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2018 Annual Report

A Global Diversified Food Company

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For the fiscal year ended December 28, 2018

OR

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

For the transition period from to .

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FRESH DEL MONTE PRODUCE INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

The Cayman Islands
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

N/A
(I.R.S Employer
Identification No.)

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(Address of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

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

Title of Each Class
Ordinary Shares, par value \$0.01 per share

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
New York Stock Exchange

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

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

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

The aggregate market value of Ordinary Shares held by non-affiliates at June 29, 2018, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second quarter, was \$1,368,690,093 based on the number of shares held by non-affiliates of the registrant and the reported closing price of Ordinary Shares on June 29, 2018 of \$44.55.

As of February 8, 2019, there were 48,486,637 ordinary shares of Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. issued and outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2019 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the registrant's fiscal year are incorporated by reference in Part III of this report.

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Forward-Looking Statements

In this Annual Report (the “Report”), references to “\$” and “dollars” are to United States dollars. References in this Report to “Fresh Del Monte,” “we,” “our” and “us” refer to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless the context indicates otherwise. Percentages and certain amounts contained herein have been rounded for ease of presentation. Any discrepancies in any table between totals and the sums of amounts listed are due to rounding. As used herein, references to our results for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 or for the years ended 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 are to our fiscal years ended December 26, 2014, January 1, 2016, December 30, 2016, December 29, 2017 and December 28, 2018, respectively.

This report, information included in future filings by us and information contained in written material, press releases and oral statements, issued by or on behalf of us contains, or may contain, statements that constitute forward-looking statements. In this report, these statements appear in a number of places and include statements regarding the intent, beliefs or current expectations of us or our officers (including statements preceded by, followed by or that include the words “believes”, “expects”, “anticipates” or similar expressions) with respect to various matters, including our plans and future performance. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. Fresh Del Monte’s actual plans and performance may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including (i) the uncertain global economic environment and the timing and strength of a recovery in the markets we serve, and the extent to which adverse economic conditions continue to affect our sales volume and results, including our ability to command premium prices for certain of our principal products, or increase competitive pressures within the industry, (ii) the impact of governmental initiatives in the United States and abroad to spur economic activity, including the effects of significant government monetary or other market interventions on inflation, price controls and foreign exchange rates, (iii) the impact of governmental trade restrictions, including adverse governmental regulation that may impact our ability to access certain markets, such as uncertainty surrounding the recent vote in the United Kingdom to leave the European Union (often referred as Brexit), including spillover effects to other Eurozone countries, (iv) our anticipated cash needs in light of our liquidity, (v) the continued ability of our distributors and suppliers to have access to sufficient liquidity to fund their operations, (vi) trends and other factors affecting our financial condition or results of operations from period to period, including changes in product mix or consumer demand for branded products such as ours, particularly as consumers remain price-conscious in the current economic environment; anticipated price and expense levels; the impact of crop disease, severe weather conditions, such as flooding, or natural disasters, such as earthquakes, on crop quality and yields and on our ability to grow, procure or export our products; the impact of prices for petroleum-based products and packaging materials; and the availability of sufficient labor during peak growing and harvesting seasons, (vii) the impact of pricing and other actions by our competitors, particularly during periods of low consumer confidence and spending levels, (viii) the impact of foreign currency fluctuations, (ix) our plans for expansion of our business (including through acquisitions) and cost savings, (x) our ability to successfully integrate acquisitions into our operations, (xi) the impact of impairment or other charges associated with exit activities, crop or facility damage or otherwise, (xii) the timing and cost of resolution of pending and future legal and environmental proceedings or investigations, (xiii) the impact of changes in tax accounting or tax laws (or interpretations thereof), and the impact of settlements of adjustments proposed by the Internal Revenue Service or other taxing authorities in connection with our tax audits, and (xiv) the cost and other implications of changes in regulations applicable to our business, including potential legislative or regulatory initiatives in the United States or elsewhere directed at mitigating the effects of climate change. All forward-looking statements in this report are based on information available to us on the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties. It is important to note that our actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. The accompanying information contained in this Report, identifies important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements.

The volume data included in this Report has been obtained from our records. Except for volume data for Fresh Del Monte, the market share, volume and consumption data contained in this Report have been compiled by us based upon data and other information obtained from third-party sources, primarily from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (the “FAO”), and from our surveys of customers and other company-compiled data. Except as otherwise indicated, volume data contained in this Report is shown in millions of 40-pound equivalent boxes.

PART I

Item 1. Business

History and Development of Fresh Del Monte

Our legal name is Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc., and our commercial name is Del Monte Fresh Produce. We are an exempted holding company, incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands on August 29, 1996. At December 28, 2018, the close of our most recent fiscal year, members of the Abu-Ghazaleh family directly owned approximately 36.5% of our outstanding Ordinary Shares.

Our principal executive office is located at 190 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman, KY1-9005, Cayman Islands. The address of our U.S. executive office is Del Monte Fresh Produce Company, 241 Sevilla Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134. Our telephone number at our U.S. executive office is (305) 520-8400. Our Internet address is <http://www.freshdelmonte.com>. The electronic version of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, along with other information about us, our operations and our results and other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") can be found on our Website. Information on our Website is not a part of this Report on Form 10-K.

Our global business, conducted through our subsidiaries, is primarily the worldwide sourcing, transportation and marketing of fresh and fresh-cut produce together with prepared food products in Europe, North America, Africa and the Middle East. We source our fresh produce products (bananas, pineapples, melons, tomatoes, grapes, apples, pears, peaches, plums, nectarines, cherries, citrus, avocados, kiwis, blueberries and strawberries) primarily from Central and South America, Africa, the Philippines, North America and Europe. We can also produce, market and distribute certain prepared food products in North America based on our agreement with Del Monte Pacific Limited and its subsidiary Del Monte Foods, Inc. We source our prepared food products primarily from Africa, Europe and the Middle East. Our products are sourced from company-owned operations, through joint venture arrangements and through supply contracts with independent producers. We distribute our products in North America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa and South America.

On February 26, 2018, we acquired Mann Packing Co., Inc. ("Mann Packing") by purchasing all of its outstanding capital stock for an aggregate consideration of \$357.2 million. This acquisition was funded by a three-day promissory note of \$229.7 million, entered into at the seller's request, and cash of \$127.5 million. The three-day promissory note was settled with cash on hand and additional borrowing under our credit facility. Mann Packing is an award-winning innovator and leading grower, processor and supplier of a broad variety of fresh and value-added vegetable products in North America. Mann Packing's strength in the vegetable category, one of the fastest growing fresh food segments, allows us to diversify our business, leverage our distribution network and infrastructure and increase our market reach. In addition, this transaction has provided us with synergies, enhancing our ability to better serve our combined customers and address consumers' needs for healthier products.

On May 7, 2018, we acquired a 10% equity interest in Three Limes, Inc. d/b/a The Purple Carrot ("Purple Carrot"), a plant-based meal kit provider in the United States, for \$4.2 million. Our investment was funded using operating cash flows and available borrowings under our credit facility. This investment builds on our commitment to seize growth opportunities that will further diversify our business, leverage our distribution network and infrastructure, and get healthful, fresh fruit and vegetables in as many channels as possible.

In June 2018, we acquired a 70% interest in an herb farm in Jordan for \$1.7 million as part of our diversification strategy. This acquisition was funded using operating cash flows and available borrowings under our credit facility.

Our capital expenditures totaled \$150.5 million in 2018. Approximately \$29.9 million of our 2018 capital expenditures were related to the banana segment. Banana segment capital expenditures consisted primarily of \$16.4 million of expansion and improvements to our production facilities in Central America including our continuing development of our new Panama operation and \$6.4 million in expansions and improvements to our Philippines operations. The remaining \$7.1 million in our banana related capital expenditures were primarily for improvements to our distribution centers and for information technology systems. Approximately \$67.5 million of our 2018 capital expenditures were related to the other fresh produce segment. This consisted of approximately \$25.8 million for expansion and improvements to the Mann Packing facilities, including the construction of the new manufacturing plant in Gonzales, California; \$9.6 million for a new avocado packing and sorting facility in Mexico; \$8.4 million for improvements to our non-tropical fruit operations in Chile and \$6.7 million on improvements to our pineapple operations in Costa Rica and Philippines. The remaining \$17.0 million in capital expenditures related to the other fresh produce segment consists primarily of expansion and improvements to our fresh-cut facilities and information technology initiatives. Approximately \$15.6 million of our 2018 capital expenditures relate to the prepared food segment, consisting primarily of improvements and

expansion to our Kenya, Greece, Mann Packing and Jordan prepared food operations. Also included in capital expenditures for 2018 were approximately \$37.5 million for progress payments for the construction of six new refrigerated container ships.

Our capital expenditures totaled \$138.5 million in 2017. Approximately \$61.0 million of our 2017 capital expenditures were related to the banana segment. Banana segment capital expenditures consisted primarily of approximately \$28.7 million for expansion of our production operations in the Philippines and approximately \$17.3 million for expansion and improvements to our production operations in Central America. The remainder of our banana segment capital expenditures of approximately \$15.0 million were principally for expansion and improvements to our distribution centers in North America and the Middle East and for information technology expenditures. Approximately \$66.9 million of our 2017 capital expenditures were related to the other fresh produce segment. This consisted principally of \$18.9 million for expansion of pineapple operations in Costa Rica and the Philippines and \$9.6 million for expansion and improvements to our non-tropical fruit operation in Chile. Also, included in our capital expenditures for the other fresh produce segment in 2017 were approximately \$24.7 million for expansion and improvements to our fresh-cut and distribution facilities in North America and \$13.7 million for improvements and expansion to our distribution and production facilities in the Middle East and Asia. Approximately \$10.6 million of our 2017 capital expenditures were related to our prepared food segment, consisting principally of improvements to our production facilities in Kenya and the Middle East.

The principal capital expenditures planned for 2019 consist primarily of expansion and improvement of production facilities in North America, principally for our newly acquired Mann Packing business, combined with production facilities in Costa Rica, the Philippines, Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Kenya and Jordan. We also plan capital expenditures for expansion and improvements of our distribution and fresh-cut facilities in the United States, Europe and Asia. In addition, as part of our ship building program entered into in 2017 and 2018, we expect to make additional payments on the construction of our six new refrigerated container ships that are scheduled to be delivered commencing in 2020. We anticipate that this ship building program will lead to the replacement of our entire United States east coast fleet of ships.

Business Overview

We are one of the world's leading vertically integrated producers, marketers and distributors of high-quality fresh and fresh-cut fruit and vegetables, as well as a leading producer and distributor of prepared fruit and vegetables, juices, beverages and snacks in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. We market our products worldwide under the DEL MONTE® brand, a symbol of product innovation, quality, freshness and reliability since 1892. Our global sourcing and logistics network allows us to provide consistent delivery of high-quality fresh produce, juices, beverages, processed fruit and vegetables and value-added services to our customers.

We have leading market positions in the following product categories. We believe we are:

- the largest marketer of fresh pineapples worldwide;
- the third-largest marketer of bananas worldwide;
- a leading marketer of branded fresh-cut fruit in the United States, Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia;
- a leading marketer of fresh and fresh-cut vegetable products in North America;
- a leading year-round marketer of branded grapes in the United States;
- a leading marketer of avocados in the United States;
- a leading marketer of branded non-tropical fruit in selected markets; and
- a leading marketer for branded canned fruit in the European Union (the "EU"), other European markets and the Middle East.

We source and distribute our fresh produce products globally. Our products are grown primarily in Central and South America, Africa and the Philippines. We also source products from North America and Europe. Our products are sourced from company-controlled farms and independent growers. At year end 2018, we transported our fresh produce to markets using our fleet of nine owned and seven chartered refrigerated ships, and we operated four port facilities in the United States. We also operated 47 distribution centers, generally with cold storage and banana ripening facilities in our key markets worldwide, including the United States, Canada, Japan, South Korea, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong, Germany and France. We also operate

22 fresh-cut facilities in the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Japan, South Korea, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, some of which are located within our distribution centers. Through our vertically integrated network, we manage the transportation and distribution of our products in a continuous temperature-controlled environment. This enables us to preserve quality and freshness, and to optimize product shelf life, while ensuring timely and year-round distribution. Furthermore, our position as a volume producer and shipper of bananas allows us to lower our average per-box logistics cost and to provide regular deliveries of our premium fresh fruit to meet the increasing demand for year-round supply.

We market and distribute our products to retail stores, club stores, convenience stores, wholesalers, distributors and foodservice operators in more than 80 countries around the world. North America is our largest market, accounting for 64% of our net sales in 2018. Europe, the Middle East and Asia regions are our other major markets, accounting for 15%, 10% and 10% of our net sales in 2018, respectively. Our distribution centers and fresh-cut facilities address the growing demand from supermarket chains, club stores, convenience stores, foodservice providers, mass merchandisers and independent grocers to provide value-added services, including the preparation of fresh-cut produce, ripening, customized sorting and packing, just-in-time and direct-store-delivery and in-store merchandising and promotional support. Large national and global chains are increasingly choosing fewer suppliers who can serve all of their needs on a national basis. We believe that there is a significant opportunity for a company like ours with a full fresh and fresh-cut produce line, a well-recognized brand, a consistent supply of quality produce and a national distribution network to become the preferred supplier to these large retail and convenience store chains, and foodservice customers. We believe that we are uniquely positioned as a preferred supplier, and our goal is to expand this status by increasing our leading position in fresh-cut produce, expanding our fresh fruit and vegetable business, continuing to grow these value-added products and diversifying our other fresh produce selections. We are a multinational company offering a variety of fresh produce in all major markets along with fresh-cut fruit and vegetables in selected markets and a prepared food product line that includes prepared fruit and vegetables, juices, beverages and snacks in Europe, North America, the Middle East and Africa.

Our strategy is a combination of maximizing revenues from our existing infrastructure, entering new markets and strict cost control initiatives. We plan to continue to capitalize on the growing global demand for fresh produce and expand our reach into existing and new markets. We expect sales growth of fresh produce in key markets by increasing our sales volume and per unit sales prices as permitted by market conditions. Our strategy includes increasing volumes from existing production and distribution facilities in order to improve operating efficiencies and reduce per unit costs. We plan additional investments in production facilities in order to expand our product offering in established markets and continue with our recent expansion in growth markets, such as the Middle East and Africa. We also plan additional investments in our North America, Middle East and Europe distribution and fresh-cut fruit and vegetables facilities to support our planned growth in these markets and expansion of production facilities at our recently acquired Mann Packing fresh and fresh-cut vegetable products operation in California.

Products Sourcing and Production

Our products are grown and sourced primarily in Central and South America, North America and the Philippines. We also source products from Europe and Africa. In 2018, 45% of the fresh produce we sold was grown on company-controlled farms and the remaining 55% was acquired primarily through supply contracts with independent growers. Costa Rica is our most significant sourcing location representing approximately 34% of our total sales volume of fresh produce products and where 36% of our property, plant and equipment was located in 2018.

We produce, source, distribute and market a broad array of fresh produce throughout the world, primarily under the DEL MONTE® brand, as well as under other proprietary brands, such as UTC® and Rosy®. We also produce, distribute and market prepared fruits and vegetables, juices, beverages and snacks under the DEL MONTE® brand, as well as other proprietary brands, such as Fruit Express®, Just Juice®, Fruitini® and other regional trademarks in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

As a result of our acquisition of Mann Packing in 2018, we also distribute under Mann's family of brands such as Mann's®, Arcadian Harvest®, Nourish®, Broccolini®, Caulilini®, Better Burger Leaf® and RomaLeaf & Blend®.

The following table indicates our net sales by product for the last three years:

| | Year ended | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| | December 28, 2018 | | December 29, 2017 | | December 30, 2016 | |
| | (U.S. dollars in millions) | | | | | |
| Net sales by product category: | | | | | | |
| Other fresh produce: | | | | | | |
| Gold pineapples | 487.9 | 11% | 492.7 | 12% | 495.1 | 12% |
| Fresh-cut produce: | | | | | | |
| Fresh-cut fruit | 510.6 | 11% | 496.9 | 12% | 417.7 | 10% |
| Fresh-cut vegetables | 433.2 | 10% | 110.9 | 3% | 99.2 | 2% |
| Non-tropical fruit | 221.5 | 5% | 235.7 | 6% | 259.8 | 7% |
| Avocados | 329.2 | 7% | 314.9 | 8% | 229.6 | 6% |
| Melons | 107.8 | 3% | 106.8 | 3% | 111.6 | 3% |
| Tomatoes | 62.5 | 1% | 77.7 | 2% | 81.2 | 2% |
| Vegetables | 140.2 | 3% | 25.9 | 1% | 30.3 | 1% |
| Other fruit, products and services | 150.1 | 3% | 135.7 | 2% | 128.1 | 3% |
| Total other fresh produce | \$ 2,443.0 | 54% | \$ 1,997.2 | 49% | \$ 1,852.6 | 46% |
| Banana | 1,703.1 | 38% | 1,775.1 | 43% | 1,811.5 | 45% |
| Prepared food | 347.8 | 8% | 313.6 | 8% | 347.4 | 9% |
| Total | \$ 4,493.9 | 100% | \$ 4,085.9 | 100% | \$ 4,011.5 | 100% |

See Note 22, “*Business Segment Data*”, to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data* for further information. Certain amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation.

Bananas

Bananas are the leading internationally traded fresh fruit in terms of volume and dollar sales and one of the best-selling fresh fruits in the United States. Europe and North America are the world’s largest banana markets and the Middle East has now surpassed Asia as the third largest market. Bananas are a key produce department product due to its high turnover and the premium margins obtained by retailers.

Bananas have a relatively short growing cycle and are grown in tropical locations with humid climates and heavy rainfall, such as Central and South America, the Caribbean, the Philippines and Africa. Bananas are grown throughout the year in these locations, although demand and prices fluctuate based on the relative supply of bananas and the availability of seasonal and alternative fruit.

We believe that we are the world’s third-largest marketer of bananas, based on internally generated data. Our banana sales in North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East accounted for approximately 54%, 18%, 20% and 9% of our net sales of bananas in 2018, respectively. We produced approximately 38% of the banana volume we sold in 2018 on company-controlled farms, and we purchased the remainder from independent growers.

Bananas are one of the best-selling fresh produce items, as well as a high-margin product for many of our customers. Accordingly, our ability to provide our customers with a year-round supply of high-quality DEL MONTE® bananas is important to maintaining our existing customer relationships and attracting new customers. Our position as a volume shipper of bananas has also allowed us to make regular shipments of a wide array of other fresh produce, such as pineapples, melons and plantains, reducing our average per-box logistics costs and maintaining higher quality produce with a longer shelf life.

We produce bananas on company-controlled farms in Costa Rica, Guatemala, the Philippines and Brazil and we purchase bananas from independent growers in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Colombia, Guatemala and the Philippines. Although our supply contracts are primarily long-term, we also make purchases in the spot market, primarily in Ecuador. In Ecuador and Costa Rica,

there are minimum export prices for the sale of bananas which are established and reviewed on a periodic basis by the respective governments.

In 2017, we entered into a contract with the Republic of Panama and will invest a minimum of \$100.0 million over a period of seven years which includes the development of approximately 4,000 hectares of leased land suitable for banana production. This investment significantly increases our company-controlled banana production. We expect commercial production to gradually commence in 2019 and continue to increase until full production is reached in 2023.

We purchase the majority of our bananas in the Philippines through long-term contracts with independent growers. Approximately 73% of our Philippine-sourced bananas are supplied by one grower, representing 12% of the Philippines banana industry volume in 2018. In the Philippines, we have leased approximately 5,100 hectares of land where we have planted approximately 4,100 hectares of bananas for the Asia and the Middle East markets.

Gold Pineapples

Pineapples are grown in tropical and sub-tropical locations, including the Philippines, Costa Rica, Hawaii, Thailand, Malaysia, Brazil, Indonesia and various countries in Africa. In contrast to bananas, pineapples have a long growing cycle of 18 months, and require re-cultivation after one to two harvests. Pineapple growing requires a higher level of capital investment, as well as greater agricultural expertise as compared to growing bananas.

The premium pineapples, such as our *Del Monte Gold® Extra Sweet* pineapple, which has an enhanced taste, golden shell color and bright yellow flesh, has replaced the Champaka and other traditional pineapple varieties in popularity and demand and has led to increased competition.

We believe that we are the leading marketer of fresh pineapples worldwide, based on internally generated data. Pineapple sales in North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East accounted for 63%, 20%, 13% and 4%, respectively, of our net sales of pineapples in 2018. From 1996 to 2018, our volume of the *Del Monte Gold® Extra Sweet* pineapple increased from 2.5 million boxes to 29.6 million boxes. Worldwide, our pineapple sales volumes increased by 2% during the past year.

The principal production and procurement areas for our gold pineapples are Costa Rica and the Philippines. Given the complexity of pineapple cultivation relative to our bananas, a higher percentage of the fresh pineapples we sell (80% by volume in 2018) is produced on company-controlled farms.

Fresh-Cut Produce (Fruit and Vegetables)

Fresh-cut produce first gained prominence in many U.S. and European markets with the introduction of washed and cut vegetables. While packaged salads continue to lead the category of fresh-cut produce sales, the category has expanded significantly to include pineapples, melons, mangoes, grapes, citrus and assorted vegetable produce items that are washed, cut and packaged in a ready-to-use form. Market expansion has been driven largely by consumer demand for convenient, fresh, healthy and ready-to-eat food alternatives, as well as significant demand from foodservice operators. Within this market, we believe that there has been increasing differentiation between companies active primarily in the packaged salad market and other companies, like us, that can offer a wide variety of value-added fresh-cut fruit and vegetable items.

The majority of fresh-cut produce is sold to consumers through retail and club store settings, as well as non-conventional settings such as convenience stores, gas stations and airports. We believe that outsourcing by food retailers will increase, particularly as food safety regulations become more stringent and retailers demand more value-added services. We believe that this trend should benefit large branded suppliers like us, who are better positioned to invest in state-of-the-art fresh-cut facilities and food safety systems and to service regional, national and global chains and foodservice operators, as well as supercenters, mass merchandisers, club stores and convenience stores. We also believe that large branded suppliers benefit from merchandising, branding and other marketing strategies for fresh-cut products, similar to those used for branded processed food products, which depend substantially on product differentiation.

We believe that the fresh-cut produce market continues to be one of the fastest-growing categories in the fresh produce segment, largely due to consumer trends favoring healthy and conveniently packaged ready-to-eat foods. We established a platform in this industry through acquisitions and by building upon our existing fresh-cut pineapple business. We believe that our experience in this market coupled with our sourcing and logistics capabilities and the DEL MONTE® brand have enabled us to achieve a leading position in this highly fragmented market. We believe that we are the leading supplier of fresh-cut fruit to the supermarket, convenience and club store channels in the United States. Our fresh-cut fruit products include *Del Monte Gold® Extra Sweet* pineapples, melons, grapes, citrus, apples, mangoes, kiwis and other fruit items. The fruit we use in our fresh-cut operations are

sourced within our integrated system of company-controlled farms and from GAP-certified (good agricultural practices) independent growers. We also offer fresh-cut vegetables for prepared salads. With our acquisition of Mann Packing in 2018, we have significantly expanded our offering in North America to include a broad variety of fresh and fresh-cut vegetable products. We purchase our vegetables for these purposes from independent growers principally in the United States and Mexico. Our purchase contracts for both fruit and vegetables are typically short-term and vary by produce item. Our fresh-cut products are sold in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, the Middle East, Japan and Korea. Worldwide, our fresh-cut product sales volume increased by 83% during the past year. Combined, Del Monte and Mann Packing are the number one brand of fresh-cut value-added fruit and vegetable products in the United States (IRI syndicated data).

Non-Tropical Fruit

Non-tropical fruit includes grapes, apples, citrus, blueberries, strawberries, pears, peaches, plums, nectarines, cherries and kiwis. Generally, non-tropical fruit grows on trees, bushes or vines that shed their leaves seasonally. Approximately 40% of our non-tropical fruit net sales are from grapes. Fresh grapes are a favorite quick, easy and healthy snack among consumers young and old. In addition to their taste, research on fresh grapes suggests that grapes may offer significant health benefits. For 2018, The Packer, an industry publication ("the Packer"), reported that fresh grapes remained a preferred fruit for snacking, with nine out of ten consumers surveyed stating that they used grapes as a snack during the past 12 months. The same publication reports that in excess of 62% of U.S. customers purchased grapes within the past 12 months. According to the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") Economic Research Service, the per capita consumption of fresh grapes in 2016 was 8.1 pounds. Fresh grapes are also processed for the production of wine, raisins, juices and canned products. The higher production cost and higher product value of fresh grapes result from more intensive production practices than are required for grapes grown for processing. While California supplies the majority of total grape volume, imports have made fresh grapes available year-round in the United States, with shipments mostly from South America. Most U.S. production is marketed from May to October.

We sell a variety of non-tropical fruit, including all of the types referred to above. In 2018, non-tropical fruit sales in North America, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and South America accounted for approximately 35%, 8%, 35%, 12% and 10%, respectively, of our total net sales of non-tropical fruit. We obtain our supply of non-tropical fruit from company-owned farms in Chile and from independent growers principally in Chile and the United States. In Chile, we purchase non-tropical fruit from independent growers and also produce a variety of non-tropical fruit on approximately 4,900 acres of company-owned or leased land. Purchase contracts for non-tropical fruit are typically made on an annual basis.

Avocados

Avocados are one of the fastest growing produce items in the United States. According to an industry group, the Hass Avocado Board, for the 10-year period from 2008 to 2018, avocado volume in the United States increased by 168%. Per capita consumption of avocados in the United States also increased significantly in the last 10 years. The Packer reported that avocados were the leading item that U.S. consumers said they were buying now that they did not buy previously, while 39% of all customers purchased avocados within the past 12 months. As a result of this higher consumer demand, our avocado sales volumes have increased significantly in the past few years. Our avocados are sourced principally from Mexico. We also obtain our supply of avocados from independent growers in the United States, Chile and Peru. In Mexico, we have our own sourcing operations, ensuring a consistent supply of high-quality avocados during the growing season. We are also constructing a new avocado sorting and packing facility in Mexico which will improve efficiencies and increase our shipping capacity. This facility is planned to commence operations in late 2019.

Melons

Based on USDA Economic Research Service, during 2016, total per capita consumption of melons in the United States was approximately 26 pounds, of which seven pounds were cantaloupes. The Packer reported that the likelihood of a cantaloupe purchase increased according to age and 41% of customers purchased cantaloupes within the past 12 months. Melons are one of the highest volume fresh produce items, and this category includes many varieties, such as cantaloupe, honeydew, specialty melons and watermelon. During the summer and fall growing seasons in the United States, Canada and Europe, demand is met in large part by local suppliers of unbranded or regionally branded melons. By contrast, in North America and Europe, imports significantly increase, and melons generally command premium pricing from November to May. Melons are grown in temperate and tropical locations and have a relatively short growing cycle.

We sell a variety of melons including cantaloupe, honeydew, watermelon and specialty melons. Cantaloupes represented approximately 73% of our melon sales volume in 2018. We are a significant producer and distributor of melons from November to May in North America by sourcing melons from our company-controlled farms and independent growers in Central America, where production generally occurs during this period. Melons sold in North America and Europe from November to May generally

command a higher price due to fewer operators and the lack of availability of alternative fruit. Melon sales in North America accounted for 96% of our net sales of melons in 2018. Based on volume, we produced 93% of the melons we sold in 2018 on company-controlled farms and purchased the remainder from independent growers.

We are able to provide our customers in North America with a year-round supply of melons from diverse sources. For example, we supply the North America market during its summer season with melons from Arizona, California and the East Coast of the United States. In Arizona, we have our own melon growing operation on approximately 4,000 acres of leased land.

We have devoted significant research and development efforts towards maintaining our expertise in melons, especially cantaloupes. Melon crop yields are highly sensitive to weather conditions and are adversely affected by high levels of rain during the growing period. We have developed specialized melon growing technology that we believe reduce our exposure to the risk of unfavorable weather conditions and significantly increase our yields.

Tomatoes

The United States is the second largest producer of tomatoes in the world, behind China. Mexico and Canada are also important suppliers of fresh tomatoes within North America. For 2018, the Packer reported that tomatoes dropped from the number two vegetable item to the number three spot, replaced by potatoes and onions, while 65% of shoppers still purchased tomatoes over the past 12 months. In 2017, the per capita consumption of tomatoes in the United States was in excess of 20 pounds as reported by the USDA.

We source our tomatoes for the North America market mainly from the United States, Mexico, Canada and Guatemala. In Jordan, we grow tomatoes in greenhouses for the the Middle East market. The tomato category is highly fragmented with many growers, re-packers and wholesalers in various geographic regions of the United States. As a high volume item, tomatoes are important for our network of distribution and re-packing facilities. This product category allows us to add value through leveraging our purchase volumes to reduce costs and perform the sorting, packaging and custom labeling locally, in addition to delivering on a just-in-time basis to retail chains and foodservice customers. With our fresh-cut fruit and vegetable facilities, we add additional value by incorporating tomatoes into our consumer-packaged products. We have a greenhouse tomato operation in Guatemala where we source volume for the North America market. In 2018, we ceased our tomato growing operations in Florida and Virginia principally due to high production cost.

Vegetables

We distribute and market a variety of vegetables including potatoes, onions, bell peppers and cucumbers. While we sell bulk product, we also use our size and distribution network to find opportunities that add value such as sorting and packaging. We source our vegetables from independent growers in North and Central America. With our recent acquisition of Mann Packing, we have significantly increased our vegetable category with various varieties of whole lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower and other vegetable offerings sourced principally from growers in California, Arizona and Mexico.

Other Fruit, Products and Services

We produce, distribute and market a variety of other fruit, including plantains and mangoes, as well as various other varieties of fruit. We source these other fruit items from company controlled farms and independent growers in Costa Rica, Colombia, Guatemala and the United States.

Included in Other Fruit, Products and Services is also our third-party ocean freight business and our third-party plastics and box manufacturing business. Our third-party ocean freight business allows us to generate incremental revenue on ships' return voyages to our product sourcing locations and when space is available on outbound voyages to our major markets, which reduces our overall shipping costs. Our plastics and box manufacturing business produces bins, trays, bags and boxes. The box manufacturing business is intended mainly to satisfy internal packaging requirements. In the case of the plastic manufacturing business, we principally sell these products to third parties and also use a portion for our own internal packaging requirements.

Prepared Food

We have a royalty-free perpetual license to use the DEL MONTE® Trademark in connection with the production, manufacture, sale and distribution of prepared foods and beverages in over 100 countries throughout Western, Eastern and Central Europe, Africa, the Middle East and certain Central Asian countries. We can also produce, market and distribute certain prepared food products in North America based on our agreement with Del Monte Pacific. In Europe, Del Monte is a premier prepared food brand with an approximate 90 year history associated with fruit-based or fruit-derived products and is the leading brand for

canned fruit and pineapple in many Western European markets. The DEL MONTE® brand has had a presence in the United Kingdom since 1926 and is perceived to be a quality brand with high consumer awareness. The DEL MONTE® brand has a reputation with both consumers and retailers for value, quality and reliability.

We produce, distribute and market prepared pineapple, peaches, fruit cocktail, pears, tomatoes, fruit juices and other fruit and vegetables. Our prepared pineapple products are sourced from our own facility in Kenya. Our deciduous prepared food products, which include peaches, fruit cocktail, pears and apricots are principally sourced from our own facility in Greece and from independent producers. Our tomato products are sourced from our own facility in Greece and from independent producers in Europe. We also distribute and market beverages, including ambient juices and juice drinks, as well as various snacks. Our prepared food products are sold primarily under the DEL MONTE® label and under the buyers' own label for major retailers. We also produce and market industrial products that are composed of fruit that has been processed in our production facilities in the form of purees, pulps and concentrates for further processing (juice, yogurt, cake manufacture and pizza) and for sale to the foodservice industry worldwide. We expect to continue investing in new product development to increase revenue, maintain our premium price position and market leadership in our product categories. We plan to expand our offerings in the snack category by offering multiple varieties and sizes of fruit and vegetables in plastic pots and pouches with new and improved recipes and various juices, targeting the convenience store and foodservice trade in addition to the traditional retail stores in selected European and Middle East markets. We are focused on improving the European prepared food business and on our higher growth markets in the Middle East and Africa.

Our joint ventures with Del Monte Pacific are expected to result in expanded refrigerated offerings sold across all distribution channels, and a new food and beverage concept modeled after our already successful business in the Middle East. These joint ventures will initially focus on the U.S. market with the potential for expansion into other territories where the companies' businesses complement each other. This will also greatly increase the scale of the DEL MONTE® brand by expanding into more high-quality, healthy and convenient product options for consumers. With our recent acquisition of Mann Packing, we produce and market an array of prepared vegetable offerings under the Mann family of products such as Nourish® Bowls and Veggie Trays with dip.

Our prepared food segment also includes our Jordanian food business. This business includes a state-of-the-art vertically integrated poultry business, including poultry farms, hatcheries, a feed mill, a slaughterhouse and a meat processing plant in Jordan. Our Jordanian poultry business is the leading provider of poultry products to retail stores and foodservice operators in that country. The meat processing operation provides meat products for the Jordanian market and to other Middle East and North African markets.

Logistics Operations

We market and distribute our products to retail stores, foodservice operators, wholesalers and distributors in over 80 countries around the world. As a result, we conduct complex logistics operations on a global basis, transporting our products from the countries in which they are grown to the many markets in which they are sold worldwide. Maintaining fresh produce at the appropriate temperature is an important factor in preventing premature ripening and optimizing product quality and freshness. Consistent with our reputation for high-quality fresh produce, we must preserve our fresh produce in a continuous temperature-controlled environment, from the harvest through its distribution.

We have an integrated logistics network, which includes land and sea transportation through a broad range of refrigerated environments in ships, port facilities, containers, trucks and warehouses. Our objective is to maximize utilization of our logistics network to lower our average per-box logistics cost, while remaining sufficiently flexible to redeploy capacity or shipments to meet fluctuations in demand in our key markets. We believe that our control of the logistics process is a competitive advantage because we are able to continuously monitor and maintain the quality of our produce and ensure timely and regular distribution to customers on a year-round basis. Because logistics costs are also our largest expense other than our cost of products, we devote substantial resources to optimizing our logistic network.

We transport our fresh produce to markets worldwide using our fleet of nine owned and seven chartered ships, comprised of four refrigerated ships and three container ships with refrigerated container capacity. We also transport our fruit to destinations around the world using third-party container lines that cover the array of destinations that we do not service directly with our own ships. We also spot charter refrigerated ships during the year based on seasonal requirements. The majority of our chartered ships are chartered for remaining terms of one to five years. We believe that our fleet of owned ships, combined with longer-term charters, is effective in reducing our ocean freight costs and mitigates our exposure to the volatility of the charter market. During 2017 and 2018, we entered into definitive agreements for the construction of six new refrigerated container ships that are scheduled to be delivered commencing in 2020. This ship building program is expected to replace our entire U. S. east coast fleet of ships. We also operate a fleet of approximately 6,000 refrigerated containers. Our logistics system is supported by various information

systems. As a vertically integrated food company, managing the entire distribution chain from the field to the customer requires the technology and infrastructure to meet our customers' complex delivery needs.

Sales and Marketing

The DEL MONTE® brand has been used to identify premium produce products for 125 years and is recognized by consumers worldwide for quality, freshness and reliability. We employ a variety of marketing tools, including but not limited to advertising, public relations and promotions, to reinforce our brand equity with consumers and the trade. Depending on the product and market, we also provide technical, logistical and merchandising support aimed at safeguarding the superior quality of our products to the ultimate consumer. Our sales and marketing activities are conducted by our sales force located at our sales offices worldwide and at each of our distribution centers. Our commercial efforts are supported by marketing professionals located in key markets and regional offices. A key element of our sales and marketing strategy is to use our distribution centers and fresh-cut facilities to provide value-added services to our customers.

We actively support our customers through technical training in the handling of fresh produce, category management, in-store merchandising support, joint promotional activities, market research and inventory and other logistical support. Since most of our customers carry only one branded product for each fresh produce items, our marketing and promotional efforts for fresh produce emphasize trade advertising and in-store promotions.

The level of marketing investment necessary to support the prepared food business is significantly higher than that required for the fresh produce and fresh-cut fruit and vegetable business. We utilize a variety of promotional tools to build the DEL MONTE® brand and engage consumers in key markets in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. In certain European markets, we utilize distributors to perform product distribution, sales and marketing activities for the prepared food business. Under these distribution agreements, the sales, warehousing, logistics, marketing and promotion functions are all performed by the distributor. This strategy of utilizing independent distributors enables us to reduce distribution and sales and marketing expenses. In addition, we plan to continue to expand our prepared food business by entering new markets in Eastern Europe, Africa and the Middle East and by continuing our offerings in the snack category, targeting the convenience store and foodservice trade in selected European and Middle East markets.

During 2018, one customer, Wal-Mart, Inc. (including its affiliates), accounted for approximately 10% of our total net sales. These sales are reported in our banana, other fresh produce and prepared food segments. No other customer accounted for 10% or more of our net sales. In 2018, the top 10 customers accounted for approximately 31% of our net sales.

Note 22, “*Business Segment Data*” included in Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data* contains information regarding net sales to external customers attributable to each of our reportable segments and geographic regions, gross profit by each of our reportable segments, total assets attributable to each of our geographic regions, and information concerning the dependence of our reportable segments on foreign operations, for each of the years 2018, 2017 and 2016.

North America

In 2018, 64% of our net sales were in North America. In North America, we have established a highly integrated sales and marketing network that builds on our ability to control transportation and distribution throughout our extensive logistics network. We operate a total of 30 distribution centers and fresh-cut facilities. Our distribution centers have ripening capabilities and/or other value-added services. We also operate four port facilities, which include cold storage facilities.

Our logistics network provides us with a number of sales and marketing advantages. For example, because we are able to maintain the quality of our fresh produce in a continuous temperature-controlled environment, we are under less pressure to fully sell a shipment prior to its arrival at port. We are thus better able to manage the timing of our sales to optimize our margins. Our ability to off-load shipments for cold storage and distribution throughout our network also improves ship utilization by minimizing in-port docking time. Our logistics network also allows us to manage our inventory among distribution centers to effectively respond to changes in customer demand.

We have sales professionals in locations throughout the United States and Canada. We sell to leading grocery stores and other retail chains, wholesalers, mass merchandisers, supercenters, foodservice operators, club stores, convenience stores and distributors in North America. These large customers typically take delivery of our products at the port facilities, which we refer to as FOB delivery. We also service these customers, as well as an increasing number of smaller regional chains and independent grocers, through our distribution centers.

Europe

In 2018, 15% of our net sales were in Europe. We distribute our fresh produce and prepared food products throughout Europe. Our fresh produce products are distributed to leading retail chains, smaller regional customers as well as to wholesalers and distributors through direct sales and distribution centers. In the United Kingdom, we have a sales and marketing office in Staines, England and operate a fresh-cut facility in Wisbech, England. In Germany, we operate a distribution center in the Frankfurt area. In France, we have a distribution center with banana ripening capabilities and a fresh-cut facility in the Paris area to service our expanding customer base. In the Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Poland, we have sales and marketing entities that perform direct sales of our fresh produce products.

Our prepared food products are distributed through independent distributors throughout most of Europe. In the United Kingdom, our prepared food products are distributed using a combination of both independent distributors and our own marketing entity. In Russia, we have a sales and marketing office for our prepared food products.

Middle East and North Africa

In 2018, 10% of our net sales were in the Middle East and North Africa. We distribute our products through independent distributors and company-operated distribution facilities. In recent years, we have increased our sales in the Middle East market through distributors and established our own direct sales initiatives. Our distribution/manufacturing center in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (“UAE”) is a state-of-the-art facility with just-in-time delivery capabilities that includes banana ripening and cold storage facilities, fresh-cut fruit and vegetable operations, an ultra-fresh juice manufacturing operation and prepared food manufacturing. We distribute these products in the UAE and export them to other Middle East countries. We also operate a distribution center in Abu-Dhabi, UAE that includes banana ripening and cold storage facilities. In Saudi Arabia, through our 60%-owned joint venture, we own two distribution centers with banana ripening, cold storage facilities, fresh-cut fruit and vegetable operations, and prepared food manufacturing capabilities for juices, potatoes and sandwiches. One of the distribution centers is located in Riyadh, the capital city of Saudi Arabia, and the other distribution center is located in Jeddah, the second largest city in the country. These strategically located distribution centers distribute our fresh produce and prepared food products to these growing markets. In the UAE and in Saudi Arabia, we also distribute our products using our own innovative retail concept through our Food and Beverage (F&B) stores. These F&B stores are small retail kiosks selling our fresh-cut produce, juice and other prepared food products and are strategically located in airports, schools, hospitals and inside hyper-markets. In Saudi Arabia and the UAE, we have a catering business targeting three main domains: academic sector, corporate offices and labor camps. We believe that this business has good growth potential and leverages our costs through further vertical integration.

In addition, we market and distribute prepared food products in the UAE, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and various other Middle East and North African markets. In Jordan, we own a state-of-the-art vertically integrated poultry business including poultry farms, hatcheries, feed mill, slaughterhouse and a meat processing plant. We are the leading provider of poultry products to retail stores and foodservice operators in that country. In Jordan, we also own a meat processing operation that provides meat products for the local market and for export to other Middle East and North African markets. As part of our vertical integration and expansion strategy in this region, in Jordan, we developed a 10 hectares ultra-modern hydroponically grown tomato operation which provides a consistent supply of tomatoes year round. In addition, during 2018, we acquired a 70% interest in a herb farm which produces various types of herbs for export to Europe and other Middle East markets.

In Qatar, we have a sales and marketing office to serve the expanding brand presence in the country and recently opened a F&B store located at the Doha airport. In Turkey, our sales office located in Mersin is responsible for sourcing various types of fruit serving our units across the region in addition to selling and distributing a range of prepared food products to distributors. We also have a sales and marketing office in Kuwait to service the Kuwaiti and Iraqi markets with our fresh produce products. In Tunisia, we have an office giving us our first presence in the North Africa region, after many years of serving this area using distributors. This Tunis office has commenced with direct imports of bananas and pineapples and is expected to expand with exports of locally sourced fresh produce products to the European market. During 2018, we opened an office in Morocco in order to expand our coverage in the North Africa Region. We plan to distribute our products locally and export fresh locally-sourced fresh produce products. We believe that the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asian countries represent an area for sales growth and development of our fresh and prepared food products. Utilizing our extensive knowledge of this region, we plan to capitalize on this opportunity with increased focus and investments in these markets.

Asia

In 2018, 10% of our net sales were in Asia. We distribute our products in Asia through direct marketing and large distributors. Our principal markets in this region are Japan, South Korea, mainland China and Hong Kong. In Japan, we distribute 100% of the products we sold in 2018 through our own direct sales and marketing organization. In Japan, we operate two fresh-cut facilities. Our products are distributed from four distribution centers located at strategic ports in Japan with cold storage and banana ripening operations.

We also engage in direct sales and marketing activities in South Korea and Hong Kong. In other Asian markets, including mainland China, we sell to local distributors. We have one distribution center and banana ripening facility in Hong Kong. In South Korea, we have three distribution centers that utilize state-of-the-art ripening technology which increase our ability to offer value-added services to our customers. In South Korea, we also operate a fresh-cut fruit facility.

South America

In South America, we have direct sales and marketing activities in Chile and also utilize local distributors in this region. Our sales in these markets focus mainly on non-tropical fruit including grapes, apples, citrus, blueberries, strawberries, pears, peaches, plums, nectarines, cherries and kiwis. In Chile, we also distribute our Costa Rican grown *Del Monte Gold*[®] *Extra Sweet* pineapple. In Brazil, we utilize local distributors for our locally grown banana sales.

Competition

We compete based on a variety of factors, including the appearance, taste, size, shelf life and overall quality of our fresh produce, price and distribution terms, the timeliness of our deliveries to customers and the availability of our produce items. The fresh produce business is highly competitive, and the effect of competition is intensified because our products are perishable. Competition in the sale of bananas, pineapples, melons and the other fresh fruit and vegetables that we sell comes from competing producers and distributors. Our sales are also affected by the availability of seasonal and alternative produce. While historically our main competitors have been multinational banana and pineapple producers, our significantly increased product offering in recent years has resulted in additional competition from a variety of companies. These companies include local and regional producers and distributors in each of our fresh produce and fresh-cut product categories.

The extent of competition varies by product. In the pineapple and non-tropical fruit markets, we believe that the high degree of capital investment and cultivation expertise required, as well as the longer length of the growing cycle, makes it relatively difficult to enter the market. Increased competition in the production and sale of *Del Monte Gold*[®] *Extra Sweet* pineapples could adversely affect our results. We expect these competitive pressures to continue.

In the banana market, we continue to face competition from a limited number of large multinational companies. At times, particularly when demand is greater than supply, we also face competition from a large number of relatively small banana producers. Unlike the pineapple and non-tropical fruit markets, there are few barriers to entry into the banana market. Supplies of bananas can be increased relatively quickly due to bananas having a relatively short growing cycle and the limited capital investment required for banana growing. As a result of changes in supply and demand, as well as seasonal factors, banana prices fluctuate significantly.

In the pineapple and non-tropical fruit markets, we believe that the high degree of capital investment and cultivation expertise required, as well as the longer length of the growing cycle, makes it relatively difficult to enter the market. In addition, our profitability has depended significantly on our gross profit on the sale of our *Del Monte Gold*[®] *Extra Sweet* pineapples. In 2018, our overall pineapple sales volume increased by 2% mostly due to product expansion in our Costa Rica operations, and our average per unit sales prices decreased 3% primarily due to higher industry supplies. Increased competition in the production and sale of *Del Monte Gold*[®] *Extra Sweet* pineapples could adversely affect our results. We expect these competitive pressures to continue in 2019.

In the melon market, we compete with producers and distributors of both branded and unbranded melons. From June to October, the peak North American and European melon-growing season, many growers enter the market with less expensive unbranded or regionally branded melons due to the relative ease of growing melons during this period, the short growth cycle and reduced transportation costs resulting from the proximity of the melon farms to the markets. These factors permit many smaller domestic growers to enter the market. During the offshore growing season from November to May, we compete with growers principally in Central America.

The fresh-cut produce market is highly fragmented, and we compete with a wide variety of local and regional distributors of branded and unbranded fresh-cut produce and, in the case of certain fresh-cut vegetables, a small number of large, branded producers and distributors. However, we believe that our principal competitive challenge is to capitalize on the growing trend of retail chains and independent grocers to outsource their own on-premises fresh-cut operations. We believe that our sales strategy, which emphasizes not only our existing sources of fresh produce, but also a full range of value-added services, strict compliance with food safety standards and our national distribution capability, positions us to increase our share of this market.

The processed fruit and beverage markets are mature markets characterized by high levels of competition and consumer awareness. Consumer choices are driven by price and/or quality. Large retailers with their “buyers own label” (“BOL”) products appeal to price-conscious consumers, while brand names are the key differentiator for quality-focused consumers. In the processed food and beverage markets in Europe, Africa and the Middle East, we compete with various local producers, large retailers with their BOL products, as well as with large international branded companies. It is in the branded section that our processed foods products, specifically, canned fruit and pineapple in many European countries, hold a leading position in these markets. The mature state of the market in Western Europe, together with the strength and sophistication of the large retailers there, account in part for the increasing presence of BOL products in many food and beverage categories. In the past few years, we have faced increased competitive pressure, particularly in the U.K. market, for branded processed food and beverage products. At the same time, our marketing and distribution costs in these European markets have increased. In order to reduce our costs and increase our competitiveness in the processed food business, we use distributors in certain key European markets to perform product distribution and sales and marketing activities. Under these arrangements, the sales, warehousing, logistics, marketing and promotion functions are all performed by the distributor. In the United Kingdom, we have also outsourced our beverage production. This strategy takes advantage of lower cost and established marketing and distribution networks and enables us to reduce costs and increase our competitiveness in these mature markets.

Quality Assurance

To ensure the consistent high quality of our products, we have quality assurance operations placed throughout our global operations under the direction of our corporate quality assurance team. This quality assurance team maintains and enforces detailed quality specifications for all our products so that they meet or exceed our high quality standards and any applicable regulatory requirements. Our specifications require extensive sampling of our fresh produce at each stage of the production and distribution process using external appearance, internal quality, size, color, porosity, translucency, sweetness and other criteria. Only fresh produce meeting our stringent quality specifications is sold under the DEL MONTE® brand.

We are able to maintain the high quality of our products by growing a substantial portion of our own produce and working closely with our independent growers. We insist that all produce supplied by our independent growers meet the same stringent quality requirements as the produce grown on our farms. Accordingly, we monitor our independent growers to ensure that their produce will meet our agricultural and quality control standards, offer technical assistance on certain aspects of production and packing and, in some cases, manage the farms. The quality assurance process begins on the farms and continues as harvested products enter our packing facilities. Where appropriate, we cool the fresh produce at our packing facilities to maximize quality and optimize shelf life.

As an indication of our worldwide commitment to quality, food safety, and sustainability, many of our operations are third party certified in globally recognized standards developed for the safe and sustainable production and distribution of quality foods. These standards include the International Organization for Standardization’s ISO 22000 and the Global Food Safety (GFS) Initiative benchmarked standards of Primus GFS, Global G.A.P, and we are in compliance with all components of the FDA’s Food Safety Modernization Act. All of our operations that produce or handle high risk foods (tomatoes, melons or leafy greens) apply Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Points (“HACCP”) principles. HACCP is a management system in which food safety is addressed through the analysis and control of biological, chemical and physical hazard from raw material production, procurement and handling, to manufacturing, distribution and consumption of the finished product. Our certification also include SCS Global Services’ Sustainably Grown Certified and the Sustainable Agriculture Network’s Rain Forest Alliance for sustainable agriculture and food production, and our Costa Rica Banana operation has been certified as Carbon Neutral by SCS Global Services since 2015. Taken together, these certifications reflect our commitment to quality and the strictest standards of food safety.

Government Regulation

Agriculture and the sale and distribution of fresh produce are subject to extensive regulation by government authorities in the countries where the produce is grown and the countries where it is marketed. We have internal policies and procedures to comply with the most stringent regulations applicable to our products, as well as a technical staff to monitor pesticide usage and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. We believe we are in material compliance with these laws and regulations.

We are also subject to various government regulations in countries where we market our products. The countries in which we market a material amount of our products are the United States, Canada, the countries of the EU, Japan, China, South Korea, Jordan, the UAE and Saudi Arabia. These government regulations include:

- sanitary regulations, particularly in the United States and the EU;
- regulations governing pesticide use in all source countries and residue standards in all market countries, particularly in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Germany and Japan and South Korea;
- ongoing Endocrine Disruptor Assessment programs in the EU and United States may potentially impact availability, use and residue tolerance of some pesticides; and
- regulations governing traceability, packaging and labeling, particularly in the United States and the EU.

Failure to comply with applicable regulations could result in an order barring the sale of part or all of a particular shipment of our products or, in an extreme case, the sale of any of our products for a specified period. In addition, we believe there has been an increasing emphasis on the part of consumers, as well as retailers, wholesalers, distributors and foodservice operators, on food safety issues, which could result in our business and operations being subject to increasingly stringent food safety regulations or guidelines.

European Union Banana Import Regulations

In December 2007, most of the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries (ACP) signed a bilateral agreement with the EU that allows ACP bananas duty free access to the EU market without quantitative limitation commencing January, 1, 2008.

In December 2009, the EU entered into an agreement with certain Latin America banana exporting countries to settle a long running dispute over banana import tariffs. This agreement was ratified in May 2010. Under this agreement, the EU will gradually reduce import tariffs on bananas from Latin America on an annual basis from the current level of €117 per ton in 2018 to €114 per ton by 2019, except for countries under Free Trade Agreements (FTA's). Countries under FTA's that signed bilateral agreements with the EU in 2012 are benefiting from accelerated but gradual reduction of import duties. The FTA's are in effect for Central American countries, Colombia, and Peru. The duty for FTA countries was €89 per ton for 2018, it will be €82 in 2019 and will be reduced to €75 per ton by January 1, 2020. Our Colombia and Central America sourced bananas benefit from this FTA agreement.

Environmental Proceedings

The management, use and disposal of some chemicals and pesticides are inherent aspects of our production operations. These activities and other aspects of production are subject to various environmental laws and regulations, depending upon the country of operation. In addition, in some countries of operation, environmental laws can require the investigation and, if necessary, remediation of contamination related to past or current operations. We are not a party to any dispute or legal proceeding relating to environmental matters where we believe that the risk associated with the dispute or legal proceeding would be material, except as described in Item 3. *Legal Proceedings* and Note 17, "*Litigation*" to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data* in connection with the Kunia Well Site.

On May 10, 1993, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") identified a certain site at our plantation in Hawaii for potential listing on the National Priorities List under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended. See Item 3. *Legal Proceedings* and Note 17, "*Litigation*" to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*.

Research and Development, Patents and Licenses, Etc.

Our research and development programs have led to improvements in agricultural and growing practices and product packaging technology. These programs are directed mainly at reducing the cost and risk of pesticides, using natural biological agents to control pests and diseases, testing new varieties of our principal fruit varieties for improved crop yield and resistance to wind damage and improving post-harvest handling. We have also been seeking to increase the productivity of low-grade soils for improved banana growth and experimenting with various other types of fresh produce. Our research and development efforts are conducted by our staff of professionals and include studies conducted in laboratories, as well as on-site field analysis and experiments. Our research and development professionals are located at our production facilities and in the United States, and

we provide our growers with access to improved technologies and practices. We operate research and development facilities in the United States and Costa Rica where we conduct various research activities relating to the development of new fruit varieties.

Some of the research and development projects include:

- the development of the *Del Monte Gold*[®] *Extra Sweet* pineapple and other pineapple and melon varieties; and
- improved irrigation methods and soil preparation for melon planting.

Our total corporate research and development expenses were \$3.2 million for 2018, \$3.3 million for 2017 and \$3.3 million for 2016, and are included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Financial Statements.

We have the exclusive right to use the DEL MONTE[®] brand for fresh fruit, fresh vegetables and other fresh and fresh-cut produce and certain other specified products on a royalty-free basis under a worldwide, perpetual license from Del Monte Corporation, an unaffiliated company that owns the DEL MONTE[®] trademark. Del Monte Corporation and several other unaffiliated companies manufacture, distribute and sell under the DEL MONTE[®] brand canned or processed fruit, vegetables and other produce, as well as dried fruit, snacks and other products. Our licenses allow us to use the trademark “DEL MONTE[®]” and the words “DEL MONTE[®]” in association with any design or logotype associated with the brand. The licenses also give us certain other trademarks and trademark rights, on or in connection with the production, manufacture, sale and distribution of fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, other fresh produce and certain other specified products. In addition, the licenses allow us to use certain patents and trade secrets in connection with the production, manufacture, sale and distribution of our fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, other fresh produce and certain other specified products.

We also have a royalty-free perpetual license to use the DEL MONTE[®] trademark in connection with the production, manufacture, sale and distribution of all food and beverage products in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East and certain Central Asian countries. We can also produce, market and distribute certain prepared food products in North America based on our recently announced agreement with Del Monte Pacific utilizing the DEL MONTE[®] brand.

We also sell produce under several other brands for which we have obtained registered trademarks, including UTC[®], Rosy[®], Fruit Express[®], Just Juice[®], Fruitini[®] and other regional brands.

In 2018, with the acquisition of Mann Packing we obtained ownership of Mann's family of brands such as Mann's[®], Arcadian Harvest[®], Nourish[®], Broccolini[®], Caulilini[®], Better Burger Leaf[®] and RomaLeaf & Blend[®].

Seasonality

In part, as a result of seasonal sales price fluctuations, we have historically realized a greater portion of our net sales and of our gross profit during the first two calendar quarters of the year. The sales price of any fresh produce item fluctuates throughout the year due to the supply of and demand for that particular item, as well as the pricing and availability of other fresh produce items, many of which are seasonal in nature. For example, the production of bananas is continuous throughout the year and production is usually higher in the second half of the year, but the demand for bananas varies because of the availability of other fruit. As a result, demand for bananas is seasonal and generally results in higher sales prices during the first six months of the calendar year. We make most of our sales of non-tropical fruit from October to May. In the melon market, the entry of many growers selling unbranded or regionally branded melons during the peak North American and European melon growing season results in greater supply, and therefore lower selling prices, from June to October. As a result of greater demand during the fourth quarter, the prepared food business is expected to have higher net sales and gross profit during this period.

These seasonal fluctuations are illustrated in the following table, which presents certain unaudited quarterly financial information for the periods indicated:

| | Year ended | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
| Net sales: | | |
| First quarter | \$ 1,106.1 | \$ 1,032.4 |
| Second quarter | 1,272.4 | 1,147.1 |
| Third quarter | 1,069.5 | 952.7 |
| Fourth quarter | 1,045.9 | 953.7 |
| Total | <u>\$ 4,493.9</u> | <u>\$ 4,085.9</u> |
| Gross profit: | | |
| First quarter | \$ 106.5 | \$ 99.1 |
| Second quarter | 78.3 | 123.2 |
| Third quarter | 52.6 | 58.3 |
| Fourth quarter | 42.4 | 51.0 |
| Total | <u>\$ 279.8</u> | <u>\$ 331.6</u> |

Employees

At year end 2018, we had approximately 40,500 employees worldwide, substantially all of whom are year-round employees. Approximately 97% of these persons are employed in production locations. We believe that our overall relationship with our employees and unions is satisfactory.

Organizational Structure

We are organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands and, as set forth in our Amended and Restated Memorandum of Association, we are a holding company for the various subsidiaries that conduct our business on a worldwide basis. Our significant subsidiaries, all of which are directly or indirectly wholly owned, are:

| Subsidiary | Country of Incorporation |
|---|--------------------------|
| Corporacion de Desarrollo Agricola Del Monte S.A. | Costa Rica |
| Del Monte Fresh Produce Company | United States |
| Del Monte Fresh Produce International Inc. | Liberia |
| Del Monte Fresh Produce N.A., Inc. | United States |
| Del Monte Fund B.V. | Curacao |
| Del Monte International GmbH | Switzerland |
| Del Monte Fresh Produce Sarl | Luxembourg |
| Mann Packing Co., Inc | United States |

Website Access to Reports

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, and amendments to those reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may access and read our filings without charge through the SEC's Website at www.sec.gov.

Our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports can be viewed on the Company's Website at www.freshdelmonte.com as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. Information on our Website is not a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

In addition, copies of our annual report may be obtained free of charge, upon written request to attention: Investor Relations, c/o Del Monte Fresh Produce Company, 241 Sevilla Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

We are subject to many risks and uncertainties that may affect our future financial performance and our stock price. Some of the risks and uncertainties that may cause our financial performance to vary or that may materially or adversely affect our financial performance or stock price are discussed below.

We could realize losses and suffer liquidity problems due to declines in sales prices for bananas, pineapples and other fresh produce.

Our profitability depends largely upon our profit margins and sales volumes of bananas, pineapples and other fresh produce. In 2016, 2017 and 2018, banana sales accounted for the most significant portion of our total net sales.

Supply of bananas can be increased relatively quickly due to the banana's relatively short growing cycle and the limited capital investment required for banana growing. As a result of imbalances in supply and demand and import regulations, banana prices fluctuate; consequently, our operating results could be adversely affected.

Sales prices for bananas, pineapples and other fresh produce are difficult to predict. It is possible that sales prices for bananas and pineapples will decline in the future, and sales prices for other fresh produce may also decline. In recent years, there has been increasing consolidation among food retailers, wholesalers and distributors. We believe the increasing consolidation among food retailers may contribute to further downward pressure on our sales prices. In the event of a decline in sales prices or sales volumes, we could realize significant losses, experience liquidity problems and suffer a weakening in our financial condition. A significant portion of our costs is fixed, so that fluctuations in the sales prices have an immediate impact on our profitability. Our profitability is also affected by our production costs, which may increase due to factors beyond our control.

Due to fluctuations in the supply of and demand for fresh produce, our results of operations are seasonal, and we realize a greater portion of our net sales and gross profit during the first two quarters of each year.

In part as a result of seasonal sales price fluctuations, we have historically realized a greater portion of our gross profit during the first two quarters of each year. The sales price of any fresh produce item fluctuates throughout the year due to the supply of and demand for that particular item, as well as the pricing and availability of other fresh produce items, many of which are seasonal in nature. For example, the production of bananas is continuous throughout the year and production is usually higher in the second half of the year, but the demand for bananas during that period varies because of the availability of seasonal and alternative fruit. As a result, demand for bananas is seasonal and generally results in higher sales prices during the first six months of each calendar year. In the melon market, the entry of many growers selling unbranded or regionally branded melons during the peak North American and European melon growing season results in greater supply, and therefore, lower sales prices from June to October. In the North American and European regions, we realize most of our sales and gross profit for melons, grapes and non-tropical fruit from November to May.

Crop disease, severe weather, natural disasters and other conditions affecting the environment, including the effects of climate change, could result in substantial losses and weaken our financial condition.

Crop disease, severe weather conditions, such as floods, droughts, windstorms and hurricanes, and natural disasters, such as earthquakes, may adversely affect our supply of one or more fresh produce items, reduce our sales volumes, increase our unit production costs or prevent or impair our ability to ship products as planned. This is particularly true in the case of our premium pineapple product, the *Del Monte Gold® Extra Sweet* pineapple, because a substantial portion of our production is grown in one region in Costa Rica. Since a significant portion of our costs are fixed and contracted in advance of each operating year, volume declines due to production interruptions or other factors could result in increases in unit production costs, which could result in substantial losses and weaken our financial condition. We have experienced crop disease, insect infestation, severe weather and other adverse environmental conditions from time to time, including hurricanes, droughts, floods and earthquakes in our sourcing locations. Severe weather conditions may occur with higher frequency or may be less predictable in the future due to the effects of climate change. When crop disease, insect infestations, severe weather, earthquakes and other adverse environmental conditions destroy crops planted on our farms or our suppliers' farms or prevent us from exporting them on a timely basis, we may lose our investment in those crops or our purchased fruit cost may increase.

The fresh produce and prepared food markets in which we operate are highly competitive.

The fresh produce and prepared food business is highly competitive, and the effect of competition is intensified because most of our products are perishable. In banana and pineapple markets, we compete principally with a limited number of multinational and large regional producers. In the case of our other fresh fruit and vegetable products, we compete with numerous small producers, as well as regional competitors. The fresh-cut produce market is highly fragmented, and we compete with a wide variety of local and regional distributors of branded and unbranded fresh-cut produce and, in the case of certain fresh-cut vegetables, a small number of large, branded producers and distributors. Our sales are also affected by the availability of seasonal and alternative fresh produce. The extent of competition varies by product. To compete successfully, we must be able to strategically source fresh produce and prepared food of uniformly high quality and sell and distribute it on a timely and regular basis. In addition, our profitability has depended significantly on the sale of our *Del Monte Gold*® *Extra Sweet* pineapples. Increased competition in the production and sale of *Del Monte Gold*® *Extra Sweet* pineapples could adversely affect our results. We expect these competitive pressures to continue.

We are subject to material currency exchange risks because our operations involve transactions denominated in various currencies.

We conduct operations in many areas of the world involving transactions denominated in various currencies, and our results of operations, as expressed in dollars, may be significantly affected by fluctuations in rates of exchange between currencies. Although a substantial portion of our net sales (30% in 2018) is denominated in non U.S. dollar currencies, we incur a significant portion of our costs in U.S. dollars. Although we periodically enter into currency forward contracts as a hedge against currency exposures, we may not enter into these contracts during any particular period or these contracts may not adequately offset currency fluctuations. We generally are unable to adjust our non U.S. dollar local currency sales prices to compensate for fluctuations in the exchange rate of the U.S. dollar against the relevant local currency. In addition, there is normally a time lag between our costs incurred and collection of the related sales proceeds. Accordingly, if the U.S. dollar appreciates relative to the currencies in which we receive sales proceeds, our operating results may be negatively affected. Our costs are also affected by fluctuations in the value, relative to the U.S. dollar, of the currencies of countries in which we have significant production operations, with a weaker U.S. dollar resulting in increased production costs.

Our strategy of diversifying our product line, expanding into new geographic markets and increasing the value-added services that we provide to our customers may not be successful.

We are diversifying our product line through acquisitions and internal growth. In addition, we have expanded our service offerings to include a higher proportion of value-added services, such as the preparation of fresh-cut produce, ripening, customized sorting and packing, direct-to-store delivery and in-store merchandising and promotional support. This strategy represents a significant departure from our traditional business of delivering our products to our customers at the port. In recent periods, we have made significant investments in distribution centers, new growing operations and prepared food facilities through capital expenditures and have expanded our business into new geographic markets. In 2018, we made a significant investment in the fresh-cut and value added vegetable category by acquiring Mann Packing. We may not be successful in anticipating the demand for these products and services, in establishing the requisite infrastructure to meet customer demands or the provision of these value-added services. During recent years, we incurred significant asset impairment and other charges as a result of our continuing efforts to align our diversified product lines to meet market demand.

We review goodwill and other intangible assets for impairment on an annual basis or earlier if indicators for impairment are present. The goodwill associated with our banana segment is highly sensitive to differences between estimated and actual cash flows and changes in the related discount rate used to evaluate the fair value of this asset. If the banana segment does not perform to expected levels, the banana segment goodwill may be at risk for impairment in the future.

The fair value of the DEL MONTE® prepared food reporting unit's trade names and trademarks are sensitive to differences between estimated and actual cash flows and changes in the related discount rate used to evaluate the fair value of these assets. If the prepared food reporting unit does not perform to expected levels, the DEL MONTE® trade names and trademarks associated with this unit may also be at risk for impairment in the future. During 2018, we incurred \$11.3 million for impairment of the DEL MONTE® perpetual, royalty-free brand name license due to lower than expected sales volume and pricing related to the prepared food segment.

If we are not successful in our diversification efforts, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Demand for our products is subject to changing consumer preferences.

Consumer preferences for particular food products are subject to fluctuations over time. Our ability to market and sell our products successfully depends in part on our ability to identify changing consumer preferences and respond to those changes by offering products that appeal broadly to consumers in light of current demands. Shifts in consumer preferences that can impact demand for our products at any given time can result from a number of factors, including dietary trends, attention to particular nutritional aspects of our products, concerns regarding the health effects of particular ingredients and attention given to ingredient sourcing practices. Consumer demand for our products also may be impacted by any public commentary that consumers may make regarding our products or similar products, as well as by changes in the level of advertising or promotional support that we employ or that are employed by relevant industry groups or third parties that provide competing products. If consumer preferences trend negatively with respect to any one or more of our products, our sales volumes may decline as a result.

The loss of one or more of our largest customers, or a reduction in the level of purchases made by these customers, could negatively impact our sales and profits.

Sales to Wal-Mart, Inc., our largest customer, amounted to approximately 10% of our total net sales in 2018, and our top 10 customers collectively accounted for approximately 31% of our total net sales. We expect that a significant portion of our revenues will continue to be derived from a relatively small number of customers. We believe these customers make purchase decisions based on a combination of price, product quality, consumer demand, customer service performance, desired inventory levels and other factors that may be important to them at the time the purchase decisions are made. Changes in our customers' strategies or purchasing patterns, including a reduction in the number of brands they carry, may adversely affect our sales. Additionally, our customers may face financial or other difficulties which may impact their operations and cause them to reduce their level of purchases from us, which could adversely affect our results of operations. Customers also may respond to any price increase that we may implement by reducing their purchases from us, resulting in reduced sales of our products. If sales of our products to one or more of our largest customers are reduced, this reduction may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations. Any bankruptcy or other business disruption involving one of our significant customers also could adversely affect our results of operations.

Increased prices for fuel, packaging materials or short-term refrigerated ship charter rates could increase our costs significantly.

Our costs are determined in large part by the prices of fuel and packaging materials, including containerboard, plastic, resin and tin plate. We may be adversely affected if sufficient quantities of these materials are not available to us. Any significant increase in the cost of these items could also materially and adversely affect our operating results. Other than the cost of our products (including packaging), logistics (sea and inland transportation) costs represent the largest component of cost of products sold. Third-party containerized shipping rates are also a significant component of our logistic costs. In recent years these container shipping rates have decreased. During 2017, cost of fuel increased 36%, containerboard increased 2% and fertilizer decreased 3% resulting in an increase of cost of product sold of \$21.7 million. During 2018, cost of fuel increased 30%, containerboard increased 12% and fertilizer increased 10% resulting in an increase of cost of products sold of \$38.3 million.

In addition, we are subject to the volatility of the charter ship market because seven of our refrigerated ships are chartered. These charters are principally for periods of one to three years. As a result, significant increases in fuel, packaging material, fertilizer and charter rates would materially and adversely affect our results.

Compliance with regulation aimed at mitigating the effects of climate change, as discussed elsewhere in these Risk Factors, could also increase the cost of fuel for our shipping and logistics operations. We might be unable to adjust our product pricing to reflect our increased costs. Even if we are able to adjust our product pricing, our customer's buying patterns could change to reflect a greater reliance on local production rather than imports.

We are subject to the risk of product contamination and product liability claims.

The sales of our products involve the risk of injury to consumers. Such injuries may result from tampering by unauthorized personnel, product contamination or spoilage, including the presence of foreign objects, substances, chemicals, or residues introduced during the growing, packing, storage, handling or transportation phases. While we are subject to governmental inspection and regulations and believe our facilities comply in all material respects with all applicable laws and regulations, including internal product safety policies, we cannot be sure that consumption of our products will not cause a health-related illness in the future or that we will not be subject to claims or lawsuits relating to such matters. Even if a product liability claim is unsuccessful, the negative publicity surrounding any assertion that our products caused illness or injury could adversely affect our reputation with

existing and potential customers and our brand image. In addition, claims or liabilities of this sort might not be covered by our insurance or by any rights of indemnity or contribution that we may have against others. We maintain product liability insurance in an amount that we believe is adequate. However, we cannot be sure that we will not incur claims or liabilities for which we are not insured or that exceed the amount of our insurance coverage, resulting in significant cash outlays that would materially and adversely affect our results and financial condition.

We are subject to legal and environmental risks that could result in significant cash outlays.

We are involved in several legal and environmental matters that, if not resolved in our favor, could require significant cash outlays and could materially and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. In addition, we may be subject to product liability claims if personal injury results from the consumption of any of our products.

The EPA has placed a certain site at our former plantation in Oahu, Hawaii on the National Priorities List under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980. Under an order entered into with the EPA, we completed a remedial investigation and engaged in a feasibility study to determine the extent of the environmental contamination. The remedial investigation report was finalized in January 1999 and approved by the EPA in February 1999. A final draft feasibility study was submitted for EPA review in December 1999 and updated in December 2001 and October 2002, and approved by the EPA in April 2003. In September 2003, the EPA issued the Record of Decision (“ROD”). The EPA estimated in the ROD that the remediation costs associated with the cleanup of our plantation would range from \$12.9 million to \$25.4 million. The undiscounted estimates are between \$13.5 million and \$28.7 million. As of December 28, 2018, there are \$13.2 million included in other noncurrent liabilities and \$0.3 million included in accounts payable and accrued expenses in our Consolidated Balance Sheets relating to the Kunia Well Site clean-up. We increased the liability by \$0.4 million during 2017 and 2016 due to changes to the remediation work being performed. Going forward, we expect to expend approximately \$0.3 million in 2019, and \$3.9 million for 2020 through 2023 on this matter. See Item 3. *Legal Proceedings* and Note 17, “*Litigation*” to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*. In addition, we are involved in several actions in U.S. and non-U.S. courts involving allegations by numerous Central American and Philippine plaintiffs that they were injured by exposure to a nematocide containing the chemical Dibromochloropropane during the 1970’s. See Item 3. *Legal Proceedings* and Note 17, “*Litigation*” to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*.

Environmental and other regulation of our business, including potential climate change regulation, could adversely impact us by increasing our production cost or restricting our ability to import certain products into the United States.

Our business depends on the use of fertilizers, pesticides and other agricultural products. The use and disposal of these products in some jurisdictions are subject to regulation by various agencies. A decision by a regulatory agency to significantly restrict the use of such products that have traditionally been used in the cultivation of one of our principal products could have an adverse impact on us. For example, most uses of methyl bromide, a pesticide used for fumigation of imported produce (principally melons) for which there is currently no known substitute, were phased out in the United States in 2006. Also, under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996, the EPA is undertaking a series of regulatory actions relating to the evaluation and use of pesticides in the food industry. Similarly, in the EU, regulation (EC) No. 1107/2009 which became effective on June 14, 2011, fundamentally changed the pesticide approval process from the current risk base to hazard criteria based on the intrinsic properties of the substance. Future actions regarding the availability and use of pesticides could have an adverse effect on us. In addition, if a regulatory agency were to determine that we are not in compliance with a regulation in that agency’s jurisdiction, this could result in substantial penalties and a ban on the sale of part or all of our products in that jurisdiction.

There has been a broad range of proposed and promulgated state, national and international regulation aimed at reducing the effects of climate change. Such regulations apply or could apply in countries where we have interests or could have interests in the future. Exposure to water deficits in particular regions around the globe has become more evident in recent years. For example, water shortages in Brazil impacted our banana production in the last five years, and our pineapple farms in Kenya were affected by a drought associated with El Nino during 2016 and 2017. In order to mitigate water risk, we have invested heavily to upgrade existing infrastructure to more efficient irrigation systems like drip or low pressure/low volume sprinkler systems, both in Kenya and Guatemala. In addition, analysis of water related issues in the specific river basin where new development might be planned has become part of the due-diligence process before investing in agriculture operations, as reflected under corporate policy. Finally water consumption per ton is a key component of the resource usage dashboard under which all our farms are annually rated.

Climate change regulations continue to evolve, and while it is not possible to accurately estimate either a timetable for implementation or our future compliance costs relating to implementation, it is possible that such regulation could have a material effect in the foreseeable future on our business, results of operations, capital expenditures or financial position.

We are exposed to political, economic and other risks from operating a multinational business.

Our business is multinational and subject to the political, economic and other risks that are inherent in operating in numerous countries. These risks include those of adverse government regulation, including the imposition of import and export duties and quotas, currency restrictions, expropriation and potentially burdensome taxation. For example, banana import regulations have in prior years restricted our access to the EU banana market and increased the cost of doing business in the EU. In December 2009, the EU entered into an agreement with certain Latin America banana exporting countries to settle a long running dispute over banana import tariffs. This agreement was ratified in May 2010. Under this agreement, the EU will gradually reduce import tariffs on bananas from Latin America on an annual basis from the current level of €117 per ton in 2018 to €114 per ton by 2019, except for countries under Free Trade Agreements (FTA's). Countries under FTA's that signed bilateral agreements with the EU in 2012 are benefiting from accelerated but gradual reduction of import duties. The FTA's are in effect for Central American countries, Colombia, and Peru. The duty for FTA countries was €89 per ton for 2018, it will be €82 in 2019 and will be reduced to €75 per ton by January 1, 2020. Our Colombia and Central America sourced bananas benefit from this FTA agreement. We cannot predict the impact of further changes to the banana import tariffs or new quotas on the EU banana market.

Costa Rica and Ecuador, countries in which we operate, have established “minimum” export prices for bananas that are used as the reference point in banana purchase contracts from independent producers, thus limiting our ability to negotiate lower purchase prices. These minimum export price requirements could potentially increase the cost of sourcing bananas in countries that have established such requirements.

We are also subject to a variety of government regulations in countries where we market our products, including the United States, the EU, Asia, countries of the Middle East and Africa. Examples of the types of regulation we face include:

- sanitary regulations;
- regulations governing pesticide use and residue levels; and
- regulations governing packaging and labeling.

If we fail to comply with applicable regulations, it could result in an order barring the sale of part or all of a particular shipment of our products or, possibly, the sale of any of our products for a specified period. Such a development could result in significant losses and could weaken our financial condition.

Acts or omissions of other companies could adversely affect the value of the DEL MONTE® brand.

We depend on the DEL MONTE® brand in marketing our products. We share the DEL MONTE® brand with unaffiliated companies that manufacture, distribute and sell canned or processed fruit and vegetables, dried fruit, snacks and other products. Acts or omissions by these companies, including an instance of food-borne contamination or disease, may adversely affect the value of the DEL MONTE® brand. As a result, our reputation and the value of the DEL MONTE® brand may be adversely affected by negative consumer perception.

Our success depends on the services of our senior executives, the loss of whom could disrupt our operations.

Our ability to maintain our competitive position is dependent to a large degree on the services of our senior management team. We may not be able to retain our existing senior management personnel or attract additional qualified senior management personnel.

We may not be able to successfully consummate and manage ongoing acquisition, joint venture and business partnership activities, which could have an impact on our results.

Our growth strategy is based in part on growth through acquisitions or expansion. Accordingly, we may acquire other businesses or enter into joint ventures or other business partnerships from time to time. These types of transactions inherently involve a number of risks, including risks related to:

- identifying appropriate acquisition candidates or business partners;
- potential difficulties in successfully integrating acquired operations;

- the quality of products produced by acquired businesses or business partners in comparison to the products we historically have provided;
- any loss of key employees of acquired operations or any inability to hire or retain key employees necessary to integrate an acquired business or otherwise implement our growth strategy;
- potential diversion of our capital and management attention away from other important business matters;
- financial risks, such as potential unknown liabilities of any acquired business;
- potential issues with the financial disclosures, accounting practices or internal control systems of any acquired business, joint venture or business partner; and
- in the case of joint ventures and business partnerships, increased potential risks associated with the lesser degree of control that we may be able to exert due to our arrangements with our business partners.

We may incur additional costs and certain redundant expenses in connection with our acquisitions and investments, which may have an adverse impact on our operating margins. Future acquisitions may result in dilutive issuances of equity securities, the incurrence of additional debt, use of significant portions of our cash reserves, asset impairments (including charges related to goodwill and other intangible assets) and restructuring and other charges. The incurrence of debt in connection with any future acquisitions also could restrict our ability to obtain working capital or other financing necessary to operate our business. Our recent and future acquisitions or investments may not be successful, and if we fail to realize the anticipated benefits of these acquisitions or investments, our business, operating results and financial position could be harmed.

We face risks in connection with our acquisition of Mann Packing.

The success of our recent Mann Packing acquisition depends, in part, on our ability to realize all or some of the synergies and other benefits from integrating the business of Mann Packing with our existing businesses and operations. Even if we are able to integrate the acquired operations successfully, this integration may not result in the realization of the full benefits of the synergies that we currently expect within the anticipated time frame, or at all. Mann Packing's business may not be able to maintain the levels of revenue, earnings or operating efficiency that it previously achieved or might achieve separately. If we experience difficulties with the integration process or if the business of Mann Packing or the markets in which it operates deteriorate, the potential cost savings, growth opportunities and other anticipated synergies may not be realized fully, or at all, or may take longer to realize than expected. In 2018, we incurred \$3.8 million of acquisition expenses related to Mann Packing.

Our indebtedness could limit our financial and operating flexibility and subject us to other risks.

Our ability to obtain additional debt financing or refinance our debt on acceptable terms, if at all, in the future for working capital, capital expenditures or acquisitions may be limited either by financial considerations or due to covenants in existing debt agreements.

Our ability to meet our financial obligations will depend on our future performance, which will be affected by prevailing economic conditions and financial, business and other factors, some of which are beyond our control. Our ability to meet our financial obligations also may be adversely affected by the seasonal nature of our business, the cyclical nature of agricultural commodity prices, the susceptibility of our product sourcing to crop disease, severe weather and other adverse environmental conditions and other factors.

Since we are a holding company, our ability to meet our financial obligations depends primarily on receiving sufficient funds from our subsidiaries. The payment of dividends or other distributions to us by our subsidiaries may be restricted by the provisions of our credit agreements and other contractual requirements and by applicable legal restrictions on payment of dividends and other distributions.

If we were unable to meet our financial obligations, we would be forced to pursue one or more alternative strategies, such as selling assets, restructuring or refinancing our indebtedness or seeking additional equity capital, strategies which could be unsuccessful. Additional sales of our equity capital could substantially dilute the ownership interest of existing shareholders.

Our current credit facility imposes certain operating and financial restrictions on us. Our failure to comply with the obligations under this facility, including maintenance of financial ratios, could result in an event of default, which, if not cured or waived, would permit the lender to accelerate the indebtedness due under the facility.

We are controlled by our principal shareholders.

Members of the Abu-Ghazaleh family, including our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and one of our directors, are our principal shareholders. As of February 8, 2019, they together directly owned 36.2% of our outstanding Ordinary Shares, and our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer holds, and is expected to continue to hold, an irrevocable annual proxy to vote all of these shares. We expect our principal shareholders to continue to use their interest in our Ordinary Shares to significantly influence the direction of our management, the election of our entire board of directors, the method and timing of the payment of dividends, subject to applicable debt covenants and to determine substantially all other matters requiring shareholder approval and to control us. The concentration of our beneficial ownership may have the effect of delaying, deterring or preventing a change in control, may discourage bids for the Ordinary Shares at a premium over their market price and may otherwise adversely affect the market price of the Ordinary Shares.

A substantial number of our Ordinary Shares are available for sale in the public market, and sales of those shares could adversely affect our share price.

Future sales of our Ordinary Shares by our principal shareholders, or the perception that such sales could occur, could adversely affect the prevailing market price of our Ordinary Shares. Of the 48,486,637 Ordinary Shares outstanding as of February 8, 2019, 17,557,248 Ordinary Shares are owned by the principal shareholders and are “restricted securities.” These “restricted securities” can be registered upon demand and are eligible for sale in the public market without registration under the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”), subject to compliance with the resale volume limitations and other restrictions of Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

Our organizational documents contain a variety of anti-takeover provisions that could delay, deter or prevent a change in control.

Various provisions of our organizational documents and Cayman Islands law may delay, deter or prevent a change in control of us that is not approved by our board of directors. These provisions include:

- a classified board of directors;
- a prohibition on shareholder action through written consents;
- a requirement that general meetings of shareholders be called only by a majority of the board of directors or by the Chairman of the Board;
- advance notice requirements for shareholder proposals and nominations;
- limitations on the ability of shareholders to amend, alter or repeal our organizational documents; and
- the authority of the board of directors to issue preferred shares with such terms as the board of directors may determine.

In addition, a change of control would constitute an event of default under our current credit facility, which would have a material adverse effect on us. These provisions also could delay, deter or prevent a takeover attempt.

Our shareholders have limited rights under Cayman Islands law.

We are incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands, and our corporate affairs are governed by our Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association and by the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands. Principles of law relating to matters, such as the validity of corporate procedures, the fiduciary duties of our management, directors and controlling shareholders and the rights of our shareholders differ from those that would apply if we were incorporated in a jurisdiction within the United States. Further, the rights of shareholders under Cayman Islands law are not as clearly established as the rights of shareholders under legislation or judicial precedent applicable in most U.S. jurisdictions. As a result, our public shareholders may have more difficulty in protecting their interests in the face of actions by the management, directors or controlling shareholders than they might have as shareholders of a corporation incorporated in a U.S. jurisdiction. In addition, there is doubt as to whether the courts of the Cayman Islands would enforce, either in an original action or in an action for enforcement of judgments of U.S. courts, liabilities that are predicated upon the U.S. federal securities laws.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

Item 2. Properties

The following table summarizes the approximate plantation acreage under production that are owned or leased by us and the principal products grown on such plantations by location as of the end of 2018:

| Location | Acres Under Production | | Products |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Acres Owned | Acres Leased | |
| Costa Rica | 44,510 | 5,983 | Bananas, Pineapples, Melons |
| Guatemala | 8,980 | 4,616 | Bananas, Melons |
| Brazil | 2,402 | — | Bananas, Other Crops |
| Chile | 3,180 | 1,680 | Non-Tropical Fruit |
| Kenya | — | 10,892 | Pineapples |
| Philippines | — | 17,315 | Bananas, Pineapples |
| Uruguay | 4,169 | — | Citrus |
| United States | 4,223 | 3,994 | Melons, Tomatoes and Other Crops |

Our significant properties include the following:

North America

We operate a total of 30 distribution centers in the United States and Canada, of which 14 are also fresh-cut facilities. We own 12 of our distribution centers, consisting of a new distribution center in Houston, Texas, a 200,000 square foot distribution center in Dallas, Texas, a distribution center in Plant City, Florida and Goodyear, Arizona, a repack facility in Winder, Georgia, and in Kankakee, Illinois, Portland, Oregon and Sanger, California. We also operate a state-of-the-art distribution center with a fresh-cut facility in Ontario, Canada on owned land. The remaining 18 distribution centers are leased from third parties. All of our distribution centers have ripening capabilities and/or other value-added services. We also lease four port facilities that include cold storage capabilities. As a result of the Mann Packing acquisition, we lease two and own one production facilities in the Salinas valley of California. In addition, we are in the process of constructing a new production facility on owned land in Gonzales, California. We also lease an office building in Salinas and lease a production facility in Delhi, California and in Yuma, Arizona we own an office building, a manufacturing facility and a cooling facility.

Europe

We own and operate a distribution center in the Frankfurt area of Germany. We also own and operate a fresh-cut fruit facility in Wisbech, England. In Rungis, France, a suburb of Paris, we have a leased distribution center with banana ripening capability and operate a fresh-cut produce facility. In Larissa, Greece, we own and operate a production facility for prepared fruit, tomato products and snacks.

Asia

Our products are distributed from four leased distribution centers located at strategic ports in Japan with cold storage and banana ripening operations. In Japan, we also operate two fresh-cut fruit facilities. One is owned and the other one is leased. In Hong Kong, we lease a distribution center. In addition, we lease two distribution centers in South Korea and own one facility that includes a fresh-cut fruit operation. Our distribution centers include state-of-the art ripening technology and other value-added services.

Central America

In Costa Rica, we own a juice processing plant and an IQF (individually quick frozen) fruit processing plant. In Costa Rica and Guatemala, we own and operate greenhouses where we produce tomatoes and other vegetables for export and for the

local market. In Panama, we are developing a banana operation on leased land that will eventually include approximately 11,000 acres. As of the end of 2018 we had approximately 3,500 acres of leased land under development.

South America

In Brazil, we own approximately 28,000 acres of land of which 2,400 acres are under production. In Uruguay, we own approximately 7,800 acres of which 4,200 acres contain a citrus plantation that is leased to a third party.

Africa

In Thika, Kenya, we own and operate a warehouse, a pineapple cannery and a juice production facility.

Middle East

In Jordan, we own an integrated poultry business including poultry farms, hatcheries, a feed mill, a poultry slaughterhouse and a meat processing plant. In Jordan, we also own a 25 acre hydroponic tomato operation on leased land and a 70% owned joint venture which operates a 34 acre herb farm on leased land in the Jordan valley. In the UAE, we own a combined distribution/manufacturing center in Dubai. This state-of-the-art facility includes banana ripening and cold storage facilities, fresh-cut fruit and vegetable operations, an ultra fresh juice manufacturing operation and prepared food manufacturing. In addition, we lease and operate a distribution center in Abu-Dhabi, UAE that includes banana ripening and cold storage facilities. In Saudi Arabia, we own 60% of a joint venture that operates two owned distribution centers strategically located in Jeddah and Riyadh, with banana ripening, cold storage facilities and fresh-cut products and prepared food manufacturing capabilities.

Maritime and Other Equipment (including Containers)

We own a fleet of nine and charter another seven refrigerated ships. In addition, we own or lease other related equipment, including approximately 6,000 refrigerated container units and 301 trucks and refrigerated trailers used to transport our fresh produce in the United States. In the Middle East, we own approximately 360 trucks principally used to deliver fresh produce and prepared food products to customers.

Other Properties

We own our U.S. executive headquarters building in Coral Gables, Florida, our Central America regional headquarters building in San Jose, Costa Rica and our South America regional headquarters building in Santiago, Chile. We own our office space in Guatemala City, Guatemala and Amman, Jordan. Our remaining office space in North America, Europe, Asia, Central and South America and the Middle East is leased from third parties.

We believe that our property, plant and equipment are well maintained in good operating condition and adequate for our present needs. Except as noted in Item 3. *Legal Proceedings* and Note 17, “*Litigation*” to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*, we know of no other environmental issues that may affect the utilization of our property, plant and equipment. For further information with respect to our property, plant and equipment, see Note 6, “*Property, Plant and Equipment*” to the Consolidated Financial Statements filed as part of this Report.

The principal capital expenditures planned for 2019 consist primarily of expansion and improvement of production facilities in North America, principally our newly acquired Mann Packing facilities, combined with production facilities in Costa Rica, the Philippines, Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Kenya and Jordan. We also plan capital expenditures for expansion and improvements of our distribution and fresh-cut facilities in the United States, Europe and Asia. In addition, as part of our ship building program entered into in 2017 and 2018, we expect to make additional payments on the construction of our six new container ships that are scheduled to be delivered commencing in 2020.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

See Note 17, “*Litigation*” to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

PART II

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

Ordinary Share Prices and Related Matters

Our Ordinary Shares are traded solely on the New York Stock Exchange, under the symbol FDP, and commenced trading on October 24, 1997, the date of our initial public offering.

Shareholders

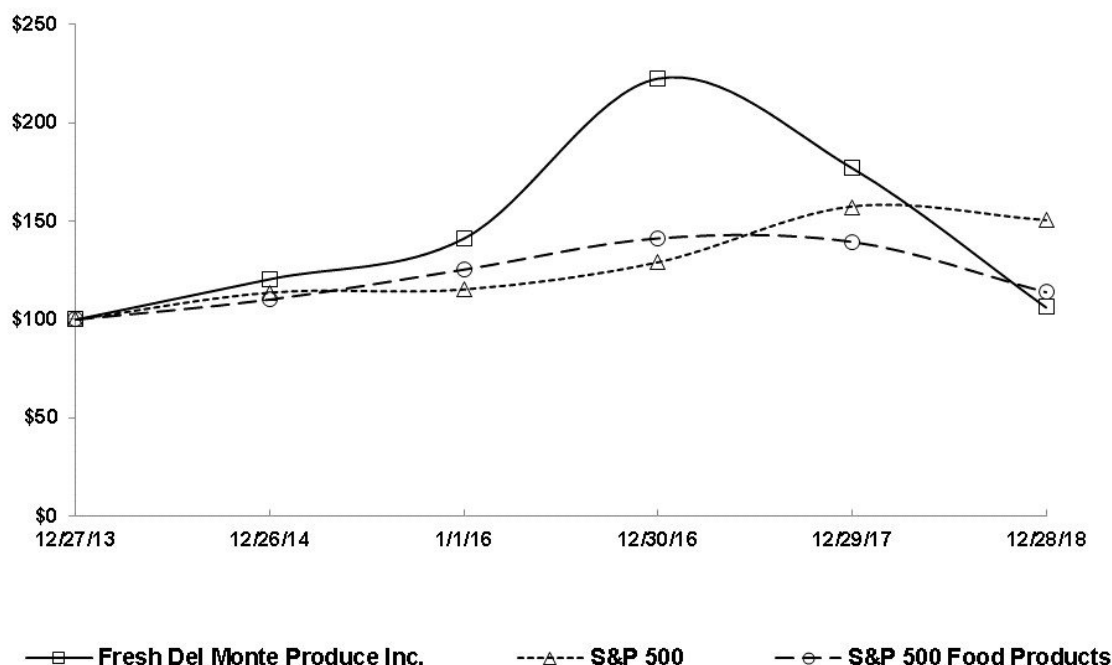
As of February 8, 2019, we had 66 shareholders of record, which excludes shareholders whose shares were held by brokerage firms, depositories and other institutional firms.

Performance Graph

The following graph compares the cumulative five-year total return of holders of FDP ordinary shares with the cumulative total returns of the S&P 500 index and the S&P 500 Food Products index. The graph tracks the performance of a \$100 investment in our common stock and in each of the indexes (with the reinvestment of all dividends) from December 27, 2013 to December 28, 2018.

COMPARISON OF 5 YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN*

Among Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc., the S&P 500 Index,
and S&P 500 Food Products



*\$100 invested on 12/27/13 in stock or 12/31/13 in index, including reinvestment of dividends.
Indexes calculated on month-end basis.

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| | 12/27/2013 | 12/26/2014 | 1/1/2016 | 12/30/2016 | 12/29/2017 | 12/28/2018 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. | 100.00 | 120.58 | 141.23 | 222.53 | 177.01 | 106.22 |
| S&P 500 | 100.00 | 113.69 | 115.26 | 129.05 | 157.22 | 150.33 |
| S&P 500 Food Products | 100.00 | 110.16 | 125.32 | 141.10 | 139.33 | 113.89 |

The stock price performance included in this graph is not necessarily indicative of future stock price performance.

Share Repurchase Program

The following table provides information regarding our purchases of Ordinary Shares during the periods indicated:

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased ⁽¹⁾ | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Program ⁽²⁾ |
|--|---|------------------------------|--|---|
| October 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018 | — | \$ — | — | \$ 280,358,086 |
| November 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018 | — | \$ — | — | \$ 280,358,086 |
| December 1, 2018 through December 28, 2018 | — | \$ — | — | \$ 280,358,086 |
| Total | — | \$ — | — | \$ 280,358,086 |

- (1) For the year ended December 28, 2018, we repurchased and retired 730,532 of our ordinary shares.
- (2) On February 21, 2018, our Board of Directors approved a three-year repurchase program of up to \$300 million of our ordinary shares.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

Our fiscal year end is the last Friday of the calendar year or the first Friday subsequent to the end of the calendar year, whichever is closest to the end of the calendar year.

The following selected financial data for the years ended December 26, 2014, January 1, 2016, December 30, 2016, December 29, 2017 and December 28, 2018 is derived from our audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the applicable year, prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The following selected financial data should be read in conjunction with Item 7. *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* and our Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes contained in Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data* in this Report.

| | Year ended | | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | December 30, 2016 | January 1, 2016 | December 26, 2014 |
| (U.S. Dollars in millions, except share and per share data) | | | | | |
| Statement of Income Data: | | | | | |
| Net sales | \$ 4,493.9 | \$ 4,085.9 | \$ 4,011.5 | \$ 4,056.5 | \$ 3,927.5 |
| Cost of products sold | 4,214.1 | 3,754.3 | 3,550.1 | 3,714.2 | 3,562.7 |
| Gross profit | 279.8 | 331.6 | 461.4 | 342.3 | 364.8 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 194.7 | 173.2 | 187.4 | 183.9 | 175.8 |
| (Gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment | (7.1) | 3.0 | — | (2.1) | 4.3 |
| Goodwill and trademark impairment charges | 11.3 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 66.1 | — |
| Asset impairment and other charges, net | 42.3 | 1.8 | 27.2 | 3.4 | 11.2 |
| Operating income | 38.6 | 152.7 | 244.2 | 91.0 | 173.5 |
| Interest expense, net | 22.7 | 5.6 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 2.6 |
| Other expense, net | 15.7 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 7.2 | 12.0 |
| Income before income taxes | 0.2 | 144.1 | 237.4 | 80.1 | 158.9 |
| Provision for income taxes | 16.1 | 24.9 | 11.8 | 13.7 | 14.3 |
| Net (loss) income | \$ (15.9) | \$ 119.2 | \$ 225.6 | \$ 66.4 | \$ 144.6 |
| Less: net income (loss) attributable to redeemable and noncontrolling interest | 6.0 | (1.6) | 0.5 | 4.0 | 2.2 |
| Net (loss) income attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. | \$ (21.9) | \$ 120.8 | \$ 225.1 | \$ 62.4 | \$ 142.4 |
| Net (loss) income per ordinary share attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. - Basic | \$ (0.45) | \$ 2.40 | \$ 4.37 | \$ 1.18 | \$ 2.54 |
| Net (loss) income per ordinary share attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. - Diluted | \$ (0.45) | \$ 2.39 | \$ 4.33 | \$ 1.17 | \$ 2.53 |
| Dividends declared per ordinary share | \$ 0.60 | \$ 0.60 | \$ 0.55 | \$ 0.50 | \$ 0.50 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares: | | | | | |
| Basic | 48,625,175 | 50,247,881 | 51,507,755 | 52,750,212 | 55,966,531 |
| Diluted | 48,625,175 | 50,588,708 | 51,962,195 | 53,199,533 | 56,347,092 |
| Balance Sheet Data (at period end): | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 21.3 | \$ 25.1 | \$ 20.1 | \$ 24.9 | \$ 34.1 |
| Working capital | 552.8 | 626.0 | 592.0 | 604.0 | 631.5 |
| Total assets | 3,255.2 | 2,766.9 | 2,653.3 | 2,596.1 | 2,675.3 |
| Total debt | 662.4 | 357.6 | 232.3 | 254.2 | 266.9 |
| Shareholders' equity | 1,717.8 | 1,791.2 | 1,816.4 | 1,750.9 | 1,787.9 |

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Overview

We are one of the world's leading vertically integrated producers, marketers and distributors of high-quality fresh and fresh-cut fruit and vegetables, as well as a leading producer and marketer of prepared fruit and vegetables, juices, beverages and snacks in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. We market our products worldwide under the DEL MONTE® brand, a symbol of product innovation, quality, freshness and reliability since 1892. Our global sourcing and logistics system allows us to provide regular delivery of consistently high-quality produce and value-added services to our customers. Our major producing operations are located in North, Central and South America, Asia and Africa. Production operations are aggregated on the basis of our products: bananas, other fresh produce and prepared foods. Other fresh produce includes pineapples, melons, tomatoes, non-tropical fruit (including grapes, apples, citrus, blueberries, strawberries, pears, peaches, plums, nectarines, cherries and kiwis), avocados, fresh-cut fruit and vegetables, other fruit and vegetables and a plastic product and box manufacturing business and third-party ocean freight services. Prepared foods include prepared fruit and vegetables, juices, other beverages, snacks, prepared meals, poultry and meat products.

Strategy

Our strategy is a combination of maximizing revenues from our existing infrastructure, entering new markets and strict cost control initiatives. We plan to continue to capitalize on the growing global demand for fresh produce and expand our reach into existing and new markets. We expect sales growth of fresh produce in key markets by increasing our sales volume and per unit sales prices as permitted by market conditions. Our strategy includes increasing volumes from existing production and distribution facilities in order to improve operating efficiencies and reduce per unit costs. We plan additional investments in production facilities in order to expand our product offering in established markets and continue with our recent expansion in growth markets, such as the Middle East and Africa. We also plan additional investments in our North America, Middle East and Europe distribution and fresh-cut fruit and vegetables facilities to support our planned growth in these markets and expansion of production facilities at our recently acquired Mann Packing fresh and value-added vegetable products operation in California.

Net Sales

Our net sales are affected by numerous factors, including mainly the balance between the supply of and demand for our produce and competition from other fresh produce companies. Our net sales are also dependent on our ability to supply a consistent volume and quality of fresh produce to the markets we serve. For example, seasonal variations in demand for bananas as a result of increased supply and competition from other fruit are reflected in the seasonal fluctuations in banana prices, with the first six months of each year generally exhibiting stronger demand and higher prices, except in those years where an excess supply exists. In 2018, our overall banana sales volume decreased by 7% and our average per unit sales prices increased by 3%, primarily due to lower sales volumes in the Middle East and Europe, partially offset by higher pricing in the Middle East and North America, resulting in an overall decrease of 4% in banana net sales. Our net sales of other fresh produce were positively impacted by the net sales of Mann Packing, higher sales volumes of avocado in North America and fresh-cut products in Europe, Asia and the Middle East combined with higher net sales of non-produce operations. Negatively impacting our net sales of other fresh produce were lower non-tropical fruit and tomatoes sales volumes principally as a result of our planned volume reductions in those categories as part of our effort to increase profitability. In our prepared food business, we generally realize the largest portion of our net sales and gross profit in the third and fourth quarters of the year. During 2018, our prepared food net sales increased primarily as a result of the Mann Packing prepared food products and higher sales volumes of canned deciduous products in Europe. Partially offsetting these increases were lower sales volumes and per unit sales prices of prepared pineapple products and lower net sales in our Jordanian poultry business, principally the result of high industry supplies and increased competition.

Since our financial reporting currency is the U.S. dollar, our net sales are significantly affected by fluctuations in the value of the currency in which we conduct our sales versus the dollar, with a weaker dollar versus such currencies resulting in increased net sales in dollar terms. Including the effect of our foreign currency hedges, net sales for 2018 were positively impacted by \$45.5 million, as compared to 2017, principally as a result of a stronger euro, British pound, Korean won and Japanese yen.

During 2018, our net sales were positively affected by the net sales of Mann Packing which we acquired on February 26, 2018 and by higher sales volumes of avocados principally sourced from independent growers in Mexico and by higher sales volume of fresh-cut products in all regions that resulted from an expanded customer base and improved demand for our products along with increased production capability. Our net sales growth in recent years has been achieved primarily through higher sales volume in existing markets of other fresh produce, primarily fresh-cut products, avocados and other fruits and vegetables. Our net sales growth in recent years has also been attributable to a broadening of our product line with the expansion of our fresh-cut produce business, specifically increased sales to the foodservice sector and convenience stores combined with our expansion into

new markets as well as new product offerings including berries and other fruits and vegetables. We expect our net sales growth to continue to be driven by increased sales volumes across all of our segments. In North America, we expect net sales growth by further expanding the market reach of Mann Packing vegetable products and new product development. In all of our markets, we expect our sales growth to continue with new fresh-cut product offerings and increased volumes of existing products. In the Middle East, Europe and Asia, we expect to continue to increase our net sales of our fresh produce and prepared food product offerings as a result of our expansion in various markets in the region. We also expect to increase our sales by developing new products in the prepared food segment, targeting the convenience store and foodservice trade in selected North American, European and Middle Eastern markets and to continue to expand our sales of beverage products in North America, the Middle East, European and Sub-Sahara African markets.

Cost of Products Sold

Cost of products sold is principally composed of two elements, product and logistics costs. Product cost for our produce is primarily composed of cultivation (the cost of growing crops), harvesting, packaging, labor, depreciation and farm administration. Product cost for produce obtained from independent growers is composed of procurement and packaging costs. Logistics costs include land and sea transportation and expenses related to port facilities and distribution centers. Sea transportation cost is the most significant component of logistics costs and is comprised of the cost of ship operating expenses, chartering refrigerated ships and container equipment related costs. Ship operating expenses for our owned ships include operations, maintenance, depreciation, insurance, fuel (the cost of which is subject to commodity price fluctuations), and port charges. For chartered ships, operating expenses include the cost of chartering the ships, fuel and port charges. Container equipment costs include leasing expense and in the case of owned equipment, also depreciation expense. Third-party containerized shipping rates are also a significant component of our logistic costs. In recent years these container shipping rates have decreased and we have increased the use of third-party containerized shipping. Overall, our per unit sea transportation costs have decreased in recent years principally as a result of improved ship utilization combined with lower operating expenses and greater use of containers.

Variations in containerboard prices, which affect the cost of boxes and other packaging materials, and fuel prices can have a significant impact on our product cost and our profit margins. Also, variations in the production yields, fertilizers and other input costs and the cost to procure products from independent growers can have a significant impact on our costs. Containerboard, plastic, resin and fuel prices have historically been volatile. During 2017, cost of fuel increased 36%, containerboard increased 2% and fertilizer decreased 3% resulting in an increase of cost of product sold of \$21.7 million. During 2018, cost of fuel increased 30%, containerboard increased 12% and fertilizer increased 10% resulting in an increase of cost of products sold of \$38.3 million.

In general, changes in our volume of products sold can have a disproportionate effect on our gross profit. Within any particular year, a significant portion of our cost of products sold is fixed, both with respect to our operations and with respect to the cost of produce purchased from independent growers from whom we have agreed to purchase all the products they produce. Accordingly, higher volumes produced on company-owned farms directly reduce the average per-box cost, while lower volumes directly increase the average per-box cost. In addition, because the volume that will actually be produced on our farms and by independent growers in any given year depends on a variety of factors, including weather, that are beyond our control or the control of our independent growers, it is difficult to predict volumes and per-box costs. During 2018, cost of product sold was negatively affected by higher fuel costs, higher fruit costs and higher distribution costs resulting in an 10% increase in our average per unit cost of product sold. Our banana production and procurement costs increased 2% and our pineapple production and procurement costs increased 3%. In our expanding avocado and fresh-cut product category, procurements costs decreased as improved growing conditions in Mexico and lower costs positively affected our results. Non-tropical fruit costs were negatively affected by unfavorable growing conditions in our Chile operations resulting in a slight increase in our fruit cost. In our prepared food segment, production costs were negatively affected by higher production costs in our Jordanian poultry operations and by higher production costs for pineapple products in our Kenya operations and in our canned deciduous operations in Greece.

Since our financial reporting currency is the U.S. dollar, our costs are affected by fluctuations in the value of the currency in which we have significant operations versus the dollar, with higher costs resulting from a weak U.S. dollar. During 2018, cost of products sold was negatively impacted by approximately \$3.6 million as compared with 2017 due to a stronger euro, Chilean peso, Korean won and British pound.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses primarily include the costs associated with selling in countries where we have our own sales force, advertising and promotional expenses, professional fees, general corporate overhead and other related administrative functions. During 2018, our selling, general and administrative expenses increased primarily due to the acquisition of Mann Packing and a stronger euro. Our executive compensation was lower due to reduced earnings as well as our legal expenses were positively affected principally by reduced litigation.

(Gain) Loss on Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment

(Gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment in 2018 comprised principally of the gain on the sale of surplus land in the United Kingdom, the gain on the sale of a refrigerated vessel and the gain on the sale of surplus plant and equipment principally in Chile, Brazil and the Philippines. Also included were losses on disposal of low-yielding banana plants in Costa Rica and Guatemala in order to replant and improve productivity, the disposal of non-tropical plants in Chile due to varietal changes and a loss on the sale of tomato assets in the State of Virginia.

Goodwill and Trademark Impairment Charges

We review goodwill and other intangible assets for impairment on an annual basis or earlier if indicators for impairment are present. We incurred a trademark impairment of \$11.3 million during 2018 and \$0.9 million during 2017 related to the DEL MONTE® perpetual, royalty-free brand name license for prepared foods and beverage products in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and certain Central Asian countries due to lower than expected sales volume and pricing related to our prepared food segment.

The goodwill associated with our banana segment business unit and the trade names and remaining trademarks associated with our prepared segment business are highly sensitive to differences between estimated and actual cash flows and changes in the related discount rate used to evaluate the fair value of these assets. If the banana segment does not perform to expected levels, the banana segment goodwill may be at risk for impairment in the future. If the prepared food reporting unit does not perform to expected levels, the trade names and trademarks associated with this unit may also be at risk for further impairment in the future.

Asset Impairment and Other Charges, Net

In 2018, we incurred asset impairment and other charges totaling \$42.3 million related to our decision to abandon certain low-yield areas in our banana operation in the Philippines; acquisition-related expenses, principally the Mann Packing acquisition; restructuring charges as a result of cost reduction initiatives in our Chilean non-tropical fruit operation; asset impairment charges related to underutilized assets in Central America in the banana and other fresh produce segments; asset impairment charges related to cost reduction initiatives in Costa Rica in the banana segment; a credit related to insurance proceeds due to damage from inclement weather in one of our California facilities related to the other fresh produce segment and a credit related to the former President/COO transition charges.

In 2017, we incurred asset impairment and other charges totaling \$1.8 million related to flood damage in our Chile non-tropical fruit and Philippines banana operations; asset impairments in Central America in the banana segment; impairment due to our decision to cease the development of an investment initiative in Africa; other charges related to Kunia Well Site in Hawaii for EPA remediation additional expenses and a credit due to insurance proceeds related to previously announced flood damage in our Chile non-tropical fruit operations.

Interest Expense

Interest expense consists primarily of interest on borrowings under working capital facilities that we maintain and interest on other long-term debt primarily for capital lease obligations. In 2018, our interest expense increased due to higher average debt balances, principally as a result of the additional borrowing for the Mann Packing acquisition and higher interest rates.

Other Expense, Net

Other expense, net, primarily consists of currency exchange gains or losses, other components of pension costs and other miscellaneous income and expense items. During 2018, we incurred higher foreign exchange losses. In addition, we recorded the reclassification of other components of pension costs from selling, general and administrative expenses to other expenses.

Provision for Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes in 2018 was \$16.1 million. Income taxes consist of the consolidation of the tax provisions, computed on a separate entity basis, in each country in which we have operations. Since we are a non-U.S. company with substantial operations outside the United States, a substantial portion of our results of operations is not subject to U.S. taxation. Several of the countries in which we operate have lower tax rates than the United States. We are subject to U.S. taxation on our operations in the United States. From time to time, tax authorities in various jurisdictions in which we operate audit our tax returns and review our tax positions. There are audits presently pending in various countries. There can be no assurance that any tax audits, or changes in existing tax laws or interpretations in countries in which we operate will not result in an increased effective tax rate for us.

Tax reform

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cut and Jobs Act (the “Act”) was signed into law. In accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin (“SAB”) 118, we recognized the estimated impact of this legislation as a component of income tax expense in our audited financial statements for the year ending December 29, 2017. SAB 118 allows for a measurement period, not to extend beyond one year from the enactment date, for companies to complete their accounting for the provisions of the Act under Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 740. As of September 28, 2018, we finalized our analysis of the impact of the Act and determined that there were no adjustments required to be recorded for the financial statement for the year ending December 29, 2017.

New Internal Revenue Code section 951A has been adopted, which would require a U.S. shareholder of a Controlled Foreign Corporation (“CFC”), to include in income its Global Intangible Low-taxed Income (“GILTI”) in a manner similar to subpart F income. The statutory language allows a deduction for corporate shareholders equal to 50% of GILTI, which would be reduced to 37.5% starting in 2026. In general, GILTI would be the excess of a shareholder’s CFCs’ net income over a routine or ordinary return. GILTI is described as the excess of a U.S. shareholder’s net CFC tested income over its “net deemed tangible income return,” which is defined as 10% of its CFCs’ “qualified business asset investment,” reduced by certain interest expense taken into account in determining net CFC tested income. The provision will impact us beginning in 2018. Under the revised definition of CFC’s, two of our subsidiaries become SFC’s and fall under the GILTI provision beginning in 2018. Based upon the historical level of earnings and assets in these companies, the impact of this provision is not material.

Beginning in 2018, Base Erosion and Anti Abuse Tax (“BEAT”) is applicable to domestic taxpayers that make payments to foreign related parties for which a deduction is otherwise allowable, or for payments made in connection with acquisition of depreciable property. Payments for items which are a component of cost of sales are treated as a reduction of gross receipts and are excluded from the scope of the provision. The base of the BEAT excludes these payments, and the resulting income is subject to a 10% tax rate. The BEAT is then compared to the tax computed on a regular basis and taxpayers would pay the higher of the two amounts. The vast majority of payments made by our U.S. subsidiaries to foreign related parties are for procurement of fresh produce product. These payments are recorded as a component of cost of sales and therefore are excluded from the BEAT base. Unless our U.S. subsidiaries make significant future payments to foreign related parties other than for the procurement of fresh produce, this provision will not have an impact to our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Results of Operations

The following table presents, for each of the periods indicated, certain income statement data expressed as a percentage of net sales:

| | Year ended | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | December 30, 2016 |
| Statement of Income Data: | | | |
| Net sales | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Gross profit | 6.2 | 8.1 | 11.5 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.7 |
| Operating income | 0.9 | 3.7 | 6.1 |
| Interest expense | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Net (loss) income attributable to | | | |
| Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. | (0.5) | 3.0 | 5.6 |

The following tables present for each of the periods indicated (i) net sales by geographic region, (ii) net sales by product category and (iii) gross profit by product category and, in each case, the percentage of the total represented thereby:

| | Year ended | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| | December 28, 2018 | | December 29, 2017 | | December 30, 2016 | |
| | (U.S. dollars in millions) | | | | | |
| Net sales by geographic region: | | | | | | |
| North America | \$ 2,871.3 | 64% | \$ 2,382.4 | 58% | \$ 2,221.5 | 55% |
| Europe | 653.7 | 15% | 665.9 | 16% | 673.1 | 17% |
| Middle East | 445.6 | 10% | 518.8 | 13% | 569.8 | 14% |
| Asia | 465.7 | 10% | 460.2 | 11% | 477.2 | 12% |
| Other | 57.6 | 1% | 58.6 | 2% | 69.9 | 2% |
| Total | \$ 4,493.9 | 100% | \$ 4,085.9 | 100% | \$ 4,011.5 | 100% |

| | Year ended | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | | December 29, 2017 | | December 30, 2016 | |
| | (U.S. dollars in millions) | | | | | |
| Net sales by product category: | | | | | | |
| Other fresh produce | \$ 2,443.0 | 54% | \$ 1,997.2 | 49% | \$ 1,852.6 | 46% |
| Banana | 1,703.1 | 38% | 1,775.1 | 43% | 1,811.5 | 45% |
| Prepared food | 347.8 | 8% | 313.6 | 8% | 347.4 | 9% |
| Total | <u>\$ 4,493.9</u> | <u>100%</u> | <u>\$ 4,085.9</u> | <u>100%</u> | <u>\$ 4,011.5</u> | <u>100%</u> |
| | | | | | | |
| Gross profit by product category: | | | | | | |
| Other fresh produce | \$ 180.2 | 64% | \$ 179.2 | 54% | \$ 236.7 | 51% |
| Banana | 84.1 | 30% | 113.4 | 34% | 159.5 | 35% |
| Prepared food | 15.5 | 6% | 39.0 | 12% | 65.2 | 14% |
| Total | <u>\$ 279.8</u> | <u>100%</u> | <u>\$ 331.6</u> | <u>100%</u> | <u>\$ 461.4</u> | <u>100%</u> |

2018 Compared with 2017

Net Sales. Net sales for 2018 were \$4,493.9 million compared with \$4,085.9 million in 2017. The increase in net sales of \$408.0 million was attributable to higher net sales in our other fresh produce and prepared food segments, partially offset by lower net sales in our banana segment.

- Net sales in the other fresh produce segment increased \$445.8 million principally as a result of higher net sales of fresh-cut products, vegetables, avocados and non produce operations, partially offset by lower net sales of tomatoes and non-tropical fruit.
 - Net sales of fresh-cut products increased primarily due to the sales of Mann Packing fresh-cut vegetable products in North America. Also contributing to the increase were higher sales prices and volumes in Europe and Asia which were mostly attributable to favorable exchange rates and improved customer demand.
 - Net sales of vegetables increased due to the sales of Mann Packing vegetable products in North America such as broccoli, cauliflower and lettuce.
 - Net sales of avocados increased due to higher sales volume in North America primarily as a result of higher customer demand, partially offset by lower per unit sales prices due to high industry supplies. Also contributing to the increase were higher net sales in Asia as a result of increased shipments from Mexico.

- Net sales of non produce operations increased primarily due to higher net sales in our third party commercial freight service in North America and in our plastics business in Chile.
- Net sales of tomatoes decreased due to the discontinuance of our U.S. growing operations during 2018.
- Net sales of non-tropical fruit decreased primarily due to lower sales volumes of grapes in Asia, North America and Europe principally due to reduced shipments from Chile. Also contributing to the decrease were lower shipments of cherries to China during the fourth quarter 2018.
- Net sales in the prepared food segment increased \$34.2 million principally due to the sales of Mann Packing prepared food vegetable products in North America and higher sales volume of canned deciduous products in Europe. Partially offsetting these increases were lower sales volumes and per unit sales prices of canned pineapple products in Europe and lower pricing on industrial pineapple products primarily due to industry oversupply and lower customer demand. Also contributing to the decrease, were lower pricing in our Jordanian poultry business due to increased competition and market oversupply.
- Net sales of bananas decreased \$72.0 million principally due to lower net sales in the Middle East and Europe, partially offset by higher net sales in Asia and North America. Worldwide banana sales volume decreased by 7%.
 - Middle East banana net sales decreased principally due to lower sales volumes as a result of reduced supplies from the Philippines due to lower sales to Iran and Iraq as a result of the political situation in those markets. Partially offsetting these decreases were higher per unit sales prices.
 - Europe banana net sales decreased due to lower sales volumes and slightly lower pricing primarily as a result of high industry supplies and increased competition. Partially offsetting these decreases were favorable exchange rates.
 - Asia banana net sales increased as a result of higher sales volumes and slightly higher per unit sales prices. Contributing to this increase were favorable exchange rates and higher customer demand.
 - North America banana net sales increased as a result of higher per unit sales prices, partially offset by lower sales volumes.

Cost of Products Sold. Cost of products sold was \$4,214.1 million for 2018 compared with \$3,754.3 million in 2017, an increase of \$459.8 million. The increase was primarily attributable to cost of product sold related to the Mann Packing acquisition which contributed \$452.7 million of the increase. Also contributing to the increase were higher fruit cost, higher distribution costs principally in North America and Europe as a result of increased trucking rates attributable to limited availability of resources, higher fuel costs and higher containerboard costs. Higher container shipping rates in the Middle East and Asia were also contributors to our increase in cost of product sold. Partially offsetting these increases were lower banana sales volumes.

Gross Profit. Gross profit was \$279.8 million for 2018 compared with \$331.6 million for 2017, a decrease of \$51.8 million. This decrease was attributable to lower gross profit in our banana and prepared food business segments, partially offset by higher gross profit in our other fresh produce segment.

- Gross profit in the banana segment decreased by \$29.3 million primarily due to higher fruit cost per box, higher distribution costs and lower sales volumes in North America, Europe and the Middle East. Also contributing to the decrease were higher ocean freight costs in North America, the Middle East and Asia as well as higher fruit costs. Offsetting these decreases were higher per unit sales prices in North America and the Middle East. Worldwide banana per unit sales prices increased 3% and per unit cost increased 5%.
- Gross profit in the prepared food segment decreased by \$23.5 million principally due to lower sales prices on industrial and canned pineapple products as a result of excess industry supply and lower demand. Also contributing to the decrease was lower gross profit in our Jordanian poultry business primarily due to lower pricing resulting from oversupply and increased competition.
- Gross profit in the other fresh produce segment increased \$1.0 million principally due to higher gross profit on fresh-cut products, avocados and non produce operations, partially offset by lower gross profit on pineapples, tomatoes and melons.
 - Gross profit on fresh-cut products increased principally due to Mann Packing fresh-cut vegetables products. Also contributing to the increase were higher sales volume and sales prices in Europe and Asia and higher sales prices in North America. Partially offsetting these increases were lower sales prices in the Middle East.

- Gross profit on avocados increased due to higher sales volumes in North America and lower procurement costs, partially offset by lower per unit sales price.
- Gross profit on non produce operations increased primarily due to higher net sales in our third party commercial freight services in North America and in our plastics business in Chile.
- Gross profit on pineapples decreased principally due to higher fruit cost in Costa Rica, higher distributions costs in North America, Europe and the Middle East and higher ocean freight costs in North America, the Middle East and Asia. Also contributing to the decrease in gross profit was lower per unit sales prices in North America and the Middle East. Partially offsetting these decreases were higher sales volumes in North America, Europe and Asia. Worldwide pineapple per unit sales price decreased 3% and per unit costs increased 6%.
- Gross profit on tomatoes decreased principally due to lower sales volumes as a result of the discontinuance of our U.S. growing operations during the year combined with higher costs.
- Gross profit on melons decreased primarily due to higher fruit and distribution cost combined with lower per unit sale price in North America.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$21.5 million from \$173.2 million in 2017 to \$194.7 million in 2018. The increase was principally due to higher selling, general and administrative expenses in North America as a result of the Mann Packing acquisition combined with unfavorable exchange rates in Europe. Partially offsetting these increases were lower executive compensation as a result of lower earnings and lower legal expenses. Also partially offsetting this increase in 2018 as compared with 2017 was the reclassification of approximately \$4.7 million of pension costs to other expense.

(Gain) Loss on Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment. The (gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment was \$(7.1) million during 2018 consisting principally of the gain on the sale of surplus land in the United Kingdom, the gain on the sale of a refrigerated vessel and the gain on the sale of surplus plant and equipment principally in Chile, Brazil and the Philippines. Partially offsetting these gains were the losses on disposal of low-yielding banana plants in Costa Rica and Guatemala in order to replant and improve productivity, the disposal of non-tropical plants in Chile due to varietal changes and a loss on the sale of tomato assets in the State of Virginia. During 2017, the loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment was \$3.0 million consisting principally of the loss on disposal of low-yielding banana plants in Costa Rica and Guatemala in order to replant and improve productivity and disposal of deciduous plants in Chile, partially offset by a gain on the sale of shipping containers.

Goodwill and Trademark Impairment. In 2018, we incurred \$11.3 million for impairment of the DEL MONTE® perpetual, royalty-free brand name license due to lower than expected sales volume and pricing related to the prepared food segment. In 2017, we incurred \$0.9 million for impairment of the DEL MONTE® perpetual, royalty-free brand name license for beverage products in the United Kingdom due to lower than expected sales volume and pricing related to the prepared food segment.

Asset Impairment and Other Charges, Net. Asset impairment and other charges, net, was \$42.3 million in 2018 as compared with \$1.8 million in 2017.

Asset impairments and other charges, net, for 2018 were:

- \$32.3 million in asset impairment and other charges related to our decision to abandon certain low-yield areas in our banana operation in the Philippines;
- \$4.1 million in acquisition-related expenses, principally the Mann Packing acquisition;
- \$2.4 million in severance expense related to restructuring as a result of cost reduction initiatives in our Chilean non-tropical fruit operation;
- \$2.3 million in asset impairment charges related to underutilized assets in Central America in the banana and other fresh produce segments;
- \$1.8 million in asset impairment charges related to cost reduction initiatives in Costa Rica in the banana segment;
- \$1.0 million in asset impairment charges related to our decision to discontinue tomato growing operations in the United States primarily due to high production cost;
- credits of \$(1.0) million principally related to insurance proceeds due to damage from inclement weather in one of our California facilities related to the other fresh produce segment; and
- a credit of \$(0.6) million related to the former President/COO transition charges.

Asset impairments and other charges (credits), net, for 2017 were:

- \$1.5 million due to our decision to cease the development of an investment initiative in Africa related to the prepared food segment;
- \$0.8 million related to flood damage in our Philippines banana operations;
- \$0.6 million related to underutilized assets in Central America related to the banana segment;
- \$1.8 million related to flood damage in our Chile non-tropical fruit operation;
- a credit of \$(3.4) million for insurance recoveries related to previously announced flood damage in our Chile non-tropical fruit operations; and
- \$0.5 million related to Kunia Well Site in Hawaii for EPA remediation additional expenses.

Operating Income. Operating income in 2018 was \$38.6 million compared with operating income of \$152.7 million in 2017, a decrease of \$114.1 million. The decrease in operating income was principally due to lower gross profit, higher selling, general and administrative expenses and higher goodwill and trademark impairment charges as well as higher asset impairments and other charges, net. Partially offsetting these decreases in operating income, was a gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment during 2018 as compared with a loss during 2017.

Interest Expense. Interest expense was \$23.6 million in 2018 compared with \$6.4 million in 2017, an increase of \$17.2 million. The increase was primarily due to higher average debt balances as a result of the Mann acquisition combined with higher interest rates.

Other Expense, Net. Other expense, net, was \$15.7 million for 2018 compared with \$3.0 million in 2017. The increase in other expense, net, of \$12.7 million was principally attributable to higher foreign exchange losses and pension costs reclassified from operating expenses during 2018 as compared with 2017.

Provision for Income Taxes. Provision for income taxes was \$16.1 million in 2018 compared with \$24.9 million in 2017. The decrease in the provision for income taxes of \$8.8 million is primarily due to lower taxable earnings in certain jurisdictions.

2017 Compared with 2016

Net Sales. Net sales for 2017 were \$4,085.9 million compared with \$4,011.5 million in 2016. The increase in net sales of \$74.4 million was attributable to higher net sales in our other fresh produce segment, partially offset by lower net sales in our banana and prepared food segments.

- Net sales in the other fresh produce segment increased \$144.6 million principally as a result of higher net sales of fresh-cut products, avocados and plantains, partially offset by lower net sales of non-tropical fruit.
 - Net sales of fresh-cut products increased due to higher worldwide sales volumes primarily as a result of increased customer demand in all regions combined with higher per unit sales prices in North America. Sales volumes were significantly higher in North America, Europe and Asia. Contributing to the sales growth in the fresh-cut produce category were higher net sales to convenience stores and to the food service sector.
 - Net sales of avocados increased due to higher per unit sales prices in North America primarily due to tight industry supplies and higher customer demand as well as higher sales volumes as a result of our expanded sourcing operation in Mexico.
 - Net sales of plantains increased due to higher sales volumes and per unit sales price in North America primarily as a result of higher customer demand.
 - Net sales of non-tropical fruit decreased primarily due to lower sales volumes and per unit sales price of apples and citrus in the Middle East principally a result of lower demand. Partially offsetting this decrease were higher net sales of blueberries and strawberries in North America principally due to increase customer demand.
- Net sales of bananas decreased \$36.4 million principally due to lower net sales in the Middle East and Asia, partially offset by higher net sales in North America and Europe. Worldwide banana sales volume increased by 1%.
 - Middle East banana net sales decreased principally due to lower per unit sales price as a result of high industry volumes during the first half of the year as well as lower sales volume during the fourth quarter.

- Asia banana net sales decreased as a result of lower per unit sales price principally due to high industry supply and increased competition.
- North America banana net sales increased as a result of higher sales volumes and per unit sales price, principally due to increased customer demand.
- Europe banana net sales increased slightly due to higher sales volumes, partially offset by lower per unit sales price primarily as a result of unfavorable euro and British pound exchange rates.
- Net sales in the prepared food segment decreased \$33.8 million principally due to lower sales volume and per unit sales price of canned pineapple and deciduous products as a result of lower production and increased competition. Also contributing to the decrease were lower pricing on industrial pineapple products, primarily as a result of high industry supply. Partially offsetting this decrease were higher net sales in our Jordanian poultry business principally as a result of improved pricing.

Cost of Products Sold. Cost of products sold was \$3,754.3 million for 2017 compared with \$3,550.1 million in 2016, an increase of \$204.2 million. The increase was primarily attributed to higher fruit costs for fresh-cut products in North America as a result of higher input costs, and higher fruit costs for avocados and non-tropical fruit in North America primarily due to unfavorable growing conditions in Chile and Mexico. Also contributing to the increase was a 1% increase in total sales volume. Partially offsetting these increases in cost of product sold was lower ocean freight cost for bananas principally due to improved ship utilization and reduced container rates combined with favorable exchange rates in Costa Rica and the Philippines.

Gross Profit. Gross profit was \$331.6 million for 2017 compared with \$461.4 million for 2016, a decrease of \$129.8 million. This decrease was attributable to lower gross profit in all of our business segments.

- Gross profit in the other fresh produce segment decreased \$57.5 million principally due to lower gross profit on pineapples, non-tropical fruit, and fresh-cut products, partially offset by higher gross profit on tomatoes and avocados.
 - Gross profit on pineapples decreased principally due to lower per unit sales price in North America and Europe primarily as a result of higher industry supplies and unfavorable euro and British pound exchange rates. Partially offsetting this decrease was higher gross profit in Asia and the Middle East primarily due to lower fruit cost. Worldwide pineapple per unit sales price decreased 7% and per unit costs decreased 1%.
 - Gross profit on non-tropical fruit decreased primarily due to lower per unit sales price of grapes in North America as a result of oversupply during the first half of 2017. Also contributing to the decrease in gross profit were lower sales volumes and pricing of apples combined with lower sales volumes of citrus in the Middle East, principally due to lower demand.
 - Gross profit on fresh-cut products decreased principally due to higher fruit and distribution cost in North America, partially offset by higher sales volumes in all of our regions. Worldwide fresh-cut products per unit sales price increased 2% and per unit costs increased 7%.
 - Gross profit on tomatoes increased principally due to lower fruit costs resulting from lower production and procurement costs as well as lower distribution costs in North America.
 - Gross profit on avocados increased due to higher sales volumes in North America primarily as a result of higher demand.
- Gross profit in the banana segment decreased by \$46.1 million primarily due to lower per unit sales price in Asia, the Middle East and Europe as a result of higher industry supplies, lower customer demand and unfavorable euro, yen and British pound exchange rates. Partially offsetting these decreases were higher gross profit in North America due to higher sales volumes and a slight increase in per unit sales price. Worldwide banana per unit sales prices decreased 3% and per unit cost remained relatively flat.
- Gross profit in the prepared food segment decreased by \$26.2 million principally due to lower sales prices on industrial pineapple products as a result of excess industry supply combined with lower sales volumes and selling prices of canned pineapple products primarily due to lower demand. Partially offsetting these decreases were higher gross margin in our Jordanian poultry business as a result of higher sales and reduced costs.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased \$14.2 million from \$187.4 million in 2016 to \$173.2 million in 2017. The decrease was principally due to lower executive compensation as a result of lower earnings combined with lower legal expenses. Also contributing to the decrease were lower advertising and promotional expenses in Europe.

Loss (Gain) on Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment. The loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment was \$3.0 million during 2017 consisting principally of the loss on disposal of low-yielding banana plants in Costa Rica and Guatemala in order to replant and improve productivity, disposal of deciduous plants in Chile, partially offset by a gain on the sale of shipping containers. During 2016, the gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment netted to zero as the loss on disposal of low-yielding banana plants in Costa Rica and Guatemala in order to replant and improve productivity, disposal of deciduous plants in Chile and a loss on the sale of a refrigerated ship, where offset by gains on the sale of surplus land in Central and South America.

Goodwill and Trademark Impairment. In 2017, we incurred \$0.9 million for impairment of the DEL MONTE® perpetual, royalty-free brand name license for beverage products in the United Kingdom due to lower than expected sales volume and pricing related to the prepared food segment. In 2016, we incurred \$2.6 million in goodwill impairment representing 100% of the goodwill associated with the poultry business in Jordan in the prepared food segment. This impairment was principally due to underperformance.

Asset Impairment and Other Charges, Net. Asset impairment and other charges, net, was \$1.8 million in 2017 as compared with \$27.2 million in 2016.

Asset impairments and other charges, net, for 2017 were:

- \$1.5 million due to our decision to cease the development of an investment initiative in Africa related to the prepared food segment;
- \$0.8 million related to flood damage in our Philippines banana operations;
- \$0.6 million related to underutilized assets in Central America related to the banana segment;
- \$1.8 million related to flood damage in our Chile non-tropical fruit operation;
- a credit of \$(3.4) million for insurance recoveries related to previously announced flood damage in our Chile non-tropical fruit operations; and
- \$0.5 million related to Kunia Well Site in Hawaii for EPA remediation additional expenses.

Asset impairments and other charges (credits), net, for 2016 were:

- \$19.7 million in compensatory expense related to the former President/COO's transition comprised of:
 - Cash payments, primarily to be paid during the fourth quarter, of \$5.0 million in severance plus \$4.0 million in tax gross up and \$0.8 million in accelerated fourth quarter bonus,
 - \$3.0 million related to a 50,000 share grant,
 - \$5.9 million of share based payments accelerated due to termination, and
 - \$1.0 million of post employment medical benefits;
- \$2.5 million in asset impairment due to our decision to convert a banana plantation in the Philippines to a pineapple plantation during the next three years;
- \$2.5 million in asset impairments and other charges related to drought conditions in Brazil and our decision to abandon certain banana and other fresh produce growing areas;
- \$0.7 million in contract termination charges related to an underutilized facility in the United Kingdom principally related to the banana segment;
- \$1.2 million in impairment charges related to underutilized assets in Central America in the banana segment; and
- \$0.6 million in other charges primarily related to Kunia Well Site in Hawaii for EPA remediation discount rate adjustment.

Operating Income. Operating income in 2017 was \$152.7 million compared with an operating income of \$244.2 million in 2016, a decrease of \$91.5 million. The decrease in operating income was principally due to lower gross profit and a higher loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment, partially offset by lower selling, general and administrative expenses, lower goodwill and trademark impairment charges and lower asset impairment and other charges, net.

Interest Expense. Interest expense was \$6.4 million in 2017 compared with \$4.1 million in 2016, an increase of \$2.3 million. The increase was due to higher average debt balances and higher interest rates.

Other Expense, Net. Other expense, net, was \$3.0 million for 2017 compared with \$3.4 million in 2016. The decrease in other expense, net, of \$0.4 million was principally attributable to lower foreign exchange losses.

Provision for Income Taxes. Provision for income taxes was \$24.9 million in 2017 compared with \$11.8 million in 2016. The increase in the provision for income taxes of \$13.1 million is primarily due to higher taxable earnings in certain jurisdictions and the effect of the movement in deferred taxes which includes a one-time, non-cash increase to income tax expense of \$2.1 million, as a result of the effect of the decrease in the U.S. Federal tax rate from 35% to 21%.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$246.6 million for 2018 compared with \$194.2 million for 2017, an increase of \$52.4 million. The increase in net cash provided by operating activities was principally attributable to higher accounts payable and accrued expenses primarily as a result of improved cash management principally more beneficial payment terms with suppliers. Partially offsetting this increase was lower net income and higher accounts receivables, inventories and prepaid expenses and other current assets.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$194.2 million for 2017 compared with \$344.6 million for 2016, a decrease of \$150.4 million. The decrease in net cash provided by operating activities was principally attributable to lower net income and higher levels of inventory and accounts receivable. Partially offsetting these decreases were lower prepaid expenses and other current assets combined with higher accounts payables and accrued expenses.

Working capital was \$552.8 million at December 28, 2018 compared with \$626.0 million at December 29, 2017, a decrease of \$73.2 million. The decrease in working capital was principally due to higher levels of accounts payable and accrued expenses, partially offset by higher accounts receivable, inventories, assets held for sale and prepaid expenses and other current assets. The increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses was primarily due to the acquisition of Mann Packing combined with improved cash management. The increase in accounts receivable and inventory was primarily due to higher net sales. The increase in assets held for sale was principally due to \$42.2 million of excess land in North America that is in the process of selling, the increase in prepaid expenses and other current assets is principally due to higher prepaid taxes in the United States.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$494.8 million for 2018, \$133.8 million for 2017 and \$143.3 million for 2016. Net cash used in investing activities for 2018 consisted of \$150.5 million in capital expenditures, purchase of businesses of \$357.5 million, and investments in unconsolidated companies of \$4.2 million, partially offset by \$17.4 million in proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment.

Capital expenditures for 2018 consisted of approximately \$29.9 million related to the banana segment. Banana segment capital expenditures consisted primarily of \$16.4 million of expansion and improvements to our production facilities in Central America including our continuing development of our new Panama operation and \$6.4 million in expansions and improvements to our Philippines operations. The remaining \$7.1 million in our banana related capital expenditures were primarily for improvements to our distribution centers and for information technology systems. Approximately \$67.5 million of our 2018 capital expenditures were related to the other fresh produce segment. This consisted of approximately \$25.8 million for expansion and improvements to the Mann Packing facilities, including the construction of the new manufacturing plant in Gonzales, California; \$9.6 million for a new avocado packing and sorting facility in Mexico; \$8.4 million for improvements to our non-tropical fruit operations in Chile and \$6.7 million on improvements to our pineapple operations in Costa Rica and Philippines. The remaining \$17.0 million in capital expenditures related to the other fresh produce segment consists primarily of expansion and improvements to our fresh-cut facilities and information technology initiatives. Approximately \$15.6 million of our 2018 capital expenditures relate to the prepared food segment, consisting primarily of improvements and expansion to our Kenya, Greece, Mann Packing and Jordan prepared food operations. Also included in capital expenditures for 2018 were approximately \$37.5 million for progress payments for the construction of six new container ships. Investments in unconsolidated companies is comprised of a 10% equity interest in Purple Carrot, a privately-held company providing plant-based meal kits in North America. Purchase of a business relates to the purchase of Mann Packing and an herb farm in Jordan. Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment for 2018 consisted primarily of the sale of surplus land in the United Kingdom, a refrigerated vessel, surplus plant and equipment principally in Chile, Brazil and the Philippines and of tomato assets in the State of Virginia.

Net cash used in investing activities for 2017 consisted of \$138.5 million in capital expenditures, partially offset by \$4.7 million in proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment. Approximately \$61.0 million of our 2017 capital expenditures were related to the banana segment. Banana segment capital expenditures consisted primarily of approximately \$28.7 million for expansion of our production operations in the Philippines and approximately \$17.3 million for expansion and improvements to our production operations in Central America. The remainder of our banana segment capital expenditures of approximately \$15.0 million were principally for expansion and improvements to our distribution centers in North America and the Middle East and for information technology expenditures. Approximately \$66.9 million of our 2017 capital expenditures were related to the other fresh produce segment. This consisted principally of \$18.9 million for expansion of pineapple operations in Costa Rica and the Philippines and \$9.6 million for expansion and improvements to our non-tropical fruit operations in Chile. Also, included in our

capital expenditures for the other fresh produce segment in 2017 were approximately \$24.7 million for expansion and improvements to our fresh-cut and distribution facilities in North America and \$13.7 million for improvements and expansion to our distribution and production facilities in the Middle East and Asia. Approximately \$10.6 million of our 2017 capital expenditures were related to our prepared food segment, consisting principally of improvements to our production facilities in Kenya and the Middle East.

Net cash used in investing activities for 2016 consisted of \$146.7 million in capital expenditures and purchase of businesses of \$9.0 million, partially offset by \$12.4 million in proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment. Approximately \$75.7 million of our 2016 capital expenditures were related to the banana segment. Banana segment capital expenditures consisted primarily of approximately \$34.8 million for expansion of our production operations in the Philippines and approximately \$20.8 million for expansion and improvements to our production operations in Central America and Brazil. The remainder of our banana segment capital expenditures of approximately \$20.1 million were principally for a new distribution center in South Korea and additional ripening room capacity and other improvements to our distribution centers in North America and the Middle East, including information technology expenditures. Approximately \$63.1 million of our 2016 capital expenditures were related to the other fresh produce segment. This consisted principally of \$23.6 million for expansion of pineapple operations in Costa Rica and the Philippines and \$12.0 million for expansion and improvements to our non-tropical fruit operations in Chile. Also included in our capital expenditures for the other fresh produce segment in 2016 were approximately \$22.5 million for expansion and improvements to our fresh-cut operations and distribution facilities in North America and the Middle East and a new tomato operation in Jordan and approximately \$5.0 million for new fresh-cut operations in France and South Korea. Approximately \$7.9 million of our 2016 capital expenditures were related to our prepared food segment, consisting principally of improvements to our production facilities in Kenya and the Middle East. Purchase of businesses consisted of the purchase of a blueberry farm in Chile for \$7.1 million in cash and two apple and grape farms in Chile for \$3.5 million, of which \$1.9 million was paid in cash and the remaining \$1.6 million was paid using the forgiveness of previous advances to the growers. The purchase of businesses was funded using operating cash flows and available borrowings under our credit facility. Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment for 2016 consisted primarily of the sale of surplus land in Central and South America and the sale of a refrigerated ship and other surplus equipment.

On February 26, 2018, we acquired Mann Packing by purchasing all of its outstanding capital stock for an aggregate consideration of \$357.2 million, net of cash received. This acquisition was funded by a three-day promissory note of \$229.7 million, entered into at the seller's request, and cash of \$127.5 million. The three-day promissory note was settled with cash on hand and borrowings under our credit facility. Mann Packing is an award-winning innovator and leading grower, processor and supplier of a broad variety of fresh and value-added vegetable products in North America with annual sales of \$535.8 million in 2017. Mann Packing's strength in the vegetable category, one of the fastest growing fresh food segments, is allowing us to diversify our business, leverage our distribution network, infrastructure and increase our market reach. In addition, this transaction is expected to provide us with the following synergies:

- Acceleration of expansion strategy at Mann Packing's key retailers and channels;
- Improvement of our access to key retailers and food service distribution;
- Development of a forward distribution model to offer just-in-time delivery services nationwide by leveraging our North America distribution infrastructure to significantly broaden national coverage for our value-added vegetable products;
- Procurement savings by leveraging product sourcing in North America and lower cost sourcing opportunities using our infrastructure in Central America. In addition to enhanced packaging, materials, equipment and other consolidated component savings;
- Expansion of Mann Packing's production capacity in the United States by leveraging our existing facilities to improve Mann Packing's reach; and
- Marketing and overhead synergies resulting from opportunities to pursue co-branding and better pricing potential utilizing the DEL MONTE® brand.

On May 7, 2018, we acquired a 10% equity interest in Purple Carrot for \$4.2 million. Our investment was funded using operating cash flows and available borrowings under our Credit Facility (as defined below). This investment builds on our commitment to seize growth opportunities that will further diversify our business, leverage our distribution network and infrastructure, and provide healthful, fresh fruit and vegetable offerings in as many channels as possible.

In June 2018, we acquired a 70% interest in an herb farm in Jordan for \$1.7 million as part of our diversification strategy. This acquisition was funded using operating cash flows and available borrowings under our Credit Facility.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$242.0 million for 2018. Net cash used in financing activities was \$53.8 million for 2017 and \$205.4 million for 2016. Net cash provided by financing activities for 2018 consisted of \$304.5 million in net borrowings on long-term debt and \$0.8 million in proceeds from stock options exercised, partially offset by \$2.7 million for

distributions to noncontrolling interests, net, \$29.4 million in repurchase and retirement of ordinary shares, \$2.2 million for stock-based awards settled in cash for taxes and \$29.0 million in dividends paid.

Net cash used in financing activities for 2017 consisted of \$4.6 million for distributions to noncontrolling interests, \$142.0 million in repurchase and retirement of ordinary shares, \$5.6 million for stock-based awards settled in cash for taxes and \$30.1 million in dividends paid, partially offset by \$126.9 million for net borrowings on long-term debt, \$1.6 million in proceeds from stock options exercised.

Net cash used in financing activities for 2016 consisted of \$26.5 million for net payments on long-term debt, \$45.0 million for purchase of noncontrolling interest, \$0.2 million for distributions to noncontrolling interests, \$108.4 million in repurchase and retirement of ordinary shares, \$9.3 million in stock-based awards settled in cash for taxes and \$28.2 million in dividends paid, partially offset by \$12.2 million in proceeds from stock options exercised. Purchase of noncontrolling interest of \$45.0 million related to our purchase on April 28, 2016 of the remaining 60% noncontrolling interest in one of our pineapple producers, which was paid using operating cash flows and available borrowings under the Credit Facility. This purchase of the noncontrolling interest allows us to take management control of this *Del Monte Gold® Extra Sweet* pineapple operation and facilitates its expansion.

On April 16, 2015, we entered into a five year, \$800.0 million syndicated senior unsecured revolving credit facility maturing on April 15, 2020 (the "Credit Facility") with Bank of America, N.A. as administrative agent and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. as sole lead arranger and sole book manager. Borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest at a spread over the London Interbank Offer Rate ("LIBOR") that varies with our leverage ratio. The margin for LIBOR advances under the Credit Facility currently is 1.5%. The Credit Facility also includes a swing line facility, a letter of credit facility and a feature which allows, with bank approval, an increase in availability of up to an additional \$300.0 million. On February 27, 2018, we exercised this option and increased the revolving borrowing capacity of the Credit Facility from \$800.0 million to \$1.1 billion. On September 27, 2018, we amended certain covenant ratios of our Credit Facility. All other terms of the Credit Facility substantially remained the same. During 2018, we entered into interest rate swaps in order to hedge the risk of the fluctuation on future interest payments related to our variable rate LIBOR-based borrowings from our Credit Facility.

Certain covenants of our credit facility restrict the payment of dividends unless certain ratios are met. These ratios were not met as of the end of 2018. Accordingly, we expect the Board of Directors will temporarily suspend the quarterly cash dividend.

We intend to use the Credit Facility from time to time for general corporate purposes, which may include the repayment or refinancing of our existing indebtedness, working capital needs, capital expenditures, funding of possible share repurchases and satisfaction of other obligations.

On June 19, 2018, we renewed the renewable 364-day, \$25.0 million commercial and stand-by letter of credit facility with Rabobank Netherland, entered on June 22, 2015.

At December 28, 2018, we had borrowings of \$661.3 million outstanding under the Credit Facility bearing interest at a per annum rate of 3.87%. In addition, we pay an unused commitment fee.

The Credit Facility is unsecured as long as we meet a certain leverage ratio and also requires us to comply with certain financial and other covenants, including limitations on capital expenditures, the amount of dividends that can be paid in the future, the amount and types of liens and indebtedness, material asset sales and mergers. As of December 28, 2018, we were in compliance with all of the financial and other covenants contained in the Credit Facility.

At December 28, 2018, we had \$467.2 million of borrowing availability under committed working capital facilities, primarily under the Credit Facility. At December 28, 2018, we applied \$10.7 million to the Rabobank Nederland and Bank of America letter of credit facilities, in respect of certain contingent obligations and other governmental agencies and purchases of equipment and raw material guarantees and other trade related letters of credit. We also had \$17.4 million in other letters of credit and bank guarantees not included in the letter of credit facilities.

As of December 28, 2018, we had \$662.4 million of long-term debt and capital lease obligations, including the current portion, consisting of \$661.3 million outstanding under the Credit Facility, and \$1.1 million of capital lease obligations.

Based on our operating plan, combined with our borrowing limit under our Credit Facility, we believe we will have sufficient resources to meet our cash obligations in the foreseeable future. As of December 28, 2018, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$21.3 million.

During 2017 and 2018, we entered into a definitive agreement for the building of six new refrigerated container ships to be delivered commencing in 2020. We made payments of \$36.4 million in 2018 and expect to make payments of approximately \$32.4 million in 2019, \$85.8 million in 2020 and \$20.7 million in 2021 for these six ships. We anticipate that this shipbuilding program will lead to the replacement of our entire U.S. east coast fleet of vessels. We expect to fund these capital expenditures through operating cash flows and bank borrowings.

During 2018, we paid approximately \$2.8 million in termination benefits related to Chilean and Philippines restructuring, \$1.4 million in contract termination for the closure of farms in the Philippines and \$0.3 million in contract termination for the closure of distribution centers in Europe in previous periods. We expect additional charges for the Philippine restructuring within a range of \$0.5 million to \$1.0 million within the next 12 months.

In connection with a current examination of the tax returns in two foreign jurisdictions, the taxing authorities have issued income tax deficiencies related to transfer pricing aggregating approximately \$141.4 million (including interest and penalties) for tax years 2012 through 2016. We strongly disagree with the proposed adjustments and have filed a protest with each of the taxing authorities as we believe that the proposed adjustments are without technical merit. We will continue to vigorously contest the adjustments and expect to exhaust all administrative and judicial remedies necessary to resolve the matters, which could be a lengthy process. We regularly assesses the likelihood of adverse outcomes resulting from examinations such as these to determine the adequacy of its tax reserves. Accordingly, we have not accrued any additional amounts based upon the proposed adjustments. There can be no assurance that these matters will be resolved in our favor, and an adverse outcome of either matter, or any future tax examinations involving similar assertions, could have a material effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cut and Jobs Act (the “Act”) was signed into law. In accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin (“SAB”) 118, we recognized the estimated impact of this legislation as a component of income tax expense in our audited financial statements for the year ending December 29, 2017. SAB 118 allows for a measurement period, not to extend beyond one year from the enactment date, for companies to complete their accounting for the provisions of the Act under ASC 740. As of September 28, 2018 we finalized our analysis of the impact of the Act and determined that there were no adjustments required to be recorded for the financial statement for the year ending December 29, 2017.

The principal capital expenditures planned for 2019 consist primarily of expansion and improvement of production facilities in North America, principally our newly acquired Mann Packing facilities, combined with production facilities in Costa Rica, the Philippines, Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Kenya and Jordan. We also plan capital expenditures for expansion and improvements of our distribution and fresh-cut facilities in the United States, Europe and Asia. In addition, as part of our ship building program entered into in 2017 and 2018, we expect to make additional payments of \$32.4 million in 2019, \$85.8 million in 2020 and \$20.7 million in 2021 for the construction of our six new container ships. These ships are scheduled to be delivered commencing in 2020 and will replace our entire U.S. east coast fleet. We expect to fund our capital expenditures in 2019 through operating cash flows and borrowings under our Credit Facility. We generated cash from operations of \$246.6 million in 2018 and had \$433.7 million of borrowing capacity available under our Credit Facility as of December 28, 2018.

The fair value of our derivatives related to our foreign currency cash flow hedges were in a net liability of \$0.8 million as of December 28, 2018 and \$1.4 million as of December 29, 2017 due to relative strengthening or weakening of exchange rates when compared to contracted rates. During 2018, we entered into interest rate swaps in order to hedge the risk of the fluctuation on future interest payments related to our variable rate LIBOR-based borrowings through 2028. The fair value of the derivatives related to our interest rates swap cash flow hedges were in a net liability of \$7.6 million as of December 28, 2018.

We enter into derivative instruments with counterparties that are highly rated and do not expect a deterioration of our counterparty’s credit ratings; however, the deterioration of our counterparty’s credit ratings would affect the Consolidated Financial Statements in the recognition of the fair value of the hedges that would be transferred to earnings as the contracts settle. We expect that \$0.8 million of the fair value of foreign currency hedges recognized as loss in accumulated other comprehensive income (“AOCI”) will be transferred to earnings during the next 12 months and the remaining net loss related to our interest rate swap derivatives of \$7.6 million in accumulated other comprehensive income over a period of 10 years, along with the earnings effect of the related forecasted transactions.

Other

We are involved in several legal and environmental matters that, if not resolved in our favor, could require significant cash outlays and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and liquidity. See Item 1. *Business Overview* under “Environmental Matters” and Item 3. *Legal Proceedings* and Note 17, “*Litigation*” to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

We believe the following accounting policies used in the preparation of our Consolidated Financial Statements may involve a high degree of judgment and complexity and could have a material effect on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Revenue Recognition

Our revenues result from the sale of products or services and reflect the consideration to which we expect to be entitled. We record revenue based on a five-step model in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 606 - *"Revenues from Contracts with Customers"*. For our customer contracts, we identify the performance obligations (products or services), determine the transaction price, allocate the contract transaction price to the performance obligations, and recognize the revenue when the performance obligation is fulfilled, which is when the product is shipped to or received by the customer, depending on the specific terms of the arrangement. Our revenues are recorded at a point in time.

Product sales are recorded net of variable consideration, such as provisions for returns, discounts and allowances. Such provisions are calculated using historical averages adjusted for any expected changes due to current business conditions. Consideration given to customers for cooperative advertising is recognized as a reduction of revenue except to the extent that there is a distinct good or service, in which case the expense is classified as selling, general, and administrative expense. Provisions for customer volume rebates are based on achieving a certain level of purchases and other performance criteria that are established on a program by program basis. These rebates are estimated based on the expected amount to be provided to the customers and are recognized as a reduction of revenue.

As part of our adoption of ASC 606, we elected the practical expedient to expense incremental costs of obtaining a contract, if the contract period is for one year or less. These costs are included in selling, general and administrative expenses. Otherwise, incremental contract costs are recognized as an asset in the consolidated balance sheets and amortized over time as promised goods and services are transferred to a customer. We also elected to adopt a policy that shipping and handling costs will be accounted for as costs to fulfill a contract and are not considered performance obligations to our customers. The impact was insignificant as the expedient and policy election align with our current practice. We also elected to exclude taxes collected from our customers assessed by government authorities that are both imposed on and concurrent with a specific revenue-producing transaction from our determination of transaction price. We utilize the practical expedient and do not adjust the promised amount of consideration for the effects of a significant financing component due to the fact that the period between the transfer of the promised good or service to a customer and the customer payment is one year or less.

The gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net for 2018 was \$7.1 million and primarily related to the sale of surplus land in the United Kingdom for \$6.4 million, which was accounted for using the guidance in ASC 610 - *Other Income*.

Refer to Note 22, *"Business Segment Data"* for additional description of our reportable business segments and disaggregated revenue disclosures.

Growing Crops

Expenditures on pineapple, melon, tomatoes and non-tropical fruit, including grapes, growing crops are valued at the lower of cost or market and are deferred and charged to cost of products sold when the related crop is harvested and sold. The deferred growing costs consist primarily of land preparation, cultivation, irrigation and fertilization costs. The deferred growing crop calculation is dependent on an estimate of harvest yields and future crop expenditures. If there is an unexpected decrease in estimated harvest yields, a write-down of deferred growing costs may be required.

Share-Based Compensation

Our share-based payments are composed entirely of compensation expense related to awards granted to employees and members of our Board of Directors, each of whom meets the definition of an employee under the provisions of the ASC 718 guidance on *"Compensation-Stock Compensation."*

We recognize share-based compensation expense over the requisite service period, which is generally the vesting period of each award. Share-based compensation expense related to stock options, restricted stock awards and restricted stock units, for the year ended December 28, 2018, included in the determination of income before provision for income taxes and net income, totaled \$11.5 million and is included in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations for the year ended December 28, 2018 in selling, general and administrative expenses.

The amount of cash received from the exercise of stock options was \$0.8 million for the year ended December 28, 2018.

Goodwill and Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets

We assess goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment on an annual basis on the first day of the fourth quarter of each year, or sooner if events indicate such a review is necessary.

As part of the 2004 Del Monte Foods acquisition, we also acquired perpetual, royalty-free licenses to use the DEL MONTE® brand for processed and/or canned food in more than 100 countries throughout Europe, Africa, the Middle East and certain Central Asian countries. We can also produce, market and distribute certain prepared food products in North America based on our recently announced agreement with Del Monte Pacific utilizing the DEL MONTE® brand. This indefinite-lived intangible asset is not being amortized but is reviewed for impairment on the annual impairment assessment performed during the fourth quarter consistent with the ASC guidance on “*Intangibles – Goodwill and Other*” and includes \$31.9 million at December 28, 2018 related to these licenses.

During 2018, based on the annual impairment review of trade names and trademarks performed on the first day of our fourth quarter in 2018 and due to the underperformance of our prepared products in Europe, Middle East and North Africa and prepared juice business in the United Kingdom, we incurred an impairment charge of \$11.3 million. During 2017, we had incurred a charge of \$0.9 million related to the prepared juice business in the United Kingdom also as a result of the annual impairment review of the trade names and trademarks.

During 2016, we incurred a goodwill impairment of \$2.6 million representing 100% of the goodwill associated with the poultry business in Jordan in the prepared food segment. This impairment was principally due to underperformance.

The fair value of the banana reporting unit's goodwill and the prepared food unit's trade names and trademarks are sensitive to differences between estimated and actual cash flows and changes in the related discount rate used to evaluate the fair value of these assets. If the banana and the prepared food reporting units do not perform to expected levels, the banana goodwill and the DEL MONTE® brand trade names and trademarks associated with the prepared reporting unit may also be at risk for impairment in the future.

The following table highlights the sensitivities of the indefinite-lived intangibles at risk as of December 28, 2018 (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Banana Reporting Unit Goodwill | DEL MONTE® Prepared Reporting Unit Trade Names and Trademarks |
|---|---|--|
| Carrying value of indefinite-lived intangible assets | \$ 64.5 | \$ 31.9 |
| Approximate percentage by which the fair value exceeds the carrying value based on the annual impairment test as of the first day of fourth quarter | 30.0% | — |
| Amount that a one percentage point increase in the discount rate and a 10% decrease in cash flows would cause the carrying value to exceed the fair value and trigger an impairment | \$ 19.0 | \$ 5.2 |

As of December 28, 2018, we are not aware of any items or events that would cause an adjustment to the carrying value of Goodwill and Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

We account for the impairment of long-lived assets in accordance with the Codification guidance related to “*Property, Plant and Equipment*.” The Codification guidance requires write-downs to be incurred on long-lived assets used in operations when indicators of impairment are present and the undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by those assets are less than the assets’ carrying amount. We incurred charges related to impairment of long-lived assets of \$35.1 million in 2018, \$3.7 million in 2017 and \$6.0 million in 2016. Such charges are included in asset impairment and other charges, net in the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Operations for the years ended December 28, 2018, December 29, 2017 and December 30, 2016.

In assessing potential impairment, we consider the operating performance and projected undiscounted cash flows of the relevant assets. If the projected cash flows are estimated to be less than the assets’ carrying value, we may have to record additional impairment charges. The fair value of the assets is determined based on discounted future cash flows or independent appraisals from third parties.

Income Taxes

Deferred income taxes are recognized for the tax consequences in future years of differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their financial reporting amounts at each year end, based on enacted tax laws and statutory tax rates applicable to the year in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established when it is deemed more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

We account for income tax uncertainties consistent with the ASC guidance included in “*Income Taxes*,” which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in a company’s financial statements and 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 tax return. The ASC also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition.

Contingencies

Estimated losses from contingencies are expensed if it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Gain contingencies are not reflected in the financial statements until realized. We use judgment in assessing whether a loss contingency is probable and estimable. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Environmental Remediation Liabilities

Estimated expenses associated with environmental remediation obligations are accrued when such expenses are probable and can be reasonably estimated. We have recorded provisions for the Kunia Well Site related to the expected environmental remediation. The related liability is based on the Record of Decision, which was issued by the EPA on September 25, 2003. In 2004, we commenced certain remediation and further testing activities. The total liability for the Kunia Well Site was \$13.5 million for year ended December 28, 2018 and \$13.9 million for year ended December 29, 2017. Going forward, we expect to expend approximately \$4.2 million for 2019 through 2023 on this matter. The ultimate amount of the cost for the expected environmental remediation of the Kunia Well Site is dependent on the actual cost. Actual remediation costs could significantly differ from our estimates.

Derivative Financial Instruments

We account for derivative financial instruments in accordance with the ASC guidance on “*Derivatives and Hedging*.” The ASC on “*Derivatives and Hedging*” requires us to recognize the value of derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities in the statement of financial position at fair value. The accounting for changes in the fair value (i.e., gains or losses) of a derivative instrument depends on whether it has been designated as a hedge and qualifies as part of a hedging relationship. The accounting also depends on the type of hedging relationship, whether a cash flow hedge, a fair value hedge, or hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation. A fair value hedge requires that the change in the fair value of a derivative financial instrument be offset against the change in the fair value of the underlying asset, liability, or firm commitment being hedged through earnings. A cash flow hedge requires that the change in the fair value of a derivative instrument be recognized in other comprehensive income, a component of shareholders’ equity, and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings and is presented in the same income statement line item as the earnings effect of the hedged item.

We use derivative financial instruments primarily to reduce our exposure to adverse fluctuations in foreign exchange and interest rates. We enter into foreign exchange forward contracts with varying duration to hedge exposures resulting from portions of our forecasted revenues or forecasted expenses that are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. We entered into interest rate swap agreements that qualify for and are designated as cash flow hedges to achieve a desired mix of floating and fixed interest rates on our borrowings. These interest rate swap contracts convert the floating interest rate on a portion of our debt to a fixed rate, plus a borrowing spread. When entered into, we formally designate and document the financial instrument as a hedge of a specific underlying exposure, as well as the risk management objectives and strategies for undertaking the hedge transaction. The fair values of derivatives used to hedge or modify our risks fluctuate over time. These fair value amounts should not be viewed in isolation, but rather in relation to the cash flows or fair value of the underlying hedged transactions or assets and other exposures and to the overall reduction in our risk relating to adverse fluctuations in foreign exchange and interest rates.

We account for the fair value of our derivative financial instruments as either an asset in other current assets or non-current assets or a liability in accrued expenses or other non-current liabilities. We use an income approach to value our outstanding foreign currency. An income approach consists of a discounted cash flow model that takes into account the present value of future cash flows under the terms of the contracts using current market information as of the measurement date such as foreign currency spot and forward rates. An element of default risk based on observable inputs is also built into the fair value calculation.

Fair Value Measurements

We measure fair value for financial instruments, such as derivatives on an ongoing basis. We measure fair value for non-financial assets, when a valuation is necessary, such as for impairment of long-lived and indefinite-lived assets when indicators of impairment exist. Fair value is measured in accordance with the ASC on “*Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*.” The ASC on “*Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*” defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and enhances disclosures about fair value measures required under other accounting pronouncements, but does not change existing guidance as to whether or not an instrument is carried at fair value. The ASC also requires us to classify fair value measurements based on the weight of observable and unobservable valuation inputs as follows: Level 1: inputs are derived from quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2: inputs are derived from significant other observable inputs and Level 3: inputs utilized are not observable.

The purchase price allocation for the Mann Packing acquisition reflected in the accompanying financial statements and includes \$162.0 million allocated to goodwill representing the excess of the purchase price over the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed and is subject to revision. The fair value of the net assets acquired are estimated using Level 3 inputs based on unobservable inputs except for items such as working capital which are valued using Level 2 inputs due to mix of quoted prices for similar instruments and cash and cash equivalents valued as Level 1 due to its highly liquid nature. We primarily utilized the cost approach for the valuation of the personal and real property. For the definite-lived intangible assets including customer list intangibles and trade names and trademark were valued primarily using an income approach methodology.

The Mann Packing acquisition includes a put option exercisable by the 25% shareholder of one of the acquired subsidiaries. The put option allows the noncontrolling owner to sell his 25% noncontrolling interest to us for a multiple of the subsidiary's adjusted earnings. As the put option is outside of our control, the estimated value of the 25% noncontrolling interest is presented as a redeemable noncontrolling interest outside of permanent equity on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. The fair value assigned to this interest is estimated using Level 3 inputs based on unobservable inputs. Refer to Note 4 “*Acquisitions*” for further discussion on the acquisition of Mann Packing.

As of December 28, 2018, we recognized \$2.2 million in asset impairment and other charges, net related to certain underutilized assets in Central America. The asset impairment consisted of a write-down of \$2.2 million related to assets with a carrying value of \$8.7 million. We estimated the fair value of these assets of \$6.5 million using the market approach. The fair value of these assets are classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy due to the mix of unobservable inputs utilized.

As of December 28, 2018, we have \$45.4 million in property, plant and equipment meeting the criteria of assets held for sale included in prepaid expenses and other current assets primarily related to the discontinuance of tomato production assets including land, buildings and machinery and equipment in the United States in the other fresh produce segment. During the fourth quarter, we recognized an impairment charge of \$1.0 million to recognize these assets at the lower of cost or fair value less cost to sell using the market approach. The fair value of these assets are classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy due to the mix of unobservable inputs utilized.

During 2018, we incurred an impairment charge of \$11.3 million for the DEL MONTE® prepared food segment's trade names and trademarks for which the fair value is \$31.9 million. During 2017, based on the annual impairment review of trade names and trademarks performed on the first day of our fourth quarter of 2017 and due to the underperformance of our prepared

juice business in the United Kingdom, we incurred a trade name and trademark impairment of \$0.9 million. We utilized the royalty savings method, an income approach, to determine the fair value of the DEL MONTE® prepared food trade names and trademarks. Under this approach, fair value is measured as the present worth of anticipated future net cash flows generated by the asset. We corroborate other inputs used in the royalty savings method with market participant assumptions such as royalty rates and discount rates utilized, however due to the mix of unobservable inputs utilized, the fair value of the trademarks are classified as Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

During 2018, we recognized \$1.9 million in asset impairment and other charges, net for contract termination obligations in the Philippines. We estimated the fair value of this obligation using an income based approach. The fair value of the contract termination obligation is classified as Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy due to the mix of unobservable inputs utilized.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-02, Leases, and has subsequently issued several supplemental and/or clarifying ASU's (collectively, "ASC 842"), which requires a dual approach for lease accounting under which a lessee would account for leases as finance leases or operating leases. Both finance leases and operating leases may result in the lessee recognizing a right-of use asset and a corresponding lease liability. For finance leases, the lessee would recognize interest expense and amortization of the right-of-use asset, and for operating leases, the lessee would recognize lease expense on a straight-line basis. The guidance also requires qualitative and specific quantitative disclosures to supplement the amounts recorded in the financial statements so that users can understand more about the nature of an entity's leasing activities, including significant judgments and changes in judgments. This ASU will be effective for us beginning the first day of our 2019 fiscal year. Early adoption is permitted. In July 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-11, to provide another optional transition method in addition to the existing transition method by allowing entities to initially apply the new leases standard at the adoption date (December 29, 2018, for the Company) and recognize a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the period of adoption. Consequently, an entity's reporting for the comparative periods presented in the financial statements in which it adopts the new leases standard will continue to be in accordance with current GAAP (Topic 840, Leases). We are currently evaluating this standard and anticipate that its adoption will have a material impact on the Consolidated Balance Sheet and related disclosures. We do not anticipate adoption will have a significant impact on our Consolidated Statements of Operations or Cash Flows. We have completed our initial scoping reviews to identify a complete population of leases to be recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheet as a lease obligation and a right of use asset. We are in the process of implementing a new lease accounting information system to assist with the tracking and accounting for leases. Our efforts are focused on financial reporting and developing new internal controls. The standards provide a number of optional practical expedients and policy elections in transition. We will elect to apply the package of practical expedients under which we will not reassess under the standard our prior conclusions about lease classification and initial direct costs, and the expedient to not assess existing or expired land easements. We will elect the short-term lease recognition exemption for all leases that qualify, meaning we will recognize expense on a straight-line basis and will not include the recognition of a right-of-use asset or lease liability. We also will elect the policy to combine lease and non-lease components for all lease categories.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments - Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, and subsequent amendment to the guidance, ASU 2018-19 in November 2018. The standard significantly changes how entities will measure credit losses for most financial assets and certain other instruments that aren't measured at fair value through net income. The standard will replace today's "incurred loss" approach with an "expected loss" model for instruments measured at amortized cost. For available-for-sale debt securities, entities will be required to record allowances rather than reduce the carrying amount, as they do today under the other-than-temporary impairment model. It also simplifies the accounting model for purchased credit-impaired debt securities and loans. The amendment will affect loans, debt securities, trade receivables, net investments in leases, off balance sheet credit exposures, reinsurance receivables, and any other financial assets not excluded from the scope that have the contractual right to receive cash. ASU 2018-19 clarifies that receivables arising from operating leases are accounted for using lease guidance and not as financial instruments. The amendments should be applied on either a prospective transition or modified-retrospective approach depending on the subtopic. This ASU will be effective for us beginning the first day of our 2020 fiscal year. Early adoption is permitted. We are evaluating the impact of adoption of this ASU on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, and, as such, we are not able to estimate the effect the adoption of the new standard will have on our financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, *Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment*, which removes the requirement to compare the implied fair value of goodwill with its carrying amount as part of step two of the goodwill impairment test. The ASU permits an entity to perform its annual, or interim, goodwill impairment test by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount and recognize an impairment charge for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value; however, the loss recognized should not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit. This ASU will be effective for us beginning the first day of our 2020 fiscal year. Early adoption is permitted. We

have elected to early adopt this ASU, and there was no impact of adoption to our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Trend Information

Our net sales are affected by numerous factors, including mainly the balance between the supply of and demand for our produce and competition from other fresh produce companies. Our net sales are also dependent on our ability to supply a consistent volume and quality of fresh produce to the markets we serve. For example, seasonal variations in demand for bananas as a result of increased supply and competition from other fruit are reflected in the seasonal fluctuations in banana prices, with the first six months of each year generally exhibiting stronger demand and higher prices, except in those years where an excess supply exists. In 2018, our overall banana sales volume decreased by 7% and our average per unit sales prices increased by 3%, primarily due to lower sales volumes in the Middle East and Europe, partially offset by higher pricing in the Middle East and North America, resulting in an overall decrease of 4% in banana net sales. Our net sales of other fresh produce were positively impacted by the net sales of Mann Packing, higher sales volumes of avocado in North America and fresh-cut products in Europe, Asia and the Middle East combined with higher net sales of non-produce operations. Negatively impacting our net sales of other fresh produce were lower non-tropical fruit and tomatoes sales volumes principally as a result of our planned volume reductions in those categories as part of our effort to increase profitability. In our prepared food business, we generally realize the largest portion of our net sales and gross profit in the third and fourth quarters of the year. During 2018, our prepared food net sales increased primarily as a result of the Mann Packing prepared food products and higher sales volumes of canned deciduous products in Europe. Partially offsetting these increases were lower sales volumes and per unit sales prices of prepared pineapple products and lower net sales in our Jordanian poultry business principally, principally the result of high industry supplies and increased competition.

Our strategy is a combination of maximizing revenues from our existing infrastructure, entering new markets and strict cost control initiatives. We plan to continue to capitalize on the growing global demand for fresh produce and expand our reach into existing and new markets. We expect sales growth of fresh produce in key markets by increasing our sales volume and per unit sales prices as permitted by market conditions. Our strategy includes increasing volumes from existing production and distribution facilities in order to improve operating efficiencies and reduce per unit costs. We plan additional investments in production facilities in order to expand our product offering in established markets and continue with our recent expansion in growth markets, such as the Middle East and Africa. We also plan additional investments in our North America, Middle East and Europe distribution and fresh-cut fruit and vegetables facilities to support our planned growth in these markets and expansion of production facilities at our recently acquired Mann Packing fresh and fresh-cut vegetable products operation in California.

In the pineapple and non-tropical fruit markets, we believe that the high degree of capital investment and cultivation expertise required, as well as the longer length of the growing cycle, makes it relatively difficult to enter the market. In addition, our profitability has depended significantly on our gross profit on the sale of our *Del Monte Gold[®] Extra Sweet* pineapples. In 2018, our overall pineapple sales volume increased by 2% mostly due to product expansion in our Costa Rica operations, and our average per unit sales prices decreased 3% primarily due to higher industry supplies. Increased competition in the production and sale of *Del Monte Gold[®] Extra Sweet* pineapples has adversely affect our results. We expect these competitive pressures to continue in 2019.

The fresh-cut produce market is highly fragmented, and we compete with a wide variety of local and regional distributors of branded and unbranded fresh-cut produce and, in the case of certain fresh-cut vegetables, a small number of large, branded producers and distributors. However, we believe that our principal competitive challenge is to capitalize on the growing trend of retail chains and independent grocers to outsource their own on-premises fresh-cut operations. We believe that our sales strategy, which emphasizes not only our existing sources of fresh produce, but also a full range of value-added services, strict compliance with food safety standards and our national distribution capability, positions us to increase our share of this market. In recent years our fresh-cut net sales have significantly increased as a result of higher customer demand and product expansion. In 2018, primarily as a result of the Mann Packing acquisition, our fresh-cut fruit and vegetable net sales increased by 55%.

In the banana market, we continue to face competition from a limited number of large multinational companies. At times, particularly when demand is greater than supply, we also face competition from a large number of relatively small banana producers. Unlike the pineapple and non-tropical fruit markets, there are few barriers to entry into the banana market. Supplies of bananas can be increased relatively quickly due to bananas relatively short growing cycle and the limited capital investment required for banana growing. As a result of changes in supply and demand, as well as seasonal factors, banana prices fluctuate significantly.

For example, banana import regulations have in prior years restricted our access to the EU banana market and increased the cost of doing business in the EU. In December 2009, the EU entered into an agreement with certain Latin America banana exporting countries to settle a long running dispute over banana import tariffs. This agreement was ratified in May 2010. Under this agreement, the EU will gradually reduce import tariffs on bananas from Latin America on an annual basis from the current

level of €117 per ton in 2018 to €114 per ton by 2019, except for countries under Free Trade Agreements (FTA's). Countries under FTA's that signed bilateral agreements with the EU in 2012 are benefiting from accelerated but gradual reduction of import duties. The FTA's are in effect for Central American countries, Colombia, and Peru. The duty for FTA countries was €89 per ton for 2018, it will be €82 in 2019 and will be reduced to €75 per ton by January 1, 2020. Our Colombia and Central America sourced bananas benefit from this FTA agreement.

Our costs are determined in large part by the prices of fuel and packaging materials, including containerboard, plastic, resin and tin plate. We may be adversely affected if sufficient quantities of these materials are not available to us. Any significant increase in the cost of these items could also materially and adversely affect our operating results. Other than the cost of our products (including packaging), logistics (sea and inland transportation) costs represent the largest component of cost of products sold. Third-party containerized shipping rates are also a significant component of our logistic costs. Containerboard, plastic, resin and fuel prices have historically been volatile. During 2017, cost of fuel increased 36%, containerboard increased 2% and fertilizer decreased 3% resulting in an increase of cost of product sold of \$21.7 million. During 2018, cost of fuel increased 30%, containerboard increased 12% and fertilizer increased 10% resulting in an increase of cost of products sold of \$38.3 million.

In addition, we are subject to the volatility of the charter ship market because seven of our refrigerated ships are chartered. These charters are principally for periods of one to three years. We have recently entered into agreements for the construction of six new container ships to be delivered commencing in 2020 which we expect will lower our costs and reduce our exposure to the volatility of the charter market. As a result, significant increases in fuel, packaging material, fertilizer and charter rates would materially and adversely affect our results.

Since our financial reporting currency is the U.S. dollar, our net sales are significantly affected by fluctuations in the value of the currency in which we conduct our sales versus the dollar, with a weaker dollar versus such currencies resulting in increased net sales in dollar terms. Including the effect of our foreign currency hedges, net sales for 2018 were positively impacted by \$45.5 million, as compared to 2017, principally as a result of a stronger euro, British pound, Korean won and Japanese yen. Our costs are also affected by fluctuations in the value of the currency in which we have significant operations versus the dollar, with higher costs resulting from a weak U.S. dollar. During 2018, cost of products sold was negatively impacted by approximately \$3.6 million as compared with 2017 due to a stronger euro, Chilean peso, Korean won and British pound.

Tabular Disclosure of Contractual Obligations

The following details information with respect to our contractual obligations as of December 28, 2018.

| Contractual obligations by period | (U.S. dollars in millions) | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Total | Less than 1 year | 1 - 3 years | 3 - 5 years | More than 5 years |
| Fruit purchase agreements | \$ 1,044.1 | \$ 312.8 | \$ 592.0 | \$ 139.3 | \$ — |
| Purchase obligations | 360.5 | \$ 228.4 | 122.8 | 1.7 | 7.6 |
| Operating leases and charter agreements | 219.0 | 64.2 | 54.0 | 31.7 | 69.1 |
| Capital lease obligations | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.6 | — | — |
| Long-term debt | 661.3 | — | 661.3 | — | — |
| Interest on long-term debt and capital lease obligations ⁽¹⁾ | 62.6 | — | 62.6 | — | — |
| Retirement benefits | 99.1 | 11.3 | 19.4 | 19.2 | 49.2 |
| Uncertain tax positions | 3.4 | 0.2 | 1.1 | — | 2.1 |
| Totals | \$ 2,451.1 | \$ 617.4 | \$ 1,513.8 | \$ 191.9 | \$ 128.0 |

⁽¹⁾ We utilize a variable interest rate on our long-term debt, and for presentation purposes we have used an assumed rate of 4.3%.

We have agreements to purchase the entire or partial production of certain products of our independent growers primarily in Guatemala, Costa Rica, Philippines, Ecuador, Chile, and Colombia that meet our quality standards. Total purchases under these agreements amounted to \$763.9 million for 2018, \$815.0 million for 2017, and \$816.0 million for 2016. In addition, during 2017 and 2018, we entered into a definitive agreement for the building of six new refrigerated container ships to be delivered in 2020. The agreement requires payments of approximately \$32.4 million in 2019, \$85.8 million in 2020 and \$20.7 million in 2021 for these six ships. On May 29, 2017, we executed a contract with the Republic of Panama and will invest a minimum of \$100.0 million over a period of seven years, which includes the development of a minimum of 4,000 hectares of leased land suitable for banana production, refurbishment of packing plants, buildings and other banana facilities and preparation of banana infrastructure including land, roads and water systems. The contract is for an initial period of 20 years and renews automatically for an additional 20 year period. During 2018, we have received 75% of the land from individual land owners and have made a lease prepayment of \$10.0 million. We have invested approximately \$9.4 million in capital investment for 2018. Subsequent to year end, we received a notification of the delivery of the remaining 25% of the lands from the individual land owners. The lands belonging to the Government of Panama have not been delivered, which represent 60% of the total area.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are exposed to market risk from changes in currency exchange rates and interest rates, which may adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. We seek to minimize the risks from these currency exchange rate and interest rate fluctuations through our regular operating and financing activities and, when considered appropriate, through the use of derivative financial instruments. Our policy is to not use financial instruments for trading or other speculative purposes and not to be a party to any leveraged financial instruments.

We manage our currency exchange rate risk by hedging a portion of our overall exposure to currency fluctuation through foreign exchange forward contracts. We manage our exposure to interest rate fluctuations on a portion of our debt through interest rate swaps which convert the floating rate to a fixed rate, plus a borrowing spread. We also have procedures to monitor the impact of market risk on the fair value of long-term debt, short-term debt instruments and other financial instruments, considering reasonably possible changes in currency exchange and interest rates.

Exchange Rate Risk

Because we conduct our operations in many areas of the world involving transactions denominated in a variety of currencies, our results of operations as expressed in U.S. dollars may be significantly affected by fluctuations in rates of exchange between currencies. These fluctuations could be significant. Approximately 30% and 34% of our net sales and a significant portion of our costs and expenses in 2018 and 2017 were denominated in currencies other than the dollar. We generally are unable to adjust our non-dollar local currency sales prices to reflect changes in exchange rates between the dollar and the relevant local currency. As a result, changes in exchange rates between the euro, Japanese yen, British pound, Korean won or other currencies in which we receive sale proceeds and the dollar have a direct impact on our operating results. There is normally a time lag between our sales and collection of the related sales proceeds, exposing us to additional currency exchange rate risk.

To reduce currency exchange rate risk, we generally exchange local currencies for dollars promptly upon receipt. We periodically enter into currency forward contracts as a hedge against a portion of our currency exchange rate exposures; however, we may decide not to enter into these contracts during any particular period. We had several foreign currency cash flow hedges outstanding, and the fair value of the hedges were in a net liability of \$0.8 million as of December 28, 2018 and \$1.4 million as of December 29, 2017.

The results of a hypothetical 10% strengthening in the average value of the dollar during 2018 and 2017 relative to the other currencies in which a significant portion of our net sales are denominated would have resulted in a decrease in net sales of approximately \$136.6 million and \$138.4 million for the years ended December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017. This calculation assumes that each exchange rate would change in the same direction relative to the dollar. Our sensitivity analysis of the effects of changes in currency exchange rates does not factor in a potential change in sales levels or any offsetting gains on currency forward contracts.

Interest Rate Risk

As described in Note 11, “*Long-Term Debt and Capital Lease Obligations*” to the Consolidated Financial Statements, our indebtedness is both variable and fixed rate. Changes in interest rates in our indebtedness could have a material effect on our financial statements.

At year end December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017, total variable rate debt had carrying values of \$661.3 million and \$356.2 million. The fair value of the debt approximates the carrying value because the variable rates approximate market rates. A 10% increase in the interest rate for 2018 and 2017 would have resulted in a negative impact of approximately \$2.7 million and \$0.7 million on our results of operations for the years ended December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017.

To reduce interest rate risk, during 2018 we entered into interest rate swaps in order to hedge the risk of the fluctuation on future interest expense related to a portion of our variable rate, LIBOR-based borrowings under our Credit Facility through 2028; however, we may decide not to enter into these contracts during any particular period. At year end December 28, 2018, the fair value of the interest rate swap contracts were in a net liability of \$7.6 million.

At December 28, 2018, the notional value of interest rate contracts outstanding was \$400.0 million, \$200.0 million maturing in 2024 and the remaining \$200.0 million maturing in 2028.

The above discussion of our procedures to monitor market risk and the estimated changes in fair value resulting from our sensitivity analysis are forward-looking statements of market risk assuming certain adverse market conditions occur.

Actual results in the future may differ materially from these estimated results due to actual developments in the global financial markets. The analysis methods we used to assess and mitigate risk discussed above should not be considered projections of future events or losses.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

Our Consolidated Financial Statements and Schedule set forth in the accompanying Index are filed as part of this Report.

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Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is designed under the supervision of our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Our internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

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

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, based on criteria established in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework* issued in 2013 by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO").

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 accordance with SEC published guidance, because we acquired Mann Packing during our fiscal year ended December 28, 2018, which constituted approximately 15% of total assets, 23% of net assets, 11% of total revenues and 3% of net loss as of December 28, 2018, we elected to exclude them from our assessment of internal control over financial reporting as of December 28, 2018. SEC rules require that we complete our assessment of the internal control over financial reporting within one year after the date of acquisition. Except for the aforementioned acquisition, based on our evaluation under the COSO criteria, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 28, 2018.

The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 28, 2018 has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered certified public accounting firm, as stated in their report that is included elsewhere herein. That report expresses an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting.

Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc.

Report of Independent Registered Certified Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc.

Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. and subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting as of December 28, 2018, 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). In our opinion, Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 28, 2018, based on the COSO criteria.

As indicated in the accompanying Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, management's assessment of and conclusion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting did not include the internal controls of Mann Packing Co., Inc. and subsidiaries, which is included in the 2018 consolidated financial statements of the Company and constituted 15% and 23% of total and net assets, respectively, as of December 28, 2018 and 11% and 3% of revenues and net loss, respectively, for the year then ended. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting of the Company also did not include an evaluation of the internal control over financial reporting of Mann Packing Co., Inc. and subsidiaries.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the 2018 consolidated financial statements of the Company and our report dated February 19, 2019 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Basis for Opinion

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

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audit 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.

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Miami, Florida
February 19, 2019

Report of Independent Registered Certified Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive (loss) income, shareholders’ equity and redeemable noncontrolling interest and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 28, 2018, and the related notes and supplemental financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15 (collectively referred to as the “consolidated financial statements”). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 28, 2018, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 28, 2018, 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 February 19, 2019 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

We have served as the Company’s auditor since 1997.
Miami, Florida
February 19, 2019

FRESH DEL MONTE PRODUCE INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(U.S. dollars in millions, except share and per share data)

| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 21.3 | \$ 25.1 |
| Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$14.6 and \$12.8, respectively | 378.3 | 358.8 |
| Other accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$7.2 and \$8.8, respectively | 95.2 | 73.6 |
| Inventories, net | 565.3 | 541.8 |
| Assets held for sale | 45.4 | — |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 33.3 | 20.5 |
| Total current assets | <u>1,138.8</u> | <u>1,019.8</u> |
| Investments in and advances to unconsolidated companies | 6.1 | 2.0 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 1,392.2 | 1,328.3 |
| Goodwill | 423.4 | 261.9 |
| Intangible assets, net | 166.9 | 45.9 |
| Deferred income taxes | 68.1 | 59.1 |
| Other noncurrent assets | 59.7 | 49.9 |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 3,255.2</u> | <u>\$ 2,766.9</u> |
| Liabilities, redeemable noncontrolling interest and shareholders' equity | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 576.6 | \$ 382.4 |
| Current portion of long-term debt and capital lease obligations | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Income taxes and other taxes payable | 8.9 | 10.8 |
| Total current liabilities | <u>586.0</u> | <u>393.8</u> |
| Long-term debt and capital lease obligations | 661.9 | 357.0 |
| Retirement benefits | 91.3 | 96.2 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 53.4 | 42.4 |
| Deferred income taxes | 93.0 | 86.3 |
| Total liabilities | <u>1,485.6</u> | <u>975.7</u> |
| Commitments and contingencies (See note 16) | | |
| Redeemable noncontrolling interest | 51.8 | — |
| Shareholders' equity: | | |
| Preferred shares, \$0.01 par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized; none issued or outstanding | — | — |
| Ordinary shares, \$0.01 par value; 200,000,000 shares authorized; 48,442,296 and 48,759,481 issued and outstanding, respectively | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Paid-in capital | 527.1 | 522.5 |
| Retained earnings | 1,206.0 | 1,275.0 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (41.6) | (30.6) |
| Total Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. shareholders' equity | <u>1,692.0</u> | <u>1,767.4</u> |
| Noncontrolling interests | 25.8 | 23.8 |
| Total shareholders' equity | <u>1,717.8</u> | <u>1,791.2</u> |
| Total liabilities, redeemable noncontrolling interest and shareholders' equity | <u>\$ 3,255.2</u> | <u>\$ 2,766.9</u> |

See accompanying notes.

FRESH DEL MONTE PRODUCE INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(U.S. dollars in millions, except share and per share data)

| | Year ended | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | December 30, 2016 |
| Net sales | \$ 4,493.9 | \$ 4,085.9 | \$ 4,011.5 |
| Cost of products sold | 4,214.1 | 3,754.3 | 3,550.1 |
| Gross profit | 279.8 | 331.6 | 461.4 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 194.7 | 173.2 | 187.4 |
| (Gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment | (7.1) | 3.0 | — |
| Goodwill and trademarks impairment charges | 11.3 | 0.9 | 2.6 |
| Asset impairment and other charges, net | 42.3 | 1.8 | 27.2 |
| Operating income | 38.6 | 152.7 | 244.2 |
| Interest expense | 23.6 | 6.4 | 4.1 |
| Interest income | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| Other expense, net | 15.7 | 3.0 | 3.4 |
| Income before income taxes | 0.2 | 144.1 | 237.4 |
| Provision for income taxes | 16.1 | 24.9 | 11.8 |
| Net (loss) income | \$ (15.9) | \$ 119.2 | \$ 225.6 |
| Less: Net income (loss) attributable to redeemable and noncontrolling interests | 6.0 | (1.6) | 0.5 |
| Net (loss) income attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. | \$ (21.9) | \$ 120.8 | \$ 225.1 |
| Net (loss) income per ordinary share attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. - Basic | \$ (0.45) | \$ 2.40 | \$ 4.37 |
| Net (loss) income per ordinary share attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. - Diluted | \$ (0.45) | \$ 2.39 | \$ 4.33 |
| Dividends declared per ordinary share | \$ 0.60 | \$ 0.60 | \$ 0.55 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares: | | | |
| Basic | 48,625,175 | 50,247,881 | 51,507,755 |
| Diluted | 48,625,175 | 50,588,708 | 51,962,195 |

See accompanying notes.

FRESH DEL MONTE PRODUCE INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME
(U.S. dollars in millions)

| | Year ended | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | December 30, 2016 |
| Net (loss) income | \$ (15.9) | \$ 119.2 | \$ 225.6 |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income: | | | |
| Net unrealized loss on derivatives, net of tax | (4.4) | (6.8) | (6.5) |
| Net unrealized foreign currency translation (loss) gain | (8.2) | 18.7 | (10.2) |
| Net change in retirement benefit adjustment, net of tax | 1.6 | 1.7 | (4.1) |
| Comprehensive (loss) income | (26.9) | 132.8 | 204.8 |
| Less: comprehensive income (loss) attributable to redeemable and noncontrolling interests | 6.0 | (1.6) | 0.9 |
| Comprehensive (loss) income attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. | \$ (32.9) | \$ 134.4 | \$ 203.9 |

See accompanying notes.

FRESH DEL MONTE PRODUCE INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(U.S. dollars in millions)

| | Year ended | | |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | December 30, 2016 |
| Operating activities: | | | |
| Net (loss) income | \$ (15.9) | \$ 119.2 | \$ 225.6 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 100.5 | 79.9 | 78.5 |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Share-based compensation expense | 11.5 | 12.1 | 24.9 |
| Goodwill and trademark impairment charges | 11.3 | 0.9 | 2.6 |
| Asset impairment charges, net | 35.1 | 3.7 | 6.0 |
| Change in uncertain tax positions | — | 0.7 | (0.4) |
| (Gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net | (7.1) | 3.0 | — |
| Equity loss of unconsolidated companies | — | 0.1 | — |
| Deferred income taxes | 3.6 | 1.6 | (8.2) |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | (5.7) | 9.6 | (7.1) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions: | | | |
| Receivables | (2.4) | (16.9) | 5.8 |
| Inventories | (2.8) | (49.4) | (11.8) |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | (7.6) | 9.8 | 7.6 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 131.3 | 27.0 | 21.1 |
| Other noncurrent assets and liabilities | (5.9) | (7.6) | (0.5) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 246.6 | 194.2 | 344.6 |
| Investing activities: | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (150.5) | (138.5) | (146.7) |
| Investments in unconsolidated companies | (4.2) | — | — |
| Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment | 17.4 | 4.7 | 12.4 |
| Purchase of businesses, net of cash acquired | (357.5) | — | (9.0) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (494.8) | (133.8) | (143.3) |
| Financing activities: | | | |
| Proceeds from long-term debt | 1,103.1 | 800.2 | 621.9 |
| Payments on long-term debt | (798.6) | (673.3) | (648.4) |
| Purchase of noncontrolling interest | — | — | (45.0) |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests, net | (2.7) | (4.6) | (0.2) |
| Proceeds from stock options exercised | 0.8 | 1.6 | 12.2 |
| Repurchase and retirement of ordinary shares | (29.4) | (142.0) | (108.4) |
| Share-based awards settled in cash for taxes | (2.2) | (5.6) | (9.3) |
| Dividends paid | (29.0) | (30.1) | (28.2) |
| Net cash provided (used) in financing activities | 242.0 | (53.8) | (205.4) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | 2.4 | (1.6) | (0.7) |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | (3.8) | 5.0 | (4.8) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning | 25.1 | 20.1 | 24.9 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, ending | \$ 21.3 | \$ 25.1 | \$ 20.1 |
| Supplemental cash flow information: | | | |
| Cash paid for interest | \$ 19.3 | \$ 5.8 | \$ 3.2 |
| Cash paid for income taxes | \$ 17.0 | \$ 12.3 | \$ 13.9 |
| Non-cash financing and investing activities: | | | |
| Purchase of a businesses | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 1.6 |
| Retirement of ordinary shares | \$ 29.4 | \$ 142.0 | \$ 106.6 |
| Purchases of assets under capital lease obligations | \$ 0.2 | \$ 0.2 | \$ 0.9 |
| Dividends on restricted stock units | \$ (0.3) | \$ (0.7) | \$ (0.7) |

See accompanying notes.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND REDEEMABLE NONCONTROLLING INTEREST
(U.S. dollars in millions, except share data)

| | Ordinary Shares Outstanding | Ordinary Shares | Paid-in Capital | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. Shareholders' Equity | Noncontrolling Interests | Total Shareholders' Equity | Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Balance at January 1, 2016 | 52,542,965 | \$ 0.5 | \$ 568.2 | \$ 1,162.3 | \$ (23.0) | \$ 1,708.0 | \$ 42.9 | \$ 1,750.9 | |
| Exercises of stock options | 471,653 | — | 12.2 | — | — | 12.2 | — | 12.2 | |
| Issuance of restricted stock awards | 22,946 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | |
| Issuance of restricted stock units | 544,577 | — | 0.6 | (0.6) | — | — | — | — | |
| Share-based payment expense | — | — | 24.9 | — | — | 24.9 | — | 24.9 | |
| Tax deficiency from share-based compensation, net | — | — | 3.6 | — | — | 3.6 | — | 3.6 | |
| Acquisition of DAVCO noncontrolling interest | — | — | (25.5) | — | — | (25.5) | (19.5) | (45.0) | |
| Capital distribution to non-controlling interest | — | — | (0.5) | — | — | (0.5) | 0.4 | (0.1) | |
| Repurchase and retirement of ordinary shares | (2,325,235) | — | (33.8) | (72.8) | — | (106.6) | — | (106.6) | |
| Dividend declared | — | — | — | (28.2) | — | (28.2) | (0.1) | (28.3) | |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | | | |
| Net income | — | — | — | 225.1 | — | 225.1 | 0.5 | 225.6 | |
| Unrealized loss on derivatives | — | — | — | — | (6.5) | (6.5) | — | (6.5) | |
| Net unrealized foreign currency translation loss | — | — | — | — | (10.6) | (10.6) | 0.4 | (10.2) | |
| Change in retirement benefit adjustment, net of tax | — | — | — | — | (4.1) | (4.1) | — | (4.1) | |
| Comprehensive income | | | | | | 203.9 | 0.9 | 204.8 | — |
| Balance at December 30, 2016 | 51,256,906 | \$ 0.5 | \$ 549.7 | \$ 1,285.8 | \$ (44.2) | \$ 1,791.8 | \$ 24.6 | \$ 1,816.4 | — |
| Exercises of stock options | 59,000 | — | 1.6 | — | — | 1.6 | — | 1.6 | |
| Issuance of restricted stock awards | 14,294 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | |
| Issuance of restricted stock units | 251,303 | — | 0.7 | (0.7) | — | — | — | — | |
| Share-based payment expense | — | — | 12.1 | — | — | 12.1 | — | 12.1 | |
| Cumulative effect adjustment of ASU 2016-09 related to share-based payment simplification | — | — | 0.2 | (0.2) | — | — | — | — | |
| Capital distribution to noncontrolling interest | — | — | (0.4) | — | — | (0.4) | 1.0 | 0.6 | |
| Repurchase and retirement of ordinary shares | (2,822,022) | — | (41.4) | (100.6) | — | (142.0) | — | (142.0) | |
| Dividend declared | — | — | — | (30.1) | — | (30.1) | (0.2) | (30.3) | |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | — | — | — | 120.8 | — | 120.8 | (1.6) | 119.2 | |
| Unrealized loss on derivatives | — | — | — | — | (6.8) | (6.8) | — | (6.8) | |
| Net unrealized foreign currency translation gain | — | — | — | — | 18.7 | 18.7 | — | 18.7 | |
| Change in retirement benefit adjustment, net of tax | — | — | — | — | 1.7 | 1.7 | — | 1.7 | |
| Comprehensive income (loss) | | | | | | 134.4 | (1.6) | 132.8 | — |
| Balance at December 29, 2017 | 48,759,481 | \$ 0.5 | \$ 522.5 | \$ 1,275.0 | \$ (30.6) | \$ 1,767.4 | \$ 23.8 | \$ 1,791.2 | — |
| Exercises of stock options | 38,500 | — | 0.9 | — | — | 0.9 | — | 0.9 | — |
| Issuance of restricted stock awards | 22,991 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Issuance of restricted stock units | 351,856 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Share-based payment expense | — | — | 11.5 | — | — | 11.5 | — | 11.5 | — |
| Cumulative effect adjustment of ASU 2016-16 related to deferred tax on trademarks | — | — | — | 3.2 | — | 3.2 | — | 3.2 | — |
| Cumulative effect adjustment of ASC 606 related to revenue recognition transition | — | — | — | (0.1) | — | (0.1) | — | (0.1) | — |
| Capital contribution from, distribution to noncontrolling interests | — | — | 0.5 | — | — | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.9 | — |
| Fair value of redeemable noncontrolling interest resulting from business combination | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 47.4 |
| Repurchase and retirement of ordinary shares | (730,532) | — | (8.6) | (20.8) | — | (29.4) | — | (29.4) | — |
| Dividend declared | — | — | 0.3 | (29.4) | — | (29.1) | — | (29.1) | — |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | | | |
| Net (loss) income | — | — | — | (21.9) | — | (21.9) | 1.6 | (20.3) | 4.4 |
| Unrealized loss on derivatives | — | — | — | — | (4.4) | (4.4) | — | (4.4) | — |
| Net unrealized foreign currency translation loss | — | — | — | — | (8.2) | (8.2) | — | (8.2) | — |
| Change in retirement benefit adjustment, net of tax | — | — | — | — | 1.6 | 1.6 | — | 1.6 | — |
| Comprehensive income (loss) | | | | | | (32.9) | 1.6 | (31.3) | 4.4 |
| Balance at December 28, 2018 | 48,442,296 | \$ 0.5 | \$ 527.1 | \$ 1,206.0 | \$ (41.6) | \$ 1,692.0 | \$ 25.8 | \$ 1,717.8 | \$ 51.8 |

See accompanying notes.

FRESH DEL MONTE PRODUCE INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****1. General**

Reference in this Report to "Fresh Del Monte," "we," "our" and "us" and the "Company" refer to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless the context indicates otherwise.

We were incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands in 1996 and are engaged primarily in the worldwide production, transportation and marketing of fresh produce and prepared food products. We source our products, which include bananas, pineapples, melons and non-tropical fruit (including grapes, apples, citrus, blueberries, strawberries, pears, peaches, plums, nectarines, cherries and kiwis), avocados, vegetables, primarily from Central America, South America, North America, Africa and the Philippines. We also source products from Europe and the Middle East and distribute our products in North America, Europe, Middle East, Asia, South America and Africa. Products are sourced from our company-owned farms, through joint venture arrangements and through supply contracts with independent growers. We have the exclusive right to use the DEL MONTE® brand for fresh fruit, fresh vegetables and other fresh and fresh-cut produce and certain other specified products on a royalty-free basis under a worldwide, perpetual license from Del Monte Corporation, an unaffiliated company that owns the DEL MONTE® trademark. We are also a producer, marketer and distributor of prepared fruit and vegetables, juices and snacks and, we hold a perpetual, royalty-free license to use the DEL MONTE® brand for prepared foods throughout Europe, Africa the Middle East and certain Central Asian countries. Del Monte Corporation and several other unaffiliated companies manufacture, distribute and sell under the DEL MONTE® brand canned or processed fruit, vegetables and other produce, as well as dried fruit, snacks and other products in certain geographic regions. We can also produce, market and distribute certain prepared food products in North America utilizing the DEL MONTE® brand. We have entered into an agreement with Del Monte Foods, Inc. to jointly; (a) produce, market and sell prepared, chilled and refrigerated (i) juices, (ii) cut-fruit and (iii) avocado/guacamole products produced using high pressure technology; and (b) develop DEL MONTE® branded restaurants, cafes and other retail outlets.

We are required to evaluate events occurring after December 28, 2018, our fiscal year end, for recognition and disclosure in the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 28, 2018. Events are evaluated based on whether they represent information existing as of December 28, 2018, which require recognition in the Consolidated Financial Statements, or new events occurring after December 28, 2018, which do not require recognition but require disclosure if the event is significant to the Consolidated Financial Statements. We evaluated events occurring subsequent to December 28, 2018 through the date of issuance of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**Principles of Consolidation**

Our Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of our majority owned subsidiaries, which we control due to ownership of a majority voting interest and we consolidate variable interest entities (VIEs) when we have variable interests and are the primary beneficiary. We continually evaluate our involvement with VIEs to determine when these criteria are met. Our fiscal year end is the last Friday of the calendar year or the first Friday subsequent to the end of the calendar year, whichever is closest to the end of the calendar year. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain reclassification of prior period balances have been made to confirm to current presentation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of our Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in our Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

We classify as cash equivalents all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase.

FRESH DEL MONTE PRODUCE INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Trade Receivables and Concentrations of Credit Risk

Trade receivables less allowances are recognized on our accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets at net realizable value, which approximates fair value. We perform ongoing credit evaluations of our customers and adjust credit limits based upon payment history and customers' credit worthiness, as determined by our review of their current credit information. We continuously monitor collections and payments from our customers and maintain a provision for estimated credit losses based upon our historical experience, specific customer collection issues that we have identified and reviews of the aging of trade receivables based on contractual terms. We generally do not require collateral on trade accounts receivable.

Our allowances for identified claims are recorded as a reduction to both trade accounts receivable and net sales. Write-off of accounts receivable is done only when all collection efforts have been exhausted without success. Accounts receivable from one customer represents approximately 10% of trade accounts receivable, net of allowance. This customer is current with its payments.

Other Accounts Receivable

Other accounts receivable less allowances are recognized on our accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets at net realizable value, which approximates fair value. Other accounts receivable includes value-added taxes ("VAT") receivables, seasonal advances to growers and suppliers, which are usually short-term in nature, and other financing receivables.

VAT are primarily related to purchases by production units and are refunded by the taxing authorities. As of December 28, 2018, we had \$29.9 million, net of allowance of \$0.5 million, classified as current in other accounts receivable and \$21.5 million, net of allowance of \$9.2 million, classified as other noncurrent assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. As of December 29, 2017, we had \$24.6 million, net of allowance of \$0.9 million, classified as current in other accounts receivable and \$23.6 million, net of allowance of \$11.2 million, classified as other noncurrent assets in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Advances to growers and suppliers are generally repaid to us as produce is harvested and sold. We require property liens and pledges of the current season's produce as collateral to support the advances. Occasionally, we agree to a payment plan or take steps to recover advances through the liens or pledges. Refer to Note 8, "*Financing Receivables*" for further discussion on advances to growers and suppliers.

Allowances against VAT and advances to growers and suppliers are established based on our knowledge of the financial condition of the paying party and historical loss experience. Allowances are recorded and charged to expense when an account is deemed to be uncollectible. Recoveries of VAT and advances to growers and suppliers previously reserved in the allowance are credited to operating income.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost is computed using the weighted average cost or first-in first-out methods for finished goods, which includes fresh produce and prepared food and the first-in first-out, actual cost or average cost methods for raw materials and packaging supplies. Raw materials and packaging supplies inventory consists primarily of agricultural supplies, containerboard, packaging materials, spare parts and fuel.

Inventories consisted of the following (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Finished goods | \$ 217.4 | \$ 210.1 |
| Raw materials and packaging supplies | 167.0 | 165.4 |
| Growing crops | 180.9 | 166.3 |
| Total inventories | <u>\$ 565.3</u> | <u>\$ 541.8</u> |

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**Growing Crops**

Expenditures on pineapple, melon, vegetables and non-tropical fruit growing crops are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value and are deferred and charged to cost of products sold when the related crop is harvested and sold. The deferred growing costs included in inventories in our Consolidated Balance Sheets consist primarily of land preparation, cultivation, irrigation and fertilization costs. Expenditures related to banana crops are expensed in the year incurred due to the continuous nature of the crop.

Accounting for Planned Major Maintenance Activities

We account for planned major maintenance activities, such as ship dry-dock activities, consistent with the Financial Accounting Standards Board's ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification™ (the "Codification" or "ASC") guidance related to "*Other Assets and Deferred Costs*." We utilize the deferral method of accounting for ship dry-dock activities whereby actual costs incurred are deferred and amortized on a straight-line basis over the period until the next scheduled dry-dock activity.

Investments in Unconsolidated Companies

Investments in unconsolidated companies are accounted for under the equity method of accounting for investments of 20% or more in companies over which we do not have control. We also use the measurement alternative election under the ASC guidance on "Financial Instruments", we do not exercise significant influence over the privately-held company's operating or financial activities. The measurement alternative election requires us to measure the investment at cost less impairment, if any, adjusted for observable price changes in orderly transactions for the identical or similar investments. No adjustments or impairments have been made as of December 28, 2018. We review our investments for impairment when events and circumstances indicate that the decline in fair value of such assets below the carrying value is other-than-temporary. See Note 5, "*Investments in Unconsolidated Companies*."

Property, Plant and Equipment and Other Definite-Lived or Long-Lived Assets

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from ten to 40 years for buildings and leasehold improvements, five to 20 years for maritime and other equipment, including ships and containers, three to 20 years for machinery and equipment, three to seven years for furniture, fixtures and office equipment and five to 10 years for automotive equipment. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the term of the lease, or the estimated useful life of the related asset, whichever is shorter. Definite-lived intangibles are amortized over their useful lives with a weighted average amortization period of 21.6 years. Amortization expense related to definite-lived intangible assets totaled \$7.0 million for 2018, \$0.8 million for 2017 and \$0.8 million for 2016, and is included in cost of products sold.

When assets are retired or disposed of, the costs and accumulated depreciation or amortization are removed from the respective accounts and any related gain or loss is recognized. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. Significant expenditures, which extend the useful lives of assets, are capitalized. Interest is capitalized as part of the cost of construction.

There are numerous uncertainties and inherent risks in conducting business, such as but not limited to general economic conditions, actions of competitors, ability to manage growth, actions of regulatory authorities, natural disasters such as earthquakes, crop disease, severe weather such as floods, pending investigations and/or litigation, customer demand and risk relating to international operations. Adverse effects from these risks may result in adjustments to the carrying value of our assets and liabilities in the future, including, but not necessarily limited to, long-lived assets.

We review long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds the asset's fair value, we measure and record an impairment loss for the excess. The fair value of an asset is measured by either determining the expected future undiscounted cash flow of the asset or by independent appraisal. For long-lived assets held for sale, we record impairment losses when the carrying amount is greater than the fair value less the cost to sell. We discontinue depreciation of long-lived assets when these assets are classified as held for sale and include these assets as assets held for sale on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Our long-lived assets are primarily composed of property, plant and equipment and definite-lived intangible assets. See Note 6, "*Property, Plant and Equipment*" and Note 7, "*Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*."

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

We incurred charges related to impairment of long-lived assets of \$35.1 million in 2018, \$3.7 million in 2017, and \$6.0 million in 2016. Such charges are included in asset impairment and other charges, net in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations for the years ended December 28, 2018, December 29, 2017 and December 30, 2016 and as described further in Note 3, "*Asset Impairment and Other Charges, Net.*"

The gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net during the year ended December 28, 2018 primarily related to the sale of surplus land in the United Kingdom for \$6.4 million, which was accounted for using the guidance in ASC 610.

Refer to Note 22, "*Business Segment Data*" for additional description of our reportable business segments and disaggregated revenue disclosures.

Goodwill and Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets

Our goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price of business combinations over the fair value of the net assets acquired. We assess goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment on an annual basis as of the first day of our fourth quarter, or sooner if events indicate such a review is necessary. An impairment exists if the fair value of a reporting unit to which goodwill has been allocated, or the fair value of indefinite-lived intangible assets, is less than their respective carrying values. The impairment for goodwill is limited to the total amount of goodwill allocated to the reporting unit. Future changes in the estimates used to conduct the impairment review, including revenue projections, market values and changes in the discount rate used could cause the analysis to indicate that our goodwill or indefinite-lived intangible assets are impaired in subsequent periods and result in a write-down of a portion or all of goodwill or indefinite-lived intangible assets. The discount rate used is based on independently calculated risks, our capital mix and an estimated market premium.

See Note 7, "*Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*" for further discussion on the goodwill impairment charges.

Revenue Recognition

Our revenues result from the sale of products or services and reflect the consideration to which we expect to be entitled. We record revenue based on a five-step model in accordance with ASC 606. For our customer contracts, we identify the performance obligations (products or services), determine the transaction price, allocate the contract transaction price to the performance obligations, and recognize the revenue when the performance obligation is fulfilled, which is when the product is shipped to or received by the customer, depending on the specific terms of the arrangement. Our revenues are recorded at a point in time.

Product sales are recorded net of variable consideration, such as provisions for returns, discounts and allowances. Such provisions are calculated using historical averages adjusted for any expected changes due to current business conditions. Consideration given to customers for cooperative advertising is recognized as a reduction of revenue except to the extent that there is a distinct good or service, in which case the expense is classified as selling, general, and administrative expense. Provisions for customer volume rebates are based on achieving a certain level of purchases and other performance criteria that are established on a program by program basis. These rebates are estimated based on the expected amount to be provided to the customers and are recognized as a reduction of revenue.

We elected the practical expedient to expense incremental costs of obtaining a contract, if the contract period is for one year or less. These costs are included in selling, general and administrative expenses. Otherwise, incremental contract costs are recognized as an asset in the consolidated balance sheets and amortized over time as promised goods and services are transferred to a customer. We also elected to adopt a policy that shipping and handling costs will be accounted for as costs to fulfill a contract and are not considered performance obligations to our customers. The impact was insignificant as the expedient and policy election align with our current practice. We also elected to exclude taxes collected from our customers assessed by government authorities that are both imposed on and concurrent with a specific revenue-producing transaction from our determination of transaction price. We utilize the practical expedient and do not adjust the promised amount of consideration for the effects of a significant financing component due to the fact that the period between the transfer of the promised good or service to a customer and the customer payment is one year or less.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Cost of Products Sold

Cost of products sold includes the cost of produce, packaging materials, labor, depreciation, overhead, transportation and other distribution costs, including handling costs incurred to deliver fresh produce or prepared products to customers.

Advertising and Promotional Costs

We expense advertising and promotional costs as incurred. Advertising and promotional costs, which are included in selling, general and administrative expenses, were \$15.2 million for 2018, \$12.8 million for 2017 and \$17.2 million for 2016.

Debt Issuance Costs

Debt issuance costs related to long-term debt are amortized over the term of the related debt instrument because the costs are primarily related to our revolving credit facility and are included in other noncurrent assets. Debt issuance cost amortization, which is included in interest expense, was \$0.7 million for 2018, \$0.5 million for 2017, and \$0.5 million for 2016. See Note 11, “*Long-Term Debt and Capital Lease Obligations*” for further disclosure on our credit facility.

Income Taxes

Deferred income taxes are recognized for the tax consequences in future years of differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their financial reporting amounts at each year end, based on enacted tax laws and statutory tax rates applicable to the year in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established when it is deemed more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

We account for income tax uncertainties consistent with the ASC guidance included in “*Income Taxes*,” which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in a company’s financial statements and 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 tax return. The ASC also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition.

See Note 10, “*Income Taxes*,”

Environmental Remediation Liabilities

Losses associated with environmental remediation obligations are accrued when such losses are probable and can be reasonably estimated. See Note 17, “*Litigation*.”

Currency Translation

For our operations in countries where the functional currency is other than the U.S. dollar, balance sheet amounts are translated using the exchange rate in effect at the balance sheet date. Income statement amounts are translated monthly using the average exchange rate for the respective month. The gains and losses resulting from the changes in exchange rates from year-to-year and the effect of exchange rate changes on intercompany transactions of long-term investment nature are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income or loss as currency translation adjustments.

For our operations where the functional currency is the U.S. dollar, non-monetary balance sheet amounts are translated at historical exchange rates. Other balance sheet amounts are translated at the exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. Income statement accounts, excluding those items of income and expenses that relate to non-monetary assets and liabilities, are translated at the average exchange rate for the month. These remeasurement adjustments are included in the determination of net income and are included in other income (expense), net.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Other expense, net, in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations includes a net foreign exchange loss of \$10.4 million for 2018, \$2.0 million for 2017, and \$2.2 million for 2016. These amounts include the effect of foreign currency remeasurement and realized foreign currency transaction gains and losses.

Other Expense, Net

In addition to foreign currency gains and losses described above, other expense, net, also includes other items of non-operating income and expenses.

Leases

We lease property, plant and equipment for use in our operations. We evaluate leases consistent with the provisions of the ASC on “*Leases*.” We evaluate our leases at inception or at any subsequent modification and classify them as either a capital lease or an operating lease based on lease terms. For operating leases that contain rent escalations, rent holidays or rent concessions, rent expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease.

See Note 16, “*Commitments and Contingencies*” for more information.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is measured in accordance with the ASC on “*Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*” that defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and enhances disclosures about fair value measures required under other accounting pronouncements, but does not change existing guidance as to whether or not an instrument is carried at fair value. We measure fair value for financial instruments, such as derivatives on an ongoing basis. We measure fair value for non-financial assets, when a valuation is necessary, such as for impairment of long-lived and indefinite-lived assets when indicators of impairment exist.

See Note 19, “*Fair Value Measurements*” for more information.

Share-Based Compensation

We account for share-based compensation expense consistent with ASC guidance on “*Compensation – Stock Compensation*.” Our share-based payments are composed entirely of Share-based compensation expense as all equity awards granted to employees and members of our Board of Directors, each of whom meets the definition of an employee under the provisions of the ASC, are stock options, performance stock units, restricted stock awards, and restricted stock units. We use the Black-Scholes option pricing model to estimate the fair value of stock options granted. We recognize share-based compensation expense over the requisite service period, which is generally the vesting period of each award.

See Note 15, “*Stock-Based Compensation*” for more information.

Derivative Financial Instruments

We account for derivative financial instruments in accordance with the ASC guidance on “*Derivatives and Hedging*.” The ASC on “*Derivatives and Hedging*” requires us to recognize the value of derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities in the statement of financial position at fair value. The accounting for changes in the fair value (i.e., gains or losses) of a derivative instrument depends on whether it has been designated as a hedge and qualifies as part of a hedging relationship. The accounting also depends on the type of hedging relationship, whether a cash flow hedge, a fair value hedge, or hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation. A fair value hedge requires that the change in the fair value of a derivative financial instrument be offset against the change in the fair value of the underlying asset, liability, or firm commitment being hedged through earnings. A cash flow hedge requires that the change in the fair value of a derivative instrument be recognized in other comprehensive income, a component of shareholders’ equity, and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings and is presented in the same income statement line item as the earnings effect of the hedged item.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

We use derivative financial instruments primarily to reduce our exposure to adverse fluctuations in foreign exchange and interest rates. We enter into foreign exchange forward contracts with varying duration to hedge exposures resulting from portions of our forecasted revenues or forecasted expenses that are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. We entered into interest rate swap agreements that qualify for and are designated as cash flow hedges to hedge exposures resulting from changes in variable interest rates. These interest rate swap contracts convert the floating interest rate on a portion of our debt to a fixed rate, plus a borrowing spread. On entry into a derivative instrument, we formally designate and document the financial instrument as a hedge of a specific underlying exposure, as well as the risk management objectives and strategies for undertaking the hedge transaction. Derivatives are recorded in the Consolidated Balance Sheets at fair value in prepaid expenses and other current assets, other non-current assets, accounts payable and accrued expenses or other non-current liabilities, depending on whether the amount is an asset or liability and is of a short-term or long-term nature. In addition, the earnings impact resulting from our derivative instruments is recorded in the same line item within the Consolidated Statements of Operations as the items being hedged. We also classify the cash flows from our cash flow hedges in the same category as the items being hedged on our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows based on the fact that our cash flow hedges do not contain an other-than-insignificant financing element at inception. The fair values of derivatives used to hedge or modify our risks fluctuate over time.

These fair value amounts should not be viewed in isolation, but rather in relation to the cash flows or fair value of the underlying hedged item to the overall reduction in our risk relating to adverse fluctuations in foreign exchange and interest rates.

See Note 18, “*Derivative Financial Instruments*” for more information.

Share Repurchases

When stock is retired or purchased for constructive retirement, the purchase price is initially recorded as a reduction to the par value of the shares repurchased, with any excess purchase price over par value recorded as a reduction to additional paid-in capital and retained earnings.

Retirement and Other Employee Benefits

Using appropriate actuarial methods and assumptions, we evaluate defined benefit pension plans in accordance with ASC guidance on “*Compensation – Retirement Benefits*”. We provide disclosures about our plan assets, including investment strategies, major categories of plan assets, concentrations of risk within plan assets, and valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of plan assets consistent with the fair value hierarchy model described in the ASC on “*Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*,” as described in Note 19, “*Fair Value Measurements*.”

See Note 14, “*Retirement and Other Employee Benefits*” for more information.

New Accounting Pronouncements Adopted

In February 2018, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2018-03, *Technical Corrections and Improvements to Financial Instruments - Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*. The FASB amended the guidance on using the measurement alternative for equity securities without a readily determinable fair value. We have elected to use the measurement alternative approach in regards to our equity securities or use the fair value option for liabilities. This ASU was adopted on December 30, 2017, the first day of our 2018 fiscal year and, we determined that there was no financial impact on adoption. Refer to Note 4, “*Acquisitions*” for disclosure of transactions utilizing the measurement alternative occurring during the year ended December 28, 2018.

In May 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-09, *Stock Compensation (Topic 718), Scope of Modification Accounting*. This ASU clarifies when changes to the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award must be accounted for as modifications. The guidance clarifies that modification accounting will be applied if the value, vesting conditions or classification of the award changes. We adopted this ASU on December 30, 2017, the first day of our 2018 fiscal year, and this ASU did not have any effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-07, *Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost*. This ASU requires that the service cost component of net periodic benefit costs from defined benefit and other postretirement benefit plans be included in the same Consolidated Statements of Operations captions as other compensation costs arising from services rendered by the covered employees during the period. The other components of net benefit cost will be presented in other expense, net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations separately from service costs. Following adoption, only service costs are eligible for capitalization into manufactured inventories, which reduces diversity in practice. We adopted this ASU effective December 30, 2017, the first day of our 2018 fiscal year. We utilized the practical expedient provided in this ASU and did not reclassify the net periodic pension costs for the year ended December 29, 2017. Refer to Note 15, "Retirement and Other Employee Benefits" for the impact of the adoption on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In February 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-05, *Other Income-Gains and Losses from the Derecognition of Nonfinancial Assets: Clarifying the Scope of Asset Derecognition Guidance and Accounting for Partial Sales of Nonfinancial Assets*. This standard was issued to clarify the scope of Accounting Standards Codification ASC 610, *Other Income* and to add guidance for partial sales of nonfinancial assets. ASC 610 also provides guidance for recognizing gains and losses from the transfer of nonfinancial assets (including real estate) in contracts with non-customers. We adopted this ASU on December 30, 2017, the first day of our 2018 fiscal year, and this ASU did not have any effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, *Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment*, which removes the requirement to compare the implied fair value of goodwill with its carrying amount as part of step two of the goodwill impairment test. The ASU permits an entity to perform its annual, or interim, goodwill impairment test by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount and recognize an impairment charge for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value; however, the loss recognized should not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit. This ASU will be effective for us beginning the first day of our 2020 fiscal year. Early adoption is permitted. We have elected to early adopt this ASU, and there was no impact of adoption to our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01, *Business Combinations: Clarifying the Definition of a Business*, which adds guidance to assist entities with evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions (or disposals) of assets or businesses. We adopted this ASU on December 30, 2017, the first day of our 2018 fiscal year. Refer to Note 4, "Acquisitions" for further discussion on acquisitions occurring during the year ended December 28, 2018.

In October 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-16, *Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets Other Than Inventory*, which requires companies to recognize the income tax effects of intra-entity sales and transfers of assets other than inventory, particularly those asset transfers involving intellectual property, in the period in which the transfer occurs. We adopted this ASU effective December 30, 2017, the first day of our 2018 fiscal year. This guidance requires modified retrospective adoption. The impact of adoption of this ASU was an increase of \$3.2 million to deferred tax assets with a corresponding adjustment to retained earnings.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, *Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments*, which addresses eight specific cash flow issues in an effort to reduce diversity in practice. We adopted this ASU on December 30, 2017, the first day of our 2018 fiscal year, and determined there were no changes to disclosures or significant impacts on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-01, *Financial Instruments - Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*, with further clarifications made in February 2018 with the issuance of ASU 2018-03. The amended guidance requires certain equity investments that are not consolidated and not accounted for under the equity method to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income rather than as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). It further states that an entity may choose to measure equity investments that do not have a readily determinable fair values using a quantitative approach, or measurement alternative, which is equal to its cost minus impairment, if any, plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for the identical or a similar investment of the same issuer. We adopted this ASU on December 30, 2017, the first day of our 2018 fiscal year, and we determined that there was no financial impact on adoption. Refer to Note 4 "Acquisitions" for disclosure of transactions utilizing the measurement alternative occurring during the year ended December 28, 2018.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, and has subsequently issued several supplemental and/or clarifying ASU's (collectively, "ASC 606"), which prescribes a comprehensive new revenue recognition standard that supersedes previously existing revenue recognition guidance. The new model provides a five-step analysis in determining when and how revenue is recognized. The core principle of the new guidance is that a company should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The standard also requires new, expanded disclosures regarding revenue recognition. The standard allows for initial application to be performed retrospectively to each period presented or as a modified retrospective adjustment as of the date of adoption. ASC 606, also provides for certain practical expedients, including the option to expense as incurred the incremental costs of obtaining a contract, if the contract period is for one year or less, and policy elections regarding shipping and handling that provides the option to account for shipping and handling costs as contract fulfillment costs.

We adopted the new revenue recognition standard effective December 30, 2017, the first day of our 2018 fiscal year, using the modified retrospective method. We recognized the cumulative effect of initially applying the new revenue standard as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings for the current balance sheet period presented in the amount of \$0.1 million, which is not material to our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

The adoption of this ASU resulted in increased disclosure, including qualitative and quantitative disclosures about the nature, amount timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers.

New Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

In November 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-18, *Collaborative Arrangements (Topic 808): Clarifying the Interaction between Topic 808 and Topic 606*. This ASU resolves the diversity in practice concerning the manner in which entities account for transactions based on their assessment of the economics of a collaborative arrangement. This ASU clarifies that certain transactions between collaborative arrangement participants should be accounted for as revenue when the collaborative arrangement participant is a customer and precludes recognizing as revenue consideration received from a collaborative arrangement if the participant is not a customer. This ASU will be effective for us beginning the first day of our 2020 fiscal year. We are evaluating the impact of the adoption of this ASU on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, and, as such, we are not able to estimate the effect the adoption of the new standard will have on our financial statements.

In October 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-17, *Targeted Improvements to Related Party Guidance for Variable Interest Entities*. This ASU provides that indirect interests held through related parties in common control arrangements should be considered on a proportional basis for determining whether fees paid to decision makers and service providers are variable interests. The new guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. This ASU will be effective for us beginning the first day of our 2020 fiscal year. We are evaluating the impact of the adoption of this ASU on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, and, as such, we are not able to estimate the effect the adoption of the new standard will have on our financial statements.

In October 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-16, *Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): Inclusion of the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) Overnight Index Swap (OIS) Rate as a Benchmark Interest Rate for Hedge Accounting Purposes*. This ASU expands the list of U.S. benchmark interest rates permitted in the application of hedge accounting. The provisions of ASU 2018-16 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. This ASU will be effective for us beginning the first day of our 2019 fiscal year. We do not anticipate that adoption of this standard will have a material impact to our consolidated financial statements.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

In September 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-15, *Intangibles-Goodwill and Other-Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40), Customer's Accounting for Implementation Costs Incurred in a Cloud Computing Arrangement That is a Service Contract*. This ASU requires implementation costs incurred by customers in cloud computing arrangements (i.e., hosting arrangements) to be capitalized under the same premises of authoritative guidance for internal-use software and deferred over the non-cancellable term of the cloud computing arrangements plus any option renewal periods that are reasonably certain to be exercised by the customer or for which the exercise is controlled by the service provider. This ASU will be effective for us beginning the first day of our 2020 fiscal year. We are evaluating the impact of the adoption of this ASU on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, and, as such, we are not able to estimate the effect the adoption of the new standard will have on our financial statements.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-14, *Compensation-Retirement Benefits-Defined Benefit Plans-General (Subtopic 715-20)*. This ASU amends ASC 715 to add additional disclosures, remove certain disclosures that are not considered cost beneficial and to clarify certain required disclosures. Early adoption is permitted. This ASU will be effective for us beginning the first day of our 2021 fiscal year. We are evaluating the impact of the adoption of this ASU on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, and, as such, we are not able to estimate the effect the adoption of the new standard will have on our financial statements.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-13, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820), Disclosure Framework - Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurements*. This ASU includes additional disclosures requirements for recurring Level 3 fair value measurements including disclosure of changes in unrealized gains and losses for the period included in other comprehensive income, disclosure of the range and weighted average of significant unobservable inputs used to develop Level 3 fair value measurements and narrative description of measurement uncertainty related to Level 3 measurements. Early adoption is permitted. This ASU will be effective for us beginning the first day of our 2020 fiscal year. We are evaluating the impact of the adoption of this ASU on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, and, as such, we are not able to estimate the effect the adoption of the new standard will have on our financial statements.

In July 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-09, *Codification Improvements*. The FASB issued this ASU to facilitate amendments to a variety of topics to clarify, correct errors in, or make minor improvements to the accounting standards codification. The effective date of the standard is dependent on the facts and circumstances of each amendment. Some amendments do not require transition guidance and will be effective upon the issuance of this standard. A majority of the amendments in ASU 2018-09 will be effective in annual periods beginning after December 29, 2018. We will be required to adopt this standard the first day of our 2019 fiscal year. We are evaluating the impact of the adoption of this ASU on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, and, as such, we are not able to estimate the effect the adoption of the new standard will have on our financial statements.

In June 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-07, *Improvements to Nonemployee Share-Based Payment Accounting*. The FASB is issuing this update to simplify the accounting for share-based payments to nonemployees by aligning it with the accounting for share-based payments to employees, with certain exceptions. This ASU will be effective for us beginning the first day of our 2019 fiscal year. We are evaluating the impact of the update of this ASU on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, and, as such, we are not able to estimate the effect the adoption of the new standard will have on our financial statements.

In February 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-02, *Reclassification of Certain Tax Effects From Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income*, which amends ASC 220, *Income Statement — Reporting Comprehensive Income*, to allow a reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income to retained earnings for stranded tax effects resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, (the "Act"). In addition, under the ASU, an entity will be required to provide certain disclosures regarding stranded tax effects. This ASU is effective for us the first day of our 2019 fiscal year. Early adoption is permitted. We are evaluating the impact of adoption of this ASU on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, and, as such, we are not able to estimate the effect the adoption of the new standard will have on our financial statements.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments - Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, and subsequent amendment to the guidance, ASU 2018-19 in November 2018. The standard significantly changes how entities will measure credit losses for most financial assets and certain other instruments that aren't measured at fair value through net income. The standard will replace today's "incurred loss" approach with an "expected loss" model for instruments measured at amortized cost. For available-for-sale debt securities, entities will be required to record allowances rather than reduce the carrying amount, as they do today under the other-than-temporary impairment model. It also simplifies the accounting model for purchased credit-impaired debt securities and loans. The amendment will affect loans, debt securities, trade receivables, net investments in leases, off balance sheet credit exposures, reinsurance receivables, and any other financial assets not excluded from the scope that have the contractual right to receive cash. ASU 2018-19 clarifies that receivables arising from operating leases are accounted for using lease guidance and not as financial instruments. The amendments should be applied on either a prospective transition or modified-retrospective approach depending on the subtopic. This ASU will be effective for us beginning the first day of our 2020 fiscal year. Early adoption is permitted beginning the first day of our 2019 fiscal year. We are evaluating the impact of adoption of this ASU on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, and, as such, we are not able to estimate the effect the adoption of the new standard will have on our financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases*, and has subsequently issued several supplemental and/or clarifying ASU's (collectively, "ASC 842"), which requires a dual approach for lease accounting under which a lessee would account for leases as finance leases or operating leases. Both finance leases and operating leases may result in the lessee recognizing a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability. For finance leases, the lessee would recognize interest expense and amortization of the right-of-use asset, and for operating leases, the lessee would recognize lease expense on a straight-line basis. The guidance also requires qualitative and specific quantitative disclosures to supplement the amounts recorded in the financial statements so that users can understand more about the nature of an entity's leasing activities, including significant judgments and changes in judgments.

This ASU will be effective for us beginning the first day of our 2019 fiscal year. Early adoption is permitted. In July 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-11, to provide another optional transition method in addition to the existing transition method by allowing entities to initially apply the new leases standard at the adoption date (December 29, 2018, for the Company) and recognize a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the period of adoption. Consequently, an entity's reporting for the comparative periods presented in the financial statements in which it adopts the new leases standard will continue to be in accordance with current GAAP (Topic 840, *Leases*). We are currently evaluating this standard and anticipate that its adoption will have a material impact on the Consolidated Balance Sheet and related disclosures. We do not anticipate adoption will have a significant impact on our Consolidated Statements of Operations or Cash Flows. We have completed our initial scoping reviews to identify a complete population of leases to be recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheet as a lease obligation and a right of use asset. We are in the process of implementing a new lease accounting information system to assist with the tracking and accounting for leases. Our efforts are focused on financial reporting and developing new internal controls. The standard provides a number of optional practical expedients and policy elections in transition. We will elect to apply the package of practical expedients under which we will not reassess under the standard our prior conclusions about lease classification and initial direct costs, and the expedient to not assess existing or expired land easements. We will elect the short-term lease recognition exemption for all leases that qualify, meaning we will recognize expense on a straight-line basis and will not include the recognition of a right-of-use asset or lease liability. We also will elect the policy to combine lease and non-lease components for all lease categories.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

3. Asset Impairment and Other Charges, Net

We incurred asset impairment and other charges, net totaling \$42.3 million for 2018, \$1.8 million for 2017 and \$27.2 million for 2016.

The following represents the detail of asset impairment and other charges, net for the year ended December 28, 2018 by reportable segment (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | <u>Long-lived and other asset impairment</u> | <u>Exit activity and other charges (credits)</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|--|--|----------------|
| Banana segment: | | | |
| Philippine exit activities of certain low-yield areas | \$ 30.0 | \$ 2.3 | \$ 32.3 |
| Underutilized assets in Central America | 1.8 | — | 1.8 |
| Cost reduction initiatives in Central America | 1.8 | — | 1.8 |
| Other fresh produce segment: | | | |
| Chile severance due to restructuring as a result of cost reduction initiatives | — | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Underutilized assets in Central America | 0.5 | — | 0.5 |
| Acquisition costs (1) | — | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| Tomato production assets held for sale in the United States | 1.0 | — | 1.0 |
| Other fresh produce segment credits | — | (1.6) | (1.6) |
| Total asset impairment and other charges, net | <u>\$ 35.1</u> | <u>\$ 7.2</u> | <u>\$ 42.3</u> |

(1) Acquisition costs primarily relate to our acquisition of Mann Packing Co., Inc. ("Mann Packing"). Refer to Note 4., "Acquisition."

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

3. Asset Impairment and Other Charges, Net (continued)

The following represents the detail of asset impairment and exit activity and other charges, net for the year ended December 29, 2017 by reportable segment (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Long-lived and other asset impairment | Exit activity and other charges (credits) | Total |
|---|--|---|---------------|
| Banana segment: | | | |
| Philippine floods | \$ 0.8 | \$ — | \$ 0.8 |
| Underutilized assets in Central America | 0.6 | — | 0.6 |
| Prepared food segment: | | | |
| Write-off of investment venture in Africa | 1.5 | — | 1.5 |
| Other fresh produce segment: | | | |
| Chile insurance recoveries on current and previously announced floods | — | (3.4) | (3.4) |
| Chile floods | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.8 |
| Other fresh produce segment charges | — | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Total asset impairment and other charges (credits), net | \$ 3.7 | \$ (1.9) | \$ 1.8 |

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

3. Asset Impairment and Other Charges, Net (continued)

The following represents the detail of asset impairment and exit activity charges (credits), net for the year ended December 30, 2016 by reportable segment (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Long-lived and other asset impairment | Exit activity and other charges (credits) | Total |
|---|--|--|----------------|
| Banana segment: | | | |
| United Kingdom contract termination costs | \$ — | \$ 0.7 | \$ 0.7 |
| Brazil exit activities due to drought conditions | 2.2 | 0.2 | 2.4 |
| Philippines plantation conversion to pineapple | 2.5 | — | 2.5 |
| Underutilized assets in Central America | 1.2 | — | 1.2 |
| Other fresh produce segment: | | | |
| Adjustment of Kunia Well Site environmental reserve in Hawaii and other charges | — | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Other fresh produce segment charges | 0.1 | — | 0.1 |
| Other: | | | |
| Former President/COO transition | — | 19.7 | 19.7 |
| Total asset impairment and other charges, net | \$ 6.0 | \$ 21.2 | \$ 27.2 |

The following represents the roll forward of exit activity and other reserves for the year ended December 28, 2018 (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Exit activity and other reserves balance at December 29, 2017 | Impact to Earnings | Cash Paid | Foreign Exchange Impact | Exit activity and other reserves balance at December 28, 2018 |
|--|--|-------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Termination benefits | \$ — | \$ 2.8 | \$ (2.8) | \$ — | \$ — |
| Contract termination and other exit activity charges | 0.3 | 1.9 | (1.7) | — | 0.5 |
| | \$ 0.3 | \$ 4.7 | \$ (4.5) | \$ — | \$ 0.5 |

During the year ended December 28, 2018, we paid approximately \$2.8 million in termination benefits related to Chilean and Philippines restructuring, \$1.4 million in contract termination for the closure of farms in the Philippines and \$0.3 million in contract termination for the closure of distribution centers in Europe in previous periods. We expect additional charges for the Philippine restructuring within a range of \$0.5 million to \$1.0 million within the next 12 months.

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4. Acquisitions

On June 5, 2018, we acquired a 70% interest in a hydroponic herb farm in the Middle East for a purchase price of \$1.7 million funded using operating cash flows and available borrowings under the Credit Facility (as defined in Note 11., “*Long-Term Debt and Capital Lease Obligations*”). The results of operations have been included in our consolidated financial statements since that date. The acquisition consisted primarily of working capital and property, plant and equipment.

On May 7, 2018, we paid \$4.2 million for a 10% equity ownership interest in Three Limes, Inc., d/b/a The Purple Carrot, a privately-held company providing plant-based meal kits in North America. Our investment was funded using operating cash flows and available borrowings under the Credit Facility. We account for this investment using the measurement alternative election under the ASC guidance on “Financial Instruments”, as we do not exercise significant influence over the privately-held company’s operating or financial activities. The measurement alternative election requires us to measure the investment at cost less impairment, if any, adjusted for observable price changes in orderly transactions for the identical or similar investments. No adjustments or impairments have been made as of December 28, 2018. We review our investments for impairment when events and circumstances indicate that the decline in fair value of such assets below the carrying value is other-than-temporary.

On February 26, 2018 (“the acquisition date”), we completed the acquisition of 100% of the voting interests of Mann Packing. The results of Mann Packing’s operations have been included in our consolidated financial statements since that date. This acquisition expanded our fresh-cut, vegetable and prepared product offerings in North America. In addition, this transaction is expected to provide us with the following synergies:

- Acceleration of expansion strategy at Mann Packing’s key retailers and channels;
- Improvement of our access to key retailers and food service distribution;
- Development of a forward distribution model to offer just-in-time delivery services nationwide by leveraging our North America distribution infrastructure to significantly broaden national coverage for our value-added vegetable products;
- Procurement savings by leveraging product sourcing in North America and lower cost sourcing opportunities using our infrastructure in Central America. In addition to enhanced packaging, materials, equipment and other consolidated component savings;
- Expansion of Mann Packing’s production capacity in the United States by leveraging our existing facilities to improve Mann Packing’s reach; and
- Marketing and overhead synergies resulting from opportunities to pursue co-branding and better pricing potential utilizing the DEL MONTE® brand.

We purchased all of its outstanding capital stock for an aggregate consideration of \$357.2 million funded by a \$229.7 million three-day promissory note and \$127.5 million in cash. The three-day promissory note was settled with cash on hand and borrowings under our Credit Facility. During the year ended December 28, 2018, we adjusted the purchase price to \$357.2 million due to proceeds received as a result of settlement provisions contained in the purchase agreement and measurement period adjustments.

The fair value of the definite-lived intangible assets including customer lists, trade names and trademarks at the acquisition date were \$139.8 million. The \$162.0 million allocated to goodwill on our Consolidated Balance Sheets represents the excess of the purchase price over the values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The goodwill is expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

Our definite-lived intangible assets relate to \$115.6 million in customer lists with a weighted average amortization period of 23 years and \$24.2 million of trade names and trademarks with a weighted average amortization period of 11 years.

Our reportable segments have included goodwill related to this acquisition of \$113.2 million in the other fresh produce segment and \$48.8 million in the prepared food segment.

We recognized \$3.8 million of acquisition related costs which primarily consist of compensatory, advisory, legal, accounting, valuation, other professional and consulting fees related to the Mann Packing acquisition, and are included in asset impairment and other charges, net. Refer to Note 3. “*Asset Impairment and Other Charges, Net*”.

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4. Acquisitions (continued)

The following table summarizes the fair values of the net assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of the acquisition:

| | As Previously Reported as of September 28, 2018 | Adjustments | As Adjusted |
|---|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Assets acquired | | | |
| Current assets: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 0.1 | \$ 1.3 | \$ 1.4 |
| Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance | 39.4 | (2.4) | 37.0 |
| Other accounts receivable, net of allowance | 4.0 | 1.3 | 5.3 |
| Inventories, net | 20.9 | 2.9 | 23.8 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 2.1 | 1.8 | 3.9 |
| Total current assets | <u>66.5</u> | <u>4.9</u> | <u>71.4</u> |
| | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 97.1 | (0.9) | 96.2 |
| Definite-lived intangible assets, net | 135.9 | 3.9 | 139.8 |
| Goodwill | 159.9 | 2.1 | 162.0 |
| Total assets acquired | <u>\$ 459.4</u> | <u>\$ 10.0</u> | <u>\$ 469.4</u> |
| Liabilities assumed | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | <u>48.9</u> | <u>15.9</u> | <u>64.8</u> |
| Total liabilities assumed | <u>48.9</u> | <u>15.9</u> | <u>64.8</u> |
| | | | |
| Less: Redeemable noncontrolling interest | 39.1 | 8.3 | 47.4 |
| | | | |
| Net assets acquired | <u>\$ 371.4</u> | <u>\$ (14.2)</u> | <u>\$ 357.2</u> |

The Mann Packing acquisition includes a put option exercisable by the 25% shareholder of one of the acquired subsidiaries. The put option allows the noncontrolling shareholder to sell its 25% noncontrolling interest to us for a multiple of the subsidiary's adjusted earnings. The noncontrolling shareholder can exercise this put option on or after April 1, 2023. Following a five-year window expiring on April 1, 2028, the put option value will be negotiated annually and the inputs are subject to change. As the put option is outside of our control, the estimated redemption value of the 25% noncontrolling interest is presented as a redeemable noncontrolling interest outside of permanent equity on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. At each reporting period, the redeemable noncontrolling interest is recognized at the higher of 1) the accumulated earnings or 2) the contractually-defined redemption value as of the balance sheet date. The fair value of the redeemable noncontrolling interest at acquisition date is \$47.4 million.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

4. Acquisitions (continued)

Our consolidated results include the following financial information of Mann Packing:

| | Period from February 27, 2018 to December 28, 2018 |
|--|---|
| Net sales | \$ 488.6 |
| Net (loss) income attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce, Inc. | \$ (1.7) |

The following unaudited pro forma combined financial information presents our results including Mann Packing as if the business combination had occurred at the beginning of fiscal year 2017:

| | Year ended | |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
| Net sales | \$ 4,573.1 | \$ 4,621.6 |
| Net (loss) income attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce, Inc. | \$ (18.6) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 134.9 ⁽²⁾ |

⁽¹⁾Unaudited pro forma results for the year ended December 28, 2018 were positively adjusted by \$10.8 million consisting of \$12.7 million of nonrecurring transaction related compensation benefits, advisory, legal, accounting, valuation and other professional fees, partially offset by \$1.9 million of interest expense as a result of increased borrowings under our Credit Facility.

⁽²⁾Unaudited pro forma results for the year ended December 29, 2017 were adjusted to include \$8.7 million of interest expense as a result of increased borrowings under our Credit Facility.

The change in provisional amounts resulted in \$8.7 million for the year ended December 28, 2018 in additional amortization and depreciation related to definite-lived intangible assets and property, plant and equipment. The change in provisional amounts for definite-lived intangible assets resulted in amortization expense of \$6.9 million for the year ended December 28, 2018 included in selling, general and administrative expenses on our Consolidated Statements of Operations. The change in provisional amounts on property, plant and equipment resulted in depreciation expense of \$1.8 million for the year ended December 28, 2018 included in cost of products sold on our Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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5. Investments in Unconsolidated Companies

Investments in unconsolidated companies accounted for under the equity or measurement alternative (at cost) amounted to \$5.7 million for December 28, 2018 and \$1.6 million for December 29, 2017, these amounts are included in other non-current assets, and consisted of the following:

| Company | Business | Ownership Interest | Accounting Method |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Melones De Costa Rica, S.A. | Land lessor | 50% | Equity |
| Hacienda Filadelfia, S.A. | Land lessor | 50% | Equity |
| Del Monte Chilled Fruit Snacks LLC | Fruit Snacks | 49% | Equity |
| Del Monte Avo LLC | Guacamole | 49% | Equity |
| Purple Carrot | Plant-based meal kits | 10% | Measurement alternative (at cost) |

We had sales to Purple Carrot of \$0.5 million for the period ended December 28, 2018 and there were no purchases from unconsolidated companies in 2018, 2017 and 2016. Our portion of income (losses) in unconsolidated companies were not significant and are included in other expense, net. There were no dividends received from unconsolidated subsidiaries in 2018, 2017 and 2016.

6. Property, Plant and Equipment, Net

Property, plant and equipment consisted of the following (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Land and land improvements | \$ 702.9 | \$ 716.9 |
| Buildings and leasehold improvements | 586.0 | 561.3 |
| Machinery and equipment | 603.6 | 547.3 |
| Maritime equipment (including containers) | 117.2 | 148.6 |
| Furniture, fixtures and office equipment | 97.2 | 94.3 |
| Automotive equipment | 77.1 | 77.0 |
| Construction-in-progress | 159.2 | 85.1 |
| | 2,343.2 | 2,230.5 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization | (951.0) | (902.2) |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | <u>\$ 1,392.2</u> | <u>\$ 1,328.3</u> |

Depreciation expense on property, plant and equipment, including assets under capital leases, was \$92.2 million for 2018, \$78.3 million for 2017 and \$76.8 million for 2016.

Shipping containers, machinery and equipment and automotive equipment under capital leases totaled \$1.4 million at December 28, 2018 and \$2.7 million at December 29, 2017. Accumulated amortization for assets under capital leases was \$0.4 million at December 28, 2018 and \$1.4 million at December 29, 2017.

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6. Property, Plant and Equipment, Net (continued)

The (gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment was a gain of \$7.1 million for 2018, a loss of \$3.0 million for 2017 and zero for 2016. (Gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment in 2018 comprised principally of the gain on the sale of surplus land in the United Kingdom, the gain on the sale of a refrigerated vessel and the gain on the sale of surplus plant and equipment principally in Chile, Brazil and the Philippines. Also included were losses on disposal of low-yielding banana plants in Costa Rica and Guatemala in order to replant and improve productivity, the disposal of non-tropical plants in Chile due to varietal changes and a loss on the sale of tomato assets in the State of Virginia. In 2017, the (gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment primarily included charges related to losses on disposal of low-yielding banana plants in Costa Rica and Guatemala in order to replant and improve productivity, asset disposals in the Middle East and South America partially offset by gains on maritime equipment sales.

7. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The following table reflects our indefinite-lived intangible assets, including goodwill and our definite-lived intangible assets along with related accumulated amortization by major category (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Goodwill | \$ 423.4 | \$ 261.9 |
| Indefinite-lived intangible assets: | | |
| Trademarks | 31.9 | 43.3 |
| Definite-lived intangible assets: | | |
| Definite-lived intangible assets | 150.4 | 10.7 |
| Accumulated amortization | (15.4) | (8.1) |
| Definite-lived intangible assets, net | 135.0 | 2.6 |
| Goodwill and other intangible assets, net | <u>\$ 590.3</u> | <u>\$ 307.8</u> |

Indefinite-lived and definite-lived intangible assets are included in other noncurrent assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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7. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets (continued)

The following table reflects the changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by business segment (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Bananas | Other fresh produce | Prepared food | Totals |
|--|----------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Goodwill | \$ 64.2 | \$ 284.8 | \$ 78.3 | \$ 427.3 |
| Accumulated impairment losses | — | (88.1) | (78.3) | (166.4) |
| Balance at December 30, 2016 | <u>\$ 64.2</u> | <u>\$ 196.7</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 260.9</u> |
| Foreign exchange and other | 0.5 | 0.5 | — | 1 |
| Goodwill | \$ 64.7 | \$ 285.3 | \$ — | \$ 350.0 |
| Accumulated impairment losses | — | (88.1) | — | (88.1) |
| Balance at December 29, 2017 | <u>\$ 64.7</u> | <u>\$ 197.2</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 261.9</u> |
| Foreign exchange and other | (0.2) | (0.3) | — | (0.5) |
| Acquisition of Mann Packing ⁽¹⁾ | — | 113.2 | 48.8 | 162.0 |
| Goodwill | \$ 64.7 | \$ 285.3 | \$ — | \$ 350.0 |
| Accumulated impairment losses | — | (88.1) | — | (88.1) |
| Balance at December 28, 2018 | <u>\$ 64.5</u> | <u>\$ 310.1</u> | <u>\$ 48.8</u> | <u>\$ 423.4</u> |

⁽¹⁾ See Note 4 "Acquisitions" for further discussion on acquisitions.

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7. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets (continued)

Results of Impairment Tests

In accordance with the ASC guidance on “*Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*,” we review goodwill for impairment on an annual basis or earlier if indicators of impairment arise.

During 2018, based on the annual impairment review of trade names and trademarks performed on the first day of our fourth quarter of 2018 and due to underperformance in our prepared food business in Europe, Middle East and North Africa we incurred an impairment charge of \$11.3 million for the prepared food segment's trade names and trademarks for which the fair value is \$31.9 million.

During 2017, also based on the annual impairment review of trade names and trademarks and due to the underperformance of our prepared juice business in the United Kingdom, we incurred a trade name and trademark impairment of \$0.9 million.

The fair value of the banana reporting unit's goodwill and the DEL MONTE® prepared food reporting unit's trade names and trademarks are sensitive to differences between estimated and actual cash flows and changes in the related discount rate used to evaluate the fair value of these assets. If the banana and the prepared food reporting unit do not perform to expected levels, the banana goodwill and the DEL MONTE® trade names and trademarks associated with the prepared food reporting unit may also be at risk for impairment in the future.

The following table highlights the sensitivities of the indefinite-lived intangibles as of December 28, 2018 (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Banana Reporting Unit Goodwill | DEL MONTE® Prepared Food Reporting Unit Trade Names and Trademarks |
|---|---|--|
| Carrying value of indefinite-lived intangible assets | \$ 64.5 | \$ 31.9 |
| Approximate percentage by which the fair value exceeds the carrying value based on the annual impairment test as of first day of the fourth quarter | 30.0% | —% |
| Amount that a one percentage point increase in the discount rate and a 10% decrease in cash flows would cause the carrying value to exceed the fair value and trigger an impairment | \$ 19.0 | \$ 5.2 |

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7. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets (continued)

The estimated amortization expense related to definite-lived intangible assets for the five succeeding years is as follows (U.S. dollars in millions):

| Year | Estimated amortization expense |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| 2019 | 8.1 |
| 2020 | 8.0 |
| 2021 | 7.8 |
| 2022 | 7.8 |
| 2023 | 6.9 |

8. Financing Receivables

Financing receivables are defined as a contractual right to receive money, on demand or on fixed or determinable dates and is recognized as an asset in the creditor's balance sheet.

Other accounts receivable less allowances are recognized on our accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets at net realizable value, which approximates fair value. Other accounts receivable includes value-added taxes receivable, seasonal advances to growers and suppliers, which are usually short-term in nature, and other financing receivables.

We source our products from various independent growers primarily in Central and South America, Africa and the Philippines. We also source products from North America and Europe. A significant portion of the fresh produce we sell is acquired through supply contracts with independent growers. In order to ensure the consistent high quality of our products and packaging, we make advances to independent growers and suppliers. These growers and suppliers typically sell all of their production to us and make payments on their advances as a deduction to the agreed upon selling price of the fruit or packaging material. The majority of the advances to growers and suppliers are for terms less than one year and typically span a growing season. In certain cases, there may be longer term advances with terms of up to 10 years.

These advances are collateralized by property liens and pledges of the season's produce; however certain factors such as the impact of weather, crop disease and financial stability could impact the ability for these growers to repay their advance. Occasionally, we agree to a payment plan or take steps to recover the advance via established collateral. Reserves for uncollectible advances are determined on a case by case basis depending on the production for the season and other contributing factors.

The following table details the advances to growers and suppliers along with the related allowance for advances to growers and suppliers (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | December 28, 2018 | | December 29, 2017 | |
|---|----------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| | Current | Noncurrent | Current | Noncurrent |
| Gross advances to growers and suppliers | \$ 51.9 | \$ 3.7 | \$ 38.9 | \$ 1.6 |
| Allowance for advances to growers and suppliers | (2.1) | (0.7) | (2.8) | (0.1) |
| Net advances to growers and suppliers | \$ 49.8 | \$ 3.0 | \$ 36.1 | \$ 1.5 |

The current and noncurrent portions of the financing receivables included above are classified in the Consolidated Balance Sheets in other accounts receivable and other noncurrent assets, respectively.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

8. Financing Receivables (continued)

The following table details the credit risk profile of the above listed financing receivables (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Current Status | Fully Reserved | Total |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Gross advances to growers and suppliers: | | | |
| December 28, 2018 | \$ 52.8 | \$ 2.8 | \$ 55.6 |
| December 29, 2017 | 37.6 | 2.9 | 40.5 |

The allowance for advances to growers and suppliers and the related financing receivables for the years ended December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017 were as follows (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Allowance for advances to growers and suppliers: | | |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 2.9 | \$ 1.5 |
| Provision for uncollectible amounts | 0.8 | 1.4 |
| Deductions to allowance including recoveries | (0.9) | — |
| Balance, end of period | <u>\$ 2.8</u> | <u>\$ 2.9</u> |

9. Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consisted of the following (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Trade payables | \$ 330.8 | \$ 182.9 |
| Accrued fruit purchases | 55.1 | 18.8 |
| Ship and port operating expenses | 18.2 | 21.4 |
| Warehouse and distribution costs | 24.2 | 22.5 |
| Payroll and employee benefits | 71.8 | 61.3 |
| Accrued promotions | 21.6 | 22.1 |
| Other accrued expenses | 54.9 | 53.4 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | <u>\$ 576.6</u> | <u>\$ 382.4</u> |

Other accrued expenses are primarily composed of accruals for purchases received but not invoiced and other accruals, none of which individually exceed 5% of current liabilities.

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10. Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes consisted of the following (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Year ended | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | December 30, 2016 |
| Current: | | | |
| U.S. federal income tax | \$ (0.4) | \$ 8.4 | \$ 7.6 |
| State | 0.1 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| Non-U.S. | 12.8 | 13.4 | 11.0 |
| | <u>12.5</u> | <u>23.3</u> | <u>20.0</u> |
| Deferred: | | | |
| U.S. federal income tax | 2.1 | 2.1 | (3.3) |
| State | 1.3 | 0.5 | (0.6) |
| Non-U.S. | 0.2 | (1.0) | (4.3) |
| | <u>3.6</u> | <u>1.6</u> | <u>(8.2)</u> |
| | <u>\$ 16.1</u> | <u>\$ 24.9</u> | <u>\$ 11.8</u> |

Income (loss) before income taxes consisted of the following (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Year ended | | |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | December 30, 2016 |
| U.S. | \$ 11.9 | \$ 31.1 | \$ 16.0 |
| Non-U.S. | (11.7) | 113.0 | 221.4 |
| | <u>\$ 0.2</u> | <u>\$ 144.1</u> | <u>\$ 237.4</u> |

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10. Income Taxes (continued)

The differences between the reported provision for income taxes and income taxes computed at the U.S. statutory federal income tax rate are explained in the following reconciliation (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Year ended | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | December 30, 2016 |
| Income tax provision (benefit) computed at the U.S. statutory federal rate | \$ — | \$ 50.4 | \$ 83.1 |
| Effect of tax rates on non-U.S. operations | (33.2) | (67.4) | (98.8) |
| Provision for uncertain tax positions | — | 0.7 | (0.5) |
| Non-deductible interest | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.0 |
| Foreign exchange | (11.5) | 2.3 | 15.1 |
| Non-deductible intercompany charges | (0.1) | — | 1.2 |
| Non-deductible differences | 0.6 | 6.0 | 1.7 |
| Non-taxable income/loss | (1.5) | 0.3 | 11.8 |
| Non-deductible goodwill impairment | — | — | 0.4 |
| Non-deductible impairment charges | 3.6 | — | — |
| Adjustment to deferred balances | 0.4 | 0.1 | — |
| Other | 2.2 | (0.9) | 0.9 |
| Other taxes in lieu of income | 2.4 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| Change in deferred rate | (1.3) | 11.7 | (3.4) |
| Increase (decrease) in valuation allowance ⁽¹⁾ | 52.2 | 17.5 | (3.6) |
| Provision for income taxes | <u>\$ 16.1</u> | <u>\$ 24.9</u> | <u>\$ 11.8</u> |

⁽¹⁾ The increase in valuation allowance includes effects of foreign exchange and adjustments to deferred tax balances which were fully offset by valuation allowance.

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10. Income Taxes (continued)

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities consisted of the following (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Deferred tax liabilities: | | |
| Allowances and other accrued liabilities | \$ — | \$ — |
| Inventories | (13.7) | (15.3) |
| Property, plant and equipment | (70.2) | (63.2) |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated companies | (0.1) | (0.1) |
| Pension obligations | (2.5) | (2.1) |
| Other noncurrent deferred tax liabilities | (6.5) | (5.6) |
| Total noncurrent deferred tax liabilities | \$ (93.0) | \$ (86.3) |
| Deferred tax assets: | | |
| Allowances and other accrued assets | \$ 10.6 | \$ 10.6 |
| Inventories | 5.6 | 5.3 |
| Pension obligations | 24.8 | 24.9 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 2.3 | 1.5 |
| Post-retirement benefits other than pension | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Net operating loss carryforwards | 287.1 | 249.7 |
| Capital loss carryover | 1.6 | 2.6 |
| Other noncurrent assets | 26.9 | 20.5 |
| Total noncurrent deferred tax assets | 359.9 | 316.2 |
| Valuation allowance | (291.8) | (257.1) |
| Total deferred tax assets, net | \$ 68.1 | \$ 59.1 |
| Net deferred tax liabilities | \$ (24.9) | \$ (27.2) |

The valuation allowance increased by \$34.7 million in 2018 and by \$25.0 million in 2017. The increase in 2018 and 2017 relates primarily to valuation allowance on additional net operating loss carryforwards offset by the effect of a change in judgment about our ability to realize deferred tax assets in future years, due to our current and foreseeable operations.

At December 28, 2018, the valuation allowance includes \$0.8 million for which subsequently recognized tax benefits will be recognized directly in contributed capital.

At December 28, 2018, undistributed earnings of the Company's foreign subsidiaries amounted to \$1,496.0 million. Those earnings are considered to be either indefinitely reinvested, or the earnings could be distributed tax free. Accordingly, no taxes have been provided thereon. To the extent the earnings are considered indefinitely reinvested, determination of the amount of unrecognized deferred tax liability is not practicable due to the complexities associated with its hypothetical calculation.

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10. Income Taxes (continued)

At December 28, 2018, we had approximately \$1,057.2 million of federal and foreign tax operating loss carryforwards expiring as follows (U.S. dollars in millions):

| Expires: | | |
|-----------------|----|----------------|
| 2019 | \$ | 3.9 |
| 2020 | | 17.8 |
| 2021 | | 26.2 |
| 2022 | | 6.4 |
| 2023 and beyond | | 16.0 |
| No expiration | | 986.9 |
| | \$ | <u>1,057.2</u> |

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of uncertain tax positions excluding interest and penalties is as follows (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | December 30, 2016 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Beginning balance | \$ 3.2 | \$ 3.2 | \$ 3.9 |
| Gross decreases - tax position in prior period | — | — | — |
| Gross increases - current-period tax positions | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Settlements | — | — | — |
| Lapse of statute of limitations | (0.3) | (0.1) | (0.8) |
| Foreign exchange | (0.1) | — | — |
| Ending balance | <u>\$ 2.9</u> | <u>\$ 3.2</u> | <u>\$ 3.2</u> |

We had accrued \$4.2 million in 2018 and \$4.2 million in 2017, for uncertain tax positions, including interest and penalties that, if recognized would affect the effective income tax rate.

The tax years 2012-2017 remain subject to examination by taxing authorities throughout the world in major jurisdictions, such as Costa Rica, Luxembourg, Switzerland and the United States.

We classify interest and penalties on uncertain tax positions as a component of income tax expense in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions are \$1.3 million and \$1.1 million for December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017, respectively and are included in other noncurrent liabilities.

In connection with a current examination of the tax returns in two foreign jurisdictions, the taxing authorities have issued income tax deficiencies related to transfer pricing of approximately \$141.4 million (including interest and penalties) for tax years 2012 through 2016. We strongly disagree with the proposed adjustments and have filed a protest with each of the taxing authorities as we believe that the proposed adjustments are without technical merit. We will continue to vigorously contest the adjustments and expect to exhaust all administrative and judicial remedies necessary to resolve the matters, which could be a lengthy process. We regularly assesses the likelihood of adverse outcomes resulting from examinations such as these to determine the adequacy of our tax reserves. Accordingly, we have not accrued any additional amounts based upon the proposed adjustments. There can be no assurance that these matters will be resolved in our favor, and an adverse outcome of either matter, or any future tax examinations involving similar assertions, could have a material effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

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10. Income Taxes (continued)

On December 22, 2017, the Act was signed into law. In accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") 118, we recognized the estimated impact of this legislation as a component of income tax expense in our audited financial statements for the year ending December 29, 2017. SAB 118 allows for a measurement period, not to extend beyond one year from the enactment date, for companies to complete their accounting for the provisions of the Act under Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 740. As of September 28, 2018, we finalized our analysis of the impact of the Act and determined that there were no adjustments required to be recorded for the financial statement for the year ending December 29, 2017.

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11. Long-Term Debt and Capital Lease Obligations

The following is a summary of long term-debt and capital lease obligations (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Senior unsecured revolving credit facility (see Credit Facility below) | \$ 661.3 | \$ 356.2 |
| Capital lease obligations | 1.1 | 1.4 |
| Total long-term debt and capital lease obligations | 662.4 | 357.6 |
| Less: Current portion | (0.5) | (0.6) |
| Long-term debt and capital lease obligations | <u>\$ 661.9</u> | <u>\$ 357.0</u> |

Credit Facility

On April 16, 2015, we entered into a five-year \$800.0 million syndicated senior unsecured revolving credit facility maturing on April 15, 2020 (the "Credit Facility") with Bank of America, N.A. as administrative agent and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. as sole lead arranger and sole book manager. Borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest at a spread over LIBOR that varies with our leverage ratio. The Credit Facility also includes a swing line facility, and a letter of credit facility.

On February 27, 2018, we exercised an option to increase the total commitments under the Credit Facility from \$800.0 million to \$1.1 billion. We capitalized \$0.8 million of debt issuance costs during the year ended December 28, 2018 as a result of these changes to the Credit Facility. Debt issuance costs of \$1.2 million are included in other noncurrent assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheets as of the year ended December 28, 2018. On September 27, 2018, we amended certain covenant ratios of our Credit Facility.

We have a renewable 364-day, \$25.0 million commercial and stand-by letter of credit facility with Rabobank Nederland.

The following is a summary of the material terms of the Credit Facility and other working capital facilities at December 28, 2018 (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Term | Maturity Date | Interest Rate at December 28, 2018 | Borrowing Limit | Available Borrowings at December 28, 2018 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------------|--|
| Bank of America credit facility | 5.0 years | April 15, 2020 | 3.87% | \$ 1,100.0 | \$ 433.7 |
| Rabobank letter of credit facility | 364 days | June 18, 2019 | Varies | 25.0 | 19.3 |
| Other working capital facilities | Varies | Varies | Varies | 23.3 | 14.2 |
| | | | | <u>\$ 1,148.3</u> | <u>\$ 467.2</u> |

The current margin for LIBOR advances is 1.50%. We intend to use funds borrowed under the Credit Facility from time to time for general corporate purposes, which may include the repayment, redemption or refinancing of our existing indebtedness, working capital needs, capital expenditures, funding of possible acquisitions, possible share repurchases and satisfaction of other obligations.

The Credit Facility requires us to comply with financial and other covenants, including limitations on capital expenditures, the amount of dividends that can be paid in the future, the amount and types of liens and indebtedness, material asset sales and mergers. As of December 28, 2018, we were in compliance with all of the covenants contained in the Credit Facility. The Credit Facility is unsecured and is guaranteed by certain of our subsidiaries. The Credit Facility permits borrowings under the revolving commitment with an interest rate determined based on our leverage ratio and spread over LIBOR. In addition, we pay a fee on unused commitments.

As of December 28, 2018, we applied \$10.7 million to the Rabobank Nederland and Bank of America letter of credit facilities, in respect of certain contingent obligations and other governmental agency guarantees, combined with guarantees for purchases of raw materials and equipment and other trade related letters of credit. We also had \$17.4 million in other letter of credit and bank guarantees not included in the Rabobank or Bank of America letter of credit facilities.

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11. Long-Term Debt and Capital Lease Obligations (continued)

During 2018 we entered into interest rate swaps in order to hedge the risk of the fluctuation on future interest payments related to our variable rate LIBOR-based borrowings from our Credit Facility. Refer to Note 18, “*Derivatives*”.

Maturities of long-term debt and capital lease obligations during the next five years are (U.S. dollars in millions):

| Fiscal Years | Long-Term Debt | Capital Leases | Totals |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 2019 | \$ 28.1 | \$ 0.5 | \$ 28.6 |
| 2020 | 695.8 | 0.3 | 696.1 |
| 2021 | — | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 2022 | — | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 2023 | — | — | — |
| | 723.9 | 1.1 | 725.0 |
| Less: Amounts representing interest ⁽¹⁾ | (62.6) | — | (62.6) |
| | 661.3 | 1.1 | 662.4 |
| Less: Current portion | \$ — | \$ (0.5) | \$ (0.5) |
| Totals, net of current portion of long-term debt and capital lease obligations | \$ 661.3 | \$ 0.6 | \$ 661.9 |

⁽¹⁾ We utilize a variable interest rate on our long-term debt, and for presentation purposes we have used an assumed rate of 4.3%.

Cash payments of interest on long-term debt, net of amounts capitalized, were \$19.3 million for 2018, \$5.8 million for 2017 and \$3.2 million for 2016. Capitalized interest expense was \$2.4 million for 2018 and \$1.0 million for 2017 and \$0.8 million for 2016.

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12. Earnings (Loss) Per Ordinary Share

Basic net income per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Basic and diluted net income per ordinary share is calculated as follows (U.S. dollars in millions, except share and per share data):

| | Year ended | | |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | December 30, 2016 |
| Numerator: | | | |
| Net (loss) income attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. | \$ (21.9) | \$ 120.8 | \$ 225.1 |
| Denominator: | | | |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares - Basic | 48,625,175 | 50,247,881 | 51,507,755 |
| Effect of dilutive securities - share-based employee options and awards | — | 340,827 | 454,440 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares - Diluted | 48,625,175 | 50,588,708 | 51,962,195 |
| Antidilutive Options and Awards (1) | 851,645 | 96,115 | — |
| Net (loss) income per ordinary share attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc.: | | | |
| Basic | \$ (0.45) | \$ 2.40 | \$ 4.37 |
| Diluted | \$ (0.45) | \$ 2.39 | \$ 4.33 |

⁽¹⁾ Options to purchase shares of common stock and unvested RSUs and PSUs are not included in the calculation of net (loss) income per ordinary share because the effect would have been anti-dilutive.

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13. Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income

The following table includes the changes in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income by component under the ASC on “Comprehensive Income” for the years ended December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017 (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income by Component ⁽¹⁾ | | | |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------|------------------|
| | Changes in Fair Value of Effective Cash Flow Hedges | Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment | Retirement Benefit Adjustment | Total |
| Balance at December 30, 2016 | \$ 5.4 | \$ (25.4) | \$ (24.2) | \$ (44.2) |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications | (7.7) | 18.7 ⁽²⁾ | 0.5 | 11.5 |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss | 0.9 | — | 1.2 | 2.1 |
| Net current period other comprehensive (loss) income | (6.8) | 18.7 | 1.7 | 13.6 |
| Balance at December 29, 2017 | <u>\$ (1.4)</u> | <u>\$ (6.7)</u> | <u>\$ (22.5)</u> | <u>\$ (30.6)</u> |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications | (0.6) | (8.2) ⁽²⁾ | 0.8 | (8.0) |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss | (3.8) | — | 0.8 | (3.0) |
| Net current period other comprehensive (loss) income | (4.4) | (8.2) | 1.6 | (11.0) |
| Balance at December 28, 2018 | <u>\$ (5.8)</u> | <u>\$ (14.9)</u> | <u>\$ (20.9)</u> | <u>\$ (41.6)</u> |

⁽¹⁾ All amounts are net of tax and noncontrolling interests.

⁽²⁾ Includes a loss of \$1.3 million for the year ended December 28, 2018 and a gain of \$5.6 million for the year ended December 29, 2017 related to intra-entity foreign currency transactions that are of a long-term-investment nature.

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13. Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income (continued)

The following table includes details about amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income by component for the years ended December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017 (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | |
|--|--|--|---|
| Details about accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income components | Amount reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income | Amount reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income | Affected line item in the statement where net income is presented |
| Changes in fair value of effective cash flow hedges: | | | |
| Foreign currency cash flow hedges | \$ (5.3) | \$ 1.2 | Net sales |
| Foreign currency cash flow hedges | — | (0.3) | Cost of products sold |
| Interest rate swaps | \$ 1.5 | \$ — | Interest expense |
| Total | <u>\$ (3.8)</u> | <u>\$ 0.9</u> | |
| Amortization of retirement benefits: | | | |
| Actuarial losses | \$ — | \$ 0.8 | Selling, general and administrative expenses |
| Actuarial losses | — | 0.4 | Cost of products sold |
| Actuarial losses ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0.8 | \$ — | Other expense, net |
| Total | <u>\$ 0.8</u> | <u>\$ 1.2</u> | |

⁽¹⁾ Refer to Note 14, "Retirement and Other Employee Benefits" for additional information on reclassification of certain net periodic pension costs due to adoption of ASU 2017-07, *Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost* regarding the presentation of components of net periodic pension costs.

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14. Retirement and Other Employee Benefits

We sponsor a number of defined benefit pension plans and post-retirement plans. The most significant of these plans cover employees in the United States, United Kingdom, Costa Rica and Guatemala. These plans are accounted for consistent with the ASC guidance related to “*Compensation – Retirement Benefits*.”

The benefit obligation is the projected benefit obligation for defined benefit pension plans and the accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation for post-retirement benefit plans other than pensions.

U.S.-Based Defined Benefit Pension Plans

We sponsor a defined benefit pension plan, which covers a portion of our U.S.-based employees under a collective bargaining agreement. As a result of the accelerated closing of our Hawaii facility announced in 2006, the ILWU Local 42 collective bargaining agreement was not re-negotiated and expired in 2009 and as such the U.S.-based defined benefit pension plan has ceased accruing benefits. Our funding policy for this plan is to contribute amounts sufficient to meet the minimum funding requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, or such additional amounts as determined appropriate to assure that the assets of the plan would be adequate to provide benefits. Substantially all of the plan’s assets are invested in mutual funds.

United Kingdom Defined Benefit Pension Plan

We sponsor a defined benefit pension plan, which covers a portion of our employees in the United Kingdom (the “U.K. plan”). The U.K. plan provides benefits based on the employees’ years of service and qualifying compensation and has ceased accruing benefits. Benefit payments are based on a final pay calculation as of November 30, 2005 and are adjusted for inflation annually. Our funding policy for the U.K. plan is to contribute amounts into the plan in accordance with a recovery plan agreed by the Trustees and the Company in order to meet the statutory funding objectives of occupational trust-based arrangements of the United Kingdom or such additional amounts as determined appropriate to assure that assets of the U.K. plan are adequate to provide benefits. Substantially all of the U.K. plan’s assets are primarily invested in fixed income and equity funds.

Central American Plans

We provide retirement benefits to a portion of our employees of certain Costa Rican and Guatemalan subsidiaries (“Central American plans”). Generally, benefits under these programs are based on an employee’s length of service and level of compensation. These programs are commonly referred to as termination indemnities, which provide retirement benefits in accordance with regulations mandated by the respective governments. Funding generally occurs when employees cease active service.

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14. Retirement and Other Employee Benefits (continued)

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of benefit obligations, plan assets and funded status for our defined benefit pension plans and post-retirement plans as of December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017, which are also their measurement dates (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Pension plans ⁽¹⁾ | | | | Post-retirement plans | |
|---|------------------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | | December 29, 2017 | | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
| | U.S. | U.K. | U.S. | U.K. | Central America | Central America |
| Change in Benefit Obligation: | | | | | | |
| Beginning benefit obligation | \$ 16.7 | \$ 64.6 | \$ 17.0 | \$ 57.0 | \$ 67.1 | \$ 61.9 |
| Service cost | — | — | — | — | 5.9 | 5.6 |
| Interest cost | 0.5 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 4.0 | 4.4 |
| Actuarial (gain) loss | (0.7) | (3.0) | 0.5 | 2.9 | (6.6) | 0.4 |
| Benefits paid | (1.3) | (2.3) | (1.4) | (2.0) | (5.7) | (6.0) |
| Exchange rate changes ⁽²⁾ | — | (3.8) | — | 5.5 | (3.5) | 0.8 |
| Plan amendment | — | 1.4 | — | (0.3) | — | — |
| Ending benefit obligation | 15.2 | 58.4 | 16.7 | 64.6 | 61.2 | 67.1 |
| Change in Plan Assets: | | | | | | |
| Beginning fair value | 13.9 | 61.3 | 13.1 | 50.5 | — | — |
| Actual return on plan assets | (0.9) | (5.0) | 1.8 | 5.9 | — | — |
| Company contributions | 0.2 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 5.7 | 6.0 |
| Benefits paid | (1.3) | (2.3) | (1.4) | (2.0) | (5.7) | (6.0) |
| Exchange rate changes ⁽²⁾ | — | (3.5) | — | 5.1 | — | — |
| Ending fair value | 11.9 | 52.3 | 13.9 | 61.3 | — | — |
| Amounts recognized in the Consolidated Balance Sheets: | | | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses (current liability) | — | — | — | — | 8.1 | 7.5 |
| Retirement benefits liability (noncurrent liability) | 3.2 | 6.0 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 53.1 | 59.6 |
| Net amount recognized in the Consolidated Balance Sheets | \$ 3.2 | \$ 6.0 | \$ 2.8 | \$ 3.3 | \$ 61.2 | \$ 67.1 |
| Amounts recognized in Accumulated other comprehensive loss ⁽³⁾: | | | | | | |
| Net actuarial loss | (9.4) | (7.7) | (8.7) | (1.7) | (6.4) | (14.2) |
| Net amount recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss | \$ (9.4) | \$ (7.7) | \$ (8.7) | \$ (1.7) | \$ (6.4) | \$ (14.2) |

⁽¹⁾ The accumulated benefit obligation is the same as the projected benefit obligation.

⁽²⁾ The exchange rate difference included in the reconciliation of the change in benefit obligation and the change in plan assets above results from currency fluctuations of the U.S. dollar relative to the British pound for the U.K. plan and the U.S. dollar versus Central American currencies such as the Costa Rican colon and Guatemalan quetzal for the Central American plans as of December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017, when compared to the previous year.

⁽³⁾ We had accumulated other comprehensive income of \$5.1 million as of December 28, 2018 and \$5.7 million as of December 29, 2017 related to the tax effect of unamortized pension gains.

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14. Retirement and Other Employee Benefits (continued)

The following table provides a roll forward of the accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income ("AOCI") balances (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Pension plans | | | | Post-retirement plans | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | Year ended | | | | Year ended | |
| | December 28, 2018 | | December 29, 2017 | | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
| | U.S. | U.K. | U.S. | U.K. | Central America | Central America |
| Reconciliation of AOCI | | | | | | |
| AOCI (loss) at beginning of plan year | \$ (8.7) | \$ (1.7) | \$ (9.4) | \$ (2.8) | \$ (14.2) | \$ (14.6) |
| Amortization of net losses recognized during the year | 0.4 | (0.4) | 0.4 | — | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Net (losses) gains occurring during the year | (1.1) | (5.7) | 0.3 | 1.0 | 6.6 | (0.5) |
| Currency exchange rate changes | — | 0.1 | — | 0.1 | 0.4 | — |
| AOCI (loss) at end of plan year | <u>\$ (9.4)</u> | <u>\$ (7.7)</u> | <u>\$ (8.7)</u> | <u>\$ (1.7)</u> | <u>\$ (6.4)</u> | <u>\$ (14.2)</u> |

The amounts in AOCI expected to be amortized as a component of net period cost in the upcoming year are (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Pension plans | | Post-retirement plans |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------|-----------------------|
| | U.S. | U.K. | Central America |
| 2019 amortization of net losses | \$ 0.4 | \$ — | \$ 0.8 |

The following table sets forth the net periodic pension cost of our defined benefit pension and post-retirement benefit plans (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Pension plans | | | | | | Post-retirement plans | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Year ended | | | | | | Year ended | | |
| | December 28, 2018 | | December 29, 2017 | | December 30, 2016 | | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | December 30, 2016 |
| | U.S. | U.K. | U.S. | U.K. | U.S. | U.K. | Central America | Central America | Central America |
| Service cost | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 5.9 | \$ 5.6 | \$ 5.2 |
| Interest cost | 0.5 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 3.8 |
| Expected return on assets | (1.0) | (2.5) | (1.0) | (2.4) | (1.0) | (2.6) | — | — | — |
| Net amortization | 0.4 | (0.4) | 0.4 | — | 0.3 | — | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Net periodic cost (income) | <u>\$ (0.1)</u> | <u>\$ (1.4)</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ (0.9)</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ (0.7)</u> | <u>\$ 10.7</u> | <u>\$ 10.8</u> | <u>\$ 9.8</u> |

There are no amounts of plan assets expected to be refunded to us over the next 12 months. The expected return on assets is calculated using the fair value of plan assets for both the U.S. and U.K. plans.

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14. Retirement and Other Employee Benefits (continued)

We have adopted ASU 2017-07, *Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost* regarding the presentation of components of net periodic pension costs. Service costs are presented in the same line item in the Consolidated Statements of Operations as other compensation costs arising from services rendered by the employees during the period. With the exception of service cost, the other components of net periodic benefit costs (which include interest costs, expected return on assets, amortization of net actuarial losses) are recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Operations in other expense, net. Other net periodic benefit costs of \$3.3 million for the year ended December 28, 2018 were reclassified from operating income and are included in other expense, net on the Consolidated Statements of Operations. We utilized the practical expedient provided in this ASU and did not reclassify the net periodic pension costs for the year ended December 29, 2017. The impact would have been \$4.3 million for year ended December 29, 2017 of other net periodic benefit costs reclassified out of operating income and included in other expense, net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The reclassification of amounts related to other non-U.S.-based plans is immaterial for the years ended December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017.

Actuarial Assumptions

The assumptions used in the calculation of the benefit obligations of our U.S. and U.K. defined benefit pension plans and Central American plans consisted of the following:

| | December 28, 2018 | | | December 29, 2017 | | | December 30, 2016 | | |
|---|-------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| | Pension plans | | Post-retirement plans | Pension plans | | Post-retirement plans | Pension plans | | Post-retirement plans |
| | U.S. | U.K. | Central America | U.S. | U.K. | Central America | U.S. | U.K. | Central America |
| Weighted average discount rate | 4.10% | 2.80% | 8.06% | 3.45% | 2.45% | 6.50% ⁽¹⁾ | 3.85% | 2.60% | 7.29% |
| Rate of increase in compensation levels | — | — | 4.75% | — | 2.40% | 4.75% | — | 2.50% | 4.75% |

The assumptions used in the calculation of the net periodic pension costs for our U.S. and U.K. defined benefit pension plans and Central American plans consisted of the following:

| | December 28, 2018 | | | December 29, 2017 | | | December 30, 2016 | | |
|---|-------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| | Pension plans | | Post-retirement plans | Pension plans | | Post-retirement plans | Pension plans | | Post-retirement plans |
| | U.S. | U.K. | Central America | U.S. | U.K. | Central America | U.S. | U.K. | Central America |
| Weighted average discount rate | 3.45% | 2.45% | 6.51% | 3.85% | 2.60% | 7.10% ⁽¹⁾ | 4.00% | 3.70% | 7.23% |
| Rate of increase in compensation levels | — | — | 4.75% | — | 2.50% | 4.75% | — | 2.20% | 4.64% |
| Expected long-term rate of return on assets | 7.50% | 4.22% | — | 7.50% | 4.50% | — | 7.50% | 5.47% | — |

⁽¹⁾ The increase or decrease in the weighted average discount rate assumption for the benefit obligation and net periodic pension costs increased due to an increase or decrease in inflation assumptions and country-specific investments.

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14. Retirement and Other Employee Benefits (continued)

Effective December 29, 2017, we utilized updated mortality tables for our U.S. Plan. The change related to updated mortality tables has caused a decrease of our projected benefit obligation for this plan by \$0.2 million in 2017 and is included in accumulated other comprehensive income in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. This change is treated as a change in assumption, which affects the net actuarial loss and is amortized over the remaining service period of the plan participants. The annual amortization impacts net periodic cost.

Cash Flows

| | Pension plans | | Post-retirement plans |
|--|----------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| | U.S. | U.K. | Central America |
| Expected benefit payments for: | | | |
| 2019 | \$ 1.4 | \$ 1.8 | \$ 8.1 |
| 2020 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 6.7 |
| 2021 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 6.5 |
| 2022 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 6.5 |
| 2023 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 6.4 |
| Next 5 years | 5.2 | 11.7 | 32.3 |
| Expected benefit payments over the next 10 years | <u>\$ 11.6</u> | <u>\$ 21.0</u> | <u>\$ 66.5</u> |

For 2019, expected contributions are \$0.2 million for the U.S. pension plans and \$1.8 million for the U.K. pensions plans. Contributions for the U.S. and U.K. pension plans are actuarially determined based on funding regulations.

U.S.-Based Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Plan Assets

Our overall investment strategy is to achieve a mix of between 50%-70% equity securities for long-term growth and 30%-50% fixed income securities for near-term benefit payments. Asset allocation targets promote optimal expected return and volatility characteristics given the long-term time horizon for fulfilling the obligations of the pension plans. Selection of the targeted asset allocation for U.S. plan assets was based upon a review of the expected return and risk characteristics of each asset class, as well as the correlation of returns among asset classes.

The fair values of our U.S. plan assets by asset category are as follows:

| | | Fair Value Measurements at December 28, 2018 (U.S. dollars in millions) | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|---|--|--|
| Asset Category | Total | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| Mutual Funds: | | | | |
| Fixed income securities | \$ 5.4 | \$ 5.4 | \$ — | \$ — |
| Value securities | 2.2 | 2.2 | — | — |
| Growth securities | 4.3 | 4.3 | — | — |
| Total | <u>\$ 11.9</u> | <u>\$ 11.9</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ —</u> |

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14. Retirement and Other Employee Benefits (continued)

The fair values of our U.S. plan assets by asset category are as follows:

| | | Fair Value Measurements at December 27, 2017 (U.S. dollars in millions) | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|---|------|--|--|
| Asset Category | Total | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | | Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| | | | | | |
| Mutual Funds: | | | | | |
| Fixed income securities | \$ 5.7 | \$ 5.7 | \$ — | \$ — | |
| Value securities | 3.8 | 3.8 | — | — | |
| Growth securities | 4.4 | 4.4 | — | — | |
| Total | \$ 13.9 | \$ 13.9 | \$ — | \$ — | |

Mutual Funds – This category includes investments in mutual funds that encompass both equity and fixed income securities that are designed to provide a diverse portfolio. The plan's mutual funds are designed to track exchange indices, and invest in diverse industries. Some mutual funds are classified as regulated investment companies. Investment managers have the ability to shift investments from value to growth strategies, from small to large capitalization funds, and from U.S. to international investments. These investments are valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded. These investments are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Investment managers agree to operate the plan's investments within certain criteria that determine eligible and ineligible securities, diversification requirements and credit quality standards, where applicable. Unless exceptions have been approved or are part of a permitted mutual fund strategy, investment managers are prohibited from buying or selling commodities, futures or option contracts, as well as from short selling of securities. Furthermore, investment managers agree to obtain written approval for deviations from stated investment style or guidelines. We considered historical returns and the future expectations for returns for each asset class as well as the target asset allocation of plan assets to develop the expected long-term rate of return on assets assumption.

The expected long-term rate of return assumption for U.S. plan assets is based upon the target asset allocation and is determined using forward-looking assumptions in the context of historical returns and volatilities for each asset class, as well as correlations among asset classes. We evaluate the rate of return assumption on an annual basis.

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14. Retirement and Other Employee Benefits (continued)

United Kingdom Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Assets

The fair values of our U.K. plan assets by asset category are as follows:

| Asset Category | Total Fair Value at December 28, 2018 | Fair Value Measurements at December 28, 2018 (U.S. dollars in millions) | | |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| Cash | \$ 0.8 | \$ 0.8 | \$ — | \$ — |
| Equity securities: | | | | |
| United Kingdom companies | 4.5 | — | 4.5 | — |
| Diversified growth funds | 17.5 | — | 17.5 | — |
| Other international companies | 15.0 | — | 15.0 | — |
| Fixed income securities: | | | | |
| United Kingdom government bonds | 6.1 | — | 6.1 | — |
| Liability-driven investments | 8.4 | — | 8.4 | — |
| Total | \$ 52.3 | \$ 0.8 | \$ 51.5 | \$ — |

| Asset Category | Total Fair Value at December 29, 2017 | Fair Value Measurements at December 29, 2017 (U.S. dollars in millions) | | |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| Cash | \$ 0.2 | \$ 0.2 | \$ — | \$ — |
| Equity securities: | | | | |
| United Kingdom companies | 5.5 | — | 5.5 | — |
| Diversified growth funds | 20.8 | — | 20.8 | — |
| Other international companies | 18.5 | — | 18.5 | — |
| Fixed income securities: | | | | |
| United Kingdom government bonds | 7.1 | — | 7.1 | — |
| Liability-driven investments | 9.2 | — | 9.2 | — |
| Total | \$ 61.3 | \$ 0.2 | \$ 61.1 | \$ — |

Equity securities – This category includes pooled investments in various U.S., U.K. and other international equities over diverse industries. The portfolio of stocks is invested in diverse industries and includes a concentration of 38% in financial institutions, 15% in technology, 10% in consumer goods, 10% in telecommunications and the remaining 27% in various other industries. The diversified growth fund includes a portfolio of investment allocations of 49% cash, 23% in equities predominantly in the United States and Asia, 19% in fixed income securities including corporate and government bonds and 9% in other investments such as property and infrastructure. Units of the pooled investment accounts are not traded on an exchange or in an active market; however, valuation is based on the underlying investments of the units and are classified as Level 2 investments of the fair value hierarchy.

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14. Retirement and Other Employee Benefits (continued)

Fixed income securities –This category includes pooled investments in U.K. index-linked government bonds, U.K. corporate bonds, U.K. and overseas equity-linked government bonds and liability-driven investments. These investments are valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded. Units of the pooled investment accounts are not traded on an exchange or in an active market; however, valuation is based on the underlying investments of the units and are classified as Level 2 investments of the fair value hierarchy.

The expected long-term rate of return assumption for U.K. plan assets is adjusted based on asset allocation and is determined by reference to U.K. long dated government bond yields.

According to the plan's investment policy, approximately 33% of the U.K. plan's assets are invested in diversified growth funds, 29% are invested in other international equities and 9% are invested in U.K. equity securities. Approximately 16% are invested in liability-driven investments and 12% of the U.K. plan's assets are invested in U.K. index-lined government bonds. Fund managers have no discretion to make asset allocation decisions with the exception of the diversified growth fund. The trustees try to rebalance any discrepancies through selective allocations of future contributions. Performance benchmarks for each asset class are based on various FTSE indices and inflation measures. Investment performance is reviewed quarterly.

Plan Amendment

During 2018, The English High Court ruling in Lloyds Banking Group Pension Trustees Limited v. Lloyds Bank plc and others, held that UK pension schemes with Guaranteed Minimum Pensions ("GMP") accrued from May 17, 1990, must equalize for different effects on GMP between male and female plan participants. Accordingly, the GMP equalization was treated as a plan amendment and included in our actuarial valuation. The estimated GMP equalization impact for the UK pension plan is an increase of approximately \$1.4 million to our projected benefit obligations, with a corresponding increase in accumulated other comprehensive income. The amount recognized under accumulated other comprehensive income will be amortized as prior service cost over the average life expectancy of the plan's participants.

Other Employee Benefits

We also sponsor a defined contribution plan established pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Subject to certain dollar limits, employees may contribute a percentage of their salaries to the plan, and we will match a portion of each employee's contribution. This plan is in effect for U.S.-based employees only. The expense pertaining to this plan was \$1.1 million for 2018, \$1.2 million for 2017 and \$1.1 million for 2016.

On August 31, 1997, one of our subsidiaries ceased accruing benefits under its salary continuation plan covering certain of our Central American management personnel. At December 28, 2018 we had \$4.2 million accrued for this plan, including \$0.7 million in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) related to unamortized pension gains. At December 29, 2017 we had \$5.0 million accrued for this plan, including \$0.6 million in accumulated other comprehensive loss related to unamortized pension gains. Net periodic pension costs were \$0.1 million for the year ended December 28, 2018, \$0.1 million the year ended December 29, 2017 and \$0.1 million for the year ended December 30, 2016. Expected benefit payments under the plan for 2019 through 2023 total \$3.1 million. For 2024 through 2028 the expected benefit payments under the plan total \$1.6 million.

We sponsor a service gratuity plan covering certain of our Kenyan personnel. At December 28, 2018 we had \$7.3 million accrued for this plan, including a \$2.0 million in accumulated other comprehensive loss related to unamortized pension losses. At December 29, 2017 we had \$6.1 million accrued for this plan, including a \$1.3 million in accumulated other comprehensive loss related to unamortized pension losses. Net periodic pension costs were \$1.2 million for the year ended December 28, 2018, \$1.2 million for the year ended December 29, 2017 and \$1.1 million for the year ended December 30, 2016. Expected benefit payments under the plan from 2019 through 2023 total \$4.4 million. Benefit payments under the plan from 2024 through 2028 are expected to total \$4.8 million.

We provide retirement benefits to certain employees who are not U.S.-based. Generally, benefits under these programs are based on an employee's length of service and level of compensation. Included in retirement benefits on our consolidated balance sheets is \$16.8 million at December 28, 2018 and \$17.7 million at December 29, 2017 related to these programs.

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14. Retirement and Other Employee Benefits (continued)

The unamortized pension losses related to other non-U.S.-based plans included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), a component of shareholders' equity was \$1.4 million for the year ending December 28, 2018 and \$1.7 million for the year ending December 29, 2017. We also offer certain post-employment benefits to former executives and have \$2.1 million at December 28, 2018 and \$2.7 million at December 29, 2017 in retirement benefits on our consolidated balance sheets related to these benefits.

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15. Share-Based Compensation

We maintain various compensation plans for officers, other employees, and non-employee members of our Board of Directors. Share-based compensation expense included in selling, general and administrative expenses related to stock options, restricted stock awards ("RSAs"), restricted stock units ("RSUs") and performance stock units ("PSUs") is included in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations as follows (U.S. dollars in millions):

| Types of Awards | Year ended | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | December 30, 2016 |
| Stock options | \$ 0.1 | \$ 0.5 | \$ 2.4 |
| RSUs/PSUs | 10.3 | 10.7 | 21.6 |
| RSAs | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Total | <u>\$ 11.5</u> | <u>\$ 12.1</u> | <u>\$ 24.9</u> |

Proceeds of \$0.8 million were received from the exercise of stock options for 2018, \$1.6 million for 2017 and \$12.2 million for 2016.

On April 30, 2014, our shareholders approved and ratified the 2014 Omnibus Share Incentive Plan (the "2014 Plan"). The 2014 Plan allows the Company to grant equity-based compensation awards, including stock options, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units and performance stock units. Under the 2014 Plan, the Board of Directors is authorized to award up to 3,000,000 ordinary shares. The 2014 Plan replaced and superseded the 2011 Omnibus Share Incentive Plan (the "2011 Plan"), and the 2010 Non-Employee Directors Equity Plan, collectively referred to as Prior Plans.

Under the 2014 Plan and Prior Plans, 20% of the options usually vest immediately, and the remaining options vest in equal installments over the next four years. Options under the 2014 Plan and Prior Plans may be exercised over a period not in excess of 10 years from the date of the grant. Prior Plan provisions are still applicable to outstanding options and awards under those plans. There were no stock options grants for the years ended December 28, 2018, December 29, 2017, and December 30, 2016.

Restricted Stock Awards (RSA)

A share of "restricted stock" is one of our ordinary shares that has restrictions on transferability until certain vesting conditions are met.

For RSAs under the 2014 Plan and Prior Plans, 50% of each award of our restricted stock vested on the date it was granted. The remaining 50% of each award vests upon the six-month anniversary of the date on which the recipient ceases to serve as a member of our Board of Directors. RSA awarded during the years ended December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017 allow directors to retain all of their awards once they cease to serve as a member of our Board of Directors and is considered a nonsubstantive service condition in accordance with the guidance provided by the ASC on "Compensation – Stock Compensation." Accordingly, we recognize compensation cost immediately for restricted stock awards granted to non-management members of the Board of Directors.

The following table lists the RSA for the years ended December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017:

| Date of Award | Shares of Restricted Stock Awarded | Price Per Share |
|-----------------|---|--------------------|
| January 2, 2018 | 21,304 | \$ 46.93 |
| August 2, 2018 | 1,687 | \$ 49.38 |
| January 3, 2017 | 14,294 | 61.21 |

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15. Share-Based Compensation (continued)

Restricted Stock Units (RSU)/ Performance Stock Units (PSU)

Each RSU/PSU represents a contingent right to receive one of our ordinary shares. The PSUs are subject to meeting minimum performance criteria set by our Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors. The actual number of shares the recipient receives is determined based on the results achieved versus performance goals. Those performance goals are based on exceeding a measure of our earnings. Depending on the results achieved, the actual number of shares that an award recipient receives at the end of the period may range from 0% to 100% of the award units granted. Provided such criteria are met, the PSU will vest in three equal annual installments on each of the next three anniversary dates provided that the recipient remains employed with us. For PSU's each anniversary date vesting tranche is considered to have its own grant-date and requisite service period. The RSUs will vest 20% on the award date and 20% on each of the next four anniversaries. For RSU's there is only one grant-date and requisite service period over the four year vesting period, one vesting tranche. We recognize expense related to RSUs and PSUs based on the fair market value, as determined on the date of award, ratably over each vesting tranche, provided the performance condition, if any, is probable.

RSUs/PSUs do not have the voting rights of ordinary shares, and the shares underlying the RSUs/PSUs are not considered issued and outstanding. However, shares underlying RSUs/PSUs are included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share to the extent the performance criteria are met.

The fair market value for RSUs/PSUs is based on the closing price of our stock on the award date. Forfeitures are estimated based on population of employees and historical experience.

The following table lists the various RSUs/PSUs awarded under the 2014 Plan and Prior Plans for the years ended December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017 (U.S. dollars in millions except share and per share data):

| Date of Award | Type of Award | Units Awarded | Price Per Share |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| June 25, 2018 | RSU | 2,000 | \$ 44.78 |
| February 21, 2018 | RSU | 125,000 | 46.35 |
| February 21, 2018 | PSU | 85,000 | 46.35 |
| August 2, 2017 | RSU | 48,700 | 49.75 |
| February 22, 2017 | PSU | 100,000 | 56.52 |
| February 22, 2017 | RSU | 50,000 | 56.52 |
| September 2, 2016 ⁽¹⁾ | RSU | 50,000 | 58.94 |
| August 3, 2016 | RSU | 226,500 | 59.83 |
| February 24, 2016 | PSU | 140,000 | 38.99 |
| February 24, 2016 | RSU | 50,000 | 38.99 |

⁽¹⁾ New grant related to the former President/COO transition

RSUs are eligible to earn Dividends Equivalent Units ("DEUs") equal to the cash dividend paid to ordinary shareholders. DEUs are subject to the same performance and/or service conditions as the underlying RSUs/PSUs and are forfeitable.

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15. Share-Based Compensation (continued)

The following table summarizes RSUs/PSUs activity for the years ended December 28, 2018, December 29, 2017, December 30, 2016:

| | Number of Shares | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value |
|--|-----------------------------|---|
| RSUs/PSUs outstanding at January 1, 2016 | 988,542 | \$ 30.94 |
| Granted | 427,624 | 49.91 |
| Converted | (472,841) | 37.77 |
| Canceled | (11,289) | 37.89 |
| RSUs/PSUs outstanding at December 30, 2016 | 932,036 | 36.09 |
| Granted | 208,743 | 54.17 |
| Converted | (336,112) | 34.91 |
| Canceled | (43,515) | 43.77 |
| RSUs/PSUs outstanding at December 29, 2017 | 761,152 | 41.13 |
| Granted | 223,531 | 46.10 |
| Converted | (279,440) | 41.31 |
| Canceled | (21,948) | 50.40 |
| RSUs/PSUs outstanding at December 28, 2018 | 683,295 | 42.39 |
| Vested at December 30, 2016 | 126,250 | \$ 22.61 |
| Vested at December 29, 2017 | 235,332 | \$ 26.49 |
| Vested at December 28, 2018 | 249,767 | \$ 31.28 |

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15. Share-Based Compensation (continued)

Information about RSUs/PSUs outstanding at December 28, 2018 was as follows:

| Grant Date Market Value | Outstanding | Outstanding Intrinsic Value | Vested | Vested Intrinsic Value |
|--|--------------------|--|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| \$ 44.78 | 1,613 | \$ — | — | \$ — |
| \$ 46.35 | 101,539 | — | — | — |
| \$ 46.35 | 82,119 | — | — | — |
| \$ 40.03 | 25,693 | — | — | — |
| \$ 56.52 | 74,885 | — | 17,301 | — |
| \$ 56.52 | 30,826 | — | — | — |
| \$ 59.83 | 51,225 | — | — | — |
| \$ 49.75 | 28,022 | — | — | — |
| \$ 38.99 | 59,523 | — | 35,894 | — |
| \$ 38.99 | 20,763 | — | — | — |
| \$ 33.44 | 49,998 | — | 49,998 | — |
| \$ 33.44 | 10,513 | — | — | — |
| \$ 25.52 | 53,433 | 0.1 | 53,431 | 0.1 |
| \$ 26.52 | 54,291 | 0.1 | 54,291 | 0.1 |
| \$ 24.68 | 38,852 | 0.1 | 38,852 | 0.1 |
| | <u>683,295</u> | <u>\$ 0.3</u> | <u>249,767</u> | <u>\$ 0.3</u> |

As of December 28, 2018, the total remaining unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested RSUs/PSUs amounted to \$11.9 million, which will be amortized over the weighted-average remaining requisite service period of 1.5 years years.

16. Commitments and Contingencies

We lease agricultural land and certain property, plant and equipment, including office facilities and refrigerated containers, under operating leases. We also enter into ship charter agreements for the transport of our fresh produce to markets worldwide using seven chartered refrigerated ships. The remaining terms for ship charter agreements range between one to three years. The aggregate minimum payments under all operating leases and ship charter agreements with initial terms of one year or more at December 28, 2018 are as follows (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | |
|------------|-----------------|
| 2019 | \$ 64.2 |
| 2020 | 31.5 |
| 2021 | 22.5 |
| 2022 | 16.3 |
| 2023 | 15.3 |
| Thereafter | 69.2 |
| | <u>\$ 219.0</u> |

Total expense for all operating leases and ship charter agreements, including leases with initial terms of less than one year, amounted to \$84.3 million for 2018, \$92.1 million for 2017 and \$96.4 million for 2016.

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16. Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

We also have agreements to purchase the entire or partial production of certain products of our independent growers primarily in Guatemala, Costa Rica, Philippines, Ecuador, Chile, and Colombia that meet our quality standards. Total purchases under these agreements amounted to \$763.9 million for 2018, \$815.0 million for 2017 and \$816.0 million for 2016.

In addition, during 2017 and 2018, we entered into a definitive agreement for the building of six new refrigerated container ships for \$138.9 million to be delivered in 2020. The agreement requires payments of approximately \$32.4 million in 2019, \$85.8 million in 2020 and \$20.7 million in 2021 for these six ships.

17. Litigation

DBCP Litigation

Beginning in December 1993, certain of our U.S. subsidiaries were named among the defendants in a number of actions in courts in Texas, Louisiana, Hawaii, California and the Philippines involving claims by numerous non-U.S. plaintiffs alleging that they were injured as a result of exposure to a nematocide containing the chemical dibromochloropropane ("DBCP") during the period 1965 to 1990. As a result of a settlement entered into in December 1998, the remaining unresolved DBCP claims against our U.S. subsidiaries are pending in Hawaii, Delaware and the Philippines.

On October 14, 2004, two of our subsidiaries were served with a complaint in an action styled *Angel Abarca, et al. v. Dole Food Co., et al.* filed in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles on behalf of more than 2,600 Costa Rican banana workers who claim injury from exposure to DBCP. On January 2, 2009, three of our subsidiaries were served with multiple complaints in related actions styled *Jorge Acosta Cortes, et al. v. Dole Food Company, et al.* filed in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles on behalf of 461 Costa Rican residents. An initial review of the plaintiffs in the *Abarca* and *Cortes* actions found that a substantial number of the plaintiffs were claimants in prior DBCP actions in Texas. On June 27, 2008, the court dismissed the claims of 1,329 plaintiffs who were parties to prior DBCP actions. On June 30, 2008, our subsidiaries moved to dismiss the claims of the remaining *Abarca* plaintiffs on grounds of *forum non conveniens* in favor of the courts of Costa Rica. On September 22, 2009, the court granted the motion to dismiss and on November 16, 2009 entered an order conditionally dismissing the claims of those remaining plaintiffs who allege employment on farms in Costa Rica exclusively affiliated with our subsidiaries. Those dismissed plaintiffs re-filed their claim in Costa Rica on May 17, 2012 (The "Lagos" case). On January 18, 2013, all remaining plaintiffs in California filed Requests for Dismissal effecting the dismissal of their claims without prejudice. On September 25, 2013, our subsidiaries filed an answer to the claim re-filed with the courts of Costa Rica. In the Lagos case, the trial court dismissed the claims of all plaintiffs for defective powers of attorney. On appeal from that decision, the appellate court remanded the action for the trial court to consider a preliminary issue before addressing the validity of the powers of attorney. The case is back before the trial court. Two additional DBCP-related lawsuits were filed in Costa Rica in 2015, which have since been dismissed by the court on procedural grounds.

On May 31 and June 1, 2012, eight actions were filed against one of our subsidiaries in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware on behalf of approximately 3,000 plaintiffs alleging exposure to DBCP on or near banana farms in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Panama, and Guatemala. We and our subsidiaries were not involved with any banana growing operations in Ecuador or Panama during the period when DBCP was in use. The plaintiffs include 229 claimants who had cases pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana which were dismissed on September 17, 2012. On August 30, 2012, our subsidiary joined a motion to dismiss the claims of those plaintiffs on the grounds that they have first-filed claims pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. The motion was granted on March 29, 2013 and appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. On September 21, 2012, our subsidiary filed an answer with respect to the claims of those plaintiffs who had not already filed in Louisiana. On May 27, 2014, the court granted a motion made by a co-defendant and entered summary judgment against all remaining plaintiffs based on the September 19, 2013 affirmance by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit of the dismissal on statute of limitations grounds of related cases by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. On July 7, 2014, our subsidiary joined in a motion for summary judgment on statute of limitations grounds as to all remaining plaintiffs on the basis of the court's May 27, 2014 ruling.

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17. Litigation (continued)

Plaintiffs agreed that judgment be entered in favor of all defendants for the claims still pending in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware on the basis of the summary judgment granted on May 27, 2014 and the district court entered judgment dismissing all plaintiffs' claims on September 22, 2014. On October 21, 2014, a notice of appeal was filed with the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit expressly limited the appeal to the claims of 57 (out of the more than 2,600) plaintiffs who had not previously filed claims in Louisiana. On August 11, 2015, a panel of the Court of Appeals affirmed the dismissal of the claims of these plaintiffs. Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Rehearing en Banc with the Third Circuit, which was granted on September 22, 2015. On September 2, 2016, the Third Circuit en banc reversed the District Court's dismissal on first-filed doctrine grounds of the claims of approximately 229 of the plaintiffs and remanded the case back to the District Court for further proceedings. On June 2, 2017, the Third Circuit issued a Petition for Certification of State Law to the Delaware Supreme Court to resolve the complex procedural question pending on appeal regarding the duration of the tolling of limitations afforded by a class action that had been pending in Texas. The Delaware Supreme Court accepted certification of the pending question of law. On March 15, 2018, the Delaware Supreme court decided the complex procedural question in favor of the plaintiffs and the case is back before the United States District Court for the District of Delaware for further proceedings. On remand, there remain approximately 285 claims pending, although roughly two-thirds of those claims are of plaintiffs from Panama and Ecuador, where we have not been involved with any banana growing during the period when DBCP was in use. By agreement of the parties and the Court, discovery is first proceeding with respect to the Ecuadorian plaintiffs, followed by the Panamanian plaintiffs and then the Costa Rican plaintiffs.

In Hawaii, plaintiffs filed a petition for certiorari to the Hawaii Supreme Court based upon the Hawaii Court of Appeals affirmance in March 2014 of a summary judgment ruling in defendants' favor at the trial court level. The Hawaii Supreme Court accepted the petition and oral argument was held on September 18, 2014 with respect to whether the claims of the six named plaintiffs were properly dismissed on statute of limitations grounds. On October 21, 2015, the Hawaii Supreme Court reversed the Hawaii Court of Appeals and the Hawaii state trial court's grant of partial summary judgment against the DBCP plaintiffs on statute of limitations grounds. The Hawaii Supreme Court remanded the claims of six remaining plaintiffs back to the Hawaii state trial court for further proceedings, where they remain pending. In late 2018, plaintiffs sought to activate the case and the Court has set a conference for March 6, 2019 at which a schedule for the case is likely to be set. There are at most 3 plaintiffs remaining in the action who allege employment on a farm affiliated with our banana growing operations.

Kunia Well Site

In 1980, elevated levels of certain chemicals were detected in the soil and ground-water at a plantation leased by one of our U.S. subsidiaries in Honolulu, Hawaii (the "Kunia Well Site"). Shortly thereafter, our subsidiary discontinued the use of the Kunia Well Site and provided an alternate water source to area well users and the subsidiary commenced its own voluntary cleanup operation.

In 1993, the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") identified the Kunia Well Site for potential listing on the National Priorities List ("NPL") under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended. On December 16, 1994, the EPA issued a final rule adding the Kunia Well Site to the NPL.

On September 28, 1995, our subsidiary entered into an order (the "Order") with the EPA to conduct the remedial investigation and the feasibility study of the Kunia Well Site. Under the terms of the Order, our subsidiary submitted a remedial investigation report in November 1998 and a final draft feasibility study in December 1999 (which was updated from time to time) for review by the EPA. The EPA approved the remedial investigation report in February 1999 and the feasibility study on April 22, 2003.

As a result of communications with the EPA in 2001, we recorded a charge of \$15.0 million in the third quarter of 2001 to increase the recorded liability to the estimated expected future cleanup cost for the Kunia Well Site to \$19.1 million. Based on conversations with the EPA in the third quarter of 2002 and consultation with our legal counsel and other experts, we recorded a charge of \$7.0 million during the third quarter of 2002 to increase the accrual for the expected future clean-up costs for the Kunia Well Site to \$26.1 million.

On September 25, 2003, the EPA issued the Record of Decision ("ROD"). The EPA estimates in the ROD that the remediation costs associated with the cleanup of the Kunia Well Site will range from \$12.9 million to \$25.4 million and will last approximately 10 years. It remains to be determined how long the remediation will actually last.

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17. Litigation (continued)

On January 13, 2004, the EPA deleted a portion of the Kunia Well Site (Northeast section) from the NPL. On May 2, 2005, our subsidiary signed a Consent Decree with the EPA for the performance of the clean-up work for the Kunia Well Site. On September 27, 2005, the U.S. District Court for Hawaii approved and entered the Consent Decree. Based on findings from remedial investigations at the Kunia Well Site, our subsidiary continues to evaluate with the EPA the clean-up work currently in progress in accordance with the Consent Decree.

We increased the liability by \$0.4 million during 2017 and 2016 due to changes to the remediation work being performed related to the Kunia Well Site clean-up. We included these charges/(credits) in asset impairment and other charges, net on our Consolidated Statements of Operations. The estimates are between \$13.5 million and \$28.7 million. The estimate on which our accrual is based, totals \$13.5 million. As of December 28, 2018, there is \$13.2 million included in other noncurrent liabilities and \$0.3 million included in accounts payable and accrued expenses in the Consolidated Balance Sheets for the Kunia Well Site clean-up, which we expect to expend in the next 12 months. We expect to expend approximately \$0.3 million in 2019, \$1.1 million in 2020, \$1.0 million in 2021 and \$0.9 million in each of the years 2022 and 2023.

Additional Information

In addition to the foregoing, we are involved from time to time in various claims and legal actions incident to our operations, both as plaintiff and defendant. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, none of these other claims are currently expected to have a material adverse effect on the results of operations, financial position or our cash flows.

We intend to vigorously defend ourselves in all of the above matters.

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18. Derivative Financial Instruments

Our derivative financial instruments reduce our exposure to fluctuations in foreign exchange and interest rates. We predominantly designate our derivative financial instruments as cash flow hedges.

Counterparties expose us to credit loss in the event of non-performance on hedges. We monitor our exposure to counterparty non-performance risk both at inception of the hedge and at least quarterly thereafter.

Fluctuations in the value of the derivative instruments are generally offset by changes in the cash flows or fair value of the underlying exposures being hedged. A cash flow hedge requires that the change in the fair value of a derivative instrument be recognized in other comprehensive income, a component of shareholders' equity, and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings and is presented in the same income statement line item as the earnings effect of the hedged item.

Certain of our derivative instruments contain provisions that require the current credit relationship between us and our counterparty to be maintained throughout the term of the derivative instruments. If that credit relationship changes, certain provisions could be triggered, and the counterparty could request immediate collateralization of derivative instruments in net liability position above a certain threshold. The aggregate fair value of all derivative instruments with a credit-risk-related contingent feature that are in a liability position on December 28, 2018 is \$8.4 million. As of December 28, 2018, no triggering event has occurred and thus we are not required to post collateral. If the credit-risk-related contingent features underlying these agreements were triggered on December 28, 2018, we would not be required to post collateral to its counterparty because the collateralization threshold has not been met.

Derivative instruments are disclosed on a gross basis. There are various rights of setoff associated with our derivative instruments that are subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or similar agreements. Although various rights of setoff and master netting arrangements or similar agreements may exist with the individual counterparties, individually, these financial rights are not material.

Foreign Currency Hedges

We are exposed to fluctuations in currency exchange rates against the U.S. dollar on our results of operations and financial condition and we mitigate that exposure by entering into foreign currency forward contracts. Certain of our subsidiaries periodically enter into foreign currency forward contracts in order to hedge portions of forecasted sales or cost of sales denominated in foreign currencies with forward contracts and options, which generally expire within one year. At December 28, 2018, our foreign currency forward contracts will hedge a portion of our 2019 foreign currency exposure.

We designate our foreign currency forward contracts as single-purpose cash flow hedges of forecasted cash flows.

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18. Derivative Financial Instruments (continued)

We had the following outstanding foreign currency forward contracts as of December 28, 2018:

| Foreign Currency Contracts Qualifying as Cash Flow Hedges: | | Notional Amount | |
|---|-----|-----------------|---------|
| Euro | € | 73.2 | million |
| Japanese yen | JPY | 2,634.5 | million |
| Korean won | KRW | 35,974.4 | million |

Interest Rate Contracts

We are exposed to fluctuations in variable interest rates on our results of operations and financial condition, and we mitigate that exposure by entering into interest rate swaps, from time to time. During 2018, we entered into interest rate swaps in order to hedge the risk of the fluctuation on future interest payments related to a portion of our variable rate LIBOR-based borrowings through 2028.

Gains or losses on interest rate swaps are recorded in other comprehensive income and will be subsequently reclassified into earnings as interest expense as the interest expense on debt is recognized in earnings. At December 28, 2018, the notional value of interest rate contracts outstanding was \$400.0 million, \$200.0 million maturing in 2024 and the remaining \$200.0 million maturing in 2028. Refer to Note 11, "Long-Term Debt and Capital Lease Obligations."

The following table reflects the fair values of derivative instruments, which are designated as level 2 in the fair value hierarchy, as of December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017 (U.S. dollars in millions):

| Balance Sheet Location: | Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | |
|---|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | Foreign exchange contracts | | Interest Rate Swaps | | Total | |
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
| Asset derivatives: | | | | | | |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$ 1.6 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 1.6 | \$ — |
| Total asset derivatives | <u>\$ 1.6</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 1.6</u> | <u>\$ —</u> |
| Liability derivatives: | | | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 0.8 | \$ 1.4 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 0.8 ⁽²⁾ | \$ 1.4 |
| Other non-current liabilities | — | — | 7.6 | — | 7.6 ⁽²⁾ | — |
| Total liability derivatives | <u>\$ 0.8</u> | <u>\$ 1.4</u> | <u>\$ 7.6</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 8.4</u> | <u>\$ 1.4</u> |

⁽¹⁾ See Note 19, "Fair Value Measurements," for fair value disclosures.

⁽²⁾ We expect that \$0.8 million of the fair value of hedges recognized as a net loss in accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI") will be transferred to earnings during the next 12 months, and the remaining net loss of \$7.6 million in AOCI over a period of 10 years, along with the earnings effect of the related forecasted transactions.

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18. Derivative Financial Instruments (continued)

The fair value of our derivatives related to our foreign currency cash flow hedges are in a net liability of \$0.8 million as of December 28, 2018 and \$1.4 million as of December 29, 2017. For foreign currency hedges, these fluctuations are primarily driven by the strengthening or weakening of the U.S. dollar compared to currencies being hedged relative to the contracted exchange rates and the settling of a number of contracts throughout 2018. During 2018, certain derivative contracts to hedge the euro and British pound relative to our sales were settled; certain derivative contracts to hedge the Philippine peso and Korean won relative to our cost of sales were also settled. The change in 2018 was primarily related to the settling of the majority of the contracts throughout 2018.

The following table reflects the effect of derivative instruments on the Consolidated Statements of Operations for the years ended December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017 (U.S. dollars in millions):

| Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships | Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income on Derivatives (Effective Portion) | | Location of (Loss) Gain Reclassified from AOCI into Income (Effective Portion) | Amount of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income (Effective Portion) | |
|--|---|-------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| | Year ended | | | Year ended | |
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
| Foreign exchange contracts | \$ 1.6 | \$ (5.4) | Net sales | \$ 5.3 | \$ (1.2) |
| Foreign exchange contracts | 0.6 | (1.4) | Cost of products sold | — | 0.3 |
| Interest rate swaps, net of tax | (6.6) | — | Interest expense | (1.5) | — |
| Total | \$ (4.4) | \$ (6.8) | | \$ 3.8 | \$ (0.9) |

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19. Fair Value Measurements

Fair Value of Derivative Instruments

Our derivative assets or liabilities include foreign exchange and interest rate derivatives that are measured at fair value using observable market inputs such as forward rates, interest rates, our own credit risk as well as an evaluation of our counterparties' credit risks. We use an income approach to value our outstanding foreign currency and interest rate swap cash flow hedges, which consists of a discounted cash flow model that takes into account the present value of future cash flows under the terms of the contracts using current market information as of the measurement date such as foreign currency spot, forward rates, and interest rates. Additionally, we include an element of default risk based on observable inputs in the fair value calculation. Based on these inputs, the derivative assets or liabilities are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

The following table provides a summary of the fair values of our derivative financial instruments measured on a recurring basis under "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Fair Value Measurements | | | |
|--|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| | Foreign currency forward contracts, net asset (liability) | | Interest rate contracts, net (liability), asset | |
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
| Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1) | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — |
| Significant other observable inputs (Level 2) | 0.8 | (1.4) | (7.6) | — |
| Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) | — | — | — | — |

Refer to Note 14, "Retirement and Other Employee Benefits" for further fair value disclosures related to pension assets.

In estimating our fair value disclosures for financial instruments, we use the following methods and assumptions:

Cash and cash equivalents: The carrying amount reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheets for these items approximates fair value due to their liquid nature and are classified as Level 1.

Trade accounts receivable and other accounts receivable, net: The carrying value reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheets for these items is net of allowances for doubtful accounts, which includes a degree of counterparty non-performance risk and are classified as Level 2.

Accounts payable and other current liabilities: The carrying value reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheets for these items approximates their fair value, which is the likely amount for which the liability with short settlement periods would be transferred to a market participant with a similar credit standing as ours and are classified as Level 2.

Capital lease obligations: The carrying value of our capital lease obligations reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheets approximates their fair value based on current interest rates, which contain an element of default risk. The fair value of our finance lease obligations is estimated using Level 2 inputs based on quoted prices for those or similar instruments.

Refer to Note 11, "Long-Term Debt and Capital Lease Obligations."

Long-term debt: The carrying value of our long-term debt reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheets approximates their fair value since they bear interest at variable rates or fixed rates which contain an element of default risk. The fair value of our long-term debt is estimated using Level 2 inputs based on quoted prices for those or similar instruments.

Refer to Note 11, "Long-Term Debt and Capital Lease Obligations."

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19. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Fair Value of Non-Financial Assets

The purchase price allocation for the Mann Packing acquisition reflected in the accompanying financial statements and includes \$162.0 million allocated to goodwill representing the excess of the purchase price over the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed and is subject to revision. The fair value of the net assets acquired are estimated using Level 3 inputs based on unobservable inputs except for items such as working capital which are valued using Level 2 inputs due to mix of quoted prices for similar instruments and cash and cash equivalents valued as Level 1 due to its highly liquid nature. We primarily utilized the cost approach for the valuation of the personal and real property. For the definite-lived intangible assets including customer list intangibles and trade names and trademark were valued primarily using an income approach methodology.

The Mann Packing acquisition includes a put option exercisable by the 25% shareholder of one of the acquired subsidiaries. The put option allows the noncontrolling owner to sell his 25% noncontrolling interest to us for a multiple of the subsidiary's adjusted earnings. As the put option is outside of our control, the estimated value of the 25% noncontrolling interest is presented as a redeemable noncontrolling interest outside of permanent equity on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. The fair value of the redeemable noncontrolling interest and put option was valued based on a mix of the income approach for determining the value of the redeemable noncontrolling interest and market approach for determining the most advantageous redemption point for the put option using a Monte Carlo simulation method. The fair value assigned to this interest is estimated using Level 3 inputs based on unobservable inputs. Refer to Note 4 "Acquisitions" for further discussion on the acquisition of Mann Packing.

The Company recorded asset impairment and other charges during the year ended December 28, 2018, that do not fall under the scope of fair value measurement. Refer to Note 3, "Asset Impairment and Other Charges, Net".

The following is a tabular presentation of the non-recurring fair value measurement along with the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls (U.S. dollars in millions):

| Fair Value Measurements for the year ended December 28, 2018 | | | | |
|---|----------------|---|--|--|
| | Total | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| Philippines contract terminations | \$ 1.9 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 1.9 |
| Underutilized assets in Central America | 6.5 | — | — | 6.5 |
| DEL MONTE® Prepared Foods reporting unit's trade names and trademarks | 31.9 | — | — | 31.9 |
| Tomato production assets held for sale in the United States | 45.4 | — | — | 45.4 |
| | <u>\$ 85.7</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 85.7</u> |

As of December 28, 2018, we recognized \$2.2 million in asset impairment and other charges, net related to certain underutilized assets in Central America. The asset impairment consisted of a write-down of \$2.2 million related to assets with a carrying value of \$8.7 million. We estimated the fair value of these assets of \$6.5 million using the market approach. The fair value of these assets are classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy due to the mix of unobservable inputs utilized.

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19. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

As of December 28, 2018, we have \$45.4 million in property, plant and equipment meeting the criteria of assets held for sale included in prepaid expenses and other current assets primarily related to the cessation of tomato production in the United States. These assets include land, buildings and machinery and equipment in the other fresh produce segment. During 2018, we recognized an impairment charge of \$1.0 million to recognize these assets at the lower of cost or fair value less cost to sell using the market approach. The fair value of these assets are classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy due to the mix of unobservable inputs utilized.

During 2018, based on the annual impairment review of trade names and trademarks performed on the first day of our fourth quarter in 2018 and due to the underperformance of our prepared products in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa and our prepared ambient juice business in the United Kingdom, we incurred impairments of \$11.3 million. The fair value of the DEL MONTE® prepared foods trade names and trademarks is \$31.9 million. We utilized the royalty savings method, an income approach, to determine the fair value of the prepared foods trade names and trademarks. The royalty savings method estimated the fair value of an intangible asset by capitalizing the royalties saved. In other words, the owner of the intangible asset realizes a benefit from owning the intangible asset rather than licensing or paying a royalty for the use of the asset. We corroborate other inputs used in the royalty savings method with market participant assumptions such as royalty rates and discount rates utilized, however due to the mix of unobservable inputs utilized, the fair value of the trademarks are classified as Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

During 2018, we recognized \$1.9 million in asset impairment and other charges, net for contract termination obligations in the Philippines. We estimated the fair value of this obligation using an income based approach. The fair value of the contract termination obligation is classified as Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy due to the mix of unobservable inputs utilized.

The following is a tabular presentation of the non-recurring fair value measurement along with the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls (U.S. dollars in millions):

| Fair Value Measurements for the year ended December 29, 2017 | | | | |
|---|---------------|---|--|--|
| | Total | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| U.K. Beverage trademark impairment | \$ 1.8 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 1.8 |
| | <u>\$ 1.8</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 1.8</u> |

During 2017, based on the annual impairment review of trade names and trademarks performed on the first day of our fourth quarter in 2017 and due to the underperformance of our prepared ambient juice business in the United Kingdom, we incurred a trade name and trademark impairment of \$0.9 million. The fair value of the prepared food unit's U.K. Beverage trademark is \$1.8 million. We utilized the royalty savings method, an income approach, to determine the fair value of the U.K. Beverage trade names and trademarks. The royalty savings method estimated the fair value of an intangible asset by capitalizing the royalties saved because the Company owns the intangible asset. In other words, the owner of the intangible asset realizes a benefit from owning the intangible asset rather than licensing or paying a royalty for the use of the asset. We corroborate other inputs used in the royalty savings method with market participant assumptions such as royalty rates and discount rates utilized, however due to the mix of unobservable inputs utilized, the fair value of the trademarks are classified as Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

Refer to Note 3, “*Asset Impairment and Other Charges, Net*” for further discussion related to asset impairment charges.

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20. Related Party Transactions

Receivables from related parties were \$0.1 million in 2017. Payables to related parties were \$1.0 million in 2018 and \$1.2 million in 2017.

Cash distributions to noncontrolling interests were \$2.7 million in 2018 and \$4.6 million in 2017. We have reflected the cash in contributions from (distributions to) noncontrolling interests under financing activities in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. We have \$15.1 million as of December 28, 2018 and \$17.8 million as of December 29, 2017 in other noncurrent liabilities in our Consolidated Balance Sheets related to one of our noncontrolling interests.

We incurred expenses of approximately \$2.3 million for 2018, \$2.4 million for 2017 and \$2.9 million for 2016 for air transportation services for chartering an aircraft that is indirectly owned by our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Other purchases from related parties were \$8.9 million in 2018 compared to \$9.3 million and \$9.5 million in 2017 and 2016 respectively. Sales to related party transactions amounted to \$0.7 million in 2018 compared to \$0.3 million in 2017.

We have \$84.1 million in accounts payable and have incurred \$124.6 million in expenses to one of the Mann Packing subsidiaries for 2018.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

21. Unaudited Quarterly Financial Information

Our fiscal quarter-ends correspond to the last Friday of the 13-week period, beginning the day following our fiscal year end. The following summarizes certain quarterly operating data (U.S. dollars in millions, except per share data):

| | Quarter ended | | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | March 30, 2018 | June 29, 2018 ⁽²⁾ | September 28, 2018 ⁽²⁾ | December 28, 2018 ⁽²⁾ |
| Net sales | \$ 1,106.1 | \$ 1,272.4 | \$ 1,069.5 | \$ 1,045.9 |
| Gross profit | 106.5 | 78.3 | 52.6 | 42.4 |
| Net income (loss) | 43.2 | (5.6) | (21.2) | (32.3) |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. | 41.5 | (7.9) | (21.5) | (34.0) |
| Net income (loss) per ordinary share attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. – basic ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0.85 | \$ (0.16) | \$ (0.44) | \$ (0.70) |
| Net income (loss) per ordinary share attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. – diluted ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0.85 | \$ (0.16) | \$ (0.44) | \$ (0.70) |
| Dividends declared per ordinary share | \$ 0.150 | \$ 0.150 | \$ 0.150 | \$ 0.150 |
| | | | | |
| | March 31, 2017 | June 30, 2017 | September 29, 2017 | December 29, 2017 ⁽³⁾ |
| | | | | |
| Net sales | \$ 1,032.4 | \$ 1,147.1 | \$ 952.7 | \$ 953.7 |
| Gross profit | 99.1 | 123.2 | 58.3 | 51.0 |
| Net income (loss) | 45.6 | 69.8 | 10.5 | (6.7) |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. | 46.4 | 69.2 | 11.5 | (6.3) |
| Net income (loss) per ordinary share attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. – basic ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0.91 | \$ 1.37 | \$ 0.23 | \$ (0.13) |
| Net income (loss) per ordinary share attributable to Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. – diluted ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0.90 | \$ 1.36 | \$ 0.23 | \$ (0.13) |
| Dividends declared per ordinary share | \$ 0.150 | \$ 0.150 | \$ 0.150 | \$ 0.150 |

- (1) Basic and diluted earnings per share for each of the quarters presented above is based on the respective weighted average number of shares for the quarters. The sum of the quarters may not necessarily be equal to the full year basic and diluted earnings per share amounts due to rounding.
- (2) Diluted earnings per share for the following quarters excludes the impact of antidilutive share based payment awards for ordinary shares as they were antidilutive as follows: 739,106 ordinary shares for the quarter ended June 29, 2018, 620,017 ordinary shares for the quarter ended September 28, 2018 and 851,645 for the quarter ended December 28, 2018.
- (3) Diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended December 29, 2017 excludes the impact of antidilutive share-based payment awards for 275,688 ordinary shares, as they were antidilutive.

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22. Business Segment Data

We are principally engaged in one major line of business, the production, distribution and marketing of bananas, other fresh produce and prepared food. Our products are sold in markets throughout the world, with our major producing operations located in North, Central and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

Our operations are aggregated into business segments on the basis of our products: bananas, other fresh produce and prepared food. Other fresh produce includes pineapples, melons, non-tropical fruit (including grapes, apples, citrus, blueberries, strawberries, pears, peaches, plums, nectarines, cherries and kiwis), avocados, fresh-cut fruit and vegetables, other fruit and vegetables, a third-party ocean freight business, a plastic product and box manufacturing business. Prepared food includes prepared fruit and vegetables, juices, beverages, snacks, poultry and meat products.

We evaluate performance based on several factors, of which net sales and gross profit by product are the primary financial measures (U.S. dollars in millions):

| | Year ended | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | | December 29, 2017 | | December 30, 2016 | |
| | Net Sales | Gross Profit | Net Sales | Gross Profit | Net Sales | Gross Profit |
| Other fresh produce | \$ 2,443.0 | \$ 180.2 | \$ 1,997.2 | \$ 179.2 | \$ 1,852.6 | \$ 236.7 |
| Banana | 1,703.1 | 84.1 | 1,775.1 | 113.4 | 1,811.5 | 159.5 |
| Prepared food | 347.8 | 15.5 | 313.6 | 39.0 | 347.4 | 65.2 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 4,493.9</u> | <u>\$ 279.8</u> | <u>\$ 4,085.9</u> | <u>\$ 331.6</u> | <u>\$ 4,011.5</u> | <u>\$ 461.4</u> |

| Net sales by geographic region: | Year ended | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 | December 30, 2016 |
| North America | \$ 2,871.3 | \$ 2,382.4 | \$ 2,221.5 |
| Europe | 653.7 | 665.9 | 673.1 |
| Middle East | 445.6 | 518.8 | 569.8 |
| Asia | 465.7 | 460.2 | 477.2 |
| Other | 57.6 | 58.6 | 69.9 |
| Total net sales | <u>\$ 4,493.9</u> | <u>\$ 4,085.9</u> | <u>\$ 4,011.5</u> |

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22. Business Segment Data (continued)

Our North America region included the following Mann Packing results:

| Products: | Period from February 27, 2018 to December 28, 2018 | |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| | Net Sales | Gross Profit |
| Other fresh produce | \$ 441.8 | \$ 28.8 |
| Prepared foods | 46.8 | 7.2 |
| Totals | \$ 488.6 | \$ 36.0 |

Refer to Note 4, “*Acquisitions*”, for further discussion on the Mann Packing acquisition.

The following table indicates our net sales by product:

| | Year ended | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | | December 29, 2017 | | December 30, 2016 | |
| Segments: | | | | | | |
| Other fresh produce: | | | | | | |
| Gold pineapples | 487.9 | 11% | 492.7 | 12% | 495.1 | 12% |
| Fresh-cut produce: | | | | | | |
| Fresh-cut fruit | 510.6 | 11% | 496.9 | 12% | 417.7 | 10% |
| Fresh-cut vegetables | 433.2 | 10% | 110.9 | 3% | 99.2 | 2% |
| Non-tropical fruit | 221.5 | 5% | 235.7 | 6% | 259.8 | 7% |
| Avocados | 329.2 | 7% | 314.9 | 8% | 229.6 | 6% |
| Melons | 107.8 | 3% | 106.8 | 3% | 111.6 | 3% |
| Tomatoes | 62.5 | 1% | 77.7 | 2% | 81.2 | 2% |
| Vegetables | 140.2 | 3% | 25.9 | 1% | 30.3 | 1% |
| Other fruit, products and services | 150.1 | 3% | 135.7 | 2% | 128.1 | 3% |
| Total other fresh produce | \$ 2,443.0 | 54% | \$ 1,997.2 | 49% | \$ 1,852.6 | 46% |
| Banana | 1,703.1 | 38% | 1,775.1 | 43% | 1,811.5 | 45% |
| Prepared food | 347.8 | 8% | 313.6 | 8% | 347.4 | 9% |
| Total | \$ 4,493.9 | 100% | \$ 4,085.9 | 100% | \$ 4,011.5 | 100% |

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22. Business Segment Data (continued)

| Property, plant and equipment, net: | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| North America | \$ 241.4 | \$ 169.9 |
| Europe | 51.4 | 52.5 |
| Middle East | 129.6 | 139.9 |
| Africa | 44.8 | 44.2 |
| Asia | 128.4 | 159.3 |
| Central America | 644.1 | 642.1 |
| South America | 90.5 | 91.2 |
| Maritime equipment (including containers) | 52.9 | 18.3 |
| Corporate | 9.1 | 10.9 |
| Total property, plant and equipment, net | <u>\$ 1,392.2</u> | <u>\$ 1,328.3</u> |

| Identifiable assets: | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| North America | \$ 933.0 | \$ 441.5 |
| Europe | 297.1 | 325.0 |
| Middle East | 278.9 | 300.0 |
| Africa | 162.0 | 133.6 |
| Asia | 239.2 | 270.1 |
| Central America | 1,026.5 | 1,011.7 |
| South America | 165.0 | 185.1 |
| Maritime equipment (including containers) | 66.9 | 35.0 |
| Corporate | 86.6 | 64.9 |
| Total identifiable assets | <u>\$ 3,255.2</u> | <u>\$ 2,766.9</u> |

North America accounted for approximately 64% of our net sales for 2018 and 58% for 2017 and 2016. Our earnings are heavily dependent on operations located worldwide; however, our net sales are not dependent on any particular country other than the United States, with no other country accounting for greater than 10% of our net sales for 2018, 2017 and 2016. These operations are a significant factor in the economies of some of the countries in which we operate and are subject to the risks that are inherent in operating in such countries, including government regulations, currency and ownership restrictions and risk of expropriation. Management reviews assets on the basis of geographic region and not by reportable segment, which more closely aligns our capital investment with demand for our products. Costa Rica is our most significant sourcing location, representing approximately 36% of our property, plant and equipment as of December 28, 2018. No foreign country other than Costa Rica accounts for greater than 10% of our property, plant and equipment.

Walmart accounted for 10% of our net sales in 2018, 9% of net sales in 2017 and 11% in 2016. These sales are reported in the banana and other fresh produce segments. In 2018, our top 10 customers accounted for approximately 31% of net sales as compared with 32% during 2017 and 31% for 2016. Identifiable assets by geographic area represent those assets used in the operations of each geographic area. Corporate assets consist of goodwill, building, leasehold improvements and furniture and fixtures.

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23. Shareholders' Equity

Our shareholders have authorized 50,000,000 preferred shares at \$0.01 par value, of which none are issued or outstanding, and 200,000,000 ordinary shares of common stock at \$0.01 par value, of which 48,442,296 are issued and outstanding at December 28, 2018.

The ordinary share activity for the years ended December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017 is summarized as follows:

| | Year ended | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | December 29, 2017 |
| Ordinary shares issued/(retired) as a result of: | | |
| Stock option exercises | 38,500 | 59,000 |
| Restricted stock awards | 22,991 | 14,294 |
| Restricted and performance stock units | 351,856 | 251,303 |
| Ordinary share repurchase and retirement | (730,532) | (2,822,022) |

On February 21, 2018, our Board of Directors approved a three-year stock repurchase program of up to \$300 million of our ordinary shares. We have repurchased \$29.4 million of ordinary shares, or 730,532 ordinary shares, under the aforementioned repurchase program and retired all the repurchased shares. As of December 28, 2018, we have a maximum dollar value of \$280.4 million that we can purchase under the approved stock repurchase program.

The following represents a summary of repurchase activity during years ended December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017 (U.S. dollars in millions, except share and per share data):

| | Year ended | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------------|---------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| | December 28, 2018 | | | December 29, 2017 | | |
| | Shares | USD | Average price per share | Shares | USD | Average price per share |
| Year ended: | 730,532 | \$ 29.4 | \$ 40.26 | 2,822,022 | \$ 142.0 | \$ 50.31 |

Subsequent to the year ended December 28, 2018, there were no ordinary share repurchases.

The following is a summary of the dividends declared per share for the years ended December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017:

| | Year ended | | | |
|---------------------------|--|------|---------------------------|--|
| | December 28, 2018 | | December 29, 2017 | |
| Dividend Declared Date | Cash Dividend Declared, per Ordinary Share | | Dividend Declared Date | Cash Dividend Declared, per Ordinary Share |
| December 7, 2018 | \$ | 0.15 | December 8, 2017 | \$ 0.15 |
| September 7, 2018 | \$ | 0.15 | September 8, 2017 | \$ 0.15 |
| June 1, 2018 | \$ | 0.15 | June 2, 2017 | \$ 0.15 |
| March 30, 2018 | \$ | 0.15 | March 31, 2017 | \$ 0.15 |

We paid \$29.0 million in dividends during the year ended December 28, 2018 and \$30.1 million during the year ended December 29, 2017.

Schedule II - Valuation and Qualifying Accounts
Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. and Subsidiaries
(U.S. dollars in millions)

| Description | Balance at Beginning of Period | Additions | | Deductions | Balance at End of Period |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Charged to Costs and Expenses | Charged to Other Accounts | | |
| Year ended December 28, 2018 | | | | | |
| Deducted from asset accounts: | | | | | |
| Valuation accounts: | | | | | |
| Trade accounts receivable | \$ 12.9 | \$ 2.1 | \$ — | \$ (0.4) | \$ 14.6 |
| Advances to growers and other receivables | 8.8 | 0.5 | — | (2.1) | 7.2 |
| Deferred tax asset valuation allowance | 257.1 | 38.6 | 0.8 | (4.7) | 291.8 |
| Current and noncurrent accrued liabilities: | | | | | |
| Provision for Kunia Well Site | 13.9 | (0.1) | (0.3) | | 13.5 |
| Total | <u>\$ 292.7</u> | <u>\$ 41.1</u> | <u>\$ 0.5</u> | <u>\$ (7.2)</u> | <u>\$ 327.1</u> |
| Year ended December 29, 2017 | | | | | |
| Deducted from asset accounts: | | | | | |
| Valuation accounts: | | | | | |
| Trade accounts receivable | \$ 11.3 | \$ 2.9 | \$ — | \$ (1.3) | \$ 12.9 |
| Advances to growers and other receivables | 7.8 | 1.4 | — | (0.4) | 8.8 |
| Deferred tax asset valuation allowance | 232.1 | 35.4 | (1.8) | (8.6) | 257.1 |
| Current and noncurrent accrued liabilities: | | | | | |
| Provision for Kunia Well Site | 13.7 | — | (0.2) | 0.4 | 13.9 |
| Total | <u>\$ 264.9</u> | <u>\$ 39.7</u> | <u>\$ (2.0)</u> | <u>\$ (9.9)</u> | <u>\$ 292.7</u> |
| Year ended December 30, 2016: | | | | | |
| Deducted from asset accounts: | | | | | |
| Valuation accounts: | | | | | |
| Trade accounts receivable | \$ 9.3 | \$ 4.0 | \$ — | \$ (2.0) | \$ 11.3 |
| Advances to growers and other receivables | 7.9 | 1.4 | — | (1.5) | 7.8 |
| Deferred tax asset valuation allowance | 225.8 | 27.5 | 0.2 | (21.4) | 232.1 |
| Current and noncurrent accrued liabilities: | | | | | |
| Provision for Kunia Well Site | 13.7 | — | (0.4) | 0.4 | 13.7 |
| Total | <u>\$ 256.7</u> | <u>\$ 32.9</u> | <u>\$ (0.2)</u> | <u>\$ (24.5)</u> | <u>\$ 264.9</u> |

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

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

We carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of December 28, 2018. Based upon this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of such date to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports the Company files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms. Such officers also confirm that there was no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the year ended December 28, 2018 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

See *Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting* included in Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*.

Item 9B. Other Information

None.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

Information required by Item 10 of Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K will be included in our definitive Proxy Statement relating to our 2019 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders with respect to directors, executive officers, audit committee financial experts of the Company and Section 16(a) beneficial ownership reporting compliance, is incorporated herein by reference in response to this item.

Code of Ethics

We have adopted a Code of Conduct and Business Ethics Policy (“Code of Conduct”) that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer as well as all our directors, other officers and employees. Our Code of Conduct can be found on our Website at www.freshdelmonte.com. We have not waived the requirements of the Code of Conduct for any directors or executive officers and there were no amendments in 2018. We intend to disclose any amendment or waiver of the Code of Conduct promptly on our Website.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

Information required by Item 11 of Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K will be included in our definitive Proxy Statement relating to our 2019 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders with respect to executive compensation, is incorporated herein by reference in response to this item.

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

Information required by Item 12 of Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K will be included in our definitive Proxy Statement relating to our 2019 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders with respect to security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management and securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans, is incorporated herein by reference in response to this item.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

Information required by Item 13 of Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K will be included in our definitive Proxy Statement relating to our 2019 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders with respect to certain relationships and related transactions and director independence, is incorporated herein by reference in response to this item.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Information required by Item 14 of Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K will be included in our definitive Proxy Statement relating to our 2019 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders with respect to principal accountant fees and services, is incorporated by reference in response to this item.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information

The following financial statements and supplemental schedule of Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. and its subsidiaries are included in Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data* of this Report:

Consolidated Financial Statements

Report of Independent Registered Certified Public Accounting Firm on Consolidated Financial Statements

Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017

Consolidated Statements of Operations for the years ended December 28, 2018, December 29, 2017 and December 30, 2016

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Income for the years ended December 28, 2018, December 29, 2017 and December 30, 2016

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 28, 2018, December 29, 2017 and December 30, 2016

Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity and Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest for the years ended December 28, 2018, December 29, 2017 and December 30, 2016

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Supplemental Financial Statement Schedule

Schedule II - Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

Exhibits

The exhibits listed below are incorporated in this Report by reference, except for those indicated by “*” which are filed herewith (see accompanying Exhibit Index)

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 2.1**** | Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 5, 2018, by and among Del Monte Fresh Produce N.A., Inc., Mann Packing Company and the stockholders of Mann Packing Company party thereto. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K of our fiscal year ended December 29, 2017). |
| 3.1 | Amended and Restated Memorandum of Association of Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.6 to our Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-7708)). |
| 3.2 | Amended and Restated Articles of Association of Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.7 to our Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-7708)). |
| 4.1 | Specimen Certificate of Ordinary Shares of Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to our Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-7708)). |

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 10.1 | License Agreement, dated as of December 5, 1989, between Del Monte Corporation and Wafer Limited (the “DMC-Wafer License”) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to our Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-7708)). |
| 10.2 | License Agreement, dated as of December 5, 1989, between Del Monte Corporation and Del Monte Tropical Fruit Company, North America (the “NAJ License”) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to our Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-7708)). |
| 10.3 | License Agreement, dated as of December 5, 1989, between Del Monte Corporation and Del Monte Fresh Fruit International, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to our Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-7708)). |
| 10.4 | Amendment No. 1 to DMC-Wafer License, dated as of October 12, 1992, between Del Monte Corporation and Wafer Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to our Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-7708)). |
| 10.5 | Amendment No. 1 to NAJ License, dated as of October 12, 1992, between Del Monte Corporation and Del Monte Fresh Produce N.A., Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to our Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-7708)). |
| 10.6 | Amendment No. 1 to Direct DMC-DMFFI License, dated as of October 12, 1992, between Del Monte Corporation and Del Monte Fresh Produce International, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to our Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-7708)). |
| 10.7 | Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of October 15, 1997, by and between Fresh Del Monte and FG Holdings Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to our Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-7708)). |
| 10.8 | Strategic Alliance Agreement, dated as of August 29, 1997, by and between the Registrant and IAT Group Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to our Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-7708)). |
| 10.9** | Amended and Restated Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. 1999 Share Incentive Plan, effective as of April 30, 2008 (reflects Amendment No. 1, dated May 1, 2002, Amendments No. 2 through 5 dated April 27, 2005 and Amendment No. 6 dated April 30, 2008) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Second Quarter 2008 Report on Form 10-Q). |
| 10.10** | Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our First Quarter 2008 Report on Form 10-Q). |
| 10.11** | 2011 Performance Incentive Plan for the Chief Executive Officer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our First Quarter 2011 Report on Form 10-Q) |
| 10.12** | Executive Retention and Severance Agreement (Chairman & CEO) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to our First Quarter 2008 Report on Form 10-Q). |
| 10.13** | Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. 2010 Non-Employee Directors Equity Plan, effective as of May 5, 2010 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Second Quarter 2010 Report on Form 10-Q). |
| 10.14** | Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan, effective January 1, 2008 (as Amended May 5, 2010) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to our Second Quarter 2010 Report on Form 10-Q). |

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 10.15** | 2011 Omnibus Share Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A in the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 24, 2011) |
| 10.16** | 2014 Omnibus Share Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A in the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 31, 2014) |
| 10.17 | Standard Fruit and Vegetable Co., Inc. Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of January 27, 2003, between Del Monte Fresh Produce N.A., Inc. and Standard Fruit and Vegetable Co., Inc. et al. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.13 to our 2002 Annual Report on Form 20-F). |
| 10.18 | Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of April 16, 2015, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 21, 2015) by and among Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc., and certain subsidiaries named therein and the lenders and agents named therein. |
| 10.19** | Amendment to the Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. 2014 Omnibus Share Incentive Plan effective November 1, 2017 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.24 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K of our fiscal year ended December 29, 2017). |
| 10.20** | Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, and Joinder Agreement, dated as of February 27, 2018 by and among Fresh Del Monte Inc., and certain subsidiaries named therein and the lenders and agents named therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to our First Quarter 2018 Report on Form 10-Q) |
| 10.21** | Settlement Agreement, dated as of May 4, 2017, by and among Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc., Del Monte Pacific Limited and Del Monte Foods, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Second Quarter 2018 Report on Form 10-Q). |
| 10.22** | Amendment No. 2 to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, by and among Fresh Del Monte Inc., certain subsidiaries party thereto, the lenders party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Third Quarter 2018 Report on Form 10-Q). |
| 10.23** | Amendment No. 3 to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 27, 2018, by and among Fresh Del Monte Inc., certain subsidiaries party thereto, the lenders party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Third Quarter 2018 Report on Form 8-K filed on September 28, 2018). |
| 21.1* | List of Subsidiaries. |
| 23.1* | Consent of Independent Registered Certified Public Accounting Firm. |
| 31.1* | Certification of Chief Executive Officer filed pursuant to 17 CFR 240.13a-14(a). |
| 31.2* | Certification of Chief Financial Officer filed pursuant to 17 CFR 240.13a-14(a). |
| 32* | Certifications of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer furnished pursuant to 17 CFR 240.13a-14(b) and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350. |
| 101.INS*,*** | XBRL Instance Document. |

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 101.SCH*,*** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document. |
| 101.CAL*,*** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document. |
| 101.DEF*,*** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document. |
| 101.LAB*,*** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document. |
| 101.PRE*,*** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document. |
| * | Filed herewith |
| ** | Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement. |
| *** | Attached as Exhibit 101 to this report are the following formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017 , (ii) Consolidated Statements of Operations for the years ended December 28, 2018, December 29, 2017 and December 30, 2016, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Income for the years ended December 28, 2018, December 29, 2017, and December 30, 2016, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 28, 2018, December 29, 2017, and December 30, 2016 and (v) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. |
| **** | Schedules and exhibits have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. The Company agrees to furnish supplementary to the Securities and Exchange Commission a copy of any omitted schedule or exhibit upon request. |

Item 16. Form 10-K Summary

Not applicable.

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.

FRESH DEL MONTE PRODUCE INC.

Date: February 19, 2019

By: /s/ Youssef Zakharia

Youssef Zakharia

President & Chief Operating Officer

Date: February 19, 2019

By: /s/ Richard Contreras

Richard Contreras

Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities indicated below on the 19th day of February, 2019:

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| By | <u>/s/ Mohammad Abu-Ghazaleh</u> Mohammad Abu-Ghazaleh Chairman & Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) |
| By | <u>/s/ Richard Contreras</u> Richard Contreras Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial & Accounting Officer) |
| By | <u>/s/ Amir Abu-Ghazaleh</u> Amir Abu-Ghazaleh Director |
| By | <u>/s/ Michael J. Berthelot</u> Michael J. Berthelot Director |
| By | <u>/s/ Edward L. Boykin</u> Edward L. Boykin Director |
| By | <u>/s/ Robert S. Bucklin</u> Robert S. Bucklin Director |
| By | <u>/s/ Madeleine Champion</u> Madeleine Champion Director |
| By | <u>/s/ John H. Dalton</u> John H. Dalton Director |
| By | <u>/s/ Ahmad Abu-Ghazaleh</u> Ahmad Abu-Ghazaleh Director |

COMPANY INFORMATION

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STOCK INFORMATION

Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc.'s Ordinary Shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol FDP.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

May 1, 2019 at 11:30 a.m., Eastern Time
 Hyatt Regency
 50 Alhambra Plaza
 Coral Gables, Florida 33134

SHARES OUTSTANDING

As of March 12, 2019 there were 48,380,592 Ordinary Shares outstanding.

FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

Our Annual Report contains statements about our expectations, plans and prospects, which constitute forward-looking statements for purposes of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. These statements are based on current Company expectations and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any such statements. Such risks and uncertainties include those identified in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2018 and other reports the Company files with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

CORPORATE AND SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

Corporate and shareholder information and a copy of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (which includes the officer certifications required by Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002), as filed with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge by contacting Investor Relations at Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc., U.S. Executive Offices, c/o Del Monte Fresh Produce Company, 241 Sevilla Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134, 305-520-8400 or by visiting the Company's Web site at www.freshdelmonte.com.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Mohammad Abu-Ghazaleh
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Youssef Zakharia
 President and Chief Operating Officer

Richard Contreras
 Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Marlene M. Gordon
 Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer

Martha Jeifetz
 Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer

Hans Sauter
 Senior Vice President, Corporate R&D, QA and Agricultural Services

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS (Continued)

Helmuth A. Luty
 Senior Vice President, Shipping Operations

Jorge Pelaez
 Vice President, Colombia, Ecuador, Central America and Brazil (CECAB)

Emanuel Lazopoulos
 Senior Vice President, North America Sales, Marketing and Product Management

Annunciata Cerioli
 Senior Vice President, North America Operations

Joseph Cole
 Vice President, Asia Pacific

Sergio Mancilla
 Vice President, South America

Mohammed Abbas
 Vice President, Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

Gianpaolo Renino
 Vice President, Europe and Africa

DIRECTORS

Mohammad Abu-Ghazaleh
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
 Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc.

Ahmad Abu-Ghazaleh
 Chairman
 United Cables Industries Company
 Also serves as the Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Jordanian Air Academy, Arab Wings, Queen Noor Technical College and Gulf Wings

Amir Abu-Ghazaleh
 General Manager and Partner
 Abu-Ghazaleh & Sons Co. Ltd.

Michael J. Berthelot, C.P.A. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾
 Chief Executive Officer
 Cito Capital Corporation and
 Also serves as the Managing Principal and Founder of Corporate Governance Advisors Inc. and as a Director for a privately held biotechnology company

Edward L. Boykin, C.P.A., (Retired) ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾
 Consultant and Former Partner
 Deloitte & Touche LLP

Robert S. Bucklin ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾
 Business Advisor
 Retired Vice Chairman of Rabobank International's North America Wholesale Banking
 Also serves on the Board of Directors of RiceBran Technologies and on the Board of Directors of the following privately held entities: OSI Group, LLC, Agrivida, Inc. and Bay State Milling Company

Madeleine L. Champion ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
 Chief Executive Officer
 Champion Global Advisors, LLC

John H. Dalton ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
 Former President
 Housing Policy Council of the Financial Services Roundtable
 Also serves as a Director for the privately held Crius Technology Group, LLC

- (1) Member of the Audit Committee
- (2) Member of the Compensation Committee
- (3) Member of the Governance Committee
- (4) Governance Committee Chairman
- (5) Compensation Committee Chairman
- (6) Audit Committee Chairman
- (7) Lead Independent Director