15) members, the exact number to be established by the Board of Directors, and further provide for the division of the Board of Directors into three (3) approximately equal classes, of which one (1) class is elected annually to a three year term. Currently the Board of Directors is comprised of ten (10) directors, with three (3) directors in Class I, four (4) directors in Class II and three (3) directors in Class III. The Company has a mandatory retirement age policy with regard to directors, which provides that a person is not qualified to serve as a director unless he or she is less than seventy (70) years of age on the date of election. However, the Board believes that it is important to monitor overall Board performance and suitability, and pursuant to the policy, upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Committee, the Board may waive the effective date of mandatory retirement. There are two directors in Class I that will have met the mandatory retirement age at the Annual Meeting, Craig J. Duchossois and G. Watts Humphrey, Jr. On February 18, 2015, the Nominating and Governance Committee voted to recommend waiving the mandatory retirement age policy in favor of Messrs. Craig J. Duchossois' and G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.'s continued service to the Board. In reaching its decision to waive the policy, the Nominating and Governance Committee considered the fact that Messrs. C. Duchossois and Humphrey are both highly experienced directors of the Company with regard to executive compensation, strategy, and governance. Furthermore, Mr. Humphrey has served the Company and the Board extremely well in the role of lead independent director. Upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Committee, the Board of Directors concluded that Messrs. C. Duchossois' and Humphrey's experience and skill sets advance the strategic goals of the Company and the Company would benefit from their continued service as directors, and on February 24, 2015, the Board of Directors waived the effective date of the mandatory retirement age for Messrs. C. Duchossois and Humphrey.

At the Annual Meeting, the four (4) persons named in the following table will be nominated on behalf of the Board of Directors for election as directors in Class I and Class III, respectively. The Nominating and Governance Committee has recommended, and the Board has approved, the nomination of these persons. The nominees currently serve as members of Class I and Class III, respectively, and have agreed to serve if reelected. Directors are elected by a plurality of votes cast by the shares entitled to vote in the election at a meeting at which a quorum is present. With each shareholder having one vote per share to cast for each director position, the nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected. The biographical information for our directors below includes information regarding certain of the experiences, qualifications, attributes and skills that led to the determination that such individuals are qualified to serve on the Board of Directors.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS IN CLASS I AND III.

UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE PERSONS NAMED IN THE PROXY TO VOTE THE SHARES REPRESENTED THEREBY "FOR" THE ELECTION OF THE CLASS I AND CLASS III DIRECTORS NAMED BELOW.

#### Nominees for Election as Directors

The following table sets forth information relating to the Class I and Class III directors of the Company who are proposed to the shareholders for election to serve as directors for terms of three (3) years and two (2) years, in the case of Aditi J. Gokhale, expiring at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, or 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders for Aditi J. Gokhale, and thereafter until their respective successors shall be duly elected and qualified or until the earlier of their resignation, death or removal.

Name, Age and Positions with Company

Principal Occupation<sup>(1)</sup> and Certain Directorships<sup>(2)</sup>

#### Class I—Nominated for Terms Expiring in 2018

Craig J. Duchossois 70 Director since 2000

Mr. Duchossois serves as the Chief Executive Officer and a Director of The Duchossois Group, Inc., (a family-owned company with diversified business interests in companies with leading brands in the residential security, lighting and convenience products markets and the commercial control markets). While Mr. Duchossois was originally nominated to serve as a Director of the Company pursuant to the stockholder's agreement between the Company and Duchossois Industries, Inc., the Company has been and will continue to be well served by Mr. Duchossois' experience and proven capabilities in the international marketplace and technology industries in overseeing a diverse group of companies that have over 6,000 employees worldwide with operations located in over 30 countries, as well as his financial and business acumen. Mr. Duchossois currently holds the following leadership positions with other entities: Chairman, The Chamberlain Group, Inc.; Director, Amsted Industries, Inc.; not-for-profit board memberships include Culver Education Foundation, Illinois Institute of Technology, University of Chicago, Kellogg Graduate School of Management, World Business Chicago, the University of Chicago Hospitals, Executive's Club of Chicago, Economic Club, Chicago Council on Global Affairs and the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation. He is a member of the Chief Executive Officer's Organization, World Presidents Organization, and the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago. Mr. Duchossois also serves as a board member for Levy Acquisition Corp., Frontenac Company and The Edgewater Funds. He is past-Chairman of the Board of Visitors for the United States Naval Academy.

Robert L. Evans 62 Director since 2006

Mr. Evans is the Chairman of the Board of the Company. Please see Mr. Evans' positions with the Company, terms of office and other biographical information on page 6. Mr. Evans' role as the Chairman of the Company as well as his proven entrepreneurial experience and abilities, his experience in senior executive positions at some of North America's leading manufacturing (Mr. Evans served in a variety of management positions for Caterpillar Inc.), business consulting (former Managing Partner of the Americas Supply Chain Practice for Accenture Ltd., formerly Andersen Consulting), technology (former President and Chief Operating Officer of Aspect Development Inc.) and private equity companies (Co-Founder and former Managing Director of Symphony Technology Group, a private equity firm that provides investment capital and strategic direction to software, services, and analytics companies), and his experience in the thoroughbred horse racing industry qualify Mr. Evans to serve as a Director of the Company. Mr. Evans currently holds the following leadership positions with other entities: President, Tenlane Farm, LLC (a thoroughbred breeding and racing operation); Mr. Evans is a former director of Aspect Development, IronPlanet, ATC Technology Corp., Symphony Services, and Trigo Technologies Inc.

## Principal Occupation<sup>(1)</sup> and Certain Directorships<sup>(2)</sup>

G. Watts Humphrey, Jr. 70

Director since 1995

Mr. Humphrey is the President, GWH Holdings, Inc. (private investment company); Chairman, IPEG (international plastics machinery equipment company); and Owner, Shawnee Farm (thoroughbred breeding and racing operation). Among other exceptional personal and professional attributes, Mr. Humphrey has extensive experience in overseeing a diverse group of companies as well as in significant leadership roles throughout the thoroughbred horseracing industry that qualify Mr. Humphrey to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Humphrey currently holds the following leadership positions with other entities: Member of The Jockey Club; Vice-Chairman, Blood-Horse Publications; Director and member of Executive Committee, Keeneland Association, Inc.; Vice-Chairman, Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill; Director, Smithfield Trust Company; Director, Wausau Paper; Member of the Board of Trustees, Centre College. Previously, Mr. Humphrey served as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank—Fourth District.

#### Class III—Nominated for a Term Expiring in 2017

Aditi J. Gokhale 41 Director since 2015 Ms. Gokhale has served as the Senior Vice President of Digital for Nutrisystem, Inc., a company specializing in weight loss and nutritional programs, since June 2012. From 2009 to 2012, Ms. Gokhale served as general manager of the wholly-owned subsidiary of Travelocity, IGOUGO.com, a travel-planning company, where she led the daily business operations. Prior to Travelocity, she was the co-founder and Chief Marketing Officer for iQuanti, a company offering digital marketing services to Fortune 100 companies. Before iQuanti, Ms. Gokhale spent over 6 years at American Express from 2001-2007. Ms. Gokhale began her career at Booz & Company (formerly Booz Allen & Hamilton) in the Media and Entertainment practice. Ms. Gokhale's extensive experience in digital marketing, management consulting and product development makes her an excellent member of the Company's Board. Ms. Gokhale was introduced and recommended to the Board of Directors, for appointment, by the Nominating and Governance Committee.

- (1) There has been no change in principal occupation or employment during the past five years, except with respect to Mr. Evans (as described under "Executive Officers of the Company") and Ms. Gokhale.
- (2) Directorships at any time within the last 5 years in companies with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), subject to the requirements of Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act or companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and, in the case of certain directors, other directorships or positions considered significant by them.

The Board of Directors has no reason to believe that the nominees will be unavailable to serve as a director. If any nominee should become unavailable before the Annual Meeting, the persons named in the enclosed Proxy, or their substitutes, reserve the right to vote for substitute nominees selected by the Board of Directors.

#### Continuing Directors

The following tables set forth information relating to the Class II and Class III directors of the Company who will continue to serve as directors until the expiration of their respective terms of office.

Name, Age and Positions with Company

Principal Occupation(1) and Certain Directorships(2)

#### Class II—Terms Expiring in 2016

Director since 2012

Ulysses L. Bridgeman, Jr. Mr. Bridgeman is the owner and President of Manna, Inc. and ERJ Inc. which currently oversee the administration and operation of 124 Chili's Restaurants in ten states, and 235 Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburger Restaurants in seven states. The restaurants presently employ approximately 20,000 employees. According to the Restaurant Finance Monitor, Mr. Bridgeman is the second largest restaurant franchisee in the United States. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Louisville in 1975. From 1975-1983 and from 1986-1987, Mr. Bridgeman played professional basketball with the Milwaukee Bucks. During the interim of 1983-1986 he played for the Los Angeles Clippers. During his professional basketball career, Mr. Bridgeman worked as a Sales and Public Relations Representative for Howard Johnson in Milwaukee. His experience also includes holding a position as an analyst with Towers, Perrin, Foster & Crosby Insurance Consultants in Milwaukee. Mr. Bridgeman's leadership skills have been further developed through his eleven years with the NBA Players Association. As a Player Representative, he acted as a liaison between the players and management. He was directly involved in arbitration proceedings and also assisted with the implementation of special programs such as Career Alternatives, Fitness and Wellness and Financial Planning. During his time with the Players Association, he held the title of Treasurer for three years and President for four years. Mr. Bridgeman's experience in leading a large and diverse workforce, along with his entrepreneurial vision and director experience make him an excellent member of the Company's Board. Mr. Bridgeman is also actively involved in the Louisville community. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Fifth Third Bank; the West End School; the PGA Foundation Board; the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame; and most recently joined the Meijer Board. He serves as Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees University of Louisville and a past member of the Library Board.

Richard L. Duchossois Director since 2000

Mr. Duchossois is the founder and serves as the Chairman of The Duchossois Group, Inc. (a family-owned company with diversified business interests in companies with leading brands in the residential security, lighting and convenience products markets and the commercial control and automation). Mr. Duchossois also serves as the Chairman of Arlington Park Racecourse, LLC, a subsidiary of the Company. While Mr. Duchossois was originally nominated to serve as a director of the Company pursuant to the stockholder's agreement between the Company and Duchossois Industries, Inc., the Company has been and will continue to be well served by Mr. Duchossois' entrepreneurial experience and abilities, his proven leadership capabilities in successfully developing and managing a diverse group of companies that have over 6,000 employees worldwide with operations located in over 30 countries, as well as his horse racing industry experience in which he led the resurrection of Arlington Park Racecourse as a world renowned racetrack. Mr. Duchossois currently holds the following leadership positions with other entity: Director, The Chamberlain Group, Inc.

### Principal Occupation<sup>(1)</sup> and Certain Directorships<sup>(2)</sup>

James F. McDonald 75 Director since 2008

Mr. McDonald is an investor, partner, and founder of a number of private businesses which include construction aggregates, real estate investment partnerships, and livestock operations. From April 30, 2011 to December 31, 2011, Mr. McDonald served as a consultant to Cisco Systems, Inc. ("Cisco"). From 2006 to April 30, 2011, Mr. McDonald was a Senior Vice President of Cisco (a world leader in networking that provides hardware, software, and service offerings that are used to create Internet solutions that allow individuals, companies, and countries to increase productivity, improve customer satisfaction and strengthen competitive advantage.) From 1993 to 2006, Mr. McDonald served as the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of Scientific-Atlanta, Inc. (a global provider of cable and internet protocol television set-tops, data and voice cable modems, end-to-end video distribution networks, and video systems integration services, which was acquired by Cisco Systems, Inc. in February 2006). Among other exceptional personal and professional attributes, Mr. McDonald's experience as the chief executive or a senior executive of leading global technology companies and as a director of large publicly traded companies in a variety of industries qualify Mr. McDonald to serve on the Board of the Company. Mr. McDonald has held the following leadership positions with other entities: Director, Burlington Resources, Inc. from 1988 to 2006, Director, Mirant Corporation from 2001 to 2006, Director, National Data Corporation and NDCHealth Corporation from 2000 to 2006, Director, Scientific-Atlanta, Inc. from 1993 to 2006. Mr. McDonald is also a former Director of Sprint (now Sprint Nextel Corporation).

R. Alex Rankin 59 Director since 2008 Mr. Rankin is the President of Sterling G. Thompson Co. (a private insurance agency and broker), the President of Upson Downs Farm, Inc. (a thoroughbred breeding and racing operation), the Chairman of the James Graham Brown Foundation (a private, non-profit foundation that fosters the well-being, quality of life, and image of Louisville and Kentucky by actively supporting and funding projects in the fields of civic affairs, economic development, education, and health and general welfare, which since 1954 has awarded over 2,680 grants totaling over \$450 million). Among other exceptional personal and professional attributes, Mr. Rankin's expertise in the areas of finance and risk management, as well as his experience in the Company's core business of thoroughbred horseracing qualify Mr. Rankin as a member of the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee.

<sup>(1)</sup> Except as noted with respect to Mr. McDonald, there has been no change in principal occupation or employment during the past five years.

<sup>(2)</sup> Directorships at any time within the last 5 years in companies with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, subject to the requirements of Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act or companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and, in the case of certain nominees, other directorships or positions considered significant by them.

#### Class III—Terms Expiring in 2017

Robert L. Fealy 63 Director since 2000 Mr. Fealy currently serves as Chairman of Brivo Systems, LLC, an affiliate of The Duchossois Group. He retired effective June 30, 2014 as President, Chief Operating Officer and Director of The Duchossois Group, Inc. (a family owned company with diversified business interests in companies with leading brands in the residential security, lighting and convenience products markets and the commercial control, automation and digital media markets). While Mr. Fealy was originally nominated to serve as a Director of the Company pursuant to the stockholder's agreement between the Company and Duchossois Industries, Inc., the Company has been and will continue to be well served by Mr. Fealy's experience as a certified public accountant and senior executive with oversight of a diverse group of companies that has over 6,000 employees worldwide with operations located in over 30 countries as well as proven capabilities in strategic business planning in a variety of industries. Mr. Fealy currently holds the following leadership positions with other entities: Lead Director, Pella Corporation; Founding Board Member and Vice Chairman, Illinois Venture Capital Association; Director, Illinois Venture Capital Association PAC; Chairman, Chicago Ventures and member of the Investment Committee of the Illinois Innovation Accelerator Fund; Chairman of the Board of Trustees, University of Cincinnati Foundation; Member, University of Cincinnati Business Advisory Council; Member, Advisory Board of the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the University of Chicago Booth School; Chairman, Chicago Children's Choir; Trustee, The Morton Arboretum.

Daniel P. Harrington 59 Director since 1998 Mr. Harrington serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of HTV Industries, Inc. (private holding company with diversified business interests that include telecommunications, manufacturing distribution and banking). Among other exceptional personal and professional attributes, Mr. Harrington has extensive financial, accounting and chief executive experience within a variety of industries that qualifies Mr. Harrington as a member of the Board of Directors. In addition, Mr. Harrington qualifies as an Audit Committee Financial Expert, which makes him well suited for his current role as the Chairman of the Company's Audit Committee. Mr. Harrington also serves in the following leadership positions of other entities: Director, First Guaranty Bank; Trustee, The Veale Foundation. In addition, Mr. Harrington has served as a Director of First State Financial Corporation, Portec Rail Products, Inc. (and on the Audit and Compensation Committees) and Biopure Corporation (and on the Audit Committee).

- (1) Except as noted with respect to Mr. Fealy, there has been no change in principal occupation or employment during the past five years.
- (2) Directorships at any time within the last 5 years in companies with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, subject to the requirements of Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act or companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and, in the case of certain directors, other directorships or positions considered significant by them.

#### **Emeritus Directors**

Emeritus Directors are available for counsel, but do not attend meetings of the Board of Directors and do not vote on matters presented to the Board. The Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws provide that a person shall not be qualified for election as a director due to age pursuant to any mandatory retirement age requirement adopted by the Company. The Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that the Board will establish and maintain a policy with regard to a mandatory retirement age for non-employee directors. The current policy provides that a person is not qualified to serve as a director unless he or she is less than seventy (70) years of age on the date of election. However, the Board believes that it is important to monitor overall Board performance and suitability and, upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Committee, the Board may waive the effective date of mandatory retirement. Each director shall become a

Director Emeritus upon the expiration of his or her current term following the date on which he or she is no longer qualified for election due to age, provided the effective date of such mandatory retirement has not been waived. The Emeriti Directors are Charles W. Bidwill, Jr., Catesby W. Clay, J. David Grissom, Thomas H. Meeker, Carl F. Pollard, and Darrell R. Wells.

#### Director Compensation for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

During 2014, directors received an annual retainer fee of \$50,000; directors who served as committee chairmen of the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee received an additional \$10,000 and \$7,500 for a total annual retainer fee of \$60,000 and \$57,500, respectively; the director who served as committee chairman of the Audit Committee received an additional retainer fee of \$15,000 for a total annual retainer fee of \$65,000. Directors were paid \$2,000 for each meeting of the Board of Directors and \$1,500 for each committee meeting they attended, either in person or by teleconference, and for each special ad hoc meeting in which they participated. Finally, each director received a grant of restricted share units, with an aggregate grant date fair value of \$75,000. Directors who did not reside in Louisville may request reimbursement for their travel expenses. Only non-employee directors receive this compensation.

In 2014, we provided the following annual compensation to our non-employee directors:

Name	Fees earned or paid in cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Total (\$)
Ulysses L. Bridgeman, Jr.	65,500(1)	75,000	140,500
Leonard S. Coleman, Jr.	89,000	-	89,000
Craig J. Duchossois	$71,500^{(1)}$	75,000	146,500
Richard L. Duchossois	$67,000^{(1)}$	75,000	142,000
Robert L. Fealy	$65,500^{(1)}$	75,000	140,500
Daniel P. Harrington	$91,000^{(1)}$	75,000	166,000
G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	89,000	75,000	164,000
James F. McDonald	$73,000^{(1)}$	75,000	148,000
R. Alex Rankin	85,000	75,000	160,000
Darrell R. Wells	35,000	-	35,000

- (1) The Churchill Downs Incorporated 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan allows directors to defer receipt of all or part of their retainer and meeting fees in a deferred share account until after their service on the Board has ended. This account allows the director, in effect, to invest his or her deferred cash compensation in Company Common Stock. Funds in this account are credited as hypothetical shares of Common Stock based on the market price of the stock at the time the compensation would otherwise have been earned. Hypothetical dividends are reinvested in additional shares based on the market price of the stock on the date dividends are paid. All shares in the deferred share accounts are hypothetical and are not issued or transferred until the director ends his or her service on the Board. Upon the end of Board service, the shares are issued or transferred to the director. In 2014, Mr. Craig J. Duchossois, Mr. Fealy, Mr. Harrington, and Mr. McDonald deferred all of their 2014 directors' fees into a deferred share account under the plan. Mr. Bridgeman deferred 50% of his 2014 directors' fees into a deferred share account under the plan. As of December 31, 2014, Mr. Fealy had 8,912 deferred shares, Mr. Craig Duchossois had 9,514 deferred shares, Mr. Richard Duchossois had 2,525 deferred shares, Mr. Harrington had 7,486 deferred shares, Mr. McDonald had 5,701 deferred shares and Mr. Bridgeman had 615 deferred shares under the plan.
- (2) On April 23, 2014, each director, with the exception of Mr. Evans, received a grant of restricted stock units, valued in the amount of \$75,000, calculated based upon the closing price of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant. The restricted stock units vest one year from the date of grant. At the time a director ceases being a director of the Company, the Company will issue one share of Common Stock for each vested restricted stock unit held by such director. As of December 31, 2014, each individual serving as a non-employee director during 2014, excluding Mr. Evans, Mr. Bridgeman, Mr. Wells, and Mr. Coleman, had 3,047 restricted stock units outstanding, which were granted for board service. Mr. Evans does not receive grants of restricted stock units for his board service due to his position as a NEO. Mr. Wells did not receive a grant of restricted stock units due to his retirement effective as of the 2014 annual meeting of shareholders. Mr. Coleman, due to his resignation from the Board, effective December 17, 2014, forfeited the 2014 grant of restricted stock units.

#### **Corporate Governance**

The Board of Directors is responsible for providing effective governance over the Company's affairs. The Company's corporate governance practices are designed to align the interests of the Board and management with those of our shareholders and to promote honesty and integrity throughout the Company.

During the past year, we continued to review our corporate governance policies and practices and compare them to those suggested by various authorities in corporate governance and the practices of other public companies. We have also reviewed guidance and interpretations provided by the SEC and NASDAQ.

Copies of the current charter, as approved by our Board, for each of our Audit, Compensation and Nominating and Governance Committees and a copy of our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Conduct for Employees and Code of Ethics for Principal Financial Officers (along with any amendments or waivers related to the Code of Conduct or Code of Ethics) are available on our corporate website, http://www.churchilldownsincorporated.com, under the "Investors" heading.

Shareholders may send communications to the Company's Board of Directors addressed to the Board of Directors or to any individual director c/o Churchill Downs Incorporated, 600 N. Hurstbourne Parkway, Ste. 400, Louisville, Kentucky 40222. Any correspondence addressed to the Board of Directors in care of the Company is forwarded to the Board of Directors without review by management.

#### Board Leadership Structure

On August 27, 2014, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Robert L. Evans, transitioned to the singular role of Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr. Evans' transition was a part of the Board's strategy toward delegating certain responsibilities from the combined role of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer to the former President and Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Carstanjen, who assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer simultaneously with Mr. Evans' transition. Even with the transition of titles and job responsibilities, the Board deemed it advisable to maintain certain aspects of its governance structure to assure effective independent oversight. These governance practices included maintaining: (1) a lead independent director (see below for a description of the lead independent director role), and (2) executive sessions of the independent directors after each Board meeting and annual performance evaluations of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer by the independent directors.

No less frequently than once every two years the Board will continue to appoint a lead director from among its independent directors. On February 24, 2015, G. Watts Humphrey, Jr. was re-appointed as the lead independent director. The lead independent director's authority and responsibilities include: (i) presiding over all meetings of the Board at which the Chairman is not present, including the executive sessions of the independent directors, (ii) serving as liaison between the Chairman and the independent directors, (iii) approving meeting agendas, schedules and information sent to the Board, (iv) the ability to call meetings of the independent directors, and (v) ex-officio status on each committee of the Board that the lead independent director is not already a voting member.

#### Oversight of Company Risk

As part of its responsibility to oversee the management, business and strategy of the Company, the Board of Directors has overall responsibility for risk oversight. While the Board of Directors as a whole performs certain risk oversight functions directly, such as its ongoing review, approval and monitoring of the Company's fundamental business and financial strategies and major corporate actions, the majority of the Board of Directors' risk oversight functions are carried out through the operation of its committees. Each committee oversees risk management within its assigned areas of responsibility, as described below in the discussion of committee responsibilities. The Audit Committee is primarily responsible for overseeing the Company's risk assessment and

risk management practices, as well as its compliance programs. The Compensation Committee's responsibilities include oversight of the risks associated with the Company's compensation policies and practices, as well as its managerial development and succession plans. The Nominating and Governance Committee oversees the risks related to the Company's corporate governance structure and processes.

#### Share Ownership Guidelines

The Board expects all directors and senior executive officers (those holding the title of executive vice president or above) to display confidence in the Company by ownership and retention of a meaningful amount of the Company's stock. As a result, each director is expected to own shares of the Company's stock with a fair market value equal to five (5) times the director's annual retainer. Each director who was serving as such on the date of adoption of the ownership guidelines (March 15, 2007) had five (5) years from such date to meet this requirement and each director appointed or elected since such date will have five (5) years from the date of appointment or election to the Board to meet this requirement. Initial compliance was measured in March 2012, the five (5) year anniversary date of the adoption of the ownership guidelines (for directors in office on March 15, 2007) or at the five (5) year anniversary date of the director's appointment or election (for new directors). Each director's continuing compliance with the ownership guidelines will be measured in the year he or she stands for re-election and will be considered as one of the criteria for nomination by the Nominating and Governance Committee. As illustrated by the chart below, all directors proposed for re-election during the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are compliant with the ownership guidelines. Furthermore, deferred shares acquired by directors under the Churchill Downs Incorporated 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan and restricted stock units granted as director compensation are included for purposes of measuring compliance with the Company's share ownership guidelines.

Director	Ownership Guidelines <sup>(1)</sup>	Shares Owned <sup>(2)</sup>	Value of Shares <sup>(3)</sup>	Met Guidelines <sup>(4)</sup>
Ulysses L. Bridgeman, Jr	5x	1,939	\$ 184,786	*
Craig J. Duchossois	5x	3,112,236	\$296,596,090	✓
Richard L. Duchossois	5x	3,253,574	\$310,065,602	✓
Robert L. Fealy	5x	12,088	\$ 1,151,986	✓
Aditi J. Gokhale	5x	-	\$ -	*
Daniel P. Harrington	5x	243,943	\$ 23,247,767	✓
G. Watts Humphrey, Jr	5x	54,077	\$ 5,153,538	✓
James F. McDonald	5x	10,840	\$ 1,033,052	✓
R. Alex Rankin	5x	7,877	\$ 750,678	✓

<sup>✓ =</sup> Met guidelines.

- (1) Guidelines adopted per the Company Board of Directors. See page 32 for more detail regarding Mr. Evans.
- (2) Calculated as of December 31, 2014 and represents shares of Common Stock owned outright, amounts deferred per the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan, and RSU issued for board service.
- (3) FMV based on CHDN closing stock price of \$95.30 as of December 31, 2014.
- (4) Mr. Bridgeman joined the Board of Directors in 2012 and thus has until 2017 to meet the Ownership Guidelines associated with his board service. Ms. Gokhale joined the Board of Directors in 2015 and thus has until 2020 to meet the Ownership Guidelines associated with her board service.
- (5) Mr. Evans and the listing of his Shares Owned are excluded as he is subject to maintaining a multiple of his base annual salary, above 5x, pursuant to the Executive Share Ownership Guidelines.

<sup>\* =</sup> Has not yet met guidelines.

#### Board Meetings and Committees

Eight (8) meetings of the Board of Directors were held during the last fiscal year. All directors attended at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board of Directors and the meetings of the committee(s) on which they served in 2014. The Company encourages its directors to attend the Annual Meeting each year. All of the directors attended the Company's Annual Meeting on April 22, 2014.

The Board has determined that all of the directors of the Company are "independent directors," as defined under NASDAQ Rule 5605(a)(2), except Robert L. Evans.

As required by the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines, the Board of Directors currently has four (4) standing committees: the Executive, Audit, Compensation and the Nominating and Governance Committees. No Director Emeritus serves on any Board committee. The structure of the committees is illustrated in the table below, with the number of meetings held in 2014.

Director Name	Board of Directors	Executive Committee	Audit Committee	Compensation Committee	Nominating and Governance Committee
Ulysses L. Bridgeman	✓				✓
Leonard S. Coleman, Jr.(1)					
Craig J. Duchossois	✓			✓	
Richard L. Duchossois	✓				✓
Robert L. Evans <sup>©</sup>	Chairman				
Robert L. Fealy	✓	$\checkmark$			
Aditi J. Gokhale <sup>(2)</sup>	✓				
Daniel P. Harrington	✓		Chairman	✓	
G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.(3)	Lead Director	Chairman	*	*	*
James F. McDonald	✓		✓	✓	
R. Alex Rankin	✓	✓	$\checkmark$	Chairman	Chairman
Darrell R. Wells <sup>(4)</sup>					
Number of meetings in 2014	8	0	4	5	2

<sup>✓ =</sup> Member

#### ★ = Ex-officio Member

- (1) Mr. Leonard S. Coleman resigned from the Board of Directors on December 17, 2014. However, prior to his resignation, Mr. Coleman attended all board and committee meetings schedule during the last fiscal year. Mr. Coleman previously served on both the Compensation Committee (as chairman) and the Audit Committee. As illustrated above, the Board has filled the vacancy, on both the Audit and Compensation Committee, created by Mr. Coleman's departure, by naming James F. McDonald and R. Alex Rankin, respectively.
- (2) The Board appointed Ms. Aditi J. Gokhale as a Class III director of the Company, effective January 26, 2015.
- (3) Mr. G. Watts Humphrey, Jr. serves as lead independent director, and is an ex-officio, non-voting member (Audit, Compensation, and Nominating and Governance Committees).
- (4) Mr. Darrell R. Wells served as a director until his retirement on April 22, 2014, at which time he became an Emeritus Director. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Wells attended the February 13 and 25, 2014 meetings of the Board of Directors.

<sup>© =</sup> Chairman of the Board

#### **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee is authorized, subject to certain limitations set forth in the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws, to exercise the authority of the Board of Directors between Board meetings. The members of the Executive Committee are G. Watts Humphrey, Jr., who serves as Chairman, Robert L. Fealy, and R. Alex Rankin. The Executive Committee does not meet on a regular basis, but instead meets as and when needed.

The Executive Committee did not meet during the last fiscal year.

#### **Audit Committee**

The primary purposes of the Audit Committee are to assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibility in monitoring management's conduct of the Company's financial reporting process and overseeing the Company's risk assessment and risk management practices. Under its charter, the Audit Committee is generally responsible for monitoring the integrity of the financial reporting process, systems of internal controls and financial statements and other financial reports provided by the Company to any governmental or regulatory body, the public or other users thereof, as well as overseeing the processes by which management assesses the Company's exposure to risk and evaluating the guidelines and policies governing the Company's monitoring, control and minimization of such exposures.

The Audit Committee's responsibilities are as follows:

- To monitor the performance of the Company's internal audit function;
- To appoint, compensate, retain and oversee the Company's independent registered public accounting
  firm employed by the Company for the purpose of preparing or issuing audit opinions on the
  Company's financial statements and its internal control over financial reporting;
- To monitor the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements as well as the Company's Code of Conduct and compliance policies; and
- To inquire of management, including its internal auditor, and the Company's independent auditors
  regarding significant risks or exposures, including those related to fraudulent activities, facing the
  Company; to assess the steps management has taken or proposes to take to minimize such risks to the
  Company; and to periodically review compliance with such steps.
- In discharging its oversight role, to investigate any matter brought to its attention with full access to all books, records, facilities and personnel of the Company and to retain outside counsel, auditors or other experts for this purpose.

The officers of the Company responsible for risk assessment and risk management functions report directly to the Audit Committee on a periodic basis, such as the Company's internal auditor presenting its audit plan annually, the Company's chief compliance officer presenting updates on its enterprise risk management program, and on a case by case basis as necessary.

The members of the Audit Committee are Daniel P. Harrington, who serves as Chairman, James F. McDonald, and R. Alex Rankin. The Company's Board of Directors has determined that all members of the Company's Audit Committee are independent as defined under NASDAQ Rule 5605(a)(2) and Rule 10A-3(b)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission. As of December 17, 2014, Mr. Leonard S. Coleman, Jr. ceased serving on the Audit Committee as he tendered his resignation from the Board of Directors. Mr. Coleman's replacement is Mr. James F. McDonald.

Four (4) meetings of the Audit Committee were held during the last fiscal year. The Audit Committee reviews the adequacy of its charter on an annual basis.

The Board of Directors has determined that Daniel P. Harrington is an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by regulations promulgated by the SEC.

#### **Compensation Committee**

Responsibilities of the Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors operates under a written charter and is comprised entirely of directors meeting the independence requirements of NASDAQ and Rule 10C-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Board established the Compensation Committee to assist it in discharging the Board's responsibilities relating to compensation of the Company's chief executive officer and each of the Company's other executive officers. The Compensation Committee has overall responsibility for decisions relating to all compensation plans, policies and perquisites as they affect the chairman, chief executive officer ("CEO") and other executive officers. Furthermore, the Committee has created a special Subcommittee comprised of three non-employee directors for the purposes of approving any stock grants or other stock related transactions to officers or directors of the Company, as required under Rule 16b-3. This Subcommittee is comprised only of "outside directors" as defined by Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and is responsible for approving all performance standards for officers for any pay program intended to qualify as "performance based compensation" under this section of the Code. The members of this special Subcommittee are R. Alex Rankin, James F. McDonald, and Daniel P. Harrington.

During 2014, the Compensation Committee was composed of four (4) independent directors. Mr. Leonard S. Coleman, Jr., prior to his resignation from the Board of Directors, presided over all of the meetings held by the Compensation Committee in 2014. Post Mr. Coleman's resignation, the Compensation Committee is currently comprised of the following members: R. Alex Rankin, who serves as Chairman, Craig J. Duchossois, Daniel P. Harrington, and James F. McDonald.

Five (5) meetings of the Compensation Committee were held during the last fiscal year. Members of management attended each meeting. The agenda for each meeting was determined by the Chairman of the Compensation Committee with management's input prior to each meeting.

The Compensation Committee's responsibilities are as follows:

- Oversee the development and implementation of the Company's compensation policies and programs for executive officers, including the Chairman and CEO.
- Establish the annual goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of the Chairman, CEO and the
  executive officers and to present such to the Board annually.
- Evaluate the performance of the Chairman, CEO and the executive officers in light of the agreed-upon
  goals and objectives and to determine and approve the compensation level of the Chairman and CEO,
  including the balance of the components of total compensation, based on such evaluation and to present
  its report to the Board annually.
- To develop guidelines for the compensation and performance of the Company's executive officers and
  to determine and approve the compensation of the Company's executive officers, including the balance
  of the components of total compensation.
- To establish appropriate performance targets, participations and levels of awards with respect to the Company's incentive compensation plans.
- To administer the Company's equity-based compensation plans, including the establishment of criteria
  for the granting of stock-based awards and the review and approval of such grants in accordance with
  the criteria.

- To establish and periodically review company policies relating to senior management perquisites and other non-cash benefits.
- To review periodically the operation of the Company's overall compensation program for key employees and evaluate its effectiveness in promoting shareholder value and company objectives.
- To review the results of any advisory shareholder votes on executive compensation and consider whether to recommend adjustments to the Company's compensation policies and programs as a result of such results.
- To consider, at least annually, whether risks arising from the Company's compensation policies and practices for all employees, including non-executive officers, are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company, including whether the Company's incentive compensation arrangements encourage excessive or inappropriate risk-taking.
- To approve any compensation "clawback" policy required by law or otherwise adopted by the Company.
- To oversee regulatory compliance with respect to matters relating to executive officer compensation.
- To approve plans for managerial development and succession within the Company and to present such plans to the Board annually.
- To review, assess and recommend to the Board appropriate compensation for outside directors.
- To produce the report on executive compensation to be included in the Company's proxy statement for the annual meeting of shareholders.
- To review and discuss with management the compensation discussion and analysis, and based on such
  discussion, make a recommendation to the Board as to whether or not the compensation discussion and
  analysis should be included in the proxy statement.
- To review and reassess the adequacy of its charter annually and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.
- To conduct an annual performance evaluation of the Committee.

The Compensation Committee's charter reflects these responsibilities, and the Compensation Committee and the Board periodically review and revise the charter.

#### Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

None of the directors who served on the Compensation Committee at any time during the last fiscal year were officers of the Company or were former officers of the Company. None of the members who served on the Committee at any time during fiscal 2014 had any relationship with the Company requiring disclosure under Item 404 of Regulation S-K. Finally, no executive officer of the Company serves, or in the past fiscal year has served, as a member of the compensation committee (or other board committee performing equivalent functions) of any entity that has one or more of its executive officers serving on the Committee.

#### Compensation Risk Assessment

The Compensation Committee performed an assessment of whether risks arising from the Company's compensation policies and practices for all employees during 2014, including non-executive officers, are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. The Committee determined that the Company's compensation policies and practices are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

#### **Nominating and Governance Committee**

The Company's Nominating and Governance Committee operates under a written charter and is responsible for establishing the criteria for and reviewing the effectiveness of the Company's Board of Directors. In addition, the Nominating and Governance Committee provides oversight with regard to the Company's programs for dealing with business ethics and other governance issues.

Pursuant to the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines and its Policy on Board Composition, the Nominating and Governance Committee determines criteria regarding personal qualifications needed for Board membership and the Committee considers, reviews qualifications and recommends qualified candidates for Board membership. In doing so, the Nominating and Governance Committee reviews the composition of the Board to identify skill sets and qualifications which are represented in order to determine which ones are needed. In addition, the Nominating and Governance Committee reviews the Company's strategic plan to determine its needs with regard to Board composition. While the Company does not have a formal policy on diversity for members of the Board of Directors, the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines and its Policy on Board Composition specifically provide that diversity of race and gender, as well as general diversity of backgrounds and experience represented on the Board of Directors are factors to consider in evaluating potential directors. The Nominating and Governance Committee sometimes employs an outside consultant to identify nominees with the skill sets, experience and backgrounds that suit the Company's needs.

A candidate for the Company's Board of Directors should possess the highest personal and professional ethics, integrity and values and be committed to representing the long-term interests of the Company's various constituencies. In considering a candidate for nomination as a member of the Board, the Nominating and Governance Committee will consider criteria such as independence; occupational background, including principal occupation (i.e., chief executive officer, attorney, accountant, investment banker, or other pertinent occupation); level and type of business experience (i.e., financial, lending, investment, media, racing industry, technology, etc.); diversity in race and gender; number of boards on which the individual serves; and the general diversity of backgrounds and experience represented on the Board. The Nominating and Governance Committee periodically reviews the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines and its Policy on Board Composition and recommends changes to the Board. It also evaluates the performance of the Board as a whole and provides feedback to the Board on how the directors, the committees and the Board are functioning. Finally, it evaluates Board of Director practices at the Company and other well-managed companies on an annual basis and recommends appropriate changes to the Board and/or its practices.

The Nominating and Governance Committee receives and considers issues raised by shareholders or other stakeholders in the Company and recommends appropriate responses to the Board. The Nominating and Governance Committee will consider recommendations for director candidates submitted by shareholders. Such questions, comments or recommendations should be submitted in writing to the Nominating and Governance Committee in care of the Office of the Secretary at 600 N. Hurstbourne Parkway, Ste. 400, Louisville, Kentucky 40222. The Nominating and Governance Committee, in having adopted criteria to be considered for membership on its Board, considers such candidates applying such criteria and follows the recommendation process noted above. Recommendations by shareholders that are made in accordance with these procedures will receive the same consideration as recommendations from other sources.

The members of the Nominating and Governance Committee, each of whom is independent as defined by the NASDAQ listing standards, are R. Alex Rankin, who serves as Chairman, Ulysses L. Bridgeman, and Richard L. Duchossois.

Two (2) meetings of the Nominating and Governance Committee were held during the last fiscal year.

# Proposal to Ratify the Appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for 2015 (Proposal No. 2)

On February 24, 2015, the Board of Directors, on recommendation from the Audit Committee, selected PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC") to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2015. PwC has served as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm since the Company's 1990 fiscal year.

Although the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws do not require that the Company's shareholders ratify the appointment of PwC as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, the Board of Directors is submitting the appointment of PwC to the Company's shareholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate governance. This proposal will be approved if the votes cast favoring the action exceed the votes cast opposing the action. If the appointment is not ratified, the Company's Audit Committee will consider whether it is appropriate to select another independent registered public accounting firm. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Company's Audit Committee, in its sole discretion, may select a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.

Representatives of PwC are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting and will be available to respond to appropriate questions and will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE SHAREHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015.

UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE PERSONS NAMED IN THE PROXY TO VOTE THE SHARES REPRESENTED THEREBY IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSAL TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015.

#### **Independent Public Accountants**

#### Audit Fees

The audit fees incurred by the Company for services provided by PwC (i) for the year ended December 31, 2013, were \$1,125,000 and (ii) for the year ended December 31, 2014, were \$1,429,100. Audit fees include services related to the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements, the audit of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, involvement with registration statement filings, statutory audits and consultations related to miscellaneous SEC and financial reporting matters.

#### Audit-Related Fees

During 2013 and 2014, the Company incurred \$0 and \$0, in fees, respectively, for assurance and related services performed by PwC that were reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements that are not reported in the preceding section.

#### Tax Fees

Tax fees incurred by the Company for services provided by PwC (i) in 2013, were \$105,000, and (ii) in 2014, were \$90,100. Tax fees include services related to tax return preparation for a related entity, tax consultation and tax advice.

#### All Other Fees

All other fees incurred by the Company for services provided by PwC relate to the use of Comperio, PwC's accounting research software, which amounted to \$1,800 in both 2013 and 2014. The Audit Committee has considered whether the provision of non-audit services to the Company is compatible with maintaining PwC's independence.

The Audit Committee has adopted a policy of evaluating pre-approval of services provided by the independent auditors on a case-by-case basis. The Audit Committee pre-approved all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by the independent auditors in 2014.

# Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation (Proposal No. 3)

Pursuant to Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company's shareholders are entitled to a vote to approve, on an advisory and non-binding basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers ("NEOs") as disclosed in this Proxy Statement in accordance with SEC rules. In accordance with the preference expressed by shareholders in the 2011 advisory vote regarding the frequency of voting on the Company's executive compensation program, the Company is holding such advisory votes on an annual basis.

The Company has a "pay-for-performance" philosophy that forms the foundation of all decisions regarding compensation of the Company's NEOs. This compensation philosophy, and the program structure approved by the Compensation Committee, is central to the Company's ability to attract, motivate and retain individuals who can achieve superior financial results while also aligning the interests of the executives with the interests of shareholders over the long-term. This approach has resulted in the Company's ability to attract and retain the executive talent necessary to guide the Company successfully during a period of growth and transformation. Please refer to "Compensation Discussion and Analysis—Executive Summary" for an overview of the compensation of the Company's NEOs.

This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our NEOs and the policies and practices described in this Proxy Statement. At the Annual Meeting, shareholders will be asked to approve the compensation of the Company's NEOs by voting FOR the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Company's shareholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers, as disclosed in this Proxy Statement pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the Summary Compensation Table and the other related tables and disclosure in this Proxy Statement."

This vote is advisory and therefore not binding on the Company. The Board of Directors and Compensation Committee value the opinions of the Company's shareholders. Should there be a significant vote against the named executive officer compensation as disclosed in this Proxy Statement, the Board will consider those shareholders' concerns and will evaluate whether any actions are necessary to address those concerns.

This proposal will be approved if the votes cast favoring the action exceed the votes cast opposing the action.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE APPROVAL OF THE ADVISORY RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE COMPANY'S NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AS DISCLOSED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT.

#### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

#### Executive Summary

Churchill Downs Incorporated is a leader in the entertainment, racing, casino and social gaming markets. As such, our long-term success depends on our ability to attract, engage, motivate and retain highly talented executives and key employees to achieve our strategic plans and deliver financial returns to shareholders over both the short-term and long-term. One of the key objectives of our executive compensation program is to link executives' pay to their performance and their advancement of the Company's long-term performance and business strategies. Other objectives include aligning the executives' interests with those of shareholders and encouraging high-performing executives to remain with the Company over the course of their careers. We believe that the amount of compensation for each Named Executive Officer (NEO) reflects extensive management experience, high performance and exceptional service to Churchill Downs Incorporated and our shareholders. We also believe that the Company's compensation strategies have been effective in attracting executive talent and promoting performance and retention.

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis describes the Company's executive compensation policies and programs and how they apply to our NEOs (the senior executives included in the 2014 Summary Compensation Table on page 35). It also describes the actions and decisions of the Committee and the Committee's special Subcommittee (the "Subcommittee"), both of which oversee the executive compensation program and determine the compensation of the NEOs. A detailed discussion of the Committee's structure (including the Subcommittee), roles and responsibilities, and related matters can be found under "Compensation Committee" on pages 20-21.

#### 2014 Compensation Highlights

NEO pay opportunity for fiscal 2014 was set in February 2014 considering relevant factors, including fiscal 2013 performance. We have highlighted several key executive compensation decisions below:

- Increased the base salaries of Mr. Carstanjen and Mr. Mudd in recognition of Mr. Carstanjen's promotion to Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Mudd's promotion to President and Chief Financial Officer;
- Decreased the base salary of Mr. Evans in recognition of his transition from the role of Chief Executive
  Officer to Chairman;
- Increased the short-term performance-based incentive compensation target from 80% to 100% for Mr. Carstanjen in recognition of his promotion to Chief Executive Officer;
- Increased the short-term performance-based incentive compensation target from 75% to 80% for Mr. Mudd in recognition of his promotion to President and Chief Financial Officer;
- The NEOs did not receive any equity awards in fiscal year 2014 in light of the multi-year awards provided in prior years; and
- Eliminated all NEO employment agreements and replaced them with Change in Control, Severance and Indemnity Agreements, which do not provide for (1) 280G tax gross-ups, (2) employment tied to a specific term (all NEOs subject to the agreement are considered "at will" employees), or (3) certain executive prerequisites.

#### Executive Compensation Philosophy and Core Principles

We Do	We Don't Do
✓ Executive Stock Ownership Guidelines	✗ Employment Agreements
✓ Limited future severance agreements	✗ Re-pricing of SARs or stock options
✓ Pay for Performance	X Individually negotiated change in control agreements
✓ Double trigger vesting of equity awards upon change	X Excise tax gross-ups upon change in control
in control	

The fundamental philosophy of the Compensation Committee is to provide an executive compensation program that links pay to business strategy and performance in a manner that is effective in attracting, motivating and retaining key executives while also aligning the interests of the executives with the interests of shareholders over the long-term. In order to continue to support the Company's high-performance culture, the Company's key principles underlying the executive compensation program are to:

- Attract and retain executives with the skills and experience needed to successfully grow the Company and create value for shareholders;
- Create an entrepreneurial culture and mindset by de-emphasizing fixed pay (primarily salary) and focusing a significant percentage of compensation on at-risk pay elements (annual and long-term incentives); and
- Motivate and reward executives for achieving exceptional performance supportive of creating value for shareholders over the long-term.

The Company will continue to adjust its pay practices to support these principles over time.

#### 2014 "Say-on-Pay" Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation

The Compensation Committee monitors closely the results of the annual advisory "say-on-pay" vote, and considers such results as one of the many factors considered in connection with the discharge of its responsibilities. In 2014, the Company provided shareholders a "say-on-pay" advisory vote on its executive compensation program, as disclosed in the Company's 2014 proxy statement. At the 2014 Annual Meeting, approximately 77% of our shareholders expressed support for the compensation of our NEOs as disclosed in the proxy statement. The Compensation Committee considered the results of the 2014 advisory vote and also considered other factors in evaluating the Company's executive compensation programs as discussed in this Compensation Discussion and Analysis, including the advice of the Committee's independent compensation consultant. The Committee did not make any changes to the Company's executive compensation program and policies specifically in light of the aforementioned vote by our shareholders.

#### Role of Management and Independent Advisors

The Compensation Committee meetings are regularly attended by the Chairman, the CEO, the Senior Vice President of Human Resources, who is responsible for leading some of the discussions regarding the Company's compensation programs as well as being responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, and in-house corporate counsel. The Committee may request the participation of management or outside consultants as it deems necessary or appropriate. The Committee regularly reports to the Board on compensation matters and annually reviews the Chairman's and CEO's compensation with the Board.

The Committee and the Subcommittee may also meet in executive session without any members of management, for the purpose of among other things discussing and approving compensation for the Chairman and the CEO. The CEO reviews the performance of, and makes recommendations to, the Committee regarding total compensation to be paid to the Company's executive officers other than himself and the Chairman, including salary, annual bonus, long-term incentive awards, as appropriate. Management also develops and presents to the Committee recommendations for the performance measures and targets to be used to evaluate annual performance incentives.

After the end of each fiscal year, the Committee conducts a review of the Chairman's and the CEO's performance. As part of this process, the Chairman and the CEO provide a written self-assessment report. The Committee sets the compensation of the Chairman and the CEO in executive session after considering its assessment of the Chairman's and the CEO's performance, including due consideration of their self-assessment reports. Neither the Chairman nor the CEO, or any other members of management are present during this session.

The Committee has sole discretion, at the Company's expense, to retain and terminate independent advisors, including sole authority to approve the fees and retention terms for such advisors, if it shall determine the services of such advisors to be necessary or appropriate. Such advisors are engaged by, and report directly to, the Committee. During 2014 the Committee was assisted in fulfilling its responsibilities by Semler Brossy Consulting Group, LLC ("Semler Brossy"). The scope of the engagement of this advisor during 2014 included:

- Assisting the Chairman of the Committee in establishing appropriate agendas for the Committee meetings;
- Reviewing management reports and recommendations to the Committee as related to executive compensation matters;
- Attending all Committee meetings and providing the Committee with input and advice based on the advisor's broad experience with market practices, including a perspective with regard to the competitive market;
- Assisting with the review of pay and performance and the evaluation of payouts under the Company's long-term incentive program;
- Assisting in the review and evaluation of non-employee director compensation;
- Providing the Committee and management with data on market practices for executive pay;
- On behalf of the Committee, assisting management with disclosures, including the compensation discussion and analysis;
- Providing updates to the Committee with regard to regulatory and market developments;
- Assisting the Committee in evaluating future equity grants for the NEOs, including the Chairman and the CEO.

Semler Brossy did not provide any services to the Company, other than advising the Committee as provided above. All of the decisions with respect to the Company's executive compensation programs are made by the Committee alone and may reflect factors and considerations other than, or that may differ from, the information and recommendations provided by management or its outside advisor. The Compensation Committee assessed Semler Brossy's independence in light of the SEC requirements and NASDAQ listing standards and determined that Semler Brossy's work did not raise any conflict of interest or independence concerns.

#### Factors Used to Evaluate Pay Decisions

The Company does not currently manage compensation for individual executives to a specific total compensation value or based on a strategy of positioning pay to a specific "percentile" of market practices. Rather, the Company seeks to retain the services of executives who bring the skills, experience, and motivation deemed necessary to significantly expand the scope and scale of the Company's operations. Therefore, compensation decisions for individual executives are made based on a balance of many subjective factors as evaluated by the CEO in the case of his direct reports (with Committee review and approval) and the Committee in the case of the Chairman and the CEO. These factors include, in order of importance for each element of pay:

- Base salaries tied to: (1) internal equity comparisons among the executive's peers at the Company, (2) the scope and responsibility of the NEO's position, and (3) recruitment and development of talent;
- Target annual incentive opportunities based on internal equity considerations and the perceived level of contribution of the NEO to meeting or exceeding annual goals, as approved by the Committee; and
- Long-term incentive opportunities driven by the perceived level of contribution expected of the
  executive toward achieving the Company's growth objectives and comparisons among other Company
  executives who participate in the same programs.

Each element of compensation is evaluated independently based on the role of that component in achieving the Company's overall compensation objectives, with an emphasis on long-term incentives and retention.

In making executive pay decisions, the Committee relies substantially on the advice and experience of its independent advisor and the Chairman, and the CEO to evaluate the reasonableness of executive pay. As there are few direct peers to the Company, the Committee does not rely directly on peer practices to establish pay levels or programs for its executives. Rather, the Committee determines pay levels and practices based on the talent needs of the organization as defined by our strategy of growing and diversifying revenues and with the guidance of the Committee's independent advisor.

While the Committee periodically conducts reviews of pay relative to broad market practices, based on data provided by the Committee's independent advisor, to set context for the Company's programs from time to time, the Committee does not use market compensation practices to drive decision making. Rather, the Committee evaluates market data to see how and why the Company's compensation practices differ from market practices and to gauge where Company compensation falls relative to the market as a secondary test of reasonableness. It is the opinion of the Committee that the pay decisions made by the Committee are reasonable relative to pay provided to executives at other public companies, based on the Committee's experience, the performance expectations established for each element of pay, and consultation with the Committee's independent advisor.

#### Components of Compensation

During 2014, the Company used multiple components to provide an overall compensation and benefits package designed to attract and retain the needed level of executive talent for the Company.

#### Base Salary

The Committee's philosophy is that base salaries should meet the objectives of attracting and retaining the executive talent needed to grow the business and create shareholder value. Therefore, the Committee establishes base salaries for new hires based on the advice of management and its independent advisor regarding reasonable market pay practices, and comparisons with the executive's peers at the Company. Upon promotion or other adjustment of responsibilities, executives receive base pay increases that are commensurate with their new role or responsibilities and the pay levels for colleagues at similar levels in the organization and market pay practices, with more modest rates of increase thereafter. For example, the table below illustrates the salary adjustments made in 2014 to reflect new roles and responsibilities for Mr. Evans, Mr. Carstanjen, and Mr. Mudd. Mr. Tse received a salary adjustment in 2014 to more appropriately reflect his position as an Executive Vice President with the Company. Increases in base salary affect the opportunity for annual incentive payouts under the incentive compensation plan.

In 2014, the following adjustments were made to the base salaries for the Company's NEOs:

Name	Position	2013 Base Salary (\$)	Percentage Change	Salary Change (\$)	2014 Base Salary (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>
Robert L. Evans	Chairman	\$600,000	-8.3%	\$-50,000	\$550,000
William C. Carstanjen	Chief Executive Officer	480,000	14.6%	70,000	550,000
William E. Mudd	President & CFO	435,000	14.9%	65,000	500,000
James E. Gay	Senior Vice President	335,000	4.8%	16,235	351,235
Alan K. Tse	EVP & GC	300,000	21.7%	65,000	365,000

<sup>(1)</sup> Annual rate of base compensation following promotions effective August 27, 2014. Actual salaries paid in 2014 shown in the Summary Compensation Table on page 35.

The salary adjustments above further illustrate the Committee's overall philosophy toward compensation. Based upon Mr. Evans' transition from the role of Chief Executive Officer to Chairman, his base salary was decreased to reflect his new set of duties. Conversely, Mr. Carstanjen's base salary was increased, commensurate with the Committee's expected level of contribution from Mr. Carstanjen, and in recognition of his enhanced role as Chief Executive Officer. Similarly, Mr. Mudd and Mr. Tse also received an increase in base salary commensurate with the expected contributions from Mr. Mudd in his new role as President and Chief Financial Officer, and additional goals and objectives placed on the Executive Vice President and General Counsel. Mr. Gay did not receive any additional increase to his base salary, in 2014, other than a routine cost of living adjustment, as his base salary was previously adjusted by the Committee to reflect compensation commensurate with his role as President of Churchill Downs Interactive.

#### Executive Annual Incentive Plan

Bonus awards or incentive compensation paid with respect to 2014 were determined by the Committee per the terms of the Executive Annual Incentive Plan (2013) ("EAIP"), a shareholder approved incentive plan. Pursuant to the EAIP, the Committee established performance goals for the Company and bonus opportunities for the 2014 performance year. In analyzing proposed awards against target and maximum payouts, the Committee used the goals as its roadmap to determine whether to issue awards above, at, or below each NEO's target award. As it has done historically, for 2014, the Committee sets performance goals based upon a comprehensive assessment of the Company against its long-term strategic goals and its ability to achieve said goals with its current leadership team and key employees. Therefore, individual performance by the Company's NEOs (as measured by various factors, including, but not limited to, continued growth and diversification of the Company's asset portfolio through acquisitions, customer and employee satisfaction, and the completion of certain specified legislative and regulatory outcomes), and unit performance (as measured by among other things increases in sales and revenues) led by some of the Company's key employees also played a significant role in setting and evaluating the Company's performance goals, and determining the proper level of compensation deemed necessary to incent the NEOs and key employees to continue to drive growth.

2014 Performance Goals. For 2014, the Committee set the following goals (per segment) for the Company. These goals were used to assess the NEOs' performance and determine EAIP payouts as disclosed in the 2014 Summary Compensation Table on page 35. The Committee, in setting the goals, considered the challenges to the Company; however, each goal was deemed achievable, representing requirements for a superior level of performance. The goals are expressed generally as follows:

#### Racing

- Manage overall budgets to reduce cost (without impacting the customer experience);
- Increase the financial performance of big events (i.e., Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks, Arlington Million, etc.);
- Continue to work on innovative approaches to combat the long-term decline in racing;

#### Gaming

- Achieve adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("Adjusted EBITDA")
  goals at our gaming properties;
- Successfully re-develop, construct and open current projects and properties;
- Assess and pursue opportunities to acquire accretive gaming properties;

#### Online

- Continue to invest in and grow our advanced deposit wagering businesses;
- Assess and pursue opportunities to expand our online gaming profile;

#### Other

- Increase Adjusted EBITDA;
- Develop technology-driven cost out opportunities for all subsidiaries; and
- Execute through acquisition and/or development projects that take the Company into new business segments.

*Incentive Opportunities.* Under the EAIP, the NEOs have target award opportunities, which the Committee reserves the right to exercise negative discretion against if it so chooses. For NEOs, these targets are determined by the Committee based on internal pay equity considerations, impact on total short-term compensation and the expected level of contribution of each NEO to the Company's performance goals and growth objectives.

The Compensation Committee approves the target and maximum incentive levels proposed by the CEO for each NEO, excluding the Chairman, at the beginning of each year. During 2014, the target and maximum awards assigned to the Chairman, the CEO and the other NEOs were as follows:

Name	Position	arget Incentiv Award as a Percentage of Salary	Target Incentive	Maximum Target Incentive Award as a Percentage of Salary	Incentive
Robert L. Evans	Chairman	100%	\$583,300	200%	\$1,166,600
William C. Carstanjen	Chief Executive Officer	100%	450,100	200%	900,200
William E. Mudd	President & CFO	80%	358,375	200%	716,750
James E. Gay	Senior Vice President	60%	213,006	200%	426,012
Alan K. Tse	EVP & GC	60%	207,744	200%	415,488

2014 Performance Results. In determining the payouts, the Compensation Committee exercises its discretion to determine whether to payout at, above, or below the target opportunities based upon its review of the outcomes evaluated against Company and individual performance. The Compensation Committee established a minimum corporate Adjusted EBITDA performance threshold for 2014 of \$125 million required before any incentives were eligible to be paid under the EAIP for 2014. The Compensation Committee certified that actual Adjusted EBITDA for 2014 exceeded this threshold and that executives were eligible for payouts under the EAIP for 2014.

In evaluating 2014 performance, the Compensation Committee considered (i) the Company's continued diversification in 2014 including the acquisition of Big Fish Games, one of the world's largest producers and distributors of mobile and online games, (ii) total attendance at the 140<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Derby and Oaks was strong, hosting 277,977 fans, and (iii) wagering from all-sources on the Kentucky Derby totaled \$186.6 million. The Compensation Committee determined that these achievements contributed to benefits being realized by the Company's shareholders.

The results for amounts earned by the NEOs for 2014 under the EAIP are reflected in the 2014 Summary Compensation Table on page 35 in the column labeled "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation". As noted above, the Company exhibited strong financial performance in 2014, which exceeded the performance goals. The top four NEOs (Mr. Evans, Mr. Carstanjen, Mr. Mudd, and Mr. Tse) were viewed by the Committee to be the primary parties responsible for meeting and exceeding the performance goals in 2014. The Compensation Committee, after considering overall Company performance awarded the NEOs EAIP awards above the target, as shown in the table on page 35, to reward them for the Company's outstanding performance. As such, the NEOs were awarded an EAIP award at the following percentage of their target incentive award: Mr. Evans 124%, Mr. Carstanjen 167%, Mr. Mudd 100%, Mr. Tse 123%, and Mr. Gay 99%. These awards were made pursuant to the EAIP and as a reward for the NEOs respective roles in driving performance during the period ending December 31, 2014.

#### Long-Term Incentives

Corporate Long-Term Incentive Plan. The objective of the Company's long-term incentive compensation program is to support the entrepreneurial mindset desired by management and the Board of Directors by providing an opportunity to earn significant equity in the Company for achieving significant performance improvements.

The Compensation Committee did not make any new long-term incentive awards in 2014 as the executives continued to be eligible to earn time- and performance-based awards granted in 2013 (for executives other than the Chairman, who was granted awards under his amended and restated employment agreement in 2010). The 2013 New Company LTIP and prior Chairman awards are described in more detail below.

2013 New Company LTIP. For 2013, the Company opted to develop a new long-term incentive program utilizing the 2007 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan (the "New Company LTIP"). As a way to continue to encourage innovation, an entrepreneurial approach, and careful risk assessment, in addition to the retention of key executives, the Company's new incentive program offered new long-term incentive compensation opportunities to the Company's NEOs, with the exception of Robert L. Evans. Restricted stock awards were granted, to the NEOs, under the New Company LTIP, on March 21, 2013, subject to certain vesting conditions.

The 2013 restricted stock awards were divided between time-vesting and stock price-vesting restricted stock (weighted approximately 25% and 75%, respectively). All time-based restricted shares will vest by December 31, 2016, as described in the 2014 Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End table on page 38. The stock-price vesting restricted shares vest over a five-year performance period based on the Company's stock price performance, with four vesting triggers tied to the daily closing NASDAQ stock market price for the Company's Common Stock (collectively, referred to as the "Stock Price Triggers"). Stock Price Trigger 1 was \$75 (earned on May 24, 2013) and each successive Stock Price Trigger (\$85 (earned on December 19, 2013), \$95 (earned on September 29, 2014), and \$105 (yet to be earned)) is at least 10% above the preceding Stock Price Trigger, with the vesting of the stock price shares to occur in 25% installments for each Stock Price Trigger earned. In order for a Stock Price Trigger to be reached the Company must successfully achieve and maintain for a 20 consecutive trading day period a specific daily share closing price value.

As an additional key executive retention device, the vesting of Stock Price Triggers 1 and 2, achieved in 2013, was subject to the NEOs' continued employment until the first anniversary of the grant date, March 21, 2014. If the Company does not achieve the final Stock Price Trigger (\$105) during the five-year performance period, NEOs under this program will forfeit any incentive compensation opportunity tied to that Stock Price Trigger.

The amounts earned by each participating NEO with regard to the 2014 achievement of the third trigger under the New Company LTIP are as follows:

Name	Position	New Company LTIP Share Award for Achievement of Stock Price Trigger 3	Fair Market Value for Stock Price Trigger 3 as of Vesting Date	
Robert L. Evans	Chairman	n/a	\$ n/a	
William C. Carstanjen	Chief Executive Officer	22,500	2,183,400	
William E. Mudd	President & CFO	20,000	1,940,800	
James E. Gay	Senior Vice President	10,750	1,043,180	
Alan K. Tse	EVP & GC	9,750	946,140	

Long-Term Incentives for the Chairman. Mr. Evans, in his previous role as the CEO, received a significant grant of Company stock (with both time- and performance-based vesting) as a component of his original 2006

employment agreement and his amended and restated employment agreement in 2010 and therefore he has not been, nor is he currently, a participant in the New Company LTIP. The Committee believes that having a separate incentive plan for the Chairman from the incentive plan for the rest of the executive team in this context is appropriate and beneficial as it allows the Chairman to evaluate the Company's long-term performance and make recommendations to the Committee regarding the pay of the CEO without bias to his own compensation from the Company. Mr. Evans was not granted any equity-based awards in 2011, 2012, 2013, or 2014.

#### **Executive Stock Ownership Guidelines**

Our Board of Directors has adopted minimum stock ownership guidelines for our executive officers and directors. The principal objective of the guidelines is to enhance the linkage between the interests of shareholders and our executive officers and directors by requiring a meaningful, minimum level of stock ownership. The current guidelines provide that, within five (5) years of becoming subject to the stock ownership guidelines, our Chairman and our CEO should own shares valued at an amount equal to six times (6x) their base salary, our President and CFO should own shares valued at an amount equal to four times (4x) his base salary, and that all other executive officers should own shares valued at an amount equal to three times the executive's base salary. Mr. James E. Gay is not an executive officer of the Company, therefore, he is not subject the aforementioned guidelines.

In 2014, each executive subject to the ownership guidelines met or exceeded the guidelines:

Executive Officer	Ownership Guidelines	Shares Owned(1)	Value of Shares(2)	Multiple of Salary(3)
Robert L. Evans	6x	151,464	\$14,434,519	26
William C. Carstanjen	6x	102,602	\$ 9,777,971	18
William E. Mudd	4x	60,596	\$ 5,774,799	12
Alan K. Tse	3x	14,971	\$ 1,426,736	4

- (1) Calculated as of December 31, 2014 and represents shares of Common Stock owned outright.
- (2) Based on CHDN closing stock price of \$95.30 as of December 31, 2014.
- (3) Calculated using the base salary information illustrated on page 28.

#### **Deferred Compensation Benefits**

The Company's philosophy is to provide retirement and savings benefits to executives which are commonly provided by other public companies. These benefits include:

401(k). The Company maintains a 401(k) Retirement Plan, which is a profit sharing plan that is intended to be a qualified retirement plan under Section 401(a) of the Code. The 401(k) Retirement Plan allows all employees who meet the eligibility requirements to become participants. Participants may make salary deferral contributions pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Code up to limits prescribed by the plan and the Code. The Company makes matching contributions with respect to such salary deferrals at a rate of 100% on the first 3% of compensation deferred and 50% on deferrals in excess of 3% of compensation deferred but no more than 5% of compensation deferred. Salary deferral contributions and matching contributions are fully vested at all times. Participants are allowed to direct investment of their accounts under the 401(k) Retirement Plan into as many as 25 investment options. All assets of the 401(k) Retirement Plan are held in a trust which is intended to be qualified under Section 501 of the Code.

**Deferred Compensation Plan.** The Company also maintains a Deferred Compensation Plan for select executives. The purpose of the plan is to provide eligible executives of the Company an opportunity to defer to a future date the receipt of base salary and bonus compensation for services and to receive matching contributions

in similar fashion as provided by the Company's 401(k) Retirement Plan for any base salary and bonus deferred beyond the limits imposed by the IRS for that plan. The Committee believes that a Deferred Compensation Plan is a normal and typical benefit for executives at companies similar to the Company and is necessary to attract and retain executive talent.

For purposes of determining earnings under the Deferred Compensation Plan, various hypothetical investment alternatives are selected by the Committee in its discretion. The Deferred Compensation Plan allows, but does not require, the Committee to receive input from participants regarding such investment alternatives. The current hypothetical investments selected by the Committee include 33 investment return options for determining the rate of return to be credited on participant deferrals. Participants are allowed to choose among these investment return options in order to direct the hypothetical investments used to determine earnings under the Plan.

Life insurance contracts have been purchased by the Company to provide some or all of the benefits under the Deferred Compensation Plan. Other details regarding the Deferred Compensation Plan can be found in the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Table, on page 39, and the accompanying narrative below.

# Allowances and Other Benefits

The Company's standard, non-cash executive benefits are Company-paid premiums on executive term life insurance and an optional supplemental long-term disability income plan for all of the NEOs. These plans provide benefits which are similar to those provided to all employees, but extend the benefit levels to be appropriate to the income of the executive officers.

The Company's executive perquisites, in 2014, were as follows:

- · Automobile allowance, including reimbursement for gas expenses, in the case of Mr. Evans; and
- Reimbursement of spouse's travel expenses for travel with the executive on Company business on a case-by-case basis.

The Company also previously provided for a miscellaneous perquisites allowance for each executive officer of \$10,000, for Mr. Evans, Mr. Carstanjen, Mr. Mudd, and Mr. Tse, and \$7,500 for Mr. Gay. However, this allowance was eliminated in late 2014.

# Severance Benefits

The Committee believes that arrangements which provide benefits upon termination or a change in control of the Company support the goals of attracting and retaining qualified executives by clarifying the terms of employment and reducing the risks to the executive in situations where the executive believes that the Company may undergo a merger or be acquired or where the Company has tasked the executive to develop new markets or lines of business for the Company. In addition, the Committee believes that such agreements align the interests of executives with the interests of shareholders if a qualified offer to acquire the Company is made, in that each of the executives would likely be aware of or involved in any such negotiation and it is to the benefit of shareholders to have the executives negotiating in the best interests of the Company without regard to their personal financial interests. In 2014, the Committee, in lieu of negotiating individual severance agreements with each executive, adopted a form Executive Change in Control, Severance and Indemnity Agreement (the "Change in Control Agreement"). Each executive officer of the Company, namely Robert L. Evans, William C. Carstanjen, William E. Mudd, and Alan K. Tse, executed a Change in Control Agreement on August 27, 2014. The Change in Control Agreements, at the time of their execution, became immediately effective and each of the executive officer's previously executed employment agreement terminated.

Each Change in Control Agreement provides that, subject to the Company receiving a general release of claims from the executive, in the event the executive's employment is terminated (i) by the Company without "Cause" (as defined in the Change in Control Agreement) or (ii) by the executive for "Good Reason" (as defined in the Change in Control Agreement), the executive will be entitled to receive an amount in cash equal to 1.5 times the sum of (a) the executive's annual base salary and (b) the amount of the executive's annual target bonus for the year in which the executive was terminated. All equity-based awards in effect at the time of termination for the aforementioned reasons shall remain governed by the applicable plan or award agreement.

Each Change in Control Agreement provides further that, subject to the Company receiving a general release of claims from the executive, in the event the executive's employment is terminated within the 2-year period following a "Change in Control" (as defined in the Change in Control Agreement) (i) by the Company, other than for "Cause" (as defined in the Change in Control Agreement), "Disability" (as defined in the Change in Control Agreement), or death, or (ii) by the executive for "Good Reason" (as defined in the Change in Control Agreement), the executive will be entitled to receive an amount in cash equal to 2 times the sum of (a) the executive's annual base salary and (b) the amount of the executive's annual target bonus for the year in which the executive was terminated.

The Change in Control Agreements eliminated any tax gross-ups for excise taxes payable following a Change in Control.

Additional information regarding severance benefits may be found under "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control" on page 40.

# Section 162(m) of the Code

As a publicly-traded company, we are subject to Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code which limits our ability to deduct for U.S. income tax purposes compensation in excess of \$1 million paid to the NEOs unless the compensation is performance-based under Section 162(m). The Compensation Committee considers tax deductibility to be an important, but not the sole or primary, consideration in setting executive compensation. Because the Compensation Committee also recognizes the need to retain flexibility to make compensation decisions that may not meet the standards of Section 162(m) when necessary to enable us to continue to attract, retain, and motivate highly-qualified executives, it reserves the authority to approve potentially non-deductible compensation.

#### **Compensation Committee Report**

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the information appearing above under the heading "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" with management and, based on that review and discussion, has recommended to the Board of Directors that the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section be included in this Proxy Statement and the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ending December 31, 2014.

#### **Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors:**

R. Alex Rankin, Chairman Craig J. Duchossois Daniel P. Harrington James F. McDonald

# **2014 Summary Compensation Table**

The following table provides information regarding compensation earned by each individual who served as our Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, President & Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, and one officer employed at the end of 2014 who were the most highly compensated for 2014 (sometimes referred to in this proxy statement as the "Named Executive Officers" or "NEOs").

Name and Principal Position(3)	Year	Base Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	All Other Compensation (\$)(2)	Total (\$)
Robert L. Evans	2014	\$584,615	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	<b>\$-0-</b>	\$725,000	\$80,488	\$1,390,103
Chairman	2013	588,462	-0-	-0-	-0-	825,000	75,433	1,488,895
	2012	550,000	-0-	-0-	-0-	875,000	78,122	1,503,122
William C. Carstanjen	2014	511,539	-0-	-0-	-0-	750,000	19,435	1,280,974
Chief Executive Officer	2013	476,539	-0-	8,843,525	-0-	530,000	22,150	9,872,213
	2012	465,000	-0-	1,625,000	-0-	500,000	21,605	2,611,605
William E. Mudd	2014	462,500	-0-	-0-	-0-	500,000	35,385	997,885
President and Chief	2013	431,539	-0-	7,417,000	-0-	450,000	36,803	8,335,342
Financial Officer	2012	420,000	-0-	1,250,000	-0-	425,000	36,273	2,131,273
James E. Gay	2014	344,363	-0-	-0-	-0-	210,000	52,649	607,012
Senior Vice President	2013	335,000	-0-	4,022,588	-0-	210,000	39,320	4,606,908
	2012	286,346	-0-	750,000	-0-	180,000	14,527	1,230,873
Alan K. Tse	2014	345,000	-0-	-0-	-0-	255,000	29,937	629,937
Executive Vice	2013	297,692	-0-	3,056,978	-0-	235,000	27,878	3,617,548
President and General Counsel	2012	290,000	60,000	150,000	-0-	180,000	41,350	721,350

- (1) Amounts in this column represent payments for performance under the Executive Annual Incentive Plan ("EAIP"). Payment for each year shown is made by March 31 of the following year.
- (2) The table below shows the components of this column for 2014, which include the Company match for each individual's defined contribution plan contributions, life insurance premiums, supplemental long-term disability insurance premiums and allowances. Allowances for Mr. Evans for 2014 include \$33,541 for Mr. Evans' ground transportation allowance and other monetary allowances. The monetary allowance for each of Mr. Evans, Mr. Carstanjen, Mr. Mudd, Mr. Tse, and Mr. Gay for 2014 ceased, effective August 27, 2014. Additionally, \$36,000 in relocation expense reimbursements is also included for Mr. Gay. Mr. Gay's relocation expenses were valued on the basis of the aggregate incremental cost to the Company and represent the amount accrued for payment or paid to the service provider or Mr. Gay, as applicable.
- (3) As of August 27, 2014, James E. Gay's reporting role changed with the promotion of William C. Carstanjen to the role of Chief Executive Officer. Consequently, Mr. Gay, as of December 16, 2014, no longer is reported by the Company under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

# All Other Compensation For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Company		Supplemental		
	Contributions		Long-Term		
	Under Defined	Life	Disability		
	Contribution	Insurance	Insurance		
	Plans	Premiums	Premiums	Allowances	Total All Other
Name	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	Compensation
Robert L. Evans	\$31,729	\$6,816	\$1,479	\$40,464	\$80,488
William C. Carstanjen	10,200	1,296	900	7,039	19,435
William E. Mudd	26,793	919	750	6,923	35,386
James E. Gay	10,112	630	715	41,192	52,649
Alan K. Tse	21,296	719	999	6,923	29,937

- (a) This amount includes Company contributions to both 401(k) and deferred compensation accounts.
- (b) The NEOs receive group life coverage equal to two times base salary with a \$1 million maximum, whereas other employees receive coverage of two times base salary with a \$300,000 maximum. The amounts in this column are the premiums for the NEOs' coverage.
- (c) The NEOs receive long-term disability coverage equal to sixty percent (60%) of the NEO's base salary with a \$10,000 per month maximum in the event of a long-term disability, which benefit is taxable to the NEO. The Company offers supplemental long-term disability income insurance to help fill the gap between the executive's regular monthly net income and the amount that would be paid under the Company's standard long-term disability insurance policy that is available to other salaried employees. The amounts in this column are the premiums for the NEOs' supplemental coverage paid by the Company.
- (d) See Note 2 to the 2014 Summary Compensation Table on page 35.

# Grants of Plan-Based Awards For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

The grants in the following table are generally described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, beginning on page 25.

<b>Estimated Future Payout</b>
under
Non-Equity Incentive Plan
Awards <sup>(1)</sup>

Name	Grant Date	Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Max (\$)
Robert L. Evans	n/a	291,650	583,300	1,166,600
William C. Carstanjen	n/a	225,050	450,100	900,200
William E. Mudd	n/a	179,188	358,375	716,750
James E. Gay	n/a	106,503	213,006	426,012
Alan K. Tse	n/a	103,872	207,744	415,488

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents annual incentive bonus opportunities under the EAIP for each of the NEOs. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" beginning on page 25. Actual bonus payments for 2014 are listed under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation in the Summary Compensation Table on page 35.

# Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

#### Stock Awards

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	Awards; Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other	Equity Incentive Plan Awards; Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>
Robert L. Evans					26,406(1)	\$2,516,492	-0-	-()-
William C. Carstanjen	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-				
					$25,000^{(3)}$	\$2,382,500	22,500(5)	\$2,144,250
William E. Mudd	4,500	-0-	\$52.58	10/15/2017	$15,000^{(2)}$	\$1,429,500	-0-	-0-
					20,000(3)	\$1,906,000	20,000(5)	\$1,906,000
James E. Gay	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-				
•					$12,000^{(3)}$	\$1,143,600	$10,750^{(5)}$	\$1,024,475
Alan K. Tse	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	,	. , .,	,	. , , ,
					5,000(3)	\$ 476,500	9,750(5)	\$ 929,175

- (1) Represents shares of restricted stock granted to Mr. Evans on September 27, 2010 pursuant to his amended and restated employment agreement that vest in quarterly installments of either 4,062 shares or 4,063 shares of restricted stock on the last day of each calendar quarter through June 30, 2016, with an initial installment of 2,032 shares of restricted stock that vested on September 30, 2011, and a final installment of 2,031 shares of restricted stock that will vest on August 14, 2016.
- (2) Represents restricted stock awarded in connection with Mr. Mudd's employment agreements that will become vested after the restriction periods that expires on March 31, 2015.
- (3) Represents restricted stock awards under the New Company LTIP that were granted in 2013 but have not yet vested.
- (4) Based on the closing price of our Common Stock on the NASDAQ Global Market at December 31, 2014 of \$95.30 per share.
- (5) Represents restricted stock awards under the New Company LTIP that will vest, if at all, over a five-year performance period based on the Company's stock price performance.

# Option Exercises and Stock Vested For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)(1)
Robert L. Evans	180,000	\$9,547,126	16,250	\$1,520,230
William C. Carstanjen	-0-	-0-	94,726	8,887,517
William E. Mudd	-0-	-0-	69,404	6,535,368
James E. Gay	-0-	-0-	37,893	3,567,800
Alan K. Tse	-0-	-0-	33,630	3,171,234

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts reflect the market value of the stock on the day the stock vested or day the stock options were exercised.

# Nonqualified Deferred Compensation For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

Name	Executive Contributions in Last Fiscal Year (\$)(1)	Registrant Contributions in Last Fiscal Year (\$)(2)	Aggregate Earnings (Losses) in Last Fiscal Year (\$)	Aggregate Withdrawals Distributions (\$)	Aggregate Balance at Last Fiscal Year End (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>
Robert L. Evans	\$605,423	\$21,529	\$122,271	\$-0-	\$4,402,152
William C. Carstanjen	-0-	-0-	φ <b>122,271</b> - <b>0</b> -	- <b>0</b> -	-0-
William E. Mudd	23,125	16,593	19,358	-0-	277,897
James E. Gay	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Alan K. Tse	17,250	11,096	(1,230)	-0-	49,805

<sup>(1)</sup> The amounts in this column are also included in the 2014 Summary Compensation Table on page 35 in the salary column or the non-equity incentive plan compensation column.

- (2) The amounts in this column are also included in the 2014 Summary Compensation Table on page 35 in the all other compensation column as a part of the Company contributions under defined contribution plans.
- (3) Of the totals in this column, the following totals have previously been reported in the Summary Compensation Table for this year and for previous years:

Name	2014 (\$)	Previous Years (\$)	Total
Robert L. Evans	\$626,952	\$3,272,344	\$3,899,296
William C. Carstanjen	-0-	-0-	-0-
William E. Mudd		152,229	191,947
James E. Gay	-0-	-0-	-0-
Alan K. Tse	28,346	21,294	49,640

The Nonqualified Deferred Compensation table above shows information about the Company's nonqualified deferred compensation plan. Executive officers and other executives may defer receipt of all or part of their cash compensation under this plan. The plan operates in a similar manner as the Company's 401(k) plan, whereby participants can manage their self-directed accounts to allocate balances among various investment alternatives, which determine gains or losses under the plan. A company match is provided for amounts deferred above the qualified plan limits. The plan is unfunded for ERISA purposes and subject to forfeiture in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy by the Company. Participants can elect to receive their deferred compensation balance (i) upon termination of employment through a lump sum payment or (ii) while employed by the Company provided that the initial distribution date is at least five (5) years from the initial participation date, in which case distributions may be made on a monthly basis or in a lump sum.

# **Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change of Control**

The Company has entered into certain agreements and maintains certain plans that will require the Company to provide compensation to the NEOs in the event of a termination of employment or a change in control ("CIC") of the Company. The amount of compensation payable to each NEO in each situation as of December 31, 2014 is listed in the table below.

<u>Name</u>	Cash Severance Payment	Acceleration & Continuation of Equity Awards <sup>(1)</sup>	Total Benefits
Robert L. Evans			
Involuntary or good reason termination	\$1,702,523	\$ -0-(3)	\$1,702,523
Change In Control without termination	-0-	1,258,246(4)	1,258,246
Death or Disability	<b>583,300</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	2,322,938(5)	2,906,238
Involuntary or good reason termination			
within 2 years CIC	2,269,173	2,516,492(6)	4,785,665
William C. Carstanjen			
Involuntary or good reason termination	\$1,504,141	<b>\$</b> -0-(3)	\$1,504,141
Death or Disability	<b>450,100</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	-0-	450,100
Involuntary or good reason termination			
within 2 years CIC	2,004,191	4,526,750(8)	6,530,941
William E. Mudd			
Involuntary or good reason termination	\$1,291,913	\$1,429,500(3)	\$2,721,413
Death or Disability	358,375 <sup>(2)</sup>	1,429,500 <sup>(7)</sup>	1,787,875
Involuntary or good reason termination			
within 2 years CIC	1,721,101	5,241,500(8)	6,962,601
James E. Gay			
Involuntary or good reason termination	\$ 175,618	\$ -0-	\$ 175,618
Death or Disability	213,006	-0-	213,006
Involuntary or good reason termination			
within 2 years CIC	175,618	2,168,075(8)	2,343,693
Alan K. Tse			
Involuntary or good reason termination	\$ 863,467	\$ -0-	\$ 863,467
Death or Disability	207,744(2)	-0-	207,744
Involuntary or good reason termination	•		•
within 2 years CIC	1,149,839	1,405,675(8)	2,555,514
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<sup>(1)</sup> Represents the market value as of December 31, 2014 of restricted stock awards. For purposes of this disclosure, market value is the closing price of our Common Stock on the NASDAQ Global Market at December 31, 2014, of \$95.30 per share.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents the pro rata bonus for the year of death or disability based on the target bonus the executive was eligible to receive for that year.

<sup>(3)</sup> In the event of involuntary or good reason termination, Mr. Evans would vest in only those equity awards scheduled to vest up to and during the quarter in which such termination occurs; equity awards scheduled to vest after such quarter would be forfeited. This value reflects the fact that on December 31, 2014, Mr. Evans would have fully vested in those equity awards scheduled to vest during the quarter and thus no awards pertaining to the quarter would have remained unvested and subject to acceleration of vesting. With regard to Mr. Carstanjen and Mr. Mudd, this value reflects the market value of the unvested restricted stock granted to each of them in accordance with their employment agreements.

- (4) Represents the market value of fifty percent (50%) of all of Mr. Evans' unvested equity awards, as of December 31, 2014. In the event of a change in control, Mr. Evans would immediately vest in fifty percent (50%) of his unvested equity awards as of the time of the change in control; remaining unvested equity awards would continue to vest based on existing vesting schedules.
- (5) Represents 18 months accelerated vesting of 24,375 shares of restricted stock pursuant to the terms of Mr. Evans' employment agreement.
- (6) Represents the market value of one hundred percent (100%) of all of Mr. Evans' unvested equity awards, as of December 31, 2014. In the event of involuntary or good reason termination within two years of a change in control, Mr. Evans would vest in any then-remaining unvested equity awards.
- (7) Represents the accelerated vesting of the restricted stock granted to Mr. Mudd in accordance with his employment agreement.
- (8) Represents the accelerated vesting of the restricted stock granted to Mr. Mudd in accordance with his employment agreement and one hundred percent (100%) of all unvested restricted stock awards granted under the New Company LTIP.

#### Non-Solicit Provisions

On August 27, 2014, Mr. Evans, Mr. Carstanjen, Mr. Mudd and Mr. Tse (the "Key Executives") each entered into an Executive Change in Control, Severance and Indemnity Agreement (the "Change in Control Agreement") with the Company, replacing all previously executed employment agreements, which were mutually terminated by the Company and each Key Executive. Pursuant to each of these agreements, each Key Executive is subject to a two-year non-solicitation period after the termination of his employment with the Company for any reason, during which he may not solicit any employee of the Company to leave employment with the Company or solicit any customer of the Company for the purpose of engaging in business with them that competes with the business engaged in by the Company.

# Severance Benefits

The Change in Control Agreement, executed by the Key Executives, provides for the following principal severance provisions upon termination by the Company without cause or by the executive upon constructive termination or for good reason (as defined in each agreement):

Mr. Evans, Mr. Carstanjen, Mr. Mudd and Mr. Tse. Cash payments equal to the product of 1.5 times the sum of (a) base salary plus (b) target bonus for the year of termination of employment, payable in equal installments over 18 months; treatment of all equity-based awards per the terms of the applicable plan, award or agreement; and a lump sum cash payment equal to the total premiums for medical, dental and vision benefits for a three month period.

*Mr. Gay.* If terminated Mr. Gay is entitled to the standard benefits provided to our executives under the Executive Severance Policy.

The Company's Executive Severance Policy provides severance equal to three weeks of salary per year of service (up to a maximum of 26 weeks) for Senior Vice Presidents and two weeks of salary per year of service for Vice Presidents (up to a maximum of 26 weeks) in the case of Job Elimination. Job Elimination is the involuntary separation of an executive without cause due to elimination of an executive's position or duties due to a restructuring, cost containment, or other reasons not related to job performance. Therefore, this plan does not provide a severance payment to an executive who is terminated due to poor performance.

Change in Control Benefits. The new agreements for the Key Executives also provide for the following change in control provisions: if the executive is terminated within two years following a change in control, he will receive severance as provided above, except that the salary and bonus severance shall instead equal the product of 2.0 times the sum of (a) base salary plus (b) target bonus for the year of termination of employment, payable in one lump sum on the sixtieth (60th) day following such termination.

In the event that any or all payments to any of the Key Executives are subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, such payments shall be reduced to one dollar (\$1) below the maximum amount of payments that will not be subject to such tax; provided, however, that the foregoing limitation shall not apply in the event the total payments to a Key Executive, on an after-tax basis, would exceed the after-tax benefits to the Key Executive if such limitation applied. The Key Executive shall bear the expense of any and all excise taxes due on any payments that are deemed to be "excess parachute payments" under Section 280G of the Code.

# **Equity Compensation Plan Information**(1)

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	(b) Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	(c) Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders <sup>(2)</sup>	10,348(3)(4)	\$48.63	1,809,185(6)
security holders (5)	65,000 75,348	\$36.16 \$37.87	-0- 1,809,185

- (1) This table includes (i) aggregate data, including pricing, for shares presently committed under all equity compensation plans of the Company as of the end of the most recently completed fiscal year and (ii) aggregate data for shares still available to be issued under those plans.
- (2) The equity compensation plans of the Company which have been approved by the shareholders of the Company are the Churchill Downs Incorporated 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("Stock Purchase Plan"), the Churchill Downs Incorporated 1993 Stock Option Plan ("1993 Plan"), the Churchill Downs Incorporated 1997 Stock Option Plan ("1997 Plan"), the Churchill Downs Incorporated 2003 Stock Option Plan ("2003 Plan"), the Churchill Downs Incorporated 2004 Restricted Stock Plan ("Restricted Stock Plan") and the Churchill Downs Incorporated 2007 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan ("2007 Plan") and certain stock options and restricted stock awards granted to the CEO as a part of his employment agreement. The 1993 Plan, the 1997 Plan and the 2003 Plan each allow one- to three-year option vesting periods and require that options expire ten (10) years after the date of grant, if not earlier under certain circumstances. The Restricted Stock Plan allows for the award of stock subject to certain conditions and restrictions as determined by the Compensation Committee at the time of the award. The 2007 Plan allows the Compensation Committee the flexibility to design compensatory awards that are responsive to the Company's needs. Awards under the 2007 Plan may be in the form of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted share units, performance shares or performance units.
- (3) Of this total, zero (0) shares of Common Stock of the Company are issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options granted under the 1997 Plan, 10,348 shares of Common Stock of the Company are issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options granted under the 2007 Plan and zero (0) shares of Common Stock of the Company are issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options granted to the CEO of the Company as a part of his employment agreement. The total does not include 78,250 (which excludes the New Company LTIP awards) outstanding shares of Common Stock which have been awarded under the Restricted Stock Plan and the 2007 Plan, as of December 31, 2014, which are unvested and over which the participants have neither voting nor dispositive power until the lapse of the restriction period.

- (4) Because each participant in the Stock Purchase Plan has one option each plan year and that option consists of the number of shares which can be purchased, through exercise, at the end of the plan year using compensation deductions made throughout the plan year, no outstanding options, warrants or rights for a specific number of the Company's securities to be issued upon exercise existed at fiscal year's end and, therefore, none are included in this total for the Stock Purchase Plan.
- (5) As a part of his employment agreement, the Chairman of the Company was granted 65,000 restricted stock units representing shares of Common Stock of the Company, which vest quarterly over a 5 year period beginning with the end of the third calendar quarter of 2006. The Chairman of the Company is entitled to receive the shares underlying the restricted stock units (along with a cash payment equal to accumulated dividend equivalents beginning with the lapse of forfeiture, plus interest at a 3% annual rate) six months after termination of employment. The restricted stock units were granted to the Chairman of the Company as a material inducement to enter into the employment agreement.
- (6) Of this total, as of December 31, 2014, 64,843 shares of Common Stock of the Company remained available for future issuance under the Stock Purchase Plan and 1,744,342 shares of Common Stock of the Company remained available for future issuance under the 2007 Plan. In 2014, a shareholder approved amendment to the 2007 Plan increased the shares available for issuance under the 2007 Plan by 1,800,000 shares of Common Stock. Stock awards under the 2007 Plan, other than stock options, will be counted against the maximum number of shares as to which stock awards may be granted on a ratio of 2-to-1.

# **Certain Relationships and Related Transactions**

The Company has adopted written policies and procedures for identifying and approving or ratifying related person transactions. The policies and procedures cover all related person transactions required to be disclosed under Item 404 (a) of Regulation S-K. The Audit Committee is responsible for applying the policies and procedures. In evaluating related person transactions, the Audit Committee considers all factors it deems appropriate, including without limitation, whether the related person transaction is on terms no less favorable than terms generally available to an unaffiliated third party under the same or similar circumstances, the extent of the related person's interest in the transaction, and whether products or services of a similar nature, quantity, or quality are readily available from alternative sources.

During the past fiscal year, the Company did not engage in any transactions in which any director, officer (or family member of any of the foregoing) or 5% shareholder of the Company had any material interest.

Directors of the Company may from time to time own or have interests in horses racing at the Company's tracks. All such races are conducted, as applicable, under the regulations of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, the Illinois Racing Board, the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering or the Louisiana State Racing Commission, and no director receives any extra or special benefit with regard to having his or her horses selected to run in races or in connection with the actual running of races.

In its ordinary course of business, the Company may enter into transactions with certain of its officers and directors for the sale of personal seat licenses and suite accommodations at its racetracks, and tickets for its live racing events. The Company believes that each such transaction has been on terms no less favorable for the Company than could have been obtained in a transaction with a third party and no such person received any extra or special benefit in connection with such transactions.

# Churchill Downs Incorporated Audit Committee Report

The following is the report of the Company's Audit Committee (the "Committee"), which currently consists of three directors, each of whom has been determined by the Board of Directors (the "Board") to meet the current standards of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the NASDAQ exchange to be considered an

"independent director." The Board has also determined that one member, Daniel P. Harrington, is an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Committee has an Audit Committee Charter (the "Charter"), which was re-approved by the Board on February 24, 2014. The Charter sets forth certain responsibilities of the Committee, which include monitoring and oversight of the financial reporting process, the system of internal controls, the internal audit function, the independent auditors, the Company's procedures for legal and regulatory compliance, and the Company's risk management practices. The Committee's job is one of oversight and the Committee reviews the work of the Company's management, the internal audit staff and the independent auditors on behalf of the Board.

# Specifically, the Committee:

- Met four (4) times during the year, during which the Committee reviewed and discussed with management and the independent auditors the Company's interim and annual financial statements for 2014; at each of such meetings, the Committee met in executive session with the Company's Chief Compliance Officer.
- Discussed with the independent auditors all matters required to be discussed under Auditing Standard No. 16, as amended (Communication with Audit Committees), as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, which sets forth required communication between independent auditors and audit committees.
- Received the written disclosures and letters from the independent auditors required by applicable
  requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, regarding the independent auditors'
  communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and discussed with the
  independent auditors the independent auditors' independence.
- Based on the review and discussions referred to in the first three bullets above, the Committee recommended to the Board that the Company's audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.
- Reviewed and discussed reports from the Company's internal audit department and reports from the Company's legal department.
- Discussed with management and the independent auditors the quality of the Company's internal controls.
- Reviewed and approved all related person transactions.
- Self-evaluated the effectiveness of the Committee.
- Evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's internal audit function.
- Inquired of management, including its internal auditor, and the Company's independent auditors regarding significant risks or exposures, including those related to fraudulent activities, facing the Company; assessed the steps management has taken or proposes to take to minimize such risks to the Company and reviewed compliance with such steps.
- Reviewed and approved the 2014 audit and non-audit services and related fees provided by the
  independent auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC"). The non-audit services approved by the
  Audit Committee were also reviewed to ensure compatibility with maintaining the auditor's
  independence.
- In February 2014, the Committee selected PwC to be reappointed as independent auditors for the calendar year 2015. The Committee also reviewed and pre-approved the 2014 audit fees for services related to the first quarter Form 10-Q review.

No portion of this Audit Committee Report shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), through any general statement incorporating by reference in its entirety the Proxy Statement in which this report appears, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates this report or a portion of it by reference. In addition, this report shall not be deemed to be filed under either the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

**Members of the Audit Committee** 

Daniel P. Harrington, Chairman James F. McDonald R. Alex Rankin

# Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires that the Company's directors, executive officers and persons who beneficially own more than ten percent (10%) of the Company's Common Stock file certain reports with the SEC with regard to their beneficial ownership of the Common Stock. The Company is required to disclose in this Proxy Statement any failure to file or late filings of such reports. Based solely on our review of the forms filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission or written representations from certain reporting persons received by us, we believe that our directors, officers and persons who own more than ten percent (10%) of the Company's Common Stock have complied with all applicable filing requirements, except in the following instances: the Company filed late one Form 4 on behalf of Alan K. Tse reporting the withholding of stock to satisfy tax liability; the Company filed late two (2) Form 4s on behalf of James E. Gay reporting the withholding of stock to satisfy tax liability; the Company filed late two (2) Form 4s on behalf of William C. Carstanjen reporting the withholding of stock to satisfy tax liability; the Company filed late two (2) Form 4s on behalf of Robert L. Evans reporting his exercise of stock options and the corresponding sell of Company Common Stock; and the Company filed late one Form 4 on behalf of Richard L. Duchossois reporting the purchase of Company Common Stock.

# Multiple Shareholders Sharing the Same Address

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries (e.g., brokers) to satisfy the delivery requirements for proxy statements with respect to two or more shareholders sharing the same address by delivering a single proxy statement addressed to those shareholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as "house-holding," potentially means extra convenience for shareholders and cost savings for companies.

At this time, one or more brokers with accountholders who are Company shareholders will be "householding" our proxy materials. A single Proxy Statement will be delivered to multiple shareholders sharing an address unless contrary instructions have been received from the affected shareholder. Once you have received notice from your broker that they will be "house-holding" communications to your address, "house-holding" will continue until you are notified otherwise or until you revoke your consent. If, at any time, you no longer wish to participate in "house-holding" and would prefer to receive a separate Proxy Statement, please notify your broker. You may direct your written request for a copy of the Proxy Statement to Churchill Downs Incorporated, Attn: Bridgett Gatewood, 600 N. Hurstbourne Parkway, Ste. 400, Louisville, Kentucky 40222, or at (502) 636-4400. If your broker is not currently "house-holding" (i.e., you received multiple copies of the Company's Proxy Statement), and you would like to request delivery of a single copy, you should contact your broker.

# **Proposals by Shareholders**

Any shareholder proposal that may be included in the Board of Directors' Proxy Statement and Proxy for presentation at the annual meeting of shareholders to be held in 2016 must be received by the Company at the principal executive office at 600 N. Hurstbourne Parkway, Ste. 400, Louisville, Kentucky 40222, Attention of the Secretary, no later than November 25, 2015. Pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws, proposals of shareholders intended to be presented at the Company's 2015 annual meeting of shareholders must be received by the Company at the principal executive offices of the Company not less than 90 nor more than 120 days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of shareholders. Accordingly, any shareholder proposals intended to be presented at the 2016 annual meeting of shareholders of the Company must be received in writing by the Company at its principal executive offices no later than January 25, 2016, and no sooner than December 26, 2015. Any proposal submitted before or after those dates will be considered untimely, and the Chairman shall declare that the business is not properly brought before the meeting and such business shall not be transacted at the annual meeting.

#### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Robert L. Evans
Chairman

Alan K. Tse
Executive Vice President and
General Counsel

Louisville, Kentucky March 23, 2015

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY OR VOTE BY TELEPHONE OR OVER THE INTERNET IF YOU CANNOT BE PRESENT IN PERSON

# Form 10-K

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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Portions of the Registrant's Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 23, 2015 are incorporated by reference herein in response to Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Part III of Form 10-K. This Form 10-K filing includes 120 pages, which includes an exhibit index on pages 117-120.

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# PART I

# ITEM 1. BUSINESS

#### A. Introduction

Churchill Downs Incorporated (the "Company") is a diversified provider of pari-mutuel horseracing, online account wagering on horseracing and casino gaming. We are also one of the world's largest producers and distributors of online and mobile casual games. Our principal executive offices are located at 600 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Suite 400, Louisville, Kentucky, 40222.

We manage our operations through five operating segments as follows:

# 1. Racing, which includes:

- Churchill Downs Racetrack ("Churchill Downs") in Louisville, Kentucky, an internationally known thoroughbred racing operation and home of the Kentucky Derby since 1875;
- Arlington International Race Course ("Arlington"), a thoroughbred racing operation in Arlington Heights along with ten off-track betting facilities ("OTBs") in Illinois;
- Fair Grounds Race Course ("Fair Grounds"), a thoroughbred and quarterhorse racing operation in New Orleans along with twelve OTBs in Louisiana; and
- Calder Race Course ("Calder"), a thoroughbred racing facility in Miami Gardens, Florida, where as of July 1, 2014, we ceased pari-mutuel operations, except for limited operations conducted by a third party.

#### 2. Casinos, which includes:

- Oxford Casino ("Oxford") in Oxford, Maine, which we acquired on July 17, 2013. Oxford operates approximately 860 slot machines, 26 table games and various dining facilities;
- Riverwalk Casino Hotel ("Riverwalk") in Vicksburg, Mississippi, which we acquired on October 23, 2012.
   Riverwalk operates approximately 690 slot machines, 15 table games, a five story, 80-room attached hotel, multifunctional event center and dining facilities;
- Harlow's Casino Resort & Spa ("Harlow's") in Greenville, Mississippi, which operates approximately 750 slot machines, 13 table games, a five-story, 105-room attached hotel, multi-functional event center, pool, spa and dining facilities;
- Calder Casino, a slot facility in Florida adjacent to Calder, which operates approximately 1,130 slot machines and included a poker room branded "Studz Poker Club" which ceased operations on June 30, 2014;
- Fair Grounds Slots, a slot facility in Louisiana adjacent to Fair Grounds, which operates approximately 620 slot machines;
- Video Services, LLC ("VSI"), the owner and operator of approximately 710 video poker machines in southeast Louisiana which are located within ten of our OTBs; and
- Our equity investment in Miami Valley Gaming, LLC ("MVG"), a 50% joint venture harness racetrack and video lottery terminal facility in Lebanon, Ohio, which opened on December 12, 2013. MVG has approximately 1,580 video lottery terminals, a racing simulcast center and a harness racetrack.

# 3. TwinSpires, which includes:

- TwinSpires, an Advance Deposit Wagering ("ADW") business that is licensed as a multi-jurisdictional simulcasting and interactive wagering hub in the state of Oregon;
- Fair Grounds Account Wagering ("FAW"), an ADW business that is licensed in the state of Louisiana;
- Velocity, a business that is licensed in the British Dependency Isle of Man focusing on high wagering-volume international customers:
- Bloodstock Research Information Services ("BRIS"), a data service provider for the equine industry;
- Our equity investment in HRTV, LLC ("HRTV"), a horseracing television channel, which was divested on January 2, 2015; and
- Luckity, an ADW business that offered real-money online bingo with outcomes based on and determined by pari-mutuel wagers on live horseraces which ceased operations during the fourth quarter of 2014.
- 4. Big Fish Games, Inc. ("Big Fish Games") which:

Is headquartered in Seattle, Washington with locations in Oakland, California and Luxembourg, which we
acquired on December 16, 2014. Big Fish Games is a producer of premium paid, casual free-to-play and casinostyle games for PCs and mobile devices.

#### 5. Other Investments, which includes:

- United Tote Company and United Tote Canada (collectively "United Tote"), which manufactures and operates pari-mutuel wagering systems for racetracks, OTBs and other pari-mutuel wagering businesses;
- Capital View Casino & Resort, a 50% joint venture with Saratoga Harness Racing, Inc. ("SHRI") formed to bid
  on the development and management of a destination casino and resort in the Capital Region of New York;
- Bluff Media ("Bluff"), a multimedia poker content brand and publishing company, which we acquired on February 10, 2012; and
- Our other minor investments.

#### B. Acquisition, Development & Disposal Activity

#### Big Fish Games

On December 16, 2014, the Company completed the acquisition of Big Fish Games for upfront consideration of \$485 million plus a working capital adjustment with an earnout payment of up to \$350 million. Big Fish Games, headquartered in Seattle, Washington, with offices in Oakland, California and Luxembourg, employs approximately 580 employees and develops casual games for PCs and mobile devices worldwide. Big Fish Games operates in three business lines: premium paid, casino and casual free-to-play. The Company acquired Big Fish Games to leverage its casino and casual game experience, as well as its assembled workforce, and to position itself as a leader in the mobile and online games industry. The Company financed the upfront consideration for the acquisition with borrowings under its Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "Senior Secured Credit Facility") and a \$200 million Term Loan Facility ("Term Loan") added to its existing Senior Secured Credit Facility.

# Saratoga Harness Racing, Inc. Joint Ventures

On May 13, 2014, the Company entered into a 50% joint venture with Saratoga Harness Racing, Inc. ("SHRI") to bid on the development, construction and operation of the Capital View Casino & Resort located in the Capital Region near Albany, New York. On June 30, 2014, the joint venture filed an application with the New York State Facility Location Board to obtain a license to build and operate a facility with approximately 1,500 slot machines, 56 table games, a 100-room hotel and multiple entertainment and dining options. On December 17, 2014, the New York State Facility Location Board recommended that the Capital Region license be granted to another bidder.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company incurred \$1.0 million in equity losses in its other investments segment associated with the license application process and funded \$3.3 million to the joint venture. Due to the result of the bidding process, we recorded an impairment loss of \$1.6 million to reduce the value of the Company's investment in the joint venture to its estimated fair market value of \$1.1 million.

On October 28, 2014, the Company signed a definitive purchase agreement to acquire a 25% ownership interest in Saratoga Casino Holdings, LLC ("SCH"), a newly formed entity which owns Saratoga Casino and Raceway in Saratoga Springs, NY; SHRI's controlling interest in Saratoga Casino Black Hawk in Black Hawk, Colorado; SHRI's 50% interest in a joint venture with Delaware North Companies to manage the Gideon Putnam Hotel and Resort in Saratoga Springs, New York; its interest in the proposed Capital View Casino & Resort in East Greenbush, New York; and SHRI's interest in a joint venture with Rush Street Gaming to build the proposed Hudson Valley Casino and Resort in Newburgh, New York.

In addition, the Company signed a five-year management agreement pursuant to which it will manage Saratoga Casino and Raceway and Saratoga Casino Black Hawk. Both the funding of the equity investment and the commencement of the management agreement are subject to regulatory approval and licensing requirements in New York and Colorado.

#### Oxford

On July 17, 2013, the Company completed its acquisition of Oxford in Oxford, Maine for cash consideration of approximately \$168.6 million. The transaction included the acquisition of a 25,000-square-foot casino with various dining facilities on approximately 130 acres of land. The acquisition continued the Company's diversification and growth strategies to invest in assets with rates of returns attractive to the Company's shareholders. The Company financed the acquisition with borrowings under its Senior Secured Credit Facility. During December 2013, Oxford continued an expansion of its facilities, adding an additional 46 slot machines and four table games. An additional twelve slot machines were added to the facilities during 2014.

# Miami Valley Gaming Joint Venture

During March 2012, the Company entered into a 50% joint venture with Delaware North Companies Gaming & Entertainment Inc. ("DNC") to develop a new harness racetrack and video lottery terminal ("VLT") casino facility in Lebanon, Ohio.

Through the joint venture agreement, the Company and DNC formed a new company, MVG, to manage both the Company's and DNC's interests in the development and operation of the racetrack and VLT casino facility. During the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, the Company funded \$14.6 million, \$70.5 million and \$19.9 million in capital contributions to the joint venture, respectively. On December 21, 2012, MVG completed the purchase of the harness racing licenses and certain assets held by Lebanon Trotting Club Inc. and Miami Valley Trotting Inc. for total consideration of \$60.0 million, of which \$10.0 million was funded at closing with the remainder funded through a \$50.0 million note payable with a six-year term effective upon the commencement of casino operations. In addition, there is a potential contingent consideration payment of \$10.0 million based on the financial performance of the facility during the seven-year period after casino operations commence.

On December 12, 2013, the new facility opened on a 120-acre site. The facility includes a 5/8-mile harness racing track and a 186,000-square-foot gaming facility with approximately 1,580 VLTs. MVG has invested approximately \$204.6 million in the new facility, which includes a \$50.0 million license fee.

#### **Luckity ADW Operations**

On November 4, 2014, we ceased operations of Luckity, our ADW business which offered real-money online bingo with outcomes based on and determined by pari-mutuel wagers on live horseraces. We determined that Luckity did not achieve the expected financial returns and was unlikely to significantly improve its results. During the fourth quarter of 2014, we recorded an impairment charge of \$3.2 million for fixed assets specifically associated with Luckity. We do not expect to incur any additional, material expenditures in connection with ceasing operations.

#### Calder Racecourse

On July 1, 2014, we finalized an agreement with The Stronach Group ("TSG") under which TSG operates, at TSG's expense, live racing and maintains certain facilities used for racing and training at Calder. The agreement, which expires on December 31, 2020, includes a lease to TSG of Calder's racetrack and certain other racing and training facilities, including a portion of the barns on Calder's backside consisting of approximately 430 stalls. TSG will operate live horse racing at Calder under Calder's racing permits in compliance with all applicable laws and licensing requirements. TSG operates and maintains the racing and training facilities at Calder on a year-round basis. Furthermore, TSG is responsible for substantially all of the direct and indirect costs associated with these activities and receive the associated revenues. We continue to own and operate the Calder Casino.

As part of the agreement with TSG, effective July 1, 2014, we amended Calder's agreement with the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, Inc. ("FHBPA") which reduced the rate of non-stakes purse supplements payable by the Calder Casino from 12 percent to 10 percent of slot machine revenue. Finally, we modified our HRTV operating and ownership agreement with TSG which resulted in the divestiture of the Company's interest in HRTV on January 2, 2015.

#### Bluff

Bluff, which we acquired in February 2012, operates a poker periodical, *BLUFF Magazine* and *BluffMagazine.com*; ThePokerDB, a comprehensive online database and resource that tracks and ranks the performance of poker players and tournaments; and various other news and content forums. During January 2015, we ceased the distribution of *BLUFF* Magazine in paper form and now distribute Bluff only electronically.

#### C. Racing

We conduct live horseracing at Churchill Downs, Fair Grounds and Arlington. The following is a summary of our significant live racing events, a description of our properties and our annual racing calendar.

The Kentucky Derby and the Kentucky Oaks, both held at Churchill Downs, continue to be our premier racing events offering minimum purses of \$2.0 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. The Kentucky Derby is the first race of the annual series of races for 3-year old thoroughbreds known as the Triple Crown. Our other significant stakes races include the Arlington Million at Arlington and the Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds, each of which offers purses of approximately \$0.8 million.

# Churchill Downs

The Churchill Downs racetrack site and improvements (the "Churchill facility") are located in Louisville, Kentucky. Churchill Downs has conducted thoroughbred racing continuously since 1875 and is internationally known as the home of the Kentucky Derby. The Churchill facility consists of approximately 147 acres of land with a one-mile dirt track, a seven-eighths (7/8) mile turf track, a grandstand, luxury suites and a stabling area. The Churchill facility accommodates approximately 57,400 persons in our clubhouse, grandstand, Jockey Club Suites, Finish Line Suites, Grandstand Terrance, Rooftop Garden and Mansion. The Churchill facility also has a saddling paddock, accommodations for groups and special events, parking areas for the public, our

racetrack office facilities, and includes permanent lighting in order to accommodate night races. The stable area has barns sufficient to accommodate approximately 1,400 horses, a 114-room dormitory and other facilities for backstretch personnel. The Churchill facility also includes a simulcast wagering facility, "The Parlay", designed to accommodate 600 persons, which is Churchill Downs' simulcast wagering facility during the months outside of its live racing meets and houses the track's media operations in the weeks leading up to the Kentucky Derby, and a hospitality venue, "The Mansion". The Mansion, located on the sixth floor of the Clubhouse, is used primarily during the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks. The Mansion has accommodations for 296 guests and offers seating in its Dining Room, Living Room, Library, Parlor and Veranda. The Churchill facility opened the Grandstand Terrace and Rooftop Garden during the second quarter of 2014. This new area offers nearly 2,400 new seats and updated restrooms, wagering windows and food and beverage offerings. In the second quarter of 2014, the Churchill facility also completed the installation of a 15,224 square foot, state of the art high-definition video board, which provides an enhanced viewing experience for patrons. During the second quarter of 2015, the Churchill facility plans to open its new winner's circle suites and a courtyard. The winner's circle suites will include 20 private, open-air suites reserved specifically for Kentucky Derby and Oaks horsemen. The courtyard will be a spacious lawn area in front of the winner's circle suites.

To supplement the facilities at Churchill Downs, we provided additional stabling facilities sufficient to accommodate 500 horses and a three-quarter (3/4) mile dirt track at a facility known as Trackside Louisville. Trackside Louisville previously operated as a simulcast wagering facility until 2013, when it ceased operations. The simulcast wagering portion of the facility, a 100,000 square-foot property on approximately 88 acres of land, was razed during January 2015.

As part of financing improvements to the Churchill facility, during 2002, we transferred title of the Churchill facility to the City of Louisville, Kentucky and leased back the facility. Subject to the terms of the lease, we can re-acquire the facility at any time for \$1.00.

#### Calder

The Calder racetrack and improvements (the "Calder facility") are located in Miami-Dade County, Florida. The Calder facility is adjacent to Sun Life Stadium, home of the Miami Dolphins, and consists of approximately 231 acres of land with a one-mile dirt track, seating for 15,000 persons, food and beverage facilities, barns and stabling facilities. During 2014, Calder raced from January to June. Effective July 1, 2014, TSG assumed racing operations at the facility, as more fully described in subheading "J. Government Regulation, *Florida*" in Item 1. "Business" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We continue to assess potential alternative uses of the Calder facility not associated with the TSG lease agreement, and during 2014, we accelerated deprecation expense related to Calder's barns, which are not expected to be utilized subsequent to December 31, 2014.

# Fair Grounds

The Fair Grounds racetrack facility, located in New Orleans, Louisiana, consists of approximately 145 acres of land, a one-mile dirt track, a seven-eighths (7/8) mile turf track, a grandstand and a stabling area. The facility includes clubhouse and grandstand seating for approximately 5,000 persons, a general admissions area and food and beverage facilities ranging from concessions to clubhouse dining. The stable area consists of a receiving barn, feed rooms, tack rooms, detention barns and living quarters that can accommodate 132 persons and approximately 2,000 horses. The Fair Grounds facility also features a saddling paddock, parking areas and office facilities.

# Arlington

The Arlington racetrack, located in Arlington Heights, Illinois, was constructed in 1927 and reopened its doors in 1989 after a fire four years earlier. The racetrack sits on 336 acres, has a one and one-eighth (1 1/8) mile synthetic track, a one-mile turf track and a five-eighths (5/8) mile training track. The facility includes a clubhouse, grandstand and suite seating for 6,045 persons and food and beverage facilities. The stable area has 34 barns able to accommodate approximately 2,200 horses and a temporary housing unit that accommodates 288 persons. The Arlington facility also features a saddling paddock, parking areas and office facilities.

# Racing Calendar

The following table is a summary of our expected 2015 and actual 2014 live thoroughbred racing dates for each of our racetracks. Racing dates are generally approved annually by the respective state racing authorities:

Racetrack	2015		2014	
	Racing Dates	# of Days	Racing Dates	# of Days
Churchill Downs				
Spring Meet	April 25 - June 27	38	April 26 - June 29	38
September Meet	Sept. 11- Sept. 27	11	Sept. 4 - Sept. 28	12
Fall Meet	Nov. 1 - Nov. 29	21	Oct. 26 - Nov. 30	24
		70		74
Calder Race Course				
Calder Meet	N/A	_	Jan. 1 - June 30	79
Tropical Meet	N/A	_	N/A	_
				79
Arlington	April 27 - Sept. 30	77	May 2 - Sept. 28	89
Fair Grounds				
Winter Meet 13/14			Jan. 1 - Mar. 30	53
Winter Meet 14/15	Jan.1 - Mar. 29	57	Nov. 20 - Dec. 31	24
Winter Meet 15/16	Nov. 20 - Dec. 31	24		
		81		77
Total thoroughbred race dates		228		319

During 2015, MVG expects to conduct 89 days of live harness racing during the months of January through May. In 2014, MVG conducted 64 days of live harness racing.

# D. Simulcasting

We generate a significant portion of our pari-mutuel wagering revenues by sending signals of races from our racetracks to other facilities and businesses ("export") and receiving signals from other racetracks ("import"). Revenues are earned through parimutuel wagering on signals that we both import and export. Arlington, Churchill Downs, Fair Grounds and the Company's OTBs in Illinois and Louisiana offer year-round simulcast wagering. Calder ceased operating as a simulcast wagering facility on July 1, 2014.

# Off-Track Betting Facilities

To create a common identity for our multi-state OTB operations, we have collectively branded each OTB location a "Trackside" OTB. Trackside Louisville, a 100,000 square-foot OTB in Louisville, Kentucky, ceased simulcast operations during 2013 and was razed during January 2015.

Arlington operates ten Trackside OTBs that accept wagers on races at Arlington as well as on races simulcast from other locations. One OTB is located on the Arlington property and another, Quad City Downs, was located in East Moline, Illinois on approximately 122 acres. The Quad City Downs facility ceased operations on January 31, 2015. Arlington also leases an OTB located in Waukegan, Illinois consisting of approximately 25,000 square-feet. Arlington operates eight OTBs within existing non-owned Illinois restaurants under license agreements. These OTBs are located in Chicago, which was relocated from its previous location in June 2012, Orland Hills, Villa Park, Rockford, South Elgin, McHenry, Hodgkins and Aurora and opened in April 2012, July 2011, December 2009, December 2002, June 2003, December 2007 and April 2013, respectively.

Fair Grounds operates twelve OTBs that accept wagers on races at Fair Grounds as well as on races simulcast from other locations. The Gentilly OTB is located on the Fair Grounds property. Another OTB is located in Kenner, Louisiana and consists of approximately 4.3 acres. Fair Grounds also leases its other OTBs in the southeastern Louisiana communities of: Chalmette, Covington, Elmwood, Gretna, Houma, LaPlace, Metairie, Boutte, Thibodaux and Westwego. Leased space for these OTBs ranges from approximately 5,000 to 20,000 square-feet per facility. Video poker is offered at Chalmette, Kenner, Elmwood, Gretna, Houma, LaPlace, Boutte, Metairie, Thibodaux and Westwego.

#### E. Casinos

During March 2012, the Company entered into a 50% joint venture with DNC to develop a new harness racetrack and VLT casino facility in Lebanon, Ohio. On December 12, 2013, the new facility opened on a 120-acre site. The facility includes a 5/8-mile harness racing track and an 186,000 square-foot gaming facility with approximately 1,600 VLTs.

On July 17, 2013, we completed the acquisition of Oxford in Oxford, Maine for cash consideration of approximately \$168.6 million. The transaction included the acquisition of a 25,000 square-foot casino with approximately 800 slot machines, 22 table games and dining facilities on approximately 130 acres of land. During 2014, we completed a casino expansion project at Oxford, including an additional 2,000 square-feet, 58 slot machines and two table games.

On October 23, 2012, we completed the acquisition of Riverwalk in Vicksburg, Mississippi for cash consideration of approximately \$145.6 million. The transaction included the acquisition of a 25,000 square-foot casino with approximately 725 slots machines and 18 table games, an 80-room hotel, a 5,600 square-foot event center and dining facilities on approximately 22 acres of land.

On December 16, 2010, we completed the acquisition of Harlow's in Greenville, Mississippi for cash consideration of approximately \$140.4 million. The transaction included the acquisition of a 33,000 square-foot casino with approximately 900 slot machines and 21 tables games, a 105-room attached hotel, a 2,600 seat entertainment center and three dining facilities. Harlow's is located on approximately 78 acres of leased land adjacent to U.S. Highway 82 in Greenville, Mississippi. The property is visible from the highway and is the first casino facility encountered when crossing the Greenville Bridge into Mississippi from Arkansas. On May 12, 2011, the property sustained flood damage to its 2,600 seat entertainment center and a portion of its dining facilities. On June 1, 2011, we resumed casino operations with temporary dining facilities. During December 2012 and January 2013, we completed the renovation and improvement projects, which included a new buffet area, steakhouse, business center, spa facility, fitness center, pool and a multi-purpose event center.

On January 22, 2010, we opened a slot facility, Calder Casino, which is adjacent to Calder. The casino is a 104,000 square-foot facility which offers approximately 1,130 slot machines on a single-level. The facility offers three dining options, including a buffet dining area, a centrally located bar with a separate casual dining area and a "grab and go" dining option.

During October 2008, we opened our 33,000 square-foot slot operations facility, Fair Grounds Slots, adjacent to Fair Grounds, which operates approximately 620 slot machines. The facility includes two concession areas, a bar adjacent to the casino floor, a renovated simulcast facility and other amenities for casino and pari-mutuel wagering patrons.

VSI is the operator of approximately 710 video poker machines at ten OTBs operated by Fair Grounds.

# F. TwinSpires

We accept online and mobile pari-mutuel wagers through Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company, which is doing business as TwinSpires.com ("TwinSpires"). TwinSpires, headquartered in Mountain View, California, operates our ADW business, which accepts pari-mutuel wagering from customers residing in certain states who establish and fund an account from which they may place wagers via telephone, mobile device or through the Internet at <a href="https://www.twinspires.com">www.twinspires.com</a>. TwinSpires offers its customers streaming video of live horse races along with race replays and an assortment of racing and handicapping information. TwinSpires also offers all of its customers the ability to automatically enroll in its rewards program, TSC Elite. We believe that TwinSpires is a key component to the growth of the Company.

We maintain one of the world's largest computerized databases of pedigree and racing information for the thoroughbred horse industry. We provide special reports, statistical information, handicapping information, pedigrees, and other data to organizations, publications and individuals within the thoroughbred industry. This service is accessible through the Internet at <a href="https://www.brisnet.com">www.brisnet.com</a>. In addition, many of the handicapping products are available at our ADW site, <a href="https://www.twinspires.com">www.twinspires.com</a>.

In addition, TwinSpires provides technology services to other third parties and earns commissions from white label advance deposit wagering products and services. Under these arrangements, TwinSpires typically provides an advance deposit wagering platform and related operational services while the other entities typically provide a brand name, marketing and limited customer functions. Fair Grounds also operates its own ADW business for Louisiana residents through a contractual agreement with TwinSpires. Velocity operates an ADW business that is licensed in the British Dependency Isle of Man focused on high wagering-volume international customers. Luckity, an ADW business that offered real-money online bingo with outcomes based on and determined by pari-mutuel wagers on live horseraces, ceased operations in November 2014. Luckity did not contribute significantly to our operations and its closure did not have a material impact on our results of operations.

# G. Big Fish Games

Big Fish Games develops casual games for PCs and mobile devices worldwide. Our developed technology is comprised of a portfolio of mobile gaming software, offering games in many genres such as social casino, match three, hidden object, tycoon, mystery and adventure. We offer PC, Mac, online, iPad and iPhone, and Android games. We operate Big Fish Casino, which generates the majority of our social casino game revenue from mobile devices and specifically the Apple App Store. Big Fish

Games was founded in 2002 and is headquartered in Seattle, Washington with additional offices in Oakland, California and Luxembourg.

We operate in three business lines: premium paid, casino, and casual free-to-play. Premium paid games are available on PC and mobile devices. Customers pay upfront to purchase content and there is no further monetization through in-game purchases. The games have a distinct beginning, middle, and end. Casino games are free to download through PC and mobile devices. Game options include casino-style games such as blackjack, poker, slots, craps, and roulette. There is monetization through purchase of in-game virtual goods to enhance the game-playing experience. Casual free-to-play games are also free to download through PC and/or mobile devices. These are all non-casino game types with monetization through in-game transactions, i.e., power-ups or other virtual tools to enhance the game experience.

#### H. Other Investments: United Tote

We manufacture and operate pari-mutuel wagering systems for racetracks, OTBs and other pari-mutuel wagering businesses through our subsidiary, United Tote. United Tote provides totalisator services, which accumulate wagers, record sales, calculate payoffs and display wagering data to patrons who wager on horseraces. United Tote has contracts to provide totalisator services to a significant number of third-party racetracks, OTBs and other pari-mutuel wagering businesses, in addition to providing these services at many of our facilities.

# I. Sources of Revenue

Our racing revenues include commissions on pari-mutuel wagering at our racetracks and OTBs, plus simulcast host fees earned from other wagering sites. In addition, ancillary revenues generated by the pari-mutuel facilities include admissions, sponsorships and licensing rights and food and beverage sales. Our casino revenues are primarily generated from slot machines, video poker and table games while ancillary revenues include hotel and food and beverage sales. Our TwinSpires revenues are generated by our ADW business from wagering through the Internet, telephone or other mobile devices on pari-mutuel events. Our Big Fish Games revenue is primarily generated from the sales of premium casual games and virtual goods within games. Finally, our other revenues are primarily generated by United Tote and our other minor subsidiaries.

Financial information about our segments required by this Item is incorporated by reference from the information contained in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### J. Governmental Regulations

The ownership, operation, and management of our casino and racing facilities are subject to regulation under the laws and regulations of each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. Casino laws are generally designed to protect casino consumers and the viability and integrity of the casino industry. Casino laws may also be designed to protect and maximize state and local revenues derived through taxes and licensing fees imposed on casino industry participants as well as to enhance economic development and tourism. To accomplish these public policy goals, casino laws establish procedures to ensure that participants in the casino industry meet certain standards of character and fitness. In addition, casino laws require casino industry participants to:

- Ensure that unsuitable individuals and organizations have no role in casino operations;
- Establish procedures designed to prevent cheating and fraudulent practices;
- Establish and maintain responsible accounting practices and procedures;
- Maintain effective controls over their financial practices, including establishment of minimum procedures for internal fiscal affairs and the safeguarding of assets and revenues;
- Maintain systems for reliable record keeping;
- · File periodic reports with casino regulators;
- Ensure that contracts and financial transactions are commercially reasonable, reflect fair market value and are arms-length transactions; and
- Establish programs to promote responsible gambling and inform patrons of the availability of help for problem gambling.

Typically, a state regulatory environment is established by statute and administered by a regulatory agency with broad discretion to regulate the affairs of owners, managers, and persons with financial interests in casino operations. Among other things, casino authorities in the various jurisdictions in which we operate:

- Adopt rules and regulations under the implementing statutes;
- Interpret and enforce casino laws;
- Impose disciplinary sanctions for violations, including fines and penalties;
- Review the character and fitness of participants in casino operations and make determinations regarding their suitability or qualification for licensure;
- Grant licenses for participation in casino operations;

- Collect and review reports and information submitted by participants in casino operations;
- Review and approve transactions, such as acquisitions or change-of-control transactions of casino industry
  participants, securities offerings and debt transactions engaged in by such participants; and
- Establish and collect fees and taxes.

Any change in the laws or regulations of a casino jurisdiction could have a material adverse effect on our casino operations.

#### Licensing and Suitability Determinations

Gaming laws require us, each of our subsidiaries engaged in casino operations, certain of our directors, officers and employees, and in some cases, certain of our shareholders, to obtain licenses from casino authorities. Licenses typically require a determination that the applicant qualifies or is suitable to hold the license. Gaming authorities have very broad discretion in determining whether an applicant qualifies for licensing or should be deemed suitable. Criteria used in determining whether to grant a license to conduct casino operations, while varying between jurisdictions, generally include consideration of factors such as the good character, honesty and integrity of the applicant; the financial stability, integrity and responsibility of the applicant, including whether the operation is adequately capitalized in the state and exhibits the ability to maintain adequate insurance levels; the quality of the applicant's casino facilities; the amount of revenue to be derived by the applicable state from the operation of the applicant's casino; the applicant's practices with respect to minority hiring and training; and the effect on competition and general impact on the community.

In evaluating individual applicants, casino authorities consider the individual's business experience and reputation for good character, the individual's criminal history and the character of those with whom the individual associates.

Many casino jurisdictions limit the number of licenses granted to operate casinos within the state, and some states limit the number of licenses granted to any one casino operator. Licenses under casino laws are generally not transferable without approval. Licenses in most of the jurisdictions in which we conduct casino operations are granted for limited durations and require renewal from time to time. There can be no assurance that any of our licenses will be renewed. The failure to renew any of our licenses could have a material adverse effect on our casino operations.

In addition to our subsidiaries engaged in casino operations, casino authorities may investigate any individual who has a material relationship to or material involvement with, any of these entities to determine whether such individual is suitable or should be licensed as a business associate of a casino licensee. Our officers, directors and certain key employees must file applications with the casino authorities and may be required to be licensed, qualify or be found suitable in many jurisdictions. Gaming authorities may deny an application for licensing for any cause which they deem reasonable. Qualification and suitability determinations require submission of detailed personal and financial information followed by a thorough investigation. The applicant must pay all the costs of the investigation. Changes in licensed positions must be reported to casino authorities and in addition to their authority to deny an application for licensure, qualification or a finding of suitability, casino authorities have jurisdiction to disapprove a change in a corporate position.

If one or more casino authorities were to find that an officer, director or key employee fails to qualify or is unsuitable for licensing or unsuitable to continue having a relationship with us, we would be required to sever all relationships with such person. In addition, casino authorities may require us to terminate the employment of any person who refuses to file appropriate applications.

Moreover, in many jurisdictions, certain of our shareholders may be required to undergo a suitability investigation similar to that described above. Many jurisdictions require any person who acquires beneficial ownership of more than a certain percentage of our voting securities, typically 5%, to report the acquisition to casino authorities, and casino authorities may require such holders to apply for qualification or a finding of suitability. Most casino authorities, however, allow an "institutional investor" to apply for a waiver. An "institutional investor" is generally defined as an investor acquiring and holding voting securities in the ordinary course of business as an institutional investor, and not for the purpose of causing, directly or indirectly, the election of a member of our board of directors, any change in our corporate charter, bylaws, management, policies or operations, or those of any of our casino affiliates, or the taking of any other action which casino authorities find to be inconsistent with holding our voting securities for investment purposes only. Even if a waiver is granted, an institutional investor generally may not take any action inconsistent with its status when the waiver was granted without once again becoming subject to the foregoing reporting and application obligations.

Generally, any person who fails or refuses to apply for a finding of suitability or a license within the prescribed period after being advised it is required by casino authorities may be denied a license or found unsuitable, as applicable. Any shareholder found unsuitable or denied a license and who holds, directly or indirectly, any beneficial ownership of our voting securities beyond such period of time as may be prescribed by the applicable casino authorities may be guilty of a criminal offense. Furthermore, we may be subject to disciplinary action if, after we receive notice that a person is unsuitable to be a shareholder or to have any other relationship with us or any of our subsidiaries, we: (i) pay that person any dividend or interest upon our voting securities; (ii) allow that person to exercise, directly or indirectly, any voting right conferred through securities held by that person; (iii) pay remuneration in any form to that person for services rendered or otherwise; or (iv) fail to pursue all lawful efforts to require such unsuitable

person to relinquish his voting securities including, if necessary, the immediate purchase of said voting securities for cash at fair market value.

# Violations of Gaming Laws

If we or our subsidiaries violate applicable casino laws, our casino licenses could be limited, conditioned, suspended or revoked by casino authorities, and we and any other persons involved could be subject to substantial fines. Further, a supervisor or conservator can be appointed by casino authorities to operate our casino properties, or in some jurisdictions, take title to our casino assets in the jurisdiction, and under certain circumstances, earnings generated during such appointment could be forfeited to the applicable state or states. Furthermore, violations of laws in one jurisdiction could result in disciplinary action in other jurisdictions. As a result, violations by us of applicable casino laws could have a material adverse effect on our casino operations.

Some casino jurisdictions prohibit certain types of political activity by a casino licensee, its officers, directors and key employees. A violation of such a prohibition may subject the offender to criminal and/or disciplinary action.

#### Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements

We are required periodically to submit detailed financial and operating reports and furnish any other information about us and our subsidiaries which casino authorities may require. Under federal law, we are required to record and submit detailed reports of currency transactions involving greater than \$10,000 at our casinos and racetracks, as well as any suspicious activity that may occur at such facilities. Failure to comply with these requirements could result in fines or cessation of operations. We are required to maintain a current stock ledger which may be examined by casino authorities at any time. If any securities are held in trust by an agent or by a nominee, the record holder may be required to disclose the identity of the beneficial owner to casino authorities. A failure to make such disclosure may be grounds for finding the record holder unsuitable. Gaming authorities may require certificates for our securities to bear a legend indicating that the securities are subject to specified casino laws.

# Review and Approval of Transactions

Substantially all material loans, leases, sales of securities and similar financing transactions by us and our subsidiaries must be reported to and in some cases approved by casino authorities. Neither we nor any of our subsidiaries may make a public offering of securities without the prior approval of certain casino authorities. Changes in control through merger, consolidation, stock or asset acquisitions, management or consulting agreements, or otherwise are subject to receipt of prior approval of casino authorities. Entities seeking to acquire control of us or one of our subsidiaries must satisfy casino authorities with respect to a variety of stringent standards prior to assuming control. Gaming authorities may also require controlling stockholders, officers, directors and other persons having a material relationship or involvement with the entity proposing to acquire control, to be investigated and licensed as part of the approval process relating to the transaction.

# License Fees and Gaming Taxes

We pay substantial license fees and taxes in many jurisdictions, including some of the counties and cities in which our operations are conducted, in connection with our casino operations, computed in various ways depending on the type of gambling or activity involved. Depending upon the particular fee or tax involved, these fees and taxes are payable with varying frequency. License fees and taxes are based upon such factors as a percentage of the gross casino revenues received; the number of gambling devices and table games operated; or a one-time fee payable upon the initial receipt of license and fees in connection with the renewal of license. In some jurisdictions, casino tax rates are graduated such that they increase as gross casino revenues increase. Furthermore, tax rates are subject to change, sometimes with little notice, and such changes could have a material adverse effect on our casino operations. In addition to taxes specifically unique to gambling, we are required to pay all other applicable taxes.

#### **Operational Requirements**

In most jurisdictions, we are subject to certain requirements and restrictions on how we must conduct our casino operations. In certain states, we are required to give preference to local suppliers and include minority and women-owned businesses as well as organized labor in construction projects to the maximum extent practicable as well as in general vendor business activity. Similarly, we may be required to give employment preference to minorities, women and in-state residents in certain jurisdictions. In addition, our ability to conduct certain types of games, introduce new games or move existing games within our facilities may be restricted or subject to regulatory review and approval. Some of our operations are subject to restrictions on the number of gaming positions we may have and the maximum wagers allowed to be placed by our customers.

#### Horseracing and Pari-Mutuel Wagering Regulations

Horseracing is a highly regulated industry. In the U.S., individual states control the operations of racetracks located within their respective jurisdictions with the intent of, among other things, protecting the public from unfair and illegal gambling practices, generating tax revenue, licensing racetracks and operators and preventing organized crime from being involved in the industry. Although the specific form may vary, states that regulate horseracing generally do so through a horseracing commission or other gambling regulatory authority. In general, regulatory authorities perform background checks on all racetrack owners prior to

granting them the necessary operating licenses. Horse owners, trainers, jockeys, drivers, stewards, judges and backstretch personnel are also subject to licensing by governmental authorities. State regulation of horse races extends to virtually every aspect of racing and usually extends to details such as the presence and placement of specific race officials, including timers, placing judges, starters and patrol judges. We currently satisfy the applicable licensing requirements of the racing and gambling regulatory authorities in each state where we maintain racetracks or pari-mutuel operations and/or carry on business, including, but not limited to, the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering ("DPW"), the Illinois Racing Board ("IRB"), the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission ("KHRC"), the Louisiana State Racing Commission ("LSRC"), the Ohio State Racing Commission ("OSRC") and the Oregon Racing Commission ("ORC").

In the United States, interstate pari-mutuel wagering on horseracing is subject to the Interstate Horseracing Act, as amended in 2000 (the "IHA"). Through the IHA, racetracks can commingle wagers from different racetracks and wagering facilities and broadcast horseracing events to other licensed establishments.

#### Kentucky

Kentucky's racetracks, including Churchill Downs, are subject to the licensing and regulation of the KHRC. The KHRC is responsible for overseeing horseracing and regulating the state equine industry. Licenses to conduct live thoroughbred racing meets, to participate in simulcasting and to accept ADW wagers from Kentucky residents are approved annually by the KHRC based upon applications submitted by the racetracks in Kentucky. To some extent, Churchill Downs competes with other racetracks in Kentucky for the award of racing dates, however, the KHRC is required by state law to consider and seek to preserve each racetrack's usual and customary live racing dates. During October 2014, Churchill Downs received re-approval to conduct an 11-day September meet during 2015, in addition to its traditional spring and fall racing meets.

#### Illinois

In Illinois, licenses to conduct live thoroughbred racing and to participate in simulcast wagering are approved by the IRB. In January 2015, the IRB appointed Arlington the host track in Illinois for 23 simulcast host days, which was consistent with 2014. Arlington was awarded one additional live host day during 2015 as compared to the prior year.

During November 2013, Illinois racetracks and horsemen's groups reached an agreement to extend Illinois's account wagering law, which was scheduled to expire on January 31, 2014. On January 29, 2014, the Illinois legislature approved regulations to reauthorize ADW wagering though January 2017 and began imposing an incremental surcharge on winning wagers of 0.2%, in addition to the previous surcharge of 0.18%. The legislation was approved by the Illinois legislature and signed by the Governor of Illinois during January 2014.

#### Florida

In Florida, licenses to conduct live thoroughbred racing and to participate in simulcast wagering are approved by the DPW. The DPW is responsible for overseeing the network of state offices located at every pari-mutuel wagering facility, as well as issuing the permits necessary to operate a pari-mutuel wagering facility. The DPW also issues annual licenses for thoroughbred, standardbred and quarter horse races but does not approve the specific live race days. During 2013, Calder and Gulfstream Park began conducting concurrent live thoroughbred racing in certain months, leading to an overlapping of live racing resulting in direct competition for on-track horseracing and horses in South Florida, as well as the intrastate and interstate simulcasting markets. This negatively affected Calder's ability to achieve full field horseraces and to generate handle on live racing. On July 1, 2014, we finalized an agreement with TSG under which TSG will operate, at TSG's expense, live racing and maintain certain facilities used for racing and training at Calder. The agreement, which expires on December 31, 2020, involves a lease to TSG of Calder's racetrack and certain other racing and training facilities, including a portion of the barns on Calder's backside consisting of approximately 430 stalls. TSG will operate live horse racing at Calder, under Calder's racing permits, in compliance with all applicable laws and licensing requirements. TSG will operate and maintain the racing and training facilities at Calder on a year-round basis. Furthermore, TSG will be responsible for substantially all of the direct and indirect costs associated with these activities and receive the associated revenues. We will continue to own and operate the Calder Casino.

# Louisiana

In Louisiana, licenses to conduct live thoroughbred racing and to participate in simulcast wagering are approved by the LSRC. The LSRC is responsible for overseeing the awarding of licenses for the conduct of live racing meets, the conduct of thoroughbred horseracing, the types of wagering which may be offered by pari-mutuel facilities and the disposition of revenue generated from wagering. Off-track wagering is also regulated by the LSRC. Louisiana law requires live racing at a licensed racetrack for at least 80 days over a 20 week period each year to maintain the license and to conduct casino operations.

Additionally, with the addition of slot machines at Fair Grounds, Louisiana law requires live quarter horseracing to be conducted at the racetrack. We conducted twelve days of quarter horseracing in 2014 and fourteen days of quarter horseracing in 2013.

#### Other States

TwinSpires is licensed in Oregon under a multi-jurisdictional simulcasting and interactive wagering totalisator hub license issued by the ORC and in accordance with Oregon law. TwinSpires also holds ADW licenses in certain other states where required such as California, Illinois, Idaho, Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia, Colorado, Arizona, Wyoming, Arkansas, New York and Washington. Changes in the form of new legislation or regulatory activity at the state or federal level could adversely impact the operations, success or growth of our ADW business.

The total number of days on which each racetrack conducts live thoroughbred racing fluctuates annually according to each calendar year and the determination of applicable regulatory activities

# Casino Regulations

The manufacture, distribution, servicing and operation of video draw poker devices in Louisiana are subject to the Louisiana Video Draw Poker Devices Control Law and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The manufacture, distribution, servicing and operation of video poker devices and slot machines are maintained by a single gaming control board for the regulation of gaming in Louisiana. This board, created on May 1, 1996, is called the Louisiana Gaming Control Board (the "Louisiana Board") and oversees all licensing for all forms of legalized gaming in Louisiana (including all regulatory enforcement and supervisory authority that exist in the state as to gaming on Native American lands). The Video Gaming Division and the Slots Gaming Division of the Gaming Enforcement Section of the Office of the State Police within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (the "Division") performs the investigative functions for the Louisiana Board for video poker and slot gaming. The laws and regulations of Louisiana are based on policies of maintaining the health, welfare and safety of the general public and protecting the video gaming industry from elements of organized crime, illegal gambling activities and other harmful elements, as well as protecting the public from illegal and unscrupulous gaming to ensure the fair play of devices. The Louisiana Board also regulates slot machine gaming at racetrack facilities pursuant to the Louisiana Pari-Mutuel Live Racing Facility Economic Redevelopment and Gaming Control Act. Changes in Louisiana laws or regulations may limit or otherwise materially affect the types of gaming that may be conducted and such changes, if enacted, could have an adverse effect on us and our Louisiana gaming operations. In addition, the LSRC also issues licenses required for Fair Grounds to operate slot machines at the racetrack and video poker devices at its OTBs. The failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the Louisiana Board could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The ownership and operation of casino gaming facilities in the State of Mississippi is subject to extensive state and local regulation, but primarily the licensing and regulatory control of the Mississippi Gaming Commission (the "Mississippi Commission"). The laws, regulations and supervisory procedures of the Mississippi Commission are based upon declarations of public policy that are concerned with, among other things: (1) the prevention of unsavory or unsuitable persons from having direct or indirect involvement with gaming at any time or in any capacity; (2) the establishment and maintenance of responsible accounting practices and procedures; (3) the maintenance of effective controls over the financial practices of licensees, including the establishment of minimum procedures for internal fiscal affairs and the safeguarding of assets and revenues, providing for reliable record keeping and requiring the filing of periodic reports with the Mississippi Commission; (4) the prevention of cheating and fraudulent practices; (5) providing a source of state and local revenues through taxation and licensing fees; and (6) ensuring that gaming licensees, to the extent practicable, employ Mississippi residents. The regulations are subject to amendment and interpretation by the Mississippi Commission. Changes in Mississippi laws or regulations may limit or otherwise materially affect the types of gaming that may be conducted and such changes, if enacted, could have an adverse effect on us and our Mississippi gaming operations. The failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the Mississippi Commission could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The ownership and operation of casino gaming facilities in the State of Maine is subject to extensive state and local regulation, but primarily the licensing and regulatory control of the Maine Gambling Control Board (the "MGCB"). The laws, regulations and supervisory procedures of the MGCB are based upon declarations of public policy that are concerned with, among other things: (1) the regulation, supervision and general control over casinos and the ownership and operation of slot machines and table games; (2) the investigation of complaints made regarding casinos; (3) the establishment and maintenance of responsible accounting practices and procedures; (4) the maintenance of effective controls over the financial practices of licensees, including the establishment of minimum procedures for internal fiscal affairs and the safeguarding of assets and revenues, providing for reliable record keeping; and (5) the prevention of cheating and fraudulent practices. The regulations are subject to amendment and interpretation by the MGCB. Changes in Maine laws or regulations may limit or otherwise materially affect the types of gaming that may be conducted and such changes, if enacted, could have an adverse effect on us and our Maine gaming operations. The failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the MGCB could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The ownership and operation of casino gaming facilities in the State of Florida is subject to extensive state and local regulation, primarily by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (the "DBPR"), within the executive branch of Florida's state government. The DBPR is charged with the regulation of Florida's pari-mutuel, cardroom and slot gaming industries, as well as collecting and safeguarding associated revenues due to the state. The DBPR has been designated by the Florida legislature as the state compliance agency with the authority to carry out the state's oversight responsibilities in accordance with the provisions

outlined in the compact between the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the State of Florida. Changes in Florida laws or regulations may limit or otherwise materially affect the types of gaming that may be conducted and such changes, if enacted, could have an adverse effect on us and our Florida gaming operation. The laws and regulations of Florida are based on policies of maintaining the health, welfare and safety of the general public and protecting the video gaming industry from elements of organized crime, illegal gambling activities and other harmful elements, as well as protecting the public from illegal and unscrupulous gaming to ensure the fair play of devices. The failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the DPBR could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Video Lottery was introduced in the State of Ohio in 2012 when the Governor of Ohio signed Executive Order 2011-22K, which authorized the Ohio Lottery Commission ("the OLC") to amend and adopt rules necessary to implement a video lottery program at Ohio's seven horse racing facilities. The ownership and operation of VLT facilities in the State of Ohio is subject to extensive state and local regulation, but primarily the licensing and regulatory control of the OLC. The laws, regulations and supervisory procedures of the OLC include 1) regulating the licensing of video lottery sales agents (VLSA), key gaming employees and VLT manufacturers; 2) collecting and disbursing VLT revenue; and 3) maintaining compliance in regulatory matters. Changes in Ohio laws or regulations may limit or otherwise materially affect the types of gaming that may be conducted and such changes, if enacted, could have an adverse effect on us and our Ohio gaming operation. The failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the OLC could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### K. Competition

We operate in a highly competitive industry with a large number of participants, some of which have financial and other resources that are greater than ours. The industry faces competition from a variety of sources for discretionary consumer spending including spectator sports and other entertainment and gaming options. Competitive casino activities include traditional and Native American casinos, video lottery terminals, state-sponsored lotteries and other forms of legalized gaming in the U.S. and other jurisdictions. Additionally, Internet-based interactive gaming and wagering, both legal and, we believe, illegal, is growing rapidly and affecting competition in our industry. We anticipate competition in this area will become more intense as new Internet-based ventures enter the industry and as state and federal regulations on Internet-based activities are clarified.

Legalized gambling is currently permitted in various forms in many states and Canada. Other jurisdictions could legalize gambling in the future, and established gaming jurisdictions could award additional gaming licenses or permit the expansion of existing gaming operations. If additional gaming opportunities become available near our racing or gaming operations, such gaming opportunities could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

All of our racetracks face competition in the simulcast market. Approximately 41,000 thoroughbred horse races are conducted annually in the U.S. Of these races, we host approximately 3,030 races each year, or about 7.4% of the total. As a content provider, we compete for wagering dollars in the simulcast market with other racetracks conducting races at or near the same times as our races. As a racetrack operator, we also compete for horses with other racetracks running live racing meets at or near the same time as our races. Our ability to compete is substantially dependent on field and purse size. In recent years, this competition has increased as more states legalize gaming, allowing slot machines at racetracks with mandatory purse contributions. Over 89 percent of pari-mutuel handle is bet at off-track locations, either at other racetracks, OTBs, casinos, or through ADW channels. As a content distributor, we compete for these dollars to be wagered at our racetracks, OTBs, casinos and via our ADW business.

# Louisville, Kentucky

Churchill Downs faces competition from free-standing casinos and racetracks which are combined with casinos ("racinos") in neighboring states. Currently, three Indiana casinos compete for customers in the Louisville market. These casinos include Horseshoe Indiana, located in Elizabeth, Indiana, Belterra, a Pinnacle Entertainment casino located between Louisville and Cincinnati and the resort casino at French Lick, located about 60 miles northwest of Louisville. Additionally, Hoosier Park operates 2,000 slot machines, and Indiana Grand Racing & Casino operates 1,900 slot machines which has resulted in increased purses at those Indiana racetracks. During 2009, Ohio voters passed a referendum to allow four casinos in Ohio, and, during 2011, the state legislature passed legislation allowing Ohio's seven racetracks to apply for video lottery licenses. Separate casino projects in Columbus, Toledo, Cleveland and Cincinnati opened during 2012, 2013 and during 2014, all seven Ohio racetracks offered VLT facilities. We believe that the expansion of gaming at Ohio racetracks could provide a competitive advantage to those racetracks and may enable Ohio racetracks to increase their purses.

On October 28, 2011, Aqueduct Racetrack opened a gaming facility with more than 2,400 video lottery terminals and electronic table games. An additional 2,500 gaming machines were added in December 2011 as part of a further expansion of the facility. As a result of the addition of gaming activities, New York purse payments were enhanced compared to their historical levels. These enhanced purses could affect our ability to attract horses and trainers and could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

These developments may result in Ohio and New York racetracks attracting horses that would otherwise race at Kentucky racetracks, including Churchill Downs, thus negatively affecting the number of starters and purse size which, in turn, may have a negative

effect on handle. In addition, we believe the opening of four land-based, free-standing casinos in Ohio may likewise have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Miami, Florida

On January 22, 2010, Calder Casino commenced operations and features approximately 1,140 slot machines. Calder Casino competes with three established casinos in Broward County just to the north of Miami-Dade County, and three additional casinos in Miami-Dade County. We also face competition from Native American casinos, such as the Seminole Hard Rock facility, and popular gambling cruises-to-nowhere. Due to the high tax rates in Florida for gaming facilities, Native American casinos, which are not taxed at the same rates, are generally able to spend more money marketing their facilities to consumers.

Florida legislators continue to debate the expansion of Florida gaming to include Las Vegas-style destination resort casinos. Such casinos may be subject to taxation rates lower than the current taxation structure for gaming facilities. Should such legislation be enacted, it could increase competition and have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Chicago, Illinois

Arlington competes in the Chicago market against a variety of entertainment options. In addition to other racetracks in the area such as Hawthorne Park and Maywood Park, there are ten riverboat casino operations that draw from the Chicago market including Rivers Casino, which opened in July 2011, in Des Plaines, Illinois. Additionally, Native American gaming operations in Wisconsin may adversely affect Arlington.

#### New Orleans, Louisiana

Fair Grounds competes in the New Orleans area with two riverboat casinos and one land-based casino. With approximately 620 slot machines, Fair Grounds competes with Harrah's land-based casino, which is the largest and closest competitor to Fair Grounds. Additionally, Fair Grounds faces significant gambling competition along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Fair Grounds also competes with video poker operations located at various OTBs, truck stops and restaurants in the area.

# Oxford, Maine

Oxford, which opened during June 2012, competes in the State of Maine with one other casino in Bangor, Maine known as Hollywood Slots, which opened in November 2005. Oxford is located approximately 120 miles south of Hollywood Slots. Oxford also anticipates it will compete with the Massachusetts gaming market which legalized gaming in November 2011, through legislation authorizing three resort style casinos and one slot machine parlor in the state. Massachusetts has not yet commenced any gaming operations.

# Greenville, Mississippi

Harlow's competes in Mississippi with a variety of riverboat and land-based casinos. Our principal local competitor in Greenville is Trop Casino, which underwent a renovation of its facilities in 2014. Harlow's also faces regional competition from a casino in Lula, Mississippi and from two locations in Arkansas. Both Arkansas locations offer pari-mutuel wagering on live and simulcast racing and other electronic games of skill such as blackjack, video poker, and electronic roulette. In addition, historical racing machines are offered at one of the Arkansas locations.

# Vicksburg, Mississippi

Riverwalk competes in the Vicksburg area and is the newest and the only land-based casino in the local market. Our principal local competitors are Ameristar Casino, which is the largest local competitor, and Lady Luck Casino, which is the closest competitor, in Vicksburg. In addition, Riverwalk faces regional competition from two locations in Natchez, Mississippi, including Magnolia Bluff Casino which opened during December 2012 and from Pearl River Resort in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

From time to time, potential competitors have proposed the development of additional casinos. The Mississippi Gaming Control Act does not limit the number of licenses that may be granted, and there are a number of additional sites located in the Gulf Coast region that are in various stages of development. Any significant licensure could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Advance Deposit Wagering

TwinSpires competes with other ADW businesses for both customers and racing content, and TwinSpires also competes with online gaming sites. Our competitors include, but are not limited to, Betfair Limited (d/b/a TVG), the Stronach Group (d/b/a XpressBet), Premier Turf Club, Lien Games, AmWest Entertainment, The New York Racing Association (d/b/a NYRA Rewards), Connecticut OTB, Penn National Gaming Inc. and Racing2Day LLC. We also own an information services data business that sells handicapping and pedigree information to wagering customers and horsemen in the industry. This data may give us a competitive advantage as we are able to provide promotional products to our ADW customers that other ADW businesses cannot

provide. As a data provider, we compete with companies such as Equibase and the Daily Racing Form by selling handicapping data to wagering customers.

In response to increased competition from other gaming options, we continue to seek new sources of revenue. We are focused on product innovation, marketing initiatives and customer relationships. We also seek to offer the widest array of racing content from throughout the world, and where available, we will take advantage of geographical expansion. All of our activities are highly dependent on the regulatory environment and legal developments on both the federal and state level.

#### **Totalisator Business**

We acquired United Tote through our acquisition of Youbet on June 2, 2010. United Tote provides totalisator services, which accumulate wagers, record sales, calculate payoffs and display wagering data in a secure manner to patrons who wager on horseraces. Our competitors are primarily Sportech and AmTote International, Inc. Our competition outside of North America is more fragmented, with competition also being provided by several international and regional companies. United Tote competes primarily on the basis of the design, performance, reliability and pricing of its products and services.

United Tote has contracts to provide totalisator services to a significant number of racetracks, OTBs and other pari-mutuel wagering businesses. Errors by United Tote technology or personnel may subject us to liabilities, including financial penalties under our totalisator service contracts, which could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# Big Fish Games

We face significant competition in all aspects of our business. Specifically, we compete for the leisure time, attention and discretionary spending of our players with casual game developers on the basis of a number of factors, including quality of player experience, brand awareness and access to distribution channels.

We believe we compete favorably on these factors. However, our industry is evolving rapidly and is becoming increasingly competitive. Other developers and distributors of casual premium paid and free-to-play games could develop more compelling content that competes with our games and adversely affects our ability to attract and retain players and their entertainment time. These competitors, including companies of which we may not be currently aware, may take advantage of social networks, access to a larger user base and their network effects to grow rapidly and virally.

Our social casino games compete in a rapidly evolving market against an increasing number of competitors including Caesars Interactive, GSN, IGT and Zynga. Our casual premium game customers may also play other games on PCs and mobile devices, as well as on console devices, and some of these games may include unique social and community features that our games do not have. Finally, given the open nature of the development and distribution of games for smartphones and tablets, our free-to-play business competes with a vast number of developers and distributors who are able to create and launch games and other content for these devices using relatively limited resources and with relatively limited start-up time or expertise. For example, it has been estimated that more than 1.4 million applications, including more than 314,000 active games, were available on Apple's U.S. App Store as of December 31, 2014. The proliferation of titles makes it potentially difficult for us to differentiate ourselves from other developers and to compete for customers who download and purchase content for their devices without substantially increasing our marketing and other development and distribution costs.

# L. Legislative Changes

#### Federal

#### Federal Internet Gaming

On February 4, 2015, the Restoration of America's Wire Act was reintroduced for consideration in the House of Representatives during the 114th Congress ("HR 707"). HR 707 is identical to the Restoration of America's Wire Act legislation proposed in 2014 and is crafted to reverse a 2011 decision by the Justice Department which interpreted the Wire Act of 1961 (the "Wire Act") to not apply to interstate transmissions of wire communications except when related to sports betting. As written, HR 707 would restore the interpretation of the Wire Act prior to the 2011 Justice Department decision and effectively prohibit online gaming. The legislation does not grandfather in states currently operating Internet gaming, but does allow for online wagering on horseracing placed in compliance with the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978 to continue. On March 26, 2014, the Restoration of America's Wire Act ("S2159 and "HR4301") was introduced in the U.S. Senate and House of Representative but failed to be considered prior to the conclusion of the 113th Congress.

On November 14, 2013, Washington Representative Jim McDermott introduced the Internet Gambling Regulation and Tax Enforcement Act of 2013 ("HR 3491") to tax federally-sanctioned Internet wagering potentially made legal by the Internet Gambling Regulation, Enforcement, and Consumer Protection Act of 2013 ("HR 2282") or similar legislation. HR 3491 would create up to a 12% deposit tax on amounts deposited by players for Internet wagering, an amount to be paid by licensed operators, not by

players. The federal government would collect 4% of the tax, with up to 8% going to the state or Indian tribe where the wager is placed.

On July 16, 2013, a subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee held a hearing which focused on the ramifications of the December 23, 2011 Department of Justice opinion that reversed a long-held interpretation of the Wire Act of 1961 (the "Wire Act"), which had historically narrowed the scope of the Wire Act to sports wagering. The Department of Justices' opinion permitted individual states to offer online games of chance and skill on an intrastate basis.

On July 11, 2013, Texas Representative Joe Barton introduced the Internet Poker Freedom Act of 2013. The proposed legislation would create a federal regulatory and licensing structure that would allow established commercial and tribal casinos as well as gaming suppliers to obtain a license to offer interstate online poker. The U.S. Department of Commerce and National Indian Gaming Commission, as well as qualified state and tribal regulators, would be given oversight authority under the terms of the legislation. States would be allowed to "opt-out" of the federal system.

On June 6, 2013, New York Representative Peter King introduced HR 2282 to legalize all forms of Internet wagering, with the exception of sports betting. HR 2282 would establish a federal structure to license and regulate providers of Internet gaming. Under the proposed legislation, Internet gaming operators would be able to obtain licenses from the Department of Treasury or state or tribal authorities authorizing them to accept wagers over the Internet from individuals in the U.S. or outside the U.S. Individual states would be able to "opt-out" and prohibit or limit Internet gambling within their borders by notifying the Secretary of Treasury.

The 113th Congress adjourned on January 3, 2015 without consideration of legislation related to Internet gaming. It is difficult to assess the probability of legislation passing at the federal level, the form of any final legislation, or its impact on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

#### Wire Act of 1961 - Federal Clarification

On December 23, 2011, the U.S. Department of Justice clarified its position on the Wire Act, which had historically been interpreted to outlaw all forms of gambling across states lines. The department's Office of Legal Counsel determined, in a written memorandum, that the Wire Act applied only to a sporting event or contest but did not apply to other forms of Internet gambling, including online betting unrelated to sporting events. The Justice Department opinion could be interpreted to allow Internet gaming on an intrastate basis. Since the issuance of this opinion, there have been actions taken by various state legislatures to either further enable or further limit Internet gaming opportunities for their residents and businesses, and we anticipate that other states may follow. At this point, we do not know to what extent intrastate Internet gaming could affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### **Kentucky**

#### Expanded Gaming Legislation

On February 13, 2015, Senate Bill 199, a proposed constitutional amendment to allow the Kentucky legislature to authorize gaming expansion in the state by general law, was filed for consideration. If passed, the legislation could have a material impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

On February 5, 2015, House Bill 300, a constitutional amendment authorizing casino gaming in Kentucky, was introduced for consideration during the 2015 legislative session. The amendment would allow for six casinos in the state to be approved by local referendum and limited to counties with populations of at least 85,000. The Kentucky Lottery Corporation is authorized to regulate and to operate casino facilities. If passed, the legislation could have a material impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In January 2014, two House bills related to the authorization of expanded gaming in Kentucky were filed for consideration during the 2014 legislative session. House Bill 67, a proposed constitutional amendment, would have authorized casino gaming in the state and required a three-fifths majority vote in both chambers of the Kentucky General Assembly in order to appear before the voters on the November 2014 ballot. House Bill 68 would have created the Kentucky Gaming Commission to issue licenses and serve as the regulatory body for casino gaming; stipulated casino gaming may be conducted at the state's five existing racetracks as well as at three standalone locations; established a minimum \$50 million licensing fee; provided for the distribution of gaming revenues received by the state and would have required racetracks with a casino license to set aside 14.5 percent of gambling revenues for purses and breeders incentives as well as required these tracks to increase the number of live racing days by ten percent for the first five years of casino gaming licensure.

Senate Bill 33 was also filed during January 2014 and would have amended the Kentucky Constitution to allow up to seven casino locations in the state and would have created an Equine Excellence Fund, into which ten percent of gross gaming revenues would have been directed. Senate Bill 33 failed to garner the required three-fifths majority vote in both chambers of the legislature in order to appear on the November 2014 ballot.

The 2014 session ended without consideration of any legislation related to expanded gaming in Kentucky. Should similar future legislation be enacted into law, it could have a material impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Historical Racing Machines

During 2010, the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission ("KHRC") approved a change in state regulations that would allow racetracks to offer pari-mutuel Historical Racing Machines ("HRMs"), which base their payouts on the results of previously-run races at racetracks across North America. During 2012, Kentucky Downs Racetrack operated an HRM facility with approximately 275 HRMs and Ellis Park Racetrack opened a HRM facility with 177 HRMs. On April 4, 2013, the KHRC approved 40 additional HRMs for use at Kentucky Downs Racetrack.

Despite the approval by the KHRC, challenges remain as to the legality of the enacted regulations. A declaratory judgment action was filed in Franklin Circuit Court on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and all Kentucky racetracks to ensure proper legal authority. The Franklin Circuit Court entered a declaratory judgment upholding the regulations in their entirety. The intervening adverse party filed a notice of appeal, and the KHRC and the racetracks filed a motion to transfer that appeal directly to the Supreme Court of Kentucky. On April 21, 2011, the Supreme Court of Kentucky denied the request to hear the case before the appeal was heard by the Kentucky Court of Appeals. On September 1, 2011, the intervening adverse party filed an injunction action with the Kentucky Court of Appeals to grant emergency relief that would prevent Kentucky Downs Racetrack from operating its HRMs. The intervening adverse party's motions were denied by the Kentucky Court of Appeals. On June 15, 2012, the Kentucky Court of Appeals vacated the lower court's decision and remanded the declaratory judgment action back to the Franklin County Circuit Court. On July 16, 2012, the Kentucky racetracks, the KHRC and the Kentucky Department of Revenue filed motions for discretionary review with the Supreme Court of Kentucky asking the court to overturn the Kentucky Court of Appeals' decision and address the merits of the case. On August 21, 2013, the Supreme Court of Kentucky heard oral arguments on the legality of HRMs. On February 20, 2014, the Supreme Court of Kentucky issued its ruling on the motions for discretionary review affirming, in part, and reversing, in part, the Kentucky Court of Appeals. In issuing its opinion, the Supreme Court of Kentucky held that the KHRC has the statutory authority to license and regulate the operation of pari-mutuel wagering on historic horse racing. The Supreme Court of Kentucky further held that the Kentucky Department of Revenue does not have the authority to collect excise tax on the wagering handle generated by historic horse racing. On the issue of whether the operation of wagering on historic horse racing violates the gambling provisions of the Kentucky Penal Code, the Supreme Court of Kentucky remanded the case back to the Franklin County Circuit Court for further proceedings. On April 10, 2014, the Governor of Kentucky signed House Bill 445 into law, and it became effective on August 1, 2014. The legislation imposes a 1.5% tax on all handle wagered on historical races and will apply both retroactively and prospectively. At this time it is unclear the extent to which this development will materially impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# ADW Regulations

During April 2014, House Bill 445, which imposes a 0.5% tax on all ADW wagers made by Kentucky residents, was signed into law. The bill became effective on August 1, 2014. The bill is not expected to have a material negative impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Illinois

# Expanded Gaming Legislation

During the 2013 legislative session, Senate Bill 1739 ("SB 1739") was introduced in the Illinois General Assembly to expand casino gaming to Illinois racetracks and to add five additional casinos within the state, including one in Chicago with 4,000 gaming positions. SB 1739 won approval in the Illinois Senate but was not considered by the House of Representatives. In March 2014, two amendments to SB 1739 were filed. One amendment provides for a Chicago casino with 4,000 to 10,000 gaming positions but does not include language for additional casinos in the state or gaming positions at racetracks. The second amendment would authorize five new casinos, including a Chicago casino with 4,000 to 6,000 gaming positions. Racetracks in Cook County, which includes Arlington, would be authorized to receive 600 gaming positions and most racetracks outside of Cook County would each be eligible for 450 positions. In May 2014, an amendment to SB 1739 was filed authorizing 1,200 machines at Cook County racetracks and 900 machines for racetracks in other areas of the state, the same number of gaming positions currently provided for in SB 1739. The amendment does not address the authorization of additional casinos. SB 1739 failed to be considered prior to the end of the 2014 legislative session. Should similar future legislation be enacted, it could have a material effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### ADW Legislation

On January 28, 2015, House Bill 335 was introduced for consideration during the 2015 legislative session. Under the proposed bill, January 31, 2017 is deleted as the statutory end date of ADW authorization effectively making ADW operation in Illinois no longer contingent on legislative approval. If enacted, the proposed bill could have a positive material effect on our business, financial condition and results of operation.

House Bill 11, which permits advance deposit wagering by Illinois residents through January 31, 2017 was approved by the Illinois legislature and signed by the Governor on January 29, 2014. House Bill 11 provides funding for the Illinois Racing Board, provides for quarter horse purses through a new temporary surcharge of 0.2% on winning pari-mutuel wagers, creates a temporary optional 0.5% surcharge on winning wagers by individual tracks to support their track operation and purses as well as reactivates six OTB licenses. We expect approval of the legislation to continue to result in a favorable impact to our business, financial condition and results of operation.

# Horse Racing Equity Trust Fund

During 2006, the Illinois General Assembly enacted Public Act 94-804, which created the HRE Trust Fund. During November 2008, the Illinois General Assembly passed Public Act 95-1008 to extend Public Act 94-804 for a period of three years beginning December 12, 2008. The HRE Trust Fund was funded by a 3% "surcharge" on revenues of Illinois riverboat casinos that met a certain revenue threshold. The riverboats paid all monies required under Public Acts 94-804 and 95-1008 into a special protest fund account which prevented the monies from being transferred to the HRE Trust Fund. The funds were moved to the HRE Trust Fund and distributed to the racetracks, including Arlington, in December 2009.

Beginning in 2009, we received payments from the HRE Trust Fund related to subsidies paid by the original nine Illinois riverboat casinos in accordance with Illinois Public Acts 94-804 and 95-1008. The HRE Trust Fund was established to fund operating and capital improvements at Illinois racetracks. The funds were to be distributed with approximately 58% of the total to be used for horsemen's purses and the remaining monies to be distributed to Illinois racetracks. The monies received from the Public Acts were placed into an Arlington Park escrow account due to a temporary restraining order ("TRO") pending the resolution of a lawsuit brought by certain Illinois casinos that were required to pay funds to the HRE Trust Fund. In August 2011, the stay of dissolution expired and the TRO was dissolved, which terminated the restrictions on our ability to access the funds from the HRE Trust Fund held in the escrow account.

As of December 31, 2013, we had received \$46.1 million in proceeds, of which \$26.5 million was designated for Arlington purses. We used the remaining \$19.6 million of the proceeds to improve, market, and maintain or otherwise operate the Arlington racing facility in order to conduct live racing. No additional proceeds related to the HRE Trust Fund are expected to be received.

### Horse Racing Equity Trust Fund – Tenth Riverboat License

Under legislation enacted in 1999, the HRE Trust Fund was scheduled to receive amounts equal to 15% of the adjusted gross receipts generated by a tenth riverboat casino license to be granted in Illinois. The funds were to be distributed to racetracks in Illinois for purses as well as racetrack discretionary spending. During December 2008, the Illinois Gaming Board awarded the tenth riverboat license to a casino in Des Plaines, Illinois. This casino opened during July 2011, entitling the Illinois racing industry to receive an amount equal to 15% of the adjusted gross receipts of this casino from the gaming taxes generated by that casino, once the accumulated funds were appropriated by the state.

On July 10, 2013, the Governor of Illinois signed Illinois House Bill 214 into law, providing for the release of \$23.0 million of funds collected from the tenth riverboat licensee since its opening during 2011. During July 2013, Arlington received \$7.9 million as its share of the proceeds, of which \$3.6 million was designated for Arlington purses. The remaining \$4.2 million was recognized as miscellaneous other income in our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income during the year ended December 31, 2013. No additional proceeds related to future funds of the tenth riverboat are expected to be distributed to Illinois racetracks under the provisions of House Bill 214.

#### Purse Recapture

Pursuant to the Illinois Horse Racing Act, Arlington and all other Illinois racetracks are permitted to receive a payment commonly known as purse recapture. Generally, in any year that wagering on Illinois horse races at Arlington is less than 75% of wagering both in Illinois and at Arlington on Illinois horse races in 1994, Arlington is permitted to receive 2% of the difference in wagering in the subsequent year. The payment is funded from the Arlington purse account. Under the Illinois Horse Racing Act, the Arlington purse account is to be repaid via an appropriation by the Illinois General Assembly from the Illinois General Revenue Fund. However, this appropriation has not been made since 2001. Subsequently, Illinois horsemen unsuccessfully petitioned the IRB to prevent Illinois racetracks from receiving this payment in any year that the Illinois General Assembly did not appropriate the repayment to the racetrack's purse accounts from the General Revenue Fund. Further, the Illinois horsemen filed lawsuits seeking, among other things, to block payment to Illinois racetracks, as well as to recover the 2002 and 2003 amounts already paid to the Illinois racetracks. These lawsuits filed by the Illinois horsemen challenging the 2002 and 2003 reimbursements have been resolved in favor of Arlington and the other Illinois racetracks. Several bills were filed in the 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2009 sessions of the Illinois legislature that, in part, would eliminate the statutory right of Arlington and the other Illinois racetracks to continue to receive this payment. None of these bills passed. Since the statute remains in effect, Arlington continues to receive the recapture payment from the purse account. If Arlington loses the statutory right to receive this payment, there could be a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Host Days

During January, February and a portion of March each year, when there is no live racing in Illinois, the IRB designates a thoroughbred racetrack as the host track in Illinois, for which the host track receives a higher percentage of earnings from pari-mutuel wagering activity throughout Illinois. In January 2015, the IRB appointed Arlington the host track in Illinois for 23 simulcast host days, which was consistent with 2014. Arlington was awarded one additional live host day during 2015, as compared to the prior year. Arlington's future designation as the host track is subject to the annual designation by the IRB. A change in the number of days Arlington is designated host track could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Ohio

#### Gaming Legislation

In November 2009, Ohio voters passed a referendum to allow four casinos in Ohio, with opening dates from 2012 through 2013. On June 28, 2011, both houses of the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 277 ("HB 277") allowing all seven state racetracks to apply for video lottery licenses. The Governor of Ohio signed HB 277 into law on July 15, 2011. In addition, on June 23, 2011, the Ohio legislature passed legislation allowing the relocation of Ohio racetracks with video lottery terminal licenses. In October 2011, the Ohio Roundtable filed a lawsuit seeking to prevent racetracks from relocating and prohibiting video lottery terminals. In May 2012, the Common Pleas Court ruled against the Ohio Roundtable, indicating it did not have legal standing to sue the State over the 2011 legislation. On June 28, 2012, the Ohio Roundtable filed an appeal against this ruling. Oral arguments on the appeal were heard by the Franklin County Court of Appeals on January 17, 2013. In March 2013, the Ohio Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the lower court's ruling, at which time the Ohio Roundtable appealed the appellate court ruling to the Ohio Supreme Court. On July 24, 2013, the Ohio Supreme Court agreed to hear the matter. At this time, we do not know how this legislation or the related litigation could affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Florida

#### ADW

In November 2014, Senate Bill 124 related to advance deposit wagering was filed for consideration during the 2015 legislative session. Under the terms of the bill, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation is granted regulatory authority to authorize advance deposit wagering in the state. At this time it is difficult to assess the possible impact this legislation or similar legislation will have on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Expanded Gaming

In March 2014, House Bill 1383 was filed for consideration during the 2014 legislative session. The proposed bill would have created a new regulatory structure under a Gaming Control Commission. A similar proposal, Senate Bill 7052, which also aimed to restructure the state's existing gaming laws under a proposed Department of Gaming Control, would have allowed for two destination resort casinos in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Constitutional amendments requiring voter approval for any additional gaming expansion to occur in the state were filed for consideration in both the House and Senate chambers. The 2014 legislative session concluded without consideration of any legislation related to expanded gaming. It is unclear to what extent similar future legislation could have on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# Maine

# Expanded Gaming

On September 27, 2013, the Maine Gaming Study Commission, whose statutorily defined mission is to examine the state's existing gaming market as well as assess expansion opportunities, voted to recommend gaming be expanded beyond the current market. Subsequent to the vote, the Commission was disbanded by the Chairman. During January 2014, the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, the legislative committee of jurisdiction for gaming related issues, considered legislation that would allow for further gaming expansion to occur in Maine. The Committee voted to negatively recommend to the House and Senate each of the proposed expanded gaming bills with the exception of a bill that, if approved, will allow up to three slot machines in an estimated 40 veterans halls throughout the state. Ultimately, all legislation related to gaming expansion died in the Senate.

In April 2014, a proposal authorizing the state to hire a third-party to conduct a market analysis on the feasibility of expanded gaming in Maine was approved by the legislature. On August 31, 2014 the third-party study was released which concluded that Maine's current gaming market would allow for up to two additional casinos. According to the study, the market has additional capacity for one integrated dining, entertainment and gaming property in Southern Maine. The study further suggested that a fourth casino location would be possible near the Canadian border. Should gaming expansion occur in Maine it could negatively impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# New York

# Gaming Legislation

During 2012, the Governor of New York and legislative leaders agreed to legalize casino gaming and seek an amendment to the state constitution that would authorize such gaming and during 2013, New York voters approved a constitutional amendment authorizing up to seven casinos in the state. On May 13, 2014, we entered into a 50% joint venture with SHRI to bid on the development, construction and operation of the Capital View Casino & Resort located in the Capital Region near Albany, New York. On December 17, 2014, the Gaming Facility Location Board (the "Location Board") announced the award of three casino licenses in the state and awarded the Capital Region license to another bidder, but it did not award a fourth available license in the Southern Region. In December 2014, the Governor of New York appealed to the Location Board to reconsider awarding the fourth license in the state. During January 2015, the Location Board reopened the bidding process for casino license applications for the fourth license. At this time it is unknown if, or when, the fourth casino license will be awarded. An expansion of gaming in New York includes incentives for the horse racing industry. At this time it is difficult to determine the impact casino gaming could have on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### California

#### Exchange Wagering

During 2010, California became the first state to approve exchange wagering on horseracing at California racetracks. Exchange wagering differs from pari-mutuel wagering in that it allows customers to propose their own odds on certain types of wagers on horseracing, including betting that a horse may lose, which may be accepted by a second customer.

During 2012, the California Horse Racing Board (the "CHRB") heard testimony on exchange wagering and approved draft proposed exchange wagering regulations which were submitted for public comment. In November 2012, the CHRB granted approval for rules governing exchange wagering. The regulations were submitted to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") during February 2013 for review and final approval. On March 20, 2013, the OAL disapproved the proposed regulations. In June 2013, the CHRB approved and resubmitted the proposed regulations to the OAL, which approved the regulations during August 2013. However, the CHRB has not set a time frame for accepting applications or for the implementation of exchange wagering in California. Exchange wagering may have a negative impact on our current pari-mutuel operations, including our ADW business. Furthermore, California's approval of exchange wagering may set a precedent for other states to approve exchange wagering, creating additional risk of a negative impact on our pari-mutuel wagering business.

#### Internet Poker

On February 21, 2014, Senate Bill 1366 ("SB 1366") was introduced, which would allow Indian tribes and cardrooms to apply for a ten year license to operate Internet poker in the state. Under the terms of the legislation, the state would be allowed to optinto or out of a federal Internet poker framework or enter into agreements to offer Internet poker across state boarders. Also introduced on February 21, 2014 was Assembly Bill 2291 ("AB 2291") which would allow qualified Indian tribes and cardrooms to apply for a ten year license. The proposed legislation would require the state to opt-out of any federally created Internet poker framework and would be precluded from entering into Internet poker agreements with other states or foreign jurisdictions. The 2014 legislative session concluded without consideration of legislation related to Internet poker. The potential effects of SB 1366 and AB 2291 on our business, financial condition and results of operations cannot be determined at this time.

In December 2014, Assembly Bill 9 ("AB 9") was introduced for consideration during the 2015 legislative session. The bill would allow cardrooms and Indian tribes to apply for a ten year license to operate Internet poker in California. Entities who knowingly engaged in unlawful Internet gaming after December 31, 2006 would be prohibited from obtaining an Internet poker license. The bill provides that the state must affirmatively opt-in to federal Internet gambling regulations. The legislature is authorized to enter into Internet gambling agreements between states or foreign jurisdictions. The potential effects of AB 9 on our business, financial condition and results of operations cannot be determined at this time.

On January 22, 2015, Assembly Bill 167 ("AB 167") was introduced and would allow racetracks, cardrooms and Indian tribes to offer Internet poker. While the bill does not specifically preclude entities who knowingly engaged in unlawful Internet gaming after December 31, 2006 from obtaining an Internet poker license, AB 167 provides that a person who has defied a legislative investigative body when that body is investigating crimes related to poker, corruption related to poker activities, criminal profiteering or organized crime would be prohibited from obtaining a license to conduct Internet poker in California. The potential effects of AB 167 on our business, financial condition and results of operations cannot be determined at this time.

#### Louisiana

#### Smoking Ban

In October 2014, a proposal banning smoking in bars and public places, including casinos, in Orleans Parrish was submitted to the New Orleans City Council for consideration. On January 22, 2015, the New Orleans City Council approved the smoking ban which will take effect on April 22, 2015. The smoking ban is expected to have a negative impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Slot Machine Revenues

On April 1, 2014, House Bill 1223 ("HB 1223") was introduced for consideration by the Louisiana legislature. HB 1223 would have required 10% of net slot machine revenues after purse contributions and taxes to be used for capital improvement projects at Fair Grounds as a condition of slot machine licensure. Capital projects include improvements to the frontside, backside, grandstands, stables and racetrack surfaces. Under the terms of the legislation, proposed plans for capital improvements would be submitted to and approved by the Louisiana State Racing Commission ("LSRC"). When reviewing the proposed plans, the LSRC would be directed to consider standards and technology features present at other racetracks comparable in historical significance to Fair Grounds. Certification of completion of the projects would be submitted to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. On April 14, 2014, HB 1223 was passed by the Louisiana House of Representatives and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee where the legislation failed to progress. Should similar future legislation be enacted into law, it could have a negative material impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### **Sweepstakes**

In February 2014, House Bill 293 was filed to prohibit the operation of electronic sweepstakes devices in Louisiana. The bill, which provides a definition of electronic sweepstakes devices and creates a specific prohibition against the operation of such devices, was signed by the Governor of Louisiana in May 2014 and became effective August 1, 2014. We expect the legislation to result in a favorable impact to our business, financial condition and results of operation.

#### Louisiana Racing Commission

In May 2014, Senate Bill 53, which grants increased authority to the LSRC as it relates to fines and suspension or revocation of racing licensure, was passed by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor of Louisiana. Specifically, the bill allows the LSRC to assess fines up to \$100,000 and suspend or revoke a racetrack's racing license for failure to meet specific criteria. The bill maintains current law as it relates to grounds for suspension and revocation of licensure as well as provides for new conditions such as failure to maintain suitable racing surfaces as determined by the LSRC, failure or inability to conduct racing in a manner that is in the best interest of racing as determined by the LSRC and failure to respond to inquiries made by the LSRC as it relates to the status or progress of matters related to racing. The LSRC may also require a racetrack to submit a written report which outlines a plan of operation for each fiscal year as it relates to customer service, marketing and promotions related to racing, as well as capital improvement and facility maintenance. The bill became effective August 1, 2014. At this time it is unclear to what extent the legislation will impact our business, financial condition and results of operation.

#### Mississippi

On January 12, 2015, House Bill 306 ("HB 306"), authorizing existing licensees in the state to qualify to operate Internet casino gaming, was introduced for consideration in the 2015 legislative session. Licensure is from one to five years subject to the determination of the Mississippi Commission. The state is authorized to enter into interstate and international online gaming compacts. Language precluding entities which engaged in unlawful Internet gaming after December 31, 2006 from qualifying for licensure is not included in the draft bill. The bill died in Committee on February 3, 2015 after failing to advance past the first committee deadline for the 2015 legislative session. The potential impact of this bill or similar legislation on our business, financial condition and results of operation cannot be determined at this time.

On January, 22, 2015, House Bill 782 ("HB 782") permitting existing gaming licensees to offer Internet poker in the state was introduced. The state is authorized to enter into interstate and international compacts that are limited to poker only. Language precluding entities that engaged in unlawful Internet gaming after December 31, 2006 from qualifying for licensure is not included in the draft bill. The bill died in Committee on February 3, 2015 after failing to advance past the first committee deadline for the 2015 legislative session. The potential impact of this bill or similar legislation on our business, financial condition and results of operation cannot be determined at this time.

# New Jersey

# Exchange Wagering

On May 14, 2014, the New Jersey Racing Commission ("NJRC") approved the publication of rules that would govern exchange wagering within the state. The rules were subject to a sixty-day public comment period which ended on July 16, 2014. The NJRC may enact the rules as written or consider amendments to the rules, but to date, no action has occurred. Should exchange wagering be enacted in New Jersey and other states, it may have a negative impact on our current pari-mutuel operations including our ADW business.

#### Sports Betting

During 2011, New Jersey voters passed a non-binding referendum permitting sports betting in New Jersey. In 2012, legislation authorizing sports betting in Atlantic City casinos and at racetracks passed the House and Senate legislatures and was signed by the Governor of New Jersey. The National Football League, National Basketball Association, National Hockey League and National Collegiate Athletic Association filed suit against the state to prohibit the state from moving forward with the legislation, citing a federal ban against sports betting. On December 21, 2012, a federal judge denied New Jersey's request to have the lawsuit

dismissed. The judge agreed that expanding legal sports betting into New Jersey would negatively impact the perception of sporting games. The New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement issued final sports betting regulations, but the Division noted that no license would be issued prior to January 2013. In June 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court denied hearing New Jersey's appeal of a federal sports betting ban. In October 2014 the Governor of New Jersey signed Senate Bill 2460 which clarified that sports wagering at casinos and racetracks is not unlawful gambling under New Jersey law. Subsequently, a U.S. District Judge issued a temporary restraining order preventing casinos and racetracks from accepting sports bets in the state. The issue remains on appeal. The potential impact of sports betting in New Jersey on our business, financial condition and results of operation cannot be determined at this time.

# Pennsylvania

On January 28, 2015, Senate Bill 352 ("SB 352") was introduced for consideration during the 2015 legislative session. The bill contains provisions specifically related to racing oversight as well as provides authority to the Pennsylvania Gaming Board to grant licensure allowing Pennsylvania racetracks to operate their own ADW business. SB 352 is identical to Senate Bill 1188 which was filed during the 2014 legislative session but failed to be considered prior to the end of the session. The potential impact of this bill on our business, financial condition and results of operation cannot be determined at this time.

## Virginia

In January 2015, legislation was filed in Virginia to change the distribution of revenue generated by ADWs to various in state racing interests, and the legislation remains pending before the Virginia legislature. Should the legislation be drafted into law, it could have a negative impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## Washington

House Bill 1114 ("HB 1114") authorizing Internet poker in the state was filed for consideration on January 12, 2015. Specifically, the bill would allow firms, partnerships or corporations registered to do business in Washington to apply for licensure to operate an Internet poker network and/or operate an Internet poker room. The state, at the discretion of the Governor of Washington, may enter into multistate agreements related to Internet poker. Language precluding entities which accepted bets on Internet gaming after December 31, 2006 from being eligible for licensure is not included in the draft bill. The potential impact of this bill on our business, financial condition and results of operation cannot be determined at this time.

## M. Environmental Matters

We are subject to various federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations that govern activities that may have adverse environmental effects, such as discharges to air and water, as well as the management and disposal of solid, animal and hazardous wastes and exposure to hazardous materials. These laws and regulations, which are complex and subject to change, include United States Environmental Protection Agency and state laws and regulations that address the impacts of manure and wastewater generated by Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations ("CAFO") on water quality, including, but not limited to, storm and sanitary water discharges. CAFO and other water discharge regulations include permit requirements and water quality discharge standards. Enforcement of these regulations has been receiving increased governmental attention. Compliance with these and other environmental laws can, in some circumstances, require significant capital expenditures. For example, we may incur future costs under existing and new laws and regulations pertaining to storm water and wastewater management at our racetracks. Moreover, violations can result in significant penalties and, in some instances, interruption or cessation of operations.

In the ordinary course of our business, we at times receive notices from regulatory agencies regarding our compliance with CAFO regulations that may require remediation at our facilities. On December 6, 2013, we received a notice from the United States Environmental Protection Agency regarding alleged CAFO non-compliance at Fair Grounds. We do not expect that remediating these items will cause a disruption in our operations at Fair Grounds, although it may require us to incur certain capital expenditures costs which we do not expect to be material.

We also are subject to laws and regulations that create liability and cleanup responsibility for releases of hazardous substances into the environment. Under certain of these laws and regulations, a current or previous owner or operator of property may be liable for the costs of remediating hazardous substances or petroleum products on its property, without regard to whether the owner or operator knew of, or caused, the presence of the contaminants, and regardless of whether the practices that resulted in the contamination were legal at the time they occurred. The presence of, or failure to remediate properly, such substances may materially adversely affect the ability to sell or rent such property or to borrow funds using such property as collateral. Additionally, the owner of a property may be subject to claims by third parties based on damages and costs resulting from environmental contamination emanating from the property.

Compliance with environmental laws has not materially affected our ability to develop and operate our properties, and we are not otherwise subject to any material compliance costs in connection with federal or state environmental laws.

## N. Service Marks and Internet Properties

We hold numerous state and federal service mark registrations on specific names and designs in various categories including the entertainment business, apparel, paper goods, printed matter, housewares and glass. We license the use of these service marks and derive revenue from such license agreements.

## O. Employees

As of December 31, 2014, we employed approximately 4,825 full-time and part-time employees Company-wide. Due to the seasonal nature of our live racing business, the number of seasonal and part-time persons employed will vary throughout the year.

#### P. Available Information

Our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, proxy statements and other Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filings, and any amendments to those reports and any other filings that we file with or furnish to the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 are made available free of charge on our website (<a href="www.churchilldownsincorporated.com">www.churchilldownsincorporated.com</a>) as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file the materials with the SEC and are also available at the SEC's website at <a href="www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>. These reports may also be obtained from the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549 or by calling the SEC at (800) SEC-0330.

#### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

## Risks Related to the Company

In addition to risks and uncertainties in the ordinary course of business that are common to all businesses, important factors that are specific to our industry and Company could materially impact our future performance and results. The factors described below are the most significant risks that could materially impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## General economic trends may impact our operations

Economic conditions improved during 2013 and 2014 from a previous period of adverse conditions in local, regional, national and global markets, however there remains risk that a downturn may resume. Our access to, or cost of, credit may be impacted to the extent global and U.S. credit markets are affected by downward trends. Additionally, our ability to respond to periods of economic contraction may be limited, as certain of our costs remain fixed or even increase, when revenues decline. Accordingly, any persistence of poor economic conditions, or further deterioration, could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our business is sensitive to consumer confidence and reductions in consumers' discretionary spending, which may result from the challenging economic conditions, unemployment levels and other changes we cannot accurately predict

Demand for entertainment and leisure activities is sensitive to consumers' disposable incomes, which have been adversely affected by recent economic conditions and the persistence of elevated levels of unemployment. Further declines in the residential real estate market, changes in consumer confidence, increases in individual tax rates, and other factors that we cannot accurately predict may reduce the disposable income of our customers. This could result in fewer patrons visiting our racetracks, gaming and wagering facilities, online wagering sites and our casual gaming site, or downloading our casual games, and/or may impact our customers' ability to wager with the same frequency and maintain their wagering level profiles. Decreases in consumer discretionary spending could affect us even if it occurs in other markets. For example, reduced wagering levels and profitability at racetracks from which we carry racing content could cause certain racetracks to cancel races or cease operations and therefore reduce the content we could provide to our customers. Accordingly, any significant loss of customers or decline in wagering could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## We are vulnerable to additional or increased taxes and fees

We believe that the prospect of raising significant additional revenue through taxes and fees is one of the primary reasons that certain jurisdictions permit legalized gaming. As a result, gaming companies are typically subject to significant taxes and fees in addition to the normal federal, state, provincial and local income taxes, and such taxes and fees may be increased at any time. From time to time, legislators and officials have proposed changes in tax laws, or in the administration of such laws, affecting the gaming industry. Moreover, many states and municipalities, including ones in which we operate, are currently experiencing budgetary pressures that may make it more likely they would seek to impose additional taxes and fees on our operations. It is not possible to determine with certainty the likelihood of any such changes in tax laws or fee increases, or their administration; however, if enacted, such changes could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# Our debt facilities contain restrictions that limit our flexibility in operating our business

Our debt facilities contain, and any future indebtedness of ours would likely contain, a number of covenants that impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us, including restrictions on our and our subsidiaries' ability to, among other things:

- incur additional debt or issue certain preferred shares;
- pay dividends on or make distributions in respect of our capital stock, repurchase common shares or make other restricted payments;
- make certain investments;
- sell certain assets or consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets;
- create liens on certain assets;
- enter into certain transactions with our affiliates; and
- designate our subsidiaries as unrestricted subsidiaries.

As a result of these covenants, we are limited in the manner in which we conduct our business, and we may be unable to engage in favorable business activities or finance future operations or capital needs.

We have pledged and will pledge a significant portion of our assets as collateral under our debt facilities. If any of these lenders accelerate the repayment of borrowings, there can be no assurance that we will have sufficient assets to repay our indebtedness and our lenders could proceed against the collateral we have granted them.

Under our debt facilities, we are required to satisfy and maintain specified financial ratios. Our ability to meet those financial ratios can be affected by events beyond our control, and there can be no assurance that we will meet those ratios. A failure to comply with the covenants contained in our debt facilities or our other indebtedness could result in an event of default under the facilities or the existing agreements, which, if not cured or waived, could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In the event of any default under our debt facilities or our other indebtedness, the lenders thereunder:

- will not be required to lend any additional amounts to us;
- could elect to declare all borrowings outstanding, together with accrued and unpaid interest and fees, to be due and payable and terminate all commitments to extend further credit; or
- require us to apply all of our available cash to repay these borrowings.

If the indebtedness under our debt facilities or our other indebtedness were to be accelerated, there can be no assurance that our assets would be sufficient to repay such indebtedness in full.

We may not be able to identify and complete acquisition, expansion or divestiture projects on time, on budget or as planned

We expect to pursue expansion, acquisition and divestiture opportunities, and we regularly evaluate opportunities for development, including acquisitions or other strategic corporate transactions which may expand our business operations.

We could face challenges in identifying development projects that fit our strategic objectives, identifying potential acquisition or divestiture candidates and/or development partners, finding buyers, negotiating projects on acceptable terms, and managing and integrating the acquisition or development projects. The integration of new operations and any other properties we may acquire or develop will require the dedication of management resources that may temporarily divert attention from our day-to-day business. The process of integrating new properties or projects may also interrupt the activities of those businesses, which could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. The divestiture of existing businesses may be affected by our ability to identify potential buyers. Furthermore, current or future regulation may postpone a divestiture pending certain resolutions to federal, state or local legislative issues. We cannot assure that any new properties or developments will be completed or integrated successfully.

Management of new properties or business operations, especially those in new lines of business or different geographic areas, may require that we increase our managerial resources. We cannot assure that we will be able to manage the combined operations effectively or realize any of the anticipated benefits of our acquisitions or developments.

We may experience difficulty in integrating recent or future acquisitions into our operations

We have completed acquisition transactions in the past and we may pursue acquisitions from time to time in the future. The successful integration of newly acquired businesses, including our recent acquisitions of Big Fish Games and Oxford, into our operations has required and will continue to require the expenditure of substantial managerial, operating, financial and other resources and may also lead to a diversion of our attention from our ongoing business concerns. We may not be able to successfully integrate new businesses or realize projected revenue gains, cost savings and synergies in connection with those acquisitions on the timetable contemplated, if at all. Furthermore, the costs of integrating businesses we acquire could significantly impact our short-term operating results. These costs could include:

- restructuring charges associated with the acquisitions;
- non-recurring acquisition costs, including accounting and legal fees, investment banking fees and recognition of transaction-related costs or liabilities; and

 costs of imposing financial and management controls (such as compliance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002) and operating, administrative and information systems.

Although we perform financial, operational and legal diligence on the businesses we purchase, in light of the circumstances of each transaction, an unavoidable level of risk remains regarding the actual condition of these businesses and our ability to continue to operate them successfully and integrate them into our existing operations. In any acquisition we make, we face risks which include:

- the risk that the acquired business may not further our business strategy or that we paid more than the business was worth:
- the potential adverse impact on our relationships with partner companies or third-party providers of technology or products;
- the possibility that we have acquired substantial undisclosed liabilities for which we may have no recourse against the sellers or third party insurers;
- costs and complications in maintaining required regulatory approvals or obtaining further regulatory approvals
  necessary to implement the acquisition in accordance with our strategy;
- the risks of acquiring businesses and/or entering markets in which we have limited or no prior experience;
- the potential loss of key employees or customers;
- the possibility that we may be unable to retain or recruit managers with the necessary skills to manage the acquired businesses; and
- changes to legal and regulatory guidelines, which may negatively affect acquisitions.

If we are unsuccessful in overcoming these risks, it could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our business strategy is premised, in part, on the legalization of online real money gaming in the United States and our ability to predict and capitalize on any such legalization

In the last few years, Delaware, Nevada, California, Florida, Mississippi, Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Iowa, Illinois, Washington D.C. and the Federal government have considered legislation that would legalize online real money gaming. To date, only Nevada, Delaware and New Jersey have enacted such legislation. If a large number of additional states or the Federal government enact online real money gaming legislation and we are unable to obtain the necessary licenses to operate online real money gaming websites in United States jurisdictions where such games are legalized, our future growth in real money gaming could be materially impaired. In addition, states or the Federal government may legalize online real money gaming in a manner that is unfavorable to us. For example, several states and the Federal government are considering draft laws that require online casinos to also have a license to operate a brick-and mortar casino, either directly or indirectly through an affiliate. If, like Nevada and New Jersey, state jurisdictions enact legislation legalizing online real money casino gaming subject to this brick-and-mortar requirement, we may be unable to offer online real money gaming in such jurisdictions if we are unable to establish an affiliation with a brick-and-mortar casino in such jurisdiction. There also exists in the online real money gaming industry a significant "first mover" advantage. Our ability to compete effectively in respect of a particular style of online real money gaming in the United States may be premised on introducing a style of gaming before our competitors. Failing to do so ("move first") could materially impair our ability to grow in the online real money gaming space. In addition to the risk that online real money gaming will be legalized in a manner unfavorable to us, we may fail to accurately predict when online real money gaming will be legalized in significant jurisdictions. The legislative process in each state and at the Federal level is unique and capable of rapid, often unpredictable change. If we fail to accurately forecast when and how, if at all, online real money gaming will be legalized in additional state jurisdictions, such failure could impair our readiness to introduce online real money gaming offerings in such jurisdictions, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations,

Failure to comply with laws requiring us to block access to certain individuals, based upon their geographic location, may result in legal penalties or an impairment to our ability to offer online real money gaming, in general

Individuals in jurisdictions in which online real money gaming is illegal may nonetheless seek to engage our online real money gaming products. While we take steps to block access by individuals in such jurisdictions, those steps may be unsuccessful. In the event that individuals in jurisdictions in which online real money gaming is illegal engage our online real money gaming systems, we may be subject to criminal sanctions, regulatory penalties, the loss of existing or future licenses necessary to offer online real money gaming or other legal liabilities, any one of which could have a material adverse effect on us, and therefore our businesses, financial condition and results of operations. For example, gambling laws and regulations in many jurisdictions require gaming industry participants to maintain strict compliance with various laws and regulations. If we are unsuccessful in blocking access to our online real money gaming products by individuals in a jurisdiction where such products are illegal, we could lose or be prevented from obtaining a license necessary to offer online real money gaming in a jurisdiction in which such products are legal. Furthermore, our inability to restrict illegal access could materially impact our other gaming licenses as well.

#### We may adversely infringe on the intellectual property rights of others

In the course of our business, we may become aware of potentially relevant patents or other intellectual property rights held by other parties. Many of our competitors as well as other companies and individuals have obtained, and may obtain in the future, patents or other intellectual property rights that concern products or services related to the types of products and services we currently offer or may plan to offer in the future. We evaluate the validity and applicability of these intellectual property rights and determine in each case whether we must negotiate licenses to incorporate or use the proprietary technologies in our products. Claims of intellectual property infringement may also require us to enter into costly royalty or license agreements. However, we may not be able to obtain royalty or license agreements on terms acceptable to us or at all. We also may be subject to significant damages or injunctions against the development and sale of our products and services if we become subject to litigation relating to intellectual property infringement.

Our results may be affected by the outcome of litigation within our industry and the protection and validity of our intellectual property rights. Any litigation regarding patents or other intellectual property could be costly and time consuming and could divert our management and key personnel from our business operations. The complexity of the technology involved and the uncertainty of litigation surrounding it has the effect of increasing the risks associated with certain of our product offerings, particularly in the areas of advance deposit wagering, or ADW, and casual gaming. There can be no assurance that we would not become a party to litigation surrounding our ADW or casual gaming businesses or that such litigation would not cause us to suffer losses or disruption in our business strategy.

# We are susceptible to unauthorized disclosure of our source code

We may not be able to protect our computer source code from being copied if there is an unauthorized disclosure of source code. We take significant measures to protect the secrecy of large portions of our source code. If unauthorized disclosure of a significant portion of our source code occurs, we could potentially lose future trade secret protection for that source code. This could make it easier for third parties to compete with our products by copying functionality; which could adversely affect our revenue and operating margins. Unauthorized disclosure of source code also could increase security risks.

## We depend on key personnel

Our continued success and our ability to maintain our competitive position is largely dependent upon, among other things, the skills and efforts of our senior executives and management team including Robert L. Evans, our Chairman of the Board, and William C. Carstanjen, our Chief Executive Officer. We cannot guarantee that these individuals will remain with us, and their retention is affected by the competitiveness of our terms of employment and our ability to compete effectively against other companies. In addition, certain of our key employees are required to file applications with the gaming authorities in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate and are required to be licensed or found suitable by these gaming authorities. If the gaming authorities were to find a key employee unsuitable for licensing, we may be required to sever the employee relationship. Furthermore, the gaming authorities may require us to terminate the employment of any person who refuses to file appropriate applications. Either result could significantly impair our operations. Our inability to retain key personnel could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# Catastrophic events could cause a significant and continued disruption to our operations

A disruption or failure in our systems or operations in the event of a major earthquake, weather event, cyber-attack, terrorist attack or other catastrophic event could interrupt our operations, damage our properties and reduce the number of customers who visit our facilities in the affected areas. For example, Churchill Downs, Harlow's, Riverwalk, Fair Grounds and its related OTBs and Calder could all be adversely affected by flooding or hurricanes. Furthermore, our TwinSpires and Big Fish Games locations may be affected by earthquakes. While we maintain insurance coverage that may cover certain of the costs that we incur as a result of some natural disasters, our coverage is subject to deductibles, exclusions and limits on maximum benefits. There can be no assurance that we will be able to fully collect, if at all, on any claims resulting from extreme weather conditions or other disasters. If any of our properties are damaged or if their operations are disrupted or face prolonged closure as a result of natural disasters in the future, or if natural disasters adversely impact general economic or other conditions in the areas in which our properties are located or from which they draw their patrons, the disruption could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Although we have "all risk" property insurance coverage for our operating properties, which covers damage caused by a casualty loss (such as fire, natural disasters, acts of war, or terrorism), each policy has certain exclusions. Our level of property insurance coverage, which is subject to policy maximum limits, may not be adequate to cover all losses in the event of a major casualty. In addition, certain casualty events may not be covered at all under our policies. Therefore, certain acts could expose us to substantial uninsured losses.

We renew our insurance policies on an annual basis. The cost of coverage may become so high that we may need to further reduce our policy limits or agree to certain exclusions from our coverage.

Our debt instruments and other material agreements require us to meet certain standards related to insurance coverage. Failure to satisfy these requirements could result in an event of default under these debt instruments or material agreements.

# Work stoppages and other labor problems could negatively impact our future plans

Some of our employees are represented by labor unions. A strike or other work stoppage at one of our properties could have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations. From time to time, we have also experienced attempts to unionize certain of our non-union employees. We cannot provide any assurance that we will not experience additional and more successful union activity in the future.

We process, store and use personal information and other data, which subjects us to governmental regulation and other legal obligations related to privacy, and our actual or perceived failure to comply with such obligations could harm our business

We receive, store and process personal information and other customer data. There are numerous federal, state and local laws regarding privacy and the storing, sharing, use, processing, disclosure and protection of personal information and other data. Any failure or perceived failure by us to comply with our privacy policies, our privacy-related obligations to customers or other third parties, or our privacy-related legal obligations, or any compromise of security that results in the unauthorized release or transfer of personally identifiable information or other player data, may result in governmental enforcement actions, litigation or public statements against us by consumer advocacy groups or others and could cause our customers to lose trust in us, which could have an adverse effect on our business. While the Company maintains insurance coverage specific to cyber-insurance matters, any failure on our part to maintain adequate safeguards may subject us to significant liabilities. Additionally, if third parties we work with, such as vendors, violate applicable laws or our policies, such violations may also put our customers' information at risk and could in turn have an adverse effect on our business. The Company is also subject to payment card association rules and obligations under its contracts with payment card processors. Under these rules and obligations, if information is compromised, the Company could be liable to payment card industry security standards, even if no customer information is compromised, the Company could incur significant fines or experience a significant increase in payment card transaction costs.

In the area of information security and data protection, many states have passed laws requiring notification to customers when there is a security breach for personal data, such as the 2002 amendment to California's Information Practices Act, or requiring the adoption of minimum information security standards that are often vaguely defined and difficult to practically implement. The costs of compliance with these laws may increase in the future as a result of changes in interpretation. Furthermore, any failure on our part to comply with these laws may subject us to significant liabilities.

# Improper disclosure of personal data could result in liability and harm to our reputation

We store and process increasingly large amounts of personally identifiable information of our customers, which may include names, addresses, phone numbers, social security numbers, email addresses, contact preferences and payment account information. For example, we store personal information from TwinSpires.com account holders, from our gaming customers' rewards accounts and from ticket sales at our racetracks. It is possible our security controls over personal data, our training of employees and vendors on data security, and other practices we follow may not prevent the improper disclosure of personally identifiable information. Improper disclosure of this information could harm our reputation, lead to legal exposure to customers or subject us to liability under laws that protect personal data, resulting in increased costs or loss of revenue.

# Our business is subject to online security risk, including security breaches

We store and transmit users' proprietary information, and security breaches could expose us to a risk of loss or misuse of this information, litigation and potential liability. Because the techniques used to obtain unauthorized access, disable or degrade service, or sabotage systems, change frequently and often are not recognized until launched against a target, we may be unable to anticipate these techniques or to implement adequate preventative measures. If an actual or perceived breach of our security occurs, public perception of the effectiveness of our security measures could be harmed and we could lose users and be exposed to litigation or potential liability for us. Although we have developed systems and processes that are designed to protect customer information and prevent data loss and other security breaches, including systems and processes designed to reduce the impact of a security breach at a third party vendor, such measures cannot provide absolute security.

System failures or damage from earthquakes, fires, floods, power loss, telecommunications failures, cyber-attack or other unforeseen events could harm our business

Our ADW and casual gaming businesses depend upon our communications hardware and our computer hardware. We have built certain redundancies into our systems to avoid downtime in the event of outages, system failures or damage; however, certain risks still exist. Thus, our systems remain vulnerable to damage or interruption from floods, fires, power loss, telecommunication failures, terrorist cyber-attacks, hardware or software error, computer viruses, computer denial-of-service attacks and similar events. Despite any precautions we may take, the occurrence of a natural disaster or other unanticipated problems could result in lengthy interruptions in our services. Any unscheduled interruption in the availability of our website

and our services results in an immediate, and possibly substantial, loss of revenue. Interruptions in our services or a breach of customers' secure data could cause current or potential users to believe that our systems are unreliable, leading them to switch to our competitors or to avoid our site, and could permanently harm our reputation and brand. These interruptions also increase the burden on our engineering staff, which, in turn, could delay our introduction of new features and services on our websites and in our games. We have property and business interruption insurance covering damage or interruption of our systems. However, this insurance might not be sufficient to compensate us for all losses that may occur.

Security breaches, computer viruses and computer hacking attacks could harm our business and results of operations

Security breaches, computer malware and computer hacking attacks have become more prevalent in our industry. Many companies, including ours, have been the target of such attacks. Any security breach caused by hacking, which involves efforts to gain unauthorized access to information or systems, or to cause intentional malfunctions or loss or corruption of data, software, hardware or other computer equipment, and the inadvertent transmission of computer viruses could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations. Though it is difficult to determine what harm may directly result from any specific interruption or breach, any failure to maintain performance, reliability, security and availability of our network infrastructure to the satisfaction of our players may harm our reputation and our ability to retain existing players and attract new players.

We carry insurance covering many of these risks, including network security, first party extortion threats and business interruptions, but there are certain exclusions to this coverage and the insurance limits may not be sufficient to fully mitigate all financial damage to the Company. We renew our insurance policies on an annual basis. The cost of coverage may become so high that we may need to further reduce our policy limits or agree to certain exclusions from our coverage.

We may not be able to respond to rapid technological changes in a timely manner, which may cause customer dissatisfaction

The gaming sector is characterized by the rapid development of new technologies and continuous introduction of new products. Our main technological advantage versus potential competitors is our software lead-time in the market and our experience in operating an Internet-based wagering network. However, we may not be able to maintain our competitive technological position against current and potential competitors, especially those with greater financial resources. Our success depends upon new product development and technological advancements, including the development of new wagering platforms and features. While we expend resources on research and development and product enhancement, we may not be able to continue to improve and market our existing products or technologies or develop and market new products in a timely manner. Further technological developments may cause our products or technologies to become obsolete or noncompetitive.

We are subject to payment-related risks, such as risk associated with the fraudulent use of credit or debit cards, which could have adverse effects on our business or results of operations due to chargebacks from customers

We allow funding and payments to accounts using a variety of methods, including electronic funds transfer ("EFT"), and credit and debit cards. As we continue to introduce new funding or payment options to our players, we may be subject to additional regulatory and compliance requirements. We also may be subject to the risk of fraudulent use of credit or debit cards, or other funding and/or payment options. For certain funding or payment options, including credit and debit cards, we may pay interchange and other fees, which may increase over time and, therefore, raise operating costs and reduce profitability. We rely on third parties to provide payment processing services and it could disrupt our business if these companies become unwilling or unable to provide these services to us. We are also subject to rules and requirements governing EFT, which could change or be reinterpreted to make it difficult or impossible for us to comply. If we fail to comply with these rules or requirements, we may be subject to fines and higher transaction fees or possibly lose our ability to accept credit, debit cards, or other forms of payment from customers, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Chargebacks occur when customers seek to void credit card or other payment transactions. Cardholders are intended to be able to reverse card transactions only if there has been unauthorized use of the card or the services contracted for have not been provided. In our business, customers occasionally seek to reverse their online gaming losses through chargebacks. Although we place great emphasis on control procedures to protect from chargebacks, these control procedures may not be sufficient to protect us from adverse effects on our business or results of operations.

Any violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act or applicable anti-money laundering regulations could have a negative impact on us

We are subject to regulations imposed by the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (the "FCPA"), which generally prohibits U.S. companies and their intermediaries from making improper payments to foreign officials for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business. Any violation of FCPA regulations could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We also deal with significant amounts of cash in our operations and are subject to various reporting and anti-money laundering regulations. Any violation of anti-money laundering laws or regulations by any of our properties could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

A lack of confidence in the integrity of our core businesses could affect our ability to retain our customers and engage with new customers

The integrity of the horseracing, gaming and pari-mutuel wagering industries must be perceived as fair to patrons and the public at large. To prevent cheating or erroneous payouts, the necessary oversight processes must be in place to ensure that such activities cannot be manipulated. A loss of confidence in the fairness of our industries could significantly lower attendance, amounts wagered and reduce revenues.

## Risks Related to Our Racing Business

Our racing operations are highly regulated, and changes in the regulatory environment could adversely affect our business

Our racing business is subject to extensive state and local regulation, and we depend on continued state approval of legalized gaming in states where we operate. Our wagering and racing facilities must meet the licensing requirements of various regulatory authorities, including authorities in Kentucky, Illinois, Louisiana and Florida. To date, we have obtained all governmental licenses, registrations, permits and approvals necessary for the operation of our racetracks. However, we may be unable to maintain our existing licenses. The failure to attain, loss of or material change in our racing business licenses, registrations, permits or approvals may materially limit the number of races we conduct, and could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition to licensing requirements, state regulatory authorities can have a significant impact on the operation of our business. For example, in Illinois the IRB has the authority to designate racetracks as "host track" for the purpose of receiving host track revenues generated during periods when no racetrack is conducting live races. Racetracks that are designated as "host track" obtain and distribute out of state simulcast signals for the State of Illinois. Under Illinois law, the "host track" is entitled to a larger portion of commissions on the related pari-mutuel wagering. Should Arlington cease to be a "host track" during this period, the loss of hosting revenues could have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, Arlington is statutorily entitled to recapture as revenues monies that are otherwise payable to Arlington's purse account. These statutorily or regulatory established revenue sources are subject to change every legislative session, and their reduction or elimination could have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We are also subject to a variety of other rules and regulations, including zoning, environmental, construction and land-use laws and regulations governing the serving of alcoholic beverages. If we are not in compliance with these laws, it could have a material, adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Economic trends specific to the horse racing industry are unfavorable

Horseracing and related activities, as well as the gaming services we provide, are similar to other leisure activities in that they represent discretionary expenditures likely to decline during economic downturns. In some cases, even the perception of an impending economic downturn or the continuation of a recessionary climate can be enough to discourage consumers from spending on leisure activities. These economic trends can impact the financial viability of other industry constituents, making collection of amounts owed to us uncertain. For example, during the year ended December 31, 2010, we recognized \$1.1 million of bad debt expense, net of purses, resulting from the bankruptcy filing of New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation. We will continue to closely monitor participants' operational viability within the industry and any related collection issues which could potentially have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

# Our racing business faces significant competition, and we expect competition levels to increase

All of our racetracks face competition from a variety of sources, including spectator sports and other entertainment and gaming options. Competitive gaming activities include traditional and Native American casinos, video lottery terminals, state-sponsored lotteries and other forms of legalized and non-legalized gaming in the U.S. and other jurisdictions, and we expect the number of competitors to increase. See subheading "K. Competition" in Item 1. "Business" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion of racing industry competition.

All of our racetracks face competition in the simulcast market. Approximately 41,280 thoroughbred horse races are conducted annually in the United States. Of these races, we host approximately 3,030 races each year, or about 7.3% of the total. As a content provider, we compete for wagering dollars in the simulcast market with other racetracks conducting races at or near the same times as our races. As a racetrack operator, we also compete with other racetracks running live meets at or near the same time as our horse races. In recent years, this competition has increased as more states have allowed additional, automated gaming activities, such as slot machines, at racetracks with mandatory purse contributions.

Competition from web-based businesses presents additional challenges for our racing business. Unlike most online and web-based gaming companies, our racetracks require significant and ongoing capital expenditures for both their continued operations and expansion. Our racing business also faces significantly greater costs in operating our racing business compared to costs borne by these gaming companies. Our racing business cannot offer the same number of gaming options as online and Internet-

based gaming companies. Many online and web-based gaming companies are based off-shore and avoid regulation under U.S. state and federal laws. These companies may divert wagering dollars from pari-mutuel wagering venues, such as our racetracks. Our inability to compete successfully with these competitors could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## The popularity of horse racing is declining

There has been a general decline in the number of people attending and wagering on live horse races at North American racetracks due to a number of factors, including increased competition from other wagering and entertainment alternatives as discussed above. According to industry sources, pari-mutuel handle declined 27% from 2007 to 2011 and has been relatively stable since experiencing a cumulative decline of approximately 2% between 2011 and 2014. We believe lower interest in racing may have a negative impact on revenues and profitability in our racing business, as well as our ADW business, which is dependent on racing content provided by our racing business and other track operators. Our business plan anticipates that we will attract new customers to our racetracks, OTBs and ADW operations. A continued decrease in attendance at live events and in on-track wagering, or a continued generalized decline in interest in racing, could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# Our racing business is geographically concentrated and experiences significant seasonal fluctuations in operating results

We conduct our racing business at three racetracks: Churchill Downs, Fair Grounds and Arlington. A significant portion of our racing revenues are generated by two events, the Kentucky Derby and the Kentucky Oaks. If a business interruption were to occur and continue for a significant length of time at any of our racetracks, particularly one occurring at Churchill Downs at a time that would affect the Kentucky Derby or Kentucky Oaks, it could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, we experience significant fluctuations in quarterly and annual operating results due to seasonality and other factors. We have a limited number of live racing days at our racetracks, and the number of live racing days varies from year to year. The number of live racing days we are able to offer directly affects our results of operations. A significant decrease in the number of live racing days and/or live races offered during our Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks week could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## We may not be able to attract a sufficient number of horses and trainers to achieve full field horseraces

We believe that patrons prefer to wager on races with a large number of horses, commonly referred to as full fields. A failure to offer races with full fields results in less wagering on our horseraces. Our ability to attract full fields depends on several factors. It depends on our ability to offer and fund competitive purses and it also depends on the overall horse population available for racing. Various factors have led to declines in the horse population in certain areas of the country, including competition from racetracks in other areas, increased costs and changing economic returns for owners and breeders, and the spread of various debilitating and contagious equine diseases such as the neurologic form of Equine Herpes Virus-I and Strangles. If any of our racetracks is faced with a sustained outbreak of a contagious equine disease, it would have a material impact on our profitability. Finally, if we are unable to attract horse owners to stable and race their horses at our racetracks by offering a competitive environment, including improved facilities, well-maintained racetracks, better conditions for backstretch personnel involved in the care and training of horses stabled at our racetracks and a competitive purse structure, our profitability could also decrease.

We also face increased competition for horses and trainers from racetracks that are licensed to operate slot machines and other electronic gaming machines that provide these racetracks an advantage in generating new additional revenues for race purses and capital improvements. For example, Churchill Downs and Arlington are experiencing heightened competition from racinos in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Delaware and West Virginia whose purses are supplemented by gaming revenues. The opening of the Genting New York Resort at Aqueduct racetrack has enhanced the purse structure at New York racetracks as compared to historical levels. Ohio has authorized four land-based casinos by voter referendum and video lottery terminals at seven Ohio racetracks through executive order. Our failure to attract full fields could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# Inclement weather and other conditions may affect our ability to conduct live racing

Since horseracing is conducted outdoors, unfavorable weather conditions, including extremely high and low temperatures, high winds, storms, tornadoes and hurricanes, could cause events to be canceled and/or attendance to be lower, resulting in reduced wagering. Our operations are subject to reduced patronage, disruptions or complete cessation of operations due to weather conditions, natural disasters and other casualties. If a business interruption were to occur due to inclement weather and continue for a significant length of time at any of our racetracks, it could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We depend on agreements with industry constituents including horsemen and other racetracks

The IHA, as well as various state racing laws, require that we have written agreements with the horsemen at our racetracks in order to simulcast races, and, in some cases, conduct live racing. Certain industry groups negotiate these agreements on behalf of the horsemen (the "Horsemen's Groups"). These agreements provide that we must receive the consent of the Horsemen's Groups at the racetrack conducting live races before we may allow third parties to accept wagers on those races. In addition, the agreements between other racetracks and their Horsemen's Groups typically provide that those racetracks must receive consent from the Horsemen's Groups before we can accept wagers on their races. For example, from time to time, the Thoroughbred Owners of California, the Horsemen's Group representing horsemen in California, the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, Inc. (the "FHBPA") which represents horsemen in Florida and the Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association ("KHBPA") have withheld their consent to send or receive racing signals among racetracks. Further, the IHA and various state laws require that we have written agreements with Horsemen's Groups at our racetracks in order to simulcast races on an export basis. In addition, our simulcasting agreements are generally subject to the consent of these Horsemen's Groups. Failure to receive the consent of these Horsemen's Groups for new and renewing simulcast agreements could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We also have written agreements with the Horsemen's Groups with regards to the proceeds of gaming machines in Louisiana and Florida. Florida law requires Calder Casino to have an agreement with the FHBPA governing the contribution of a portion of revenues from slot machine gaming to purses on live thoroughbred races conducted at Calder and an agreement with the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association (the "FTBOA") governing the contribution of a portion of revenues from slot machines gaming to breeders', stallion, and special racing awards on live thoroughbred races conducted at Calder before Calder can receive a license to conduct slot machine gaming.

It is not certain that we will be able to maintain agreements with, or to obtain required consent from, Horsemen's Groups. We currently negotiate formal agreements with the applicable Horsemen's Groups at our racetracks on an annual basis. The failure to maintain agreements with, or obtain consents from, our horsemen on satisfactory terms or the refusal by a Horsemen's Group to consent to third parties accepting wagers on our races or our accepting wagers on third parties' races could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, we have agreements with other racetracks for the distribution of racing content through both the import of other racetracks' signals for wagering at our properties and the export of our racing signal for wagering at other racetracks' facilities. From time to time, we are unable to reach agreements on terms acceptable to us. As a result, we may be unable to distribute our racing content to other locations or to receive other racetracks' racing content for wagering at our racetracks. The inability to distribute our racing content could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## Horse racing is an inherently dangerous sport and our racetracks are subject to personal injury litigation

Although we carry jockey accident insurance at each of our racetracks to cover personal jockey injuries which may occur during races or daily workouts, there are certain exclusions to our insurance coverage, and we are still subject to litigation from injured participants. We renew our insurance policies on an annual basis. The cost of coverage may become so high that we may need to further reduce our policy limits or agree to certain exclusions from our coverage. Our results may be affected by the outcome of litigation, as this litigation could be costly and time consuming and could divert our management and key personnel from our business operations.

# Ownership and development of real estate requires significant expenditures and is subject to risk

Our racing operations require us to own extensive real estate holdings. All real estate investments are subject to risks including: general economic conditions, such as the availability and cost of financing; local and national real estate conditions, such as an oversupply of residential, office, retail or warehousing space, or a reduction in demand for real estate in the area; governmental regulation, including taxation of property and environmental legislation; and the attractiveness of properties to potential purchasers or tenants. The real estate industry is also capital intensive and sensitive to interest rates. Further, significant expenditures, including property taxes, mortgage payments, maintenance costs, insurance costs and related charges, must be made throughout the period of ownership of real property, which expenditures negatively impact our operating results.

In addition, we are subject to a variety of federal, state and local governmental laws and regulations relating to the use, storage, discharge, emission and disposal of hazardous materials. Environmental laws and regulations could hold us responsible for the cost of cleaning up hazardous materials contaminating real property that we own or operate (or previously owned or operated) or properties at which we have disposed of hazardous materials, even if we did not cause the contamination. If we fail to comply with environmental laws or if contamination is discovered, a court or government agency could impose severe penalties or restrictions on our operations or assess us with the costs of taking remedial actions.

## Our business depends on utilizing and providing totalisator services

Our customers utilize information provided by United Tote and other totalisator companies that accumulates wagers, records sales, calculates payoffs and displays wagering data in a secure manner to patrons who wager on our horseraces. The failure to

keep technology current could limit our ability to serve patrons effectively, limit our ability to develop new forms of wagering and/or affect the security of the wagering process, thus affecting patron confidence in our product. A perceived lack of integrity in the wagering systems could result in a decline in bettor confidence and could lead to a decline in the amount wagered on horseracing. In addition, a totalisator system failure could cause a considerable loss of revenue if betting machines are unavailable for a significant period of time or during an event with high betting volume.

United Tote also has licenses and contracts to provide totalisator services to a significant number of racetracks, OTBs and other pari-mutuel wagering businesses. Its totalisator systems provide wagering data to the industry in a secure manner. Errors by United Tote technology or personnel may subject us to liabilities, including financial penalties under our totalisator service contracts, which could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Risks Related to Our Casino Business

Our gaming business is highly regulated and changes in the regulatory environment could adversely affect our business

Our gaming operations exist at the discretion of the states where we conduct business, and are subject to extensive state and local regulation. Like all gaming operators in the jurisdictions in which we operate, we must periodically apply to renew our gaming licenses or registrations and have the suitability of certain of our directors, officers and employees approved. While we have obtained all governmental licenses, registrations, permits and approvals necessary for the operation of our gaming facilities, we cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain such renewals or approvals, or that we will be able to obtain future approvals that would allow us to continue to operate or to expand our gaming operations.

Regulatory authorities also have input into important aspects of our operations, including hours of operation, location or relocation of a facility, numbers and types of machines and loss limits. Regulators may also levy substantial fines against or seize our assets or the assets of our subsidiaries or the people involved in violating gaming laws or regulations. Any of these events could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. The high degree of regulation in the gaming industry is a significant obstacle to our growth strategy.

Our gaming business faces significant competition, and we expect competition levels to increase

Our gaming operations operate in a highly competitive industry with a large number of participants, some of which have financial and other resources that are greater than our resources. The gaming industry faces competition from a variety of sources for discretionary consumer spending including spectator sports and other entertainment and gaming options. Our gaming operations also face competition from Native American casinos, video lottery terminals, state-sponsored lotteries and other forms of legalized gaming in the U.S. and other jurisdictions. We do not enjoy the same access to the gaming public or possess the advertising resources that are available to state-sponsored lotteries or other competitors, which may adversely affect our ability to compete effectively with them. Additionally, web-based interactive gaming and wagering is growing rapidly and affecting competition in our industry as federal regulations on web-based activities are clarified. We anticipate that competition will continue to grow in the web-based interactive gaming and wagering channels because of ease of entry. In addition, Florida legislators continue to debate the expansion of Florida gaming to include Las Vegas-style destination resort casinos. Such casinos may be subject to taxation rates lower than the current gaming taxation structure. Should such legislation be enacted, it could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. See subheading "K. Competition" in Item 1. "Business" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion of gaming industry competition.

## Our gaming business is geographically concentrated

We conduct our gaming business at six principal locations: Oxford in Oxford, Maine, Riverwalk in Vicksburg, Mississippi, Harlow's in Greenville, Mississippi, Calder Casino in Miami Gardens, Florida, Fair Grounds Slots in New Orleans, Louisiana, and at our joint venture, Miami Valley Gaming and Racing in Lebanon, Ohio. We also operate video poker machines throughout Louisiana through our subsidiary, VSI. If a business interruption were to occur and continue for a significant length of time at any of our principal gaming operations, or if economic or regulatory conditions were to become unfavorable in one or more of the regions in which they operate, it could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The development of new gaming venues and the expansion of existing facilities is costly and susceptible to delays, cost overruns and other uncertainties

The Company may decide to develop, construct and open hotels, casinos or other gaming venues in response to opportunities that may arise. Future development projects and acquisitions may require significant capital commitments, the incurrence of additional debt, the incurrence of contingent liabilities and an increase in amortization expense related to intangible assets, which could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The concentration and evolution of the slot machine manufacturing industry or other technological conditions could impose additional costs on us

The majority of our gaming revenues are attributable to slot and video poker machines operated by us at our casinos and wagering facilities. It is important for competitive reasons that we offer the most popular and up-to-date machine games with the latest technology to our guests. In recent years, the prices of new machines have escalated faster than the rate of inflation. In recent years, for example, slot machine manufacturers have frequently refused to sell slot machines featuring the most popular games, instead requiring participating lease arrangements in order to acquire the machines. Participation slot machine leasing arrangements typically require the payment of a fixed daily rental. Such agreements may also include a percentage payment of coin-in or net win. Generally, a participating lease is substantially more expensive over the long term than the cost to purchase a new machine. For competitive reasons, we may be forced to purchase new slot machines or enter into participating lease arrangements that are more expensive than the costs associated with the continued operation of our existing slot machines.

We materially rely on a variety of hardware and software products to maximize revenue and efficiency in our operations. Technology in the gaming industry is developing rapidly, and we may need to invest substantial amounts to acquire the most current gaming and hotel technology and equipment in order to remain competitive in the markets in which we operate. We rely on a limited number of vendors to provide video poker and slot machines and any loss of our equipment suppliers could impact our operations. Ensuring the successful implementation and maintenance of any new technology acquired is an additional risk.

# Risks Related to Our TwinSpires Business

Our ADW business is highly regulated and changes in the regulatory environment could adversely affect our business

TwinSpires, our ADW business, accepts advance deposit wagers from customers of certain states who set up and fund an account from which they may place wagers via telephone, mobile device or through the Internet at TwinSpires.com. The ADW business is heavily regulated, and laws governing advance deposit wagering vary from state to state. Some states have expressly authorized advance deposit wagering by their own residents, some states have expressly prohibited pari-mutuel wagering and/or advance deposit wagering and other states have expressly authorized pari-mutuel wagering but have neither expressly authorized nor expressly prohibited their residents from placing wagers through advance deposit wagering hubs located in different states. We believe that an ADW business may open accounts on behalf of and accept wagering instructions from residents of states where pari-mutuel wagering is legal and where providing wagering instructions to ADW businesses in other states is not expressly prohibited by statute, regulations, or other governmental restrictions. However, state attorneys general, regulators, and other law enforcement officials may interpret state gaming laws, federal statutes, constitutional principles, and doctrines, and the related regulations in a different manner than we do. In the past, certain state attorneys general and other law enforcement officials have expressed concern over the legality of interstate advance deposit wagering.

Our expansion opportunities with respect to advance deposit wagering may be limited unless more states amend their laws or regulations to permit advance deposit wagering. Conversely, if states take affirmative action to make advance deposit wagering expressly unlawful, this could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. For example, previously existing ADW regulations in Illinois expired on December 31, 2012, and we ceased accepting wagers from Illinois residents in January 2013 until June 2013, when Illinois ADW regulations were extended. Furthermore, we ceased accepting wagers from Texas residents in September 2013, due to the enforcement of an existing Texas law prohibiting ADW wagering. In addition, the regulatory and legislative processes can be lengthy, costly and uncertain. We may not be successful in lobbying state legislatures or regulatory bodies to obtain or renew required legislation, licenses, registrations, permits and approvals necessary to facilitate the operation or expansion of our ADW business. From time to time, the United States Congress has considered legislation that would either inhibit or restrict Internet gambling in general or inhibit or restrict the use of certain financial instruments, including credit cards, to provide funds for advance deposit wagering.

Furthermore, many states have considered and are considering interactive and Internet gaming legislation and regulations, which may inhibit our ability to do business in such states. Anti-gaming conclusions and recommendations of other governmental or quasi-governmental bodies could form the basis for new laws, regulations, and enforcement policies that could have a material, adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. The extensive regulation by both state and federal authorities of gaming activities also can be significantly affected by changes in the political climate and changes in economic and regulatory policies. Such effects could have a material, adverse impact to the success of our advance deposit wagering operations.

Our ADW business is subject to a variety of U.S. and foreign laws, many of which are unsettled and still developing and which could subject us to claims or otherwise harm our business

We are subject to a variety of laws in the United States and abroad, including laws regarding gaming, consumer protection and intellectual property that are continuously evolving and developing. The scope and interpretation of the laws that are or may be applicable to us are often uncertain and may be conflicting. For example, laws relating to the liability of providers of online

services for activities of their users and other third parties are currently being tested by a number of claims, including actions based on invasion of privacy and other torts, unfair competition, copyright and trademark infringement, and other theories. It is also likely that as our business grows and evolves we will become subject to laws and regulations in additional jurisdictions.

If we are not able to comply with these laws or regulations or if we become liable under these laws or regulations, we could be directly harmed, and we may be forced to implement new measures to reduce our exposure to this liability. This may require us to expend substantial resources or to modify our online services, which could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, the increased attention focused upon liability issues as a result of lawsuits and legislative proposals could harm our reputation or otherwise impact the growth of our business.

It is possible that a number of laws and regulations may be adopted or construed to apply to us in the United States and elsewhere that could restrict the online and mobile industries, including player privacy, advertising, taxation, content suitability, copyright, distribution and antitrust. Furthermore, the growth and development of electronic commerce and virtual goods may prompt calls for more stringent consumer protection laws that may impose additional burdens on companies such as ours conducting business through the Internet and mobile devices. We anticipate that scrutiny and regulation of our industry will increase and we will be required to devote legal and other resources to addressing such regulation. If that were to occur, we may be required to seek licenses, authorizations or approvals from relevant regulators, the granting of which may be dependent on us meeting certain capital and other requirements and we may be subject to additional regulation and oversight, all of which could significantly increase our operating costs. Changes in current laws or regulations or the imposition of new laws and regulations in the United States or elsewhere regarding these activities may lessen the growth of online gaming and impair our business.

## Our ADW business faces strong competition, and we expect competition levels to increase

Our ADW business is sensitive to changes and improvements to technology and new products and faces strong competition from other web-based interactive gaming and wagering businesses. Our ability to develop, implement and react to new technology and products for our ADW business is a key factor in our ability to compete with other ADW businesses. In addition, we face competition from a new wagering product called exchange wagering, a variation of pari-mutuel wagering in which bettors wager directly against one another, establishing their own odds on a horserace. Both California and New Jersey legislatures have approved exchange wagering. Some of our competitors may have greater resources than we do. In addition, we believe that new competitors may enter the ADW business with relative ease because of the low cost of entry. As a result, we anticipate increased competition in our ADW business. It is difficult to predict the impact of increased competition on our ADW business. See subheading "K. Competition" in Item 1. "Business" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion of ADW industry competition.

# A clarification on the impact of the Federal Wire Act of 1961 on Internet gaming could increase competition

During 2011, the U.S. Department of Justice clarified its position on the Wire Act of 1961 (the "Wire Act"), which had historically been interpreted to outlaw all forms of gambling across states lines. The department's Office of Legal Counsel determined that the Wire Act applied only to a sporting event or contest, but did not apply to other forms of Internet gambling, including online betting unrelated to sporting events. The Justice Department indicated that many forms of online gambling could become legal under federal law, which could include legalized poker and generalized gaming including state lottery wagering. As a result, we anticipate increased competition to our ADW business from various other forms of online gaming. It is difficult to predict the level of increased competition and the impact of increased competition on our ADW business.

# Our inability to retain our core customer base or our failure to attract new customers could harm our business

We utilize technology and marketing relationships to retain current customers and attract new customers. If we are unable to retain our core customer base through robust content offerings and other popular features, if we lose customers to our competitors, or if we fail to attract new customers, our businesses would fail to grow or would be adversely affected.

# Risks Related to Big Fish Games

# We operate in an evolving and highly competitive market segment

The market segments in which we operate are highly competitive and the barriers to entry are low. The business of developing, distributing and marketing downloadable and mobile games is characterized by frequent product introductions and rapidly emerging platforms and technologies. We compete with other game developers and content providers for the leisure time, attention, and discretionary spending of our players based on a number of factors, including game design, brand and consumer reviews, quality of gameplay experience and access to distribution channels. We also compete with other content providers to acquire rights to game properties developed or licensed by third parties, including with respect to royalty and other economic terms, porting and localization abilities, speed of execution and distribution capabilities and breadth.

Many of our primary competitors have dedicated greater financial, marketing and other resources to the development, distribution and promotion of their games. In addition, given the open nature of the development process and relatively low barriers to entry,

we are also faced with competition from a vast number of small, independent developers that have access to the same third party platforms as we do to market and distribute their titles.

The competitive landscape is further complicated by frequent shifts and advancements in free-to-play games for smartphones, tablets and other next-generation platforms. Free-to-play games are games that a player can download and play for free, but which allow players to access a variety of additional content and features for a fee and to engage with various advertisements and in-game offers that generate revenue for us. Our efforts to develop free-to-play games may prove unsuccessful or, even if successful, may take more time than we anticipate to achieve significant revenues because, among other reasons:

- free-to-play games have a relatively limited history, and it is unclear how popular this style of game will become or remain, or its future revenue potential;
- our free-to-play strategy assumes that a large number of players will download our games because they are free, and
  that we will then be able to effectively monetize the games. However, players may not widely download our games
  for a variety of reasons, including poor consumer reviews or other negative publicity, ineffective or insufficient
  marketing efforts, lack of sufficient community features, lack of prominent featuring on the platforms where they are
  marketed, or our inability to add or update engaging content on a relatively frequent basis;
- even if our free-to-play games are widely downloaded, a significant portion of the revenues generated from these titles
  are derived from a relatively small concentration of players and we may fail to retain these or other users, or optimize
  the monetization of these games, for a variety of reasons, including game design or quality, lack of community features,
  or adequate customer support, gameplay issues such as game unavailability, long load times or an unexpected
  termination of the game due to data server or other technical issues, our inability to add or updated engaging content
  on a relatively frequent basis, or our failure to effectively respond and adapt to changing user preferences through
  game updates;
- the billing and other capabilities of some smartphones and tablets are currently not optimized to enable users to purchase games or make in-app purchases, which may make it difficult for users of these devices to purchase our games or make in-app purchases, and could reduce our addressable customer base, at least in the short term; and
- the Federal Trade Commission has indicated that it intends to review issues related to in-app purchases, particularly
  with respect to games that are marketed primarily to minors, and the Commission might issue rules significantly
  restricting or even prohibiting in-app purchases.

We derive material revenues from distribution of our titles through third party mobile platforms, and if we are unable to maintain relationships with the owners of these platforms or if our access to these platforms was limited or unavailable for any prolonged period of time, our business could be adversely affected

If we are unable to maintain good relationships with third party mobile platform providers, such as Apple and Google, or our access to these platforms was limited or suspended based on any change in terms or policies that made the continued distribution of our titles on these platforms unfeasible or less profitable, or that required us to spend significantly more on marketing campaigns or other means to enhance the discoverability of our titles on these platforms, our business, operating results and financial condition could be harmed.

Our ability to transact business through these platforms is subject to our compliance with their standard terms and conditions, which may be unilaterally amended at any time. For example, the owners of these platforms set the revenue share they are entitled to receive, and may change that without input from or advance notice to us. In addition, the standard terms and conditions of these platforms may impose restrictions on the types of content they will allow to be sold, the ways in which the content is offered and promoted, and the process and timing of accepting content for distribution. Such restrictions could impair our ability to successfully market and sell our mobile games. Furthermore, if any of the providers of these platforms determines that we are in violation of their standard terms and conditions, we may be prohibited from distributing our titles through these platforms, which could harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

We also rely on the ongoing availability of these platforms. If they experience prolonged periods of unavailability, it could have a material impact on our ability to generate revenue through these platforms, and our business and operating results could be harmed. In addition, if these platforms fail to provide adequate levels of service, our customers' ability to access our games may be impacted, or customers may not receive any virtual items for which they have paid, which may adversely affect our brand and consumer good will.

If we fail to develop and publish mobile games that achieve market acceptance, or continue to enhance our existing games, our revenues may suffer

Our business depends on developing and publishing free-to-play and premium paid casual and mobile games that consumers will download and spend time and money on consistently. We continue to invest significant resources in research and

development, analytics and marketing to introduce new games and update our existing titles. Our success depends, in part, on unpredictable factors beyond our control, including consumer preferences, competing games and other forms of entertainment, and the emergence of new platforms. If our games do not meet consumer expectations, or they are not brought to market in a timely and effective manner, our business, operating results and financial condition could be harmed. Furthermore, even if our games are successfully introduced and initially adopted, a failure to continue to update them with compelling content or any shift in the entertainment preferences of consumers could materially impact our operating results.

If the use of smartphones and tablet devices to facilitate game platforms generally does not increase, our business could be adversely affected

While the number of people using mobile devices, such as smartphones and tablet devices, has increased dramatically in the past few years, the mobile market, particularly the market for mobile games, is still emerging and it may not grow as rapidly or robustly as we anticipate. Our future success is partially dependent upon the continued growth and application of mobile devices for games. In addition, new and emerging technologies could make the mobile devices on which some of our games are currently released obsolete, requiring us to transition our business model to develop games for other next-generation platforms.

If we are unable to secure new or ongoing content from third party development partners on favorable terms, or at all, our business could be adversely affected

In addition to the games we develop internally, we acquire or license games, including some of our most successful games, from third party development partners located around the world. Our success depends in part on our ability to attract and retain talented and reliable development partners to source new content and update existing content. Our agreements with these development partners are in some instances not exclusive to us and will expire at various times. If we are unable to renew these agreements on terms favorable to us or at all, or if our development partners enter into similar agreements with our competitors or choose to publish their own titles, our business, operating results and financial condition could be harmed.

In addition, certain of our development partners are located in geographic regions of the world that continue to experience military and insurgency conflict, and political turmoil and unrest. Any of these factors could impact the ability of these development partners to create and deliver content to us in a timely fashion or at all, and could restrict or prohibit our ability to remit payments to these development partners. If we are unable to deliver compelling content to our customers or update existing content based on these occurrences, our ongoing business, operating results and financial condition could be harmed.

If our games contain programming errors or flaws, if a significant number of customers experience technical difficulties downloading or launching our games, or if we fail to continue to provide our customers with a high-quality customer experience, it could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition, and impair our ability to successfully execute our business strategy.

A critical component of our strategy is providing a high-quality customer experience to our customers. Our games may contain errors, bugs, flaws or corrupted data, and these defects may only become apparent after their launch, particularly as we launch new games under tight time constraints. Porting games to new devices or languages may also result in the creation of errors that did not exist in the game as originally released. In addition, our customers may experience technical difficulties downloading and launching our games due to the effects of third-party software on their computers, which we do not control. We cannot provide assurances that our customer service team can resolve these types of technical difficulties, and if a significant number of our customers cannot download or launch our games, it would harm our business, results of operations and financial condition. We believe that if our customers have a negative experience with our games, they may be less inclined to continue or resume playing our games or recommend our games to other potential customers. Undetected programming errors, game defects, data corruption and issues with third-party software can disrupt our operations, adversely affect the game experience of our customers, harm our reputation, cause our customers to stop playing our games and divert our resources, any of which could result in legal liability to us or harm our reputation, business, results of operations and financial condition.

We may be unable to adequately protect our intellectual property, which could harm the value of our brand and our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our business is based upon the creation, acquisition, use and protection of intellectual property. Some of this intellectual property is in the form of software code, patented and other technologies and trade secrets that we use to develop and market our games. Other intellectual property that we create includes audio-visual elements, such as graphics, music and storylines. We rely on trademark, copyright and patent law, trade secret protection and contracts to protect our intellectual property rights. If we are not successful in protecting these rights, the value of our brand and our business, results of operations and financial condition could be harmed.

While we believe that our issued patents or pending patent applications help to protect our business, we cannot assure you that our products, services or operations do not, or will not, infringe valid, enforceable patents of third parties, or that competitors will not devise new methods of competing with us that are not covered by our patents or patent applications. In addition, we

cannot assure you that our patent applications will be approved, that any patents issued will adequately protect our intellectual property or ongoing business strategies, or that such patents will not be challenged by third parties or found to be invalid or unenforceable. Moreover, we rely on intellectual property and technology developed by or licensed from third parties, and we may not be able to obtain licenses and technologies from these third parties on reasonable terms or at all.

Effective trademark, service mark, copyright and trade secret protection may not be available in every country in which our games and other products and services may be provided. The laws of certain countries do not protect proprietary rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States and, therefore in certain jurisdictions, we may be unable to protect our intellectual property and proprietary technologies adequately against unauthorized copying or use, which could harm our competitive position. We have licensed in the past, and expect to license in the future, certain of our proprietary rights, such as trademarks or copyrighted material, to third parties. These licensees may take actions that could diminish the value of our proprietary rights or harm our reputation, even if we have agreements prohibiting such activity. To the extent third parties are obligated to indemnify us for breaches of our intellectual property rights, these third parties may be unable to meet these obligations. Any of these events could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We depend on key and highly skilled personnel to operate our business, and if we are unable to retain our current personnel or hire additional personnel, our ability to develop and successfully grow our business could be harmed

We believe that our success depends in part on our highly-skilled employee base, and our ability to hire, develop, motivate and retain highly qualified and skilled employees throughout our organization. This includes software developers and engineers, IT staff, game designers and producers, marketing specialists, analytics professionals, and customer service staff. If we do not successfully hire, develop, motivate and retain highly qualified and skilled employees, it is likely that we could experience significant disruptions in our operations and our ability to develop and successfully grow our business could be impaired, which could harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

Competition for the type of talent we seek to hire is increasingly intense in the geographic areas in which we operate. As a result, we may incur significant costs to attract and retain highly-skilled employees. We may be unable to attract and retain the personnel necessary to sustain our business or support future growth.

All of our officers and other employees in the United States are at-will employees, which means they may terminate their employment relationship with us at any time, and their knowledge of our business and industry would be difficult to replace. In addition, the loss of any key employees or the inability to attract or retain qualified personnel could delay the development and distribution of, and impair our ability to sell, our games and other products and services, harm our reputation and impair our ability to execute our business plans.

"Cheating" programs, scam offers, black-markets and other actions by third parties that seek to exploit our games and our players may affect our reputation and harm our operating results

Third parties have developed, and may continue to develop, "cheating" programs, scam offers, black-markets and other offerings that could decrease the revenues we generate from our virtual economies, divert our players from our games or otherwise harm us. Cheating programs enable players to exploit vulnerabilities in our games to obtain virtual currency or other items that would otherwise generate in-app purchases for us, play the games in automated ways or obtain unfair advantages over other players. In addition, third parties may attempt to scam our players with fake offers for virtual goods or other game benefits. We devote significant resources to discover and disable these programs and activities, but if we are unable to do so quickly or effectively, it could damage our reputation and impact our business and results of operations.

# ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

# ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

On October 19, 2011, the Company entered into a ten-year lease agreement for approximately 37,000 square feet of office space in Louisville, Kentucky and occupied the property during the second quarter of 2012. The space serves as the Company's corporate headquarters. Other significant rental agreements for administrative facilities include leases by Big Fish Games and TwinSpires for office space in Seattle, Washington; Oakland and Mountain View, California and Luxembourg totaling approximately 177,000 square feet.

Additional information concerning property owned by us required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information contained in the subheadings "C. Racing," "D. Simulcasting," "F. Casinos" and "G. Big Fish Fames" in Item 1. "Business" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Our real and personal property (but not including the property of UT Canada, Bluff, Velocity, MVG, NASRIN or Kentucky Downs) is encumbered by liens securing our \$500 million Senior Secured Credit Facility. The shares of stock of and ownership interests in certain of our subsidiaries are also pledged to secure this debt facility.

The Kentucky Derby Museum is located on property that is adjacent to, but not owned by, Churchill Downs. The Museum is owned and operated by the Kentucky Derby Museum Corporation, a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

## ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company records an accrual for legal contingencies to the extent that it concludes that it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Except as disclosed below, no estimate of the possible loss or range of loss in excess of amounts accrued, if any, can be made at this time regarding the matters specifically described below. We do not believe that the final outcome of these matters will have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### LOUISIANA HORSEMENS' PURSES

On April 21, 2014, John L. Soileau and other individuals filed a Petition for Declaratory Judgment, Permanent Injunction, and Damages - Class Action styled John L. Soileau, et. al. versus Churchill Downs Louisiana Horseracing, LLC, Churchill Downs Louisiana Video Poker Company, LLC (Suit No. 14-3873) in the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana. The petition defines the "alleged plaintiff class" as quarter-horse owners, trainers and jockeys that have won purses at the "Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots" facility in New Orleans, Louisiana since the first effective date of La. R.S. 27:438 and specifically since 2008. The petition alleges that Churchill Downs Louisiana Horseracing, L.L.C. and Churchill Downs Louisiana Video Poker Company, L.L.C. ("Fair Grounds") have collected certain monies through video draw poker devices that constitute monies earned for purse supplements and all of those supplemental purse monies have been paid to thoroughbred horsemen during Fair Grounds' live thoroughbred horse meets while La. R.S. 27:438 requires a portion of those supplemental purse monies to be paid to quarterhorse horsemen during Fair Grounds' live quarter-horse meets. The petition requests that the Court declare that Fair Grounds violated La. R.S. 27:438, issue a permanent and mandatory injunction ordering Fair Grounds to pay all future supplements due to the plaintiff class pursuant to La. R.S. 27:438, and to pay the plaintiff class such sums as it finds to reasonably represent the value of the sums due to the plaintiff class. On August 14, 2014, the plaintiffs filed an amendment to their petition naming the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association 1993, Inc. ("HBPA") as an additional defendant and alleging that HBPA is also liable to plaintiffs for the disputed purse funds. On October 9, 2014, HBPA and Fair Grounds filed exceptions to the suit, including an exception of primary jurisdiction seeking a referral to the Louisiana Racing Commission. By Judgment dated November 21, 2014, the District Court granted the exception of primary jurisdiction and referred the matter to the Louisiana Racing Commission. On January 26, 2015, the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals denied the plaintiffs' request for supervisory review of the Judgment. This matter is currently awaiting review by the Louisiana Racing Commission.

# ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

In October 2012, the Company filed a verified complaint for preliminary and permanent injunctive relief and for declaratory judgment (the "Complaint") against the Illinois Department of Revenue (the "Department"). The Company's complaint was filed in response to Notices of Deficiency issued by the Department on March 18, 2010, and September 6, 2012. In response to said Notices of Deficiency, the Company, on October 4, 2012, issued a payment in protest in the amount of \$2.9 million (the "Protest Payment") under the State Officers and Employees Money Disposition Act and recorded this amount in other assets. The Company subsequently filed its complaint in November 2012 alleging that the Department erroneously included handle, instead of the Company's commissions from handle, in the computation of the Company's sales factor (a computation of the Company's gross receipts from wagering within the State of Illinois) for determining the applicable tax owed. On October 30, 2012, the Company's Motion for Preliminary Injunctive Relief was granted, which prevents the Department from depositing any monies from the Protest Payment into the State of Illinois General Fund and from taking any further action against the Company until the Circuit Court takes final action on the Company's Complaint. If successful with its Complaint, the Company will be entitled to a full or partial refund of the Protest Payment from the Department. On December 3, 2014, the Company filed its Motion for Summary Judgment on all material aspects of its case. Also on December 3, 2014, the Department, by and through its counsel, the Illinois Attorney General, filed its Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. This matter remains pending before the Tax and Miscellaneous Remedies Section of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Oral arguments on the parties' Motions for Summary Judgment are scheduled for March 5, 2015.

# KENTUCKY DOWNS

On September 5, 2012, Kentucky Downs Management, Inc. ("KDMI") filed a petition for declaration of rights in Kentucky Circuit Court located in Simpson County, Kentucky styled Kentucky Downs Management Inc. v. Churchill Downs Incorporated (Civil Action No. 12-CI-330) (the "Simpson County Case") requesting a declaration that the Company does not have the right

to exercise its put right and require Kentucky Downs, LLC ("Kentucky Downs") and/or Kentucky Downs Partners, LLC ("KDP") to purchase the Company's ownership interest in Kentucky Downs. On September 18, 2012, the Company filed a complaint in Kentucky Circuit Court located in Jefferson County, Kentucky, styled Churchill Downs Incorporated v. Kentucky Downs, LLC; Kentucky Downs Partners, LLC; and Kentucky Downs Management Inc. (Civil Action No. 12-CI-04989) (the "Jefferson County Case") claiming that Kentucky Downs and KDP had breached the operating agreement for Kentucky Downs and requesting a declaration that the Company had validly exercised its put right and a judgment compelling Kentucky Downs and/or KDP to purchase the Company's ownership interest in Kentucky Downs pursuant to the terms of the applicable operating agreement. On October 9, 2012, the Company filed a motion to dismiss the Simpson County Case and Kentucky Downs, KDP and KDMI filed a motion to dismiss the Jefferson County Case. A hearing for the motion to dismiss in the Simpson County Case occurred November 30, 2012. At that hearing the Company's motion to dismiss the Simpson County Case was denied. Subsequently, Kentucky Downs, KDMI and KDP's motion to dismiss the Jefferson County Case was granted on January 23, 2013, due to the Simpson County Circuit Court's assertion of jurisdiction over the dispute. On May 16, 2013, Kentucky Downs, KDP and KDMI filed a Motion for Summary Judgment against the Company and Turfway Park, LLC. On September 19, 2013, the Company filed its response to the Motion for Summary Judgment. A hearing occurred before the Simpson County Circuit Court on September 23, 2013, on the Kentucky Downs, KDP and KDMI Motion for Summary Judgment. All parties appeared before the Simpson County Court and oral arguments were heard. On October 31, 2013, the Simpson County Court entered an Order Denying Petitioners' (Kentucky Downs Management Inc. et al.) Motion for Summary Judgment. The case will now move forward through discovery and to trial. No trial date has been set.

# TEXAS PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING

On September 21, 2012, the Company filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas styled Churchill Downs Incorporated; Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company d/b/a TwinSpires.com v. Chuck Trout, in his official capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Racing Commission; Gary P. Aber, Susan Combs, Ronald F. Ederer, Gloria Hicks, Michael F. Martin, Allan Polunsky, Robert Schmidt, John T. Steen III, Vicki Smith Weinberg, in their official capacity as members of the Texas Racing Commission (Case No. 1:12-cv-00880-LY) challenging the constitutionality of a Texas law requiring residents of Texas that desire to wager on horseraces to wager in person at a Texas race track. In addition to its complaint, on September 21, 2012, the Company filed a motion for preliminary injunction seeking to enjoin the state from taking any action to enforce the law in question. In response, on October 9, 2012, counsel for the state assured both the Company and the court that the state would not enforce the law in question against the Company without prior notice, at which time the court could then consider the motion for preliminary injunction. On April 15, 2013, both parties filed their opening briefs, and a trial was held on May 2, 2013. On September 23, 2013, the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas ruled against the Company and upheld the Texas law at issue. Subsequently, on September 25, 2013, the Company ceased taking wagers from Texas residents via TwinSpires.com and returned deposited funds to Texas residents. The Company filed a motion for an expedited hearing in the United States Court of Appeals, which was granted on October 17, 2013. The Texas Racing Commission, et. al., filed an appellate brief on December 13, 2013. The Company filed its brief in reply on December 30, 2013. Oral arguments were heard before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on February 4, 2014. On September 25, 2014, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit issued an unpublished opinion affirming the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas and its ruling in favor of the Texas Racing Commission.

There are no other material pending legal proceedings.

# 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

## Shareholders, Market Information and Dividends

Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol CHDN. As of February 16, 2015, there were approximately 3,205 shareholders of record.

The following table sets forth the high and low sale prices, as reported by the NASDAQ Global Market, and dividend declaration information for our common stock during the last two years:

		2014 - By	y Quarter		2013 - By	<b>Quarter</b>	
	1st	2nd	3rd 41	th 1st	2nd	3rd	4th
High Sale	\$ 96.74	\$ 92.58	\$ 99.25 \$10	5.53 \$ 70.73	\$ 86.38	\$ 89.81	\$ 90.77
Low Sale	\$ 85.07	\$ 83.71	\$ 85.65 \$ 9	0.83 \$ 63.61	\$ 68.26	\$ 78.95	\$ 82.42
Dividends per share:			\$	1.00			\$ 0.87

## Purchases of Company Common Stock

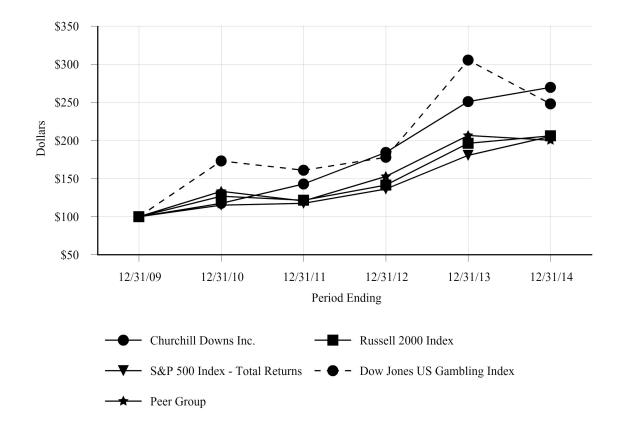
The following table provides information with respect to shares of common stock repurchased by the Company during the quarter ended December 31, 2014:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased (1)		erage Price d Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Per S Purch Part of Anno Pla	ge Price Share ased as Publicly ounced ns or grams	Do S N I und	pproximate llar Value of hares That May Yet Be Purchased ler the Plans r Programs
10/1/14-10/31/2014			_				\$	38,438,810
11/1/14-11/30/2014				_		_		_
12/1/14-12/31/2014	9,355 (1)	\$	95.30	_		_		_
Total	9,355	\$	95.30		\$		\$	38,438,810 (2)

- (1) Shares of common stock were repurchased from grants of restricted stock in payment of income taxes to satisfy income tax withholding obligations on the related compensation.
- (2) Maximum dollar amount of shares of common stock that may yet be repurchased under the Company's stock repurchase program.

# Shareholder Return Performance Graph

Set forth below is a line graph comparing the cumulative total return of our common stock, including reinvested dividends, against the cumulative total return of peer group indices, the S&P 500 Index and the Russell 2000 Index for the period of five fiscal years commencing December 31, 2009, and ending December 31, 2014. The peer group indices used by the Company include the Dow Jones US Gambling Index, which is a published industry peer index of companies engaged in the leisure and gaming industries, and an index of certain companies in our peer group ("Peer Group"), which is comprised of Penn National Gaming Inc., Boyd Gaming Corporation, Pinnacle Entertainment Inc., and Isle of Capri Casinos Inc. The broad equity market indices used by the Company are the Russell 2000 Index, which measures the performance of small and middle capitalization companies and the S&P 500 Index, which measures the performance of large capitalization companies. The graph and table depict the result of an investment on December 31, 2009, of \$100 in the Company, the Russell 2000 Index, the S&P 500 Index, the Dow Jones US Gambling Index and our Peer Group. Because we have historically paid dividends on an annual basis, the performance graph assumes that dividends were reinvested annually.



	12/3	31/2009	12/	31/2010	12/31/2011		12/31/2012		_12	/31/2013	12/31/2014		
Churchill Downs Inc.	\$	100.00	\$	117.51	\$	142.83	\$	184.21	\$	251.02	\$	269.60	
Russell 2000 Index	\$	100.00	\$	126.81	\$	121.52	\$	141.42	\$	196.32	\$	205.93	
S&P 500 Index - Total Returns	\$	100.00	\$	115.06	\$	117.49	\$	136.30	\$	180.44	\$	205.14	
Dow Jones US Gambling Index	\$	100.00	\$	173.11	\$	160.92	\$	177.84	\$	305.42	\$	247.97	
Peer Group	\$	100.00	\$	133.22	\$	120.54	\$	152.66	\$	206.52	\$	200.20	

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

	Years Ended December 31,											
(In thousands, except per common share data)		2014 <sup>(1)</sup>	2	2013(2)(3)	2	2012 <sup>(4) (5)</sup>	2011 <sup>(6)</sup>			010 <sup>(7) (8)</sup>		
Operations:												
Net revenues	\$	812,934	\$	779,325	\$	731,296	\$	696,854	\$	585,345		
Operating income	\$	90,393	\$	90,100	\$	96,550	\$	81,010	\$	31,566		
Earnings from continuing operations	\$	46,357	\$	55,033	\$	58,152	\$	60,795	\$	19,557		
Discontinued operations, net of income taxes:												
(Loss) gain from operations	\$	_	\$	(50)	\$	124	\$	(1)	\$	(5,827)		
(Loss) gain on sale of assets	\$	_	\$	(83)	\$	_	\$	3,561	\$	2,623		
Net earnings	\$	46,357	\$	54,900	\$	58,276	\$	64,355	\$	16,353		
Basic net earnings from continuing operations per common share	\$	2.67	\$	3.13	\$	3.38	\$	3.59	\$	1.27		
Basic net earnings per common share	\$	2.67	\$	3.12	\$	3.39	\$	3.80	\$	1.06		
Diluted net earnings from continuing operations per common share	\$	2.64	\$	3.07	\$	3.33	\$	3.55	\$	1.26		
Diluted net earnings per common share	\$	2.64	\$	3.06	\$	3.34	\$	3.76	\$	1.05		
Dividends paid per common share	\$	1.00	\$	0.87	\$	0.72	\$	0.60	\$	0.50		
Balance sheet data at period end:												
Total assets	\$2	2,360,274	\$1	,352,261	\$	1,114,337	\$	948,022	\$1	,017,719		
Working capital deficiency	\$	(92,292)	\$	(52,491)	\$	(259,506)	\$	(28,989)	\$	(18,556)		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$	11,250	\$	_	\$	209,728	\$	_	\$	_		
Long-term debt	\$	759,105	\$	369,191	\$	_	\$	127,563	\$	265,117		
Convertible note payable, related party	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	15,075		
Other Data:												
Shareholders' equity	\$	700,001	\$	704,789	\$	644,295	\$	584,030	\$	506,214		
Shareholders' equity per common share	\$	40.06	\$	39.27	\$	36.93	\$	34.00	\$	30.55		
Additions to property and equipment, exclusive of business acquisitions, net	\$	54,486	\$	48,771	\$	41,298	\$	22,667	\$	61,952		
Cash flow data at period end:												
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	141,619	\$	144,915	\$	144,098	\$	172,995	\$	59,857		
Maintenance-related capital expenditures	\$	22,733	\$	16,879	\$	17,158	\$	14,845	\$	14,709		
Free cash flow <sup>(9)</sup>	\$	118,886	\$	128,036	\$	126,940	\$	158,150	\$	45,148		

The selected financial data presented above is subject to the following information:

- On December 16, 2014, we completed the acquisition of Big Fish Games, whose results are presented in 2014 from the date of acquisition through December 31, 2014.
- (2) On July 17, 2013, we completed the acquisition of Oxford, whose results are presented in 2013 from the date of acquisition through December 31, 2013.
- (3) During 2013, we recognized \$4.5 million as miscellaneous other income for our final share of proceeds from the Horse Racing Equity Trust Fund ("HRE Trust Fund"). Furthermore, we recognized a gain of \$0.4 million from insurance recoveries, net of losses, related to losses sustained at Churchill Downs during 2012 from hail damage. Partially offsetting these items, we recognized an expense of \$2.5 million as the collectibility of a third-party deposit associated with an Internet gaming license was not deemed probable.
- (4) On October 23, 2012, we completed the acquisition of Riverwalk, whose results are presented in 2012 from the date of acquisition through December 31, 2012.
- (5) During 2012, we recognized a gain of \$7.0 million from insurance recoveries, net of losses, related to losses sustained at Harlow's during 2011 from wind and flood damage and at Churchill Downs during 2012 from hail damage.
- (6) During 2011, we recognized \$19.3 million as miscellaneous other income for our share of proceeds from the HRE Trust Fund. In addition, during 2011, we recognized \$2.7 million of miscellaneous other income and \$1.4 million of interest expense as a result of the conversion and the elimination of a short forward contract liability and long put option asset

- through the issuance of 452,603 shares of common stock associated with a convertible note payable. Finally, during 2011, we recognized a gain in discontinued operations of \$3.4 million, net of income taxes, as the final settlement of the contingent consideration provision associated with the sale of our ownership interest in Hoosier Park L.P. during 2007. In addition, we recognized an additional gain in discontinued operations of \$0.2 million, net of income taxes, on the sale of Hollywood Park related to the final expiration of an indemnity of certain contractual obligations related to the sale.
- (7) During 2010, Churchill Downs Entertainment Group ("CDE") ceased operations and recognized a loss from operations before income tax benefit of \$9.1 million (\$5.8 million, net of income taxes) in discontinued operations. In addition, during 2010, we recognized a gain of \$2.6 million, net of income taxes, on the sale of Hollywood Park, upon the partial expiration of an indemnity of certain contractual obligations related to the sale.
- (8) On December 16, 2010, we completed the acquisition of Harlow's, whose results are presented in 2010 from the date of acquisition through December 31, 2010.
- (9) Free cash flow, a non-GAAP financial measure, is defined as net cash provided by operating activities less maintenance-related (replacement) capital expenditures. Please refer to the subheading "Liquidity and Capital Resources" in Item 7. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for a further description of free cash flow and a reconciliation to the most closely related GAAP measure.

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

Information set forth in this discussion and analysis contains various "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. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Reform Act") provides certain "safe harbor" provisions for forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements made in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are made pursuant to the Reform Act. The reader is cautioned that such forward-looking statements are based on information available at the time and/or management's good faith belief with respect to future events, and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual performance or results to differ materially from those expressed in the statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date the statement was made. We assume no obligation to update forward-looking information to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors affecting forward-looking information. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by the use of terms such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "might," "plan," "predict," "project," "should," "will," and similar words, although some forward-looking statements are expressed differently. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations include those factors described in Item 1A. "Risk Factors" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

You should read this discussion with the financial statements and other financial information included in this report. Our significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### Overview

We are a diversified provider of pari-mutuel horseracing, online account wagering on horseracing and casino gaming. We are also one of the world's largest producers and distributors of online and mobile casual games.

We operate in five operating segments as follows:

- 1. Racing, which includes:
  - Churchill Downs Racetrack ("Churchill Downs") in Louisville, Kentucky, an internationally known thoroughbred racing operation and home of the Kentucky Derby since 1875;
  - Arlington International Race Course ("Arlington"), a thoroughbred racing operation in Arlington Heights along with ten off-track betting facilities ("OTBs") in Illinois;
  - Fair Grounds Race Course ("Fair Grounds"), a thoroughbred and quarterhorse racing operation in New Orleans along with twelve OTBs in Louisiana; and
  - Calder Race Course ("Calder"), a thoroughbred racing facility in Miami Gardens, Florida, where, as of July 1, 2014, we ceased pari-mutuel operations, except for limited operations conducted by a third party.

## 2. Casinos, which includes:

- Oxford Casino ("Oxford") in Oxford, Maine, which we acquired on July 17, 2013. Oxford operates approximately 860 slot machines, 26 table games and various dining facilities;
- Riverwalk Casino Hotel ("Riverwalk") in Vicksburg, Mississippi, which we acquired on October 23, 2012. Riverwalk operates approximately 690 slot machines, 15 table games, a five story, 80-room attached hotel, multi-functional event center and dining facilities;
- Harlow's Casino Resort & Spa ("Harlow's") in Greenville, Mississippi, which operates approximately 750 slot machines, 13 table games, a five-story, 105-room attached hotel, multi-functional event center, pool, spa and dining facilities;
- Calder Casino, a slot facility in Florida adjacent to Calder, which operates approximately 1,130 slot machines and included a poker room operation branded "Studz Poker Club" which ceased operations on June 30, 2014;
- Fair Grounds Slots, a slot facility in Louisiana adjacent to Fair Grounds, which operates approximately 620 slot machines;
- Video Services, LLC ("VSI"), the owner and operator of approximately 710 video poker machines in southeast Louisiana which are located within ten of our OTBs; and

• Our equity investment in Miami Valley Gaming LLC ("MVG"), a 50% joint venture harness racetrack and video lottery terminal facility in Lebanon, Ohio, which opened December 12, 2013. MVG has approximately 1,580 video lottery terminals, a racing simulcast center and a harness racetrack.

#### 3. TwinSpires, which includes:

- TwinSpires, an Advance Deposit Wagering ("ADW") business that is licensed as a multi-jurisdictional simulcasting and interactive wagering hub in the state of Oregon;
- Fair Grounds Account Wagering ("FAW"), an ADW business that is licensed in the state of Louisiana;
- Velocity, a business that is licensed in the British Dependency Isle of Man focusing on high wagering-volume international customers;
- Bloodstock Research Information Services ("BRIS"), a data service provider for the equine industry;
- Our equity investment in HRTV, LLC ("HRTV"), a horseracing television channel, which was divested on January 2, 2015; and
- Luckity, an ADW business that offered real-money bingo with outcomes based on and determined by parimutuel wagers on live horseraces which ceased operations on November 4, 2014.

## 4. Big Fish Games, Inc. ("Big Fish Games") which:

• Is headquartered in Seattle, Washington with locations in Oakland, California and Luxembourg, which we acquired on December 16, 2014. Big Fish Games is a producer of premium paid, casual free-to-play and casino-style games for PCs and mobile devices.

#### 5. Other Investments, which includes:

- United Tote Company and United Tote Canada (collectively "United Tote"), which manufactures and operates pari-mutuel wagering systems for racetracks, OTBs and other pari-mutuel wagering businesses:
- Capital View Casino & Resort, a 50% joint venture with Saratoga Harness Racing, Inc. ("SHRI") to bid on the development and management of a destination casino and resort in the Capital Region of New York;
- Bluff Media ("Bluff"), a multimedia poker content brand and publishing company, acquired by the Company on February 10, 2012; and
- Our other minor investments.

In order to evaluate the performance of these operating segments internally, we use Adjusted EBITDA (defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, and adjusted for insurance recoveries net of losses, HRE Trust Fund proceeds, share-based compensation expenses, pre-opening expenses, the impairment of assets, Big Fish Games transaction expenses, Big Fish Games acquisition-related charges, changes in Big Fish Games deferred revenue and other charges or recoveries). Big Fish Games transaction expenses include legal, accounting and other deal-related expenses. Big Fish Games acquisition-related charges reflect the change in fair value of the Big Fish Games earnout and deferred consideration liability recorded each reporting period. Changes in Big Fish Games deferred revenue reflect reductions in revenue from business combination accounting rules when deferred revenue balances assumed as part of an acquisition are adjusted to their fair values. Fair value approximates the cost of fulfilling the service obligation, plus a reasonable profit margin. Adjusted EBITDA also includes 50% of the operating income or loss of our joint venture, MVG. We believe that the use of Adjusted EBITDA as a key performance measure of the results of operations enables management and investors to evaluate and compare from period to period our operating performance in a meaningful and consistent manner.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, total handle for the pari-mutuel industry, according to figures published by Equibase, decreased 2.8% compared to the same period of 2013. TwinSpires handle increased \$29.0 million, or 3%, during the year ended December 31, 2014, as compared to the same period of 2013. Excluding the impact from Illinois and Texas, handle increased 5% primarily due to a 19% increase in unique players.

On January 18, 2013, TwinSpires ceased accepting wagers from Illinois residents due to the expiration of legislation permitting ADW wagering in the state. On June 7, 2013, TwinSpires resumed accepting wagers from Illinois residents, and on January 29, 2014, the legislature approved a bill extending advance deposit wagering by Illinois residents through January 31, 2017. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, handle wagered by Illinois residents increased \$31.0 million compared to the same period of 2013. As further discussed in Part I Item 3. Legal Proceedings, on September 25, 2013, we suspended wagering from all Texas accounts and returned deposited funds to Texas residents. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, handle wagered by Texas residents decreased \$42.2 million, as compared to the same period of 2013.

Pari-mutuel handle from Racing decreased \$335.0 million, or 19%, during the year ended December 31, 2014, compared to the same period of 2013, primarily due to a 62 day reduction in the number of live race days due to the cessation of pari-mutuel operations at Calder on July 1, 2014. In addition, field-size challenges and a higher Kentucky take-out rate impacted wagering levels at our Churchill Downs and Arlington locations as compared to the same period of 2013.

We believe that, despite uncertain economic conditions as well as regulatory and legislative challenges, we are in a strong financial position. As of December 31, 2014, there was \$223.7 million of borrowing capacity available under our senior secured credit facility. To date, we have not experienced any limitations in our ability to access this source of liquidity.

# **Recent Developments**

# **Big Fish Games**

On December 16, 2014, we completed the acquisition of Big Fish Games for upfront consideration of \$485 million plus a working capital adjustment with an earnout payment up to \$350 million. Big Fish Games, which has locations in Seattle, Washington, Oakland, California and in Luxembourg, employs approximately 580 employees and develops casual games for PCs and mobile devices worldwide. Big Fish Games operates in three game segments: premium paid, casino and casual free-to-play. We acquired Big Fish Games to leverage its casino and casual game experience, as well as its assembled workforce, and to position ourself as a leader in the mobile and online game industry. We financed the acquisition with borrowings under our Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "Senior Secured Credit Facility") and a \$200 million Term Loan Facility ("Term Loan") added to our existing Senior Secured Credit Facility.

#### Saratoga Harness Racing, Inc. ("SHRI") Ventures

## SHRI Joint Venture

On May 13, 2014, we entered into a 50% joint venture with SHRI to bid on the development, construction and operation of the Capital View Casino & Resort located in the Capital Region near Albany, New York. On June 30, 2014, we filed an application with the New York State Facility Location Board to obtain a license to build and operate a facility with approximately 1,500 slot machines, 56 table games, a 100-room hotel and multiple entertainment and dining options. On December 17, 2014, the New York State Facility Location Board recommended that the Capital Region license be granted to another bidder.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, we incurred \$1.0 million in equity losses in our other investments segment associated with the license application process and funded \$3.3 million to the joint venture. Furthermore, we recorded an impairment loss of \$1.6 million during the fourth quarter of 2014 to reduce the value of our investment in the joint venture to its estimated fair market value of \$1.1 million.

Saratoga Harness Racing, Inc. Equity Investment and Management Agreement

On October 28, 2014, the Company signed a definitive purchase agreement to acquire a 25% ownership interest in Saratoga Casino Holdings, LLC ("SCH"), a newly formed entity which owns Saratoga Casino and Raceway in Saratoga Springs, NY; SHRI's controlling interest in Saratoga Casino Black Hawk in Black Hawk, Colorado; SHRI's 50% interest in a joint venture with Delaware North Companies to manage the Gideon Putnam Hotel and Resort in Saratoga Springs, New York; its interest in the proposed Capital View Casino & Resort in East Greenbush, New York; and SHRI's interest in a joint venture with Rush Street Gaming to build the proposed Hudson Valley Casino and Resort in Newburgh, New York.

In addition, the Company signed a five-year management agreement pursuant to which it will manage Saratoga Casino and Raceway and Saratoga Casino Black Hawk. Both the funding of the equity investment and the commencement of the management agreement are subject to regulatory approval and licensing requirements in New York and Colorado.

## **Luckity ADW Operations**

On November 4, 2014, we ceased operations of Luckity, our ADW business which offered real-money bingo with outcomes based on and determined by pari-mutuel wagers on live horseraces. Prior to this date, we were investing in this business and actively marketing to Luckity customers. We determined that Luckity did not achieve the expected financial returns and was unlikely to significantly improve its results. During the fourth quarter of 2014, we recorded an impairment charge of \$3.2 million for fixed assets specifically associated with Luckity. We do not expect to incur any additional, material expenditures in connection with ceasing operations.

# Florida Pari-Mutuel Racing Operations

During 2013, Calder and Gulfstream Park began conducting concurrent live thoroughbred racing in certain months, leading to direct competition for on-track horseracing, in the intrastate and interstate simulcast markets and for horses in South Florida. This negatively affected Calder's ability to achieve full field horseraces and to generate handle on live racing. Previously in Florida, a thoroughbred racetrack conducting a live racing meet had control over hosting out-of-state signals, and received

commissions on wagers placed at other racetracks throughout the state. There were instances where one or more thoroughbred racetracks operated live meets concurrently, and in that instance each racetrack had the opportunity to be a "host" track for out-of-state interstate horseracing signals. When two or more thoroughbred racetracks operated live meets concurrently, other wagering sites were required to select a live racetrack to host their pari-mutuel wagering. Three Florida thoroughbred racetracks, including Calder, have historically served as the host track based on their live racing calendar. On May 7, 2013, all of Florida's three thoroughbred racetracks began claiming that they were host tracks on a year-round basis.

On May 24, 2013, Calder filed a petition with the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings (the "DOAH") challenging the other racetracks' interpretation that they may conduct interstate simulcasting, and whether that was a valid interpretation of state law and the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978. During 2013 and 2014, the DOAH and other state legislative bodies held public hearings and proposed modification to state laws without reaching a definitive resolution.

On July 1, 2014, we finalized an agreement with The Stronach Group ("TSG") under which TSG will operate, at TSG's expense, live racing and maintain certain facilities used for racing and training at Calder. The agreement, which expires on December 31, 2020, involves a lease to TSG of Calder's racetrack and certain other racing and training facilities, including a portion of the barns on Calder's backside consisting of approximately 430 stalls. TSG will operate live horse racing at Calder, under Calder's racing permits, in compliance with all applicable laws and licensing requirements. TSG will operate and maintain the racing and training facilities at Calder on a year-round basis. Furthermore, TSG will be responsible for substantially all of the direct and indirect costs associated with these activities and receive the associated revenues. We will continue to own and operate the Calder Casino.

In addition, as part of the agreement, effective July 1, 2014, we amended Calder's agreement with the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, Inc. ("FHBPA") which reduced the rate of non-stakes purse supplements payable by the Calder Casino from 12 percent to 10 percent of slot machine revenue.

As a result of the agreement with TSG, on July 1, 2014, we notified 214 Calder employees of the termination of their employment which occurred between July 8, 2014, and September 2, 2014. In accordance with the terms of a one-time benefit arrangement, we recognized \$2.3 million of severance and other benefit costs within selling, general and administrative expenses during the year ended December 31, 2014. We also assessed alternative potential uses of the Calder facility and certain assets not required to be maintained under the lease agreement and recognized accelerated depreciation expense of \$2.4 million, primarily related to Calder's barns, which are not expected to be utilized subsequent to December 31, 2014. During 2015, the Company will continue to assess potential alternative uses of the Calder facility not associated with the lease agreement.

## HRTV Equity Investment Divestiture

As part of the TSG agreement related to the cessation of Calder pari-mutuel operations, we modified our HRTV operating and ownership agreement with TSG resulting in the divestiture of the Company's interest in HRTV effective January 2, 2015. During January 2015, we received \$6.0 million in proceeds from the sale of our ownership interest. We recorded a gain of \$5.8 million during January 2015 from the sale of our remaining investment in HRTV.

# **Legislative and Regulatory Changes**

Please refer to subheading "L. Legislative Changes" in Item 1. "Business" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for information regarding legislative and regulatory changes.

# **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Our Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Accordingly, we are required to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that we believe are reasonable based on our historical experience, contract terms, observance of known trends in our Company and the industry as a whole and information available from other outside sources. Our estimates affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those initial estimates.

Our most significant estimates relate to the valuation of property and equipment, goodwill and other intangible assets, which may be significantly affected by changes in the regulatory environment in which we operate, and to the aggregate costs for self-insured liability and workers' compensation claims. Additionally, estimates are used for determining income tax liabilities and recognition of revenue for Big Fish Games.

# Goodwill and Intangible Assets

We review the carrying values of goodwill at least annually during the first quarter of each year or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of these assets may not be recoverable. In 2012, in connection with our annual impairment test, we adopted ASU No. 2011-08, *Intangibles-Goodwill and Other: Testing Goodwill for Impairment* which allows

an entity the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether the existence of events or circumstances leads to a determination that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If, after assessing the totality of events or circumstances, an entity determines it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than the carrying amount, then the Company would perform a two step goodwill impairment test. The first step, used to identify potential impairment, is a comparison of the reporting unit's estimated fair value to its carrying value, including goodwill. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, applicable goodwill is considered not to be impaired. If the carrying value exceeds fair value, there is an indication of impairment and the second step is performed to measure the amount of the impairment, if any. The second step requires the Company to calculate an implied fair value of goodwill at the reporting unit level. If the goodwill assigned to a reporting unit exceeds the implied fair value of the goodwill, an impairment charge is recorded for the excess.

Our 2014 annual goodwill impairment analysis included an assessment of certain qualitative factors including, but not limited to, macroeconomic, industry and market conditions; cost factors that have a negative effect on earnings; overall financial performance; the movement of the Company's share price; and other relevant entity and reporting unit specific events. We considered the qualitative factors and weighted the evidence obtained and determined that it is not more likely than not that the fair value of any reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. None of our reporting units were considered to be "at risk" of failing step one of the 2014 annual goodwill impairment test. Although we believe the factors considered in the impairment analysis are reasonable, significant changes in any one of our assumptions could produce a significantly different result. In prior years, our assessment of goodwill impairment was largely dependent on estimates of future cash flows at the aggregated reporting unit level, and a weighted-average cost of capital. The estimates of these future cash flows were based on assumptions and projections with respect to future revenues and expenses believed to be reasonable and supportable at the time the annual impairment analysis was performed. Further they required management's judgments and took into account assumptions about overall growth rates and increases in expenses.

We consider our slots gaming rights and trademark intangible assets as indefinite-lived intangible assets that do not require amortization based on our future expectations to operate our gaming facilities and use the Big Fish Games name indefinitely, as well as our historical experience in renewing these intangible assets at minimal cost with various state gaming commissions. Rather, these intangible assets are tested annually, or more frequently, if indicators of impairment exist, for impairment by comparing the fair value of the recorded assets to their carrying amount. If the carrying amount of the slots gaming rights and trademark intangible assets exceed their fair value, an impairment loss is recognized.

In March 2013, we adopted ASU No. 2012-02, Intangibles-Goodwill and Other: Testing Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets for Impairment. ASU 2012-02 simplifies indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment testing by adding a qualitative review step to assess whether a quantitative impairment analysis is necessary. Under the amended rule, a testing methodology similar to that which is performed for goodwill impairment testing is acceptable for assessing a company's indefinite-lived intangible assets. We completed the required annual impairment tests of indefinite-lived intangible assets as of March 31, 2014, and no adjustment to the carrying value of indefinite-lived intangible assets was required. We assessed our indefinite-lived intangible assets by qualitatively evaluating events and circumstances that have both positive and negative factors, including macroeconomic conditions, industry events, financial performance and other changes and concluded that it was more likely than not that the fair value of our indefinite-lived intangible assets was greater than their carrying value.

We assign estimated useful lives to our definite-lived intangible assets based on the period of time the asset is expected to contribute directly or indirectly to future cash flows. We consider certain factors when assigning useful lives such as legal, regulatory, competition and other economic factors. Intangible assets with definite lives are amortized using the straight-line method.

While we believe that our estimates of future revenues and cash flows are reasonable, different assumptions could materially affect our assessment of useful lives and fair values. Changes in assumptions may cause modifications to our estimates for amortization or impairment, thereby impacting our results of operations. If the estimated lives of our definite-lived intangible assets were to decrease based on the factors mentioned above, amortization expense could increase significantly.

# **Income Taxes**

We also use estimates and judgments for financial reporting to determine our current tax liability, as well as those taxes deferred until future periods. Net deferred and accrued income taxes represent significant assets and liabilities of the Company. In accordance with the liability method of accounting for income taxes, we recognize the amount of taxes payable or refundable for the current year and deferred tax assets and liabilities for the future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in our consolidated financial statements or tax returns.

Adjustments to deferred taxes are determined based upon changes in differences between the book basis and tax basis of our assets and liabilities, measured by enacted tax rates we estimate will be applicable when these differences are expected to reverse.

Changes in current tax laws, enacted tax rates or the estimated level of taxable income or non-deductible expenses could change the valuation of deferred tax assets and liabilities and affect the overall effective tax rate and tax provision.

## Big Fish Games Revenue Recognition

Big Fish Games revenue is primarily derived from the sale of premium paid, casino and casual free-to-play games and virtual goods within games. Premium game revenue is derived from our subscription business, the Big Fish Game Club, and from the sale of specific games. Subscribers receive a game credit each month with their subscription. We determined that the price of a monthly subscription is equivalent to the vendor specific objective evidence ("VSOE") of the game credit and that the additional benefits of the monthly subscription are marketing and promotional activities. The value of the game credit is recognized when a customer redeems the game credit. We also sell game credits on our website that are redeemable for the download of a game. Revenue is recognized when the customer redeems the game credit for a game.

We record breakage revenue, which is recognized based on historical game credit redemption patterns and represents the balance of credits where we have determined the likelihood of redemption is remote or the credits have legally expired.

We offer casino and casual games that customers can play at no cost and can purchase virtual goods within games to enhance the game playing experience. These games are distributed primarily through third party mobile platform providers, including but not limited to, Apple and Google. Once downloaded, players can purchase in-game virtual currency which is redeemable in the game for virtual goods. Substantially all of our virtual goods can be consumed by player action. We recognize revenue when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the service has been provided to the user, the price paid by the user is fixed or determinable, and collectability is reasonably assured. Determining whether and when some of these criteria have been satisfied requires judgments that may have a significant impact on the timing and amount of revenue we report in each period. For the purpose of determining when the service has been provided to the player, we have determined that an implied obligation exists to the paying user to continue to make available the purchased virtual goods within the game over the estimated life of the virtual goods. For casino games, the life of the virtual goods is estimated to be the time period over which virtual goods are consumed or approximately four days. For all other casual games, the average playing period of paying players of approximately four months represents our best estimate of the average life of virtual goods.

We receive reports from the third party mobile platform providers which break down the virtual goods purchased in our casual and casino games for a given time period. The proceeds from the sale of virtual goods are recorded as deferred revenue, and recognized as revenue over the estimated average life of the virtual goods.

We compute our estimated average life of virtual goods at least once each year, and more frequently if qualitative evidence exists that would indicate a possible change, including consideration of changes in the characteristics of games.

## Principal Agent Considerations

In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 605-45, Revenue Recognition: Principal Agent Considerations, we evaluate our digital storefront agreements in order to determine whether or not we are acting as the principal or as an agent when selling our games, which we consider in determining if revenue should be reported gross or net. We primarily use digital storefronts for distributing our casino and casual free-to-play games. Key indicators that we evaluate in order to reach this determination include:

- the terms and conditions of our contracts with the digital storefronts;
- the party responsible for billing and collecting fees from the end-users, including the resolution of billing disputes;
- whether we are paid a fixed percentage of the arrangement's consideration or a fixed fee for each game;
- the party which sets the pricing with the end-user, has the credit risk and provides customer support; and
- the party responsible for the fulfillment of the game and that determines the specifications of the game.

Based on the evaluation of the above indicators, we have determined that we are generally acting as a principal and are the primary obligor to end-users for games distributed through digital storefronts, and we therefore recognize revenue related to these arrangements on a gross basis.

# Fair Value Estimates

We estimated the fair value of the Big Fish Games deferred payment and earnout liability as of December 31, 2014 using a discounted cash flows analysis over the period in which the obligation is expected to be settled, and applied a discount rate based on our cost of debt. The cost of debt as of the closing date was based on the observed market yields of our Senior Unsecured Notes issued in December of 2013 and represents a Level 3 fair value measurement and was adjusted for the difference in seniority and term of the deferred payment and earnout liability.

## Foreign Currency

The functional currency of our international subsidiaries is the U.S. dollar, with the exception of our Big Fish Luxembourg subsidiary, whose functional currency is the Euro. For subsidiaries with a functional currency of the U.S. dollar, foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities are remeasured into U.S. dollars at current exchange rates and foreign currency denominated nonmonetary assets and liabilities are remeasured into U.S. dollars at historical exchange rates. Foreign currency denominated revenue and expenses are remeasured at historical exchange rates. Gains or losses from foreign currency remeasurement are included in other income and expense. For the Luxembourg subsidiary, assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars using exchange rates in effect at the end of a reporting period. Income and expense accounts are translated into U.S. dollars using average rates of exchange. The net gain or loss resulting from translation is recorded as foreign currency translation adjustment and included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in stockholders' equity.

## Insurance Reserves

During the year ended December 31, 2014, our business insurance renewals included substantially the same coverage and retentions as in previous years. We estimate insurance liabilities for workers' compensation and general liability losses based on our historical loss experience, certain actuarial assumptions of loss development factors and current industry trends. Any changes in our assumptions, actuarial assumptions or loss experience could impact our total insurance cost and overall results of operations.

# Property and Equipment

Our business can be impacted positively and negatively by legislative and regulatory changes, by economic conditions and by gaming competition. A significant negative impact from these activities could result in a significant impairment of our property and equipment and/or our goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets. We perform reviews for the impairment of long-lived assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset, or asset group, may not be recoverable. If the estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to result from the use of the assets and their eventual disposition are insufficient to recover the carrying value of the assets, than an impairment loss is recognized based upon the excess of the carrying value of the assets over the fair value of the assets. An impairment review incorporates estimates of forecasted revenue and costs that may be associated with an asset as well as the expected periods that the asset, or asset group, may be utilized. Fair value is determined based on the highest and best use of the assets considered from the perspective of market participants, which may be different than our actual intended use of the asset, or asset group. Additional information regarding how our business can be impacted by competition and legislative changes is included in subheading "K. Competition" and subheading "L. Legislative Changes", respectively, in Item 1. "Business" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Our significant accounting policies and recently adopted accounting policies are more fully described in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### **Consolidated Net Revenues**

Our net revenues and earnings are influenced by our racing calendar. Therefore, revenues and operating results for any interim quarter are not generally indicative of the revenues and operating results for the year, and may not be comparable with results for the corresponding period of the previous year. We historically have had fewer live racing days during the first quarter of each year, and the majority of our live racing revenue occurs during the second quarter, with the running of the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks. Information regarding racing dates at our facilities for 2015 and 2014 is included in Subheading "C. Racing" in Item 1. "Business" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income include net revenues and operating expenses associated with our Racing, Casinos, TwinSpires, Big Fish Games and Other Investments operating segments and are defined as follows:

<u>Racing:</u> net revenues and corresponding operating expenses associated with commissions earned on wagering at the Company's racetracks, OTBs and simulcast fees earned from other wagering sites. In addition, amounts include ancillary revenues and expenses generated by the pari-mutuel facilities including admissions, sponsorships and licensing rights, food and beverage sales and fees for the alternative uses of its facilities.

<u>Casinos:</u> net revenues and corresponding operating expenses generated from slot machines, table games and video poker. In addition, it includes ancillary revenues and expenses generated by food and beverage sales, hotel operations revenue and miscellaneous other revenue.

<u>TwinSpires:</u> net revenues and corresponding operating expenses generated by the Company's ADW business from wagering through the Internet, telephone or other mobile devices on pari-mutuel events. In addition, it includes the Company's information business that provides data information and processing services to the equine industry.

Big Fish Games: net revenues and corresponding expenses generated by premium paid, casual free-to-play and casino-style games for PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet and online casual gaming.

Other: net revenues and corresponding operating expenses generated by United Tote, the Company's provider of pari-mutuel wagering systems and Bluff.

During the year ended December 31, 2013, we sold Fight! Magazine, a division of Bluff and reported the loss on sale and results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2013, as discontinued operations. Net revenues, operating expenses and income tax benefit of Fight! Magazine for the year ended December 31, 2012 have been reclassified to discontinued operations to conform to the current year presentation.

During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company merged the operations of Churchill Downs Simulcast Productions ("CDSP"), the Company's provider of television production services, which was previously included in our Other Investments operating segment, with its Racing operating segment. There was no impact from these reclassifications on consolidated net revenues, operating income, results of continuing operations, or cash flows.

## Racing and TwinSpires:

Pari-mutuel revenues are recognized upon occurrence of the live race that is presented for wagering and after that live race is made official by the respective state's racing regulatory body. Other operating revenues such as admissions, programs and concession revenues are recognized once delivery of the product or service has occurred.

Our customer loyalty programs offer incentives to customers who wager at the Company's racetracks or through our advance deposit wagering platform, TwinSpires.com. The TSC Elite program is offered for pari-mutuel wagering at the Company's racetracks or through TwinSpires.com. Under the program, customers are able to accumulate points over time that they may redeem for wagering credits or handicapping products and publications at their discretion under the terms of the programs. As a result of the ability of the customer to accumulate points, we accrue the cost of points, after consideration of estimated forfeitures, as they are earned. Under the TSC Elite program, the estimated value of the cost to redeem points is recorded as the points are earned. To arrive at the estimated cost associated with points, estimates and assumptions are made regarding incremental costs of the benefits, rates and the mix of goods for which points will be redeemed. The reward point liabilities were \$0.7 million and \$0.8 million as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Racing and TwinSpires revenues are generated by pari-mutuel wagering on live and simulcast racing content. Live racing handle includes patron wagers made on live races at our racetracks and also wagers made on imported simulcast signals by patrons at our racetracks during live meets. Import simulcasting handle includes wagers on imported signals at our racetracks when the respective tracks are not conducting live racing meets, at our OTBs and through our ADW providers throughout the year. Export handle includes all patron wagers made on live racing signals sent to other tracks, OTBs and ADW providers. Advance deposit wagering consists of patron wagers through an advance deposit account.

We retain as revenue a pre-determined percentage or commission on the total amount wagered, and the balance is distributed to the winning patrons. The gross percentages earned in 2014 approximated 11% of handle for Racing and 19% of handle for TwinSpires.

#### Casinos

Casinos revenues represent net gaming wins, which is the difference between gaming wins and losses. Other operating revenues, such as concession revenues, are recognized once delivery of the product or service has occurred. Certain key operating statistics specific to the gaming industry are included in our discussion of performance of the casinos segment. Our slot facilities report slot handle as a volume measurement, defined as the gross amount wagered or coins placed into slot machines in aggregate for the period cited. In addition, our slot facilities and video poker operations report net win per unit, which is calculated as gross gaming revenues, less customer payouts and free play, per machine and per day of operations.

Our customer loyalty program offers incentives to customers who wager at our gaming facilities. The Player's Club is offered at the Company's gaming facilities in Louisiana, Florida, Mississippi, Maine and our 50% joint venture, MVG. Under the program, customers are able to accumulate points over time that they may redeem for cash, free play, merchandise or food and beverage items at their discretion under the terms of the program. As a result of the ability of the customer to accumulate points, we accrue the cost of points, after consideration of estimated forfeitures, as they are earned. To arrive at the estimated cost associated with points, estimates and assumptions are made regarding incremental costs of the benefits, rates and the mix of goods and services for which points will be redeemed. Under the Player's Club program, the retail value of the points-based cash awards or complimentary goods and services is netted against revenue as a promotional allowance. The reward point liabilities were \$1.0 million and \$1.3 million as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

# Big Fish Games

Big Fish Games revenue is primarily derived from the sale of premium paid, casino and casual free-to-play games and virtual

goods within games. Premium game revenue is derived from our subscription business, the Big Fish Game Club, and from the sale of specific games. Subscribers receive a game credit each month with their subscription. We record breakage revenue, which is recognized based on historical game credit redemption patterns and represents the balance of credits where we have determined the likelihood of redemption is remote or the credits have legally expired. We offer casino and casual games that customers can play at no cost and for which they can purchase virtual goods within games to enhance the game playing experience.

# RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

# Pari-mutuel Handle

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, pari-mutuel financial handle information (in thousands):

	Year	ear Ended December 31,			31,		14 vs. 13 C	hange	•	13 vs. '12 C	hange
	2014		2013		2012	_	\$	%		\$	%
Racing:						_					
Churchill Downs											
Total handle	\$ 580,098	\$	663,689	\$	596,613	\$	(83,591)	(13)%	\$	67,076	11 %
Net pari-mutuel revenues	\$ 60,139	\$	57,002	\$	53,538	\$	3,137	6 %	\$	3,464	6 %
Commission %	10.4%		8.6%		9.0%						
Arlington											
Total handle	\$ 458,756	\$	527,339	\$	563,220	\$	(68,583)	(13)%	\$	(35,881)	(6)%
Net pari-mutuel revenues	\$ 53,068	\$	55,509	\$	60,825	\$	(2,441)	(4)%	\$	(5,316)	(9)%
Commission %	11.6%		10.5%		10.8%						
Calder (3)											
Total handle	\$ 155,818	\$	320,036	\$	533,168	\$	(164,218)	(51)%	\$	(213,132)	(40)%
Net pari-mutuel revenues	\$ 16,931	\$	32,737	\$	61,042	\$	(15,806)	(48)%	\$	(28,305)	(46)%
Commission %	10.9%		10.2%		11.4%						
Fair Grounds											
Total handle	\$ 276,109	\$	294,991	\$	333,033	\$	(18,882)	(6)%	\$	(38,042)	(11)%
Net pari-mutuel revenues	\$ 29,090	\$	31,123	\$	34,018	\$	(2,033)	(7)%	\$	(2,895)	(9)%
Commission %	10.5%		10.6%		10.2%						
Total Racing											
Total handle	\$ 1,470,781	\$	1,806,055	\$	2,026,034	\$	(335,274)	(19)%	\$	(219,979)	(11)%
Net pari-mutuel revenues	\$ 159,228	\$	176,371	\$	209,423	\$	(17,143)	(10)%	\$	(33,052)	(16)%
Commission %	10.8%		9.8%		10.3%						
TwinSpires (1) (4)											
Total handle	\$ 897,706	\$	868,735	\$	859,841	\$	28,971	3 %	\$	8,894	1 %
Net pari-mutuel revenues	\$ 172,221	\$	166,933	\$	168,795	\$	5,288	3 %	\$	(1,862)	(1)%
Commission %	19.2%		19.2%		19.6%						
Eliminations (2)											
Total handle	\$ (112,652)	\$	(133,746)	\$	(137,683)	\$	21,094	(16)%	\$	3,937	(3)%
Net pari-mutuel revenues	\$ (14,541)	\$	(12,495)	\$	(13,157)	\$	(2,046)	16 %	\$	662	(5)%
Total											
Handle	\$ 2,255,835	\$	2,541,044	\$	2,748,192	\$	(285,209)	(11)%	\$	(207,148)	(8)%
Net pari-mutuel revenues	\$ 316,908	\$	330,809	\$	365,061	\$	(13,901)	(4)%	\$	(34,252)	(9)%
Commission %	14.0%		13.0%		13.3%						

The pari-mutuel activity above is subject to the following information:

<sup>(1)</sup> Total handle and net pari-mutuel revenues generated by Velocity are not included in total handle and net pari-mutuel revenues from TwinSpires.

<sup>(2)</sup> Eliminations include the elimination of intersegment transactions.

<sup>(3)</sup> Calder ceased pari-mutuel operations on July 1, 2014.

<sup>(4)</sup> TwinSpires handle from Illinois and Texas, to reflect the impact of recent regulatory developments, as previously described (in thousands):

	Year Ended Decembe		ber :	31,	'14 vs. '13 (	'13 vs. '12 Change			
	 2014		2013		2012	\$	%	\$	%
TwinSpires Handle:									
Illinois	\$ 71,591	\$	40,607	\$	65,619	\$ 30,984	76 %	\$ (25,012)	(38)%
Texas	_		42,210		53,932	(42,210)	(100)%	\$ (11,722)	(22)%
All other	826,115		785,918		740,290	40,197	5 %	\$ 45,628	6 %
Total	\$ 897,706	\$	868,735	\$	859,841	\$ 28,971	3 %	\$ 8,894	1 %

Casino Activity

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, statistical gaming information (in thousands, except for average daily information):

		Year	En	ded Decem	ber	31,		'14 vs. '	13	'13 vs. '	12
	_	2014		2013 (1)		2012 (2)	_	\$	%	\$	%
Calder Casino			_	_		_				 	
Net casino revenues	\$	74,030	\$	76,554	\$	75,686	\$	(2,524)	(3)%	\$ 868	1 %
Slot handle	\$	961,080	\$	1,010,840	\$	1,008,946	\$	(49,760)	(5)%	\$ 1,894	%
Net slot revenues	\$	73,190	\$	74,008	\$	72,372	\$	(818)	(1)%	\$ 1,636	2 %
Average daily net win per slot machine	\$	178	\$	169	\$	164	\$	9	5 %	\$ 5	3 %
Average daily number of slot machines		1,127		1,201		1,207		(74)	(6)%	(6)	%
Average daily poker revenue (4)	\$	4,148	\$	7,233	\$	9,303	\$	(3,085)	(43)%	\$ (2,070)	(22)%
Fair Grounds Slots and Video Poker											
Net casino revenues	\$	73,807	\$	76,665	\$	76,893	\$	(2,858)	(4)%	\$ (228)	%
Slot handle	\$	428,005	\$	436,188	\$	438,095	\$	(8,183)	(2)%	\$ (1,907)	— %
Net slot revenues	\$	39,627	\$	40,880	\$	41,875	\$	(1,253)	(3)%	\$ (995)	(2)%
Average daily net win per slot machine	\$	177	\$	181	\$	185	\$	(4)	(2)%	\$ (4)	(2)%
Average daily number of slot machines		620		620		625		_	%	(5)	(1)%
Average daily video poker revenue	\$	94,162	\$	98,441	\$	97,613	\$	(4,279)	(4)%	\$ 828	1 %
Average daily net win per video poker machine	\$	129	\$	130	\$	137	\$	(1)	(1)%	\$ (7)	(5)%
Average daily number of video poker machines		728		756		714		(28)	(4)%	42	6 %
Oxford Casino											
Net casino revenues	\$	72,728	\$	32,649	\$	_	\$	40,079	F	\$ 32,649	F
Slot handle	\$	675,368	\$	262,699	\$	_	\$	412,669	F	\$ 262,699	F
Net slot revenues	\$	58,368	\$	26,689	\$	_	\$	31,679	F	\$ 26,689	F
Average daily net win per slot machine	\$	186	\$	197	\$	_	\$	(11)	(6)%	\$ 197	F
Average daily number of slot machines		858		808		_		50	6 %	808	F
Average daily net win per table	\$	1,525	\$	1,588	\$	_	\$	(63)	(4)%	\$ 1,588	F
Average daily number of tables		26		23		_		3	13 %	23	F

	Year	End	led Decem	ber :	31,	'14 vs.	'13		12	
	2014	2	2013 (1)	2	2012 (2)	\$	%		\$	%
Harlow's Casino						 		-		
Net casino revenues	\$ 47,632	\$	49,577	\$	54,087	\$ (1,945)	(4)%	\$	(4,510)	(8)%
Slot handle	\$ 554,910	\$	604,433	\$	653,406	\$ (49,523)	(8)%	\$	(48,973)	(7)%
Net slot revenues	\$ 43,326	\$	45,349	\$	49,021	\$ (2,023)	(4)%	\$	(3,672)	(7)%
Average daily net win per slot machine	\$ 159	\$	155	\$	163	\$ 4	3 %	\$	(8)	(5)%
Average daily number of slot machines	747		799		821	(52)	(7)%		(22)	(3)%
Average daily poker revenue (3)	\$ _	\$	754	\$	701	\$ (754)	(100)%	\$	53	8 %
Average daily net win per table	\$ 856	\$	750	\$	875	\$ 106	14 %	\$	(125)	(14)%
Average daily number of tables	13		15		15	(2)	(13)%		_	<b>—</b> %
Riverwalk Casino										
Net casino revenues	\$ 47,391	\$	50,513	\$	9,914	\$ (3,122)	(6)%	\$	40,599	F
Slot handle	\$ 508,733	\$	591,975	\$	109,787	\$ (83,242)	(14)%	\$	482,188	F
Net slot revenues	\$ 43,567	\$	47,405	\$	9,328	\$ (3,838)	(8)%	\$	38,077	F
Average daily net win per slot machine	\$ 172	\$	181	\$	181	\$ (9)	(5)%	\$	_	— %
Average daily number of slot machines	692		716		736	(24)	(3)%		(20)	(3)%
Average daily net win per table	\$ 733	\$	596	\$	616	\$ 137	23 %	\$	(20)	(3)%
Average daily number of tables	15		18		18	(3)	(17)%	\$	_	— %
Total										
Net casino revenues	\$ 315,588	\$	285,958	\$	216,580	\$ 29,630	10 %	\$	69,378	32 %

The casino activity presented above is subject to the following information:

U: > 100% unfavorable

F: >100% favorable

NM: Not meaningful

<sup>(1)</sup> On July 17, 2013, we completed the acquisition of Oxford, whose results are presented in 2013 from the date of acquisition through December 31, 2013.

On October 23, 2012, we completed the acquisition of Riverwalk, whose results are presented in 2012 from the date of acquisition through December 31, 2012.

<sup>(3)</sup> Harlow's poker room closed during July 2013.

During December 2013, Calder Casino relocated the poker room within its facility and reduced the number of poker tables from eleven tables to six tables. On June 30, 2014, Calder Casino ceased operations of its poker room.

# **Executive Summary**

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, total consolidated revenues and certain other financial information and operating data (in thousands, except per common share data and live race days):

	Year	Enc	ded Decem	ber	31,	'14 vs. '13 (	Change	'13 vs. '12 (	2 Change		
	2014		2013		2012	\$	%	\$	%		
No. of live race days	319		374		381	(55)	(15)%	(7)	(2)%		
Net revenues:											
Racing	\$ 261,453	\$	274,269	\$	302,088	\$ (12,816)	(5)%	\$ (27,819)	(9)%		
Casinos	329,010		297,473		223,112	31,537	11 %	74,361	33 %		
TwinSpires	190,333		184,541		183,279	5,792	3 %	1,262	1 %		
Big Fish Games	13,855		_		_	13,855	F	_	NM		
Other	18,283		23,042		22,817	(4,759)	(21)%	225	1 %		
Total net revenues	\$ 812,934	\$	779,325	\$	731,296	\$ 33,609	4 %	\$ 48,029	7 %		
Operating income	\$ 90,393	\$	90,100	\$	96,550	\$ 293	— %	\$ (6,450)	(7)%		
Operating income margin	11%		12%	,	13%						
Earnings from continuing operations Diluted net earnings from	\$ 46,357	\$	55,033	\$	58,152	\$ (8,676)	(16)%	\$ (3,119)	(5)%		
continuing operations per common share	\$ 2.64	\$	3.07	\$	3.33						

# Year Ended December 31, 2014, Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Our total net revenues increased \$33.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2014, primarily from the increase in revenues of \$42.2 million from Oxford, which was acquired on July 17, 2013. Casino revenues increased \$31.5 million as the addition of Oxford revenues was partially offset by a decline in revenues at our other properties due to continued regional economic weaknesses, additional competition and inclement weather negatively affecting visitation. Big Fish Games reflects revenues from its premium paid, casino and free-to-play casual games since its acquisition on December 16, 2014. TwinSpires revenues increased \$5.8 million due to a 3.3% increase in handle during the year ended December 31, 2014. Organic growth and the return of Illinois wagering, which was temporarily ceased during 2013 due to the expiration of state legislation, more than offset the loss of Texas wagering during the period. Revenues generated by Racing decreased \$12.8 million on the cessation of Calder's pari-mutuel operations as well as weaknesses at the Company's other racetracks, which was partially offset by higher revenues from a strong Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby week. Other revenues declined \$4.8 million primarily due to lower United Tote revenues associated with declining equipment sales and totalisator services.

Our operating income increased \$0.3 million due to the incremental results of Oxford and Big Fish Games in addition to the impact of a successful Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby week. Partially offsetting these increases were severance and other expenses related to the cessation of pari-mutuel operations at Calder, expenditures related to the development of Internet gaming technology, acquisition related expenses related to the Big Fish Games acquisition and challenges within our TwinSpires segment including higher state taxation requirements and the loss of Texas wagering. Further discussion of results by our reported segments is detailed below.

# Year Ended December 31, 2013, Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Our total net revenues increased \$48.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2013, compared to the same period of 2012, primarily from the continuing expansion of our Casinos segment through the acquisitions of Riverwalk and Oxford. Casino revenues increased \$74.4 million, reflecting \$53.6 million in revenues at Riverwalk, which was acquired on October 23, 2012 and \$34.4 million in revenues at Oxford, which was acquired on July 17, 2013. Revenues generated by Racing decreased \$27.8 million as strong Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby week revenues were more than offset by the loss of Florida hosting revenues at Calder and the loss of eighteen host days at Arlington during the year ended December 31, 2013. TwinSpires revenues increased \$1.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2013, as increased revenue from organic customer growth at TwinSpires and Velocity was partially offset by the effect of the temporary expiration of Illinois legislation permitting Illinois residents to wager online. Furthermore, on September 25, 2013, we ceased accepting wagers from Texas residents due to the loss of a lawsuit challenging a state law requiring residents to wager in person at a Texas racetrack, further impacting revenues from TwinSpires.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, our operating income decreased by \$6.5 million, primarily due to a \$6.6 million decrease in insurance recoveries, a \$7.5 million increase in share-based compensation expense associated with the performance of the Company and the loss of Florida hosting revenues. Partially offsetting these declines was the effect of incremental operating income from the Riverwalk and Oxford acquisitions and strong Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby week results. Further discussion of results by our reported segments is detailed below.

#### **Consolidated Operating Expenses**

The following table is a summary of our consolidated operating expenses (in thousands):

	Year	Year Ended December 31,		'14 vs. '13 (	Change	<b>'13 vs. '12 Change</b>		
	2014	2013	2012	\$	%	\$	%	
Purses & pari-mutuel taxes	\$ 105,303	\$ 111,198	\$ 125,490	\$ (5,895)	(5)%	\$ (14,292)	(11)%	
Casino taxes	84,653	70,481	52,306	14,172	20 %	18,175	35 %	
Depreciation/amortization	68,257	61,750	55,600	6,507	11 %	6,150	11 %	
Other operating expenses	375,819	362,725	334,527	13,094	4 %	28,198	8 %	
Acquisition related charges	3,826	_	_	3,826	100 %	_	NM	
SG&A expenses	85,114	83,446	73,829	1,668	2 %	9,617	13 %	
Insurance recoveries, net of losses	(431)	(375)	(7,006)	(56)	15 %	6,631	95 %	
Total expenses	\$ 722,541	\$ 689,225	\$ 634,746	\$ 33,316	5 %	\$ 54,479	9 %	
Percent of revenue	89%	88%	87%					

# Year Ended December 31, 2014, Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Significant items affecting comparability of consolidated operating expenses include:

- Casino taxes increased \$14.2 million, which included an increase of \$15.9 million related to our July 2013 acquisition of Oxford. This increase was partially offset by a decline in expenses associated with lower casino revenues at our other locations during the year ended December 31, 2014.
- Other operating expenses increased \$13.1 million, primarily reflecting an increase of \$13.8 million in expenses incurred by Big Fish Games since its acquisition on December 16, 2014. In addition, operating expenses increased \$11.7 million due to a full year of operations at Oxford. Furthermore, we incurred an increase of \$2.6 million in operating expenses related to the development of our Internet gaming technology which was partially offset by a bad debt expense of \$2.5 million associated with a third-party deposit recognized during the year ended December 31, 2013. Finally, we experienced increased content costs of \$5.3 million from organic handle growth and from growth in the TwinSpires' third-party white-label services. Partially offsetting these increases was a decrease of \$11.9 million in Calder operating expenses during the year ended December 31, 2014 due to the cessation of its pari-mutuel operations on July 1, 2014. In response to declining revenues, we reduced salaries, contract labor, and marketing and advertising expenses across our segments by \$5.9 million.
- Purses and pari-mutuel taxes decreased \$5.9 million during the year ended December 31, 2014. Calder incurred lower expenses of \$8.1 million primarily due to the conclusion of pari-mutuel operations on July 1, 2014. In addition, our Illinois and Louisiana properties declined \$3.2 million consistent with the declines in revenues. Partially offsetting these declines, TwinSpires pari-mutuel taxes increased \$3.8 million, primarily due to new taxation requirements in New York. In addition, Churchill Downs Racetrack incurred higher expenses of \$1.6 million, due primarily to an increase in purse expense resulting from an increase in its take-out rate.
- Acquisition related charges of \$3.8 million consist of the non-cash change in the fair values of the Big Fish
  Games deferred payment liabilities and earnout liability from the date of acquisition on December 16, 2014
  through December 31, 2014. The increase in the fair value of these liabilities was largely determined by a change
  in the credit spread associated with our Senior Unsecured Notes during the period subsequent to acquisition.
- SG&A expenses increased \$1.7 million primarily due to development expenses of \$6.4 million associated with
  the acquisition of Big Fish Games. Furthermore, we experienced increases of \$1.8 million associated with a
  full year of Oxford operations and \$0.7 million for Big Fish Games expenses subsequent to its acquisition. In
  addition, we incurred \$2.3 million from non-recurring compensation expenses due to the conclusion of Calder
  pari-mutuel operations. Partially offsetting these increases was a decline in share-based compensation expense

- of \$9.6 million as expenses associated with grants made under the New Company LTIP were substantially recognized during previous periods.
- Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$6.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2014, due, in part, to the impact of our acquisitions of Big Fish Games and Oxford, which included incremental depreciation expenses of \$2.2 million and \$3.3 million, respectively, during the year December 31, 2014. Calder depreciation expense increased \$2.8 million related to the acceleration of expense related primarily to the Calder barns as we assessed alternative uses of the assets and reviewed the useful lives of the assets as a result of the cessation of pari-mutuel operations. Partially offsetting these increases was a decrease in depreciation of \$1.7 million at our Louisiana and Mississippi properties primarily associated with fully depreciated assets.

#### Year Ended December 31, 2013, Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Significant items affecting comparability of consolidated operating expenses include:

- Other operating expenses increased \$28.2 million, primarily reflecting an increase of \$31.8 million in operating expenses generated by Riverwalk and Oxford during the year ended December 31, 2013. In addition, salary expenditures increased \$1.7 million, primarily associated with the continued development of the TwinSpires segment. Furthermore, we incurred operating expenses of \$1.1 million associated with a new video poker location in Louisiana which opened during January 2013. Finally, we incurred \$3.1 million in operating expenses related to the development of Internet gaming technology, including \$2.5 million of bad debt expense associated with a third-party deposit for which collectibility is not probable. Partially offsetting these increases were decreases in other racing expenses of \$5.6 million associated with Calder's loss of Florida host revenues during the year ended December 31, 2013. Finally, TwinSpires content expenses declined due to the favorable settlement of litigation and the cessation of wagering in Texas and Illinois during portions of 2013.
- Casino taxes increased \$18.2 million, primarily due to our acquisitions of Riverwalk and Oxford, which incurred
  casino taxes of \$19.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2013.
- Purses and pari-mutuel taxes decreased \$14.3 million, primarily as the result of the decline in pari-mutuel revenues within Racing, which corresponds with a 10.9% decrease in pari-mutuel handle compared to the same period of 2012. Calder generated a decline in purses and pari-mutuel taxes of \$13.2 million, primarily due to the loss of Florida hosting revenues. Partially offsetting this decline was an increase in pari-mutuel taxes within TwinSpires, due to an increase in the number of states which assess pari-mutuel taxes on ADW wagering.
- SG&A expenses increased \$9.6 million due to our acquisitions of Riverwalk and Oxford, which incurred an increase of \$3.6 million in selling and general expenses during the year ended December 31, 2013. In addition, we incurred an increase of \$7.5 million in share-based compensation expense during the period, which includes expenditures related to grants made under the New Company LTIP. We recognized a recovery of \$0.8 million in selling and general expenses at Calder Casino during the year ended December 31, 2012, related to a reimbursement of certain administrative expenditures associated with a slot machine referendum held during 2005. Partially offsetting these increases were reductions in nonrecurring executive compensation expenditures of \$1.6 million and reductions in professional and consulting fees of \$0.7 million.
- Insurance recoveries, net of losses decreased \$6.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2013, primarily due to the prior year recognition of insurance recoveries associated with 2011 flood and wind damage at Harlow's. Partially offsetting this decline was the recognition of recoveries of \$0.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2013 associated with 2012 hail damage at Churchill Downs.
- Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$6.2 million during the year ended December 31, 2013, primarily due to the acquisitions of Riverwalk and Oxford which incurred expenses of \$7.6 million during the year.

# Other Income (Expense) and Provision for Income Taxes

The following table is a summary of our other income (expense) and income tax provision (in thousands):

	Year	ear Ended December 31,					'14 vs. '13 (	Change	'13 vs. '12 Change			
	2014		2013		2012		\$	%		\$	%	
Interest income	\$ 20	\$	112	\$	90	\$	(92)	(82)%	\$	22	24 %	
Interest expense	(20,842)		(6,231)		(4,531)		(14,611)	U		(1,700)	(38)%	
Equity in earnings (loss) of unconsolidated investments	6,328		(4,142)		(1,701)		10,470	F		(2,441)	U	
Miscellaneous, net	619		5,667		819		(5,048)	(89)%		4,848	F	
Other income (expense)	\$ (13,875)	\$	(4,594)	\$	(5,323)	\$	(9,281)	U	\$	729	14 %	
Income tax provision Effective tax rate	\$ (30,161)	\$	(30,473) 36%	\$	(33,075) 36%	\$	312	1 %	\$	2,602	8 %	

### Year Ended December 31, 2014, Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Significant items affecting the comparability of other income and expense and the income tax provision include:

- Interest expense increased during the year ended December 31, 2014, primarily as a result of higher long-term debt balances outstanding as a result of the Oxford and Big Fish Games acquisitions.
- Equity in earnings (loss) of unconsolidated investments increased \$10.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2014, primarily due to earnings of \$8.9 million from our investment in MVG, which opened during December 2013. In addition, during the year ended December 31, 2013, MVG recognized pre-opening expenses of \$3.6 million. Finally, the performance of our investment in HRTV improved \$0.8 million during the period. Partially offsetting these increases were expenses of \$1.0 million related to our unsuccessful attempt to secure the license to develop a casino in the Capital Region of New York and an impairment charge of \$1.6 million related to reducing the carrying value of our Capital View Casino & Resort investment to its expected fair value.
- Miscellaneous, net decreased \$5.0 million primarily due to the prior year recognition of HRE Trust Fund proceeds of \$4.5 million and a decrease in income associated with a third-party food and beverage provider.
- The effective tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2014 was affected by non-deductible Big Fish Games acquisition related charges and transaction costs.

# Year Ended December 31, 2013, Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Significant items affecting the comparability of other income and expense and the income tax provision include:

- Miscellaneous other income increased \$4.8 million, primarily due to the recognition of the final HRE Trust Fund proceeds of \$4.5 million related to the Illinois riverboat casino surcharge during the year ended December 31, 2013.
- Equity in loss of unconsolidated investments increased \$2.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2013, primarily due to preopening expenses of \$3.6 million related to our investment in MVG. Partially offsetting this increase were favorable casino results from MVG of \$0.5 million subsequent to its opening on December 12, 2013, and the performance of our investment in HRTV, which improved \$0.6 million.
- Interest expense increased \$1.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2013, primarily as a result of higher average outstanding debt balance under our Senior Secured Credit Facility required for financing the acquisitions of Riverwalk, Oxford and MVG development. In addition, amortization of loan origination and debt issuance costs were \$0.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2013.
- The effective tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2013 was affected by the recognition of income tax benefits of \$0.9 million related to 2012 and 2013 research and development tax credits.

# **Net Revenues By Segment**

The following table presents net revenues, including intercompany revenues, by our reported segments (in thousands):

	Year	End	led Decem	ber :	31,		<b>'14 vs. '13 (</b>	Change	'13 vs. '12	2 Change	
	2014		2013		2012	_	\$	%	\$	%	
Churchill Downs	\$ 150,229	\$	139,531	\$	129,847	\$	10,698	8 %	\$ 9,684	7 %	
Arlington	66,079		67,878		73,789		(1,799)	(3)%	(5,911)	(8)%	
Calder	20,032		37,527		66,149		(17,495)	(47)%	(28,622)	(43)%	
Fair Grounds	39,714		41,828		45,460		(2,114)	(5)%	(3,632)	(8)%	
Total Racing	 276,054		286,764	_	315,245	_	(10,710)	(4)%	(28,481)	(9)%	
Calder Casino	77,003		78,951		77,864		(1,948)	(2)%	1,087	1 %	
Fair Grounds Slots	40,774		42,156		42,881		(1,382)	(3)%	(725)	(2)%	
VSI	34,369		35,931		35,433		(1,562)	(4)%	498	1 %	
Harlow's Casino	50,199		52,440		56,604		(2,241)	(4)%	(4,164)	(7)%	
Oxford Casino	76,526		34,350		_		42,176	F	34,350	F	
Riverwalk Casino	50,139		53,645		10,330		(3,506)	(7)%	43,315	F	
Total Casino	329,010	_	297,473	_	223,112	_	31,537	11 %	74,361	33 %	
TwinSpires	191,291		185,394		184,115		5,897	3 %	1,279	1 %	
Big Fish Games	13,855		_		_		13,855	F	_	NM	
Other Investments	21,255		26,308		25,251		(5,053)	(19)%	1,057	4 %	
Corporate	1,158		1,143		1,032		15	1 %	111	11 %	
Eliminations	(19,689)		(17,757)		(17,459)		(1,932)	(11)%	(298)	(2)%	
	\$ 812,934	\$	779,325	\$	731,296	\$	33,609	4 %	\$ 48,029	7 %	

Year Ended December 31, 2014, Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Significant items affecting comparability of our net revenues by segment include:

- Casino revenues increased \$31.5 million as incremental revenues from the Oxford acquisition were partially offset by declines in revenues at our other locations. Calder Casino revenue decreased \$1.9 million primarily from the closure of its poker room on June 30, 2014. We experienced declines at our Mississippi properties, Harlow's and Riverwalk, whose combined revenues decreased \$5.7 million during the period. Both Mississippi properties continued to be hindered by economic weakness and heightened competition in the region. Further impacting revenues was a decline in wagering at our Louisiana properties, Fair Grounds Slots and VSI, whose combined revenues declined \$2.9 million during the period. Fair Grounds Slots and VSI experienced visitation declines of 8% and 14%, respectively, compared to the same period of 2013, as poor weather conditions and a three-day maintenance closure at Fair Grounds Slots contributed to the decline in net revenues and mirrored a comparable decrease in the New Orleans market.
- TwinSpires revenues grew by \$5.9 million, reflecting a 3.3% increase in our TwinSpires pari-mutuel handle as compared to a total industry handle decline of 2.8%, as reported by Equibase. Organic growth and the reinstatement of wagering in Illinois partially offset the loss of Texas wagering during the period. Excluding the net impact of the Illinois and Texas disruptions, TwinSpires handle increased 5.0% during the year ended December 31, 2014, due, in part, to a 19% increase in unique players and outpacing industry growth by 7.8 percentage points.
- Racing revenues decreased \$10.7 million, as the cessation of Calder pari-mutuel operations on July 1, 2014 and weaknesses at Fair Grounds and Arlington more than offset strong Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby week results at Churchill Downs. Calder revenues declined \$17.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2014, which included a decline of \$16.1 million in revenues during the second half of 2014, since the closure of parimutuel operations. The additional loss of revenue at Calder during the first half of 2014 was due to the loss of hosting revenues and declines in wagering from Florida out-of-state locations partially offset by additional live race dates during the first quarter. Fair Grounds revenues declined \$2.1 million as inclement weather during the first half of 2014 caused turf races to be removed and negatively impacted wagering and attendance. Partially offsetting these declines, Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby week revenues improved from the same period

- of 2013 due to revenues from a newly opened Grandstand Terrace and Rooftop Garden, an increase in ticket sales and media revenue and the effect of an increased takeout rate on pari-mutuel wagering.
- Other Investments revenues decreased \$5.1 million, due to lower United Tote revenues associated with a decrease in totalisator service revenues from a loss of customers and fewer equipment sales.
- Big Fish Games reflects revenues recognized from its premium paid, casino and free-to-play casual games. The revenues recognized include reductions of \$3.4 million resulting from business combination accounting rules when deferred revenue balances assumed as part of acquisitions are adjusted down to fair value. Fair value approximates the cost of fulfilling the service obligation, plus a reasonable profit margin. Subsequent to the acquisition of Big Fish Games, the Company analyzes the amount of revenue that would have been recognized had Big Fish Games remained independent and had the deferred revenue balances not been adjusted to fair value. The \$3.4 million downward adjustment to revenue for 2014 is reflected in Big Fish Games net revenue presented on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

## Year Ended December 31, 2013, Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Significant items affecting comparability of our revenues by segment include:

- Casino revenues increased \$74.4 million, primarily reflecting revenue from the acquisitions of Riverwalk, which was acquired on October 23, 2012, and Oxford, which was acquired on July 17, 2013. Calder Casino revenues increased during the period as directed marketing efforts implemented during 2013 and the closure of Florida Internet cafes offset continued regional competitive pressures from the opening of additional Miami casinos during January 2012 and August 2013. Partially offsetting these increases was a decrease in net revenues of \$4.2 million at Harlow's during 2013 due to continued weakness in the region and disruptions from casino floor modifications to address competitive pressures. Fair Grounds Slots and VSI revenues decreased \$0.2 million compared to the same period of 2012, as local market weakness more than offset additional video poker revenues from the opening of a new video poker facility during January 2013.
- Racing revenues decreased \$28.5 million, as strong Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby week results and the revenues from the new twelve-day September live racing meet at Churchill Downs were more than offset by weaknesses at the Company's other racetracks. Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby week revenues improved from the same period of 2012 due to revenues from a newly opened luxury facility, the Mansion, in addition to increased ticket sales and sponsorships and other new Kentucky Oaks and Derby week offerings. However, Calder revenues declined \$28.6 million during 2013, primarily due to the loss of Florida hosting revenues of approximately \$21.2 million and fewer live racing days' revenue of \$7.4 million, as more fully discussed in "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis: Recent Developments." Arlington revenues decreased \$5.9 million compared to the same period of 2012, primarily due to the temporary cessation of Illinois ADW wagering, the loss of eighteen host days and poor weather conditions which hampered attendance and wagering. Host days are awarded in Illinois by the IRB to racetracks that are not conducting live horseracing, for which a host racetrack receives a percentage of earnings from pari-mutuel wagering activity at other racetracks throughout Illinois. Fair Grounds revenues declined \$3.6 million during 2013 due to inclement weather conditions unfavorably impacting both the 2013 live racing meets and Jazz Fest.
- TwinSpires revenues increased \$1.3 million, as organic customer growth at TwinSpires and Velocity was primarily offset by the temporary expiration of legislation allowing Illinois residents to wager online. On June 7, 2013, TwinSpires resumed accepting wagers from Illinois residents, which had previously ceased on January 18, 2013. Furthermore, on September 25, 2013, TwinSpires ceased accepting wagers from Texas residents due to the enforcement of an existing state law which permits Texas residents to wager on pari-mutuel events only at Texas racetracks. The impact of the Illinois and Texas disruptions represented a 4.3% decline in total handle during 2013 as compared to the same period of 2012.
- Other Investments revenues increased \$1.1 million, due primarily to an increase in equipment sales at United Tote.

#### **Adjusted Segment EBITDA**

In order to evaluate the performance of these operating segments internally, we use Adjusted EBITDA (defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, and adjusted for insurance recoveries net of losses, HRE Trust Fund proceeds, share-based compensation expenses, pre-opening expenses, the impairment of assets, Big Fish Games transaction expenses, Big Fish Games acquisition-related charges, changes in Big Fish Games deferred revenue and other charges or recoveries). Big Fish Games transaction expenses include legal, accounting and other deal-related expenses. Big Fish Games acquisition-related charges reflect the change in fair value of the Big Fish Games earnout and deferred consideration liability recorded each reporting

period. Changes in Big Fish Games deferred revenue reflect reductions in revenue from business combination accounting rules when deferred revenue balances assumed as part of an acquisition are adjusted to their fair values. Fair value approximates the cost of fulfilling the service obligation, plus a reasonable profit margin. Adjusted EBITDA also includes 50% of the operating income or loss of our joint venture, MVG.

We believe that the use of Adjusted EBITDA as a key performance measure of the results of operations enables management and investors to evaluate and compare from period to period our operating performance in a meaningful and consistent manner. Adjusted EBITDA is a supplemental measure of our performance that is not required by, or presented in accordance with, generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). However, Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to, or more meaningful than, net earnings (as determined in accordance with GAAP) as a measure of our operating results.

On January 1, 2014, we reclassified our equity investment in MVG from Other Investments to Casinos, to coincide with the first full period of operations for the venture, which opened on December 12, 2013. MVG's results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2013 have been reclassified to the Casinos segment. The following table presents Adjusted EBITDA by our operating segments and a reconciliation of EBITDA to comprehensive income (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		'14 vs. '13 Change				'13 vs. '12 Change			
		2014	2013	2012		\$	%		\$	%
Racing	\$	61,160	\$ 50,275	\$ 54,357	\$	10,885	22 %	\$	(4,082)	(8)%
Casinos		101,106	80,631	64,231		20,475	25 %		16,400	26 %
TwinSpires		45,282	49,122	44,618		(3,840)	(8)%		4,504	10 %
Big Fish Games		3,837	_	_		3,837	F		_	NM
Other Investments		(3,857)	809	(117)		(4,666)	U		926	F
Corporate		(5,037)	(4,606)	(4,834)		(431)	9 %		228	(5)%
Total Adjusted EBITDA	\$	202,491	\$ 176,231	\$ 158,255	\$	26,260	15 %	\$	17,976	11 %
Insurance recoveries, net of losses		431	375	7,006		56	15 %		(6,631)	(95)%
Big Fish Games acquisition charges		(3,826)	_	_		(3,826)	U		_	NM
Big Fish Games transaction expenses		(6,367)	_	_		(6,367)	U		_	NM
Big Fish Games changes in deferred revenue		(4,497)	_	_		(4,497)	U		_	NM
HRE Trust Fund proceeds		_	4,541	_		(4,541)	(100)%		4,541	F
Share-based compensation		(11,932)	(21,482)	(13,993)		9,550	(44)%		(7,489)	54 %
Pre-opening costs		(27)	(3,620)	_		3,593	(99)%		(3,620)	U
MVG interest expense, net		(2,546)	(170)	_		(2,376)	U		(170)	U
Asset impairment		(4,843)	_	_		(4,843)	U		_	NM
Other charges		(3,287)	(2,500)	_		(787)	31 %		(2,500)	U
Depreciation and amortization		(68,257)	(61,750)	(55,600)		(6,507)	11 %		(6,150)	11 %
Interest income (expense), net		(20,822)	(6,119)	(4,441)		(14,703)	U		(1,678)	38 %
Income tax provision		(30,161)	(30,473)	(33,075)		312	(1)%		2,602	(8)%
Earnings from continuing operations		46,357	55,033	58,152		(8,676)	(16)%		(3,119)	(5)%
Discontinued operations, net of income taxes		_	(133)	124		133	(100)%		(257)	U
Net earnings		46,357	54,900	58,276		(8,543)	(16)%		(3,376)	(6)%
Foreign currency translation, net of tax		(125)	_	_		(125)	U		_	NM
Comprehensive Income	\$	46,232	\$ 54,900	\$ 58,276	\$	(8,668)	(16)%	\$	(3,376)	(6)%

Excluding corporate share-based compensation, the table below presents intercompany management fees (expense) income included in the Adjusted EBITDA of each of the operating segments for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively (in thousands).

	Year 1	Ended December 31,			'14 vs. '13 Change				<b>'13 vs. '12 Change</b>			
	2014		2013		2012		\$	%		\$	%	
Racing	\$ (6,821)	\$	(6,978)	\$	(8,063)		157	2 %	\$	1,085	13 %	
Casinos	(8,129)		(7,238)		(5,705)		(891)	(12)%		(1,533)	(27)%	
TwinSpires	(4,775)		(4,428)		(4,679)		(347)	(8)%		251	5 %	
Other Investments	(495)		(603)		(627)		108	18 %		24	4 %	
Corporate Income	20,220		19,247		19,074		973	5 %		173	1 %	
Total management fees	\$ 	\$		\$		\$			\$	_		

Year Ended December 31, 2014, Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Significant items affecting comparability of Adjusted EBITDA by segment include:

- Casino Adjusted EBITDA increased \$20.5 million, as the increase in Oxford Adjusted EBITDA of \$11.8 million, and our share of the increase in MVG operating income of \$11.1 million more than offset unfavorable results at our other facilities. Fair Grounds Slots and VSI Adjusted EBITDA decreased \$1.5 million compared to the same period of 2013 as market weakness and poor weather conditions hindered visitation and wagering at the Louisiana properties. Harlow's and Riverwalk Adjusted EBITDA declined \$0.6 million as continuing regional economic weakness negatively impacted results during the year ended December 31, 2014. Finally, Calder Casino Adjusted EBITDA decreased \$0.3 million from exiting poker operations.
- Racing Adjusted EBITDA increased \$10.9 million due to increased profitability of \$8.8 million from the Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby week driven by the newly opened Grandstand Terrace, an increase in ticket sales and media revenue and the effect of an increased takeout rate on pari-mutuel wagering. In addition, Adjusted EBITDA at Calder improved \$3.3 million, largely due to cost savings from the closure of pari-mutuel operations, rental payments from TSG and a gain on sale of certain racing assets. Furthermore, Arlington Adjusted EBITDA increased \$0.9 million in part due to cost controls which were implemented to address declining revenues. Partially offsetting these increases was a decrease at Churchill Downs, excluding Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby week, from reductions in pari-mutuel revenue from a declining thoroughbred horse population and starters per race.
- TwinSpires Adjusted EBITDA decreased \$3.8 million during the year ended December 31, 2014. The loss of Texas wagering generated a handle decline of \$42.2 million with a corresponding decline in Adjusted EBITDA of approximately \$5.4 million. In addition, the taxation requirements in New York reduced Adjusted EBITDA by \$3.9 million. Finally, we recorded a non-recurring reduction in operating expenses of \$3.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2013 from the favorable settlement of Illinois ADW litigation. These decreases were partially offset by organic handle growth of 5.0%, the reinstatement of Illinois wagering and improvements in our investment in HRTV.
- Big Fish Games generated Adjusted EBITDA of \$3.8 million since its acquisition on December 16, 2014.
- Other Investments Adjusted EBITDA decreased \$4.7 million due, in part, to the impact of an increase in expenditures of \$3.0 million associated with the development of our Internet gaming platform. In addition, United Tote Adjusted EBITDA declined \$1.7 million due to a decline in totalisator service revenues and lower equipment sales.

The following other items affected net earnings from continuing operations during the year ended December 31, 2014:

• Big Fish Games related charges of \$14.7 million consist of non-recurring transaction-related expenses of \$6.4 million, fair value adjustments of \$3.8 million associated with the change in the fair value of the earnout and deferred founder liabilities recorded since the acquisition date and \$4.5 million reflecting the change in Big Fish Games deferred revenue primarily resulting from business combination accounting rules when deferred revenue balances assumed as part of acquisitions are adjusted down to fair value.

- HRE Trust Fund proceeds declined \$4.5 million as Arlington's final share of the disbursement of funds related
  to the riverboat casino license surcharge were recognized as miscellaneous other income during the year ended
  December 31, 2013.
- Share-based compensation expense decreased \$9.6 million compared to the same period of 2013, primarily due to expenses associated with grants made under the New Company LTIP during 2013 which were substantially recognized during 2013. Unrecognized compensation expense attributable to the New Company LTIP awards, which will be recognized in subsequent periods, was \$2.8 million as of December 31, 2014. The weighted average period over which we expect to recognize the remaining compensation expense under the service period awards approximates 17 months. There is no remaining unrecognized expense under the market condition awards.
- Pre-opening costs declined \$3.6 million associated with our investment in MVG, which opened a video lottery facility and a harness racing facility on December 12, 2013.
- MVG interest expense, net of \$2.5 million represents a full year of interest expense for debt outstanding associated with our Ohio joint venture, which opened during December 2013.
- Asset impairment charges of \$4.8 million reflect impairment expenses of \$3.2 million for our investment in
  Luckity, which ceased operations on November 4, 2014, and \$1.6 million for our unsuccessful attempt to obtain
  a license to build and operate a gaming facility in the Capital Region of New York. As a result, our investment
  in the joint venture was reduced to its expected fair market value.
- Other charges increased \$0.8 million reflecting severance and other benefit costs incurred upon the closure of Calder pari-mutuel operations and our share of equity losses associated with our Capital Region casino bid of \$3.3 million. Partially offsetting this increase was an expense of \$2.5 million for an uncollectible third-party deposit associated with an Internet gaming license during the year ended December 31, 2013.
- Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$6.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2014, driven by the Oxford and Big Fish Games acquisitions. In addition, depreciation expense at Calder increased primarily due to the acceleration of expense on barns, which are not expected to be utilized subsequent to December 31, 2014.
- Interest (expense) income, net increased \$14.7 million primarily as a result of higher long-term debt balances outstanding due to the acquisitions of Oxford and Big Fish Games.

# Year Ended December 31, 2013, Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Significant items affecting comparability of our Adjusted EBITDA by segment include:

- Casinos Adjusted EBITDA increased \$16.4 million, driven by an increase in Riverwalk Adjusted EBITDA of \$13.0 million and Oxford Adjusted EBITDA of \$9.2 million. Partially offsetting this increase was a decline in Harlow's Adjusted EBITDA of \$3.6 million as compared to the same period of 2012 driven by general economic weakness and lower customer discretionary spending in the region. In addition, during 2013, Harlow's experienced disruptions from modifying its casino floor to combat competitive pressures in the market and from expanding its high-stakes slot positions. Calder Casino recognized proceeds during the prior year of \$0.8 million as a reduction to SG&A expense relating to a reimbursement of certain administrative expenditures for a prior year slot referendum. Excluding the prior year recovery, Calder Casino Adjusted EBITDA improved \$0.3 million compared to the same period of 2012. Calder Casino was favorably impacted by its strategic player marketing efforts, the closure of Internet cafes in the State of Florida, and a successful advertising campaign, which mitigated the impact of new, competing casinos which opened during August 2013 and January 2012 in the South Florida region. Finally, Fair Grounds Slots and VSI Adjusted EBITDA decreased \$1.9 million as weakness in the New Orleans market more than offset the opening of a new video poker facility.
- TwinSpires Adjusted EBITDA increased \$4.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2013, reflecting a 1.0% increase in our pari-mutuel handle, which was partially offset by an increase in pari-mutuel taxes associated with additional state legislative requirements. Velocity Adjusted EBITDA increased from both the addition of a new high volume wagering customer and increased wagering by existing customers. TwinSpires content expenses declined due to the favorable settlement of litigation. In addition, our investment in HRTV improved \$0.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2013. Finally, TwinSpires incurred \$2.2 million in expenses associated with the continuing development of Luckity, a decrease of \$0.4 million as compared to the same period of 2012. Partially offsetting these improvements was the unfavorable impact from the temporary loss of Illinois ADW wagering and the exit from Texas ADW wagering, which generated a combined handle decline

- of 4.3% and a reduction in Adjusted EBITDA of \$2.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2013 compared to 2012.
- Racing Adjusted EBITDA decreased \$4.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2013. Churchill Downs Adjusted EBITDA improved \$5.8 million from increased profitability from Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby week and \$2.8 million from its new September live racing meet. In addition, Racing benefited from lower labor costs and other cost control measures related to renovations at Churchill Downs Racetrack, including a new simulcasting facility. Offsetting these improvements was a \$9.0 million decline in Adjusted EBITDA at Calder of which approximately \$6.3 million was associated with the loss of Florida hosting revenues, approximately \$1.8 million was associated with fewer live racing days and approximately \$0.9 million with other ancillary items during the year ended December 31, 2013. Furthermore, Arlington Adjusted EBITDA declined \$2.3 million due to eighteen fewer host days and a decline in pari-mutuel handle of 6.4%. Finally, Fair Grounds Adjusted EBITDA decreased \$1.4 million due to inclement weather conditions unfavorably impacting both the 2013 racing meets and Jazz Fest.
- Other Investments Adjusted EBITDA increased \$0.9 million, primarily due to incremental equipment sales at United Tote. Partially offsetting this improvement were operating costs of \$1.1 million associated with our Internet gaming initiatives.

The following other items affected earnings from continuing operations during the year ended December 31, 2013:

- Insurance recoveries, net of losses, decreased \$6.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2013, primarily due to the prior year recognition of insurance recoveries associated with 2011 flood and wind damage at Harlow's.
- HRE Trust Fund proceeds of \$4.5 million were recognized as miscellaneous other income during the year ended December 31, 2013, reflecting Arlington's final share of the disbursement of funds related to the riverboat casino license surcharge.
- Share-based compensation expense increased \$7.5 million compared to the same period of 2012 primarily due to expenses associated with grants made under the New Company LTIP.
- Pre-opening costs of \$3.6 million were incurred during the year ended December 31, 2013 associated with our
  investment in MVG, which opened a video lottery facility and a new harness racing facility on December 12,
  2013.
- MVG interest expense, net increased \$0.2 million due to our share of financing costs incurred by the joint venture.
- Other charges and recoveries, net increased \$2.5 million as the collectibility of a third-party deposit associated with an Internet gaming license was not deemed probable.
- Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$6.2 million during the year ended December 31, 2013 driven primarily by the Riverwalk and Oxford acquisitions. Depreciation expense at United Tote decreased \$2.0 million as certain assets acquired in the 2009 acquisition were fully depreciated during 2012.

## **Discontinued Operations**

Fight! Magazine and Hollywood Park Racetrack have been accounted for as discontinued operations. Accordingly, the results of operations of the sold businesses for all periods presented and the (losses) gains on sold businesses have been classified as discontinued operations, net of income taxes, in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Set forth below is a summary of the results of operations of discontinued businesses for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands):

	Year E		Ended December 31,				4 vs. '13 (	Change	'13 vs. '12 Change		
	2014		2013		2012		\$	%		\$	%
Net revenues	\$ 	\$	632	\$	1,087	\$	(632)	(100)%	\$	(455)	(42)%
Operating expenses	_		857		885		(857)	(100)%		(28)	(3)%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	_		_		_		_	NM		_	NM
Operating (loss) gain	_		(225)		202		225	(100)%		(427)	U
Other income (expense)	_		145		(2)		(145)	(100)%		147	F
(Loss) earnings from operations before income taxes	_		(80)		200		80	(100)%		(280)	U
Income tax benefit (provision)	_		30		(76)		(30)	(100)%		106	F
(Loss) gain from operations	_		(50)		124		50	(100)%		(174)	U
Loss on sale of assets, net of income taxes	_		(83)		_		83	(100)%		(83)	U
Net (loss) gain	\$ 	\$	(133)	\$	124	\$	133	(100)%	\$	(257)	U

### Sale of Fight! Magazine

On December 16, 2013, the Company completed the sale of 100% of the assets of Fight! Magazine ("Fight"), a division of Bluff which was acquired by the Company in February 2012. Net revenues, operating expenses and the loss on sale of Fight for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, have been reclassified to discontinued operations. There was no impact from these reclassifications on net earnings or cash flows.

#### Hollywood Park Racetrack

In addition, we recognized operating expenses of \$0.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2013, from adjustments related to workers' compensation reserves retained by the Company subsequent to our sale of Hollywood Park Racetrack during 2005.

# **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

The following table is a summary of our overall financial position as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 (in thousands):

	Year Ended	Dece	mber 31,	<b>'14 vs. '13 Change</b>				
	 2014		2013		\$	%		
Total assets	\$ 2,360,274	\$	1,352,261	\$	1,008,013	75 %		
Total liabilities	\$ 1,660,273	\$	647,472	\$	1,012,801	U		
Total shareholders' equity	\$ 700,001	\$	704,789	\$	(4,788)	(1)%		

Significant items affecting the comparability of our consolidated balance sheets include:

- Total assets increased primarily due to assets acquired of \$1,000.8 million associated with the Big Fish Games acquisition. Excluding Big Fish Games, other significant changes within total assets include increases in our investment in unconsolidated affiliates of \$23.4 million reflecting current year MVG capital contributions of \$14.6 million in addition to the Company's share of MVG operating income. Partially offsetting these increases were decreases in our restricted cash of \$10.0 million and other intangibles of \$9.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2014. The decrease in restricted cash is primarily due to the release of the HRE Trust Fund purse balance at the conclusion of the Arlington meet. The decrease in other intangibles, net is due to the amortization of definite-lived intangible assets.
- Excluding Big Fish Games liabilities assumed, significant changes within total liabilities include increases of \$406.6 million for the Big Fish Games deferred payment and earnout liabilities and increases in total debt of \$401.2 million, primarily to fund the acquisition of Big Fish Games. Partially offsetting these increases were decreases of \$8.3 million in accounts payable and \$7.7 million in purses payable. Accounts payable declined due in part to the timing of settlement related payments. The decline in purses payable is driven by the distribution of the final Arlington HRE Trust Fund proceeds and the cessation of Calder pari-mutuel operations.
- Significant changes within shareholders' equity were decreases of \$61.6 million from our common stock repurchase and \$16.5 million from the cancellation of shares for payment of income taxes owed on vested shares.

Partially offsetting these amounts were increases from current year net income, the issuance of common shares for the acquisition of Big Fish Games of \$15.8 million, the issuance of common shares from stock option exercises of \$7.5 million, current year amortization expense of \$11.9 million on equity compensation and a windfall tax benefit associated with equity compensation awards of \$7.7 million.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The following table is a summary of our liquidity and cash flows (in thousands):

	Year l	Enc	led Decemb	oer	31,	<b>'14 vs. '13 Change</b>				<b>'13 vs. '12 Change</b>			
Cash Flows from:	2014		2013		2012		\$	%		\$	%		
Operating activities	\$ 141,619	\$	144,915	\$	144,098	\$	(3,296)	(2)%	\$	817	1 %		
Investing activities	\$ (440,308)	\$	(277,680)	\$	(197,128)	\$(	162,628)	(59)%	\$	(80,552)	(41)%		
Financing activities	\$ 322,049	\$	140,296	\$	62,882	\$	181,753	F	\$	77,414	F		

Significant items affecting the comparability of our liquidity and capital resources between the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 include:

- Cash provided by operating activities decreased \$3.3 million due to the prior year receipt of HRE Trust Fund proceeds, the prior year favorable settlement of ADW litigation, severance and other employee benefits costs related to the closure of Calder's pari-mutuel operations, a decline in profitability at our Mississippi and Louisiana gaming properties, increased taxation of TwinSpires, investments in our Internet gaming platform, Big Fish Games transaction and acquisition related-charges and unfavorable timing of collections related to the 2014 Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks. Partially offsetting these declines were increases in operating cash flows from the acquisitions of Oxford and Big Fish Games, the increased profitability of Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby week, the 2014 receipt of a 2013 federal income tax refund of \$8.3 million and lower 2014 estimated tax payments, favorable timing of payments within our pari-mutuel simulcasting operations and other favorable net working capital items. We anticipate that cash flows from operations over the next twelve months will be adequate to fund our business operations and capital expenditures.
- The increase in cash used in investing activities is primarily due to the 2014 acquisition of Big Fish Games for \$366.0 million, net of cash acquired. In addition, property and equipment additions were higher from capital expenditures at Churchill Downs for projects associated with the 2014 Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks. Finally, we funded \$3.3 million in licensing and development fees for our unsuccessful attempt to secure a New York gaming license. Partially offsetting these increases was the prior year acquisition of Oxford for \$154.9 million, net of cash acquired. In addition, capital contributions to our Ohio joint venture decreased \$75.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2014.
- The increase in cash provided by financing activities is due to increased net borrowings under our Senior Secured Credit Facility during the year ended December 31, 2014 to fund the acquisition of Big Fish Games and capital contributions to MVG. In addition, cash received in connection with stock option exercises increased \$6.3 million. Partially offsetting these increases was the prior year proceeds of \$300 million from our bond issuance and a repurchase of 691,000 shares of common stock in a privately negotiated transaction, at a cost of \$61.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2014. Finally, we funded \$15.2 million in dividend payments for our annual dividend declared during 2013.

During 2014, we funded \$14.6 million in capital contributions to MVG, and since the joint venture commenced during 2012, we have funded \$105.0 million in capital contributions. In addition, during the year ended December 31, 2014, we funded \$3.3 million to our unsuccessful New York joint venture.

Free cash flow, which we reconcile to "Net cash provided by operating activities," is cash flows from operations reduced by maintenance-related (replacement) capital expenditures. Maintenance-related capital expenditures are expenditures to replace existing fixed assets with a useful life greater than one year that are obsolete, worn-out, or no longer cost effective to repair. We use free cash flow to evaluate our business because, although it is similar to cash flows from operations, we believe it will typically present a more conservative measure of cash flows, as maintenance-related capital expenditures are a necessary component of our ongoing operations. Free cash flow is a non-GAAP measure and our definition may differ from other companies' definitions of this measure.

Free cash flow does not represent the residual cash flow available for discretionary expenditures and does not incorporate the funding of business acquisitions. This non-GAAP measure should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, cash flows from operating activities under GAAP.

The following is a summary of additions to property and equipment and a reconciliation of free cash flow to the most comparable GAAP measure, "Net cash provided by operating activities," for 2014, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands):

	Year E	nded Decem	ıber 31,	'14 vs. '13 C	hange	'13 vs. '12 Change		
	2014	2013	2012	\$	%	\$	%	
Maintenance-related capital expenditures	\$ 22,733	\$ 16,879	\$ 17,158	\$ 5,854	35 %	\$ (279)	(2)%	
Capital project expenditures	31,753	31,892	24,140	(139)	— %	7,752	32 %	
Additions to property and equipment	54,486	48,771	41,298	5,715	12 %	7,473	18 %	
Net cash provided by operating activities	141,619	144,915	144,098	(3,296)	(2)%	817	1 %	
Maintenance-related capital expenditures	(22,733)	(16,879)	(17,158)	(5,854)	35 %	279	(2)%	
Free cash flow	\$ 118,886	\$ 128,036	\$ 126,940	\$ (9,150)	(7)%	\$ 1,096	1 %	

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the increase in maintenance-related capital expenditures as compared to the same period of 2013 primarily reflects the replacement of slot machines at several Casino properties. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the increase in capital project expenditures as compared to the same period of 2012 primarily reflects capital expenditures related to the Mansion, Rooftop Garden and Grandstand Terrace projects at Churchill Downs.

#### Credit Facilities and Indebtedness

#### 5.375% Senior Unsecured Notes

On December 16, 2013, the Company completed an offering of \$300 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.375% Senior Unsecured Notes that mature on December 15, 2021 (the "Senior Unsecured Notes"). The Senior Unsecured Notes were issued at par, with interest payable on June 15th and December 15th of each year. The Company received net proceeds of \$295 million, after deducting underwriting fees, and used the net proceeds from the offering to repay a portion of its outstanding borrowings, and accrued and unpaid interest outstanding under its Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement ("Senior Secured Credit Facility"). As a result of the issuance, the Company capitalized \$6.3 million of debt issuance costs, which is being amortized as interest expense over the remaining term of the Senior Unsecured Notes.

The Senior Unsecured Notes were issued in a private offering that was exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and are senior unsecured obligations of the Company. The Senior Unsecured Notes are guaranteed by each of the Company's domestic subsidiaries that guarantee its Senior Secured Credit Facility and will rank equally with the Company's existing and future senior obligations. At any time prior to December 15, 2016, the Company may redeem all or part of the Senior Unsecured Notes at par plus the present value (discounted at the treasury rate plus 50 basis points) of scheduled interest payments through December 15, 2016, along with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, at the date of redemption. On or after December 15, 2016, the Company may redeem all or part of the Senior Unsecured Notes at a redemption price of 104.031% which gradually reduces to par by 2019.

# Senior Secured Credit Facility

On December 1, 2014, the Company executed the Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "Senior Secured Credit Facility") whereby it added a \$200 million Term Loan Facility ("Term Loan") to the existing Senior Secured Credit Facility and amended certain definitions and provisions of the credit agreement including Consolidated Funded Indebtedness, EBITDA and calculation of the Total Leverage Ratio. The Company incurred loan origination costs of \$0.9 million in connection with this amendment, which were capitalized and are being amortized as interest expense over the remaining term of the Senior Secured Credit Facility.

On May 17, 2013, the Company entered into the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (also referred to as the "Senior Secured Credit Facility") which amended certain provisions of the credit agreement including increasing the maximum aggregate commitment from \$375 million to \$500 million. The Senior Secured Credit Facility also provides for an accordion feature which, if exercised, could increase the maximum aggregate commitment by up to an additional \$225 million and reduce the pricing schedule for outstanding borrowings and commitment fees across all leverage pricing levels. The guarantors under the Senior Secured Credit Facility continue to be a majority of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries. The Company incurred loan origination costs of \$2.3 million in connection with this amendment, which were capitalized and are being amortized as interest expense over the remaining term of the Senior Secured Credit Facility.

The Senior Secured Credit Facility matures on May 17, 2018. The Term Loan matures on December 1, 2019, provided however, in the event the Senior Secured Credit Facility has not, prior to May 17, 2018, been extended to a maturity date of December 1, 2019, the Term Loan matures on May 17, 2018.

Regarding the Term Loan, the Company is required to make quarterly principal payments that commence on March 31, 2015 and are set to occur on the last day of each quarter through September 30, 2019. Payments start at \$2.5 million and increase in increments of \$1.25 million on December 31 of each year to reach the final year quarterly payment amount of \$7.5 million.

Generally, borrowings made pursuant to the Senior Secured Credit Facility and the Term Loan bear interest at a LIBOR-based rate per annum plus an applicable margin percentage ranging from 1.125% to 3.0% depending on the Company's total leverage ratio. In addition, under the Senior Secured Credit Facility, the Company agreed to pay a commitment fee at rates that range from 0.175% to 0.45% of the available aggregate commitment, depending on the Company's leverage ratio. The Term Loan is not subject to, nor included in the calculation of, the commitment fee.

The Senior Secured Credit Facility contains customary affirmative and negative covenants for credit facilities of this type, including limitations on the Company and its subsidiaries with respect to indebtedness, restricted payments, liens, investments, mergers and acquisitions, disposition of assets, sale-leaseback transactions and transactions with affiliates. The covenants permit the Company to use proceeds of the credit extended under the agreement for general corporate purposes, restricted payments and acquisition needs. The Senior Secured Credit Facility also contains financial covenants that require the Company (i) to maintain an interest coverage ratio (i.e., consolidated adjusted EBITDA to consolidated interest expense) that is greater than 3.0 to 1.0; (ii) not to permit the total leverage ratio (i.e., total consolidated funded indebtedness to consolidated adjusted EBITDA) to be greater than 4.5 to 1.0, provided that if a certain minimum consolidated adjusted EBITDA is reached then the total leverage ratio will be increased to 5.0 to 1.0 for such periods that the minimum is maintained; and (iii) not to permit the senior secured leverage ratio (i.e. senior secured consolidated funded indebtedness to consolidated adjusted EBITDA) to be greater than 3.5 to 1.0. As of December 31, 2014, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the Senior Secured Credit Facility, and substantially all of the Company's assets continue to be pledged as collateral under the Senior Secured Credit Facility. At December 31, 2014, the financial ratios under our Senior Secured Credit Facility were as follows:

	Actual	Requirement	
Interest Coverage Ratio	11.7 to 1	> 3.0 to 1.0	•
Total Leverage Ratio	3.5 to 1	< 5.0 to 1.0	
Senior Secured Leverage Ratio	2.3 to 1	< 3.5 to 1.0	

#### **Contractual Obligations**

Our commitments to make future payments as of December 31, 2014, are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	2015	20	016-2017	20	018-2019	T	hereafter	Total
Dividends	\$ 17,419	\$		\$		\$		\$ 17,419
Tax refund due to Big Fish Games former equity holders	18,087		_		_		_	18,087
Big Fish Games deferred payment	28,428		56,855		_		_	85,283
Senior Secured Credit Facility	_		_		270,355		_	270,355
Interest on Senior Secured Credit Facility (1)	5,691		_		_		_	5,691
Term Loan A	11,250		37,500		151,250		_	200,000
Interest on Term Loan A	5,894		9,933		5,818		_	21,645
Senior Unsecured Notes	_		_		_		300,000	300,000
Interest on Senior Unsecured Notes	16,125		32,250		32,250		31,578	112,203
Operating leases	11,604		20,320		7,106		3,590	42,620
Total	\$ 114,498	\$	156,858	\$	466,779	\$	335,168	\$ 1,073,303

(1) Interest includes the estimated contractual payments under our Senior Secured Credit Facility assuming no change in the weighted average borrowing rate of 2.2%, which was the rate in place as of December 31, 2014.

As of December 31, 2014, we had approximately \$2.9 million of unrecognized tax benefits. We anticipate a decrease in our unrecognized tax benefits of approximately \$1.1 million during the next twelve months due to the expiration of statutes of limitations. In addition, as of December 31, 2014, the fair value of the Big Fish Games earnout liability is \$327.8 million. We anticipate an increase in our earnout liability of approximately \$20.0 million during the next twelve months, as the liability is expected to be paid during 2016 and 2017.

# ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

## Interest Rate and Credit Risk

Our primary exposure to market risk relates to changes in interest rates. At December 31,2014, we had \$470.4 million outstanding under our Senior Secured Credit Facility, which bears interest at LIBOR based variable rates. We are exposed to market risk on variable rate debt due to potential adverse changes in these rates. Assuming the outstanding balance of the debt facility remains constant, a one-percentage point increase in the LIBOR rate would reduce net earnings and cash flows from operating activities by \$2.8 million.

# Foreign Currency Exchange Risk

We operate internationally and are exposed to foreign currency exchange risk. While the substantial majority of our revenue has been and is expected to continue to be denominated in U.S. dollars, our results of operations and cash flows are subject to fluctuations due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates, particularly changes in the Euro. Due to the relative size of our international operations to date, our foreign currency exposure is not material and thus we have not instituted a hedging program. As our global operations continue to grow, we will monitor the foreign currency exposure to determine if and when we should begin a hedging program.

# ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Churchill Downs Incorporated

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements listed in the index appearing under item 15(a)(1) present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Churchill Downs Incorporated and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedule listed in the index appearing under item 15(a)(2) presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements and financial statement schedule, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting appearing under Item 9A. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements, on the financial statement schedule and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, 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 audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed 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 (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) 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.

As described in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting appearing under Item 9A, management has excluded Big Fish Games, Inc. from its assessment of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014 because it was acquired by the Company in a purchase business combination during 2014. We have also excluded Big Fish Games, Inc. from our audit of internal control over financial reporting. Big Fish Games, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary whose total assets and total revenues represent 4.1% and 1.7% respectively, of the related consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Louisville, Kentucky February 25, 2015

# CHURCHILL DOWNS INCORPORATED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

# December 31, (in thousands)

Current assets:   Cash and cash equivalents   \$6,005   \$36,007     Restricted cash   \$2,005   \$36,007     Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$4,246 in 2014 and \$75,800   \$46,572     Deferred income taxes   \$17,171   \$8,007   \$43,381 in 2013   \$75,800   \$46,572     Deferred income taxes receivable   \$29,455   \$12,308     Other current assets   \$24,665   \$12,036     Total current assets   \$241,727   \$100,715     Property and equipment, net   \$595,315   \$585,488     Investment in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates   \$109,548   \$80,151     Other intangible assets, net   \$549,727   \$198,149     Other assets   \$23,002   \$24,1027   \$198,149     Other assets   \$23,002   \$24,1027   \$198,149     Other assets   \$23,002   \$24,102   \$24,102   \$24,102     Other assets   \$23,002   \$24,102   \$2		2014	2013
Cash and cash equivalents         \$ 64,708           Restricted cash         26,005         36,076           Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$4,246 in 2014 and \$4,388 in 2013         \$75,890         46,572           Deferred income taxes         17,16         8,297           Income taxes receivable         29,455         12,308           Other current assets         241,725         160,715           Property and equipment, net         595,315         585,488           Investment in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates         109,548         88,151           Goodwill         349,222         198,149           Other assets         24,192         21,132           Total assets         24,192         198,149           Other assets         24,192         21,132           Total assets         45,972         198,149           Other assets         45,972         41,149           Total assets         45,972         43,123           Bank overdraft         545,597         43,123           Bank overdraft         545,597         43,123           Purses payable         11,169         18,339           Account wagering deposit liabilities         18,037         -2      <	ASSETS		
Restricted cash         26,065         36,074           Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$4,246 in 2014 and \$4,338 in 2013         75,890         46,572           Deferred income taxes         17,716         8,927           Income taxes receivable         29,455         12,036           Other current assets         241,072         10,015           Total current assets         241,072         10,015           Property and equipment, net         595,315         585,488           Investment in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates         10,934         80,151           Goodwill         389,520         30,016           Other intangible assets, net         419,24         21,012           Other assets         24,192         21,182           Total assets         24,192         21,182           Accounts payable         \$45,597         \$43,281           Accounts payable         \$18,397         48,797           Purses payable         \$11,697         49,798           Accrued expenses         \$18,037         49,797           Tax refund due to Big Fish Games former equity holders         \$18,037         49,797           Deferred revenue         15ig Fish Games         41,747         49,792			
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$4,338 in 2013         46,572           Deferred income taxes         17,716         8,927           Income taxes receivable         29,455         12,308           Other current assets         24,665         12,036           Total current assets         241,77         160,715           Property and equipment, net         595,315         85,458           Investment in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates         10,954         86,151           Goodwill         839,520         300,616           Other assets         24,192         21,132           Other assets         24,192         21,132           Total assets         24,192         21,132           Total assets         24,192         21,132           Total assets         45,597         \$13,522,61           Purser payable         \$45,597         \$43,123           Bank overdraft         \$1,60         \$18,33           Purser payable         \$1,60         \$18,33           Accrued expenses         \$1,60         \$6,72           Accrued expenses         \$1,60         \$6,72           Accrued expense former equity holders         \$1,60         \$1,60           Deferred	Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 67,936	\$
Deferred income taxes   17,16		26,065	36,074
Income taxes receivable         29,455         12,308           Other current assets         24,665         12,036           Total current assets         24,777         160,751           Property and equipment, net         595,315         585,498           Investment in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates         100,548         80,151           Goodwill         399,52         198,149           Other intangible assets, net         24,997         21,132           Total asets         20,102         21,132           Total asets         20,202         1,232           Accounts payable         \$45,597         \$43,122           Bank overdraft         544         973           Purses payable         11,169         18,839           Account wagering deposit liabilities         18,087         -           Account wagering deposit liabilities         18,087         -           Tax refund due to Big Fish Games former equity holders         18,087         -           Deferred revenue         51,833         49,078           Deferred revenue         31,216         -           Deferred revenue         31,210         -           Dividends payable         31,219         -		75,890	46,572
Other current assets         24,665         12,036           Total current assets         241,727         160,718           Tope ty and equipment, pet         595,315         85,845,88           Investment in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates         160,958         86,151           Goodwill         549,972         300,616           Other tangible assets, net         24,992         21,132           Other assets         24,192         21,352,261           Total assets         24,092         3,352,261           Total passet         24,092         3,352,261           Total passet         24,092         2,135,226           Total assets         24,597         \$45,792         \$45,792           Total passet         24,597         \$43,123         \$45,993         \$45,993         \$45,993         \$45,993         \$45,993         \$45,993         \$45,993         \$45,993         \$45,993         \$45,993         \$45,993         \$45,993         \$45,993         \$45,993         \$45,993         \$45,993         \$45,993         \$45,192         \$45,913         \$45,913         \$45,913         \$45,913         \$45,913         \$45,913         \$45,913         \$45,913         \$45,913         \$45,913         \$45,913         \$45,913	Deferred income taxes	17,716	8,927
Total current assets         241,727         160,715           Property and equipment, net         595,315         585,498           Investment in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates         169,548         881,512           Goodwill         839,520         300,616           Other intangible assets, net         549,972         198,149           Other assets         24,192         2,132           Total assets         24,002         3,552,261           LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY           Current liabilities           Accounts payable         545,597         43,123           Bank overdraft         54         973           Purses payable         11,169         18,839           Account wagering deposit liabilities         81,817         18,679           Account wagering deposit liabilities         81,807         -           Accured expenses         91,056         67,328           Tax refund due to Big Fish Games former equity holders         18,087         -           Deferred revenue - Big Fish Games former equity holders         18,087         -           Deferred revenue - Big Fish Games         41,747         -           Deferred revenue - Big Fish Games         41,749         15,186	Income taxes receivable	29,455	12,398
Property and equipment, net         595,315         585,498           Investment in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates         109,548         86,151           Goodwill         839,00         100,616           Other intangible assets, net         549,972         198,149           Other seets         24,192         21,132           Total assets         23,602.74         \$ 1,522,261           LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY           Current liabilities         45,597         \$ 43,122           Accounts payable         545,597         \$ 43,123           Purses payable         11,169         18,839           Account wagering deposit liabilities         18,137         18,679           Accrued expenses         91,056         67,328           Tax refund due to Big Fish Games former equity holders         18,837         49,078           Deferred revenue         18,183         49,078           Big Fish Games deferred payment, current         27,180            Current maturities of long-term debt         11,250            Dividends payable         334,019         213,206           Long-term debt, net of current maturities         334,019         32,800           Notes payable	Other current assets	24,665	12,036
Investment in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates         109,548         86,151           Goodwill         339,502         300,616           Other intangible assets, net         24,192         198,149           Other assets         24,102         21,132           Total assets         23,602,42         352,262           LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY           Urrent liabilities         544         973           Bank overdraft         544         973           Purses payable         18,137         18,639           Account wagering deposit liabilities         18,137         18,679           Account wagering deposit liabilities         18,137         18,679           Account expenses         91,056         67,328           Tax refund due to Big Fish Games former equity holders         18,807         -           Deferred revenue         31,833         49,078           Deferred revenue - Big Fish Games         41,747         -           Deferred revenue - Big Fish Games         17,149         15,183           Deferred revenue - Big Fish Games         334,019         21,206           Long-term debt, net of current maturities         334,019         32,206           Long-term debt, net of current mat	Total current assets	241,727	160,715
Goodwill         839,520         300,616           Other intangible assets, net         549,972         198,149           Other assets         2,24,102         2,132           Total assets         2,360,274         3,532,261           LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY           Current liabilities         45,597         \$ 43,123           Accounts payable         54,597         \$ 43,73           Bank overdraft         54,597         \$ 43,73           Purses payable         11,169         18,839           Account wagering deposit liabilities         18,137         18,697           Accrued expenses         91,056         67,328           Tax refund due to Big Fish Games former equity holders         18,087         —           Deferred revenue         51,833         49,078           Big Fish Games deferred payment, current         27,180         —           Current maturities of long-term debt         11,250         —           Total current liabilities         334,019         213,206           Long-term debt, net of current maturities         459,105         69,191           Notes payable         300,000         300,000         300,000           Big Fish Games earnout liability	Property and equipment, net	595,315	585,498
Other intangible assets, net         549,972         198,149           Other assets         24,102         21,132           Total assets         23,500,274         \$ 1,352,261           Current liabilities           Bank overdraft         544         973           Purses payable         11,169         18,839           Account wagering deposit liabilities         18,137         18,679           Accrued expenses         18,137         18,679           Accrued expenses         18,087         6,7328           Tax refund due to Big Fish Games former equity holders         18,087         6,7328           Deferred revenue         51,833         49,078           Deferred revenue- Big Fish Games         41,747         —           Big Fish Games deferred payment, current         21,125         —           Current maturities of long-term debt         11,259         —           Drividends payable         17,419         15,186           Total current liabilities         30,000         300,000           Big Fish Games deferred payment, net of current amount due         51,620         —           Big Fish Games deferred payment, net of current amount due         51,620         —           Big Fish Games carnout liability	Investment in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates	109,548	86,151
Other assets         24,192         21,132           Total assets         2,360,274         3,1352,261           Current liabilities           Accounts payable         \$45,597         \$43,123           Bank overdraft         544         973           Purses payable         118,137         18,839           Account wagering deposit liabilities         18,137         18,609           Accrued expenses         91,056         67,328           Tax refund due to Big Fish Games former equity holders         18,087         —           Deferred revenue - Big Fish Games         41,747         —           Deferred revenue - Big Fish Games         41,747         —           Big Fish Games deferred payment, current         27,180         —           Current maturities of long-term debt         11,250         —           Total current liabilities         334,019         213,200           Long-term debt, net of current maturities         330,000         300,000         300,000           Big Fish Games deferred payment, net of current amount due         327,800         —           Big Fish Games earnout liability         327,800         —           Other liabilities         14,942         30,610           Deferred income taxes	Goodwill	839,520	300,616
Total assets	Other intangible assets, net	549,972	198,149
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY           Current liabilities:         \$ 45,597 \$ 43,123           Accounts payable         \$ 44 973           Bank overdraft         544 973           Purses payable         11,169 18,839           Account wagering deposit liabilities         18,137 18,679           Accrued expenses         91,056 67,328           Tax refund due to Big Fish Games former equity holders         18,087           Deferred revenue         51,833 49,078           Deferred revenue - Big Fish Games         41,747           Big Fish Games deferred payment, current         27,180           Current maturities of long-term debt         11,250           Current mebt, net of current maturities         334,019 213,206           Long-term debt, net of current maturities         330,000 300,000           Big Fish Games deferred payment, net of current amount due         51,620           Big Fish Games deferred payment, net of current amount due         51,620           Big Fish Games earnout liability         327,800           Other liabilities         16,489 16,706           Deferred revenue         16,489 16,706           Deferred income taxes         149,522 30,616           Total liabilities         1,660,273 40,702           Com	Other assets	24,192	21,132
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Accrued expenses         91,056         67,328           Tax refund due to Big Fish Games former equity holders         18,087         —           Deferred revenue         51,833         49,078           Deferred revenue - Big Fish Games         41,747         —           Big Fish Games deferred payment, current         27,180         —           Current maturities of long-term debt         11,250         —           Dividends payable         17,419         15,186           Total current liabilities         334,019         213,206           Long-term debt, net of current maturities         459,105         69,191           Notes payable         300,000         300,000           Big Fish Games deferred payment, net of current amount due         51,620         —           Big Fish Games earnout liability         327,800         —           Other liabilities         21,718         17,753           Deferred revenue         16,489         16,706           Deferred income taxes         149,522         30,616           Total liabilities         1,660,273         647,472           Commitments and contingencies         5         5           Shareholders' equity:         —         —           Preferred stock, no par value;	Purses payable	11,169	18,839
Tax refund due to Big Fish Games former equity holders         18,087         —           Deferred revenue         51,833         49,078           Deferred revenue - Big Fish Games         41,747         —           Big Fish Games deferred payment, current         27,180         —           Current maturities of long-term debt         11,250         —           Dividends payable         17,419         15,186           Total current liabilities         334,019         213,206           Long-term debt, net of current maturities         459,105         69,191           Notes payable         300,000         300,000           Big Fish Games deferred payment, net of current amount due         51,620         —           Big Fish Games carnout liability         327,800         —           Other liabilities         21,718         17,753           Deferred revenue         16,489         16,706           Deferred income taxes         149,522         30,616           Total liabilities         1,660,273         647,472           Commitments and contingencies         5         5           Shareholders' equity:         —         —           Preferred stock, no par value; 250 shares authorized; no shares issued at December 31, 2014 and 17,948 shares issued at December 31	Account wagering deposit liabilities	18,137	18,679
Deferred revenue         51,833         49,078           Deferred revenue - Big Fish Games         41,747         —           Big Fish Games deferred payment, current         27,180         —           Current maturities of long-term debt         11,250         —           Dividends payable         17,419         15,186           Total current liabilities         334,019         213,206           Long-term debt, net of current maturities         459,105         69,191           Notes payable         300,000         300,000           Big Fish Games deferred payment, net of current amount due         51,620         —           Big Fish Games earnout liability         327,800         —           Other liabilities         21,718         17,753           Deferred revenue         16,489         16,706           Deferred income taxes         149,522         30,616           Total liabilities         1,660,273         647,472           Commitments and contingencies         5         —           Shareholders' equity:         —         —           Preferred stock, no par value; 250 shares authorized; no shares issued at December 31, 2013         262,280         295,955           Accumulated other comprehensive loss         (125)         —	Accrued expenses	91,056	67,328
Deferred revenue - Big Fish Games         41,747         —           Big Fish Games deferred payment, current         27,180         —           Current maturities of long-term debt         11,250         —           Dividends payable         17,419         15,186           Total current liabilities         334,019         213,206           Long-term debt, net of current maturities         459,105         69,191           Notes payable         300,000         300,000           Big Fish Games deferred payment, net of current amount due         51,620         —           Big Fish Games earnout liability         327,800         —           Other liabilities         21,718         17,753           Deferred revenue         16,489         16,706           Deferred income taxes         149,522         30,616           Total liabilities         1,660,273         647,472           Commitments and contingencies         1,660,273         647,472           Preferred stock, no par value; 250 shares authorized; no shares issued at December 31, 2014 and 17,948 shares issued at December 31, 2013         262,280         295,955           Accumulated other comprehensive loss         (125)         —           Retained earnings         437,846         408,834           Total	Tax refund due to Big Fish Games former equity holders	18,087	
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Notes payable         300,000         300,000           Big Fish Games deferred payment, net of current amount due         51,620         —           Big Fish Games earnout liability         327,800         —           Other liabilities         21,718         17,753           Deferred revenue         16,489         16,706           Deferred income taxes         149,522         30,616           Total liabilities         1,660,273         647,472           Commitments and contingencies         Shareholders' equity:         —         —           Preferred stock, no par value; 250 shares authorized; no shares issued         —         —         —           Common stock, no par value; 50,000 shares authorized; 17,472 shares issued at December 31, 2014 and 17,948 shares issued at December 31, 2013         262,280         295,955           Accumulated other comprehensive loss         (125)         —           Retained earnings         437,846         408,834           Total shareholders' equity         700,001         704,789	Total current liabilities	334,019	213,206
Big Fish Games deferred payment, net of current amount due       51,620       —         Big Fish Games earnout liability       327,800       —         Other liabilities       21,718       17,753         Deferred revenue       16,489       16,706         Deferred income taxes       149,522       30,616         Total liabilities       1,660,273       647,472         Commitments and contingencies       Shareholders' equity:       —       —         Preferred stock, no par value; 250 shares authorized; no shares issued       —       —         Common stock, no par value; 50,000 shares authorized; 17,472 shares issued at December 31, 2014 and 17,948 shares issued at December 31, 2013       262,280       295,955         Accumulated other comprehensive loss       (125)       —         Retained earnings       437,846       408,834         Total shareholders' equity       700,001       704,789	Long-term debt, net of current maturities	459,105	69,191
Big Fish Games earnout liability         327,800         —           Other liabilities         21,718         17,753           Deferred revenue         16,489         16,706           Deferred income taxes         149,522         30,616           Total liabilities         1,660,273         647,472           Commitments and contingencies         Shareholders' equity:         —           Preferred stock, no par value; 250 shares authorized; no shares issued         —         —           Common stock, no par value; 50,000 shares authorized; 17,472 shares issued at December 31, 2014 and 17,948 shares issued at December 31, 2013         262,280         295,955           Accumulated other comprehensive loss         (125)         —           Retained earnings         437,846         408,834           Total shareholders' equity         700,001         704,789	Notes payable	300,000	300,000
Other liabilities         21,718         17,753           Deferred revenue         16,489         16,706           Deferred income taxes         149,522         30,616           Total liabilities         1,660,273         647,472           Commitments and contingencies         Shareholders' equity:         -         -           Preferred stock, no par value; 250 shares authorized; no shares issued         -         -           Common stock, no par value; 50,000 shares authorized; 17,472 shares issued at December 31, 2014 and 17,948 shares issued at December 31, 2013         262,280         295,955           Accumulated other comprehensive loss         (125)         -           Retained earnings         437,846         408,834           Total shareholders' equity         700,001         704,789		51,620	_
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Retained earnings         437,846         408,834           Total shareholders' equity         700,001         704,789		262,280	295,955
Total shareholders' equity 700,001 704,789	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(125)	_
<u></u>	Retained earnings	 437,846	 408,834
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity \$ 2,360,274 \$ 1,352,261	Total shareholders' equity	 700,001	704,789
	Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 2,360,274	\$ 1,352,261

# CHURCHILL DOWNS INCORPORATED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

# for the years ended December 31, (in thousands, except per common share data)

		2014		2013		2012
Net revenues:						
Racing	\$	261,453	\$	274,269	\$	302,088
Casinos		329,010		297,473		223,112
TwinSpires		190,333		184,541		183,279
Big Fish Games		13,855		_		_
Other		18,283		23,042		22,817
Operating expenses:		812,934		779,325		731,296
Racing Racing		216,269		233,286		255,405
Casinos		244,051		222,879		163,686
TwinSpires		133,553		123,449		123,476
Big Fish Games		15,971				
Other		24,188		26,540		25,356
Selling, general and administrative expenses		85,114		83,446		73,829
Acquisition related charges		3,826		05,440		75,027
Insurance recoveries, net of losses				(375)		(7,006)
Operating income		90,393		90,100		96,550
		90,393		90,100		96,330
Other income (expense): Interest income		20		112		00
		20		112		90
Interest expense		(20,842)		(6,231)		(4,531)
Equity in gains (losses) of unconsolidated investments		6,328		(4,142)		(1,701)
Miscellaneous, net		619		5,667	_	819
		(13,875)		(4,594)		(5,323)
Earnings from continuing operations before provision for income taxes		76,518		85,506		91,227
Income tax provision		(30,161)		(30,473)		(33,075)
Earnings from continuing operations		46,357		55,033		58,152
Discontinued operations, net of income taxes:				(50)		124
(Loss) gain from operations				(50)		124
Loss on sale of assets	Φ.	46.257	_	(83)	_	50.276
Net earnings	\$	46,357	\$	54,900	\$	58,276
Net earnings (loss) per common share data:						
Basic						
Earnings from continuing operations	\$	2.67	\$	3.13	\$	3.38
Discontinued operations		_		(0.01)		0.01
Net earnings	\$	2.67	\$	3.12	\$	3.39
Diluted						
Earnings from continuing operations	\$	2.64	\$	3.07	\$	3.33
Discontinued operations		_		(0.01)		0.01
Net earnings	\$	2.64	\$	3.06	\$	3.34
Weighted average shares outstanding:						
Basic		17,271		17,294		17,047
Diluted		17,589		17,938		17,475
Other comprehensive loss:						
Foreign currency translation, net of tax		(125)		_		_
Other comprehensive loss		(125)				
Comprehensive income	\$		\$	54,900	\$	58,276
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# CHURCHILL DOWNS INCORPORATED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands, except per common share data)

	Common Stock		Other				
•	Shares	Amount	Comprehensive Loss		nings		Total
Balance, December 31, 2011	17,178	\$ 260,199	\$ —	\$ 3	23,831	\$	584,030
Net earnings and comprehensive income					58,276		58,276
Issuance of common stock for stock option exercises	155	5,663					5,663
Issuance of common stock for employee benefit plans	19	714					714
Issuance of common stock for long-term incentive plan	158	4,207					4,207
Tax windfall from share-based compensation		1,407					1,407
Repurchase of common stock	(84)	(5,094)					(5,094)
Restricted stock forfeitures	(1)						_
Grant of restricted stock	23						_
Amortization of restricted stock		6,377					6,377
Cash dividends, \$0.72 per share				(	12,351)		(12,351)
Restricted dividends, \$0.72 per share					(170)		(170)
Stock option plan expense		1,236					1,236
Balance, December 31, 2012	17,448	274,709	_	3	69,586	_	644,295
Net earnings and comprehensive income					54,900		54,900
Issuance of common stock for stock option exercises	7	330					330
Issuance of common stock for employee benefit plans	17	805					805
Issuance of common stock for long-term incentive plan	174	6,371					6,371
Tax windfall from share-based compensation		2,981					2,981
Repurchase of common stock	(133)	(10,723)					(10,723)
Restricted stock forfeitures	(1)	, , ,					_
Grant of restricted stock	436						_
Amortization of restricted stock		20,525					20,525
Cash dividends, \$0.87 per share		,		(	15,186)		(15,186)
Restricted dividends, \$0.87 per share				`	(466)		(466)
Stock option plan expense		957			,		957
Balance, December 31, 2013	17,948	295,955		4	08,834	_	704,789
Net earnings and comprehensive income					46,357		46,357
Issuance of common stock for stock option exercises	186	6,417					6,417
Issuance of common stock for employee benefit plans	15	1,058					1,058
Issuance of common stock for acquisition	157	15,793					15,793
Tax windfall from share-based compensation		7,708					7,708
Repurchase of common stock	(160)	(15,021)					(15,021)
Stock buyback	(691)	(61,561)					(61,561)
Restricted stock forfeitures	(9)	(**,***)					
Grant of restricted stock	26						_
Amortization of restricted stock		11,527					11,527
Cash dividends, \$1.00 per share		11,027		(	17,026)		(17,026)
Restricted dividends, \$1.00 per share				`	(319)		(319)
Stock option plan expense		404			(-1)		404
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of (\$70) tax effect		101	(125)				(125)
Balance, December 31, 2014	17,472	\$ 262,280	\$ (125)	\$ 4	37,846	\$	700,001
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# CHURCHILL DOWNS INCORPORATED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

for the years ended December 31, (in thousands)

		2014		2013		2012
Cash flows from operating activities:						
Net earnings	\$	46,357	\$	54,900	\$	58,276
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization		68,257		61,750		55,600
Acquisition related charges		3,826		_		_
Asset impairment loss		3,247		_		25
Gain on sale of business and asset dispositions		(382)		(366)		(128)
Equity in (gains) losses of unconsolidated investments		(6,328)		4,142		1,701
Share-based compensation		11,931		21,482		7,613
Deferred tax provision		14,839		5,284		9,659
Other		619		689		910
Increase (decrease) in cash resulting from changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of business acquisitions and dispositions:						
Restricted cash		9,468		6,359		9,178
Accounts receivable		(1,619)		(495)		(5,396)
Other current assets		(3,255)		1,372		(3,075)
Income taxes		206		(11,023)		764
Accounts payable		(8,385)		(5,879)		3,459
Purses payable		(7,669)		(6,594)		(10,148)
Accrued expenses		8,330		4,866		9,923
Deferred revenue		639		6,029		8,804
Other assets and liabilities		1,538		2,399		(3,067)
Net cash provided by operating activities		141,619		144,915		144,098
Cash flows from investing activities:						_
Additions to property and equipment		(54,486)		(48,771)		(41,298)
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired		(366,045)		(154,872)		(142,915)
Acquisition of gaming licenses		(2,250)		(2,650)		(2,250)
Investment in joint ventures		(17,906)		(70,500)		(19,850)
Purchases of minority investments		(602)		(902)		(2,153)
Proceeds from sale of assets		981		15		833
Proceeds from insurance recoveries		_		_		10,505
Net cash used in investing activities		(440,308)		(277,680)		(197,128)
Cash flows from financing activities:						
Borrowings on bank line of credit		804,986		740,131		554,248
Repayments of bank line of credit		(403,822)		(880,667)		(472,083)
Proceeds from bond issuance		_		300,000		_
Change in bank overdraft		(429)		(5,053)		555
Payment of dividends		(15,186)		_		(22,461)
Repurchase of common stock		(61,561)		_		_
Repurchase of common stock from share-based compensation		(15,021)		(10,723)		(5,094)
Common stock issued		7,475		1,135		6,377
Windfall tax provision from share-based compensation		7,708		2,981		1,407
Loan origination fees		(1,069)		(2,258)		(67)
Debt issuance costs		(1,032)		(5,250)		
Net cash provided by financing activities		322,049		140,296		62,882
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		23,360		7,531		9,852
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		(132)		_		_
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		44,708		37,177		27,325
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	67,936	\$	44,708	\$	37,177
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	2014		2013	2012		
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:						
Cash paid during the period for:						
Interest	\$	17,517	\$ 4,032	\$	2,856	
State tax credits		_	1,298		_	
Income taxes		16,982	31,324		24,462	
Schedule of non-cash investing and financing activities:						
Issuance of common stock for acquisition of Big Fish Games		15,793	_		_	
Earnout liability for acquisition of Big Fish Games		324,747	_		_	
Deferred payment for acquisition of Big Fish Games		97,073	_		_	
Issuance of common stock in connection with the Company LTIP, the New Company LTIP and other restricted stock plans	e	2,991	30,678		5,459	
Dividends payable		17,419	15,186		_	
Dividends accrued on restricted stock plans		319	466		170	
Accrued debt issuance costs		_	1,000		_	
Property and equipment additions included in accounts payable and accrued expenses		1,269	3,769		5,254	
Assets acquired and liabilities assumed from acquisition of businesses:						
Accounts receivable, net	\$	19,274	\$ 252	\$	486	
Income taxes receivable		18,087	_		_	
Other current assets		10,632	799		688	
Other non-current assets		1,780	_		282	
Property and equipment, net		14,632	45,105		64,935	
Goodwill		538,904	50,202		36,702	
Other intangible assets		362,863	64,693		46,004	
Accounts payable		(9,064)	(1,063)		(780)	
Accrued expenses		(16,987)	(5,111)		(5,234)	
Deferred revenue		(37,250)	(5)		(168)	
Deferred income taxes		(96,182)	_		_	
Other liabilities		(3,031)	_		_	

# NOTE 1—BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Presentation**

Churchill Downs Incorporated (the "Company") is a diversified provider of pari-mutuel horseracing, casino gaming, entertainment, and is the country's premier source of online account wagering on horseracing events. In addition, the Company is one of the world's largest producers and distributors of casual games for PCs and mobile devices. The Company offers casino gaming through its casinos in Mississippi, its slot and video poker operations in Louisiana, its slot operations in Florida, and its casino in Maine.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Calder Race Course, Inc. and Tropical Park, Inc. which hold licenses to conduct pari-mutuel wagering and horseracing at Calder Race Course ("Calder"), Arlington International Race Course, LLC ("Arlington"), Churchill Downs Louisiana Horseracing Company, LLC ("CD Louisiana"), Churchill Downs Louisiana Video Poker Company, LLC ("CD Louisiana Video") and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Video Services, LLC ("VSI"), SW Gaming, LLC ("Harlow's"), Oxford Casino ("Oxford"), Magnolia Hill, LLC ("Riverwalk"), Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company ("CDTIC"), the owner and operator of TwinSpires, Big Fish Games, Inc. ("Big Fish Games"), United Tote Company, Inc. ("United Tote"), Churchill Downs Investment Company ("CDIC"), Bluff Media ("Bluff"), as well as the Company's equity investment in HRTV, LLC ("HRTV") and a 50% joint venture in Miami Valley Gaming LLC ("MVG"). All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income include net revenues and operating expenses associated with the Company's Racing, Casinos, TwinSpires, Big Fish Games and Other Investments operating segments and are defined as follows:

<u>Racing:</u> net revenues and corresponding operating expenses associated with commissions earned on wagering at the Company's racetracks, off-track betting facilities ("OTBs") and simulcast fees earned from other wagering sites. In addition, amounts include ancillary revenues and expenses generated by the pari-mutuel facilities including admissions, sponsorships and licensing rights, food and beverage sales and fees for the alternative uses of its facilities.

<u>Casinos:</u> net revenues and corresponding operating expenses generated from slot machines, table games and video poker. In addition, it includes ancillary revenues and expenses generated by food and beverage sales, hotel operations revenue and miscellaneous other revenue.

<u>TwinSpires:</u> net revenues and corresponding operating expenses generated by the Company's Advance Deposit Wagering ("ADW") business from wagering through the Internet, telephone or other mobile devices on pari-mutuel events. In addition, it includes the Company's information business that provides data information and processing services to the equine industry.

<u>Big Fish Games</u>: net revenues and corresponding expenses generated by premium paid, casual free-to-play and casino-style games for PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet and online.

Other: net revenues and corresponding operating expenses generated by United Tote Company, the Company's provider of parimutuel wagering systems and Bluff.

# Reclassifications

During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company completed the sale of 100% of the assets of Fight! Magazine ("Fight"), a division of Bluff which was acquired by the Company in February 2012. Net revenues, operating expenses and the loss on the sale of Fight for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, have been reclassified to discontinued operations. There was no impact from these reclassifications on net earnings or cash flows.

#### **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

# Cash Equivalents

The Company considers investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Company has, from time to time, cash in the bank in excess of federally insured limits. Checks issued but not presented to banks frequently result in overdraft balances for accounting purposes and are classified as a current liability in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

#### Restricted Cash

Restricted cash represents amounts due to horsemen for purses, stakes and awards as well as customer deposits collected for advance deposit wagering. In addition, as of December 31, 2013, restricted cash included \$8.8 million of funds related to the Horse Racing Equity Trust Fund ("HRE Trust Fund") proceeds in Illinois, as further described in Note 21.

### Foreign Currency Transactions

The functional currency of the Company's international subsidiaries is the U.S. dollar, with the exception of the Big Fish Games Luxembourg subsidiary, whose functional currency is the Euro. For subsidiaries with a functional currency of the U.S. dollar, foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities are remeasured into U.S. dollars at current exchange rates and foreign currency denominated nonmonetary assets and liabilities are remeasured into U.S. dollars at historical exchange rates. Foreign currency denominated revenue and expenses are remeasured at historical exchange rates. Gains or losses from foreign currency remeasurement are included in other income and expense. For the Luxembourg subsidiary, assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars using exchange rates in effect at the end of a reporting period. Income and expense accounts are translated into U.S. dollars using average rates of exchange. The net gain or loss resulting from translation is recorded as foreign currency translation adjustment and included in accumulated other comprehensive income in stockholders' equity.

#### Allowance for Doubtful Accounts Receivable

The Company maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers to make required payments. The allowance is maintained at a level considered appropriate based on historical and other factors that affect collectability. Uncollectible accounts receivable are written off against the allowance for doubtful accounts receivable when management determines that the probability of payment is remote and collection efforts have ceased.

#### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows: 10 to 40 years for grandstands and buildings, 2 to 10 years for equipment, 2 to 10 years for furniture and fixtures and 10 to 20 years for tracks and other improvements.

#### Intangible Assets

The Company determines the initial carrying value of its intangible assets in accordance with purchase accounting based on the anticipated future cash flows relating to the intangible asset. Definite-lived intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives ranging from one to thirty years using the straight-line method. Definite-lived intangible assets are reviewed for impairment in accordance with the Company's policy for long-lived assets below.

Goodwill is tested for impairment annually as of March 31 or between annual tests if events occur or circumstances indicate there may be impairment. Guidance related to goodwill impairment testing allows an entity the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether the existence of events or circumstances leads to a determination that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If, after assessing the totality of events or circumstances, an entity determines it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than the carrying amount, then the Company would perform the two step goodwill impairment test. The first step, used to identify potential impairment, is a comparison of the reporting unit's estimated fair value to its carrying value, including goodwill. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, applicable goodwill is considered not to be impaired. If the carrying value exceeds fair value, there is an indication of impairment and the second step is performed to measure the amount of the impairment, if any. The second step of the goodwill impairment test consists of comparing the implied fair value of reporting unit goodwill with the carrying amount of that goodwill. If the carrying amount of reporting unit goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss is recognized equal to such excess. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined in the same manner, as when determining the amount of goodwill recognized in a business combination.

The Company considers its slots gaming rights and trademarks as indefinite-lived intangible assets that do not require amortization based on its future expectations to operate its casino facilities, as well as its historical experience in renewing these intangible assets at minimal cost with various state gaming commissions. In addition, the Company expects to use the Big Fish Games name indefinitely. These intangible assets are tested annually as of March 31, or more frequently if indicators of impairment exist. In 2013, in connection with its annual impairment testing, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") ASU No. 2012-02, *Intangibles-Goodwill and Other: Testing Indefinite-Lived Assets for Impairment* which allows an entity the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset is less than its carrying amount. If the carrying amount of the slots gaming rights and trademark intangible assets exceed their fair value, an impairment loss is recognized. The Company completed the required annual impairment tests of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets, and no adjustment to the carrying values of goodwill or indefinite-lived intangible assets was required.

#### **Long-lived Assets-Impairments**

In the event that facts and circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of tangible assets and other long-lived assets or groups of assets may be impaired, an evaluation of recoverability is performed. If an evaluation is required, the estimated future undiscounted cash flows associated with the assets is compared to the assets' carrying amount to determine if an impairment loss should be recorded. The impairment loss is based on the excess, if any, of the carrying value over the fair value of the assets.

### Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities

The Company adheres to a hierarchy for ranking the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair values. Assets and liabilities that are carried at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories: Level 1: Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities; Level 2: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, unadjusted quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. The Company endeavors to utilize the best available information in measuring fair value. Financial assets and liabilities are classified based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

#### Internal Use Software

The Company capitalized internal use software primarily related to TwinSpires of approximately \$5.3 million, \$7.4 million and \$5.2 million during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The estimated useful life of costs capitalized is generally three years. During the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, the amortization of capitalized costs totaled approximately \$6.0 million, \$5.1 million and \$4.2 million, respectively. Capitalized internal use software is included in property and equipment, net. The Company records internal use software in accordance with current accounting guidance governing computer software developed or obtained for internal use.

#### **Loan Origination Costs**

During the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, the Company incurred \$1.1 million, \$2.3 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, in loan origination costs associated with the second, third and fourth amended and restated credit agreements, which were capitalized and are being amortized as interest expense over the remaining term of the credit facility.

## **Debt Issuance Costs**

Debt issuance costs are deferred and amortized to interest expense using the effective interest method over the contractual term of the underlying indebtedness. During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company incurred total debt issuance costs of \$6.3 million associated with the issuance of the Senior Unsecured Notes.

#### Investment in and Advances to Unconsolidated Affiliates

The Company has investments in unconsolidated affiliates accounted for under the equity method. Under the equity method, carrying value is adjusted for the Company's share of the investees' earnings and losses, as well as capital contributions to and distributions from these companies. Distributions in excess of equity method earnings are recognized as a return of investment and recorded as investing cash inflows in the consolidated statements of cash flows. The Company classifies income and losses as well as gains and impairments related to its investments in unconsolidated affiliates as a component of its other income (expense).

The Company evaluates its investment in unconsolidated affiliates for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of its investment may have experienced an "other-than-temporary" decline in value. If such conditions exist, the Company compares the estimated fair value of the investment to its carrying value to determine if an impairment is indicated and determines whether the impairment is "other-than-temporary" based on its assessment of all relevant factors, including consideration of the Company's intent and ability to retain its investment. The Company estimates fair value using a discounted cash flow analysis based on estimated future results of the investee.

# Revenue Recognition

Pari-mutuel revenues are recognized upon occurrence of the live race that is presented for wagering and after that live race is made official by the respective state's racing regulatory body. Casino revenues represent net casino wins, which is the difference between casino wins and losses. Other operating revenues such as admissions, programs and concession revenues are recognized once delivery of the product or services has occurred.

Racing and TwinSpires revenues are generated by pari-mutuel wagering on live and simulcast racing content. Live racing handle includes patron wagers made on live races at the Company's racetracks and also wagers made on imported simulcast signals by patrons at the Company's racetracks during live meets. Import simulcasting handle includes wagers on imported signals at the Company's racetracks when the respective tracks are not conducting live racing meets, at the Company's OTBs and through the Company's ADW providers throughout the year. Export handle includes all patron wagers made on live racing signals sent to other tracks, OTBs and ADW providers. Advance deposit wagering consists of patron wagers through an advance deposit account.

The Company retains as revenue a predetermined percentage or commission on the total amount wagered, and the balance is distributed to the winning patrons. The gross percentages earned approximated 11% of handle for the Racing segment and 19% of handle for the TwinSpires segment. The Company is subject to pari-mutuel and casino taxes based on pari-mutuel and casino revenues in the jurisdictions in which it operates. These taxes are recorded as an operating expense in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

# Big Fish Games Deferred Revenue and Revenue Recognition

Big Fish Games revenue is primarily derived from the sale of premium paid, casino and casual free-to-play games and virtual goods within games. Premium game revenue is derived from a subscription business, the Big Fish Game Club, and from the sale of specific games. Subscribers receive a game credit each month with their subscription. The Company determined that the price of a monthly subscription is equivalent to the vendor specific objective evidence ("VSOE") of the game credit and that the additional benefits of the monthly subscription are marketing and promotional activities. The value of the game credit is recognized when a customer redeems the game credit. The Company also sells game credits on its website that are redeemable for the download of a game. Revenue is recognized when the customer redeems the game credit for a game.

The Company records breakage revenue, which is recognized based on historical game credit redemption patterns and represents the balance of credits where it has determined the likelihood of redemption is remote or the credits have legally expired.

The Company offers casino and casual games that customers can play at no cost and can purchase virtual goods within games to enhance the game playing experience. These games are distributed primarily through third party mobile platform providers, including by not limited to, Apple and Google. Once downloaded, players can purchase in-game virtual currency which is redeemable in the game for virtual goods. Substantially all of the virtual goods can be consumed by a player action. The Company recognizes revenue when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the service has been provided to the user, the price paid by the user is fixed or determinable, and collectability is reasonably assured. Determining whether and when some of these criteria have been satisfied requires judgments that may have a significant impact on the timing and amount of revenue reported in each period. For the purpose of determining when the service has been provided to the player, the Company has determined that an implied obligation exists to the paying user to continue to make available the purchased virtual goods within the game over the estimated average playing period of paying player for the game, which represents the Company's best estimate of the estimated average life of the virtual goods. For casino games, the estimated average life of the virtual goods is estimated to be the time period over which virtual goods are consumed or approximately four days. For all other casual games, the average playing period of paying players of approximately four months represents the Company's best estimate of the estimated average life of virtual goods.

The Company receives reports from third party mobile platform providers which breakdown the virtual goods purchased in casual and casino games for a given time period. The proceeds from the sale of virtual goods are recorded as deferred revenue, and recognized as revenue over the estimated average life of the virtual goods. The Company computes its estimated life of virtual goods at least once each year, and more frequently if qualitative evidence exists that would indicate a possible change including consideration of changes in the characteristics of games.

#### Principal Agent Considerations

In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 605-45, Revenue Recognition: Principal Agent Considerations, the Company evaluates its digital storefront agreements in order to determine whether or not it is acting as the principal or as an agent when selling the Company's games, which it considers in determining if revenue should be reported gross or net. The Company primarily uses digital storefronts for distributing its casino and casual free-to-play games. Key indicators that it evaluates in order to reach this determination include:

- the terms and conditions of the Company contracts with the digital storefronts;
- the party responsible for billing and collecting fees from the end-users, including the resolution of billing disputes;
- whether the Company is paid a fixed percentage of the arrangement's consideration or a fixed fee for each game;
- the party which sets the pricing with the end-user, has the credit risk and provides customer support; and
- the party responsible for the fulfillment of the game and that determines the specifications of the game.

Based on the evaluation of the above indicators, the Company has determined that it is generally acting as a principal and is the primary obligor to end-users for games distributed through digital storefronts, and the Company therefore recognizes revenue related to these arrangements on a gross basis.

#### <u>Customer Loyalty Programs</u>

The Company's customer loyalty programs offer incentives to customers who wager at the Company's racetracks, through its advance deposit wagering platform, TwinSpires.com, or at its casino facilities. The TSC Elite program, which was introduced during the year ended December 31, 2012, to replace the previous program, TwinSpires Club, is for pari-mutuel wagering at the Company's racetracks or through TwinSpires.com. The Player's Club is offered at the Company's casino facilities in Louisiana, Florida, Maine and Mississippi. Under the programs, customers are able to accumulate points over time that they may redeem for cash, free play, merchandise or food and beverage items at their discretion under the terms of the programs. As a result of the ability of the customer to accumulate points, the Company accrues the cost of points, after consideration of estimated forfeitures, as they are earned. For the TSC Elite program, the estimated value of the cost to redeem points is recorded as the points are earned. To arrive at the estimated cost associated with points, estimates and assumptions are made regarding incremental costs of the

benefits, rates and the mix of goods and services for which points will be redeemed. For the Player's Cub program, the retail value of the points-based cash awards or complimentary goods and services is netted against revenue as a promotional allowance. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the outstanding reward point liability was \$1.7 million and \$2.1 million, for each respective period.

#### Account Wagering Deposit Liabilities

Account wagering deposit liabilities consist of deposits received from TwinSpires.com and Velocity customers, to be used to fund wagering through the TwinSpires players' accounts. Account wagering deposit liability balances are also classified as restricted cash within the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

#### Promotional Allowances

Promotional allowances, which include the Company's customer loyalty programs, primarily consist of the retail value of complimentary goods and services provided to guests at no charge. The retail value of these promotional allowances is included in gross revenue and then deducted to arrive at net revenue.

During the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, promotional allowances of \$32.5 million, \$33.0 million and \$21.5 million, respectively, were included as a reduction to net revenues. During those periods, TwinSpires promotional allowances were \$12.5 million, \$12.3 million and \$9.3 million, Casino promotional allowances were \$19.2 million, \$19.8 million and \$11.2 million, and Racing promotional allowances were \$0.7 million, \$0.9 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. The estimated cost of providing promotional allowances is included in operating expenses for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 and totaled \$9.1 million, \$9.5 million and \$5.7 million, respectively.

#### <u>Deferred Revenue</u>

Deferred revenue includes advance sales related to the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks races in Kentucky and other advance billings on racing events. Revenues from these advance billings are recognized when the related event occurs. Deferred revenue also includes advance sales of Personal Seat Licenses ("PSLs") and luxury suites. PSLs represent the ownership of a specific seat for the Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks and Breeders' Cup races at Churchill Downs and have a contractual life of either one, two, three, five or thirty years.

Revenue from PSLs is recognized when the Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks and Breeders' Cup races occur on a ratable basis over the term of the contract. Luxury suites are sold for specific racing events as well as for a predetermined contractual term. Revenue related to the sale of luxury suites is recognized as they are utilized when the related event occurs.

#### Pari-mutuel and Casino Taxes

The Company recognizes pari-mutuel and casino tax expense based on the statutorily required percentage of revenue that is required to be paid to state and local jurisdictions in the states in which wagering occurs. Individual states and local jurisdictions set parimutuel tax rates which range from 0.5% to 10.0% of the total handle wagered by patrons. Casino tax rates range from 1.5% to 46% of net casino revenue.

#### Purse Expense

The Company recognizes purse expense based on the statutorily required percentage of revenue that is required to be paid out in the form of purses to the qualifying finishers of horseraces run at the Company's racetracks in the period in which wagering occurs. The Company incurs a liability for all unpaid purses to be paid out. The Company may pay out purses in excess of statutorily required amounts resulting in purse overpayments, which are expensed as incurred. Recoveries of purse overpayments are recognized in the period they are realized.

#### Income Taxes

In accordance with the liability method of accounting for income taxes, the Company recognizes the amount of taxes payable or refundable for the current year and deferred tax assets and liabilities for the future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in the consolidated financial statements or tax returns.

Adjustments to deferred taxes are determined based upon the changes in differences between the book basis and tax basis of assets and liabilities, measured by enacted tax rates the Company estimates will be applicable when these differences are expected to reverse. Changes in current tax laws, enacted tax rates or the estimated level of taxable income or non-deductible expenses could change the valuation of deferred tax assets and liabilities and affect the overall effective tax rate and tax provision.

When tax returns are filed, it is highly certain that some positions taken will be sustained upon examination by the taxing authorities, while others are subject to uncertainty about the merits of the position taken or the amount of the position that will be ultimately sustained. The benefit of a tax position is recognized in the financial statements in the period during which, based on all available evidence, management believes it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination, including the

resolution of appeals or litigation processes, if any. Tax positions taken are not offset or aggregated with other positions. Tax positions that meet the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold are measured as the largest amount of tax benefit that is more than 50 percent likely of being realized upon settlement with the applicable taxing authority. The portion of the benefits associated with the tax positions taken that exceeds the amount measured as described above is reflected as a liability for unrecognized tax benefits in the accompanying balance sheet along with any associated interest and penalties that would be payable to the taxing authorities upon examination.

#### **Uncashed Winning Tickets**

The Company's policy for uncashed winning pari-mutuel tickets follows the requirements as set forth by each state's pari-mutuel wagering laws. The Company will either remit uncashed pari-mutuel ticket winnings to the state according to the state's escheat or pari-mutuel laws or will maintain the liability during the required holding period according to state law at which time the Company will recognize it as income.

#### Insurance Recoveries

In connection with losses incurred from natural disasters, insurance proceeds are collected on existing business interruption and property and casualty insurance policies. When losses are sustained in one accounting period and the amounts to be recovered are collected in a subsequent accounting period, management uses estimates and judgment to determine the amounts that are probable of recovery. Estimated losses, net of anticipated insurance recoveries, are recognized in the period the natural disaster occurs and the amount of the loss is determinable. To the extent that insurance proceeds received are less than the carrying value of the assets impaired, the proceeds are reported in the statement of cash flows as an investing activity. Insurance recoveries in excess of estimated losses are recognized when realizable and are reported in net earnings in the statement of cash flows as an operating activity.

# Workers' Compensation and General Liability Self-Insurance

The Company is substantially self-insured for losses related to workers' compensation and general liability claims with stop-loss insurance for both coverages. Losses are accrued based upon the Company's undiscounted estimates of the aggregate liability for claims incurred based on historical experience and certain actuarial assumptions. Expected recoveries from third party insurance companies are also estimated and accrued.

#### Advertising

The Company expenses the costs of general advertising and associated promotional expenditures at the time the costs are incurred. During the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, the Company incurred advertising expenses of approximately \$9.9 million, \$9.5 million and \$6.9 million, respectively.

### **Share-Based Compensation**

All share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options and restricted stock, are recognized as compensation expense over the service period based on the fair value on the date of grant.

## Computation of Net Earnings per Common Share

Net earnings per common share is presented for both basic earnings per common share ("Basic EPS") and diluted earnings per common share ("Diluted EPS"). Earnings attributable to securities that are deemed to be participating securities are excluded from the calculation of Basic EPS using the two-class method. The Company has determined that employee restricted stock grants, including awards granted under its long-term incentive plans, are participating securities. Basic EPS is based upon the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period, excluding unvested restricted stock and stock options held by employees. Diluted EPS is based upon the weighted average number of common and potential common shares outstanding during the period. Potential common shares result from the assumed exercise of outstanding stock options as well as unvested restricted stock, the proceeds of which are then assumed to have been used to repurchase outstanding common stock using the treasury stock method. For periods that the Company reports a net loss, all potential common shares are considered anti-dilutive and are excluded from calculations of Diluted EPS. For periods when the Company reports net earnings, potential common shares with exercise prices in excess of the Company's average common stock fair value for the related period are considered anti-dilutive and are excluded from calculations of Diluted EPS. See Note 18 for further details.

# Use of Estimates and Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Company's most significant estimates relate to the valuation of property and equipment, income tax liabilities, goodwill and other intangible assets, which may be significantly affected by changes in the

regulatory environment in which the Company operates, and to the aggregate costs for self-insured liability claims.

#### Comprehensive Income

The Company's accumulated other comprehensive income, as of December 31, 2014, consisted of foreign currency translation losses

#### Reclassifications

Certain financial statement accounts have been reclassified in prior years to conform to current year presentation. There was no impact from these reclassifications on total assets, total liabilities, total net revenues, operating income or cash flows.

# **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In August 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-15, *Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern*, which explicitly requires management to assess an entity's ability to continue as a going concern, and to provide related footnote disclosures in certain circumstances. Management will be required to assess, in each interim and annual period, if there is substantial doubt of an entity's ability to continue as a going concern as evidenced by relevant known or knowable conditions including an entity's ability to meet its future obligations. Management will be required to provide disclosures regardless of whether substantial doubt is alleviated by management's plans. The guidance will become effective for annual fiscal periods ending after December 15, 2016.

In May, 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ("ASU 2014-09"). ASU 2014-09 is a new comprehensive standard for revenue recognition that is based on the core principle that revenue be recognized in a manner that depicts the transfer of goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Under the new standard, a good or service is transferred to the customer when, or as, the customer obtains control of the good or service, which differs from the risk and rewards approach under current guidance. The new standard provides guidance for transactions that were not previously addressed comprehensively, including service revenue and contract modifications, eliminates industry-specific revenue recognition guidance, including that for software, and requires enhanced disclosures about revenue. ASU 2014-09 affects any entity that enters into contracts with customers to transfer goods or services, except for certain contracts within the scope of other standards, such as leases, and is also applicable to transfers of nonfinancial assets outside of the entity's ordinary activities. ASU 2014-09 will be effective for the Company on January 1, 2017 and may be adopted through either retrospective application to all periods presented in the financial statements or through a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings by applying the new guidance to contracts that still require performance at the effective date. Early adoption is not permitted. The Company is in the process of evaluating the new standard and cannot currently estimate the financial statement impact of adoption.

In April 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-08, *Presentation of Financial Statements and Property Plant and Equipment: Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity.* Under ASU 2014-08, only a disposal of a component or a group of components that represents a strategic shift that has or will have a major effect on an entity's operational and financial results will qualify as a discontinued operation. In addition, under the revised definition, reporting discontinued operations will no longer be precluded when the operations and cash flows of the disposed component have not been eliminated from ongoing operations or when there is a significant continuing involvement with the component after disposal. The amendments in ASU 2014-08 will be effective prospectively for the Company in the first quarter of 2015. The Company does not anticipate a material impact to its financial statements from ASU 2014-08, absent any disposals of components or groups of components that represent a strategic shift having a major effect on the Company's operation and financial results in future periods.

#### NOTE 2—ACQUISITIONS AND NEW VENTURES

# Big Fish Games

On December 16, 2014, the Company completed the acquisition of Big Fish Games. Big Fish Games, which has locations in Seattle, Washington, Oakland, California and in Luxembourg employs approximately 580 employees and develops casual games for PCs and mobile devices worldwide. Big Fish Games operates in three business lines: premium paid, casino and casual free-to-play. The Company acquired Big Fish Games to leverage its casino and casual game experience, assembled workforce and to position itself in the mobile and online game industry. The Company financed the acquisition with borrowings under its Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "Senior Secured Credit Facility") and the addition of a \$200 million Term Loan Facility ("Term Loan") to the existing Senior Secured Credit Facility.

The purchase price consideration was \$838.3 million, composed of \$401.7 million in cash, a deferred payment to the founder of Big Fish Games of \$85.3 million, payable over three years and recorded at fair value of \$78.0 million as of the acquisition date, an estimated payable to the Big Fish Games equity holders related to an income tax refund of \$18.1 million and \$15.8 million payable in 157,115 shares of the common stock of the Company. In addition, the Company may be required to pay additional

variable cash consideration that is contingent upon the achievement of certain performance milestones of Big Fish Games through December 31, 2015 and is limited to a maximum of \$350 million based on achievement of certain non-GAAP earnings targets before interest and tax. The estimated fair value of the earnout liability at the acquisition date was \$324.7 million. The Company estimated the fair value of the deferred payment and the earnout liability using a discounted cash flows analysis over the period in which the obligation is expected to be settled, and applied a discount rate based on the Company's cost of debt. The cost of debt as of the closing date was based on the observed market yields of the Company's Senior Unsecured Notes issued in December of 2013 and was adjusted for the difference in seniority and term of the deferred payment and the earnout liability. See Note 16 for further discussion of the fair value measurement of the deferred payment and the earnout liability.

The fair values recorded were based upon a preliminary valuation. Estimates and assumptions used in such valuation are subject to change, which could be significant, within the measurement period up to one year from the acquisition date. The primary areas of the preliminary valuation that are not yet finalized relate to the fair value of amounts for income taxes, adjustments to working capital, and the final amount of residual goodwill. The Company expects to continue to obtain information to assist it in determining the fair values of the net assets acquired at the acquisition date during the measurement period. The following table summarizes (in thousands) the preliminary fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, net of cash acquired of \$34.7 million, at the date of acquisition.

	Total
Accounts receivable	\$ 19,274
Income taxes receivable	18,087
Prepaid expenses	9,727
Deferred income taxes	905
Other assets	1,780
Property and equipment	14,632
Goodwill	538,904
Other intangible assets	 362,863
Total assets acquired	 966,172
Accounts payable	9,064
Accrued expenses	16,987
Income taxes payable	210
Deferred revenue	37,250
Deferred income taxes	96,182
Other liabilities	2,821
Total liabilities acquired	162,514
Purchase price, net of cash acquired	\$ 803,658

The preliminary fair value of other intangible assets consists of the following (in thousands):

	Fair Value Recognized		
Tradename	\$	200,000	N/A
Customer relationships		32,663	3.0 years
Developed Technology		87,000	4.0 years
In-Process Research & Development		12,700	5.0 years
Strategic Developer Relationships		30,500	6.0 years
Total intangible assets	\$	362,863	

The Company engaged a third-party valuation firm to assist management in its analysis of the fair value of tangible and intangible assets acquired. All estimates, key assumptions and forecasts were either provided by or reviewed by the Company. While the Company chose to utilize a third-party valuation firm, the fair value analysis and related valuation represents the conclusions of management and not the conclusions of any third party.

Depreciation of property and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows: 1 to 5 years for computer hardware and software and 2 to 10 years for office furniture, fixtures and equipment. The estimated useful lives for leasehold improvements is 3 to 10 years based on the shorter of the estimated useful life of the improvement or the lease term.

The tradename was valued using the relief-from-royalty method of the income approach, which estimates the fair value of the intangible asset by discounting the fair value of the hypothetical royalty payments a market participant would be willing to pay to enjoy the benefits of the asset. A royalty rate of 5.0% was used based on a review of third-party licensing agreements given Big Fish Games' brand recognition and competitive position in the market. The tradename was assigned an indefinite life based on the Company's intention to keep the Big Fish Games name for an indefinite period of time.

In valuing the customer relationships, the replacement cost method of the cost approach was used. The value was determined based on the number of paying customers and average cost per customer. Developed technology was valued using the relief-from-royalty method of the income approach based upon revenues derived from games within the premium paid, casino and casual free-to-play categories. Big Fish Games pays royalties of 10.0% and 25.0% to its developers and these rates were used in the valuation.

As of the valuation date, Big Fish Games had a portfolio of free-to-play games expected to launch in 2015 and one game expected to launch in 2016. The Company estimated that the majority of the revenues associated with games launched in 2015 would be 5 years and the game launched in 2016 would be 6 years. The fair value was calculated using the relief-from-royalty method of the income approach and a royalty rate of 10.0% was used in the valuation.

Strategic developers are third-party alliance partners that develop content exclusively for Big Fish Games. In the valuation of strategic developer relationships, the comparative method of the income approach was used to calculate the fair value. In estimating the fair value, the analysis considered the differences in the present value of the cash flows associated with the strategic developers and without the strategic developers.

As of the valuation date, the fair value of Big Fish Games' deferred revenue was \$37.3 million, which reflects the costs including network and delivery, royalties, third party platform fees, game operations and corporate expenses, plus a market participant margin.

Goodwill of \$538.9 million arising from the acquisition consisted largely of projected future revenue and profit growth, including benefits from Big Fish Games' expertise in the mobile and online games industry, particularly social casinos. All of the goodwill was assigned to Big Fish Games, which remains a stand-alone business within the Company for purposes of segment reporting. None of the goodwill recognized will be deducted for tax purposes.

The acquisition of Big Fish Games is included in Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired in the investing section of the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows in the amount \$366.0 million, net of cash acquired of \$34.7 million. Included in non-cash investing activities is common stock issued in connection with the acquisition of \$15.8 million, earnout liability of \$324.7 million, and deferred payments of \$97.1 million.

Acquisition-related costs in the amount of \$6.4 million were charged directly to operations and were included in Selling, general and administrative expenses on the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Acquisition-related costs include legal, advisory, valuation, accounting and other fees incurred to effect the business combination.

During the period from December 16, 2014 through December 31, 2014, Big Fish Games contributed revenues of \$13.9 million and loss from continuing operations before provision for income taxes of \$2.9 million.

#### Saratoga Harness Racing, Inc. ("SHRI") Joint Venture

On May 13, 2014, the Company entered into a 50% joint venture with SHRI to bid on the development, construction and operation of the Capital View Casino & Resort located in the Capital Region near Albany, New York. On June 30, 2014, the Company filed an application with the New York State Facility Location Board to obtain a license to build and operate a facility with approximately 1,500 slot machines, 56 table games, a 100-room hotel and multiple entertainment and dining options. On December 17, 2014, the New York State Facility Location Board recommended that the Capital Region license be granted to another bidder.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company incurred \$1.0 million in equity losses in our other investments segment associated with the license application process and funded \$3.3 million to the joint venture. As a result of the bid decision, the Company recorded an impairment loss of \$1.6 million to reduce the Company's investment in the joint venture to its fair market value.

### Oxford Casino Acquisition

On July 17, 2013, the Company completed its acquisition of Oxford Casino ("Oxford") in Oxford, Maine for cash consideration of approximately \$168.6 million. The transaction included the acquisition of a 25,000-square-foot casino and various dining

facilities. The acquisition continued the Company's diversification and growth strategies to invest in assets with rates of returns attractive to the Company's shareholders. The Company financed the acquisition with borrowings under its Senior Secured Credit Facility.

During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, Oxford recognized revenues of \$76.5 million and \$34.4 million, respectively, and earnings from continuing operations of \$14.0 million and \$6.1 million, respectively, subsequent to its acquisition by the Company. The following table summarizes (in thousands) the fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, net of cash acquired of \$13.7 million, at the date of the acquisition.

	Total	
Accounts receivable	\$	252
Prepaid expenses		675
Inventory		124
Property and equipment		45,105
Goodwill		50,202
Other intangible assets		64,693
Total assets acquired		161,051
Accounts payable		1,063
Accrued expenses		5,111
Other liabilities		5
Total liabilities acquired		6,179
Purchase price, net of cash acquired	\$	154,872

The fair value of other intangible assets consists of the following (in thousands):

	Total
Slot gaming rights	\$ 58,500
Customer relationships	1,700
Tradename	2,400
Other intangibles	2,093
Total intangible assets	\$ 64,693

Depreciation of property and equipment acquired is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated remaining useful lives of the related assets as follows: 2 to 5 years for computer hardware and software, 2 to 9 years for equipment, 6 years for furniture and fixtures, 40 years for buildings and 14 years for building improvements. Amortization of definite-lived intangible assets acquired is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the related intangible asset. Intangible assets include customer relationships valued at \$1.7 million with a life of 6 years. Other intangibles include table game fees paid to the State of Maine which is amortized over the 20-year contract period. Slot gaming rights and tradename are determined to have indefinite lives and are not being amortized.

Goodwill of \$50.2 million was recognized given the expected contribution of the Oxford acquisition to the Company's overall business strategy. The entire balance of goodwill has been allocated to the Casinos business segment. The Company expects to deduct goodwill for tax purposes.

## Pro Forma (unaudited)

The following table illustrates the effect on net revenues, earnings from continuing operations and earnings from continuing operations per common share as if the Company had acquired Big Fish Games and Oxford as of the beginning of 2013. The pro forma results have been prepared for comparative purposes only and do not purport to be indicative of the results of operations that would have occurred had the acquisitions of Big Fish Games and Oxford been consummated at the beginning of 2013.

		Year Ended December 31,					
	2014			2013			
Net revenues	\$	1,126,592	\$	1,085,518			
Earnings from continuing operations	\$	64,145	\$	11,182			

For the year ended December 31, 2013 earnings from continuing operations includes Company and Big Fish related non-recurring acquisition costs of \$23.1 million.

# **NOTE 3—DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS**

#### Sale of Fight! Magazine

On December 16, 2013, the Company completed the sale of 100% of the assets of Fight! Magazine ("Fight") for an immaterial cash consideration. Fight is a division of Bluff which was acquired by the Company in February 2012. Net revenues, operating expenses and the loss on sale of Fight for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, have been reclassified to discontinued operations.

# Hollywood Park Racetrack

The Company recognized operating expenses of \$0.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2013, from adjustments related to workers' compensation reserves retained by the Company subsequent to its sale of Hollywood Park Racetrack during 2005 which have been recorded in discontinued operations.

#### Financial Information

Fight and Hollywood Park have been accounted for as discontinued operations. Accordingly, the results of operations of the sold businesses for all periods presented and the loss on the sold businesses have been classified as discontinued operations, net of income taxes, in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Set forth below is a summary of the results of operations of discontinued businesses for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands):

	Year ended December 31,							
	2	2	2013		2012			
Net revenues	\$		\$	632	\$	1,087		
Operating expenses		_		857		885		
Selling, general and administrative expenses		_		_		_		
Operating (loss) gain				(225)		202		
Other income (expense)		_		145		(2)		
(Loss) earnings from operations before income taxes				(80)		200		
Income tax benefit (provision)		_		30		(76)		
(Loss) gain from operations				(50)		124		
Loss on sale of assets, net of income taxes		_		(83)		_		
Net (loss) gain	\$		\$	(133)	\$	124		

# NOTE 4—NATURAL DISASTERS

# Kentucky Hailstorm

On April 28, 2012, a hailstorm caused damage to portions of Louisville, Kentucky including Churchill Downs Racetrack ("Churchill Downs") and its separate training facility known as Trackside Louisville. Both locations sustained damage to their stable areas as well as damages to administrative offices and several other structures. The Company carries property and casualty insurance, subject to a \$0.5 million deductible. During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company recorded a reduction of property and equipment of \$0.6 million and received \$1.1 million from its insurance carriers in partial settlement of its claim. The Company recognized insurance recoveries, net of losses of \$0.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2012. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company received an additional \$0.4 million and recognized insurances recoveries, net of losses of \$0.4 million as a component of operating income during 2013. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company received an additional \$0.4 million from its insurance carriers and recognized insurance recoveries, net of losses of \$0.4 million as a component of operating income. The insurance claims for this event have been finalized, and the Company does not expect to receive additional funds from this claim.

# Mississippi River Flooding

As a result of the Mississippi River flooding during 2011, the Company temporarily ceased operations at Harlow's Casino Resort & Spa ("Harlow's") on May 6, 2011, and the Board of Mississippi Levee Commissioners ordered the closure of the Mainline Mississippi River Levee on May 7, 2011. On May 12, 2011, the property sustained damage to its 2,600-seat entertainment center and a portion of its dining facilities. On June 1, 2011, Harlow's resumed casino operations with temporary dining facilities. During December 2012 and January 2013, the Company completed the renovation and improvement projects, which included a new buffet area, steakhouse, business center, spa facility, fitness center, pool and a multi-purpose event center.

The Company carries flood, property and casualty insurance as well as business interruption insurance subject to a \$1.3 million deductible for damages. As of December 31, 2012, the Company recorded a reduction of property and equipment of \$8.5 million and incurred \$2.0 million in repair expenditures. During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company received \$3.5 million from its insurance carriers in partial settlement of its claim. This amount has been included as insurance recoveries, summarized below, for the year ended December 31, 2012. In addition, the Company finalized its claim with its insurance carriers and received \$12.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2012. The Company recognized insurance recoveries, net of losses, of \$5.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2012. The insurance claims for this event have been finalized with the Company's insurance carriers, and it does not expect to receive additional funds or recognize additional income from the claim.

#### Mississippi Wind Damage

On February 24, 2011, severe storms caused damage to portions of Mississippi, including Greenville, Mississippi, the location of Harlow's. The Harlow's property sustained damage to a portion of the hotel, including its roof, furniture and fixtures in approximately 61 hotel rooms and fixtures in other areas of the hotel. The hotel was closed to customers for renovations following the storm damage and reopened during June 2011. The Company carries property and casualty insurance as well as business interruption insurance subject to a \$0.1 million deductible for damages. As of December 31, 2012, the Company recorded a reduction of property and equipment of \$1.4 million and incurred \$0.4 million in repair expenditures. The Company filed a preliminary claim with its insurance carriers for \$1.0 million in damages, which it received during the second quarter of 2011. The Company received an additional \$3.4 million from its insurance carriers during the year ended December 31, 2012. The Company recognized insurance recoveries, net of losses, of \$1.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2012. The insurance claims for this event have been finalized with the Company's insurance carriers, and it does not expect to receive additional funds or recognize additional income from the claim.

### **Financial Information**

The casualty losses and related insurance proceeds have been included as components of operating income in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Set forth below is a summary of the impact of the natural disasters on the results of operations of the Company for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, (in thousands):

	Year	Year Ended December 31, 2014					
	Casualty Losses	Insurance ses Recoveries		Insurance Recoveries, No of Losses			
Racing	\$ —	\$	(431)	\$	(431)		
Total	\$	\$	(431)	\$	(431)		

Year	End	led December 3	1, 2	2013
Casualty Losses	Casualty Losses Recoveries		Insurance Recoveries, Net of Losses	
\$ —	\$	(375)	\$	(375)
\$ —	\$	(375)	\$	(375)

Year	Ended	Decembe	r 31	1, 2012
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	Casu	alty Losses	Insurance Recoveries	Insurance Recoveries, Net of Losses		
Casinos	\$	12,331	\$ (18,856)	\$	(6,525)	
Racing	\$	644	\$ (1,125)	\$	(481)	
Total	\$	12,975	\$ (19,981)	\$	(7,006)	

## NOTE 5—ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The Company's accounts receivable at December 31, 2014 and 2013 is comprised of the following (in thousands):

	20	14	2013	
Simulcast and ADW receivables	\$	17,282	\$ 19,768	
Trade receivables		46,985	16,129	
PSL and hospitality receivables		10,877	9,410	
Other receivables		4,992	5,603	
		80,136	50,910	
Allowance for doubtful accounts		(4,246)	(4,338)	
Total	\$	75,890	\$ 46,572	

At December 31, 2014, Big Fish Games' accounts receivable was \$28.9 million included within trade receivables and primarily represents amounts due from mobile, retail and publishing partners.

During the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, the Company recognized \$0.7 million, \$0.5 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, of bad debt expense in its TwinSpires segment associated with customer wagering on TwinSpires.com. In addition, during the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company recognized \$2.5 million of bad debt expense associated with the collectibility of a third-party deposit related to an Internet gaming license.

### NOTE 6—PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment is comprised of the following (in thousands):

	2014	2013	
Land	\$ 118,658	\$ 118,165	
Grandstands and buildings	439,625	435,125	
Equipment	237,867	208,966	
Furniture and fixtures	51,815	47,718	
Tracks and other improvements	142,975	121,085	
Construction in progress	15,427	15,214	
	 1,006,367	946,273	
Accumulated depreciation	(411,052)	(360,775)	
Total	\$ 595,315	\$ 585,498	

Depreciation expense was approximately \$55.0 million, \$49.6 million and \$44.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and is classified in operating expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

On July 1, 2014, the Company ceased its pari-mutuel operations at Calder and finalized an agreement with The Stronach Group ("TSG") under which TSG will operate, at TSG's expense, live racing and maintain certain facilities used for racing and training at Calder through an agreement which expires on December 31, 2020. As a result, the Company assessed alternative potential uses of the Calder facility and certain assets not required to be maintained under lease agreement. During the year ended December 31, 2014 the Company recognized accelerated depreciation expense of \$2.4 million, primarily related to Calder's barns, which are not expected to be utilized subsequent to December 31, 2014. During 2015, the Company will continue to assess potential alternative uses of the Calder facility not associated with the lease agreement.

On November 4, 2014, the Company ceased operations of Luckity and recorded an impairment charge of \$3.2 million in its TwinSpires segment for property and equipment specifically associated with Luckity. Prior to this date, the Company was still investing in this business and actively marketing to Luckity customers.

During 2012, the Company began an assessment of potential alternative uses to its Trackside training facility at Churchill Downs. As such, the Company reviewed the useful lives of assets at this facility and commenced accelerated depreciation on certain of its long-term assets, resulting in additional depreciation expense of \$1.5 million and \$0.9 million during the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, related to this facility. The Trackside assets were fully depreciated as of December 31, 2013.

## NOTE 7—INVESTMENT IN AND ADVANCES TO UNCONSOLIDATED AFFILIATES

#### Miami Valley Gaming Joint Venture

During March 2012, the Company entered into a 50% joint venture with Delaware North Companies Gaming & Entertainment Inc. ("DNC") to develop a new harness racetrack and video lottery terminal ("VLT") gaming facility in Lebanon, Ohio. Through the joint venture agreement, the Company and DNC formed a new company, Miami Valley Gaming, LLC ("MVG"), to manage both the Company's and DNC's interests in the development and operation of the racetrack and VLT gaming facility. On December 21, 2012, MVG completed the purchase of the harness racing licenses and certain assets held by Lebanon Trotting Club Inc. and Miami Valley Trotting Inc. ("MVG Sellers") for total consideration of \$60.0 million, of which \$10.0 million was funded at closing with the remainder funded through a \$50.0 million note payable with a six year term effective upon the commencement of gaming operations. In addition, there is a potential contingent consideration payment of \$10.0 million based on the financial performance of the facility during the seven-year period after gaming operations commence.

On December 12, 2013, the new facility opened in Lebanon, Ohio on a 120-acre site. The facility includes a 5/8-mile harness racing track and an 186,000-square-foot gaming facility with approximately 1,580 VLTs. MVG invested \$204.6 million in the new facility, including a \$50.0 million license fee to the Ohio Lottery Commission. During the twelve months ended December 30, 2014, the Company funded \$14.6 million in capital contributions to the joint venture bringing the Company's total investment to \$105.0 million.

Since both DNC and the Company have participating rights over MVG, and both must consent to MVG's operating, investing and financing decisions, the Company accounts for MVG using the equity method. Summarized financial information for MVG is comprised of the following (in thousands):

	2014			2013
Assets				
Current assets	\$	24,943	\$	18,001
Property and equipment, net		130,868		140,793
Other assets, net		105,059		80,408
Total assets	\$	260,870	\$	239,202
Liabilities and Members' Equity				
Current liabilities	\$	16,775	\$	36,324
Current portion of long-term debt		8,332		8,471
Long-term debt, excluding current portion		26,584		32,287
Other liabilities		83		75
Members' equity		209,096		162,045
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$	260,870	\$	239,202

The joint venture's long-term debt consists of a \$50 million secured note payable from MVG to the MVG Sellers payable quarterly over 6 years through August 2019 at a 5.0% interest rate.

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		2013	2012		
Casino revenue	\$	126,111	\$ 6,472	\$	_
Non-casino revenue		6,257	5,479		109
Net revenues		132,368	11,951		109
Operating and SG&A expenses		97,385	10,815		242
Depreciation & amortization expenses		12,299	935		7
Pre-opening expenses		54	7,240		1,079
Operating income (loss)		22,630	 (7,039)		(1,219)
Interest and other expenses, net		(4,829)	 (397)		
Net income (loss)	\$	17,801	\$ (7,436)	\$	(1,219)

The Company's 50% share of MVG's results has been included in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 as follows (in thousands):

	y ears Ended December 31,									
		2014		2013		2012				
Equity in gains (losses) of unconsolidated investments	\$	8,900	\$	(3,718)	\$	(610)				

#### NOTE 8—GOODWILL

Goodwill of the Company at December 31, 2014 and 2013 is comprised of the following (in thousands):

	Racing	(	Casinos		TwinSpires		Big Fish Games		Other vestments	Total
Balance as of December 31, 2012	\$ 51,659	\$	67,457	\$	127,364	\$	_	\$	3,934	\$ 250,414
Additions	_		50,202		_		_		_	50,202
Balance as of December 31, 2013	51,659		117,659		127,364				3,934	300,616
Additions	_		_		_		538,904		_	538,904
Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$ 51,659	\$	117,659	\$	127,364	\$	538,904	\$	3,934	\$ 839,520

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company established goodwill of \$538.9 million related to the acquisition of Big Fish Games on December, 16, 2014.

During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company established goodwill of \$50.2 million related to the acquisition of Oxford on July 17, 2013.

The Company performed its annual goodwill impairment analysis for the year ended December 31, 2014 in accordance with ASU No. 2011-08, *Intangibles-Goodwill and Other: Testing Goodwill for Impairment*. This analysis included an assessment of qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting units is less than their carrying amounts. The impairment analysis included an assessment of certain qualitative factors including but not limited to macroeconomic, industry and market conditions; cost factors that have a negative effect on earnings; overall financial performance; the movement of the Company's share price; and other relevant entity and reporting unit specific events. This assessment included the determination of the likely effect of each factor on the fair value of each reporting unit. Although the Company believes the factors considered in the impairment analysis are reasonable, significant changes in any of the assumptions could produce a significantly different result. Based on the annual goodwill impairment analysis for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company concluded that goodwill had not been impaired.

#### NOTE 9—OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The Company's other intangible assets are comprised of the following (in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2014</b>				December 31, 2013							
			Accumulated Amortization		Net Carrying Amount		Gross Carrying Amount		Accumulated Amortization			Net Carrying Amount
Definite-lived intangible assets:												
Favorable contracts	\$	11,000	\$	(4,907)	\$	6,093	\$	11,000	\$	(4,260)	\$	6,740
Customer relationships		89,203		(39,399)		49,804		56,540		(30,464)		26,076
Slots gaming license		2,250		(1,125)		1,125		2,250		(1,125)		1,125
Table games license		2,493		(180)		2,313		2,493		(50)		2,443
Developed Technology	87,000			(931)		86,069		_	_			_
In-Process Research & Development		12,700		(105)		12,595		_		_		_
Strategic Development		30,500		(263)		30,237		_		_		_
Other		3,719		(326)		3,393		3,719		(297)		3,422
	\$	238,865	\$	(47,236)		191,629	\$	76,002	\$	(36,196)		39,806
Indefinite-lived intangible assets:												
Slots gaming rights						128,890						128,890
Trademarks						225,729						25,729
Illinois Horseracing Equity Trust						3,307						3,307
Other						417						417
Total					\$	549,972					\$	198,149

Amortization expense for definite-lived intangible assets was approximately \$13.3 million, \$12.2 million and \$11.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and is classified in operating expenses. The Company submitted payments of \$2.3 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, for annual license fees for Calder Casino. Payments are being amortized to expense over the annual license period.

Indefinite-lived intangible assets consist primarily of state gaming licenses in Maine, Mississippi and Florida, rights to participate in the Horse Racing Equity Fund and trademarks.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company established definite-lived intangible assets of \$162.9 million and indefinite-lived intangible assets of \$200.0 million related to the Big Fish Games acquisition.

During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company established definite-lived intangible assets of \$3.8 million and indefinite-lived intangible assets of \$60.9 million related to the Oxford acquisition. During November 2013, the Company paid \$0.4 million to the State of Maine for table game fees that are being amortized over a 20-year contract period. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company reduced customer relationships and accumulated amortization by \$2.8 million and other definite-lived intangibles and accumulated amortization by \$0.4 million, related to the Harlow's acquisition, as these amounts were fully amortized. Finally, the Company expensed \$0.2 million of definite-lived and indefinite lived assets related to the disposal of Fight! Magazine.

Indefinite-lived intangible assets are tested for impairment on an annual basis as of March 31. In March 2013, the Company adopted ASU No. 2012-02, Intangibles-Goodwill and Other: Testing Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets for Impairment. ASU 2012-02 simplifies indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment testing by adding a qualitative review step to assess whether a quantitative impairment analysis is necessary. Under the amended guidance, a testing methodology similar to that which is performed for goodwill impairment testing is acceptable for assessing a company's indefinite-lived intangible assets. The Company completed the required annual impairment tests of indefinite-lived intangible assets as of March 31, 2014, and no adjustment to the carrying value of indefinite-lived intangible assets was required. The Company assessed its indefinite-lived intangible assets by qualitatively evaluating events and circumstances that have both positive and negative factors, including macroeconomic conditions, industry events, financial performance and other changes and concluded that it was more likely than not that fair value of its indefinite-lived intangible assets exceeds their carrying value.

Future estimated amortization expense does not include additional payments of \$2.3 million in 2013 and in each year thereafter for the ongoing amortization of future expected annual Florida slots gaming license fees not yet incurred or paid. Future estimated aggregate amortization expense on existing definite-lived intangible assets for each of the next five fiscal years is as follows (in thousands):

Year Ended December 31,	Estimated Amortization Expense					
2015	\$	53,818				
2016	\$	51,596				
2017	\$	35,927				
2018	\$	18,716				
2019	\$	16,638				

#### NOTE 10—INCOME TAXES

Components of the provision for income taxes are as follows (in thousands):

	2014			2013	2012
Current provision:					
Federal	\$	13,236	\$	22,727	\$ 21,103
State and local		2,008		2,462	2,351
Foreign		78		_	(38)
		15,322		25,189	23,416
Deferred:					
Federal		19,672		5,788	8,292
State and local		81		(504)	1,367
Foreign		(4,914)		_	_
		14,839		5,284	9,659
	\$	30,161	\$	30,473	\$ 33,075

The Company's income tax expense is different from the amount computed by applying the federal statutory income tax rate to income before taxes as follows (in thousands):

	2014	2013	2012
Federal statutory tax on earnings before income taxes	\$ 26,782	\$ 29,928 \$	31,929
State income taxes, net of federal income tax benefit	1,388	1,514	2,185
Non-deductible lobbying and contributions	999	723	946
Tax credits and incentives	(1,209)	(663)	(494)
Tax adjustments	(485)	(174)	(1,093)
Accruals and settlements related to tax audits	529	(395)	(686)
Valuation allowance	_	(220)	_
Change in effective state tax rates	(401)	(383)	197
Non-deductible transaction costs	947	_	_
Non-deductible acquisition related charges	1,339	_	_
Other permanent differences	272	143	91
	\$ 30,161	\$ 30,473 \$	33,075

During 2003, the Company entered into a Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") Agreement with the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Pursuant to this agreement, the Company is entitled to receive reimbursement for 80% of the increase in Kentucky income and sales tax resulting from its 2005 renovation of the Churchill facility. During the years ended 2014, 2013, and 2012, the Company recognized reductions in operating expenses of \$0.6 million, \$0.8 million and \$0.7 million, respectively. In addition, the Company recognized reductions to its income tax expense, net of federal taxes, of \$0.1 million, \$0.4 million, and \$0.5 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2014, the Company has received \$6.4 million of combined benefits and established a sales tax receivable of \$0.6 million and an income tax receivable of \$0.1 million related to the reimbursement.

Components of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows (in thousands):

	2014	2013
Deferred tax assets:		
Deferred compensation plans	\$ 31,520	\$ 14,271
Deferred income	752	6,328
Allowance for uncollectible receivables	1,323	1,295
Deferred liabilities	3,822	3,574
Net operating losses and credit carryforward	32,573	19,186
Deferred tax assets	 69,990	44,654
Valuation allowance	(1,274)	(1,213)
Net deferred tax asset	 68,716	43,441
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Intangible assets in excess of tax basis	151,210	22,749
Property and equipment in excess of tax basis	37,827	40,135
Other	11,485	2,246
Deferred tax liabilities	 200,522	65,130
Net deferred tax liability	\$ (131,806)	\$ (21,689)
Income taxes are classified in the balance sheet as follows:		
Net current deferred tax asset	\$ 17,716	\$ 8,927
Net non-current deferred tax liability	(149,522)	(30,616)
	\$ (131,806)	\$ (21,689)

As of December 31, 2014, the Company had federal net operating losses of \$24.4 million, which were acquired in conjunction with the acquisitions of Youbet.com and Big Fish Games. The utilization of these losses, which expire between 2019 and 2034, is limited on an annual basis pursuant to IRC § 382. The Company believes that it will be able to fully utilize all of these losses. In addition, the Company has \$4.3 million of state net operating losses; \$2.4 million of this loss carryforward was acquired in conjunction with the acquisitions of Youbet.com and Big Fish Games. These losses, which expire between 2015 and 2034, may be subject to annual limitations similar to IRC § 382. The Company has recorded a valuation allowance of \$0.9 million against the state net operating losses due to the fact that it is unlikely that it will generate income in certain states, which is necessary to utilize the assets.

The changes in the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 are as follows (in thousands):

	2014	2013
Balance at beginning of the year	\$ 1,213	\$ 1,334
Charged to costs and expenses	158	168
Charged to other accounts	(83)	_
Deductions	(14)	(289)
Balance at end of the year	\$ 1,274	\$ 1,213

The IRS has audited the Company through 2012. Subsequent years are open to examination. State and local tax years open for examination vary by jurisdiction. As of December 31, 2014, the Company had approximately \$2.9 million of total gross unrecognized tax benefits, excluding interest of \$0.1 million. Of this amount, \$1.7 million was related to tax positions acquired in the Big Fish Games acquisition. If the total gross unrecognized tax benefits were recognized, there would be a \$1.8 million effect to the annual effective tax rate and an additional \$1.1 million would be reimbursed by the pre-acquisition shareholders of Big Fish Games, in conjunction with a tax indemnity agreement. The Company anticipates a decrease in its unrecognized tax positions of approximately \$1.1 million during the next twelve months. This anticipated decrease is primarily due to the expiration of statutes of limitations.

During October 2012, the Company funded a \$2.9 million income tax payment to the State of Illinois related to a dispute over state income tax apportionment methodology which was recorded in other assets at December 31, 2014. The Company filed its state income tax returns related to the years 2002 through 2005 following the methodology prescribed by Illinois statute, however the State of Illinois has taken a contrary tax position. The Company filed a formal protest with the State of Illinois during the

fourth quarter of 2012. The Company does not expect this issue to have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition or results of operations. See Note 17 for further discussion of this matter.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits is as follows (in thousands):

	2014		2013		2012	
Balance as of January 1	\$	582	\$	8,565	\$ 2,109	
Additions for tax positions related to the current year		573		190	_	
Additions for tax positions of prior years		2,097		207	7,390	
Reductions for tax positions of prior years		(326)		(8,380)	(934)	
Balance as of December 31	\$	2,926	\$	582	\$ 8,565	

The increase in the uncertain tax position in 2014 was primarily related to the acquisition of Big Fish Games. The decrease in the uncertain tax position in 2013 was due to an IRS settlement related to the timing of the taxation of receipts from the HRE Trust Fund and the expiration of statute of limitations related to various tax positions. The Company recognizes interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense and penalties in selling, general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. The Company accrued less than \$0.2 million of interest for each of the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

#### NOTE 11—SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

#### Stock Repurchase Program

On April 23, 2013, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$100 million of the Company's stock in a stock repurchase program. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company repurchased 691,000 shares for \$61.6 million in a privately negotiated transaction. The shares were retired, and the cost of the shares acquired was treated as a deduction from shareholders' equity. The Company funded this repurchase using available cash and borrowings under its Senior Secured Credit Facility. Under the terms of the stock repurchase program, the Company may repurchase an additional \$38.4 million of common stock prior to the termination of the repurchase program on December 31, 2015.

#### Shareholder Rights Plan

On March 13, 2008, the Company's Board of Directors approved a shareholder rights plan, which granted each shareholder the right, in certain circumstances, to purchase a fraction of a share of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock at the rate of one right for each share of the Company's common stock. If a person or group, together with its affiliates and associates, become an acquiring person, defined as the beneficial owner of 15% or more of the Company's common stock, each holder of a right (other than the person or group who has become an acquiring person) will have the right to receive, upon exercise, shares of the Company's common stock having a value equal to two times the exercise price of the right. Certain persons and transactions are exempted from the definition of acquiring person. In the event that, at any time following the date such person or group becomes an acquiring person, (i) the Company engages in a merger or other business combination transaction in which the Company is not the surviving corporation (other than with an entity that acquired the shares pursuant to an offer for all outstanding shares of common stock that a majority of the independent directors determines to be fair and not inadequate and to otherwise be in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders, after receiving advice from one or more investment banking firms (a "Qualifying Offer")), (ii) the Company engages in a merger or other business combination transaction (other than with an entity that acquired the shares pursuant to a Qualifying Offer) in which the Company is the surviving corporation and the common stock of the Company is changed or exchanged, or (iii) 50% or more of the Company's assets, cash flow or earnings power is sold or transferred, each holder of a right (other than the person or group who has become an acquiring person) shall thereafter have the right to receive, upon exercise, common stock of the surviving entity having a value equal to two times the exercise price of the right. At any time after a person or group becomes an acquiring person, and prior to the acquisition by such person or group of fifty percent (50)% or more of the outstanding common stock, the Board of Directors may exchange the rights (other than rights owned by such acquiring person), in whole or in part, for common stock at an exchange ratio of one share of common stock, or one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock (or of a share of a class or series of the Company's preferred stock having equivalent rights, preferences and privileges), per right (subject to adjustment).

#### NOTE 12—EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The Company has a profit-sharing plan that covers all employees, other than Big Fish Games employees and others not participating in an associated profit-sharing plan, with three months or more of service. The Company will match contributions made by the employee up to 3% of the employee's annual compensation and will also match, at 50%, contributions made by the employee up

to an additional 2% of compensation with certain limits. The Company may also contribute a discretionary amount determined annually by the Board of Directors as well as a year-end discretionary match not to exceed 4% of compensation. The Company's cash contribution to the plan for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 was approximately \$2.5 million, \$2.3 million and \$1.8 million, respectively.

Big Fish Games has a defined contribution plan that covers all employees and matches employee contributions to the plan at 3% of the employee's annual compensation.

The Company is a member of a noncontributory defined benefit multi-employer retirement plan for all members of the Pari-mutuel Clerk's Union of Kentucky and several other collectively bargained retirement plans, which are administered by unions. Cash contributions are made in accordance with negotiated labor contracts. Retirement plan expense for each of the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 was approximately \$0.7 million, \$0.7 million and \$0.6 million, respectively. The Company's policy is to fund this expense as accrued. The Company currently estimates that future contributions to these plans will not increase significantly from prior years.

The Company provides eligible executives and directors of the Company an opportunity to defer to a future date the receipt of base and bonus compensation for services as well as director's fees through a deferred compensation plan. The Company's matching contribution on base compensation deferrals equals the matching contribution of the Company's profit-sharing plan with certain limits. The Company's cash contribution to the plan amounts to \$0.1 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

#### NOTE 13—TOTAL DEBT

The following table presents our total debt outstanding at December 31, 2014 and 2013 (in thousands):

	As of 1			
	2014			2013
Senior Secured Credit Facility:				
Senior Secured Credit Facility due 2018	\$	258,000	\$	58,000
Term Loan A due 2019		200,000		_
Swing line of credit		12,355		11,191
5.375% Senior Unsecured Notes due 2021		300,000		300,000
Total debt		770,355		369,191
Current maturities of long-term debt		11,250		_
Total debt, net of current maturities	\$	759,105	\$	369,191

#### 5.375% Senior Unsecured Notes

On December 16, 2013, the Company completed an offering of \$300 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.375% Senior Unsecured Notes that mature on December 15, 2021 (the "Senior Unsecured Notes"). The Senior Unsecured Notes were issued at par, with interest payable on June 15<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. The Company received net proceeds of \$295 million, after deducting underwriting fees, and used the net proceeds from the offering to repay a portion of its outstanding borrowings, and accrued and unpaid interest outstanding under its Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement ("Senior Secured Credit Facility"). In connection with the issuance, the Company capitalized \$6.3 million of debt issuance costs which are being amortized as interest expense over the remaining term of the Senior Unsecured Notes.

The Senior Unsecured Notes were issued in a private offering that was exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and are senior unsecured obligations of the Company. The Senior Unsecured Notes are guaranteed by each of the Company's domestic subsidiaries that guarantee its Senior Secured Credit Facility and will rank equally with the Company's existing and future senior obligations. At any time prior to December 15, 2016, the Company may redeem all or part of the Senior Unsecured Notes at par plus the present value (discounted at the treasury rate plus 50 basis points) of scheduled interest payments through December 15, 2016, along with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, at the date of redemption. On or after December 15, 2016, the Company may redeem all or part of the Senior Unsecured Notes at a redemption price of 104.0% which gradually reduces to par by 2019.

#### Senior Secured Credit Facility

On December 1, 2014, the Company executed the Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "Senior Secured Credit Facility") whereby it added a \$200 million Term Loan Facility ("Term Loan") to the existing Senior Secured Credit Facility and amended certain definitions and provisions of the credit agreement including Consolidated Funded Indebtedness, EBITDA and

calculation of the Total Leverage Ratio. The Company incurred loan origination costs of \$0.9 million in connection with this amendment, which were capitalized and are being amortized as interest expense over the remaining term of the Senior Secured Credit Facility.

On May 17, 2013, the Company entered into the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (also referred to as the "Senior Secured Credit Facility") which amended certain provisions of the credit agreement including increasing the maximum aggregate commitment from \$375 million to \$500 million. The Senior Secured Credit Facility also provides for an accordion feature which, if exercised, could increase the maximum aggregate commitment by up to an additional \$225 million and reduce the pricing schedule for outstanding borrowings and commitment fees across all leverage pricing levels. The guarantors under the Senior Secured Credit Facility continue to be a majority of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries. The Company incurred loan origination costs of \$2.3 million in connection with this amendment, which were capitalized and are being amortized as interest expense over the remaining term of the Senior Secured Credit Facility.

The Senior Secured Credit Facility matures on May 17, 2018. The Term Loan matures on December 1, 2019 provided however, in the event the Senior Secured Credit Facility has not, prior to May 17, 2018, been extended to a maturity date of December 1, 2019, the Term Loan matures on May 17, 2018.

Regarding the Term Loan, the Company is required to make quarterly principal payments that commence on March 31, 2015 and are set to occur on the last day of each quarter through September 30, 2019. Payments start at \$2.5 million and increase in increments of \$1.25 million on December 31 of each year to reach final year quarterly payment amount of \$7.5 million. To the extent not previously repaid, any outstanding balance on the Term Loan shall be repaid in full on the facility termination date. If no additional payments are made, and the termination date is September 30, 2019, the balance due at termination will be \$102.5 million.

Generally, borrowings made pursuant to the Senior Secured Credit Facility bear interest at a LIBOR-based rate per annum plus an applicable percentage ranging from 1.125% to 3.0% depending on the Company's total leverage ratio. In addition, under the Senior Secured Credit Facility, the Company agreed to pay a commitment fee at rates that range from 0.175% to 0.45% of the available aggregate commitment, depending on the Company's leverage ratio. The Term Loan is not subject to, nor included in the calculation of, the commitment fee. The weighted average interest rate on outstanding borrowings at December 31, 2014 and 2013 was 2.19% and 1.71%, respectively.

The Senior Secured Credit Facility contains customary affirmative and negative covenants for credit facilities of this type, including limitations on the Company and its subsidiaries with respect to indebtedness, restricted payments, liens, investments, mergers and acquisitions, disposition of assets, sale-leaseback transactions and transactions with affiliates. The covenants permit the Company to use proceeds of the credit extended under the agreement for general corporate purposes, restricted payments and acquisition needs. The Senior Secured Credit Facility also contains financial covenants that require the Company (i) to maintain an interest coverage ratio (i.e., consolidated adjusted EBITDA to consolidated interest expense) that is greater than 3.0 to 1.0; (ii) not to permit the total leverage ratio (i.e., total consolidated funded indebtedness to consolidated adjusted EBITDA) to be greater than 4.5 to 1.0, provided that if a certain minimum consolidated adjusted EBITDA is reached then the total leverage ratio will be increased to 5.0 to 1.0 for such periods that the minimum is maintained; and (iii) not to permit the senior secured leverage ratio (i.e. senior secured consolidated funded indebtedness to consolidated adjusted EBITDA) to be greater than 3.5 to 1.0. As of December 31, 2014, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the Senior Secured Credit Facility, and substantially all of the Company's assets continue to be pledged as collateral under the Senior Secured Credit Facility.

As of December 31, 2014, we had \$223.7 million of borrowing capacity under the Senior Secured Credit Facility.

Future aggregate maturities of total debt are as follows (in thousands):

	ear Ended ecember 31,	
2015	\$	11,250
2016		16,250
2017		21,250
2018		421,605
Thereafter		300,000
Total	\$	770,355

#### **NOTE 14—OPERATING LEASES**

The Company leases facilities for nine of its ten OTB operations at Arlington. Eight of Arlington's OTB operations are conducted at non-owned Illinois restaurants under licensing agreements with varying payment terms, including payment contingent on handle.

These OTB operations are generally multi-year agreements, renewable with 90 days notice by either party. Arlington's ninth leased facility, Waukegan, operates as a traditional OTB under a lease which will expire in 2015. The Company has ten operating lease agreements for Fair Grounds OTBs, which expire in various years from 2014 through 2021. Furthermore, the Company has operating leases for its corporate headquarters, TwinSpires, and Big Fish Games locations.

Future minimum operating lease payments are as follows, not including the variable portion of contingent leases and Arlington's contingent licensing agreements (in thousands):

Year Ended December 31,							
2015	\$	11,604					
2016		10,719					
2017		9,601					
2018		4,591					
2019		2,515					
Thereafter		3,590					
Total	\$	42,620					

The Company also leases totalisator equipment, gaming equipment, audio/visual equipment and operates certain facilities that are partially contingent on handle, bandwidth usage or race days. Total annual rent expense for contingent lease payments, including totalisator equipment, audio/visual equipment, gaming equipment, land and facilities, was approximately \$4.3 million, \$3.7 million and \$3.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The Company's total rent expense for all operating leases, including the contingent lease payments, was approximately \$20.2 million, \$20.2 million and \$18.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. During 2013, the increase in total rent expense primarily reflects an increase in slot machine expense, which is attributable to the acquisitions of Riverwalk and Oxford.

#### NOTE 15—SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION PLANS

As of December 31, 2014, the Company has share-based employee compensation plans as described below. The total compensation expense, which includes compensation expense related to restricted share awards, restricted stock unit awards, stock option awards, granted LTIP awards and stock options associated with an employee stock purchase plan, was \$11.9 million, \$21.5 million, and \$7.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

#### **Employee Stock Options**

The Company sponsors the Churchill Downs Incorporated 1997 Stock Option Plan (the "97 Plan") and the Churchill Downs Incorporated 2007 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan (the "07 Incentive Plan"). In addition, the Company may, from time to time, grant stock option awards to individuals outside of its share-based compensation plans. These share-based incentive compensation plans are described below.

On March 13, 2003, the Board of Directors suspended the 97 Plan. Awards issued under the 97 Plan prior to its suspension were unaffected by such suspension.

The 97 Plan and the 07 Incentive Plan provide that the exercise price of any incentive stock option may not be less than the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant. Outstanding stock options under the 97 Plan have contractual terms of ten years and generally vest three years from the date of grant. Outstanding stock options under the 07 Incentive Plan have contractual terms of ten years and generally vest ratably on each anniversary of the grant date over a three year period.

Activity for stock options granted by the Company during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 is presented below (in thousands, except per common share data):

	Number of Shares Under Option	Weighted Averag Exercise Price		
Balance as of December 31, 2011	354	\$	36.52	
Granted	_	\$	_	
Exercises	(153)	\$	36.80	
Canceled/forfeited	_	\$	_	
Balance as of December 31, 2012	201	\$	36.30	
Granted	_	\$	_	
Exercises	(7)	\$	42.94	
Canceled/forfeited	(1)	\$	36.12	
Balance as of December 31, 2013	193	\$	36.04	
Granted	_	\$	_	
Exercises	(182)	\$	35.26	
Canceled/forfeited	(1)	\$	49.95	
Balance as of December 31, 2014	10	\$	48.63	

During the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company entered into an amended and restated employment agreement with Robert L. Evans, the Company's Chairman of the Board and former Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Evans received a stock option, vesting quarterly over approximately three years to purchase an aggregate of 180,000 shares of the Company's common stock, with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of a share of the Company's common stock on September, 27, 2010, the date on which the award was granted. This stock option has a contractual term of six years expiring on November 14, 2016. Under Mr. Evans' previous employment agreement, Mr. Evans received a stock option, vesting quarterly over three years, to purchase an aggregate of 130,000 shares of the Company's common stock, with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of a share of the Company's common stock on July 18, 2006.

During 2014, Mr. Evans exercised options for 180,000 shares of the Company's common stock which were granted at \$35.19 per share, for common stock prices ranging from \$85.00 to \$91.33 per share. During 2012, Mr. Evans exercised options for 130,000 shares of the Company's common stock which were granted at \$36.16 per share, for common stock at stock prices ranging from \$57.36 to \$60.05 per share.

During the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, no stock options were granted. Whenever the Company issues stock options, it estimates the fair value of the stock options as of the date of grant, using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The Black-Scholes option pricing model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options which have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility. Because the Company's employee stock options have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options and because changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, in the Company's opinion, the existing models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of the Company's employee stock options. The Company calculates the expected term for its stock options based on historical exercise behavior and bases the risk-free interest rate on a traded zero-coupon U.S. Treasury bond with a term substantially equal to the stock option's expected term. The volatility used to value stock options is based on historical volatility. The Company calculates historical volatility using a simple average calculation methodology based on daily price intervals as measured over the expected term of the stock option.

At December 31, 2014, all outstanding options were vested and exercisable. The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding as of December 31, 2014 (in thousands, except contractual life and per share data):

	Shares Under Option	Remaining Contractual Life	Average Exercise Price Per Share	Intrinsic Value per Share <sup>(1)</sup>	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Options exercisable and vested at December 31, 2014	10	3.2	\$ 48.63	\$ 46.67	\$ 483

(1) Computed based upon the amount by which the fair market value of the Company's common stock at December 31, 2014 of \$95.30 per share exceeded the weighted average exercise price.

The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 was \$9.6 million, \$0.3 million, and \$5.7 million, respectively. Cash received from stock option exercises totaled \$6.4 million, \$0.3 million, and \$3.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

At December 31, 2013, there were 193 thousand options exercisable with a weighted average exercise price of \$36.04.

#### Restricted Shares and Restricted Stock Units

2013 New Company LTIP

During 2013, the Board of Directors approved the terms and conditions of performance share awards issued pursuant to the Churchill Downs Incorporated 2007 Omnibus stock incentive plan (the "New Company LTIP"). As a way to continue to encourage innovation, an entrepreneurial approach, and careful risk assessment, and in order to retain key executives, the New Company LTIP offers long-term incentive compensation to the Company's named executive officers and other key executives ("Grantees") as reported in the Company's Schedule 14A Proxy Statement filing.

During 2013, the Grantees received 92,000 restricted shares of the Company's common stock vesting over approximately four years and 324,000 restricted shares of the Company's common stock with vesting contingent upon the Company's common stock reaching certain closing prices on NASDAQ for 20 consecutive trading days. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company's closing stock price achieved the twenty consecutive trading days closing price stock requirement for 84,500 restricted shares. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company's closing stock price achieved the stock price requirement for 155,000 restricted shares.

During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company recognized \$8.3 million and \$12.8 million, respectively, of compensation expense related to the New Company LTIP. As of December 31, 2014, unrecognized compensation expense attributable to unvested service period awards was \$2.8 million. The weighted average period over which the Company expects to recognize the remaining compensation expense under the service period awards approximates 17 months. There is no remaining unrecognized expense under the market condition awards.

#### Other Restricted Share Awards

The Company sponsored the Churchill Downs Incorporated 2004 Restricted Stock Plan (the "04 Plan"). In addition, the Company, may, from time to time, grant restricted shares or restricted stock units to individuals outside of its share-based compensation plans.

On March 15, 2007, the Board of Directors replaced the 04 Plan with the 07 Incentive Plan. Awards issued under the 04 Plan prior to its termination were unaffected by such termination. The 07 Incentive Plan permits the award of restricted shares or restricted stock units to directors and key employees, including officers of the Company and its subsidiaries who are from time to time responsible for the management, growth and protection of the business of the Company and its subsidiaries.

Restricted shares granted under the 04 Plan generally vest in full five years from the date of grant or upon retirement at or after age 60. Restricted shares granted under the 07 Incentive Plan generally vest in full three years from the date of grant or upon retirement at or after age 60. The fair value of restricted shares under both the 04 Plan and the 07 Incentive Plan is determined by the product of the number of shares granted and the grant date market price of the Company's common stock, discounted to consider the fact that dividends are not paid on these shares.

During the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company entered into an amended and restated employment agreement with Robert L. Evans. Mr. Evans received (i) 45,000 restricted shares of the Company's common stock, with vesting contingent upon the Company's common stock reaching certain closing prices on NASDAQ for twenty consecutive trading days, and (ii) 81,250 restricted stock shares, vesting quarterly over 6.0 years. During the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, 15,000 shares and 30,000 shares, respectively, with vesting contingent upon the Company's stock price, reached the required closing stock prices and vested.

Under a previous employment agreement with Robert L. Evans, Mr. Evans received (i) 90,000 restricted shares of the Company's common stock, with vesting contingent upon the Company's common stock reaching certain closing prices on NASDAQ for twenty consecutive trading days, (ii) 65,000 restricted shares of the Company's common stock, vesting quarterly over five years, and contingent upon the Company's common stock reaching certain closing prices on NASDAQ for ten consecutive trading days and (iii) 65,000 restricted stock units representing shares of the Company's common stock, vesting quarterly over five years, with Mr. Evans entitled to receive the shares underlying the units (along with a cash payment equal to accumulated dividend equivalents beginning with the lapse of forfeiture, plus interest at a 3% annual rate) six months after termination of employment. The restricted share awards were approved by the Company's shareholders at its Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on June 28, 2007, the grant date of these awards. During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, zero shares and 60,000 shares, respectively, with vesting contingent upon the Company's stock price, reached the required closing stock prices and vested.

Activity for the 2013 New Company LTIP, 04 Plan, the 07 Incentive Plan and awards made outside of share-based compensation plans for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, is presented below (in thousands, except per common share data):

	(Performanc		Market Condition (Performance-Based) Awards		Service Period Awards				Total			
	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value		Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value		Number of Shares	G	Veighted Average rant Date air Value			
Balance as of December 31, 2011	112	\$	43.76	307	\$	38.63	419	\$	40.01			
Granted	_	\$	_	182	\$	51.99	182	\$	51.99			
Vested	(52)	\$	41.31	(169)	\$	45.85	(221)	\$	44.77			
Canceled/forfeited	_	\$	_	(1)	\$	39.12	(1)	\$	39.12			
Balance as of December 31, 2012	60	\$	45.90	319	\$	42.42	379	\$	42.97			
Granted	324	\$	53.71	287	\$	67.55	611	\$	60.21			
Vested	(60)	\$	45.90	(256)	\$	59.54	(316)	\$	53.90			
Canceled/forfeited	_	\$	_	(1)	\$	38.75	(1)	\$	38.75			
Balance as of December 31, 2013	324	\$	53.71	349	\$	53.58	673	\$	53.64			
Granted	_	\$	_	26	\$	88.58	26	\$	88.58			
Vested	(239)	\$	53.49	(107)	\$	54.15	(346)	\$	53.70			
Canceled/forfeited	_	\$	_	(12)	\$	60.41	(12)	\$	60.41			
Balance as of December 31, 2014	85	\$	54.32	256	\$	56.24	341	\$	55.77			

As of December 31, 2014, there was \$5.9 million of unrecognized share-based compensation expense related to nonvested restricted share and restricted stock unit awards that the Company expects to recognize over a weighted average period of 1.9 years.

As of December 31, 2014, employees of the Company held 84,500 restricted shares subject to performance-based vesting criteria (all of which are considered market-based restricted shares), which were issued during the year ended December 31, 2013. The number of these shares that vest is based upon established market-based performance targets that will be assessed on an ongoing basis.

#### Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan, the Company is authorized to sell, pursuant to short-term stock options, shares of its common stock to its full-time (or part-time for at least 20 hours per week and at least five months per year) employees at a discount from the common stock's fair market value. The Employee Stock Purchase Plan operates on the basis of recurring, consecutive one-year periods. Each period commences on August 1 and ends on the following July 31.

Each August 1, the Company offers eligible employees the opportunity to purchase common stock. Employees who elect to participate for each period have a designated percentage of their compensation withheld (after-tax) and applied to the purchase of shares of common stock on the last day of the period, July 31. The Employee Stock Purchase Plan allows withdrawals, terminations and reductions on the amounts being deducted. The purchase price for the common stock is 85% of the lesser of the fair market value of the common stock on (i) the first day of the period, or (ii) the last day of the period. No employee may purchase common stock under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan valued at more than \$25 thousand for each calendar year.

Under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan, the Company sold approximately fifteen thousand shares of common stock to employees pursuant to options granted on August 1, 2013, and exercised on July 31, 2014. Because the plan year overlaps the Company's fiscal year, the number of shares to be sold pursuant to options granted on August 1, 2014, can only be estimated because the 2014 plan year is not yet complete. The Company's estimate of options granted in 2014 under the Plan is based on the number of shares sold to employees under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan for the 2013 plan year, adjusted to reflect the change in the number of employees participating in the Employee Stock Purchase Plan in 2014. The Company recognized compensation expense related to the Employee Stock Purchase Plan of \$0.4 million, for each of the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012.

#### NOTE 16—FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The Company endeavors to utilize the best available information in measuring fair value. Financial assets and liabilities are

classified based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following tables present the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value at December 31, 2014 and 2013 (in thousands):

		Level 1			Level 3		
Cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$	27,464	\$	_	\$	_	
Big Fish Games deferred payments		_		_		78,800	
Big Fish Games earnout liability		_		_		327,800	
Senior unsecured notes		_		299,250		_	
Bluff contingent consideration liability				_		2,331	
Total	\$	27,464	\$	299,250	\$	408,931	
			Ende	d December 31	, 201		
	]	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3	
Cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$	36,940	\$	_	\$	_	
Senior unsecured notes		_		305,250		_	
Bluff contingent consideration liability		_		_		2,331	
Total	\$	36,940	\$	305,250		2,331	
						Measurements	

 Balance as of December 31, 2013
 \$ 2,331

 Additions
 402,774

 Change in fair value
 3,826

 Balance as of December 31, 2014
 \$ 408,931

The Company's cash equivalents and restricted cash, which are held in interest-bearing accounts, qualify for Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy which includes unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets.

The Company's accrued liability for a contingent consideration recorded in conjunction with the Bluff acquisition was based on significant inputs not observed in the market and represents a Level 3 fair value measurement. The estimate of the contingent consideration liability uses an income approach and is based on the probability of achieving enabling legislation which permits Internet poker gaming and the probability-weighted discounted cash flows. Any change in the fair value of the contingent consideration subsequent to the acquisition date will be recognized in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

The Company estimated the fair value of the Big Fish Games deferred payment and earnout liability as of December 31, 2014 using a discounted cash flows analysis over the period in which the obligation is expected to be settled, and applied a discount rate based on the Company's cost of debt. The cost of debt as of the closing date was based on the observed market yields of the Company's Senior Unsecured Notes issued in December of 2013 and represents a Level 3 fair value measurement and was adjusted for the difference in seniority and term of the deferred payment and earnout liability. The change in fair values of the Big Fish Games deferred payment and earnout liability of \$3.8 million between the closing date and December 31, 2014 was recorded as acquisition related charges in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Changes to the Company's cost of debt could lead to a different fair value estimate for the deferred payment and earnout liability.

The Company's \$300 million par value Senior Unsecured Notes, which were issued on December 16, 2013, via a private offering, represent a Level 2 fair value measurement. The fair value of the Senior Unsecured Notes is estimated based on unadjusted quoted prices for similar liabilities in markets that are not active.

The Company currently has no other assets or liabilities subject to fair value measurement on a recurring basis. The following methods and assumptions were used by the Company in estimating its fair value disclosures for financial instruments:

Cash Equivalents—The carrying amount reported in the balance sheet for cash equivalents approximates its fair value due to the short-term maturity of these instruments.

Long-Term Debt: Senior Secured Credit Facility—The carrying amounts of the Company's borrowings under its Senior Secured Credit Facility approximates fair value, based upon current interest rates and represents a Level 2 fair value measurement.

During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company did not measure any assets at fair value on a non-recurring basis.

#### NOTE 17—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### **Legal Proceedings**

The Company records an accrual for legal contingencies to the extent that it concludes that it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Except as disclosed below, no estimate of the possible loss or range of loss in excess of amounts accrued, if any, can be made at this time regarding the matters specifically described below. We do not believe that the final outcome of these matters will have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Louisiana Horsemens' Purses

On April 21, 2014, John L. Soileau and other individuals filed a Petition for Declaratory Judgment, Permanent Injunction, and Damages - Class Action styled John L. Soileau, et. al. versus Churchill Downs Louisiana Horseracing, LLC, Churchill Downs Louisiana Video Poker Company, LLC (Suit No. 14-3873) in the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana. The petition defines the "alleged plaintiff class" as quarter-horse owners, trainers and jockeys that have won purses at the "Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots" facility in New Orleans, Louisiana since the first effective date of La. R.S. 27:438 and specifically since 2008. The petition alleges that Churchill Downs Louisiana Horseracing, L.L.C. and Churchill Downs Louisiana Video Poker Company, L.L.C. ("Fair Grounds") have collected certain monies through video draw poker devices that constitute monies earned for purse supplements and all of those supplemental purse monies have been paid to thoroughbred horsemen during Fair Grounds' live thoroughbred horse meets while La. R.S. 27:438 requires a portion of those supplemental purse monies to be paid to quarter-horse horsemen during Fair Grounds' live quarter-horse meets. The petition requests that the Court declare that Fair Grounds violated La. R.S. 27:438, issue a permanent and mandatory injunction ordering Fair Grounds to pay all future supplements due to the plaintiff class pursuant to La. R.S. 27:438, and to pay the plaintiff class such sums as it finds to reasonably represent the value of the sums due to the plaintiff class. On August 14, 2014, the plaintiffs filed an amendment to their petition naming the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association 1993, Inc. ("HBPA") as an additional defendant and alleging that HBPA is also liable to plaintiffs for the disputed purse funds. On October 9, 2014, HBPA and Fair Grounds filed exceptions to the suit, including an exception of primary jurisdiction seeking a referral to the Louisiana Racing Commission. By Judgment dated November 21, 2014, the District Court granted the exception of primary jurisdiction and referred the matter to the Louisiana Racing Commission. On January 26, 2015, the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals denied the plaintiffs' request for supervisory review of the Judgment. This matter is currently awaiting review by the Louisiana Racing Commission.

#### Illinois Department of Revenue

In October 2012, the Company filed a verified complaint for preliminary and permanent injunctive relief and for declaratory judgment (the "Complaint") against the Illinois Department of Revenue (the "Department"). The Company's complaint was filed in response to Notices of Deficiency issued by the Department on March 18, 2010, and September 6, 2012. In response to said Notices of Deficiency, the Company, on October 4, 2012, issued a payment in protest in the amount of \$2.9 million (the "Protest Payment") under the State Officers and Employees Money Disposition Act and recorded this amount in other assets. The Company subsequently filed its complaint in November 2012 alleging that the Department erroneously included handle, instead of the Company's commissions from handle, in the computation of the Company's sales factor (a computation of the Company's gross receipts from wagering within the State of Illinois) for determining the applicable tax owed. On October 30, 2012, the Company's Motion for Preliminary Injunctive Relief was granted, which prevents the Department from depositing any monies from the Protest Payment into the State of Illinois General Fund and from taking any further action against the Company until the Circuit Court takes final action on the Company's Complaint. If successful with its Complaint, the Company will be entitled to a full or partial refund of the Protest Payment from the Department. On December 3, 2014, the Company filed its Motion for Summary Judgment on all material aspects of its case. Also on December 3, 2014, the Department, by and through its counsel, the Illinois Attorney General, filed its Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. This matter remains pending before the Tax and Miscellaneous Remedies Section of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Oral arguments on the parties' Motions for Summary Judgment are scheduled for March 5, 2015.

Kentucky Downs

On September 5, 2012, Kentucky Downs Management, Inc. ("KDMI") filed a petition for declaration of rights in Kentucky Circuit Court located in Simpson County, Kentucky styled Kentucky Downs Management Inc. v. Churchill Downs Incorporated (Civil Action No. 12-CI-330) (the "Simpson County Case") requesting a declaration that the Company does not have the right to exercise its put right and require Kentucky Downs, LLC ("Kentucky Downs") and/or Kentucky Downs Partners, LLC ("KDP") to purchase the Company's ownership interest in Kentucky Downs. On September 18, 2012, the Company filed a complaint in Kentucky Circuit Court located in Jefferson County, Kentucky, styled Churchill Downs Incorporated v. Kentucky Downs, LLC; Kentucky Downs Partners, LLC; and Kentucky Downs Management Inc. (Civil Action No. 12-CI-04989) (the "Jefferson County Case") claiming that Kentucky Downs and KDP had breached the operating agreement for Kentucky Downs and requesting a declaration that the Company had validly exercised its put right and a judgment compelling Kentucky Downs and/or KDP to purchase the Company's ownership interest in Kentucky Downs pursuant to the terms of the applicable operating agreement. On October 9, 2012, the Company filed a motion to dismiss the Simpson County Case and Kentucky Downs, KDP and KDMI filed a motion to dismiss the Jefferson County Case. A hearing for the motion to dismiss in the Simpson County Case occurred November 30, 2012. At that hearing the Company's motion to dismiss the Simpson County Case was denied. Subsequently, Kentucky Downs, KDMI and KDP's motion to dismiss the Jefferson County Case was granted on January 23, 2013, due to the Simpson County Circuit Court's assertion of jurisdiction over the dispute. On May 16, 2013, Kentucky Downs, KDP and KDMI filed a Motion for Summary Judgment against the Company and Turfway Park, LLC. On September 19, 2013, the Company filed its response to the Motion for Summary Judgment. A hearing occurred before the Simpson County Circuit Court on September 23, 2013, on the Kentucky Downs, KDP and KDMI Motion for Summary Judgment. All parties appeared before the Simpson County Court and oral arguments were heard. On October 31, 2013, the Simpson County Court entered an Order Denying Petitioners' (Kentucky Downs Management Inc. et al.) Motion for Summary Judgment. The case will now move forward through discovery and to trial. No trial date has

#### Texas Pari-Mutuel Wagering

On September 21, 2012, the Company filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas styled Churchill Downs Incorporated; Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company d/b/a TwinSpires.com v. Chuck Trout, in his official capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Racing Commission; Gary P. Aber, Susan Combs, Ronald F. Ederer, Gloria Hicks, Michael F. Martin, Allan Polunsky, Robert Schmidt, John T. Steen III, Vicki Smith Weinberg, in their official capacity as members of the Texas Racing Commission (Case No. 1:12-cv-00880-LY) challenging the constitutionality of a Texas law requiring residents of Texas that desire to wager on horseraces to wager in person at a Texas race track. In addition to its complaint, on September 21, 2012, the Company filed a motion for preliminary injunction seeking to enjoin the state from taking any action to enforce the law in question. In response, on October 9, 2012, counsel for the state assured both the Company and the court that the state would not enforce the law in question against the Company without prior notice, at which time the court could then consider the motion for preliminary injunction. On April 15, 2013, both parties filed their opening briefs, and a trial was held on May 2, 2013. On September 23, 2013, the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas ruled against the Company and upheld the Texas law at issue. Subsequently, on September 25, 2013, the Company ceased taking wagers from Texas residents via TwinSpires.com and returned deposited funds to Texas residents. The Company filed a motion for an expedited hearing in the United States Court of Appeals, which was granted on October 17, 2013. The Texas Racing Commission, et. al., filed an appellate brief on December 13, 2013. The Company filed its brief in reply on December 30, 2013. Oral arguments were heard before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on February 4, 2014. On September 25, 2014, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit issued an unpublished opinion affirming the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas and its ruling in favor of the Texas Racing Commission.

There are no other material pending legal proceedings.

#### NOTE 18—EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE COMPUTATIONS

The following is a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of the earnings per common share computations (in thousands, except per share data):

	Year Ended December 31,						
		2014	2013			2012	
Numerator for basic earnings from continuing operations per common share:							
Earnings from continuing operations	\$	46,357	\$	55,033	\$	58,152	
Earnings from continuing operations allocated to participating securities		(267)		(873)		(518)	
Numerator for basic earnings from continuing operations per common share	\$	46,090	\$	54,160	\$	57,634	
Numerator for basic earnings per common share:							
Net earnings	\$	46,357	\$	54,900	\$	58,276	
Net earnings allocated to participating securities		(267)		(870)		(519)	
Numerator for basic net earnings per common share	\$	46,090	\$	54,030	\$	57,757	
Numerator for diluted earnings from continuing operations per common share:	\$	46,357	<u> </u>	55,033	\$	58,152	
Numerator for diluted earnings per common share	\$	46,357	\$	54,900	\$	58,276	
Denominator for net earnings per common share: Basic		17,271		17,294		17,047	
Plus dilutive effect of stock options and restricted stock		153		248		233	
Plus dilutive effect of participating securities		165		396		195	
Diluted		17,589		17,938		17,475	
Earnings (loss) per common share:		.,		.,			
Basic							
Earnings from continuing operations	\$	2.67	\$	3.13	\$	3.38	
Discontinued operations		_		(0.01)		0.01	
Net earnings	\$	2.67	\$	3.12	\$	3.39	
Diluted							
Earnings from continuing operations	\$	2.64	\$	3.07	\$	3.33	
Discontinued operations		_		(0.01)		0.01	
Net earnings	\$	2.64	\$	3.06	\$	3.34	

#### **NOTE 19—SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The Company operates in the following five segments: (1) Racing, which includes Churchill Downs, Arlington and its ten OTBs, Fair Grounds and its twelve OTBs and Calder, which ceased pari-mutuel operations on July 1, 2014; (2) Casinos, which includes video poker and gaming operations at Calder Casino, Fair Grounds Slots, Harlow's, Riverwalk, Oxford, MVG and VSI; (3) TwinSpires, which includes TwinSpires, our ADW business, Fair Grounds Account Wagering, Bloodstock Research Information Services, Velocity and Luckity, until the cessation of its operations on November 4, 2014, as well as the Company's equity investment in HRTV, LLC; (4) Big Fish Games; and (5) Other Investments, which includes United Tote, Bluff and the Company's other minor investments. Eliminations include the elimination of intersegment transactions.

On January 1, 2014, the Company reclassified its equity investment in MVG from Other Investments to Casinos, to coincide with the first full period of operations for the venture, which opened on December 12, 2013. MVG's results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2013 have been reclassified to the Casinos segment.

In order to evaluate the performance of these operating segments internally, the Company uses Adjusted EBITDA (defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, and adjusted for insurance recoveries net of losses, HRE Trust Fund proceeds, share-based compensation expenses, pre-opening expenses, the impairment of assets, Big Fish Games transaction expenses, Big Fish Games acquisition-related charges, changes in Big Fish Games deferred revenue and other charges or recoveries).

Big Fish Games transaction expenses include legal, accounting and other deal-related expenses. Big Fish Games acquisition-related charges reflect the change in fair value of the Big Fish Games earnout and deferred consideration liability recorded each reporting period. Changes in Big Fish Games deferred revenue reflect reductions in revenue from business combination accounting rules when deferred revenue balances assumed as part of an acquisition are adjusted to their fair values. Fair value approximates the cost of fulfilling the service obligation, plus a reasonable profit margin. Adjusted EBITDA also includes 50% of the operating income or loss of our joint venture, MVG.

During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company implemented the Adjusted EBITDA metric because it believes the inclusion or exclusion of certain recurring and non-recurring items is necessary to provide a more accurate measure of its core operating results and enables management and investors to evaluate and compare from period to period our operating performance in a meaningful and consistent manner. The 2012 financial information has been retrospectively revised to reflect the change in the segment profitability reporting measure. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to operating income as an indicator of performance, as an alternative to cash flows from operating activities as a measure of liquidity, or as an alternative to any other measure provided in accordance with GAAP. The Company's calculation of Adjusted EBITDA may be different from the calculation used by other companies and, therefore, comparability may be limited.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" in Note 1. The table below presents information about reported segments for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands):

Net revenues from external customers:  Churchill Downs \$  Arlington  Calder  Fair Grounds  Total Racing  Calder Casino	Year Ended December 31,						
Churchill Downs \$ Arlington Calder Fair Grounds Total Racing Calder Casino	014		2013		2012		
Arlington Calder Fair Grounds Total Racing Calder Casino							
Calder Fair Grounds Total Racing Calder Casino	143,191	\$	132,845	\$	124,255		
Fair Grounds Total Racing Calder Casino	60,312		64,483		69,077		
Total Racing Calder Casino	19,325		36,264		64,566		
Calder Casino	38,625		40,677		44,190		
	261,453		274,269		302,088		
	77,003		78,951		77,864		
Fair Grounds Slots	40,774		42,156		42,881		
VSI	34,369		35,931		35,433		
Harlow's Casino	50,199		52,440		56,604		
Oxford Casino	76,526		34,350		_		
Riverwalk Casino	50,139		53,645		10,330		
Total Casinos	329,010		297,473		223,112		
TwinSpires	190,333		184,541		183,279		
Big Fish Games	13,855		_		_		
Other Investments	17,125		21,899		21,785		
Corporate	1,158		1,143		1,032		
Net revenues from external customers \$	812,934	\$	779,325	\$	731,296		
Intercompany net revenues:							
Churchill Downs \$	7,038	\$	6,686	\$	5,592		
Arlington	5,767		3,395		4,712		
Calder	707		1,263		1,583		
Fair Grounds	1,089		1,151		1,270		
Total Racing	14,601		12,495		13,157		
TwinSpires	958		853		836		
Other Investments	4,130		4,409		3,466		
Eliminations	(19,689)		(17,757)		(17,459)		
Net revenues \$		\$		\$			

	Year Ended December 31,						
		2014		2013		2012	
Reconciliation of segment Adjusted EBITDA to net earnings:							
Racing	\$	61,160	\$	50,275	\$	54,357	
Casinos		101,106		80,631		64,231	
TwinSpires		45,282		49,122		44,618	
Big Fish Games		3,837		_		_	
Other Investments		(3,857)		809		(117)	
Total segment Adjusted EBITDA		207,528		180,837		163,089	
Corporate Adjusted EBITDA		(5,037)		(4,606)		(4,834)	
Insurance recoveries, net of losses		431		375		7,006	
Big Fish Games acquisition charges		(3,826)		_		_	
Big Fish Games transaction expenses		(6,367)		_		_	
Big Fish Games changes in deferred revenue		(4,497)		_		_	
HRE Trust Fund proceeds		_		4,541		_	
Share-based compensation expense		(11,932)		(21,482)		(13,993)	
Pre-opening expenses		(27)		(3,620)		_	
MVG interest expense, net		(2,546)		(170)		_	
Asset impairment charges		(4,843)		_		_	
Other charges		(3,287)		(2,500)		_	
Depreciation and amortization		(68,257)		(61,750)		(55,600)	
Interest income (expense), net		(20,822)		(6,119)		(4,441)	
Income tax provision		(30,161)		(30,473)		(33,075)	
Earnings from continuing operations		46,357		55,033		58,152	
Discontinued operations, net of income taxes		_		(133)		124	
Net earnings		46,357		54,900		58,276	
Foreign currency translation, net of tax		(125)		_		_	
Comprehensive income	\$	46,232	\$	54,900	\$	58,276	

The table below presents information about equity in (losses) earnings of unconsolidated investments included in the Company's reported segments for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands):

		Year Ended December 31,								
	2014			2013		2012				
Casinos	\$	8,900	\$	(3,718)	\$	(610)				
TwinSpires		(68)		(848)		(1,413)				
Other Investments		(2,504)		424		322				
	\$	6,328	\$	(4,142)	\$	(1,701)				

The tables below present total asset information about reported segments as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 and capital expenditures for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands):

		As of December 31,				
	2014			2013		
Total assets:						
Racing	\$	518,517	\$	513,345		
Casinos		621,240		622,038		
TwinSpires		182,322		186,621		
Big Fish Games		1,007,438		_		
Other Investments		30,757		30,257		
	\$	2,360,274	\$	1,352,261		
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	Year Ended December 31,							
		2014	2013			2012		
Capital expenditures, net:								
Racing	\$	35,637	\$	20,184	\$	14,027		
Casinos		7,715		13,643		14,524		
TwinSpires		5,778		5,908		4,427		
Big Fish Games		116		_		_		
Other Investments		5,240		9,036		8,320		
	\$	54,486	\$	48,771	\$	41,298		

#### NOTE 20—RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Directors and employees of the Company may from time to time own or have interests in horses racing at the Company's racetracks. All such races are conducted, as applicable, under the regulations of each state's respective regulatory agency, and no director receives any extra or special benefit with regard to having his or her horses selected to run in races or in connection with the actual running of races. There is no material financial statement impact attributable to directors who may have interests in horses racing at our racetracks.

In its ordinary course of business, the Company may enter into transactions with certain of its officers and directors for the sale of personal seat licenses and suite accommodations at its racetracks, and tickets for its live racing events. The Company believes that each such transaction has been on terms no less favorable for the Company than could have been obtained in a transaction with a third party and no such person received any extra or special benefit in connection with such transactions.

#### NOTE 21— HRE TRUST FUND PROCEEDS

Under legislation enacted in 1999, the HRE Trust Fund was scheduled to receive amounts equal to 15% of the adjusted gross receipts generated by a tenth riverboat casino license to be granted in Illinois. The funds were to be distributed to racetracks in Illinois for purses as well as racetrack discretionary spending. During December 2008, the Illinois Gaming Board awarded the tenth riverboat license to a casino in Des Plaines, Illinois. This casino opened during July 2011, entitling the Illinois racing industry to receive an amount equal to 15% of the adjusted gross receipts of this casino from the gaming taxes generated by that casino, once the accumulated funds were appropriated by the state.

On July 10, 2013, the Governor of Illinois signed Illinois House Bill 214 into law, providing for the release of \$23.0 million of funds collected from the tenth riverboat licensee since its opening during 2011. During the year ended December 31, 2013, Arlington received \$7.9 million as its share of the proceeds, of which \$3.6 million was designated for Arlington purses. The remaining \$4.2 million was recognized as miscellaneous other income in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income during the year ended December 31, 2013. No additional proceeds related to future funds of the tenth riverboat are expected to be distributed to Illinois racetracks under the provisions of House Bill 214.

#### NOTE 22— SUBSEQUENT EVENT - HRTV EQUITY INVESTMENT DIVESTITURE

As part of the TSG agreement related to the cessation of Calder pari-mutuel operations, the Company modified its HRTV operating and ownership agreement with TSG resulting in the divestiture of the Company's interest in HRTV effective January 2, 2015.

During January 2015, we received \$6.0 million in proceeds from the sale of the ownership interest. The Company recorded a gain of \$5.8 million during January 2015 from the sale of its remaining investment in HRTV.

#### Supplementary Financial Information — Results of Operations (Unaudited)

Summarized unaudited consolidated quarterly information for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 is provided below (in thousands, except per common share data):

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2014										
	Fir	st Quarter	Sec	cond Quarter	Tł	nird Quarter	Fou	irth Quarter			
Net revenues	\$	167,310		303,651		\$ 173,665		168,308			
Earnings (loss) from operations	\$	(700)	\$	57,333	\$	3,531	\$	(13,807)			
Net earnings per common share:											
Basic:											
Net earnings (loss)	\$	(0.04)	\$	3.23	\$	0.21	\$	(0.81)			
Diluted:											
Net earnings (loss)	\$	(0.04)	\$	3.21	\$	0.20	\$	(0.81)			
		1	cember 31, 201	3							
	Fir	st Quarter	Fourth Quarter								
Net revenues		147,876	Second Quarter \$ 283,593		Third Quarter \$ 185,496		\$	162,360			
Earnings from continuing operations	\$	1,089	\$	50,308	\$	9,208	\$	(5,573)			
Discontinued operations, net of income taxes:		ŕ						( , ,			
(Loss) earnings from operations	\$	(31)	\$	(10)	\$	41	\$	(49)			
Loss on sale of assets	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	(83)			
Net earnings	\$	1,058	\$	50,298	\$	9,249	\$	(5,705)			
Net earnings per common share:						, and the second		, ,			
Basic:											
Earnings from continuing operations	\$	0.06	\$	2.85	\$	0.52	\$	(0.32)			
Discontinued operations		_		_		_		(0.01)			
Net earnings (loss)	\$	0.06	\$	2.85	\$	0.52	\$	(0.33)			
Diluted:								· · · ·			
Earnings from continuing operations	\$	0.06	\$	2.81	\$	0.51	\$	(0.32)			
Discontinued operations		_		_		0.01		(0.01)			
Net earnings (loss)	\$	0.06	\$	2.81	\$	0.52	\$	(0.33)			

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

None.

#### ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are certifications of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, which are required in accordance with Rule 13a-14 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). This section includes information concerning the controls and controls evaluation referred to in the certifications.

#### (a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that the Company files or submits to the Securities and Exchange Commission is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required financial disclosure.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's Disclosure Committee and management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(b). Based upon this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2014.

#### (b) Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Our management 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. Our 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. Our internal control over financial reporting 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;
- (ii) Provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and
- (iii) 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.

Our management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework (2013)*.

We have excluded Big Fish Games, Inc. ("Big Fish Games") from our assessment of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, because it was acquired by us in a business acquisition during 2014. Big Fish Games is a wholly-owned subsidiary whose total assets were 4.1% and total revenues were 1.7% of the related consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Based on our assessment using those criteria, management has concluded that the Company maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014.

The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which appears under Item 8.

#### (c) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of the Company has evaluated, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act) during the fourth quarter of 2014. There have not been any changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act) that occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2014 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

#### ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

#### PART III

#### ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The information required herein is incorporated by reference from sections of the Company's Proxy Statement titled "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance," "Election of Directors," "Executive Officers of the Company," "Corporate Governance" and "Audit Committee," to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connections with the

 $Company's \ 2015\ Annual\ Meeting\ of\ Shareholders\ ("the\ Proxy\ Statement")\ pursuant\ to\ instruction\ G(3)\ of\ the\ General\ Instructions\ to\ Form\ 10-K.$ 

The Company has adopted a Code of Ethics that applies to its Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and employees performing similar functions. This Code of Ethics is available on the Company's corporate website, <a href="https://www.churchilldownsincorporated.com">www.churchilldownsincorporated.com</a>, under the "Investors" heading. A copy of this Code of Ethics is also available and will be sent to shareholders free of charge upon request to the Company's Secretary.

#### ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required herein is incorporated by reference from sections of the Company's Proxy Statement titled "Election of Directors — Director Compensation for the year ended December 31, 2014," "Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation," "Corporate Governance," "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions," "Executive Compensation," "Compensation Committee Report" and "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," pursuant to instruction G(3) of the General Instructions to Form 10-K.

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

The information required herein is incorporated by reference from the sections of the Company's Proxy Statement titled "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management," "Election of Directors," "Executive Officers of the Company" and "Equity Compensation Plan Information," pursuant to instruction G(3) of the General Instructions to Form 10-K.

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

The information required herein is incorporated by reference from the section of the Company's Proxy Statement titled "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" and "Corporate Governance," pursuant to instruction G(3) of the General Instructions to Form 10-K.

#### ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The information required herein is incorporated by reference from the section of the Company's Proxy Statement titled "Independent Public Accountants," pursuant to instruction G(3) of the General Instructions to Form 10-K.

#### PART IV

#### ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULE

			Pages
(a)	(1)	Consolidated Financial Statements	
		The following financial statements of Churchill Downs Incorporated for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 are included in Part II, Item 8:	
		Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	<u>73</u>
		Consolidated Balance Sheets	<u>74</u>
		Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income	<u>75</u>
		Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity	<u>76</u>
		Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows	<u>77</u>
		Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements	<u>79</u>
	(2)	Schedule II—Valuation and Qualifying Accounts	<u>116</u>
		All other schedules are omitted because they are not applicable, not significant or not required, or because the required information is included in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto.	
	(3)	For the list of required exhibits, see exhibit index.	<u>117</u>
(b)		Exhibits	<u>117</u>
		See exhibit index.	
(c)		All financial statements and schedules except those items listed under Items 15(a)(1) and (2) above are omitted because they are not applicable or not required, or because the required information is included in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto.	

#### **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.

#### CHURCHILL DOWNS INCORPORATED

/s/ William C. Carstanjen

William C. Carstanjen Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) February 25, 2015

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

/s/ Robert L. Evans Robert L. Evans Chairman of the Board February 25, 2015 (Chairman of the Board)	/s/ William C. Carstanjen William C. Carstanjen Chief Executive Officer February 25, 2015 (Principal Executive Officer)	/s/ William E. Mudd William E. Mudd President and Chief Financial Officer February 25, 2015 (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer
/s/ Ulysses L. Bridgeman Ulysses L. Bridgeman February 25, 2015 (Director)	/s/ Craig J. Duchossois Craig J. Duchossois February 25, 2015 (Director)	/s/ Richard L. Duchossois Richard L. Duchossois February 25, 2015 (Director)
/s/ Robert L. Fealy Robert L. Fealy February 25, 2015 (Director)	/s/ Daniel P. Harrington  Daniel P. Harrington  February 25, 2015 (Director)	/s/ G. Watts Humphrey, Jr. G. Watts Humphrey, Jr. February 25, 2015 (Director)
/s/ James F. McDonald James F. McDonald February 25, 2015 (Director)	/s/ R. Alex Rankin R. Alex Rankin February 25, 2015 (Director)	

## CHURCHILL DOWNS INCORPORATED SCHEDULE II—VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

<u>Description</u>	В	Balance Seginning of Year	Acquired Balances	Charged to Expenses	D	<b>Deductions</b>	Balance End of Year
Allowance for doubtful accounts:							
2014	\$	4,338	\$ _	\$ 1,710	\$	(1,802)	\$ 4,246
2013	\$	1,885	\$ 	\$ 3,785	\$	(1,332)	\$ 4,338
2012	\$	2,408	\$ 	\$ 1,937	\$	(2,460)	\$ 1,885

<b>Description</b>	Beg	alance ginning f Year	Additions		Deductions		Balance End of Year	
Deferred income tax asset valuation allowance:	-							
2014	\$	1,213	\$	75	\$	(14)	\$	1,274
2013	\$	1,334	\$	168	\$	(289)	\$	1,213
2012	\$	1,487	\$	33	\$	(186)	\$	1,334

#### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Numbers</u>		<u>Description</u>	By Reference To
2	(a)	Purchase Agreement dated as of September 10, 2010 among Churchill Downs Incorporated, SWG Holdings, LLC and HCRH, LLC	Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 13, 2010
	(b)	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of November 12, 2014, by and among Churchill Downs Incorporated, Ocean Acquisition Corp., Big Fish Games, Inc., and the security holders' agent party thereto	Exhibit 2.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 13, 2014
	(c)	Shareholder Agreement, dated as of November 12, 2014, by and between Churchill Downs Incorporated and Paul J. Thelen	Exhibit 2.2 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 13, 2014
3	(a)	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Churchill Downs Incorporated, as amended July 3, 2012	Exhibit 3.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed July 10, 2012
	(b)	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Churchill Downs Incorporated, as amended July 3, 2012	Exhibit 3.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed July 10, 2012
4	(a)	Rights Agreement, dated as of March 19, 2008 by and between Churchill Downs Incorporated and National City Bank	Exhibit 4.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 17, 2008
	(b)	Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated December 22, 2009, among Churchill Downs Incorporated, the guarantors party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as agent and collateral agent, with PNC Bank, National Association, as Syndication Agent, and Fifth Third Bank, U.S. Bank, National Association and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Documentation Agents	Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 29, 2009
	(c)	Amendment No. 1 to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated November 1, 2010 among Churchill Downs Incorporated, the guarantors party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as agent and collateral agent, with PNC Bank, National Association, as Syndication Agent, and Fifth Third Bank, U.S. Bank, National Association and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Documentation Agents	Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 1, 2010
	(d)	Third Amendment and Restated Credit Agreement, dated May 17, 2013 among Churchill Downs Incorporated, the guarantors party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., as agent and collateral agent, with PNC Bank, National Association, as Syndication Agent, and Fifth Third Bank, U.S. Bank, National Association and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Documentation Agents	Exhibit 10(a) to Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2013.
	(e)	Amendment and Restatement Agreement dated December 1, 2014 with Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement	Exhibit 4(e) to Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014
10	(a)	Churchill Downs Incorporated Amended and Restated Supplemental Benefit Plan dated December 1, 1998*	Exhibit 10(a) to Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998
	(b)	Churchill Downs Incorporated 2003 Stock Option Plan*	Exhibit 4(e) to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 dated June 20, 2003 (No. 333-106310)
	(c)	Fourth Amended and Restated Churchill Downs Incorporated 1997 Stock Option Plan*	Exhibit 10(a) to Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2002
	(d)	Amended and Restated Lease Agreement dated January 31, 1996	Exhibit 10(i) to Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1995

Numbers (e)	Description Churchill Downs Incorporated Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees and Directors*	By Reference To Exhibit 10(a) to Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended
	Compensation Figure 101 Employees and Directors	March 31, 2001
(f)	Form of Stockholder's Agreement, dated September 8, 2000 among Churchill Downs Incorporated and Duchossois Industries, Inc.	Annex C of the Proxy Statement for a Special Meeting of Shareholders of Churchill Downs Incorporated held September 8, 2000
(g)	Lease Agreement between the City of Louisville, Kentucky and Churchill Downs Incorporated dated January 1, 2003	Exhibit 2.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 6, 2003
(h)	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement*	Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 30, 2004
(i)	Stock Redemption Agreement dated as of October 19, 2004, between Churchill Downs Incorporated and Brad M. Kelley	Exhibit 10.2 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 25, 2004
(j)	Churchill Downs Incorporated Amended and Restated Convertible Promissory Note dated March 7, 2005	Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 11, 2005
(k)	2005 Churchill Downs Incorporated Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended*	Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 21, 2005
(1)	Reinvestment Agreement dated as of September 23, 2005, among Bay Meadows Land Company, LLC, Stockbridge HP Holdings Company, LLC, Stockbridge Real Estate Fund II-A, LP, Stockbridge Real Estate Fund II-B, LP, Stockbridge Real Estate Fund II-T, LP, Stockbridge Hollywood Park Co-Investors, LP and Churchill Downs Investment Company	Exhibit 10.3 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 29, 2005
(m)	2006 Amendment to 2005 Churchill Downs Incorporated Deferred Compensation Plan*	Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 8, 2006
(n)	Churchill Downs Incorporated 2007 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan*	Exhibit A to Schedule 14A filed April 30, 2007
(0)	Amendment to Churchill Downs Incorporated 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan Adopted June 28, 2007*	Exhibit 10(b) to Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2007
(p)	Amended and Restated Terms and Conditions of Performance Share Awards Issued Pursuant to the Churchill Downs Incorporated 2007 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan	Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 19, 2008
(q)	First Amendment to the Churchill Downs Incorporated Amended and Restated Incentive Compensation Plan (1997), effective November 14, 2008*	Exhibit 10 (vv) to Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008
(r)	2005 Churchill Downs Incorporated Deferred Compensation Plan (As Amended as of December 1, 2008)*	Exhibit 10 (ww) to Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008
(s)	Churchill Downs Incorporated Executive Severance Policy (Amended Effective as of November 12, 2008)*	Exhibit 10 (xx) to Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008
(t)	Agreement and Sale of Purchase, dated as of November 30, 2009, between The Duchossois Group, Inc. and Arlington Park Racecourse, LLC	Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 4, 2009
(u)	Promissory Note, dated as of December 3, 2009, made by Arlington Park Racecourse, LLC to The Duchossois Group, Inc.	Exhibit 10.2 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 4, 2009
(v)	Dissolution Agreement for TrackNet Media Group, LLC by and between Churchill Downs Incorporated and MI Developments, Inc, entered May 14, 2010	Exhibit 99.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 19, 2010

Numbers (w)	<u>Description</u> Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated as of September 27, 2010, by and between Churchill Downs	By Reference To  Exhibit 10(a) to Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended
	Incorporated and Robert L. Evans	September 30, 2010
(x)	Form of Churchill Downs Incorporated Restricted Stock Agreement*	Exhibit 10(II) to Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011
(y)	Limited Liability Company Agreement of Miami Valley Gaming & Racing, LLC, dated as of March 1, 2012, among Miami Valley Gaming & Racing, LLC, Churchill Downs Incorporated, MVGR, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Churchill Downs Incorporated), Delaware North Companies Gaming & Entertainment, Inc. and DNC Ohio Gaming, Inc. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Delaware North Companies Gaming & Entertainment, Inc.)	Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 5, 2012
(z)	Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of March 1, 2012, between Miami Valley Gaming & Racing LLC; Lebanon Trotting Club, Inc.; Miami Valley Trotting, Inc.; Keith Nixon Jr. and John Carlo	Exhibit 10.2 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 5, 2012
(aa)	Indenture dated as of December 16, 2013 by and among Churchill Downs Incorporated, the Guarantors, and US Bank National Association	Exhibit (4.1) to Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 16, 2013.
(bb)	Registration Rights Agreement dated December 16, 2013 by and among Churchill Downs Incorporated, the Guarantors and the representatives of the initial purchasers	Exhibit (4.2) to Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 16, 2013.
(cc)	Churchill Downs Incorporated Executive Annual Incentive Plan	Exhibit A of the Proxy Statement for a Meeting of Shareholders of Churchill Downs Incorporated held June 14, 2012.
(dd)	Amendment to the Churchill Downs Incorporated 2007 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan	Exhibit B of the Proxy Statement for a Meeting of Shareholders of Churchill Downs Incorporated held June 14, 2012.
(ee)	Form of Executive Change in Control, Severance and Indemnity Agreement dated as of August 27, 2014 executed between Churchill Downs Incorporated and Robert L. Evans, William C. Carstanjen, William E. Mudd, and Alan K. Tse*	Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 28, 2014
(ff)	Form of Executive Change in Control, Severance and Indemnity Agreement dated as of February 9, 2015 executed between Churchill Downs Incorporated and Robert L. Evans, William C. Carstanjen, William E. Mudd, and Alan K. Tse*	Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 12, 2015
14	Churchill Downs Incorporated Code of Ethics as of December 31, 2003	Exhibit 14 to Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003
21	Subsidiaries of the Registrant	Exhibit 21 to Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014
23	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	Exhibit 23 to Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014
31 (a)	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	Exhibit 31(a) to Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014
(b)	Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	Exhibit 31(b) to Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014

<u>Numbers</u>		<u>Description</u>	By Reference To
32		Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b))	Exhibit 32 to Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014
101	INS	XBRL Instance Document	
101	SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document	
101	CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document	
101	DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document	
101	LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document	
101	PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document	

<sup>\*</sup> Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

#### SUBSIDIARIES OF THE REGISTRANT

Subsidiary	State/Jurisdiction of Incorporation/Organization
Arlington Park Racecourse, LLC	Illinois
Arlington OTB Corp.	Illinois
Quad City Downs, Inc.	Iowa
Calder Race Course, Inc., d/b/a Calder Casino and Race Course	Florida
Tropical Park, LLC	Florida
Churchill Downs Louisiana Horseracing Company, LLC d/b/a Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots	Louisiana
Churchill Downs Louisiana Video Poker Company, LLC	Louisiana
Video Services, LLC	Louisiana
Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company d/b/a Bloodstock Research Information Services and TwinSpires.com	Delaware
Churchill Downs Management Company, LLC	Kentucky
HCRH, LLC	Delaware
Magnolia Hill, LLC d/b/a Riverwalk Casino Hotel, LLC	Delaware
SW Gaming, LLC d/b/a Harlow's Casino Resort & Spa	Mississippi
United Tote Company	Montana
United Tote Canada, Inc.	Ontario
Churchill Downs Racetrack, LLC	Kentucky
Velocity Wagering HC, LLC	Delaware
Velocity Wagering Services Limited	Isle of Man
MVGR, LLC	Delaware
Miami Valley Gaming & Racing, LLC	Delaware
Bluff Holdings Georgia, Inc.	Georgia
Bluff Holding Company, LLC	Delaware
Churchill Downs Interactive Gaming, LLC	Delaware
BB Development, LLC d/b/a Oxford Casino	Maine
Big Fish Games, Inc.	Washington
BFG Holding LLC	Washington
3 Minute Games LLC	Washington
Big Fish Games Ireland Limited	Ireland
Big Fish Games Canada, Inc.	Canada
Big Fish Games do Brasil Participações Ltda.	Brazil
Big Fish Games Luxembourg S.à.r.l	Luxembourg
Self Aware Games, LLC	California
Slots, Slot Machines and Slots Tournaments LLC	Washington

#### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (Nos. 333-197102, 333-182929, 333-182928, 333-62013, 333-41376, 333-43486, 333-100574, 333-106310, 333-116734, 333-127057, 333-135360, 033-61111, 333-116733, 333-144182, 333-144191 and 333-144192) of Churchill Downs Incorporated of our report dated February 25, 2015 relating to the financial statements, financial statement schedule and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in this Form 10-K.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Louisville, Kentucky February 25, 2015

#### CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, William C. Carstanjen, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Churchill Downs Incorporated;
- 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;
  - 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: February 25, 2015 /s/ William C. Carstanjen

William C. Carstanjen Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

#### CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

I, William E. Mudd, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Churchill Downs Incorporated;
- 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;
  - 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: February 25, 2015 /s/ William E. Mudd

William E. Mudd President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

# Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Churchill Downs Incorporated (the "Company") for the year ended December 31, 2014, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), William C. Carstanjen, as Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) of the Company, and William E. Mudd, as President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) of the Company, each hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to the best of his knowledge, that:

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

#### /s/ William C. Carstanjen

William C. Carstanjen Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

February 25, 2015

#### /s/ William E. Mudd

William E. Mudd President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

February 25, 2015

This certification is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Report and shall not be deemed filed by the Company for purposes of § 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to Churchill Downs Incorporated and will be retained by Churchill Downs Incorporated and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.







# Thank you for your investment in Churchill Downs and for your trust in our leadership Board of Directors



Ulysses L. Bridgeman, Jr. Owner & President, Manna, Inc. & EJR Inc. (2016)



Craig J. Duchossois CEO & Director, The Duchossois Group, Inc. (2015)



Richard L. Duchossois Founder & Chairman, The Duchossois Group, Inc. (2016)



Robert L. Fealy Chairman, Brivo Systems, LLC (2017)



Aditi J. Gockhale Senior Vice President Digital, Nutrisystem, Inc. (2017)



Daniel P. Harrington President & CEO, HTV Industries, Inc. (2017)



G. Watts Humphrey, Jr. Lead Independent Director, CDI; President, GWH Holdings, Inc.; Chairman, IPEG; Owner, Shawnee Farm (2015)



James F. McDonald Former Chairman & CEO, Scientific Atlanta Inc.; Former Senior Vice President, Cisco Systems, Inc. (2016)



R. Alex Rankin President & CEO, Sterling G. Thompson Co.; President, Upson Downs Farms, Inc. (2016)

#### **Executive Officers**



Robert L. Evans Chairman (2015)



William C. Carstanjen Chief Executive Officer



William E. Mudd President & Chief Financial Officer



Alan K. Tse Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

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