

## Calvin Klein

## Gll|

## READY TO WEAR \& DRESSES

| ANDREW MARC | ANDREW MARC |
| :---: | :---: |
| CALVIN KLEIN | BLACK RIVET |
| ELIZA J | CALVIN KLEIN |
| ELLEN TRACY | COLE HAAN |
| G.H. BASS \& CO. | DOCKERS |
| GUESS | ELLEN TRACY |
| IVANKA TRUMP | GUESS |
| JESSICA HOWARD | IVANKA TRUMP |
| JESSICA SIMPSON | JESSICA SIMPSON |
| KENSIE | JONES NEW YORK |
| MARC NEW YORK | KENNETH COLE |
| TOMMY HILFIGER | LEVI'S |
| VILEBREOUIN | MARC NEW YORK |
| VINCE CAMUTO | TOMMY HILFIGER |
|  | VINCE CAMUTO |
| Retat |  |
| CALVIN KLEIN PERFORMANCE | TEAM SPORTS |
| G.H. BASS \& CO. | MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL |
| VILEBREQUIN | MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER |
| WILSONS LEATHER | NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION |
|  | NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE |
| ACGESSORES | NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE |
| ANDREW MARC | OFFICIALLY LICENSED COLLEGIATE PRODUCTS |
| CALVIN KLEIN |  |
| IVANKA TRUMP | SWIMWEAR |
| KENSIE | CALVIN KLEIN |
| MARC NEW YORK | IVANKA TRUMP |
| TOMMY HILFIGER | VILEBREQUIN |
| VILEBREOUIN |  |

FOOTWEAR
ANDREW MARC
G.H. BASS \& CO.

MARC NEW YORK


VILEBREOUUNT




WILSONS LEATHER


## Dear Shareholders,

I am pleased to report that our fiscal 2015 year, which ended January 31, 2015, was another record year for GIII. We grew net sales by $23 \%$ to $\$ 2.12$ billion, nearly $\$ 400$ million of growth. This growth was from a combination of broad-based organic growth and sales by our G.H. Bass business that we owned for the full fiscal 2015 year compared to only the fourth quarter in the prior fiscal year. We reported net income for fiscal 2015 of $\$ 110.4$ million, or $\$ 4.97$ per diluted share, compared to $\$ 77.4$ million, or $\$ 3.71$ per diluted share, in the prior year. Our diluted net income per share in fiscal 2015 included other income equal to $\$ 0.43$ per share, net of taxes, and in the prior year included expenses associated with the acquisition of G.H. Bass and other potential transactions equal to $\$ 0.03$ per share, net of taxes.

The equity market rewarded us again for these financial achievements and we were very pleased to see our stock price increase by $47 \%$ over the course of the year. Our shareholder returns have significantly out-performed the S\&P 500 and our industry index over the last fifteen years.

Our wholesale business performed well throughout the year and our retail business achieved strong gains in the fourth quarter. We finished the year with strong business trends and momentum. We believe that our key differentiating characteristics that drive our performance are our corporate culture and commitment to excellence. We also continued to improve our excellence in design, merchandising, sales, operations, marketing and finance and we remain well positioned to continue our growth.

You can see our commitment at work across each of our major wholesale categories. We consider outerwear as our heritage business. We are one of the largest suppliers in the United States to the better coat department store channel and had another good fall coat season.

We have also developed a dominant dress business across our many brands. We are the resource of choice for our retail partners. In particular, Calvin Klein, Vince Camuto, Eliza J and Jessica Howard dresses had strong financial results and continue to resonate well with consumers.

Our ability to expand into new product categories is also demonstrated by our proficiency in the sportswear category.

Calvin Klein better sportswear, Calvin Klein Performance and Kensie anchor our sportswear offerings and we have significant growth opportunities ahead of us in this category.

Our Calvin Klein handbag business has grown and will continue to grow through improved product, better real estate in the department stores and improved logistics. Our strong financial position affords us the opportunity to continue to invest in fixtured shops within department stores which we believe are necessary to grow our handbag business.

The women's suit business had another strong year of retail performance. This area is led by our licensed Calvin Klein brand. We also expect to launch new opportunities using our other licensed brands where we have rights to produce women's suits.

Our Vilebrequin branded product also performed well despite particular challenges in the global luxury market this past year. We are busy diversifying our product offerings, improving store locations and enhancing the strength of our franchisee partner group.

Our team sports business continues to deliver steady profits to our company. We produce products for all the leagues and many colleges. Our diversified offerings across major professional sports product categories for both men and women enable us to continue to grow this business.

Our specialty retail businesses, which are increasingly important to our overall results, saw success in the fourth quarter in an environment that was challenging for much of our industry. Wilsons performed well and achieved sales per square foot for the year of approximately $\$ 387$, up from $\$ 250$ when we acquired this business in 2008.
G.H. Bass is showing that it will also prove to be a powerful addition to our specialty retail group. After a year-long process, G.H. Bass is now completely integrated with the rest of our retail operations. We installed new leadership, made improvements to the product assortment, and revised our pricing structure and promotional strategies. As a result, we saw comparable store sales improve. We finished the year with a $15.4 \%$ same store sales gain in the fourth quarter and carried this momentum into the early Spring season.

Our G.H. Bass brand brings us more than just a current retail opportunity. Bass is a well-known authentic heritage brand that

## DILUTED NET INCOME PER SHARE

(Years Ended January 31)


NET SALES (\$000's)
(Years Ended January 31)


* Includes expenses associated with the Vilebrequin acquisition in the amount of $\$ 2.4$ million, after tax, or $\$ 0.12$ per share.
** Includes expenses associated with the G.H. Bass acquisition and other potential transactions in the amount of $\$ 0.6$ million, after tax, or $\$ 0.03$ per share
*** Includes other income in the amount of $\$ 9.6$ million, after tax, or $\$ 0.43$ per share.
developed the iconic original penny loafer, known as "Weejuns." We are excited to continue the process of developing this brand across many categories. We have expanded outerwear offerings in our own stores and have used our in-house expertise to design the first Bass women's collection that will start to ship into the better department store channel this upcoming fall season. Our licensing partnership program is also just beginning. We have licensed Bass for footwear and retail in Europe, for men's sportswear and for men's, women's and children's footwear in the United States and Canada. New and existing strategic relationships will enhance the distribution of G.H. Bass products to both the international and domestic marketplace.

As a leader in our industry, we have solid organic growth opportunities and we work hard to be an easy company to do business with. We have excellent access to strategic capital and a proven track record of successfully supplementing our organic growth with complementary acquisitions. At this point, we consider the ability to capture acquisition-related growth and value for our shareholders to be one of our core capabilities. Operating cash flow and proceeds from our equity offering last June leave our Company with no long term debt and in a very healthy financial position.

We are focused on succeeding in our current and new initiatives. Our best in class talent allows us to meet and exceed the needs
of our partners, suppliers and associates. This formula has been working for many years and we expect it will be the basis for our continued success. We are grateful for your confidence and support now and in the future.

Sincerely,


Morris Goldfarb
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President


## Financial Highlights

( In thousands, except per share amounts )

FISCAL YEARS ENDED JANUARY 31
2011
2012
2013
2014
2015

| Net Sales | \$ 1,063,404 |  | \$ 1,231,201 |  | \$ 1,399,719 |  | \$ 1,718,231 |  | \$ 2,116,855 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Income | \$ | 56,682 | \$ | 49,620 | \$ | 56,875 ${ }^{(a)}$ | \$ | 77,360 ${ }^{(b)}$ | \$ | 110,361 ${ }^{\text {(c) }}$ |
| Diluted Net Income Per Share | \$ | 2.88 | \$ | 2.46 | \$ | $2.80{ }^{\text {(a) }}$ | \$ | $3.71^{(b)}$ | \$ | $4.97{ }^{\text {c }}$ ( |
| Working Capital | \$ | 239,494 | \$ | 288,259 | \$ | 283,369 | \$ | 344,964 | \$ | 557,703 |
| Total Assets | \$ | 447,921 | \$ | 546,103 | \$ | 717,772 | \$ | 830,897 |  | 1,046,718 |
| Stockholders' Equity | \$ | 303,494 | \$ | 357,972 | \$ | 429,240 | \$ | 521,996 | \$ | 761,258 |
| Return on Stockholders' Equity |  | 21.3\% |  | 15.0\% |  | 14.5\% |  | 16.3\% |  | 16.4\% |
| Common Shares Outstanding [excluding shares held in Treasury] |  | 19,689 |  | 19,787 |  | 20,125 |  | 20,444 |  | 22,479 |

[a] Includes expenses associated with the Vilebrequin acquisition in the amount of $\$ 2.4$ million, after tax, or $\$ 0.12$ per share.
[b] Includes expenses associated with the G.H. Bass acquisition and other potential transactions in the amount of $\$ 0.6$ million, after tax, or $\$ 0.03$ per share
[c] Includes other income in the amount of $\$ 9.6$ million, after tax, or $\$ 0.43$ per share.

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION <br> Washington, D.C. 20549 <br> FORM 10-K <br> ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) <br> OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 <br> For the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015 <br> OR <br> TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) <br> OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 <br> For the transition period from <br> to 

## Commission file number 0-18183

# G-III APPAREL GROUP, LTD. 

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)
512 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

41-1590959
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)
10018
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
(212) 403-0500

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:
Common Stock, $\$ 0.01$ par value $\quad \frac{\text { Name of Exchange on which registered }}{\text { Nasdaq Global Select Market }}$

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:
None.
Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes $\boxtimes$ No

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

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

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K ( $\$ 229.405$ of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ or any amendment to this Form 10-K. $\boxtimes$

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):
Large accelerated filer $\boxtimes \quad$ Accelerated filer $\square \quad$ Non-accelerated filer $\square \quad$ Smaller reporting company $\square$

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes $\square$ No $\boxtimes$
As of July 31, 2014, the aggregate market value of the registrant's voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant (based on the last sale price for such shares as quoted by the Nasdaq Global Select Market) was approximately $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 5 3 2 , 2 5 0 , 6 9 2}$.

The number of outstanding shares of the registrant's Common Stock as of March 30, 2015 was 22,486,597.
Documents incorporated by reference: Certain portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement relating to the registrant's Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on or about June 9, 2015, to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 with the Securities and Exchange Commission, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Report.

## SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Various statements contained in this Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ or incorporated by reference into this Form $10-\mathrm{K}$, in future filings by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), in our press releases and in oral statements made from time to time by us or on our behalf constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and are indicated by words or phrases such as "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "will," "project," "we believe," "is or remains optimistic," "currently envisions," "forecasts," "goal" and similar words or phrases and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from the future results, performance or achievements expressed in or implied by such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements also include representations of our expectations or beliefs concerning future events that involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, those described in Part I, "Item 1A. Risk Factors" and the following:

- our dependence on licensed products;
- our dependence on the strategies and reputation of our licensors;
- costs and uncertainties with respect to expansion of our product offerings;
- the performance of our products at retail and customer acceptance of new products;
- customer concentration;
- risks of doing business abroad;
- price, availability and quality of materials used in our products;
- the need to protect our trademarks and other intellectual property;
- risks relating to our retail business;
- risks relating to our Vilebrequin and G.H. Bass businesses;
- dependence on existing management;
- our ability to make strategic acquisitions and possible disruptions from acquisitions;
- need for additional financing;
- seasonal nature of our business;
- our reliance on foreign manufacturers;
- the need to successfully upgrade, maintain and secure our information systems;
- the impact of the current economic and credit environment on us, our customers, suppliers and vendors;
- the effects of competition in the markets in which we operate;
- consolidation of our retail customers;
- additional legislation and/or regulation in the U.S. or around the world;
- our ability to import products in a timely and cost effective manner;
- our ability to continue to maintain our reputation;
- fluctuations in the price of our common stock;
- potential effect on the price of our common stock if actual results are worse than financial forecasts; and
- the effect of regulations applicable to us as a U.S. public company.

These forward-looking statements are based largely on our expectations and judgments and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are unforeseeable and beyond our control. A detailed discussion of significant risk factors that have the potential to cause our actual results to differ materially from our expectations is described in Part I of this Form 10-K under the heading of "Risk Factors." We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

## WEBSITE ACCESS TO REPORTS

Our internet website is www.g-iii.com. We make available free of charge on our website (under the heading "Investor Relations") our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the Securities and Exchange Commission. No information contained on our website is intended to be included as part of, or incorporated by reference into, this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Information relating to our corporate governance, including our Code of Ethics and Committee charters, is available at our website under "Investor Relations." Paper copies of these filings and corporate governance documents are available to stockholders free of charge by written request to Investor Relations, G-III Apparel Group, Ltd., 512 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10018. Documents filed with the SEC are also available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

## ITEM 1. BUSINESS.

Unless the context otherwise requires, "G-III", "us", "we" and "our" refer to G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and its subsidiaries. References to fiscal years refer to the year ended or ending on January 31 of that year. For example, our fiscal year ended January 31, 2015 is referred to as "fiscal 2015."

## Overview

G-III designs, manufactures and markets an extensive range of apparel, including outerwear, dresses, sportswear, swimwear, women's suits and women's performance wear, as well as footwear, luggage and women's handbags, small leather goods and cold weather accessories. We sell our products under our own proprietary brands, licensed brands and private retail labels.

G-III sells swimwear, resort wear and related accessories under our own Vilebrequin brand and footwear, apparel and accessories under our own Bass and G.H. Bass brands. We also sell a variety of apparel products under our other owned brands that include Andrew Marc, Marc New York, Jessica Howard, Eliza J and Black Rivet and under private retail labels.

We sell products under an extensive portfolio of well-known licensed brands, including Calvin Klein, Kenneth Cole, Guess?, Cole Haan and Tommy Hilfiger. In our team sports business, we have licenses with the National Football League, National Basketball Association, Major League Baseball, National Hockey League, Touch by Alyssa Milano and over 100 U.S. colleges and universities.

Our products are sold through a cross section of leading retailers such as Macy's, Bloomingdale's, Dillard's, The Bon-Ton Stores, Nordstrom, Saks Fifth Avenue, Lord \& Taylor and JC Penney.

We also distribute through our own retail stores. Our retail operating segment consists primarily of our Wilsons Leather and G.H. Bass stores, substantially all of which are operated as outlet stores. As of January 31, 2015, we operated 185 Wilsons Leather stores and 156 G.H. Bass stores, as well as 5 Calvin Klein Performance stores, in 43 states and Puerto Rico.

We have acquired businesses that have broadened our product offerings, expanded our ability to serve different tiers of distribution and added a retail component to our business. Our acquisitions are part of our strategy to expand our product offerings and increase the portfolio of proprietary and licensed brands that we offer through different tiers of retail distribution.

In November 2013, we acquired the business of G.H. Bass \& Co., a well-known heritage brand that developed the iconic original penny loafer (known as "Weejuns"). Bass footwear, apparel and accessories are sold primarily through our G.H. Bass outlet stores located in the United States. The brand is licensed for the wholesale distribution of men's and women's footwear and men's sportswear. In addition, in March 2015, we entered into a wholesale license agreement with Genesco with respect to G.H. Bass men's, women's and children's footwear in the United States and Canada. The line will be shown to customers this summer with first shipments expected for the Spring 2016 season, with distribution through better department and specialty stores. We also intend to use our in-house expertise to produce certain key categories for Bass, including our planned launch of Bass women's apparel for delivery in Fall 2015.

In August 2012, we acquired Vilebrequin, a premier provider of status swimwear, resort wear and related accessories. Vilebrequin sells its products in the United States and over 50 countries around the world through a network of company owned and franchised specialty retail stores and shops, as well as through select wholesale distribution. Vilebrequin has also licensed its brand for the wholesale distribution of footwear and neckwear. We believe that Vilebrequin is capable of significant worldwide expansion. As of January 31, 2015, Vilebrequin products were distributed through 77 Company owned stores and 23 franchise partners, as well as through select wholesale distribution.

We have three reportable segments, licensed products, non-licensed products and retail operations. The licensed products segment includes sales of products under brands licensed by us from third parties. The non-licensed products segment includes sales of products under our own brands and under private label brands. The retail operations segment consists primarily of our Wilsons Leather and G.H. Bass stores, as well as a limited number of Calvin Klein Performance stores. See Note K to our Consolidated Financial Statements for financial information with respect to these segments.

G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. is a Delaware corporation that was formed in 1989. We and our predecessors have conducted our business since 1974.

## Competitive Strengths

We believe that our broad portfolio of high-profile brands combined with our extensive distribution relationships position us for growth. We intend to capitalize on the following competitive strengths in order to achieve our goal of creating an all-season diversified apparel company:

Broad portfolio of recognized brands. We have built a broad and deep portfolio of over 40 licensed and proprietary brands. We believe we are a licensee of choice for well-known brands that have built a loyal following of both fashion-conscious consumers and retailers who desire high quality, well designed products. We have selectively added the licensing rights to premier brands in women's, men's and team sports categories catering to a wide range of customers. In an environment of rapidly changing consumer fashion trends, we benefit from a balanced mix of well-established and newer brands. In addition to our licensed brands, we own several successful proprietary brands, including Vilebrequin, Bass, G.H. Bass, Andrew Marc, Marc New York, Eliza J and Jessica Howard. Our experience in developing and acquiring licensed brands and proprietary labels, as well as our reputation for producing high quality, well-designed apparel, has led major department stores and retailers to select us as a designer and manufacturer for their private label programs.

We currently market apparel and other products under, among others, the following licensed and proprietary brand names:

| Women's | Men's | $\underline{\text { Team Sports }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\overline{\text { Licensed Brands }}$ |  |  |
| Calvin Klein | Calvin Klein | National Football League |
| ck Calvin Klein | ck Calvin Klein | Major League Baseball |
| Guess | Guess | National Basketball Association |
| Guess? | Guess? | National Hockey League |
| Kenneth Cole NY | Kenneth Cole NY | Touch by Alyssa Milano |
| Reaction Kenneth Cole | Reaction Kenneth Cole | Collegiate Licensing Company |
| Cole Haan | Cole Haan | Major League Soccer |
| Levi's | Levi's |  |
| Vince Camuto | Vince Camuto |  |
| Tommy Hilfiger | Tommy Hilfiger |  |
| Jessica Simpson | Dockers |  |
| Ivanka Trump |  |  |
| Jones New York |  |  |
| Ellen Tracy |  |  |
| Kensie |  |  |
| Proprietary Brands |  |  |
| Andrew Marc | Andrew Marc | G-III Sports by Carl Banks |
| Marc New York | Marc New York | G-III for Her |
| Vilebrequin | Vilebrequin |  |
| Bass | Bass |  |
| G.H. Bass | G.H. Bass |  |
| Black Rivet | Black Rivet |  |
| Wilsons | Wilsons |  |
| Eliza J |  |  |
| Jessica Howard |  |  |

Diversified distribution base. We market our products at multiple price points and across multiple channels of distribution, allowing us to provide products to a broad range of consumers, while reducing our reliance on any one demographic segment, merchandise preference or distribution channel. Our products are sold to approximately 2,900 customers, including a cross section of retailers such as Macy's, TJX Companies, Ross Stores, Dillard's, The Bon-Ton Stores, Nordstrom, Saks Fifth Avenue, Lord \& Taylor, JC Penney and membership clubs such as Costco and Sam's Club. As a result of our broad distribution platform, we are a licensee and supplier of choice and can more easily adapt to changes in the retail environment. We believe our strong relationships with retailers have been established through many years of personal customer service and adherence to meeting or exceeding retailer expectations. Our Wilsons Leather retail stores provide an additional distribution network for our products. We distribute our Vilebrequin products through a network of company owned and franchised specialty retail stores and shops, as well as through select wholesale distribution, and distribute our Bass and G.H. Bass products through our Bass outlet stores and through licensees.

Superior design, sourcing and quality control. Our in-house design and merchandising team designs substantially all of our licensed, proprietary and private label products. Our designers work closely with our licensors and private label customers to create designs and styles that represent the look they want. We have a network of worldwide suppliers that allows us to negotiate competitive terms without relying on any single vendor. In addition, we employ a quality control team and a sourcing group in China to ensure the quality of our products. We believe we have developed a significant customer following and positive reputation in the industry as a result of our design capabilities, sourcing expertise, on-time delivery and high standards of quality control. Our acquisition of Vilebrequin added experienced design capability and additional sourcing resources in Europe. With its distinctive product design and construction, Vilebrequin, unlike the rest of our business, mostly relies on four manufacturers for the substantial majority of its product.

Leadership position in the wholesale business. As one of the largest wholesalers of outerwear, dresses and sportswear, we are widely recognized within the apparel industry for our high-quality and well-designed products. Our expertise and reputation in designing, manufacturing and marketing apparel have enabled us to build strong customer relationships and to become one of the leading dress suppliers in the United States over the past several years. We have also expanded into women's performance wear and other apparel categories, as well as to non-apparel categories such as luggage, handbags, footwear, small leather goods and accessories.

Experienced management team. Our executive management team has worked together for a significant period of time and has extensive experience in the apparel industry. Morris Goldfarb, our Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, has been with us for over 40 years. Sammy Aaron, our Vice Chairman, joined us in 2005 when we acquired Marvin Richards, Wayne S. Miller, our Chief Operating Officer, has been with us for over 15 years and Neal S. Nackman, our Chief Financial Officer, has been with us for over 10 years. Each of our executive officers has over 30 years of experience in the apparel business. Our leadership team has demonstrated experience in successfully acquiring, managing, integrating and positioning new businesses having completed seven acquisitions over the last ten years while also adding numerous new licensed products.

## Growth Strategy

Our goal is to build an all-season diversified apparel company with a broad portfolio of brands that we offer in multiple channels of retail distribution through the following growth strategies:

Execute diversification initiatives. We are continually seeking opportunities to produce products for all seasons. We have initiated the following diversification efforts:

- In November 2013, we acquired G.H. Bass, a well-known heritage brand that sells footwear, apparel and accessories. This acquisition continued the diversification of our product offerings and expanded the scope of our retail business that started with our acquisition of Wilsons in 2008. We expect to apply the expertise of our Wilsons team to the operations of the G.H. Bass business and be able to leverage the infrastructure at Wilsons to benefit Bass. Since acquiring Bass, we have added licenses for Bass footwear and retail in Europe and for Bass men's sportswear. In
addition, in March 2015, we entered into a wholesale license agreement with Genesco to design, distribute, and market G.H. Bass men's, women's and children's footwear in the United States and Canada. We believe Genesco's expertise and market leadership in footwear will complement our G.H. Bass team. This initiative is part of our plan to continue to revitalize and build the G.H. Bass heritage brand through improved assortments and additional category licenses with strong partners.
- We have continually expanded our relationship with Calvin Klein. Initially, we had licenses for Calvin Klein men's and women's outerwear. Between 2005 and 2011, we added licenses for women's suits, dresses, women's performance wear, women's better sportswear, women's handbags and small leather goods and luggage, as well as to operate Calvin Klein Performance retail stores in the United States. In April 2013, we added a license for Calvin Klein men's and women's swimwear that became effective as of December 1, 2013. In March 2014, the current term of each of our Calvin Klein license agreements was extended to December 31, 2023.
- In December 2012, we entered into a license agreement covering a broad range of women's apparel under the Ivanka Trump brand including women's sportswear, dresses, women's suits and women's outerwear. We began shipping Ivanka Trump outerwear and dress products in the third quarter of fiscal 2014 and swimwear product in the second quarter of fiscal 2015. We believe this line has excellent potential for expansion.
- In August 2012, we acquired Vilebrequin, a premier provider of status swimwear, resort wear and related accessories. We believe that Vilebrequin is a powerful brand and will continue adding more company owned and franchised retail locations and increase our wholesale distribution throughout the world, as well as develop the business beyond its heritage in men's swimwear, resort wear and related accessories.

Continue to grow our apparel business. We have been a leader in the apparel business for many years and believe we can continue to grow our apparel business. Specifically, our Calvin Klein businesses benefit from Calvin Klein's strong brand awareness and loyalty among consumers. Our acquisition of Andrew Marc added two well-known proprietary brands in the men's and women's apparel market, as well as licenses for men's and women's outerwear under the Levi's and Dockers brands. More recently, we added licenses for a variety of apparel products under the Kensie and Ivanka Trump brands and for women's outerwear under the Tommy Hilfiger brand.

Add new product categories. We have been able to leverage our expertise and experience in the apparel business, our relationships with our licensors and our sourcing capabilities to expand our licenses to new product categories such as dresses, sportswear, women's suits, women's performance wear and men's and women's swimwear. We expanded our licenses with Calvin Klein beyond apparel categories to include luggage, women's handbags, small leather goods and cold weather accessories. In addition, we added luggage to the products we sell under the Tommy Hilfiger brand and added swimwear, resort wear and related accessories as a result of our acquisition of Vilebrequin. Most recently, our acquisition of G.H. Bass added footwear to our product mix. We will attempt to expand our distribution of products in these and other categories under licensed brands, our own brands and private label brands.

Seek attractive acquisitions. We plan to pursue acquisitions of complementary product lines and businesses. We continually review acquisition opportunities. We acquired G.H. Bass, a well-known heritage brand that operates over 150 outlet stores, and Vilebrequin, which provides us with a premier brand selling status products worldwide. As a result of other acquisitions, we added name-brand licenses, including Calvin Klein, Guess?, Ellen Tracy, Tommy Hilfiger, Levi's and Dockers, as well as proprietary labels and private label programs. We acquired our Jessica Howard and Eliza J dress businesses and Andrew Marc, each of which added to our portfolio of proprietary brands. We also acquired the Wilsons Leather outlet store business. Our acquisitions have increased our portfolio of licensed and proprietary brands, allowed us to realize economies of scale and added a retail component to our business. We believe that our existing infrastructure and management depth will enable us to complete additional acquisitions in the apparel industry.

## Products - Development and Design

G-III designs, manufactures and markets women's and men's apparel at a wide range of retail sales prices. Our product offerings primarily include outerwear, dresses, sportswear, swimwear, women's suits and women's performance wear. We also market footwear and accessories including luggage, women's handbags, small leather goods and cold weather accessories.

G-III's licensed apparel consists of both women's and men's products in a broad range of categories. See "Business - Licensing." Our strategy is to seek licenses that will enable us to offer a range of products targeting different price points and different distribution channels.

We offer a wide range of products under our proprietary brands. Our Vilebrequin line of swimwear, resort wear and related accessories is sold through a network of company owned and franchised specialty retail stores and shops, as well as through select wholesale distribution. Our Bass and G.H. Bass footwear, apparel and accessories are sold in our outlet stores and through licensees. The Andrew Marc line of women's and men's outerwear and apparel is sold to upscale department and specialty retail stores. The Marc New York line of women's and men's better priced outerwear and apparel is sold to upper tier stores. Eliza $J$ is a better dress line that sells to better department and specialty stores. The Jessica Howard label is a moderate price dress line that sells to department stores, specialty stores and catalogs. The Black Rivet line of apparel consists of women's and men's outerwear. We sell men's team sports-related apparel under our G-III Sports by Carl Banks label.

We also work with a diversified group of retail chains, such as Express, JC Penney and Kohl's, in developing product lines that are sold under their private label programs. Our design teams collaborate with our customers to produce custom made products for department and specialty chain stores. Store buyers may provide samples to us or may select styles already available in our showrooms. We believe we have established a reputation among these buyers for our ability to produce high quality product on a reliable, expeditious and cost-effective basis.

Our in-house designers are responsible for the design and look of our licensed and non-licensed products. We work closely with our licensors to create designs and styles for each of our licensed brands. Licensors generally must approve products to be sold under their brand names prior to production. We maintain a global pulse on styles, using trend services and color services to enable us to quickly respond to style changes in the apparel industry. Our experienced design personnel and our focused use of outside services enable us to incorporate current trends and consumer preferences in designing new products and styles.

Our design personnel meet regularly with our sales and merchandising departments, as well as with the design and merchandising staffs of our licensors, to review market trends, sales results and the popularity of our latest products. In addition, our representatives regularly attend trade and fashion shows and shop at fashion forward stores in the United States, Europe and the Far East. Our designers present sample items along with their evaluation of the styles expected to be in demand in the United States. We also seek input from selected customers with respect to product design. We believe that our sensitivity to the needs of retailers, coupled with the flexibility of our production capabilities and our continual monitoring of the retail market, enables us to modify designs and order specifications in a timely fashion.

## Licensing

The sale of licensed products is a key element of our strategy and we have continually expanded our offerings of licensed products over the past 20 years. In November 2013, we expanded our relationship with Tommy Hilfiger to include a license for women's outerwear. In April 2013, we entered into a license for Calvin Klein men's and women's swimwear that became effective on December 1, 2013.

We have ten different license agreements relating to a variety of products sold under the Calvin Klein brand, as well as to the ability to operate Calvin Klein Performance stores. In March 2014, the current term of each of these ten license agreements was extended to December 31, 2023.

The following table sets forth, for each of our principal licenses, the date on which the current term ends and the date on which any potential renewal term ends.

| License | Date Current Term Ends | Date Potential Renewal Term Ends |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fashion Licenses |  |  |
| Calvin Klein (Men's outerwear) | December 31, 2023 | None |
| Calvin Klein (Women's outerwear) | December 31, 2023 | None |
| Calvin Klein (Women's dresses) | December 31, 2023 | None |
| Calvin Klein (Women's suits) | December 31, 2023 | None |
| Calvin Klein (Women's performance wear) | December 31, 2023 | None |
| Calvin Klein (Women's better sportswear) | December 31, 2023 | None |
| Calvin Klein (Better luggage) | December 31, 2023 | None |
| Calvin Klein (Women's handbags and small leather goods) | December 31, 2023 | None |
| Calvin Klein (Women's performance retail) | December 31, 2023 | None |
| Calvin Klein (Men's and women's swimwear) | December 31, 2023 | None |
| Cole Haan (Men's and women's outerwear) | January 31, 2016 | None |
| Dockers (Men's outerwear) | November 30, 2017 | None |
| Ellen Tracy (Women's outerwear, dresses and suits and men's outerwear) | December 31, 2018 | December 31, 2021 |
| Guess/Guess? (Men's and women's outerwear) | December 31, 2018 | December 31, 2023 |
| Guess/Guess? (Women's dresses) | December 31, 2018 | December 31, 2023 |
| Ivanka Trump (Women's sportswear, suits, dresses, activewear, jeanswear, sweaters and blouses) | December 31, 2018 | December 31, 2023 |
| Jessica Simpson (Women's dresses and outerwear) | December 31, 2019 | December 31, 2024 |
| Jones New York (Women's outerwear) | January 31, 2016 | None |
| Kenneth Cole NY/Reaction Kenneth Cole (Men's and women's outerwear) | December 31, 2015 | None |
| Kensie (Women's sportswear, dresses, suits, activewear and sweaters) | January 31, 2017 | January 31, 2022 |
| Kensie (Women's cold weather accessories) | January 31, 2017 | January 31, 2022 |
| Kensie (Women's handbags) | January 31, 2017 | January 31, 2022 |
| Levi's (Men's and women's outerwear) | November 30, 2017 | None |
| Tommy Hilfiger (Men's outerwear) | March 31, 2016 | None |
| Tommy Hilfiger (Luggage) | December 31, 2017 | None |
| Tommy Hilfiger (Women's outerwear) | December 31, 2016 | None |
| Vince Camuto (Women's dresses) | December 31, 2017 | December 31, 2020 |
| Vince Camuto (Men's outerwear) | December 31, 2017 | December 31, 2020 |
| Team Sports Licenses |  |  |
| Collegiate Licensing Company | March 31, 2016 | None |
| Major League Baseball (Men's) | October 31, 2017 | None |
| Major League Baseball (Ladies) | October 31, 2017 | None |
| National Basketball Association | September 30, 2017 | None |
| National Football League | March 31, 2017 | None |
| National Hockey League . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | June 30, 2016 | None |

Under our license agreements, we are generally required to achieve minimum net sales of licensed products, pay guaranteed minimum royalties, make specified royalty and advertising payments (usually based on a percentage of net sales of licensed products), and receive prior approval of the licensor as to all design and other elements of a product prior to production. License agreements also may restrict our ability to enter into other license agreements for competing products or acquire businesses that produce competing products without the consent of the licensor. If we do not satisfy any of these requirements or otherwise fail to meet our obligations under a license agreement, a licensor usually will have the right to terminate our license. License agreements also typically restrict our ability to assign or transfer the agreement without the prior written consent of a licensor and generally provide that a change in control, including as a result of the acquisition of us by another company, is considered to be a transfer of the license agreement that would give a licensor the right to terminate the license unless it has approved the transaction.

Our ability to renew the current term of a license agreement may be subject to the discretion of the licensor or to attaining minimum sales and/or royalty levels and to our compliance with the provisions of the agreement. We believe that brand owners are looking to consolidate the number of licensees they engage to develop product and to choose licensees who have a successful track record of developing brands. We continue to seek other opportunities to enter into license agreements in order to expand our product offerings under well-known labels and broaden the markets that we serve.

Revenues from the sale of licensed products accounted for $57.6 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2015 compared to $64.1 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2014 and $67.3 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2013.

## Proprietary Brands

Dating back to the beginning of our company, G-III has sold apparel under our own proprietary brands. Over the years, we developed or acquired brands such as G-III Sports by Carl Banks, Eliza J, Jessica Howard and Black Rivet. Most recently, we acquired G.H. Bass, a well-known heritage brand, and Vilebrequin, which provides us with a premier brand selling status products worldwide.

In August 2012, we acquired Vilebrequin, a premier provider of status swimwear, resort wear and related accessories. Vilebrequin sells its products in over 50 countries around the world through a network of company owned and franchised specialty retail stores and shops, as well as through select wholesale distribution. Vilebrequin has also licensed its brand for the wholesale distribution of footwear and neckwear. We believe that Vilebrequin is capable of significant worldwide expansion. A majority of Vilebrequin's current revenues are derived from sales in Europe and the United States.

Vilebrequin's iconic designs and reputation are linked to its French Riviera heritage arising from its founding in St. Tropez over forty years ago. Vilebrequin's men's swimwear, which accounts for the majority of its sales, is known for its exclusive prints, wide range of colors, attention to detail, fabric quality and well-designed cut. In addition to swimwear, Vilebrequin sells a line of resort wear products, including shirts, T-shirts, Bermuda shorts and trousers, and related accessories, including hats, beach bags, beach towels and sunglasses. Vilebrequin also sells sandals and a collection of women's swimwear and resort wear. We believe that Vilebrequin is a powerful brand. We plan to continue adding more company owned and franchised retail locations and increase our wholesale distribution of Vilebrequin product throughout the world, as well as develop the business beyond its heritage in men's swimwear, resort wear and related accessories.

Andrew Marc and Marc New York provide us with upscale company-owned brands. We utilize our own in-house capabilities to create our core men's and women's outerwear and women's performance wear and handbags, as well as a women's dress line for Marc New York. We also license these brands to select third parties in certain categories. Our goal is to develop the Andrew Marc family of brands into a meaningful lifestyle brand. We continually look for new opportunities to leverage these brands.

Revenues from the sale of non-licensed products includes revenues from our proprietary brands, other than Wilsons and G.H. Bass which are part of our retail operations segment, as well as revenues from the sale of private label products, accounted for $20.2 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2015 compared to $19.2 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2014 and 19.3\% of our net sales in fiscal 2013.

## Retail Operations

We are a national retailer of outerwear, footwear, apparel and accessories in the U.S. As of January 31, 2015, our retail operations segment consisted of 346 retail stores in 43 states and Puerto Rico, of which 185 are stores operated under the Wilsons Leather name, 156 are stores operated under our G.H. Bass brand and 5 stores are operated under the licensed Calvin Klein Performance brand. Substantially all of our Wilsons Leather and G.H. Bass stores are operated as outlet stores and located in larger outlet centers with Wilsons Leather's stores averaging approximately 3,735 square feet and G.H. Bass stores averaging approximately 6,300 square feet. At January 31, 2015, we operated 17 full price Wilsons Leather mall stores and currently plan to open approximately 9 new Wilsons Leather outlet stores and 9 new G.H. Bass outlet stores in fiscal 2016.

Our Wilsons Leather retail stores primarily sell men's and women's outerwear and accessories. Outerwear sold in our Wilsons Leather stores includes products primarily manufactured by us and accessories which are purchased primarily from third parties. Merchandise is shipped from our main Brooklyn Park, Minnesota distribution center to replenish stores as needed with key styles and to build inventory for the peak holiday selling season.

Our Bass stores offer casual and dress shoes for men, women and children. Most of our Bass stores also carry apparel for men and women, including tops, neckwear, bottoms and outerwear, as well as accessories such as handbags, wallets, belts and travel gear. We sell Bass products primarily through outlet stores located in the United States. We currently plan to open approximately 9 new G.H. Bass stores in fiscal 2016.

We also license the Bass brand for the wholesale distribution of men's and women's footwear and men's sportswear. In addition, in March 2015, we entered into a wholesale license agreement with Genesco to design, distribute, and market G.H. Bass men's, women's and children's footwear in the United States and Canada. The line will be shown to customers this summer with first shipments expected for the Spring 2016 season. We believe Genesco's expertise and market leadership in footwear will complement our G.H. Bass team. We also intend to use our in-house expertise to produce certain key categories for Bass, including our planned launch of Bass women's apparel for delivery in Fall 2015. Revenues from our retail operations accounted for $22.2 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2015 compared to $16.7 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2014 and $13.4 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2013. The increase in fiscal 2015 in the percentage of sales from our retail operations resulted from the acquisition of G.H. Bass in November 2013.

## Manufacturing and Sourcing

G-III arranges for the production of products from independent manufacturers located primarily in China and, to a lesser extent, in Vietnam, Indonesia, Pakistan, India and Central and South America. Vilebrequin's products are manufactured in Bulgaria, Tunisia, Romania and Morocco. A small portion of our garments are manufactured in the United States.

We currently have representative offices in Vietnam, as well as in Hangzhou, Nanjing and Qingdao, China. These offices act as our liaison with manufacturers in the Far East. As of January 31, 2015, we had 270 employees in these representative offices.

G-III's headquarters provides these liaison offices with production orders stating the quantity, quality, delivery time and types of garments to be produced. The personnel in our liaison offices assist in the negotiation and placement of orders with manufacturers. In allocating production among independent suppliers, we consider a number of criteria, including, but not limited to, quality, availability of production capacity, pricing and ability to meet changing production requirements.

To facilitate better service for our customers and accommodate the volume of manufacturing in the Far East, we also have a subsidiary in Hong Kong. The Hong Kong subsidiary supports third party production of products on an agency fee basis. Our Hong Kong office acts as an agent for substantially all of our production. Our China and Hong Kong offices monitor production at manufacturers' facilities to ensure quality control, compliance with our specifications and timely delivery of finished garments to our distribution facilities and, in some cases, direct to our customers. At January 31, 2015, we had 21 employees in our Hong Kong office.

In connection with the foreign manufacture of our products, manufacturers purchase raw materials including fabric, wool, leather and other submaterials (such as linings, zippers, buttons and trim) at our direction. Prior to commencing the manufacture of products, samples of raw materials or submaterials are sent to us for approval. We regularly inspect and supervise the manufacture of our products in order to ensure timely delivery, maintain quality control and monitor compliance with our manufacturing specifications. We also inspect finished products at the factory site.

We generally arrange for the production of products on a purchase order basis with completed products manufactured to our design specifications. We assume the risk of loss predominantly on a Freight-On-Board (F.O.B.) basis when goods are delivered to a shipper and are insured against casualty losses arising during shipping.

As is customary, we have not entered into any long-term contractual arrangements with any contractor or manufacturer. We believe that the production capacity of foreign manufacturers with which we have developed, or are developing, a relationship is adequate to meet our production requirements for the foreseeable future. We believe that alternative foreign manufacturers are readily available.

A majority of all finished goods manufactured for us is shipped to our New Jersey warehouse and distribution facilities or to designated third party facilities for final inspection and allocation, as well as reshipment to customers. The goods are delivered to our customers and us by independent shippers. We choose the form of shipment (principally ship, truck or air) based upon a customer's needs, cost and timing considerations.

## Customs and Import Restrictions

Our arrangements with textile manufacturers and suppliers are subject to requisite customs clearances for textile apparel and the imposition of export duties. United States Customs duties on our textile apparel presently range from duty free to $32 \%$, depending upon the type of fabric used, how the garment is constructed and the country of export. A substantial majority of our product is imported into the United States and, to a lesser extent, into Canada and Europe. Countries in which our products are manufactured and sold may, from time to time, impose new duties, tariffs, surcharges or other import controls or restrictions or adjust prevailing duty or tariff levels, as well as quota restrictions. Under the provisions of the World Trade Organization ("WTO") agreement governing international trade in textiles, known as the "WTO Agreement on Textiles and Clothing," the United States and other WTO member countries have eliminated quotas on textiles and apparel-related products from WTO member countries. As a result, quota restrictions generally do not affect our business in most countries.

Apparel and other products sold by us are also subject to regulations that relate to product labeling, content and safety requirements, licensing requirements and flammability testing. We believe that we are in compliance with those regulations, as well as applicable federal, state, local, and foreign regulations relating to the discharge of materials hazardous to the environment.

## Raw Materials

We purchase most products manufactured for us on a finished goods basis. We coordinate the sourcing of raw materials used in the production of our products which are generally available from numerous sources. The apparel industry competes with manufacturers of many other products for the supply of raw materials.

## Marketing and Distribution

G-III's products are sold primarily to department, specialty and mass merchant retail stores in the United States. We sell to approximately 2,900 customers, ranging from national and regional chains to small specialty stores. We also distribute our products through our retail stores and, to a lesser extent, through our Wilson's Leather, G.H. Bass, Andrew Marc and Vilebrequin websites.

Sales to our 10 largest customers accounted for $58.4 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2015 compared to $61.3 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2014 and $63.7 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2013. Sales to Macy's, which includes sales to its Macy's and Bloomingdale's store chains, accounted for an aggregate of $18.7 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2015, 21.0\% of our net sales in fiscal 2014 and $21.3 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2013. The
loss of this customer or a significant reduction in purchases by our largest customers could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

A substantial majority of our sales are made in the United States. We also market our products in Canada, Europe and the Far East, which, on a combined basis, accounted for approximately $15.1 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2015.

G-III's products are sold primarily through a direct sales force consisting of 171 employees at January 31, 2015. Our principal executives are also actively involved in sales of our products. Some of our products are also sold by various retail buying offices and independent sales representatives located throughout the United States. Sales outside of the United States are managed by 10 salespeople located in our offices across Asia, as well as 14 salespeople for Kensie located in Canada and 6 salespeople for Vilebrequin located in Switzerland. The Canadian market is serviced by a sales and customer service team based both in the United States and in Canada.

Brand name products sold by us pursuant to a license agreement are promoted by institutional and product advertisements placed by the licensor. Our license agreements generally require us to pay the licensor a fee, based on a percentage of net sales of licensed product, to pay for a portion of these advertising costs. We may also be required to spend a specified percentage of net sales of a licensed product on advertising placed by us.

We advertise our Andrew Marc brand and are engaged in both cooperative advertising programs with retailers and direct to the consumer. We are focused on creating an image that will broaden the lifestyle appeal of our Andrew Marc brands. Our marketing strategy is focused on media, public relations and channel marketing. Our media strategy for Andrew Marc includes traditional print and outdoor advertising, as well as digital and social media initiatives.

Wilsons Leather and G.H. Bass marketing efforts are primarily focused on increasing store traffic and then converting customers to buyers. This goal is mainly accomplished through local advertising and mall marketing promotions along with marketing initiatives through the Internet, social media and public relations support.

Vilebrequin's marketing efforts have been based on continually offering new swimwear prints, and expanding the range of its products to new categories such as women swimwear, ready to wear and accessories, while maintaining its core collection. Besides its traditional advertising networks (print and outdoor advertising), Vilebrequin is seeking to develop new marketing channels through the use of digital media, product placement and public relations. Through the growth of its network of stores, distributors and franchisees, Vilebrequin is seeking to reinforce its position in its traditional markets, such as the U.S. and Europe, and to develop new markets in Asia and the Middle East.

We believe we have developed awareness of our other owned labels primarily through our reputation, consumer acceptance and the fashion press. We primarily rely on our reputation and relationships to generate business in the private label portion of our non-licensed segment. We believe we have developed a significant customer following and positive reputation in the industry as a result of, among other things, our standards of quality control, on-time delivery, competitive pricing and willingness and ability to assist customers in their merchandising of our products.

## Seasonality

Retail sales of outerwear and other apparel have traditionally been seasonal in nature. Historically, we have been dependent on our sales from July through November for the substantial majority of our net sales and net income. Net sales in the months of July through November accounted for approximately $56 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2015, $57 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2014 and $58 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2013. We are highly dependent on our results of operations during the second half of our fiscal year. The second half of the year is expected to continue to provide a disproportionate amount of our net sales and a substantial majority of our net income for the foreseeable future.

## Order Book

A portion of our orders consists of short-term purchase orders from customers who place orders on an as-needed basis. Information relative to open purchase orders at any date may also be materially affected by, among other things, the timing of the initial showing of apparel to the trade, as well as by the timing of recording of orders and shipments. As a result, we do not believe that disclosure of the amount of our unfilled customer orders at any time is meaningful.

## Competition

We have numerous competitors with respect to the sale of our products, including brand owners, distributors that import products from abroad, and domestic retailers with established foreign manufacturing capabilities. Some of our competitors have greater financial and marketing resources and greater manufacturing capacity than we do. Our retail business competes against a diverse group of retailers, including, among others, other outlet stores, department stores, specialty stores, warehouse clubs and e-commerce retailers. Sales of our products are affected by style, price, quality, brand reputation and general fashion trends.

## Trademarks

We own the trademarks used by us in connection with our non-licensed product segment, as well as some of the trademarks used in our retail operations segment, and act as licensee of certain trademarks owned by third parties that are used in connection with our licensed product segment. The principal brands that we license are summarized under the heading "Licensing" above. We own a number of proprietary brands that we use in connection with our business and products including, among others, Vilebrequin, Bass, G.H. Bass, Wilsons, Andrew Marc, Marc New York, Eliza J, Jessica Howard. Black Rivet and G-III Sports by Carl Banks. We have registered, or applied for registration of, many of our trademarks in multiple jurisdictions for use on a variety of apparel and related other products, as well as for retail services.

In markets outside of the U.S., our rights to some of our trademarks may not be clearly established. In the course of our attempt to expand into foreign markets, we may experience conflicts with various third parties who have acquired ownership rights in certain trademarks that would impede our use and registration of some of our trademarks. Such conflicts may arise from time to time as we pursue international expansion. Although we have not in the past suffered any material restraints or restrictions on doing business in desirable markets or in new product categories, we cannot be sure that significant impediments will not arise in the future as we expand product offerings and introduce additional brands to new markets.

We regard our trademarks and other proprietary rights as valuable assets and believe that they have value in the marketing of our products. We vigorously protect our trademarks and other intellectual property rights against infringement.

## Employees

As of January 31, 2015, we had 6,641 employees, of whom 391 worked in executive or administrative capacities, 811 worked in design, merchandising and sourcing, 788 worked in warehouse and distribution facilities, 171 worked in wholesale sales, and 4,480 worked in our retail stores. Additionally, during our peak retail selling season from October through January, we employed approximately 1,950 additional seasonal associates in our retail stores. We employ both union and non-union personnel and believe that our relations with our employees are good. We have not experienced any interruption of any of our operations due to a labor disagreement with our employees.

We are a party to an agreement with one labor union. As of January 31, 2015, this agreement covers approximately 450 of our full-time employees, most of whom work in our warehouses located in New Jersey, and is currently in effect through November 15, 2017.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to our executive officers.

| Name | Age | Position |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Morris Goldfarb | 64 | Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, President and Director |
| Sammy Aaron | 55 | Vice Chairman and Director |
| Wayne S. Miller | 57 | Chief Operating Officer and Secretary |
| Neal S. Nackman | 55 | Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer |

Morris Goldfarb is our Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President, as well as one of our directors. Mr. Goldfarb has served as an executive officer of G-III and our predecessors since our formation in 1974. Mr. Goldfarb is a director of Oppenheimer Holdings Inc. and RLJ Entertainment, Inc.

Sammy Aaron has been our Vice Chairman, as well as one of our directors, since we acquired the Marvin Richards business in July 2005. Mr. Aaron is the Chief Executive Officer of our Calvin Klein divisions. Prior to joining G-III, he served as the President of Marvin Richards from 1998 until July 2005.

Wayne S. Miller has been our Chief Operating Officer since December 2003 and our Secretary since November 1998. He also served as our Chief Financial Officer from April 1998 until September 2005 and as our Treasurer from November 1998 until April 2006.

Neal S. Nackman has been our Chief Financial Officer since September 2005 and was elected Treasurer in April 2006. Mr. Nackman served as Vice President - Finance from December 2003 until April 2006.

Jeffrey Goldfarb, one of our directors and our Director of Business Development, is the son of Morris Goldfarb.

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

The following risk factors should be read carefully in connection with evaluating our business and the forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Any of the following risks could materially adversely affect our business, our prospects, our operating results, our financial condition, the trading prices of our securities and the actual outcome of matters as to which forward-looking statements are made in this report. Additional risks that we do not yet know of or that we currently think are immaterial may also affect our business operations.

## Risk Factors Relating to Our Licensed and Non-Licensed Products Business

## The failure to maintain our license agreements could cause us to lose significant revenues and have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

We are dependent on sales of licensed products for a substantial portion of our revenues. In fiscal 2015, net sales of licensed product accounted for $57.6 \%$ of our net sales compared to $64.1 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2014 and $67.3 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2013.

We are generally required to achieve specified minimum net sales, make specified royalty and advertising payments and receive prior approval of the licensor as to all design and other elements of a product prior to production. License agreements also may restrict our ability to enter into other license agreements for competing products or acquire businesses that produce competing products without the consent of the licensor. If we do not satisfy any of these requirements or receive approval with respect to a restricted transaction, a licensor usually will have the right to terminate our license. Even if a licensor does not terminate our license, the failure to achieve net sales sufficient to cover our required minimum royalty payments could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. If a license contains a renewal provision, there are usually minimum net sales and other conditions that must be met in order to be able to renew a license. Even if we comply with all the terms of a license agreement, we cannot be sure that we will be able to renew an agreement when it expires even if we desire to do so. The failure to maintain or renew our license agreements could cause us to lose significant revenue and have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

## Our success is dependent on the strategies and reputation of our licensors.

We strive to offer our products on a multiple brand, multiple channel and multiple price point basis. As a part of this strategy, we license the names and brands of numerous recognized companies, designers and celebrities. In entering into these license agreements, we plan our products to be targeted towards different market segments based on consumer demographics, design, suggested pricing and channel of distribution. If any of our licensors decides to "reposition" its products under the brands we license from them, introduce similar products under similar brand names or otherwise change the parameters of design, pricing, distribution, target market or competitive set, we could experience a significant downturn in that brand's business, adversely affecting our sales and profitability. In addition, as licensed products may be personally associated with designers or celebrities, our sales of those products could be materially and adversely affected if any of those individuals' images, reputations or popularity were to be negatively impacted.

## Any adverse change in our relationship with PVH Corp. and its Calvin Klein brand would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

We have ten different license agreements relating to a variety of products sold under the Calvin Klein brand that is owned by PVH Corp. Sales of Calvin Klein product constitute a majority of our sales of licensed products. Any change by PVH in the marketing of products sold under the Calvin Klein label or any adverse change in the consumer's perception of the Calvin Klein brand could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. We have three license agreements for products sold under the Tommy Hilfiger brand, which is also owned by PVH. Any adverse change in our relationship with PVH would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

> If our customers change their buying patterns, request additional allowances, develop their own private label brands or enter into agreements with national brand manufacturers to sell their products on an exclusive basis, our sales to these customers could be materially adversely affected.

Our customers' buying patterns, as well as the need to provide additional allowances to customers, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Customers' strategic initiatives, including developing their own private labels brands, selling national brands on an exclusive basis or reducing the number of vendors they purchase from, could also impact our sales to these customers. There is a trend among major retailers to concentrate purchasing among a narrowing group of vendors. To the extent that any of our key customers reduces the number of its vendors and, as a result, reduces or eliminates purchases from us, there could be a material adverse effect on us.

## We have significant customer concentration, and the loss of one of our large customers could adversely affect our business.

Our 10 largest customers, all of which are department or discount store groups, accounted for approximately $58.4 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal $2015,61.3 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2014 and $63.7 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2013, with the Macy's Inc. group accounting for approximately $18.7 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2015. Consolidation in the retail industry could increase the concentration of our sales to our largest customers. We do not have long-term contracts with any customers, and sales to customers generally occur on an order-by-order basis that may be subject to cancellation or rescheduling by the customer. A decision by our major customers to decrease the amount of merchandise purchased from us, increase the use of their own private label brands, sell a national brand on an exclusive basis or change the manner of doing business with us could reduce our revenues and materially adversely affect our results of operations. The loss of any of our large customers, or the bankruptcy or serious financial difficulty of any of our large customers, could have a material adverse effect on us.

## If we miscalculate the market for our products, we may end up with significant excess inventories for some products and missed opportunities for others.

We often produce products to hold in inventory in order to meet our customers' delivery requirements and to be able to quickly fulfill reorders. If we misjudge the market for our products, we may be faced with significant excess inventories for some products and missed opportunities for others. In addition, weak sales and resulting markdown requests from customers could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

## Risks Relating to Our Retail Business

## Leasing of significant amounts of real estate exposes us to possible liabilities and losses.

All of the stores operated by us are leased. Accordingly, we are subject to all of the risks associated with leasing real estate. Store leases generally require us to pay a fixed minimum rent and a variable amount based on a percentage of annual sales at that location. We generally cannot cancel our leases. If an existing or future store is not profitable, and we decide to close it, we may be committed to perform certain obligations under the applicable lease including, among other things, paying rent for the balance of the applicable lease term. As each of our leases expires, if we do not have a renewal option, we may be unable to negotiate a renewal, on commercially acceptable terms or at all, which could cause us to close stores in desirable locations. In addition, we may not be able to close an unprofitable store due to an existing operating covenant, which may cause us to operate the location at a loss and prevent us from finding a more desirable location.

## Our retail stores are heavily dependent on the ability and desire of consumers to travel and shop. A reduction in the volume of outlet mall traffic could adversely affect our retail sales.

Substantially all of our retail stores are operated as outlet stores and located in larger outlet centers, which are typically located in or near vacation destinations or away from large population centers where department stores and other traditional retailers are concentrated. Economic uncertainty in the U.S., fuel shortages, increased fuel prices, travel concerns and other circumstances, which would lead to decreased travel, could have a material adverse effect on sales at our outlet stores. Other factors which could affect the success of our outlet stores include:

- the location of the outlet mall or the location of a particular store within the mall;
- the other tenants occupying space at the outlet mall;
- increased competition in areas where the outlet malls are located;
- a downturn in the economy generally or in a particular area where an outlet mall is located; and
- the amount of advertising and promotional dollars spent on attracting consumers to the outlet malls.

Sales at our outlet stores are derived, in part, from the volume of traffic at the malls where our stores are located. Our outlet stores benefit from the ability of a mall's other tenants and other area attractions to generate consumer traffic in the vicinity of our stores and the continuing popularity of outlet malls as shopping destinations. A reduction in outlet mall traffic as a result of these or other factors could materially adversely affect our business.

## The retail business is intensely competitive and increased or new competition could have a material adverse effect on us.

The retail industry is intensely competitive. We compete against a diverse group of retailers, including, among others, other outlet stores, department stores, specialty stores, warehouse clubs and e-commerce retailers. We also compete in particular markets with a number of retailers that specialize in the products that we sell. A number of different competitive factors could have a material adverse effect on our retail business, results of operations and financial condition including:

- increased operational efficiencies of competitors;
- competitive pricing strategies, including deep discount pricing by a broad range of retailers during periods of poor consumer confidence or economic instability;
- expansion of product offerings by existing competitors;
- entry by new competitors into markets in which we operate retail stores; and
- adoption by existing competitors of innovative retail sales methods.

We may not be able to continue to compete successfully with our existing or new competitors, or be assured that prolonged periods of deep discount pricing by our competitors will not have a material adverse effect on our business.

## Risk Factors Relating to Our Vilebrequin Business

## Operation of our Vilebrequin business involves costs and uncertainties.

Vilebrequin sells its products through a network of both owned and franchised specialty retail stores and shops, as well as through select wholesale distribution. While we have operated outlet stores for several years, we had not previously operated a full price retail chain that includes both owned and franchised stores prior to the acquisition of Vilebrequin in August 2012. Our success with Vilebrequin will be dependent, in part, on our ability to protect and enhance the reputation and status of the Vilebrequin brand and maintain the distinctive design and construction of Vilebrequin's key swimwear products that utilize a specialized fabric. As a result, Vilebrequin sources a significant majority of its product with a limited number of manufacturers. Any disruption in the operations of these manufacturers could create an inability to supply required goods to our stores or to our wholesale customers in a timely fashion or without a significant delay, as we may not be able to quickly find another manufacturer that can meet Vilebrequin's production requirements. Managing the Vilebrequin business requires the expenditure of a significant amount of our time and resources. Operation of an international retail and wholesale business could divert our management's time and resources from our core domestic business and could negatively impact our results of operations.

## Our ability to successfully operate the Vilebrequin business and to capitalize on growth in new international markets is subject to risks associated with international operations.

Our ability to successfully operate the Vilebrequin business is important in order for us to realize the intended benefits of this business. Vilebrequin's international operations may make it more difficult for us to supervise its operations. Our ability to capitalize on the Vilebrequin business and successfully expand into international markets is subject to risks associated with international operations. These include:

- the burdens of complying with a variety of foreign laws and regulations, including trade and labor restrictions;
- compliance with U.S. and other country laws relating to foreign operations, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, which prohibits U.S. companies from making improper payments to foreign officials for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business;
- unexpected changes in regulatory requirements; and
- new tariffs or other barriers in some international markets.

We are also subject to general political and economic risks in connection with Vilebrequin's international operations, including:

- political instability and terrorist attacks;
- changes in diplomatic and trade relationships; and
- general and economic fluctuations in specific countries or markets.

Changes in regulatory, geopolitical, social or economic policies and other factors may have a material adverse effect on our Vilebrequin business in the future or may require us to exit a particular market or significantly modify our current business practices.

## Our expansion into the European market exposes us to uncertain economic conditions in the Euro zone.

Demand for our products depends in part on the general economic conditions affecting the countries in which we do business. With the addition of Vilebrequin, we have significantly expanded our presence in the European market. Recently, the economic situation in Europe has been unstable, arising from concerns that certain European countries may default in payments due on their national debt obligations and from related European financial restructuring efforts, as well as overall weak economic performance within the European market. If such defaults were to occur, or if European financial restructuring efforts create their own instability, current instability in the global credit markets may increase. Continued financial instability in Europe could adversely affect our European operations and, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on us.

## We have foreign currency exposures relating to buying, selling and financing in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, our functional currency.

We have foreign currency exposure related to foreign denominated revenues and costs, which must be translated into U.S. dollars. Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates (particularly the strengthening of the U.S. dollar relative to the Euro) may adversely affect our reported earnings and the comparability of period-to-period results of operations. In addition, while certain currencies (notably the Hong Kong dollar and Chinese Renminbi) are currently fixed or managed in value in relation to the U.S. dollar by foreign central banks or governmental entities, such conditions may change, thereby exposing us to various risks as a result.

Certain of our foreign operations purchase products from suppliers denominated in U.S. dollars and Euros, which may expose such operations to increases in cost of goods sold (thereby lowering profit margins) as a result of foreign currency fluctuations. Our exposures are primarily concentrated in the Euro. Changes in currency exchange rates may also affect the relative prices at which we and our foreign competitors purchase and sell products in the same market and the cost of certain items required in our operations. In addition, certain of our foreign operations have receivables or payables denominated in
currencies other than their functional currencies, which exposes such operations to foreign exchange losses as a result of foreign currency fluctuations. Such fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

## Risk Factors Relating to the Operation of Our Business

## If we lose the services of our key personnel, our business will be harmed.

Our future success depends on Morris Goldfarb, our Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, and other key personnel. The loss of the services of Mr. Goldfarb and any negative market or industry perception arising from the loss of his services could have a material adverse effect on us and the price of our shares. Our other executive officers have substantial experience and expertise in our business and have made significant contributions to our success. The unexpected loss of services of one or more of these individuals could also adversely affect us.

## We have expanded our business through acquisitions that could result in diversion of resources, an inability to integrate acquired operations and extra expenses. This could disrupt our business and adversely affect our financial condition.

Part of our growth strategy is to pursue acquisitions. The negotiation of potential acquisitions as well as the integration of acquired businesses could divert our management's time and resources. Acquired businesses may not be successfully integrated with our operations. We may not realize the intended benefits of any acquisition, such as our acquisitions of G.H. Bass and Vilebrequin. We also might not be successful in identifying or negotiating suitable acquisitions which could negatively impact our growth strategy.

Acquisitions could also result in:

- substantial cash expenditures;
- potentially dilutive issuances of equity securities;
- the incurrence of debt and contingent liabilities;
- a decrease in our profit margins;
- amortization of intangibles and potential impairment of goodwill;
- reduction of management attention to other parts of our business;
- failure to generate expected financial results or reach business goals; and
- increased expenditures on human resources and related costs.

If acquisitions disrupt our operations, our business may suffer.

## We may need additional financing to continue to grow.

The continued growth of our business, including as a result of acquisitions, depends on our access to sufficient funds to support our growth. Our primary source of working capital to support our growth is our line of credit which currently extends to August 2017. Our need for working capital has increased significantly as a result of our seven acquisitions since July 2005, our addition of new licenses and the expansion of our business. Our growth is dependent on our ability to continue to be able to extend and increase our line of credit. If we are unable to refinance our debt, we cannot be sure we will be able to secure alternative financing on satisfactory terms or at all. The loss of the use of this credit facility or the inability to replace this facility when it expires would materially impair our ability to operate our business.

## Our business is highly seasonal. Our results of operations may suffer in the event that the weather is unusually warm during the peak selling season.

Retail sales of apparel have traditionally been seasonal in nature. Historically, we have been dependent on our sales from July through November for the substantial majority of our net sales and net income. Net sales in the months of July through November accounted for approximately $56 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal $2015,57 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2014 and $58 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2013. We are highly dependent on
our results of operations during the second half of our fiscal year. Any difficulties we may encounter during this period as a result of weather or disruption of manufacturing or transportation of our products will have a magnified effect on our net sales and net income for the year. In addition, because of the large amount of outerwear we sell at both wholesale and retail, unusually warm weather conditions during the peak fall and winter outerwear selling season, including as a result of any change in historical climate patterns, could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. Our quarterly results of operations for our retail business also may fluctuate based upon such factors as the timing of certain holiday seasons, the number and timing of new store openings, the acceptability of seasonal merchandise offerings, the timing and level of markdowns, store closings and remodels, competitive factors, weather and general economic conditions. The second half of the year is expected to continue to provide a disproportionate amount of our net sales and a substantial majority of our net income for the foreseeable future.

## Extreme or unseasonable weather conditions could adversely affect our business.

Extreme weather events and changes in weather patterns can influence customer trends and shopping habits. Extended periods of unseasonably warm temperatures during the winter season or cool weather during the summer season may diminish demand for our seasonal merchandise. Heavy snowfall, hurricanes or other severe weather events in the areas in which our retail stores and the retail stores of our wholesale customers are located may decrease customer traffic in those stores and reduce our sales and profitability. If severe weather events were to force closure of or disrupt operations at the distribution centers we use for our merchandise, we could incur higher costs and experience longer lead times to distribute our products to our retail stores, wholesale customers or e-commerce customers. If prolonged, such extreme or unseasonable weather conditions could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## If we are unable to successfully translate market trends into attractive product offerings, our sales and profitability could suffer.

The retail and apparel industries are subject to sudden shifts in consumer trends and consumer spending. Our ability to successfully compete depends on a number of factors, including our ability to effectively anticipate, gauge and respond to changing consumer demands and tastes across multiple product lines and tiers of distribution. We are required to translate market trends into attractive product offerings and operate within substantial production and delivery constraints. We cannot be sure we will continue to be successful in this regard. We need to anticipate and respond to changing trends quickly, efficiently and effectively in order to be successful. Our failure to anticipate, identify or react appropriately to changes in customer tastes, preferences, shopping and spending patterns could lead to, among other things, excess inventories or a shortage or products and could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

## Expansion of our product offerings involves significant costs and uncertainty and could adversely affect our results of operations.

An important part of our strategy is to expand the types of products we offer. During the past few years, we have added licenses for new lines of women's suits, dresses, performance wear, sportswear and men's and women's swimwear, as well as luggage and women's handbags and small leather goods. In August 2012, we acquired Vilebrequin, a manufacturer of swimwear, resort wear and related accessories and, in November 2013, we acquired, G.H. Bass, a manufacturer of footwear. We had limited prior experience designing, manufacturing and marketing these types of products. We intend to continue to add additional product lines in the future. As is typical with new products, demand and market acceptance for any new products we introduce will be subject to uncertainty. Designing, producing and marketing new products require substantial expenditures. We cannot be certain that our efforts and expenditures will successfully generate sales or that sales that are generated will be sufficient to cover our expenditures.

## We are subject to the risk of inventory loss and theft.

Efficient inventory management is a key component of our business success and profitability. To be successful, we must maintain sufficient inventory levels and an appropriate product mix to meet the
demands of our wholesale and retail customers without allowing those levels to increase to such an extent that the costs to store and hold the goods unduly impacts our financial results. If our buying decisions do not accurately predict customer trends or purchasing actions, we may have to take unanticipated markdowns to dispose of the excess inventory, which also can adversely impact our financial results. We continue to focus on ways to reduce these risks, but we cannot be certain you that we will continue to be successful in our inventory management. If we are not successful in managing our inventory balances, our cash flows from operations and net income may be negatively affected.

We have experienced inventory shrinkage in the past, and we cannot be certain that incidences of inventory loss and theft will decrease in the future or that the measures we are taking will effectively reduce the problem of inventory shrinkage. Although some level of inventory shrinkage is an unavoidable cost of doing business, if we were to experience higher rates of inventory shrinkage or incur increased security costs to combat inventory theft, our financial condition could be affected adversely.

## Fluctuations in the price, availability and quality of materials used in our products could have a material adverse effect on our cost of goods sold and our ability to meet our customers' demands.

Fluctuations in the price, availability and quality of raw materials used in our products could have a material adverse effect on our cost of sales or our ability to meet our customers' demands. We compete with numerous entities for supplies of materials and manufacturing capacity. Raw materials are vulnerable to adverse climate conditions, animal diseases and natural disasters that can affect the supply and price of raw materials. We may not be able to pass on all or any portion of higher material prices to our customers. Future increases in raw material prices could have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

Any raw material price increase or increase in costs related to the transport of our products (primarily petroleum costs) could increase our cost of sales and decrease our profitability unless we are able to pass higher prices on to our customers. In addition, if one or more of our competitors is able to reduce its production costs by taking greater advantage of any reductions in raw material prices, favorable sourcing agreements or new manufacturing technologies (which enable manufacturers to produce goods on a more cost-effective basis) we may face pricing pressures from those competitors and may be forced to reduce our prices or face a decline in net sales, either of which could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

## Our trademark and other intellectual property rights may not be adequately protected.

We believe that our trademarks and other proprietary rights are important to our success and our competitive position. We may, however, experience conflict with various third parties who acquire or claim ownership rights in certain trademarks. We cannot be sure that the actions we have taken to establish and protect our trademarks and other proprietary rights will be adequate to prevent imitation of our products by others or to prevent others from seeking to block sales of our products as a violation of the trademarks and proprietary rights of others.

In the course of our attempts to expand into foreign markets, we may experience conflicts with various third parties who have acquired ownership rights in certain trademarks, which would impede our use and registration of some of our trademarks. Such conflicts are common and may arise from time to time as we pursue international expansion, such as with the expansion of our Vilebrequin and G.H. Bass businesses. In addition, the laws of certain foreign countries may not protect proprietary rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States. Enforcing rights to our intellectual property may be difficult and expensive, and we may not be successful in combating counterfeit products and stopping infringement of our intellectual property rights, which could make it easier for competitors to capture market share. Furthermore, our efforts to enforce our trademark and other intellectual property rights may be met with defenses, counterclaims and countersuits attacking the validity and enforceability of our trademark and other intellectual property rights. If we are unsuccessful in protecting and enforcing our intellectual property rights, continued sales of such competing products by third parties could harm our brands and adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## We are dependent upon foreign manufacturers.

We do not own or operate any manufacturing facilities. We also do not have long-term written agreements with any of our manufacturers. As a result, any of these manufacturers may unilaterally
terminate its relationship with us at any time. Almost all of our products are imported from independent foreign manufacturers. The failure of these manufacturers to meet required quality standards could damage our relationships with our customers. In addition, the failure by these manufacturers to ship products to us in a timely manner could cause us to miss the delivery date requirements of our customers. The failure to make timely deliveries could cause customers to cancel orders, refuse to accept delivery of products or demand reduced prices.

We are also dependent on these manufacturers for compliance with our policies and the policies of our licensors and customers regarding labor practices employed by factories that manufacture product for us. Any failure by these manufacturers to comply with required labor standards or any other divergence in their labor or other practices from those generally considered ethical in the United States and the potential negative publicity relating to any of these events, could result in a violation by us of our license agreements and harm us and our reputation. In addition, a manufacturer's failure to comply with safety or content regulations and standards could result in substantial liability and harm to our reputation.

## We are subject to the risks of doing business abroad.

Our arrangements with foreign manufacturers are subject to the usual risks of doing business abroad, including currency fluctuations, political or labor instability and potential import restrictions, duties and tariffs. We do not maintain insurance for the potential lost profits due to disruptions of our overseas manufacturers. Because our products are produced abroad, primarily in China, political or economic instability in China or elsewhere could cause substantial disruption in the business of our foreign manufacturers. For example, in the past, the Chinese government has reduced tax rebates to factories for the manufacture of textile and leather garments. The rebate reduction resulted in factories seeking to recoup more of their costs from customers, resulting in higher prices for goods imported from China. This tax rebate has been reinstated in certain instances. However, new or increased reductions in this rebate would cause an increase in the cost of finished products from China which could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Heightened terrorism security concerns could subject imported goods to additional, more frequent or more thorough inspections. This could delay deliveries or increase costs, which could adversely impact our results of operations. In addition, since we negotiate our purchase orders with foreign manufacturers in United States dollars, the decline in value of the United States dollar against local currencies would negatively impact our cost in dollars of product sourced from these manufacturers. We are not currently engaged in any hedging activities to protect against currency risks. If there is downward pressure on the value of the dollar, our purchase prices for our products could increase. We may not be able to offset an increase in product costs with a price increase to our customers.

## If we do not successfully upgrade, maintain and secure our information systems to support the needs of our organization, this could have an adverse impact on the operation of our business.

We rely heavily on information systems to manage operations, including a full range of financial, sourcing, retail and merchandising systems, and regularly make investments to upgrade, enhance or replace these systems. The reliability and capacity of information systems is critical. Despite our preventative efforts, our systems are vulnerable from time to time to damage or interruption from, among other things, security breaches, computer viruses, power outages and other technical malfunctions. Any disruptions affecting our information systems, or any delays or difficulties in transitioning to new systems or in integrating them with current systems, could have a material adverse impact on the operation of our business. In addition, our ability to continue to operate our business without significant interruption in the event of a disaster or other disruption depends in part on the ability of our information systems to operate in accordance with our disaster recovery and business continuity plans.

## A data security or privacy breach could adversely affect our business.

The protection of customer, employee, and company data is critical to us. Customers have a high expectation that we will adequately protect their personal information from cyberattack or other security breaches. A significant breach of customer, employee, or company data could damage our reputation and result in lost sales, fines, or lawsuits. Our business involves the receipt and storage of personal information
about customers and employees. The secure processing, maintenance and transmission of this information is critical to our operations and business strategy. Despite our security measures, our information technology and infrastructure may be vulnerable to attacks by hackers or breaches due to employee error, malfeasance or other disruptions. Any such breach or attack could compromise our networks and the information stored there could be accessed, publicly disclosed, lost or stolen. Because the methods used to obtain unauthorized access change frequently and may not be immediately detected, we may be unable to anticipate these methods or promptly implement preventative measures. Any such access, disclosure or other loss of information could result in legal claims or proceedings, liability under laws that protect the privacy of personal information, disrupt our operations and the services we provide to customers and damage our reputation, which could adversely affect our business, revenues and competitive position.

Our use and handling of personally identifiable data is regulated at the international, federal and state levels. The regulatory environment surrounding information security and privacy is increasingly demanding. Privacy and information security laws and regulations change from time to time, and compliance with them may result in cost increases due to necessary systems changes and the development of new processes. If we fail to comply with these laws and regulations, we could be subjected to legal risk. We are also contractually obligated to comply with certain industry standards regarding payment card information. Increasing costs associated with information security, such as increased investment in technology, the cost of compliance and costs resulting from consumer fraud could cause our business and results of operations to suffer materially.

## Risk Factors Relating to the Economy and the Apparel Industry

## Recent and future economic conditions, including volatility in the financial and credit markets, may adversely affect our business.

Economic conditions have affected, and in the future may adversely affect, the apparel industry and our major customers. Economic conditions have, at times, led to a reduction in overall consumer spending, which could have an adverse impact on sales of our products. A disruption in the ability of our significant customers to access liquidity could cause serious disruptions or an overall deterioration of their businesses which could lead to a significant reduction in their orders of our products and the inability or failure on their part to meet their payment obligations to us, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and liquidity. A significant adverse change in a customer's financial and/or credit position could also require us to sell fewer products to that customer or to assume greater credit risk relating to that customer's receivables or could limit our ability to collect receivables related to previous purchases by that customer. As a result, our reserves for doubtful accounts and write-offs of accounts receivable may increase.

> Our ability to continue to have the necessary liquidity to operate our business may be adversely impacted by a number of factors, including uncertain conditions in the credit and financial markets which could limit the availability and increase the cost of financing. A deterioration of our results of operations and cash flow resulting from decreases in consumer spending, could, among other things, impact our ability to comply with financial covenants in our existing credit facility.

Our historical sources of liquidity to fund ongoing cash requirements include cash flows from operations, cash and cash equivalents, and borrowings through our credit agreement (which includes revolving and trade letter of credit facilities). The sufficiency and availability of credit may be adversely affected by a variety of factors, including, without limitation, the tightening of the credit markets, including lending by financial institutions who are sources of credit for our borrowing and liquidity; an increase in the cost of capital; the reduced availability of credit; our ability to execute our strategy; the level of our cash flows, which will be impacted by retailer and consumer acceptance of our products and the level of consumer discretionary spending; maintenance of financial covenants included in our credit agreement; and interest rate fluctuations. We cannot be certain that any additional required financing, whether debt or equity, will be available in amounts needed or on terms acceptable to us, if at all.

As of January 31, 2015, we were in compliance with the financial covenants in our credit agreement. Compliance with these financial covenants is dependent on the results of our operations, which are subject to a number of factors including current economic conditions. The economic environment has at times
resulted in lower consumer confidence and lower retail sales. Adverse developments in the economy could lead to reduced consumer spending which could adversely impact our net sales and cash flow, which could affect our compliance with our financial covenants. A violation of our covenants could limit access to our credit facilities. Should such restrictions on our credit facilities and these factors occur, they could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

## The cyclical nature of the apparel industry and uncertainty over future economic prospects and consumer spending could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

The apparel industry is cyclical. Purchases of outerwear, sportswear, swimwear, footwear and other apparel tend to decline during recessionary periods and may decline for a variety of other reasons, including changes in fashion trends and the introduction of new products or pricing changes by our competitors. Uncertainties regarding future economic prospects may affect consumer-spending habits and could have an adverse effect on our results of operations. Uncertainty with respect to consumer spending as a result of weak economic conditions has, at times, caused our customers to delay the placing of initial orders and to slow the pace of reorders during the seasonal peak of our business. Weak economic conditions have had a material adverse effect on our results of operations at times in the past and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in the future as well.

## The competitive nature of our industry may result in lower prices for our products and decreased gross profit margins.

The apparel business is highly competitive. We have numerous competitors with respect to the sale of apparel, footwear and accessories, including distributors that import products from abroad and domestic retailers with established foreign manufacturing capabilities. Many of our competitors have greater financial and marketing resources and greater manufacturing capacity than we do. The general availability of contract manufacturing capacity also allows ease of access by new market entrants. The competitive nature of the apparel industry may result in lower prices for our products and decreased gross profit margins, either of which may materially adversely affect our sales and profitability. Sales of our products are affected by a number of competitive factors including style, price, quality, brand recognition and reputation, product appeal and general fashion trends.

## If major department, mass merchant and specialty store chains consolidate, close stores or cease to do business, our business could be negatively affected.

We sell our products to major department, mass merchant and specialty store chains. Continued consolidation in the retail industry, as well as store closing or retailers ceasing to do business, could negatively impact our business. Consolidation could reduce the number of our customers and potential customers. With increased consolidation in the retail industry, we are increasingly dependent on retailers whose bargaining strength may increase and whose share of our business may grow. As a result, we may face greater pressure from these customers to provide more favorable terms, including increased support of their retail margins. As purchasing decisions become more centralized, the risks from consolidation increase. A store group could decide to close stores, decrease the amount of product purchased from us, modify the amount of floor space allocated to outerwear or other apparel in general or to our products specifically or focus on promoting private label products or national brand products for which it has exclusive rights rather than promoting our products. Customers are also concentrating purchases among a narrowing group of vendors. These types of decisions by our key customers could adversely affect our business.

## A significant increase in fuel prices could adversely affect our results of operations.

Fuel prices have increased significantly at times during the past few years and continued at relatively high levels during the first half of fiscal 2015. Fuel prices decreased significantly in the second half of fiscal 2015. Increased gasoline prices could adversely affect consumer spending, including discretionary spending on apparel and accessories. In addition, higher fuel prices have in the past caused our operating expenses to increase, particularly for freight. Any significant decrease in sales or increase in expenses as a result of higher fuel prices could adversely affect our results of operations.

## If new legislation restricting the importation or increasing the cost of textiles and apparel produced abroad is enacted, our business could be adversely affected.

Legislation that would restrict the importation or increase the cost of textiles and apparel produced abroad has been periodically introduced in Congress. The enactment of new legislation or international trade regulation, or executive action affecting international textile or trade agreements, could adversely affect our business. International trade agreements that can provide for tariffs and/or quotas can increase the cost and limit the amount of product that can be imported.

China's accession agreement for membership in the World Trade Organization provides that member countries, including the United States, may impose safeguard quotas on specific products. We are unable to assess the potential for future action by the United States government with respect to any product category in the event that the quantity of imported apparel significantly disrupts the apparel market in the United States. Future action by the United States in response to a disruption in its apparel markets could limit our ability to import apparel and increase our costs.

## The effects of war, acts of terrorism or natural disasters could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

The continued threat of terrorism, heightened security measures and military action in response to acts of terrorism or civil unrest has, at times, disrupted commerce and intensified concerns regarding the United States economy. Any further acts of terrorism or new or extended hostilities may disrupt commerce and undermine consumer confidence, which could negatively impact our sales and results of operations. Similarly, the occurrence of one or more natural disasters, such as hurricanes, fires, floods or earthquakes could result in the closure of one or more of our distribution centers, our corporate headquarters or a significant number of stores or impact one or more of our key suppliers. In addition, these types of events could result in increases in energy prices or a fuel shortage, the temporary or long-term disruption in the supply of product, disruption in the transport of product from overseas, delay in the delivery of product to our factories, our customers or our stores and disruption in our information and communication systems. Accordingly, these types of events could have a material adverse effect on our business and our results of operations.

## Other Risks Relating to Ownership of Our Common Stock

## Our Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President may be in a position to control matters requiring a stockholder vote.

As of March 1, 2015, Morris Goldfarb, our Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, beneficially owned approximately $10.6 \%$ of our common stock. His significant role in our management and his reputation in the apparel industry could make his support crucial to the approval of any major transaction involving us. As a result, he may have the ability to control the outcome on matters requiring stockholder approval including, but not limited to, the election of directors and any merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of our assets. He also may have the ability to control our management and affairs.

## The price of our common stock has fluctuated significantly and could continue to fluctuate significantly.

Between February 1, 2012 and March 27, 2015, the market price of our common stock has ranged from a low of $\$ 21.84$ to a high of $\$ 115.28$ per share. The market price of our common stock may change significantly in response to various factors and events beyond our control, including:

- fluctuations in our quarterly revenues or those of our competitors as a result of seasonality or other factors;
- a shortfall in revenues or net income from that expected by securities analysts and investors;
- changes in securities analysts' estimates of our financial performance or the financial performance of our competitors or companies in our industry generally;
- announcements concerning our competitors;
- changes in product pricing policies by our competitors or our customers;
- general conditions in our industry; and
- general conditions in the securities markets.


## Our actual financial results might vary from our publicly disclosed financial forecasts.

From time to time, we publicly disclose financial forecasts. Our forecasts reflect numerous assumptions concerning our expected performance, as well as other factors that are beyond our control and that might not turn out to be correct. As a result, variations from our forecasts could be material. Our financial results are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, including those identified throughout this "Risk Factors" section and elsewhere in this Annual Report and in the documents incorporated by reference in this Annual Report. If our actual financial results are worse than our financial forecasts, the price of our common stock may decline.

## If our goodwill and other intangibles become impaired, we may be required to record charges to earnings.

As of January 31, 2015, we had goodwill and other intangibles in an aggregate amount of $\$ 138.5$ million, or approximately $13 \%$ of our total assets and $18 \%$ of our stockholders' equity. Under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, we review our goodwill and other indefinite life intangibles for impairment annually during the fourth quarter of each fiscal year and when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. The carrying value of our goodwill and other intangibles may not be recoverable due to factors such as reduced estimates of future cash flows and profitability, slower growth rates in our industry or a decline in our stock price and market capitalization. Estimates of future cash flows and profitability are based on an updated long-term financial outlook of our operations. However, actual performance in the near-term or long-term could be materially different from these forecasts, which could impact future estimates. A significant decline in our market capitalization or deterioration in our projected results could result in an impairment of our goodwill and/or other intangibles. We may be required to records a significant charge to earnings in our financial statements during a period in which an impairment of our goodwill is determined to exist which would negatively impact our results of operations and could negatively impact our stock price.

## We are subject to significant corporate regulation as a public company and failure to comply with all applicable regulations could subject us to liability or negatively affect our stock price.

As a publicly traded company, we are subject to a significant body of regulation, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. While we have developed and instituted corporate compliance programs and continue to update our programs in response to newly implemented or changing regulatory requirements, we cannot provide assurance that we are or will be in compliance with all potentially applicable corporate regulations. If we fail to comply with any of these regulations, we could be subject to a range of regulatory actions, fines or other sanctions or litigation.

The internal control over financial reporting required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act may not prevent or detect misstatements because of certain of its limitations, including the possibility of human error, the circumvention or overriding of controls, or fraud. As a result, even effective internal controls may not provide reasonable assurances with respect to the preparation and presentation of financial statements. We cannot provide assurance that, in the future, our management will not find a material weakness in connection with its annual review of our internal control over financial reporting pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. We also cannot provide assurance that we could correct any such weakness to allow our management to assess the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of the end of our fiscal year in time to enable our independent registered public accounting firm to state that such assessment will have been fairly stated in our Annual Report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ or state that we have maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of the end of our fiscal year. Discovery and disclosure of a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting could have a material impact on our financial statements and could cause our stock price to decline.

## SEC conflict minerals disclosure rules are complex and compliance with the rules could be difficult.

We are subject to SEC disclosure obligations relating to our use of so-called "conflict minerals" such as columbite-tantalite, cassiterite (tin), wolframite (tungsten) and gold. These minerals are present in a number of our products. The disclosure obligations are complex, and there is little formal guidance with respect to their application. Under the rules as adopted, our first report under these disclosure obligations was filed with the SEC in May 2014 with respect to our activities during 2013. Unless a legal challenge to the validity of these rules is upheld, this report is required to be filed on an annual basis by May of each year.

Although we expect to be able to file the required report on time if required to do so, the preparation of our report is dependent upon the implementation and operation of our systems and processes and information supplied by our suppliers of products that contain, or potentially contain, conflict minerals. To the extent that the information that we receive from our suppliers is inaccurate or inadequate or our processes in obtaining that information do not fulfill the SEC's requirements, we could face both reputational and SEC enforcement risks.

## ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS.

We received a comment letter from the Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporate Finance, dated January 28, 2014, with respect to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2013. We submitted responses to the initial comment letter and to follow-up comments. As of the date of this Report, we believe that the only comment that remains open relates to our segment reporting. We will continue to cooperate with the SEC to resolve this remaining comment.

## ITEM 2. PROPERTIES.

Our executive offices, sales showrooms and support staff are located at 512 Seventh Avenue in New York City. Our leases at 512 Seventh Avenue expire on March 31, 2023 for almost all of our space in this building, with a five-year renewal option. We currently lease approximately 173,000 square feet of office and showroom space in this building. Our rent for our space at 512 Seventh Avenue is expected to be approximately $\$ 7.3$ million in fiscal 2016. We have a lease for an additional space of approximately 3,500 square feet in this building that expires in June 2017. The rent for this space is approximately $\$ 140,000$ for fiscal 2016.

During fiscal 2015, our lease for a 205,000 square foot warehouse and distribution facility in Secaucus, New Jersey expired and we closed this facility. It was replaced by third party warehousing facilities and, to some extent, by our distribution centers located in New Jersey.

We have a lease for a distribution center in Dayton, New Jersey through January 2025. This facility contains approximately 305,000 square feet of space which is used by us for product distribution. The aggregate annual rent for this facility is approximately $\$ 1.2$ million for fiscal 2016.

We have a lease for a distribution center in Jamesburg, New Jersey, through December 31, 2020 with a five year renewal option. The distribution center consists of approximately 583,000 square feet which we utilize for the warehousing and distribution of our products. The aggregate annual rent for this facility is approximately $\$ 2.2$ million for fiscal 2016.

A majority of the finished goods for our licensed and non-licensed products segments is shipped to our New Jersey warehouse and distribution facilities for final reshipment to customers. We also use third-party warehouses to accommodate our finished goods storage and reshipment needs.

In connection with our retail operations, we have a lease in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota for an office, warehouse and distribution facility of approximately 403,000 square feet through April 2022. The aggregate annual rent for this facility is approximately $\$ 1.3$ million for fiscal 2016.

As of January 31, 2015, we operated 423 leased store locations, of which 185 are Wilsons Leather retail stores, 156 are G.H. Bass retail stores, 77 are Vilebrequin retail stores and 5 are Calvin Klein Performance retail stores.

Most leases for retail stores in the United States require us to pay annual minimum rent plus a contingent rent dependent on the store's annual sales in excess of a specified threshold. In addition, the leases generally require us to pay costs such as real estate taxes and common area maintenance costs. Retail store leases are typically between 5 and 10 years in duration.

Our leases expire at varying dates through 2026. During fiscal 2015, we entered into 37 new store leases, renewed 66 store leases and terminated or allowed to expire 9 store leases. Almost all of our stores, other than certain Vilebrequin stores, are located in the United States. Vilebrequin has 51 stores located in Europe, 21 stores located in the U.S. and 5 stores located in Asia.

The following table indicates the periods during which our retail leases expire.

| Fiscal Year Ending January 31, | Number of Stores |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2016 | 109 |
| 2017 | 71 |
| 2018 | 49 |
| 2019 | 41 |
| 2020 and thereafter | 153 |
| Total | 423 |

## ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

In the ordinary course of our business, we are subject to periodic claims, investigations and lawsuits. Although we cannot predict with certainty the ultimate resolution of claims, investigations and lawsuits, asserted against us, we do not believe that any currently pending legal proceeding or proceedings to which we are a party will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

## ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES.

Not applicable.

## PART II

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

## Market For Common Stock

Our Common Stock is quoted on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the trading symbol "GIII". The following table sets forth, for the fiscal periods shown, the high and low sales prices for our Common Stock, as reported by NASDAQ.

|  | High Prices | Low Prices |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fiscal 2014 |  |  |
| Fiscal Quarter ended April 30, 2013 | \$ 41.14 | \$34.86 |
| Fiscal Quarter ended July 31, 2013 | \$ 52.56 | \$39.55 |
| Fiscal Quarter ended October 31, 2013 | \$ 59.23 | \$44.80 |
| Fiscal Quarter ended January 31, 2014 | \$ 74.88 | \$53.42 |
| Fiscal 2015 |  |  |
| Fiscal Quarter ended April 30, 2014 | \$ 77.22 | \$64.00 |
| Fiscal Quarter ended July 31, 2014 | \$ 84.28 | \$68.45 |
| Fiscal Quarter ended October 31, 2014 | \$ 92.00 | \$70.67 |
| Fiscal Quarter ended January 31, 2015 | \$103.18 | \$76.85 |
| Fiscal 2016 |  |  |
| Fiscal Quarter ending April 30, 2015 (through March 27, 2015) | \$115.28 | \$95.33 |

The last sales price of our Common Stock as reported by the NASDAQ Global Select Market on March 27, 2015 was $\$ 111.78$ per share.

On March 27, 2015, there were 28 holders of record and, we believe, approximately 34,000 beneficial owners of our Common Stock.

## Dividend Policy

Our Board of Directors currently intends to follow a policy of retaining any earnings to finance the growth and development of our business and does not anticipate paying cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any future determination as to the payment of cash dividends will be dependent upon our financial condition, results of operations and other factors deemed relevant by the Board. Our credit agreement prohibited payments for cash dividends and the repurchase of our shares until February 2014, after which such payments may be made subject to compliance with certain covenants. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Liquidity and Capital Resources" in Item 7 below and Note E to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Performance Graph

The following Performance Graph and related information shall not be deemed to be "soliciting material" or "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission, nor shall such information be incorporated by reference into any future filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each as amended, except to the extent that we specifically request that it be treated as soliciting material or incorporate it by reference into such filing.

The Securities and Exchange Commission requires us to present a chart comparing the cumulative total stockholder return on our Common Stock with the cumulative total stockholder return of (i) a broad equity market index and (ii) a published industry index or peer group. This chart compares the Common Stock with (i) the S\&P 500 Composite Index and (ii) the S\&P 500 Textiles, Apparel and Luxury Goods Index, and assumes an investment of $\$ 100$ on January 31, 2010 in each of the Common Stock, the stocks comprising the S\&P 500 Composite Index and the stocks comprising the S\&P 500 Textiles, Apparel and Luxury Goods Index.

## G-III Apparel Group, Ltd.

Comparison of Cumulative Total Return
(January 31, 2010 - January 31, 2015)


## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA.

The selected consolidated financial data set forth below as of and for the years ended January 31, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. Our audited consolidated balance sheets as of January 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013, and our audited consolidated statements of income for the years ended January 31, 2011 and 2012 are not included in this filing. The selected consolidated financial data should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" (Item 7 of this Report) and the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The operating results of G.H. Bass have been included in our financial results since November 4, 2013, the date of acquisition.

The operating results of Vilebrequin have been included in our financial statements since August 7, 2012, the date of acquisition. Vilebrequin reports results on a calendar year basis rather than on the January 31 fiscal year basis used by G-III. Accordingly, the results of Vilebrequin are and will be included in our financial statements for the year ended or ending closest to G-III's fiscal year. For example, for G-III's fiscal year ended January 31, 2015, Vilebrequin's results are included for the year ended December 31, 2014.

|  | Consolidated Income Statement Data Year Ended January 31, |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Net sales | \$2,116,855 | \$1,718,231 | \$1,399,719 | \$1,231,201 | \$1,063,404 |
| Cost of goods sold | 1,359,596 | 1,133,222 | 948,392 | 860,485 | 712,359 |
| Gross profit $\ldots \ldots$Selling, general and administrative |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 571,990 | 440,506 | 341,242 | 277,019 | 248,380 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 20,374 | 13,676 | 9,907 | 7,473 | 5,733 |
| Operating profit | 164,895 | 130,827 | 100,178 | 86,224 | 96,932 |
| Other income | 11,488 | - | - | - | - |
| Equity loss in joint venture | - | - | (719) | $(1,271)$ |  |
| Interest and financing charges, net | $(7,942)$ | $(8,599)$ | $(7,454)$ | $(5,713)$ | $(4,027)$ |
| Income before income taxes | 168,441 | 122,228 | 92,005 | 79,240 | 92,905 |
| Income tax expense | 59,450 | 45,826 | 35,436 | 29,620 | 36,223 |
| Net income | 108,991 | 76,402 | 56,569 | 49,620 | 56,682 |
| Loss attributable to noncontrolling interest | 1,370 | 958 | 306 | - |  |
| Net income attributable to G-III | \$ 110,361 | \$ 77,360 | \$ 56,875 | \$ 49,620 | \$ 56,682 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 5.10 | \$ 3.81 | \$ 2.84 | \$ 2.51 | \$ 2.96 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding basic | 21,649 | 20,323 | 20,006 | 19,796 | 19,175 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 4.97 | \$ 3.71 | \$ 2.80 | \$ 2.46 | \$ 2.88 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding diluted | 22,212 | 20,864 | 20,280 | 20,192 | 19,705 |
|  | Consolidated Balance Sheet Data As of January 31, |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2015 2015 |  | 42013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Working capital | \$ 55 | 7,703 \$344 | 964 \$283,369 | 9 $\overline{\$ 288,259}$ | $\overline{\$ 239,494}$ |
| Total assets | 1,04 | 6,718 830 | 897 717,772 | 2546,103 | 447,921 |
| Short-term debt |  | 48 | ,843 65,000 | 30,050 | - |
| Long-term debt |  | 20 | 560 19,778 | 8 |  |
| Total stockholders' equity . . |  | 1,258 521, | 996 429,240 | 0357,972 | 303,494 |

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

Unless the context otherwise requires, "G-III", "us", "we" and "our" refer to G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and its subsidiaries. References to fiscal years refer to the year ended or ending on January 31 of that year. For example, our fiscal year ended January 31, 2015 is referred to as "fiscal 2015."

The following presentation of management's discussion and analysis of our consolidated financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our financial statements, the accompanying notes and other financial information appearing elsewhere in this Report.

## Overview

G-III designs, manufactures and markets an extensive range of apparel, including outerwear, dresses, sportswear, swimwear, women's suits and women's performance wear, as well as footwear, luggage and women's handbags, small leather goods and cold weather accessories. We sell our products under our own proprietary brands, which include Vilebrequin, G.H. Bass, Bass, Andrew Marc and Marc New York, licensed brands and private retail labels. As of January 31, 2015, G-III operated 185 Wilsons Leather stores and 156 G.H. Bass stores, as well as 5 Calvin Klein Performance stores. In addition, as of January 31, 2015 Vilebrequin products were distributed through 77 Company's owned stores and 23 franchise partners, as well as through select wholesale distribution.

While our products are sold at a variety of price points through a broad mix of retail partners and our own stores, a majority of our sales are concentrated with our ten largest customers. Sales to our ten largest customers comprised $63.7 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2013, $61.3 \%$ of our net sales in 2014 and $58.4 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2015.

We operate in fashion markets that are intensely competitive. Our ability to continuously evaluate and respond to changing consumer demands and tastes, across multiple market segments, distribution channels and geographic areas is critical to our success. Although our portfolio of brands is aimed at diversifying our risks in this regard, misjudging shifts in consumer preferences could have a negative effect on our business. Our success in the future will depend on our ability to design products that are accepted in the marketplace, source the manufacture of our products on a competitive basis, and continue to diversify our product portfolio and the markets we serve.

We have three reportable segments: licensed products, non-licensed products and retail operations. The licensed products segment includes sales of products under brands licensed by us from third parties. The non-licensed products segment includes sales of products under our own brands and under private label brands. The retail operations segment consists primarily of the operations of our Wilsons Leather and G.H. Bass stores, as well as a limited number of Calvin Klein Performance stores.

In June 2014, we sold 1,725,000 shares of our common stock, for net proceeds of $\$ 128.7$ million from the offering after payment of underwriting discounts and expenses of the offering. The net proceeds are currently being used for general corporate purposes.

We have expanded our portfolio of proprietary and licensed brands through acquisitions and by entering into license agreements for new brands or for additional products under previously licensed brands. Our acquisitions have helped to broaden our product offerings, expand our ability to serve different tiers of distribution and add a retail component to our business. Acquisitions are part of our strategy to expand our product offerings and increase the portfolio of proprietary and licensed brands that we offer through different tiers of retail distribution.

The G.H. Bass business acquired in November 2013 added a well-known heritage brand that developed the iconic original penny loafer (known as "Weejuns"). We sell G.H. Bass footwear, apparel and accessories primarily through G.H. Bass outlet stores located in the United States. This acquisition doubled the size of our retail footprint and is expected to enable us to leverage our Wilsons infrastructure to operate our Bass stores. G.H. Bass licenses the brand for wholesale distribution of men's and women's footwear and men's sportswear. In addition, in March 2015, we entered into a license agreement with Genesco to design, distribute, and market G.H. Bass men's, women's and children's footwear in the United States and Canada.

The line will be shown to customers this summer with first shipments expected for the Spring 2016 season. We also intend to use our in-house expertise to produce certain key categories for Bass, including our planned launch of Bass women's apparel for delivery in Fall 2015.

The Vilebrequin business acquired in August 2012 provides us with a premier brand selling status products worldwide. Vilebrequin is a well-known brand and we expect to add more company owned and franchised retail locations and increase our wholesale distribution throughout the world, as well as develop the business beyond its heritage in men's swimwear, resort wear and related accessories. We have introduced sandals, as well as an improved collection of women's swimwear and resort wear under the Vilebrequin brand.

The sale of licensed products is a key element of our business strategy and we have continually expanded our offerings of licensed products over the past 20 years. Sales of licensed products accounted for $57.6 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2015, 64.1\% of our net sales in fiscal 2014 and $67.3 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2013.

Our most significant licensor is Calvin Klein with whom we have ten different license agreements. We have also entered into distribution agreements with respect to Calvin Klein luggage in a limited number of countries in Asia, Europe and North America.

Since April 1, 2012, we have operated under an expanded five year license agreement with the National Football League to manufacture and market men's and women's outerwear, sportswear, and swimwear products in the United States under a variety of NFL trademarks. In December 2012, we entered into a license agreement covering a broad range of women's apparel under the Ivanka Trump brand. We began shipping Ivanka Trump apparel in the third quarter of fiscal 2014. In April 2013, we entered into a license agreement for men's and women's swimwear under the Calvin Klein brand. This license agreement became effective as of December 1, 2013 and we began shipping swimwear under this agreement for the Spring 2014 season. In November 2013, we expanded our relationship with Tommy Hilfiger by adding a license for women's outerwear, our third license for this brand. We launched Tommy Hilfiger women's outerwear in the Fall 2014 season.

We believe that consumers prefer to buy brands they know and we have continually sought licenses that would increase the portfolio of name brands we can offer through different tiers of retail distribution, for a wide array of products and at a variety of price points. We believe that brand owners will look to consolidate the number of licensees they engage to develop product and they will seek licensees with a successful track record of expanding brands into new categories. It is our objective to continue to expand our product offerings and we are continually discussing new licensing opportunities with brand owners.

Our retail operations segment consists primarily of our Wilsons Leather and G.H. Bass retail stores, substantially all of which are operated as outlet stores. As of January 31, 2015, we operated 185 Wilsons Leather stores, 156 G.H. Bass stores, 5 Calvin Klein performance stores. We expect to add approximately 18 new stores in fiscal 2016.

We have a license agreement granting us the retail rights to distribute and market Calvin Klein women's performance apparel in the United States. In September 2014, we entered into agreements that terminated our rights to operate Calvin Klein Performance Stores in Asia, which included the sale to the licensor, PVH Corp, of G-T (International) Fashion Company Limited, a joint venture that operated Calvin Klein Performance stores in China. We sold our $51 \%$ interest in this joint venture in that transaction.

## Trends

Significant trends that affect the apparel industry include increases in manufacturing and transportation costs, the continued consolidation of retail chains and the desire on the part of retailers to consolidate vendors supplying them.

Retailers are seeking to expand the differentiation of their offerings by devoting more resources to the development of exclusive products, whether by focusing on their own private label products or on products produced exclusively for a retailer by a national brand manufacturer. Retailers are placing more emphasis on building strong images for their private label and exclusive merchandise. Exclusive brands are only made available to a specific retailer, and thus customers loyal to their brands can only find them in the stores of that retailer.

A number of retailers are experiencing financial difficulties, which in some cases has resulted in bankruptcies, liquidations and/or store closings. The financial difficulties of a retail customer of ours could result in reduced business with that customer. We may also assume higher credit risk relating to receivables of a retail customer experiencing financial difficulty that could result in higher reserves for doubtful accounts or increased write-offs of accounts receivable. We attempt to lower credit risk from our customers by closely monitoring accounts receivable balances and shipping levels, as well as the ongoing financial performance and credit standing of customers.

Sales of apparel over the Internet continue to increase. We are addressing the increase in online shopping by developing additional marketing initiatives over the Internet, our web sites and social media.

We have attempted to respond to trends in our industry by continuing to focus on selling products with recognized brand equity, by attention to design, quality and value and by improving our sourcing capabilities. We have also responded with the strategic acquisitions made by us and new license agreements entered into by us that have added additional licensed and proprietary brands and helped diversify our business by adding new product lines, additional distribution channels and a retail component to our business. We believe that our broad distribution capabilities help us to respond to the various shifts by consumers between distribution channels and that our operational capabilities will enable us to continue to be a vendor of choice for our retail partners.

## 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 at the date of the financial statements and revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant accounting policies employed by us, including the use of estimates, are presented in the notes to our consolidated financial statements.

Critical accounting policies are those that are most important to the portrayal of our financial condition and our results of operations, and require management's most difficult, subjective and complex judgments, as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. Our most critical accounting estimates, discussed below, pertain to revenue recognition, accounts receivable, inventories, income taxes, goodwill and intangible assets and equity awards. In determining these estimates, management must use amounts that are based upon its informed judgments and best estimates. We continually evaluate our estimates, including those related to customer allowances and discounts, product returns, bad debts and inventories, and carrying values of intangible assets. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances. The results of these estimates form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions.

## Revenue Recognition

Goods are shipped to retailers in accordance with specific customer orders. We recognize wholesale sales when the risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the customer, determined by us to be when title to the merchandise passes to the customer.

In addition, we act as an agent in brokering sales between customers and overseas factories. On these transactions, we also recognize commission fee income on sales that are financed by and shipped directly to our customers. Title to goods shipped by overseas vendors, transfers to customers when the goods have been delivered to the customer.

Net sales take into account reserves for returns and allowances. We estimate the amount of reserves and allowances based on current and historical information and trends. Sales are reported net of returns, discounts and allowances. Discounts, allowances and estimates of future returns are recognized when the related revenues are recognized. We recognize commission income upon the completion of the delivery by our vendors to the customer. We recognize retail sales upon customer receipt of our merchandise, generally at the point of sale. Our retail sales are recorded net of applicable sales tax.

## Accounts Receivable

In the normal course of business, we extend credit to our wholesale customers based on pre-defined credit criteria. Accounts receivable, as shown on our consolidated balance sheet, are net of allowances and anticipated discounts. In circumstances where we are aware of a specific customer's inability to meet its financial obligation (such as in the case of bankruptcy filings, extensive delay in payment or substantial downgrading by credit sources), a specific reserve for bad debts is recorded against amounts due to reduce the net recognized receivable to the amount reasonably expected to be collected. For all other wholesale customers, an allowance for doubtful accounts is determined through analysis of the aging of accounts receivable at the date of the financial statements, assessments of collectability based on historical trends and an evaluation of the impact of economic conditions.

An allowance for discounts is based on reviews of open invoices where concessions have been extended to customers. Costs associated with allowable deductions for customer advertising expenses are charged to advertising expenses in the selling, general and administrative section of our consolidated statements of income. Costs associated with markdowns and other operational charge backs, net of historical recoveries, are included as a reduction of net sales. All of these are part of the allowances included in accounts receivable. We reserve against known charge backs, as well as for an estimate of potential future deductions by customers. These provisions result from seasonal negotiations with our customers as well as historical deduction trends, net of historical recoveries and the evaluation of current market conditions.

## Inventories

Wholesale inventories are stated at lower of cost (determined by the first-in, first-out method) or market, which comprises a significant portion of our inventory. Retail inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market as determined by the retail inventory method. Vilebrequin inventories are stated at the lower of cost (determined by the weighted average method) or market.

We continually evaluate the composition of our inventories, assessing slow-turning, ongoing product as well as fashion product from prior seasons. The market value of distressed inventory is based on historical sales trends of our individual product lines, the impact of market trends and economic conditions, expected permanent retail markdowns and the value of current orders for this type of inventory. A provision is recorded to reduce the cost of inventories to the estimated net realizable values, if required.

## Income Taxes

As part of the process of preparing our consolidated financial statements, we are required to estimate our income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. This process involves estimating our actual current tax expense, together with assessing temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included within our consolidated balance sheet.

## Goodwill and Intangible Assets

ASC 350 requires that goodwill and intangible assets with an indefinite life be tested for impairment at least annually and are required to be written down when impaired. We perform our test in the fourth fiscal quarter of each year, or more frequently, if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of such assets may be impaired. Goodwill and intangible assets with an indefinite life are tested for impairment by comparing the fair value of the reporting unit with its carrying value. Fair value is generally determined using discounted cash flows, market multiples and market capitalization. Significant estimates used in the fair value methodologies include estimates of future cash flows, future short-term and long-term growth rates, weighted average cost of capital and estimates of market multiples of the reportable unit. If these estimates or their related assumptions change in the future, we may be required to record impairment charges for our goodwill and intangible assets with an indefinite life.

The process of evaluating the potential impairment of goodwill is subjective and requires significant judgment at many points during the analysis. In estimating the fair value of a reporting unit for the purposes of our annual or periodic analyses, we make estimates and judgments about the future cash flows of that reporting unit. Although our cash flow forecasts are based on assumptions that are consistent with
our plans and estimates we are using to manage the underlying businesses, there is significant exercise of judgment involved in determining the cash flows attributable to a reporting unit over its estimated remaining useful life. In addition, we make certain judgments about allocating shared assets to the estimated balance sheets of our reporting units. We also consider our and our competitor's market capitalization on the date we perform the analysis. Changes in judgment on these assumptions and estimates could result in a goodwill impairment charge.

We have allocated the purchase price of the companies we acquired to the tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities we assumed, based on their estimated fair values. These valuations require management to make significant estimations and assumptions, especially with respect to intangible assets.

The fair values assigned to the Vilebrequin identifiable intangible assets acquired were based on assumptions and estimates made by management using unobservable inputs reflecting our own assumptions about the inputs that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available. Identifiable intangible assets acquired as a result of our acquisition of Vilebrequin include trademarks valued at $\$ 58.7$ million with an indefinite life, franchise agreements valued at $\$ 7.5$ million with an estimated useful life of 14 years and customer relationships valued at $\$ 2.6$ million with an estimated useful life of 8 years. The goodwill of $\$ 26.8$ million in connection with our acquisition of Vilebrequin represents the future economic benefits expected to arise that could not be individually identified and separately recognized, including use of our existing infrastructure to expand sales of Vilebrequin products.

In accordance with ASC 350, in the first step of our review, we compared the fair value of the Vilebrequin reporting unit to its carrying value. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, goodwill is not impaired and no further testing is required. On January 31, 2015, we noted that the fair value of the Vilebrequin reporting unit exceeded its carrying value by approximately $35.2 \%$. We estimated the fair value of the reporting unit using a weighting of fair values derived most significantly from the income approach and, to a lesser extent, from the market approach. Under the income approach, we calculated the fair value of the reporting unit based on the present value of estimated future cash flows. Cash flows projections are based on management's estimates of revenue growth rates and earnings before interest and taxes, taking into consideration industry and market conditions. The assumptions used for the impairment analysis were developed by management of the reporting unit based on industry projections for the countries in which the reporting unit operates, as well as specific facts relating to the reporting unit. If the reporting unit were to experience sales declines in the U.S. market or be exposed to enhanced and sustained pricing and volume pressures in its international markets, there would be an increased risk of impairment of goodwill for the reporting unit.

Critical estimates in valuing intangible assets include future expected cash flows from license agreements, trade names and customer relationships. In addition, other factors considered are the brand awareness and market position of the products sold by the acquired companies and assumptions about the period of time the brand will continue to be used in the combined company's product portfolio. Management's estimates of fair value are based on assumptions believed to be reasonable, but which are inherently uncertain and unpredictable.

If we did not appropriately allocate these components or we incorrectly estimate the useful lives of these components, our computation of amortization expense may not appropriately reflect the actual impact of these costs over future periods, which may affect our results of operations.

Trademarks having finite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives and measured for impairment when events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired.

## Equity Awards

All share-based payments to employees, including grants of restricted stock units and employee stock options, are recognized in the consolidated financial statements as compensation expense over the service period (generally the vesting period) based on their fair values. Restricted stock units that do not have a market performance condition are valued based on the quoted market price on date of grant. Restricted stock units with a market performance condition are valued using a valuation expert. Stock options are valued using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The Black-Scholes model requires subjective
assumptions regarding dividend yields, expected volatility, expected life of options and risk-free interest rates. These assumptions reflect management's best estimates. Changes in these inputs and assumptions can materially affect the estimate of fair value and the amount of our compensation expenses for stock options.

## Results of Operations

The following table sets forth selected operating data as a percentage of our net sales for the fiscal years indicated below:

|  | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% |
| Cost of goods sold | 64.2 | 66.0 | 67.8 |
| Gross profit | 35.8 | 34.0 | 32.2 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 27.0 | 25.6 | 24.4 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Operating profit | 7.8 | 7.6 | 7.2 |
| Equity loss in joint venture | --* | - ** | (0.1) |
| Other income | 0.5 | - | - |
| Interest and financing charges, net | (0.4) | (0.5) | (0.6) |
| Income before income taxes | 7.9 | 7.1 | 6.5 |
| Income taxes | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.5 |
| Net income | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.0 |
| Add: loss attributable to noncontrolling interest | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Net income attributable to G-III | 5.2\% | 4.5\% | 4.1\% |

## * amount was less than $1 \%$ of net sales

Year ended January 31, 2015 ("fiscal 2015") compared to year ended January 31, 2014 ("fiscal 2014")
Net sales for fiscal 2015 increased to $\$ 2.1$ billion from $\$ 1.7$ billion in the prior year. Net sales of licensed products increased to $\$ 1.3$ billion from $\$ 1.1$ billion primarily as a result of an increase of $\$ 79.2$ million in net sales of Calvin Klein licensed products, with the largest increases occurring in women's sportswear, women's outerwear, women's performance wear and dresses. The increase in net sales of licensed products is also due to an increase of (i) $\$ 16.3$ million in net sales of Tommy Hilfiger licensed products as a result of an increase in net sales of men's outerwear and the addition of women's outerwear, (ii) $\$ 16.1$ million in net sales of our Ivanka Trump licensed product lines which were sold for a full year in fiscal 2015 compared to only half the year in fiscal 2014, (iii) $\$ 13.1$ million in net sales of our Guess licensed product lines and (iv) $\$ 11.9$ million in net sales of Cole Haan men's and women's outerwear. Net sales of non-licensed products in fiscal 2015 were $\$ 452.6$ million compared to $\$ 342.7$ million in the prior year. The increase in net sales of non-licensed products is primarily the result of an increase in net sales of private label products. Net sales of our retail operations increased to $\$ 499.3$ million in fiscal 2015 from $\$ 298.0$ million in the prior year, primarily due to the net sales of $\$ 171.8$ million of the G.H. Bass retail business that was acquired in November 2013. In addition Wilsons had increased sales as a result of a same store sales increase of $3.9 \%$ compared to the prior year and the operation of new stores.

Gross profit increased to $\$ 757.3$ million, or $35.8 \%$ of net sales for fiscal 2015, from $\$ 585.0$ million, or $34.0 \%$ of net sales, in the prior year. The gross profit percentage in our licensed products segment was $28.7 \%$ for fiscal 2015 compared to $28.4 \%$ in the prior year. The gross profit percentage in our non-licensed products segment was $34.2 \%$ in fiscal 2015 compared to $32.8 \%$ in the prior year. This increase was primarily attributable to improved gross margins in our Jessica Howard, Eliza J and Andrew Marc product lines, offset, in part, by the private label division which operates at a lower gross margin percentage than the segment's average. The gross profit percentage for our retail operations segment was $46.4 \%$ for fiscal 2015 compared to $49.5 \%$ for the prior year. This decrease in gross profit percentage is primarily due to our new G.H. Bass business that operated at a lower gross profit percentage compared to the rest of our retail operations segment.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased to $\$ 572.0$ million, or $27.0 \%$ of net sales, in fiscal 2015 from $\$ 440.5$ million, or $25.6 \%$ of net sales, in the prior year. This increase is primarily due to the additional $\$ 81.4$ million in selling, general and administrative expenses resulting from the G.H. Bass business that was acquired in November 2013. The remainder of the increase is a result of increases in personnel costs ( $\$ 29.0$ million) and facility costs ( $\$ 17.4$ million). Personnel costs increased primarily due to increases in personnel to staff additional retail stores, an increase in headcount related to the expansion of certain product lines and increases in bonus accruals as a result of increased profitability. Facility costs increased as a result of rent expense incurred for additional retail store leases opened since the prior year. In addition, our existing distribution centers are operating at capacity and, as a result, we utilized third party facilities to satisfy the increased shipping volume related to increased domestic sales.

Depreciation and amortization increased to $\$ 20.4$ million in fiscal 2015 from $\$ 13.7$ million in the prior year. These expenses increased as a result of depreciation and amortization associated with department store fixturing programs for some of our licensed divisions, the opening of additional retail stores and with respect to the G.H. Bass business acquired at the beginning of the fourth quarter in fiscal 2014.

Other income was $\$ 11.5$ million in fiscal 2015. The other income recognized during the year relates to a $\$ 4.2$ million gain with respect to the revised estimated contingent consideration payable in connection with the acquisition of Vilebrequin, $\$ 3.5$ million received as compensation for the early termination of the right to operate Calvin Klein Performance stores in Japan, Taiwan and Singapore, a $\$ 1.9$ million gain from the sale of our interest in a joint venture that operated Calvin Klein Performance stores in China and a $\$ 1.9$ million gain related to the repurchase, at a discount, of the unsecured promissory notes issued as part of the consideration for the acquisition of Vilebrequin.

Interest and financing charges, net, for fiscal 2015 were $\$ 7.9$ million compared to $\$ 8.6$ million last year. Interest expense decreased due to lower average borrowings mainly resulting from the application of the proceeds of our public offering in June 2014.

Income tax expense for fiscal 2015 was $\$ 59.5$ million compared to $\$ 45.8$ million for the prior year. The increase in income tax expense is related to higher pretax income in the current year. Our effective tax rate was $35.3 \%$ in the current year compared to $37.5 \%$ in the prior year. The effective tax rate is lower primarily due to the tax treatment of certain other income items realized in the fiscal year.

## Year ended January 31, 2014 ("fiscal 2014") compared to year ended January 31, 2013 ("fiscal 2013")

Net sales for fiscal 2014 increased to $\$ 1.7$ billion from $\$ 1.4$ billion in the prior year. Net sales of licensed products increased to $\$ 1.1$ billion from $\$ 981.8$ million primarily as a result of an increase of $\$ 136.4$ million in net sales of Calvin Klein licensed products, with the largest increases occurring in our Calvin Klein women's sportswear, women's suits, handbag and women's performance wear categories. Net sales of non-licensed products in fiscal 2014 increased to $\$ 342.7$ million from $\$ 281.9$ million in the prior year primarily due to an increase of $\$ 45.4$ million in net sales from our Vilebrequin business as a result of including a full year of net sales in the current year compared to less than five months in the prior year, as well as from new Vilebrequin stores opened during the year. Net sales of our retail operations increased to $\$ 298.0$ million for fiscal 2014 from $\$ 196.2$ million in the prior year as a result of $\$ 61.5$ million in net sales by our new G.H. Bass business, an increase in the number of Wilsons Leather stores and a comparative store sales increase of $10.7 \%$ for our Wilsons business.

Gross profit increased to $\$ 585.0$ million, or $34.0 \%$ of net sales, for fiscal 2014, from $\$ 451.6$ million, or $32.3 \%$ of net sales, in the prior year. The gross profit percentage for our licensed products segment was $28.4 \%$ in fiscal 2014 compared to $28.4 \%$ in the prior year. The gross profit percentage in our non-licensed products segment increased to $32.8 \%$ in fiscal 2014 from $27.8 \%$ in the prior year. This increase in gross profit percentage is primarily attributable to our Vilebrequin business which we owned for the full fiscal 2014 year and operates at a higher gross margin than our other non-licensed businesses. The gross profit percentage for our retail operations segment increased to $49.5 \%$ in fiscal 2014 from $47.8 \%$ in the prior year. Gross profit percentage for the retail operations segment was positively impacted by less promotional activity and a higher margin product mix.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased to $\$ 440.5$ million, or $25.6 \%$ of net sales, in fiscal 2014 from $\$ 341.2$ million, or $24.4 \%$ of net sales, in the prior year. This increase is primarily a result of
increases in personnel costs ( $\$ 49.6$ million), facility costs ( $\$ 23.0$ million) and advertising and promotion expenses ( $\$ 8.4$ million). Personnel costs increased primarily as a result of our recently acquired G.H. Bass business, our Vilebrequin business, which we owned for a full year in fiscal 2014 compared to less than five months in the prior year, an increase in compensation based on profitability and an increase in personnel to staff additional retail stores. Facility costs increased primarily as a result of the acquired G.H. Bass stores, rent expense associated with our Vilebrequin business, as well as rent for additional Wilsons Leather retail stores. Advertising costs increased because net sales of licensed products increased. We typically pay an advertising fee and are required to participate in customer cooperative advertising under many of our license agreements based on a percentage of net sales of licensed products.

Depreciation and amortization increased to $\$ 13.7$ million in fiscal 2014 from $\$ 9.9$ million in the prior year primarily as a result of the Vilebrequin business being included for the full year in the current year compared to less than five months in the prior year.

Interest and financing charges, net, for fiscal 2014 were $\$ 8.6$ million compared to $\$ 7.5$ million last year. Our interest and financing charges increased primarily due to higher bank fees charged with respect to our credit agreement entered into in August 2012, higher credit card fees and interest charged on the promissory notes issued in connection with the acquisition of Vilebrequin.

Income tax expense for fiscal 2014 was $\$ 45.8$ million compared to $\$ 35.4$ million for the prior year. The effective tax rate for fiscal 2014 was $37.5 \%$ compared to $38.5 \%$ in the prior year. Income tax expense increased as a result of higher net income in the current year and the effective tax rate was lower primarily due to an increase in foreign operations that are in lower tax jurisdictions.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary operating cash requirements are to fund our seasonal buildup in inventories and accounts receivable, primarily during the second and third fiscal quarters each year. Due to the seasonality of our business, we generally reach our peak borrowings under our asset-based credit facility during our third fiscal quarter. The primary sources to meet our operating cash requirements have been borrowings under this credit facility, cash generated from operations and, more recently, the sale of our common stock. As of January 31, 2015, we had no outstanding debt and cash on hand of $\$ 128.4$ million in large part due to the application of proceeds from our June 2014 public offering of our common stock, as well as the cash flow generated from our operations. At January 31, 2014, our total debt, net of cash on hand, was $\$ 47.3$ million.

## Public Offering

In June 2014, we sold 1,725,000 shares of our common stock, including 225,000 shares sold pursuant to the exercise in full of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares, at a public offering price of $\$ 77.63$ per share. We received net proceeds of $\$ 128.7$ million from this offering after payment of the underwriting discount and expenses of the offering. The net proceeds are being used for general corporate purposes.

## Acquisition of G.H. Bass

In November 2013, we acquired substantially all of the assets of the G.H. Bass \& Co. business, a well-known heritage brand that sells footwear, apparel and accessories, including approximately 160 G.H. Bass \& Co. outlet stores, for a total purchase price of $\$ 49.2$ million, paid in cash.

## Acquisition of Vilebrequin

In August 2012, we acquired Vilebrequin, a premier provider of status swimwear, resort wear and related accessories, for a total purchase price of $€ 85.5$ million (approximately $\$ 106.2$ million) of which $€ 70.5$ million (approximately $\$ 87.6$ million) was paid in cash and $€ 15$ million (approximately $\$ 18.6$ million) was paid by delivery of unsecured promissory notes, due December 31, 2017, with interest payable at the rate of $5 \%$ per year. In October 2014, we purchased the unsecured promissory notes for $€ 13.5$ million (approximately $\$ 16.8$ million based on the exchange rate on the date of purchase), representing approximately a $10 \%$ discount on the outstanding principal amount of the notes. In addition to the purchase price, the purchase agreement provides for up to an additional $€ 22.5$ million (approximately $\$ 27.9$
million) of contingent future payments based upon achieving certain performance objectives related to growth of the Vilebrequin business over the three years ending December 31, 2015. Except as specifically noted, the dollar equivalents to the amounts in Euro set forth above in this paragraph are based on the exchange rate at the time of the acquisition (EUR equal to USD\$1.242). Based upon Vilebrequin's most recent forecast and the related discounted cash flows, we currently estimate that the fair value of the contingent consideration payable is $€ 0.8$ million (approximately $\$ 1.0$ million using the exchange rate as of December 31, 2014, the end of Vilebrequin's current reporting period.)

## Credit Agreement

We have a five year senior secured credit facility with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent for a group of lenders, providing for borrowings in the aggregate principal amount of up to $\$ 450$ million through August 2017. Amounts available under the credit agreement are subject to borrowing base formulas and over advances as specified in the credit agreement. Borrowings bear interest, at our option, at LIBOR plus a margin of $1.5 \%$ to $2.0 \%$ or prime plus a margin of $0.5 \%$ to $1.0 \%$, with the applicable margin determined based on availability under the credit agreement. The credit agreement required us to maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio, as defined, under certain circumstances and prohibited payments for cash dividends and stock redemptions until February 2014, after which such payments may be made subject to compliance with certain covenants. As of January 31, 2015, we were in compliance with these covenants.

The credit agreement is secured by all of the assets of G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and its subsidiaries, G-III Leather Fashions, Inc., Riviera Sun, Inc., CK Outerwear, LLC, Andrew \& Suzanne Company, Inc., AM Retail Group, Inc., G-III Apparel Canada ULC, G-III License Company, LLC and AM Apparel Holdings, Inc.

The amounts we borrow vary based on our seasonal requirements. The maximum amount outstanding, including open letters of credit, under our credit agreement was approximately $\$ 217.0$ million in fiscal 2015, approximately $\$ 275.9$ million in fiscal 2014 and approximately $\$ 325.0$ million in fiscal 2013. At January 31, 2015, we did not have any borrowings outstanding as compared to $\$ 48.8$ million at January 31, 2014. Our contingent liability under open letters of credit was approximately $\$ 8.0$ million at January 31, 2015 and $\$ 9.2$ million at January 31, 2014.

## Share Repurchase Program

In September 2011, our board of directors authorized a program to repurchase up to two million shares of our common stock. The timing and actual number of shares repurchased will depend upon a number of factors, including market conditions and prevailing stock prices. Share repurchases may take place on the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or by other means, and would be made in accordance with applicable securities laws. Our credit agreement prohibited the repurchase of shares until February 2014, after which repurchases can be made subject to compliance with certain covenants.

## Cash from Operating Activities

At January 31, 2015, we had cash and cash equivalents of $\$ 128.4$ million. We generated $\$ 81.6$ million of cash from operating activities in fiscal 2015, primarily as a result of our net income of $\$ 109.0$ million, an increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses of $\$ 67.1$ million and non-cash charges of $\$ 20.4$ million for depreciation and amortization and $\$ 12.2$ million for equity based compensation, offset, in part, by an increase of $\$ 69.8$ million in inventories and $\$ 40.5$ million in accounts receivable.

Our accounts payables and accrued expenses increased as a result of an increase in our working capital needs, as we expanded our business between fiscal 2014 and fiscal 2015. The increase in inventories was mainly driven by G.H. Bass as its inventory was being replenished during the transition period following our acquisition of Bass in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2014. The increase in accounts receivable is primarily related to increased shipping in the latter half of the fourth quarter in fiscal 2015 compared to the same period in the prior year.

At January 31, 2014, we had cash and cash equivalents of $\$ 22.1$ million. We generated $\$ 84.6$ million of cash from operating activities in fiscal 2014, primarily as a result of our net income of $\$ 76.4$ million, an increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses of $\$ 38.6$ million, a decrease in accounts receivables of
$\$ 18.6$ million, non-cash charges of $\$ 13.7$ million for depreciation and amortization and $\$ 10.0$ million for equity based compensation, offset, in part, by an increase of $\$ 35.6$ million in inventory, an increase in taxes paid of $\$ 18.8$ million and an increase in other assets of $\$ 15.0$ million.

Our accounts payables and accrued expenses increased as a result of an increase in our working capital needs, as we expanded our business between fiscal 2013 and fiscal 2014. Our accounts receivable decreased as a result an improvements in our collection process. The increase in inventory is mainly driven by the inventory acquired in connection with the G.H. Bass acquisition in November 2013. The increase in income taxes payable is driven by an increase in pre-tax income. The increase in other assets is primarily related to guaranteed royalty and advertising payments required by various license agreements.

At January 31, 2013, we had cash and cash equivalents of $\$ 27.4$ million. We generated $\$ 54.5$ million of cash from operating activities in fiscal 2013. Cash was generated primarily from our net income of $\$ 56.6$ million, and non-cash charges of $\$ 9.9$ million for depreciation, $\$ 7.9$ million increase in payable and accrued expenses and amortization and $\$ 7.7$ million for equity compensation, offset, in part, by an increase in inventory of $\$ 16.9$ million and an increase in accounts receivable of $\$ 8.2$ million associated with increased fourth quarter net sales.

## Cash from Investing Activities

In fiscal 2015, we used $\$ 39.4$ million of cash in investing activities as a result of $\$ 42.6$ million in capital expenditures offset, in part, by $\$ 2.7$ million in proceeds from the sale of our interest in a joint venture that operated Calvin Klein Performance stores in China. Our capital expenditures related to remodeling and adding new Wilsons Leather, G.H. Bass and Vilebrequin stores, fixturing costs at department stores, leasehold improvements at our corporate office, the expansion of the Wilsons distribution center to accommodate the G.H. Bass business and the conversion of the G.H. Bass point of sale system from the system used by the prior owner of G.H. Bass to our system.

In fiscal 2014, we used $\$ 78.4$ million of cash from investing activities of which $\$ 49.1$ million was for the acquisition of G.H. Bass and $\$ 29.3$ was for capital expenditures primarily related to build out costs and fixtures with respect to the addition of new retail stores and fixturing costs at department stores.

In fiscal 2013, we used $\$ 90.0$ million of cash in investing activities of which $\$ 80.3$ million was for the acquisition of Vilebrequin and $\$ 11.6$ million was for capital expenditures offset, in part, by $\$ 1.9$ million of proceeds from the sale of our interest in the joint venture relating to the Vince Camuto outlet stores.

## Cash from Financing Activities

Cash from financing activities provided $\$ 66.4$ million in fiscal 2015, primarily as a result of the receipt of net proceeds of $\$ 128.7$ million in connection with our public offering of common stock in June 2014, offset by $\$ 48.0$ million relating to repayment of net borrowings under our credit agreement and the repurchase for $\$ 17.7$ million of the unsecured promissory notes issued as part of the consideration for our acquisition of Vilebrequin.

In fiscal 2014, we used $\$ 10.0$ million of cash in financing activities primarily for the reduction in net borrowings under our credit agreement of $\$ 16.2$ million, offset by $\$ 2.9$ million of tax benefit from the exercise or vesting of equity awards, $\$ 2.4$ million in cash received in the form of loans from our joint venture partner to the joint venture, which is consolidated in our financial statements, and $\$ 1.9$ million in proceeds received from the exercise of equity awards.

Cash flows from financing activities provided $\$ 37.7$ million in fiscal 2013 primarily as a result of net proceeds of $\$ 35.0$ million of borrowings under our revolving credit line which were used to fund the acquisition of Vilebrequin, $\$ 1.4$ million in proceeds received from the exercise of equity awards and $\$ 1.9$ million of tax benefits from the exercise or vesting of equity awards.

## Financing Needs

We believe that our cash on hand and cash generated from operations and our public offering in fiscal 2015, together with funds available from our credit agreement, are sufficient to meet our expected operating and capital expenditure requirements. We may seek to acquire other businesses in order to expand our product offerings. We may need additional financing in order to complete one or more acquisitions. We cannot be certain that we will be able to obtain additional financing, if required, on acceptable terms or at all.

## New Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-08, "Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant, and Equipment (Topic 360) - Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity" (ASU 2014-08). This ASU changes the threshold for reporting discontinued operations and adds new disclosures. The new guidance defines a discontinued operation as a disposal of a component or group of components that is disposed of or is classified as held for sale and "represents a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on our operations and financial results." For disposals of individually significant components that do not qualify as discontinued operations, we must disclose pre-tax earnings of the disposed component. This guidance is effective for all disposals (or classifications as held for sale) of components of an entity that occur within annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2014, and interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted, but only for disposals (or classifications as held for sale) that have not been reported in financial statements previously issued or available for issuance. We adopted this guidance early and applied it to the sale of our interest in the joint venture.

In June 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-12, "Compensation — Stock Compensation: Accounting for Share-Based Payments When the Terms of an Award Provide That a Performance Target Could Be Achieved after the Requisite Service Period" (ASU 2014-12). This ASU provides for explicit guidance on how to account for awards with performance targets that affect vesting and could be achieved after the requisite service period. A performance target that affects vesting and that could be achieved after an employee's requisite service period shall be accounted for as a performance condition. As such, the performance target shall not be reflected in estimating the fair value of the award at the grant date. Compensation cost shall be recognized in the period in which it becomes probable that the performance target will be achieved and should represent the compensation cost attributable to the periods for which the requisite service already has been rendered. We do not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-01, "Extraordinary and Unusual Items (Subtopic 225-20): Simplifying Income Statement Presentation by Eliminating the Concept of Extraordinary Items". This guidance no longer requires or allows the disclosure of extraordinary items, net of tax, in the income statement after income from continuing operations. The guidance is effective for us for the reporting period ending April 30, 2016. We do not currently have any extraordinary items presented in our income statements. However, this guidance will eliminate the need for us to further assess whether unusual and infrequently occurring transactions qualify as an extraordinary item in the future.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-02, "Consolidation (Topic 810) - Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis". The update primarily amends the criteria used to evaluate whether certain variable interest entities should be consolidated. The update also modifies the criteria used to determine whether partnerships and similar entities are variable interest entities. The update is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016 with early adoption permitted, including in the interim periods. We are currently evaluating the impact of this update on our consolidated financial statements.

## Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any "off-balance sheet arrangements" as such term is defined in Item 303 of Regulation S-K of the SEC rules.

## Tabular Disclosure of Contractual Obligations

As of January 31, 2015, our contractual obligations were as follows (in thousands):

| Contractual Obligations | Payments Due By Period |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Less than 1 Year | 1-3 Years | 3-5 Years | More than 5 Years |
| Operating lease obligations | \$425,580 | \$ 66,108 | \$112,717 | \$ 91,239 | \$155,516 |
| Minimum royalty payments ${ }^{(1)}$ | 465,369 | 91,453 | 122,763 | 93,155 | 157,998 |
| Purchase obligations ${ }^{(2)}$ | 10,048 | 10,048 | - | - | - |
| Contingent purchase price payable ${ }^{(3)}$ | 973 | 973 | - | - | - |
| Total | \$901,970 | \$168,582 | \$235,480 | \$184,394 | \$313,514 |

(1) Includes obligations to pay minimum scheduled royalty, advertising and other required payments under various license agreements.
(2) Includes outstanding trade letters of credit, which represent inventory purchase commitments, which typically mature in less than six months.
(3) Contingent consideration in connection with the acquisition of Vilebrequin.

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

## Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risks and Commodity Price Risk

We negotiate our purchase orders with foreign manufacturers in United States dollars. Thus, notwithstanding any fluctuation in foreign currencies, our cost for any purchase order is not subject to change after the time the order is placed. However, if the value of the United States dollar against local currencies were to decrease, manufacturers might increase their United States dollar prices for products.

We believe that the increase in commodity prices did not have a material effect on our costs and gross margins prior to fiscal 2012. During 2012, we experienced increases in the cost our raw materials, including textiles, wool and leather. The cost of our raw materials moderated in fiscal 2013 as compared to fiscal 2012 and we do not expect any significant cost increases in raw materials during fiscal 2015. To manage the risks of raw material prices, we negotiate the purchase of such materials in advance when possible. We have not, and do not anticipate using, derivative instruments to manage these price exposures.

Our sales from the non-US operations of Vilebrequin could be affected by currency fluctuations, primarily relating to the Euro and Swiss Franc. We cannot fully anticipate all of our currency exposures and therefore foreign currency fluctuations may impact our business, financial condition, and results of operations. Our international expansion will increase our exposure to foreign currency fluctuations.

## Interest Rate Exposure

We are subject to market risk from exposure to changes in interest rates relating primarily to our line of credit. We borrow under our line of credit to support general corporate purposes, including capital expenditures and working capital needs. We do not expect changes in interest rates to have a material adverse effect on income or cash flows in fiscal 2016. Based on our average borrowings during fiscal 2015, we estimate that each 100 basis point increase in our borrowing rates would result in additional interest expense to us of approximately $\$ 0.8$ million.

## ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA.

Financial statements and supplementary data required pursuant to this Item begin on page $\mathrm{F}-1$ of this Report.

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

None.

## ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

As of January 31, 2015, our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act). Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms and (ii) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure, and thus, are effective in making known to them material information relating to G-III required to be included in this report.

## Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

During our last fiscal quarter, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining an adequate system of internal control over our financial reporting. In order to evaluate the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, management has conducted an assessment, including testing, using the criteria on Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013), issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, or COSO. Our system of internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting 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.

Based on its assessment, management has concluded that we maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of January 31, 2015, based on criteria in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013), issued by the COSO.

Our independent auditors, Ernst \& Young LLP, a registered public accounting firm, have audited and reported on our consolidated financial statements and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. The reports of our independent auditors appear on pages F-2 and F-3 of this Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ and express unqualified opinions on the consolidated financial statements and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting.

## ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION.

None.

## PART III

## ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE.

We have adopted a code of ethics and business conduct, or Code of Ethics, which applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller and persons performing similar functions. Our Code of Ethics is located on our Internet website at www.g-iii.com under the heading "Investor Relations." Any amendments to, or waivers from, a provision of our Code of Ethics that apply to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller and persons performing similar functions will be disclosed on our internet website within five business days following such amendment or waiver. The information contained on or connected to our Internet website is not incorporated by reference into this Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ and should not be considered part of this or any other report we file with or furnish to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The information required by Item 401 of Regulation S-K regarding directors is contained under the heading "Proposal No. 1 - Election of Directors" in our definitive Proxy Statement (the "Proxy Statement") relating to our Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on or about June 9, 2015, to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and is incorporated herein by reference. For information concerning our executive officers, see "Business-Executive Officers of the Registrant" in Item 1 in this Form 10-K.

The information required by Item 405 of Regulation S-K is contained under the heading "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" in our Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference. The information required by Items 407(c)(3), (d)(4), and (d)(5) of Regulation S-K is contained under the heading "Corporate Governance" in our Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

## ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

The information required by this Item 11 is contained under the headings "Executive Compensation" and "Compensation Committee Report" in our Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

## ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT and related Stockholder matters.

Security ownership information of certain beneficial owners and management as called for by this Item 12 is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the heading "Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock by Certain Stockholders and Management" in our Proxy Statement.

## Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table provides information as of January 31, 2015, the last day of fiscal 2015, regarding securities issued under G-III's equity compensation plans that were in effect during fiscal 2015.

| Plan Category | Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights <br> (a) | Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights <br> (b) | Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) <br> (c) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Equity compensation plans approved by security holders | 1,280,294 ${ }^{(1)}$ | \$22.32 ${ }^{(2)}$ | 480,683 |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Total | 1,280,294 ${ }^{(1)}$ | $\overline{\$ 22.32}{ }^{(2)}$ | 480,683 |

(1) Includes outstanding awards of 234,588 stock options, which have a weighted average exercise price of $\$ 22.32$ and weighted average remaining term of 5.2 years, and $1,045,706$ shares of Common Stock issuable upon vesting of RSUs.
(2) RSUs are excluded when determining the weighted average exercise price of outstanding options.

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

The information required by this Item 13 is contained under the headings "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" and "Corporate Governance" in our Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

## ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES.

The information required by this Item 14 is contained under the heading "Principal Accounting Fees and Services" in our Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

## PART IV

## ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.

1. Financial Statements.
2. Financial Statement Schedules.

The Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedules are listed in the accompanying index to consolidated financial statements beginning on page F-1 of this report. All other schedules, for which provision is made in the applicable accounting regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission are not required under the related instructions, are shown in the financial statements or are not applicable and therefore have been omitted.
3. Exhibits:
(a) The following exhibits filed as part of this report or incorporated herein by reference are management contracts or compensatory plans or arrangements: Exhibits 10.1, 10.1(a), 10.1(b), 10.1(c), 10.1(d), 10.6, 10.6(a), 10.7, 10.7(a), 10.7(b), 10.7(c), 10.7(d), 10.7(e), 10.7(f), 10.7(g), 10.7(h), 10.7(i), 10.8, $10.9,10.9(\mathrm{a}), 10.9(\mathrm{~b}), 10.9(\mathrm{c}), 10.9(\mathrm{~d}), 10.12$ and 10.14.
$3.1 \quad$ Certificate of Incorporation. ${ }^{6}$
3.1(a) Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation, dated June 8, 2006. ${ }^{2}$
3.1(b) Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation, dated June 7, 2011. ${ }^{14}$
3.2 By-Laws, as amended, of G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. ("G-III"). ${ }^{16}$
10.1 Employment Agreement, dated February 1, 1994, between G-III and Morris Goldfarb. ${ }^{3}$
10.1(a) Amendment, dated October 1, 1999, to the Employment Agreement, dated February 1, 1994, between G-III and Morris Goldfarb. ${ }^{3}$
10.1(b) Amendment, dated January 28, 2009, to Employment Agreement, dated February 1, 1994, between G-III and Morris Goldfarb. ${ }^{8}$
10.1(c) Letter Amendment, dated March 13, 2013, to Employment Agreement, dated February 1, 1994, between G-III and Morris Goldfarb. ${ }^{22}$
10.1(d) Letter Amendment, dated April 28, 2014, to Employment Agreement, dated February 1, 1994, between G-III and Morris Goldfarb. ${ }^{25}$

Credit Agreement ("Credit Agreement"), dated as of August 6, 2012, by and among G-III Leather Fashions, Inc., J. Percy For Marvin Richards, Ltd., CK Outerwear, LLC, Andrew \& Suzanne Company Inc. and AM Retail Group, Inc., as Borrowers, G-III, G-III Apparel Canada ULC, G-III License Company, LLC and AM Apparel Holdings, Inc., as Loan Guarantors, the Lenders that are parties thereto, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent. ${ }^{19}$
10.2(a) Joinder Agreement, dated as of January 31, 2013, between Riviera Sun, Inc. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, to Credit Agreement. ${ }^{21}$
10.2(b) Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of October 1, 2013, by and among the Borrowers, the Loan Guarantors, the Lenders and the Administrative Agent, amending the Credit Agreement, dated as of August 6, 2012, by and among the Borrowers, the Loan Guarantors, the Lenders and the Administrative Agent. ${ }^{23}$
10.3 Lease, dated June 1, 1993, between 512 Seventh Avenue Associates ("512") and G-III Leather Fashions, Inc. ("G-III Leather") ( $34^{\text {th }}$ and $35^{\text {th }}$ floors). ${ }^{3}$
10.3(a) Lease amendment, dated July 1, 2000, between 512 and G-III Leather $\left(34^{\text {th }}\right.$ and $35^{\text {th }}$ floors). ${ }^{3}$
10.3(b) Second Amendment of Lease, dated March 26, 2010, between 500-512 Seventh Avenue Limited Partnership, the successor to 512 (collectively, " 512 ") and G-III Leather ( $34^{\text {th }}$ and $35^{\text {th }}$ floors). ${ }^{12}$
10.4 Lease, dated January 31, 1994, between 512 and G-III (33 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ floor). ${ }^{3}$
10.4(a) Lease amendment, dated July 1, 2000, between 512 and G-III ( $33^{\text {rd }}$ floor). ${ }^{3}$
10.4(b) Second Amendment of Lease, dated March 26, 2010, between 512 and G-III Leather ( $33^{\text {rd }}$ floor). ${ }^{12}$
10.4(c) Second Amendment of Lease, dated March 26, 2010, between 512 and G-III Leather ( $10^{\text {th }}$ floor). ${ }^{12}$
10.4(d) Third Amendment of Lease, dated March 26, 2010, between 512 and G-III Leather $\left(36^{\text {th }}, 21^{\text {st }}, 22^{\text {nd }}, 23^{\text {rd }}\right.$ and $24^{\text {th }}$ floors). ${ }^{12}$
10.4(e) Sixth Amendment of Lease ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ Floor (including mezzanine), $21^{\text {st }}, 22^{\text {nd }}, 23^{\text {rd }}, 24^{\text {th }}, 27^{\text {th }}$, $29^{\text {th }}, 31^{\text {st }}, 36^{\text {th }}$ and $40^{\text {th }}$ Floors), dated May 23, 2013, by and between G-III Leather Fashions, Inc. as Tenant and 500-512 Seventh Avenue Limited Partnership as Landlord. ${ }^{22}$
10.4(f) Seventh Amendment of Lease $2^{\text {nd }}$ Floor (including mezzanine), $21^{\text {st }}, 22^{\text {nd }}, 23^{\text {rd }}, 24^{\text {th }}$, $27^{\text {th }}, 29^{\text {th }}, 31^{\text {st }}, 36^{\text {th }}, 39^{\text {th }}$ and $40^{\text {th }}$ Floors), dated April 25, 2104, by and between G-III Leather Fashions, Inc. as Tenant and 500-512 Seventh Avenue Limited Partnership as Landlord. ${ }^{26}$
10.5 Lease, dated February 10, 2009, between IRET Properties and AM Retail Group, Inc. ${ }^{12}$

G-III 1999 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors, as amended the "1999 Plan". ${ }^{4}$
10.6(a) Form of Option Agreement for awards made pursuant to the 1999 Plan. ${ }^{9}$
10.7
10.7(a) Form of Option Agreement for awards made pursuant to the 2005 Plan. ${ }^{9}$
10.7(b) Form of Restricted Stock Agreement for restricted stock awards made pursuant to the 2005 Plan. ${ }^{5}$
10.7(c) Form of Deferred Stock Award Agreement for restricted stock unit awards made pursuant to the 2005 Plan. ${ }^{6}$

| 10.7(d) | Form of Deferred Stock Award Agreement for April 15, 2009 restricted stock unit <br> grants. ${ }^{10}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 10.7(e) | Form of Deferred Stock Award Agreement for March 17, 2010 restricted stock unit <br> grants. ${ }^{11}$ |
| $10.7(\mathrm{f})$ | Form of Deferred Stock Award Agreement for June 29, 2011 restricted stock unit <br> grants. ${ }^{15}$ |
| 10.7(g) | Form of Deferred Stock Award Agreement for October 5, 2012 restricted stock unit <br> grants. ${ }^{18}$ |
| Form of Deferred Stock Award Agreement for October 4, 2013 restricted stock unit |  |
| grants. ${ }^{24}$ |  |


| 31.2* | Certification by Neal S. Nackman, Chief Financial Officer of G-III Apparel Group, <br> Ltd., pursuant to Rule 13a - 14(a) or Rule 15d - 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of <br> 1934, as amended, in connection with G-III Apparel Group, Ltd.'s Annual Report on |
| :--- | :--- |
| Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015. |  |

* Filed herewith.
** Exhibits 32.1 and 32.2 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liability of that Section. Such exhibits shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
(1) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (no. 33-31906), which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(2) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended July 31, 2006, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(3) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2006, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(4) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2006, filed on May 1, 2006, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(5) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on June 15, 2005, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(6) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on July 2, 2008, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(7) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on October 6, 2008, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(8) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on February 3, 2009, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(9) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2009, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(10) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on April 21, 2009, which is incorporated herein by reference.
(11) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on March 23, 2010, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(12) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended October 31, 2010, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(13) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on February 16, 2011, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(14) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on June 9, 2011, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(15) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2011, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(16) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on December 9, 2011, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(17) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on August 8, 2012, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(18) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on October 11, 2012, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(19) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on January 11, 2013, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(20) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on March 15, 2013, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(21) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2013, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(22) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended April 30, 2013, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(23) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on October 4, 2013, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(24) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on October 8, 2013, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(25) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on April 30, 2014, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(26) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended April 30, 2014, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
(27) Previously filed as an exhibit to G-III's Report on Form 8-K filed on October 28, 2014, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibits have been included in copies of this Report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We will provide, without charge, a copy of these exhibits to each stockholder upon the written request of any such stockholder. All such requests should be directed to G-III Apparel Group, Ltd., 512 Seventh Avenue, 35th floor, New York, New York 10018, Attention: Mr. Wayne S. Miller, Secretary.

## 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.

> G-III APPAREL GROUP, LTD.

By: /s/ Morris Goldfarb
Morris Goldfarb,
Chief Executive Officer
and President

March 30, 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.

| Signature | Title | Date |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| /s/ Morris Goldfarb | Director, Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President (principal executive officer) | March 30, 2015 |
| Morris Goldfarb |  |  |
| /s/ Neal S. Nackman | Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer) | March 30, 2015 |
| Neal S. Nackman |  |  |
| /s/ Sammy Aaron | Director and Vice Chairman | March 30, 2015 |
| Sammy Aaron |  |  |
| /s/ Thomas J. Brosig | Director | March 30, 2015 |
| Thomas J. Brosig |  |  |
| /s/ Alan Feller | Director | March 30, 2015 |
| Alan Feller |  |  |
| /s/ Jeffrey Goldfarb | Director | March 30, 2015 |
| Jeffrey Goldfarb |  |  |
| /s/ Jeanette Nostra | Director | March 30, 2015 |
| Jeanette Nostra |  |  |
| /s/ Laura Pomerantz | Director | March 30, 2015 |
| Laura Pomerantz |  |  |
| /s/ Allen Sirkin | Director | March 30, 2015 |
| Allen Sirkin |  |  |
| /s/ Willem van Bokhorst | Director | March 30, 2015 |
| Willem van Bokhorst |  |  |
| /s/ Cheryl Vitali | Director | March 30, 2015 |
| Cheryl Vitali |  |  |
| /s/Richard White | Director | March 30, 2015 |
| Richard White |  |  |

## EXHIBIT INDEX

| 21 | Subsidiaries of G-III. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 23.1 | Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, Ernst \& Young LLP. <br> Certification by Morris Goldfarb, Chief Executive Officer of G-III Apparel Group, Ltd., <br> pursuant to Rule 13a - 14(a) or Rule 15d - 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as <br> amended, in connection with G-III Apparel Group, Ltd.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for <br> the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015. |
| 31.2 | Certification by Neal S. Nackman, Chief Financial Officer of G-III Apparel Group, Ltd., <br> pursuant to Rule 13a - 14(a) or Rule 15d - 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as <br> amended, in connection with G-III Apparel Group, Ltd.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for <br> the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015. |
| Certification by Morris Goldfarb, Chief Executive Officer of G-III Apparel Group, Ltd., |  |

# INDEX TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS <br> AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULE <br> (Item 15(a)) G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries 

Page
Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm ..... F-2
Financial Statements
Consolidated Balance Sheets - January 31, 2015 and 2014 ..... F-4
Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income - Years Ended January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 ..... F-5
Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity - Years Ended January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 ..... F-6
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Years Ended January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 ..... F-7
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements ..... F-8
Financial Statement Schedule
II - Valuation and Qualifying Accounts ..... S-1
All other schedules for which provision is made in the applicable regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable and, accordingly, are omitted.

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders
of G-III Apparel Group, Ltd.
We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and subsidiaries as of January 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 31, 2015. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the index at Item 15(a). These financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and subsidiaries at January 31, 2015 and 2014, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 31, 2015, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting as of January 31, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("2013 framework") and our report dated March 30, 2015 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

## /s/ Ernst \& Young LLP

New York, New York
March 30, 2015

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of G-III Apparel Group, Ltd.

We have audited G-III Apparel Group Ltd. and subsidiaries internal control over financial reporting as of January 31, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("2013 framework") (the COSO criteria). G-III Apparel Group Ltd. and subsidiaries' management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

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

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

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

In our opinion, G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and subsidiaries maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of January 31, 2015, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and subsidiaries as of January 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 31, 2015 of G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and subsidiaries, and our report dated March 30, 2015 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.
/s/ Ernst \& Young LLP
New York, New York
March 30, 2015

# G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS January 31, 

| ASSETS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CURRENT ASSETS |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 128,354 | \$ 22,091 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowances for doubtful accounts and sales discounts of $\$ 53,441$ and $\$ 54,987$, respectively | 198,635 | 160,010 |
| Inventories | 426,180 | 359,639 |
| Prepaid income taxes | 6,507 | 6,807 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | 16,072 | 16,331 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 23,118 | 21,312 |
| Total current assets | 798,866 | 586,190 |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET | 81,671 | 62,832 |
| OTHER ASSETS | 27,721 | 31,259 |
| OTHER INTANGIBLES, NET | 13,075 | 13,926 |
| TRADEMARKS, NET | 73,255 | 81,086 |
| GOODWILL | 52,130 | 55,604 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$1,046,718 | \$830,897 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES |  |  |
| Notes payable | \$ | \$ 48,843 |
| Accounts payable | 177,498 | 131,241 |
| Accrued expenses | 63,665 | 56,468 |
| Due to noncontrolling shareholder | - | 4,674 |
| Total current liabilities | 241,163 | 241,226 |
| NOTES PAYABLE | - | 20,560 |
| DEFERRED INCOME TAXES, NET | 20,471 | 22,100 |
| CONTINGENT PURCHASE PRICE PAYABLE | 973 | 5,550 |
| OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | 22,853 | 19,465 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 285,460 | 308,901 |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |
| Preferred stock; $1,000,000$ shares authorized; No shares issued and outstanding |  |  |
| Common stock - $\$ .01$ par value; $80,000,000$ shares authorized; $22,970,822$and $20,935,804$ shares issued . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 230 |  |  |
| Additional paid-in capital | 328,874 | 184,841 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | $(10,105)$ | 6,165 |
| Retained earnings | 446,158 | 335,797 |
| Common stock held in treasury, at cost - 492,225 shares | $(3,899)$ | $(3,899)$ |
| Total G-III stockholders' equity | 761,258 | 523,113 |
| Noncontrolling interest | - | $(1,117)$ |
| Total stockholders' equity | 761,258 | 521,996 |
|  | \$1,046,718 | $\underline{\underline{\$ 830,897}}$ |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

## G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

|  | Year Ended January 31, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
|  | (In thousands, except per share amounts) |  |  |
| Net sales | \$2,116,855 | \$1,718,231 | \$1,399,719 |
| Cost of goods sold | 1,359,596 | 1,133,222 | 948,392 |
| Gross profit | 757,259 | 585,009 | 451,327 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 571,990 | 440,506 | 341,242 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 20,374 | 13,676 | 9,907 |
| Operating profit | 164,895 | 130,827 | 100,178 |
| Equity loss in joint venture | - | - | (719) |
| Other income | 11,488 | - | - |
| Interest and financing charges, net | $(7,942)$ | $(8,599)$ | $(7,454)$ |
| Income before income taxes | 168,441 | 122,228 | 92,005 |
| Income tax expense | 59,450 | 45,826 | 35,436 |
| Net income | 108,991 | 76,402 | 56,569 |
| Add: Loss attributable to noncontrolling interest | 1,370 | 958 | 306 |
| Income attributable to G-III | \$ 110,361 | \$ 77,360 | \$ 56,875 |
| NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE: |  |  |  |
| Basic: |  |  |  |
| Net income per common share | \$ 5.10 | \$ 3.81 | \$ 2.84 |
| Weighted average number of shares outstanding | 21,649 | 20,323 | 20,006 |
| Diluted: |  |  |  |
| Net income per common share | 4.97 | 3.71 | \$ 2.80 |
| Weighted average number of shares outstanding | 22,212 | 20,864 | 20,280 |
| Net income attributable to G-III | \$ 110,361 | \$ 77,360 | \$ 56,875 |
| Other comprehensive income: |  |  |  |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | $(16,270)$ | 2,642 | 3,519 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | $(16,270)$ | 2,642 | 3,519 |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 94,091 | \$ 80,002 | \$ 60,394 |

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

|  | Common Stock | Additional Paid-in Capital | Accumulated Other <br> Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Retained Earnings | Common Stock Held in Treasury | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | (In thou | ands) |  |  |
| Balance as of January 31, 2012 | \$203 | \$160,102 | \$ 4 | \$201,562 | \$(3,899) | \$357,972 |
| Equity awards exercised/vested, net . . | 3 | 1,422 |  |  |  | 1,425 |
| Tax benefit from exercise/vesting of equity awards |  | 1,870 |  |  |  | 1,870 |
| Amortization of share-based compensation |  | 7,738 |  |  |  | 7,738 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes |  |  | 3,519 |  |  | 3,519 |
| Net income attributable to G-III |  |  |  | 56,875 |  | 56,875 |
| Balance as of January 31, 2013 | 206 | 171,132 | 3,523 | 258,437 | $(3,899)$ | 429,399 |
| Equity awards exercised/vested, net . . | 3 | 1,903 |  |  |  | 1,906 |
| Adjustments related to tax withholding for share-based compensation . . . . . . . . . . |  | $(1,062)$ |  |  |  | $(1,062)$ |
| Tax benefit from exercise/vesting of equity awards |  | 2,915 |  |  |  | 2,915 |
| Amortization of share-based compensation |  | 9,953 |  |  |  | 9,953 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes |  |  | 2,642 |  |  | 2,642 |
| Net income attributable to G-III |  |  |  | 77,360 |  | 77,360 |
| Balance as of January 31, 2014 | 209 | 184,841 | 6,165 | 335,797 | $(3,899)$ | 523,113 |
| Equity awards exercised/vested, net . . | 3 | 725 |  |  |  | (728) |
| Adjustments related to tax withholding for share-based compensation . . . . . . . . . . |  | $(4,316)$ |  |  |  | $(4,316)$ |
| Tax benefit from exercise/vesting of equity awards |  | 6,732 |  |  |  | 6,732 |
| Amortization of share-based compensation |  | 12,224 |  |  |  | 12,224 |
| Shares issued in connection with public offering, net | 18 | 128,668 |  |  |  | 128,686 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes |  |  | $(16,270)$ |  |  | $(16,270)$ |
| Net income attributable to G-III |  |  |  | 110,361 |  | 110,361 |
| Balance as of January 31, 2015 . . . . | \$230 | \$328,874 | \$(10,105) | \$446,158 | \$(3,899) | \$761,258 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

## G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

|  | Year Ended January 31 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2015 |  | 2013 |
|  | (In thousands) |  |  |
| Cash flows from operating activities |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$108,991 | \$ 76,402 | \$ 56,569 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities, net of assets and liabilities acquired and disposed: |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization | 20,374 | 13,676 | 9,941 |
| Loss on disposal of a retail store | 275 | - | - |
| Gain on repurchase of unsecured promissory notes | $(1,893)$ | - | - |
| Change in contingent purchase price payable | $(4,186)$ | (468) |  |
| Gain on the sale of joint venture interest | $(1,908)$ | - | (185) |
| Equity based compensation | 12,224 | 9,953 | 7,738 |
| Tax benefit from exercise/vesting of equity awards | $(7,039)$ | $(2,915)$ | $(1,870)$ |
| Deferred financing charges | 895 | 751 | 500 |
| Equity loss in joint venture | - | - | 719 |
| Deferred income taxes | 863 | 754 | $(1,191)$ |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: |  |  |  |
| Accounts receivable, net | $(40,525)$ | 18,611 | $(8,249)$ |
| Inventories, net | $(69,765)$ | $(35,584)$ | $(16,862)$ |
| Income taxes, net | 289 | $(18,766)$ | 6,114 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | $(2,563)$ | $(1,434)$ | $(3,824)$ |
| Other assets, net | $(1,494)$ | $(14,972)$ | $(2,833)$ |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities | 67,062 | 38,585 | 7,927 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 81,600 | 84,593 | 54,494 |
| Cash flows from investing activities |  |  |  |
| Acquisitions, net of cash acquired | - | $(49,129)$ | $(80,252)$ |
| Proceeds from sale of interest in joint venture, net | 2,695 | - | 1,885 |
| Proceeds from sale of a retail store | 516 | - |  |
| Capital expenditures | $(42,566)$ | $(29,283)$ | $(11,615)$ |
| Net cash used in investing activities | $(39,355)$ | $(78,412)$ | $(89,982)$ |
| Cash flows from financing activities |  |  |  |
| Proceeds from sale of common stock, net | 128,686 | - |  |
| (Repayment of) proceeds from notes payable, net | $(48,039)$ | $(16,157)$ | 34,950 |
| Repurchase of unsecured promissory notes | $(17,721)$ | - |  |
| Noncontrolling interest investment, net | - | 2,399 | (883) |
| Loss attributable to noncontrolling interest | - | - | 306 |
| Proceeds from exercise of equity awards | 729 | 1,906 | 1,425 |
| Taxes paid for net share settlement | $(4,316)$ | $(1,062)$ | - |
| Excess tax benefit from exercise/vesting of equity awards | 7,039 | 2,915 | 1,870 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 66,378 | (9,999) | 37,668 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | $(2,360)$ | $(1,451)$ | 520 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 106,263 | $(5,269)$ | 2,700 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 22,091 | 27,360 | 24,660 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | \$128,354 | \$ 22,091 | $\underline{\underline{\$ 27,360}}$ |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: |  |  |  |
| Cash paid during the year for: |  |  |  |
| Interest | \$ 7,048 | \$ 8,500 | \$ 9,996 |
| Income taxes | 51,630 | 65,076 | 28,615 |
| Notes issued in connection with the acquisition of Vilebrequin | - | - | 19,778 |
| Contingent consideration in connection with the acquisition of Vilebrequin . . | - | - | 5,787 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

## G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries <br> NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS <br> January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013

## NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements follows:

## 1. Business Activity and Principles of Consolidation

As used in these financial statements, the term "Company" or "G-III" refers to G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and its subsidiaries. The Company designs, manufactures and markets an extensive range of apparel, including outerwear, dresses, sportswear, swimwear, women's suits and women's performance wear, as well as footwear, luggage and women's handbags, small leather goods, and cold weather accessories. The Company also operates retail stores.

The Company consolidates the accounts of all its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries. All material intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated. Vilebrequin International SA ("Vilebrequin"), a Swiss corporation, reports results on a calendar year basis rather than on the January 31 fiscal year basis used by the Company. Accordingly, the results of Vilebrequin are and will be included in the financial statements for the year ended or ending closest to the Company's fiscal year. For example, with respect to the Company's results for the year ended January 31, 2015, the results of Vilebrequin are included for their year ended December 31, 2014.

Certain reclassifications have been made to the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet and the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income for the prior year period to present that information on a basis consistent with the current year.

## 2. Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

## 3. Revenue Recognition

Goods are shipped to retailers in accordance with specific customer orders. The Company recognizes wholesale sales when the risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the customer, determined by the Company to be when title to the merchandise passes to the customer.

In addition, the Company acts as an agent in brokering sales between customers and overseas factories. On these transactions, the Company also recognizes commission fee income on sales that are financed by and shipped directly to the customers. Title to goods shipped by overseas vendors transfers to customers when the goods have been delivered to the customer. The Company also recognizes commission income upon the completion of the delivery by its vendors to the customer.

The Company recognizes retail sales upon customer receipt of the merchandise, generally at the point of sale. The Company's sales are recorded net of applicable sales taxes.

Both wholesale revenues and retail store revenues are shown net of returns, discounts and other allowances.

## 4. Returns and Allowances

The Company reserves against known chargebacks, as well as for an estimate of potential future deductions and returns by customers. The Company establishes these reserves for returns and allowances based on current and historical information and trends. Allowances are established for trade discounts, markdowns, customer advertising agreements and operational chargebacks. Estimated costs associated with

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

allowable deductions for customer advertising expenses are reflected as selling, general and administrative expenses. Estimated costs associated with trade discounts and markdowns, and reserves for returns are reflected as a reduction of net sales. All of these reserves are part of the allowances netted against accounts receivable.

The Company estimates an allowance for doubtful accounts based on the creditworthiness of its customers as well as general economic conditions. Consequently, an adverse change in those factors could affect the Company's estimate. The Company writes off uncollectible trade receivables once collection efforts have been exhausted.

## 5. Inventories

Wholesale inventories are stated at the lower of cost (determined by the first-in, first-out method) or market which comprises a significant portion of the Company's inventory. Retail inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market as determined by the retail inventory method. Vilebrequin inventories are stated at the lower of cost (determined by the weighted average method) or market.

## 6. Goodwill and Other Intangibles

Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired in business combinations accounted for under the purchase method of accounting. Goodwill and certain intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives are not amortized, but are subject to annual impairment tests using a test combining a discounted cash flow approach and a market approach. Other intangibles with determinable lives, including license agreements, trademarks, customer lists and non-compete agreements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets (currently ranging from 3 to 15 years). Impairment losses, if any, on intangible assets with finite lives are recorded when indicators of impairment are present and the discounted cash flows estimated to be derived from those assets are less than the assets' carrying amounts.

## 7. Depreciation and Amortization

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation and amortization are computed by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over the life of the lease or the useful life of the improvement, whichever is shorter.

## 8. Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 360, Property, Plant and Equipment, the Company annually evaluates the carrying value of its long-lived assets to determine whether changes have occurred that would suggest that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable based on the estimated future undiscounted cash flows of the businesses to which the assets relate. Any impairment loss would be equal to the amount by which the carrying value of the assets exceeded its fair value.

## 9. Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes and uncertain tax positions in accordance with ASC Topic 740 - Income Taxes. ASC 740 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a return, as well as guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties and financial statement reporting disclosures.

Deferred income taxes reflect the tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes.

## G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

## 10. Net Income Per Common Share

Basic net income per common share has been computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each period. Diluted net income per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares and potential dilutive common shares, consisting of unvested restricted stock awards and stock options outstanding during the period. Approximately 80,000 and 182,000 shares for the years ended January 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, have been excluded from the diluted net income per share calculation as they relate to equity based awards that vest based on performance conditions and for which the vesting conditions have not been met at the end of the period. There were no shares excluded from the diluted net income per share calculation for the year ended January 31, 2013. The Company issued $310,018,319,648$ and 337,825 shares of common stock in connection with the exercise or vesting of equity awards during the years ended January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

A reconciliation between basic and diluted net income per share is as follows:

|  | Year Ended January 31, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
|  | (In thousands, except per share amounts) |  |  |
| Net income attributable to G-III | \$110,361 | \$77,360 | \$56,875 |
| Basic net income per share: |  |  |  |
| Basic common shares | 21,649 | 20,323 | 20,006 |
| Basic net income per share | \$ 5.10 | \$ 3.81 | \$ 2.84 |
| Diluted net income per share: |  |  |  |
| Basic common shares | 21,649 | 20,323 | 20,006 |
| Stock options and restricted stock awards | 563 | 541 | 274 |
| Diluted common shares | 22,212 | 20,864 | 20,280 |
| Diluted net income per share | \$ 4.97 | \$ 3.71 | \$ 2.80 |

## 11. Equity Award Compensation

ASC Topic 718, Compensation - Stock Compensation, requires all share-based payments to employees, including grants of restricted stock awards and employee stock options, to be recognized as compensation expense over the service period (generally the vesting period) based on their fair values. The impact of forfeitures that may occur prior to vesting is estimated and considered in the amount recognized. Restricted stock awards generally vest over a four or five year period and certain awards also include market price conditions that provide for the award to vest only after the average closing price of the Company's stock trades above a predetermined market level. In addition, certain awards have performance conditions that require the satisfaction of an earnings after taxes or net income per diluted share performance target. All awards are expensed on a straight line basis other than awards with market and/or performance conditions, which are expensed under the requisite acceleration method.

It is the Company's policy to grant stock options through the issuance of new shares at prices not less than the fair market value on the date of the grant. Option terms, vesting and exercise periods vary, except that the term of an option may not exceed ten years.

## 12. Cost of Goods Sold

Cost of goods sold includes the expenses incurred to acquire, produce and prepare inventory for sale, including product costs, warehouse staff wages, freight in, import costs, packaging materials, the cost of operating the overseas offices and royalty expense. The gross margins may not be directly comparable to those of the Company's competitors, as income statement classifications of certain expenses may vary by company.

## G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

## 13. Shipping and Handling Costs

Shipping and handling costs for wholesale operations consist of warehouse facility costs, third party warehousing, freight out costs, and warehouse supervisory wages and are included in selling, general and administrative expense. Wholesale shipping and handling costs included in selling, general and administrative expenses were $\$ 62.4$ million, $\$ 54.8$ million and $\$ 50.7$ million for the years ended January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

## 14. Advertising Costs

The Company expenses advertising costs as incurred and includes these costs in selling, general and administrative expense. Advertising paid as a percentage of sales under license agreements are expensed in the period in which the sales occur or are accrued to meet guaranteed minimum requirements under license agreements. Advertising expense was $\$ 71.5$ million, $\$ 62.3$ million and $\$ 54.1$ million for the years ended January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Prepaid advertising, which represents advance payments to licensors for minimum guaranteed payments for advertising under the Company's licensing agreements, was $\$ 5.8$ million and $\$ 5.9$ million at January 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

## 15. Use of Estimates

In preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the 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.

## 16. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amount of the Company's variable rate debt approximates the fair value, as interest rates change with the market rates. Furthermore, the carrying value of all other financial instruments potentially subject to valuation risk (principally consisting of cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable) also approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of their maturity.

The promissory notes issued in connection with the acquisition of Vilebrequin were valued using the current market interest rate at the time of acquisition. These notes were repurchased by the Company during the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015. In addition, the annual calculation of contingent consideration recorded in connection with the acquisition of Vilebrequin reflects current market conditions. The fair values of both the promissory notes and the contingent consideration would be considered Level 3 valuations in the fair value hierarchy. See Note L - Other Income for more details on the adjustment of the contingent consideration during fiscal 2015.

## 17. Foreign Currency Translation

The financial statements of subsidiaries outside the United States are measured using local currency as the functional currency. Assets and liabilities are translated at the rates of exchange at the balance sheet date. Income and expense items are translated at average monthly rates of exchange. Gains and losses from foreign currency transactions of these subsidiaries are included in net earnings.

## 18. Effects of Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-08, "Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant, and Equipment (Topic 360) - Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity" (ASU 2014-08). This ASU changes the threshold for reporting discontinued operations and adds new disclosures. The new guidance defines a discontinued operation as a disposal of a component or group of components that is disposed of or is classified as held for sale and "represents a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on the Company's operations and financial

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

results." For disposals of individually significant components that do not qualify as discontinued operations, the Company must disclose pre-tax earnings of the disposed component. This guidance is effective for all disposals (or classifications as held for sale) of components of an entity that occur within annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2014, and interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted, but only for disposals (or classifications as held for sale) that have not been reported in financial statements previously issued or available for issuance. The Company adopted this guidance early and applied it to the sale of its interest in the joint venture (See Note L - Other Income).

In June 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-12, "Compensation - Stock Compensation: Accounting for Share-Based Payments When the Terms of an Award Provide That a Performance Target Could Be Achieved after the Requisite Service Period" (ASU 2014-12). This ASU provides for explicit guidance on how to account for awards with performance targets that affect vesting and could be achieved after the requisite service period. A performance target that affects vesting and that could be achieved after an employee's requisite service period shall be accounted for as a performance condition. As such, the performance target shall not be reflected in estimating the fair value of the award at the grant date. Compensation cost shall be recognized in the period in which it becomes probable that the performance target will be achieved and should represent the compensation cost attributable to the periods for which the requisite service already has been rendered. The Company does not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In January 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-01, "Extraordinary and Unusual Items (Subtopic 225-20): Simplifying Income Statement Presentation by Eliminating the Concept of Extraordinary Items". This guidance no longer requires or allows the disclosure of extraordinary items, net of tax, in the income statement after income from continuing operations. The guidance is effective for the reporting period ending April 30, 2016. The Company does not currently have any extraordinary items presented in its income statements. However, this guidance will eliminate the need to further assess whether unusual and infrequently occurring transactions qualify as an extraordinary item in the future.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-02, "Consolidation (Topic 810) - Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis". The update primarily amends the criteria used to evaluate whether certain variable interest entities should be consolidated. The update also modifies the criteria used to determine whether partnerships and similar entities are variable interest entities. The update is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016 with early adoption permitted, including in the interim periods. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this update on its consolidated financial statements.

## NOTE B - INVENTORIES

Inventories consist of:

|  | January 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2015 | 2014 |
|  | (In thousands) |  |
| Finished goods | \$417,332 | \$350,627 |
| Raw materials and work-in-process | 8,848 | 9,012 |
|  | $\underline{\text { \$426,180 }}$ | \$359,639 |

Raw materials of $\$ 7.7$ million and $\$ 7.9$ million, net of allowances, were maintained in China at January 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

## NOTE C - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of:

|  |  | January 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2015 | 2014 |
|  |  | (In thousands) |  |
| Machinery and equipment | 5 years | \$ 1,195 | \$ 2,077 |
| Leasehold improvements | $3-13$ years | 67,066 | 60,817 |
| Furniture and fixtures | $3-5$ years | 43,440 | 30,883 |
| Computer equipment and software | $2-3$ years | 8,439 | 7,429 |
|  |  | 120,140 | 101,206 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation |  | 38,469 | 38,374 |
|  |  | \$ 81,671 | \$ 62,832 |

The Company had fixed asset disposals of approximately $\$ 1.1$ million and $\$ 0.2$ million for the years ended January 31, 2015 and 2014. Depreciation expense was $\$ 17.9$ million, $\$ 11.4$ million and $\$ 8.7$ million for the years ended January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

## NOTE D - ACQUISITIONS AND INTANGIBLES

## Acquisition of Vilebrequin

In August 2012, the Company acquired all of the outstanding shares of Vilebrequin for an aggregate consideration consisting of $\$ 87.6$ million in cash, $\$ 18.6$ million of unsecured promissory notes and a contingent consideration of up to $\$ 27.9$ million. Identifiable intangible assets acquired include trademarks valued at $\$ 58.7$ million with an indefinite life, franchise agreements valued at $\$ 7.5$ million with an estimated useful life of 14 years and customer relationships valued at $\$ 2.6$ million with an estimated useful life of 8 years and goodwill of $\$ 26.8$ million. The goodwill represents the future economic benefits expected to arise that could not be individually identified and separately recognized, including use of the Company's existing infrastructure to expand sales of Vilebrequin products. The dollar equivalents to the amounts in Euro set forth in this paragraph are based on the exchange rate on the date of acquisition ( $€ 1.000$ equal to USD $\$ 1.242$ ). The unsecured promissory notes were repurchased in October 2014 and the contingent consideration was adjusted to approximately $\$ 1.0$ million in fiscal 2015 (See Note L - Other Income).

## Acquisition of G.H. Bass

In November, 2013, the Company entered into an asset purchase agreement, with PVH Retail Stores LLC and its affiliates, providing for the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of the G.H. Bass \& Co. ("G.H. Bass") business, including approximately 160 G.H. Bass \& Co. outlet stores. The purchase price was $\$ 49.2$ million in cash.
G.H. Bass is a well-known heritage brand that embodies classic American style. The Company sells G.H. Bass \& Co. footwear, apparel and accessories primarily through approximately 160 outlet stores located in the United States. The Company also licenses the brand for the wholesale distribution of men's and women's footwear and men's sportswear.

## G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

The following table (in thousands) summarizes the components of the purchase price allocation for the acquisition of G.H. Bass:

Purchase price:

| Cash paid | \$49,236 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | \$49,236 |
| Allocation: |  |
| Current assets | \$42,967 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 2,788 |
| Identifiable intangible assets - Trademarks | 2,490 |
| Other non-current assets, net | 975 |
| Assumed liabilities | (700) |
| Goodwill | 716 |
|  | $\underline{\underline{\$ 49,236}}$ |

The trademarks were assigned an indefinite useful life. Goodwill represents the future economic benefits arising from net assets acquired that are not individually identified and separately recognized and is attributable to synergies expected to be derived from the combination of G.H. Bass with the other businesses of the retail operations segment.

## Intangible assets balances

Intangible assets consist of:

|  | Estimated Life | January 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2015 | 2014 |
|  |  | (In thousands) |  |
| Gross carrying amounts |  |  |  |
| Licenses | 14 years | \$ 19,819 | \$ 20,779 |
| Trademarks | 8-12 years | 2,194 | 2,194 |
| Customer relationships | $8-15$ years | 8,408 | 8,741 |
| Other | $3-10$ years | 4,844 | 2,912 |
| Subtotal |  | 35,265 | 34,626 |
| Accumulated amortization |  |  |  |
| Licenses |  | 13,815 | 13,394 |
| Trademarks |  | 2,036 | 1,816 |
| Customer relationships |  | 4,291 | 3,696 |
| Other |  | 1,890 | 1,415 |
| Subtotal |  | 22,032 | 20,321 |
| Net |  |  |  |
| Licenses |  | 6,004 | 7,385 |
| Trademarks |  | 158 | 378 |
| Customer relationships |  | 4,117 | 5,045 |
| Other |  | 2,954 | 1497 |
| Subtotal |  | 13,233 | 14,305 |
| Unamortized intangible assets |  |  |  |
| Goodwill |  | 52,130 | 55,604 |
| Trademarks |  | 73,097 | 80,707 |
| Subtotal |  | 125,227 | 136,311 |
| Total intangible assets, net |  | \$138,460 | $\underline{\underline{\$ 150,616}}$ |

Intangible amortization expense amounted to approximately $\$ 2.0$ million, $\$ 1.6$ million and $\$ 1.2$ million for the years ended January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The estimated intangible amortization expense for the next five years is as follows:
$\underline{\text { Year Ending January 31, }}$
Amortization Expense
(In thousands)
2016
\$1,874
2017
2018 1,831
1,803
2019 1,783
2020
1,777

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price and related costs over the value assigned to net tangible and identifiable intangible assets of businesses acquired and accounted for under the purchase method. The Company reviews and tests its goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives for impairment at least annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may be impaired. The Company performs the test in the fourth fiscal quarter of each year using a combination of a discounted cash flow analysis and a market approach. The discounted cash flow approach requires that certain assumptions and estimates be made regarding industry economic factors and future profitability. The market approach estimates the fair value based on comparisons with the market values and market multiples of earnings and revenues of similar public companies.

Trademarks and customer relationships having finite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives and measured for impairment when events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired.

Goodwill has been allocated to the reporting segments based upon the relative fair values of the licenses (licensed products segment) and trademarks acquired. For the year ended January 31, 2015, the carrying amount of goodwill was $\$ 26.1$ million, $\$ 25.3$ million and $\$ 716,000$ in the licensed products, non-licensed products and retail operations segments, respectively, including $\$ 3.5$ million in exchange differences arising during the period. For the year ended January 31, 2014, the carrying amount of goodwill was $\$ 26.1$ million, $\$ 28.8$ million and $\$ 716,000$ in the licensed products, non-licensed products and retail operations segments, respectively, including $\$ 1.5$ million in exchange differences arising during the period.

## NOTE E - NOTES PAYABLE AND OTHER LIABILITIES

The credit agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent for a group of lenders, is a five-year senior secured credit facility through August 2017 providing for borrowings in the aggregate principal amount of up to $\$ 450$ million. Amounts available under the credit agreement are subject to borrowing base formulas and over advances as specified in the credit agreement. As of January 31, 2015, there was $\$ 411.3$ million available under the credit agreement.

Borrowings bear interest, at the Company's option, at LIBOR plus a margin of $1.5 \%$ to $2.0 \%$ or prime plus a margin of $0.5 \%$ to $1.0 \%$, with the applicable margin determined based on availability under the credit agreement. The credit agreement requires G-III to maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio, as defined, and under certain circumstances permits the Company to make payments for cash dividends, stock redemptions and share repurchases subject to compliance with certain covenants. As of January 31, 2015, the Company was in compliance with these covenants.

The credit agreement is secured by all of the assets of G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and its subsidiaries, G-III Leather Fashions, Inc., Riviera Sun, Inc., CK Outerwear, LLC, Andrew \& Suzanne Company Inc., AM Retail Group, Inc., G-III Apparel Canada ULC, G-III License Company, LLC and AM Apparel Holdings, Inc.

## G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

In October 2014, the Company repurchased the unsecured promissory notes issued in August 2012 in connection with the acquisition of Vilebrequin. The notes were repurchased at a discount from the original principal amount of $€ 15.0$ million (See Note L - Other Income).

The Company had no outstanding borrowings under its credit agreement at January 31, 2015. Outstanding borrowings under the Company's credit agreement were $\$ 48.0$ million at January 31, 2014.

The weighted average interest rate for amounts borrowed under the credit facility was $2.2 \%$ and $2.4 \%$ for the years ended January 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The Company was contingently liable under letters of credit in the amount of approximately $\$ 8.0$ million and $\$ 9.2$ million at January 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

## NOTE F - INCOME TAXES

The income tax provision is comprised of the following:

| Year Ended January 31, |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\frac{2014}{\text { (In thousands) }} \quad 2$ |  |

Current

| Federal | \$ 46,989 | \$ 36,828 | \$27,983 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| State and city | 5,978 | 5,396 | 4,748 |
| Foreign | 5,688 | 7,040 | 3,986 |
|  | 58,655 | 49,264 | 36,717 |
| Deferred |  |  |  |
| Federal | 1,422 | $(3,328)$ | $(1,168)$ |
| State and city | (67) | 189 | (132) |
| Foreign | (560) | (299) | 19 |
|  | 795 | $(3,438)$ | $(1,281)$ |
| Income tax expense | \$ 59,450 | $\underline{\underline{\$ 45,826}}$ | $\underline{\underline{\$ 35,436}}$ |
| Income before income taxes |  |  |  |
| United States | \$133,709 | \$104,435 | \$80,145 |
| Non-United States | 34,732 | 17,793 | 11,860 |
|  | \$168,441 | \$122,228 | \$92,005 |

## G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries <br> NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

The significant components of the Company's net deferred tax asset at January 31, 2015 and 2014 are summarized as follows:

|  | 2015 | 2014 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (In thousands) |  |
| Deferred tax assets |  |  |
| Compensation | \$ 3,964 | \$ 3,125 |
| Provision for bad debts and sales allowances | 10,254 | 11,822 |
| Inventory write-downs | 3,059 | 3,745 |
| Other | 1,671 | 254 |
| Deferred tax assets, current | 18,948 | 18,946 |
| Compensation | 6,855 | 5,876 |
| Straight-line lease | 5,128 | 4,494 |
| Supplemental employee retirement plan | 420 | 477 |
| Net operating loss | 1,613 | 1,779 |
| Other | 71 | 81 |
| Deferred tax assets, non-current | 14,087 | 12,707 |
| Total deferred tax assets | 33,035 | 31,653 |
| Deferred tax liabilities |  |  |
| Prepaid expenses and other, current | $(2,876)$ | $(2,615)$ |
| Depreciation and amortization, non-current | $(10,563)$ | $(7,955)$ |
| Intangibles, non-current | $(23,631)$ | $(26,061)$ |
| Other | (364) | (791) |
| Total deferred tax liabilities | $(37,434)$ | $(37,422)$ |
| Net deferred tax liabilities | \$ $(4,399)$ | \$ $(5,769)$ |

As of January 31, 2015 and 2014, intangible deferred tax liabilities of $\$ 15.9$ million and $\$ 17.7$ million, respectively, relate to intangible assets in Switzerland. The remaining intangible assets relate primarily to the U.S.

The following is a reconciliation of the statutory federal income tax rate to the effective rate reported in the financial statements for the years ended January 31:

|  | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Provision for Federal income taxes at the statutory rate | 35.0\% | 35.0\% | 35.0\% |
| State and local income taxes, net of Federal tax benefit | 2.3 | 3.0 | 3.3 |
| Permanent differences resulting in Federal taxable income | 2.9 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| Foreign tax rate differential | 0.1 | (0.1) | (1.4) |
| Foreign tax credit | (6.5) | (5.4) | (2.5) |
| Other, net | 1.5 | 0.5 | (0.7) |
| Actual provision for income taxes | 35.3\% | 37.5\% | 38.5\% |

The Company accounts for uncertain income tax positions in accordance with ASC Topic 740 Income Taxes. The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state and foreign jurisdictions. As of January 31, 2015, there was an increase in the unrecognized tax position reserve of

## G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

approximately $\$ 102,000$, net of federal tax benefit to $\$ 970,000$, for the current year accrual of interest and penalties on existing uncertain income tax positions reserves. The Company currently has tax years open from the years ended January 31, 2012 through January 31, 2015, with the exception of certain state tax jurisdictions.

The Company's policy on classification is to include interest in "interest and financing charges" and penalties in "selling, general and administrative expense" in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income. The Company and certain of its subsidiaries are subject to U.S. Federal income tax as well as income tax of multiple state, local, and foreign jurisdictions. The Company is currently under U.S. Federal income tax examination for the year ended January 31, 2012. One of its foreign subsidiaries, T.R.B International S.A., has a ruling with the Swiss government that taxes commercial foreign sourced income at an $11.6 \%$ rate. The ruling was extended to the year ending January 31, 2018.

Undistributed earnings of the Company's foreign subsidiaries amounted to approximately $\$ 11.9$ million at January 31, 2015. Those earnings are considered indefinitely reinvested and, accordingly, no provision for U.S. income taxes has been provided thereon. Upon distribution of those earnings in the form of dividends or otherwise, the Company would be subject to both U.S. income taxes (subject to an adjustment for foreign tax credits) and withholding taxes payable to the various foreign countries, as applicable. At this point in time it is not practical to estimate the amount of taxes payable if the earnings were remitted.

## NOTE G - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

## Lease Agreements

The Company leases warehousing, executive and sales facilities, retail stores, equipment and vehicles under operating leases with options to renew at varying terms. Leases with provisions for increasing rents have been accounted for on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease.

Certain leases provide for contingent rents, which are determined as a percentage of gross sales. The Company records a contingent rent liability in accrued expenses on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and the corresponding rent expense on the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income when management determines that achieving the specified levels during the fiscal year is probable.

The following schedule sets forth the future minimum rental payments for operating leases having non-cancelable lease periods in excess of one year at January 31, 2015:

| Year Ending January 31, | Amount |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | (In thousands) |
| 2016 | \$ 66,108 |
| 2017 | 59,622 |
| 2018 | 53,095 |
| 2019 | 47,703 |
| 2020 | 43,536 |
| Thereafter . | 155,516 |
|  | \$425,580 |

Rent expense on the above operating leases for the years ended January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 was approximately $\$ 72.6$ million, $\$ 48.3$ million and $\$ 31.6$ million, respectively.

## License Agreements

The Company has entered into license agreements that provide for royalty payments ranging from 4\% to $19 \%$ of net sales of licensed products as set forth in the agreements. The Company incurred royalty expense (included in cost of goods sold) of approximately $\$ 109.6$ million, $\$ 101.5$ million and $\$ 85.2$ million for the years ended January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Contractual advertising expense, which is normally based on a percentage of net sales associated with certain license agreements (included in selling, general and administrative expense), was $\$ 32.1$ million, $\$ 30.0$ million and $\$ 24.9$ million for the years ended January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Based on minimum net sales requirements, future minimum royalty and advertising payments required under these agreements are:

| Year Ending January 31, | Amount |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | (In thousands) |
| 2016 | \$ 91,453 |
| 2017 | 65,110 |
| 2018 | 57,653 |
| 2019 | 50,129 |
| 2020 | 43,026 |
| Thereafter | 157,998 |
|  | \$465,369 |

## NOTE H - STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

## Public Offering

In June 2014, the Company sold 1,725,000 shares of its common stock, including 225,000 shares sold pursuant to the exercise in full of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares, at a public offering price of $\$ 77.63$ per share. The Company received net proceeds of $\$ 128.7$ million from the offering after payment of underwriting discounts and expenses of the offering. The net proceeds are currently being used for general corporate purposes.

## Share Repurchase Program

In September 2011, the Company's board of directors authorized a program to repurchase up to two million shares of its common stock. The timing and actual number of shares repurchased will depend upon a number of factors, including market conditions and prevailing stock prices. Share repurchases may take place on the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or by other means, and would be made in accordance with applicable securities laws. Pursuant to the share repurchase program, during fiscal 2012, the Company repurchased 125,000 shares of its common stock for an aggregate purchase price of approximately $\$ 2.9$ million. Repurchased shares are accounted for as treasury stock at cost and will be held in treasury for future use.

The Company did not repurchase any shares during fiscal 2015. The Company's credit agreement permits the Company to make payments for cash dividends, stock redemptions and share repurchases subject to compliance with certain covenants.

## Stock Plan

As of January 31, 2015, the Company has 480,683 shares available for grant under its stock plan. The plan provides for the grant of equity and cash awards, including restricted stock awards, stock options and other stock unit awards to directors, officers and employees. Restricted stock unit awards vest over a three to five year period. In addition to the time vesting condition, these awards may include market and performance conditions, including a price vesting performance condition and, in certain cases, an earnings

## G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

after taxes or net income per diluted share performance target. It is the Company's policy to grant stock options at prices not less than the fair market value on the date of the grant. Option terms, vesting and exercise periods vary, except that the term of an option may not exceed ten years.

## Restricted Stock

|  | Awards Outstanding | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unvested as of January 31, 2013 | 1,056,731 | \$29.01 |
| Granted | 315,750 | \$51.96 |
| Vested | $(236,316)$ | \$22.04 |
| Canceled | $(15,988)$ | \$29.01 |
| Unvested as of January 31, 2014 | 1,120,177 | \$36.95 |
| Granted | 261,085 | \$68.51 |
| Vested | $(333,531)$ | \$28.16 |
| Canceled | $(2,025)$ | \$54.88 |
| Unvested as of January 31, 2015 | $\underline{\underline{1,045,706}}$ | \$47.59 |

For restricted shares with market price conditions, the Company estimates the grant date fair value using a lattice model. This valuation is performed with the assistance of a third party valuation specialist. For restricted shares with no market price conditions, shares are valued at the market price on the date of grant.

The Company recognized $\$ 11.6$ million, $\$ 9.2$ million and $\$ 7.0$ million in compensation expense for the years ended January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively, related to restricted stock grants. At January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, unrecognized costs related to the restricted stock units totaled approximately $\$ 32.2$ million, $\$ 26.1$ million and $\$ 21.4$ million, respectively.

## Stock Options

Information regarding all stock options for fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

|  | 2015 |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Shares | Weighted Average Exercise | Shares | Weighted Average Exercise | Shares | Weighted Average Exercise |
| Stock options outstanding at beginning of year | 268,488 | \$22.21 | 382,054 | \$20.79 | 417,722 | \$16.59 |
| Exercised | $(33,900)$ | \$21.51 | $(109,766)$ | \$17.36 | $(120,518)$ | \$11.82 |
| Granted | - | \$ - | - | \$ | 85,000 | \$28.72 |
| Cancelled or forfeited | - | \$ | $(3,800)$ | \$19.39 | (150) | \$18.40 |
| Stock options outstanding at year | $\underline{\text { 234,588 }}$ | $\underline{\$ 22.32}$ | 268,488 | \$22.21 | 382,054 | \$20.79 |
| Exercisable | 125,088 | \$17.26 | 159,238 | \$18.65 | 224,121 | \$16.89 |

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding:

| Range of Exercise Prices | Number <br> Outstanding as of January 31, 2015 | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Number <br> Exercisable as of January 31, 2015 | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$8.00-\$12.00 | 11,400 | 3.41 | \$10.18 | 11,400 | \$10.18 |
| \$12.01-\$16.00 | 49,100 | 3.07 | \$13.55 | 49,100 | \$13.55 |
| \$16.01-\$40.00 | 174,088 | 5.91 | \$25.58 | 64,588 | \$21.32 |
|  | 234,588 |  |  | 125,088 |  |

The fair value of stock options was estimated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. This model requires the input of subjective assumptions that will usually have a significant impact on the fair value estimate. No stock options were granted during the year ended January 31, 2015 and the year ended January 31, 2014. The following table summarizes the weighted average assumptions used in the Black-Scholes option pricing model for grants in fiscal 2013:

|  | 2013 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Expected stock price volatility | 58.2\%-68.5\% |
| Expected lives of options |  |
| Directors and officers | 7 years |
| Employees | 6 years |
| Risk-free interest rate | 0.3\%-0.6\% |
| Expected dividend yield | 0\% |

The weighted average volatility for the current period was developed using historical volatility for periods equal to the expected term of the options.

The risk-free interest rate was developed using the U.S. Treasury yield curve for periods equal to the expected term of the options on the grant date. An increase in the risk-free interest rate will increase stock compensation expense.

The dividend yield is a ratio that estimates the expected dividend payments to shareholders. The Company has not declared a cash dividend and has estimated dividend yield at $0 \%$.

The expected term of stock option grants was developed after considering vesting schedules, life of the option, and historical experience. An increase in the expected holding period will increase stock compensation expense.

The Company is required to recognize stock-based compensation based on the number of awards that are ultimately expected to vest. As a result, for most awards, recognized stock compensation was reduced for estimated forfeitures prior to vesting primarily based on an historical annual forfeiture rate. Estimated forfeitures will be reassessed in subsequent periods and may change based on new facts and circumstances.

The weighted average remaining term for stock options outstanding was 5.2 years at January 31, 2015. The aggregate intrinsic value at January 31, 2015 was $\$ 17.6$ million for stock options outstanding and $\$ 10.0$ million for stock options exercisable. The intrinsic value for stock options is calculated based on the exercise price of the underlying awards and the market price of the Company's common stock as of January 31, 2015, the reporting date.

Proceeds received from the exercise of stock options were approximately $\$ 729,000$ and $\$ 1.9$ million during the years ended January 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The intrinsic value of stock options exercised was $\$ 2.0$ million and $\$ 4.0$ million for the years ended January 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. A portion of this amount is currently deductible for tax purposes.

## G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

The Company recognized approximately $\$ 541,000$ in compensation expense for the year ended January 31, 2015, $\$ 680,000$ for the year ended January 31, 2014 and $\$ 1.0$ million for the year ended January 31, 2013, related to equity option award grants. As of January 31, 2015, approximately $\$ 533,000$ to unrecognized stock compensation related to unvested option awards (net of estimated forfeitures) is expected to be recognized through the year ending January 31, 2017.

No options were granted during fiscal 2015 and 2014. The weighted average fair value at date of grant for options granted during fiscal 2013 was $\$ 12.06$ per option.

## NOTE I - MAJOR CUSTOMERS

One customer accounted for approximately $18.7 \%, 21.0 \%$ and $21.3 \%$ of the Company's net sales in the licensed and non-licensed products segments for the years ended January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

## NOTE J - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The Company maintains a $401(\mathrm{k})$ plan (the "Plan") and trust for nonunion employees. In December 2013, the Company amended the plan to a non-discretionary matching contribution for 2014 of $100 \%$ of the first $3 \%$ of the participant's contributed pay plus $50 \%$ of the next $2 \%$ of the participant's contributed pay. Prior to 2014, at the discretion of the Company, the Company may have elected to match $50 \%$ of employee contributions up to $6 \%$ of the participant's compensation. The Company made matching contributions of approximately $\$ 2.0$ million, $\$ 1.3$ million and $\$ 1.0$ million for the years ended January 31, 2015, January 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

## NOTE K - SEGMENTS

The Company's reportable segments are business units that offer products through different channels of distribution. The Company has three reportable segments: licensed products, non-licensed products and retail operations. The Vilebrequin business was added to the non-licensed products segment upon its acquisition in August 2012 and the G.H. Bass business was added to the retail operations segment upon its acquisition in November 2013. There is substantial intersegment cooperation, cost allocations and sharing of assets. As a result, the Company does not represent that these segments, if operated independently, would report the operating results set forth in the table below. The following information, in thousands, is presented for the fiscal years ended:

|  | ry 31 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Licensed | Non-Licensed | Retail | Elimination ${ }^{(1)}$ | Total |
| Net sales | \$1,293,254 | \$452,640 | \$499,284 | \$(128,323) | \$2,116,855 |
| Cost of goods sold | 922,535 | 297,954 | 267,430 | $(128,323)$ | 1,359,596 |
| Gross profit | 370,719 | 154,686 | 231,854 | - | 757,259 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 251,117 | 98,418 | 222,455 | - | 571,990 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 4,832 | 8,622 | 6,920 | - | 20,374 |
| Operating profit | \$ 114,770 | \$ 47,646 | \$ 2,479 | \$ | \$ 164,895 |

## G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

|  | January 31, 2014 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Licensed | Non-Licensed | Retail | Elimination ${ }^{(1)}$ | Total |
| Net sales | \$1,145,182 | \$342,672 | \$298,008 | \$(67,631) | \$1,718,231 |
| Cost of goods sold | 820,162 | 230,186 | 150,505 | $(67,631)$ | 1,133,222 |
| Gross profit | 325,020 | 112,486 | 147,503 | - | 585,009 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 228,306 | 84,885 | 127,315 | - | 440,506 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 2,433 | 7,581 | 3,662 | - | 13,676 |
| Operating profit | \$ 94,281 | \$ 20,020 | \$ 16,526 | \$ - | \$ 130,827 |
|  | January 31, 2013 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Licensed | Non-Licensed | Retail | Elimination ${ }^{(1)}$ | Total |
| Net sales | \$981,845 | \$281,916 | \$196,150 | \$ $(60,192)$ | \$1,399,719 |
| Cost of goods sold | 702,361 | 203,853 | 102,370 | $(60,192)$ | 948,392 |
| Gross profit | 279,484 | 78,063 | 93,780 | - | 451,327 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 202,247 | 57,840 | 81,155 | - | 341,242 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 2,164 | 5,060 | 2,683 | - | 9,907 |
| Operating profit | \$ 75,073 | \$ 15,163 | \$ 9,942 | \$ - | \$ 100,178 |

(1) Represents intersegment sales to the Company's retail operations.

The Company allocates overhead to its business segments on various bases, which include units shipped, space utilization, inventory levels, and relative sales levels, among other factors. The method of allocation is consistent on a year-to-year basis.

The total assets for each of the Company's reportable segments are as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  | anuary 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 2015 | 201 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | thousands) |  |
| Licensed |  |  |  | \$ 441,516 | \$361, |  |
| Non-Licensed |  |  |  | 242,963 | 225, |  |
| Retail |  |  |  | 182,363 | 129, |  |
| Corporate |  |  |  | 179,876 | 114, |  |
| Total Assets |  |  |  | \$1,046,718 | \$830, |  |
|  | 20 |  | 201 |  | 201 |  |
| ographic Region | Revenues | Long-Lived | Revenues | Long-Lived | Revenues | Long-Lived Assets |
|  |  |  | (In thou | ands) |  |  |
| nited States | \$1,796,358 | \$132,822 | \$1,528,473 | \$106,638 | \$1,333,885 | \$ 81,606 |
| on-United States | 320,497 | 115,030 | 189,758 | 138,069 | 65,834 | 119,582 |
|  | \$2,116,855 | \$247,852 | \$1,718,231 | \$244,707 | \$1,399,719 | \$201,188 |

Capital expenditures for locations outside of the United States represented $\$ 6.4$ million in the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015. They were not significant in each of the fiscal years ended January 31, 2014 and 2013.

## G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

## NOTE L - OTHER INCOME

## Sale of rights to operate Calvin Klein Performance stores in Asia

In September 2014, the Company entered into agreements that terminated its rights to operate Calvin Klein Performance Stores in Asia, which included the sale to the licensor, PVH Corp., of the Company's $51 \%$ interest in G-T (International) Fashion Company Limited, a joint venture that operated Calvin Klein Performance stores in China. The sale of the joint venture interest resulted in a $\$ 1.9$ million gain in the year ended January 31, 2015. The licensor agreed to pay the Company $\$ 3.5$ million in consideration of the early termination of previously granted rights to operate Calvin Klein Performance stores in Japan, Taiwan and Singapore. These amounts are included in other income in the year ended January 31, 2015.

## Repurchase of unsecured promissory notes

In October 2014, the Company repurchased the $€ 15.0$ million principal amount of unsecured promissory notes (the "notes") issued in August 2012 as part of the consideration for the acquisition of" Vilebrequin. The notes were due December 31, 2017 and carried a stated interest rate of $5 \%$ per annum. The notes were repurchased for $€ 13.5$ million, representing approximately a $10 \%$ discount on the outstanding amount of the notes, which resulted in a gain of $€ 1.5$ million (approximately $\$ 1.9$ million using the transaction date exchange rate).

## Contingent consideration adjustment

In addition to the aggregate consideration paid at closing, the purchase agreement relating to the acquisition of Vilebrequin provided for contingent consideration of up to $€ 22.5$ million (approximately $\$ 27.9$ million using the acquisition date exchange rate) based upon Vilebrequin achieving certain performance objectives related to the growth of its business over the three years ending December 31, 2015. As of the acquisition date, the estimated fair value of the contingent consideration payable was $\$ 5.5$ million (based on the acquisition date exchange rate). The Company is required to assess the probability of Vilebrequin achieving these performance objectives which requires management to make certain estimates and judgments based on forecasts of future performance. As of October 31, 2014, the fair value of the liability was estimated using a discounted cash flow technique with significant inputs that are not observable in the market and thus represent a Level 3 fair value measurement as defined in the FASB's Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820 - Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures. The significant inputs in the Level 3 measurement not supported by market activity included the probability assessments of expected future cash flows related to Vilebrequin until the end of the earnout period, appropriately discounted and calculated in accordance with the terms of the purchase agreement. Based upon Vilebrequin's most recent forecast and the related discounted cash flows, the Company has revised its prior estimate of the fair value of the contingent consideration payable to $€ 0.8$ million (approximately $\$ 1.0$ million using the transaction date exchange rate), which resulted in a gain in the year ended January 31, 2015 of $€ 3.2$ million (approximately $\$ 4.2$ million using the transaction date exchange rate).

## G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

## NOTE M - QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)

Summarized quarterly financial data, in thousands, except per share amounts, for the fiscal years ended January 31, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

|  | Quarter Ended |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April 30, $2014$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July 31, } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { October 31, } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{2015}{ } \text { January } 31,$ |
| Net sales | \$366,192 | \$424,010 | \$812,330 | \$514,323 |
| Gross profit | 130,133 | 148,384 | 295,252 | 183,490 |
| Net income attributable to G-III | 1,290 | 6,236 | 80,615 | 22,220 |
| Net income per common share |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ 0.06 | \$ 0.29 | \$ 3.60 | \$ 0.99 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.06 | \$ 0.29 | \$ 3.53 | \$ 0.96 |
|  | Quarter Ended |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { April 30, } \\ 2013 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July 31, } \\ & 2013 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { October 31, } \\ 2013 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { January } 31, \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ |
| Net sales | \$272,615 | \$304,158 | \$668,702 | \$472,756 |
| Gross profit | 92,453 | 99,423 | 226,945 | 166,187 |
| Net income attributable to G-III | 1,118 | 3,592 | 59,595 | 13,055 |
| Net income per common share |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ 0.06 | \$ 0.18 | \$ 2.92 | \$ 0.64 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.05 | \$ 0.17 | \$ 2.85 | \$ 0.62 |

## NOTE N - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has considered subsequent events up to the filing date and does not believe there are any occurrences that would have a material impact on the Company's results of operations.

## G-III Apparel Group, Ltd. and Subsidiaries

## SCHEDULE II - VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

 Years ended January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013| Description | Balance at Beginning of Period | Charged to Costs and Expenses | Deductions <br> (a) | Balance at End of Period |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | (In thousands) |  |  |
| Year ended January 31, 2015 |  |  |  |  |
| Deducted from asset accounts |  |  |  |  |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | \$ 642 | \$ 584 | \$ 152 | \$ 1,074 |
| Reserve for sales allowances ${ }^{(\text {b }}$ | 54,345 | 162,233 | 164,211 | 52,367 |
|  | \$54,987 | \$162,817 | \$164,363 | \$53,441 |
| Year ended January 31, 2014 |  |  |  |  |
| Deducted from asset accounts |  |  |  |  |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | \$ 1,189 | \$ 355 | \$ 902 | \$ 642 |
| Reserve for sales allowances ${ }^{(\text {b }}$ | 44,758 | 141,595 | 132,008 | 54,345 |
|  | $\underline{\underline{\$ 45,947}}$ | $\underline{\underline{\$ 141,950}}$ | $\underline{\underline{\$ 132,910}}$ | $\underline{\underline{\$ 54,987}}$ |
| Year ended January 31, 2013 |  |  |  |  |
| Deducted from asset accounts |  |  |  |  |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | \$ 1,483 | \$ 206 | \$ 500 | \$ 1,189 |
| Reserve for sales allowances ${ }^{(\text {b }}$ | 32,953 | 114,416 | 102,611 | 44,758 |
|  | \$34,436 | \$114,622 | \$103,111 | \$45,947 |

(a) Accounts written off as uncollectible, net of recoveries.
(b) See Note A in the accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a description of sales allowances.

## SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Morris Goldfarb

Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President

G-III Apparel Group, Ltd.

## Sammy Aaron

Vice Chairman
G-III Apparel Group, Ltd.

## Thomas J. Brosig

Business Consultant

## Alan Feller

Executive Vice-President
G-III Apparel Group, Ltd., Retired

## Jeffrey Goldfarb

Director of Business Development
G-III Apparel Group, Ltd.

## Jeanette Nostra

Senior Advisor
G-III Apparel Group, Ltd.

## Laura Pomerantz

Vice Chairman
Cushman \& Wakefield

## Allen Sirkin

Chief Operating Officer
PVH Corp., Retired

## Willem van Bokhorst

Managing Partner
STvB Advocaten

## Cheryl Vitali

General Manager
Kiehl's Worldwide division of L'Oreal

## Richard White

Managing Director
Oppenheimer \& Co. Inc.

## CORPORATE OFFICERS

## Morris Goldfarb

Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President

## Sammy Aaron

Vice Chairman

Wayne S. Miller
Chief Operating Officer

## Neal S. Nackman

Chief Financial Officer

CORPORATE INFORMATION

## Corporate Office

512 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York 10018

## Auditors

Ernst \& Young L.L.P.
5 Times Square
New York, New York 10036

## Legal Counsel

Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10103

Corporate Stock Listing
NASDAO Global Select
Market Symbol: GIII

Registrar and Transfer Agent
Wells Fargo Shareowner Services
1110 Centre Pointe Curve
Suite 101
MAC N9173-010
Mendota Heights, MN 55120
Annual Meeting
The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of:

Norton Rose Fulbright 666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10103, 33rd Floor at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 9, 2015.
All shareholders are cordially invited to attend.



