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#### Form 10-K

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

For the fiscal year ended April 28, 2007

#### **COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-9656**

#### LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**MICHIGAN** 

38-0751137

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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

1284 North Telegraph Road, Monroe, Michigan

48162-3390

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (734) 242-1444 Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered

Common Shares, \$1.00 Par Value

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 b No o

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Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the Registrant s knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. b

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer b Non-accelerated filer o

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

Based on the closing price on the New York Stock Exchange on October 28, 2006, the aggregate market value of Registrant s common shares held by non-affiliates of the Registrant on that date was \$650.8 million.

The number of common shares outstanding of the Registrant was 51,784,553 as of June 2, 2007.

#### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:**

(1) Portions of the Registrant s Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on August 15, 2007 are incorporated by reference into Part III.

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Note: The responses to Items 10 through 14 are included in the Company s definitive proxy statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on August 15, 2007. The required information is incorporated into this Form 10-K by reference to that document and is not repeated herein.

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## **Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

We are making forward-looking statements in this report. Generally, forward-looking statements include information concerning possible or assumed future actions, events or results of operations. More specifically, forward-looking statements include the information in this document regarding:

future income, margins and cash flows future growth adequacy and cost of financial resources future economic performance industry and importing trends management plans

Forward-looking statements also include those preceded or followed by the words anticipates, believes, estimates, hopes, plans, intends and expects or similar expressions. With respect to all forward-looking statements, we claim protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated or projected due to a number of factors. These factors include, but are not limited to: (a) changes in consumer confidence; (b) changes in demographics; (c) changes in housing sales; (d) the impact of terrorism or war; (e) continued energy price changes; (f) the impact of logistics on imports; (g) the impact of interest rate changes; (h) changes in currency exchange rates; (i) competitive factors; (j) operating factors, such as supply, labor or distribution disruptions including changes in operating conditions or costs; (k) effects of restructuring actions; (l) changes in the domestic or international regulatory environment; (m) ability to implement global sourcing organization strategies; (n) fair value changes to our intangible assets due to actual results differing from those projected; (o) the impact of adopting new accounting principles; (p) the impact from natural events such as hurricanes, earthquakes and tornadoes; (q) the impact of retail store relocation costs, the success of new stores or the timing of converting stores to the New Generation format; (r) the ability to procure fabric rolls or cut and sewn fabric sets domestically or abroad; (s) the ability to sell the discontinued operations for their recorded fair value; (t) those matters discussed in Item 1A of this Annual Report and factors relating to acquisitions and other factors identified from time to time in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, either to reflect new developments or for any other reason.

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#### PART I

#### ITEM 1. BUSINESS.

Edward M. Knabusch and Edwin J. Shoemaker started Floral City Furniture in 1927, and in 1928 the newly formed company introduced its first recliner. In 1941, we were incorporated in the state of Michigan, and in 1996 the name was changed to La-Z-Boy Incorporated. Since then the La-Z-Boy name has become the most recognized brand in the furniture industry. We have increased our ownership of retail stores during the past several years. La-Z-Boy Incorporated is divided into three segments the Upholstery Group, the Casegoods Group and the Retail Group.

La-Z-Boy is the largest reclining-chair manufacturer in the world and North America s largest manufacturer of upholstered furniture. We also manufacture and import casegoods (wood) furniture products for resale in North America. La-Z-Boy Incorporated markets furniture for every room of the home. According to the May, 2007 Top 100 ranking by *Furniture Today*, which is an industry trade publication, the largest retailer of single-brand upholstered furniture in the U.S. is the La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores retail network.

On July 28, 2006, we completed the sale of our American of Martinsville operating unit, which supplied contract furniture to the hospitality, assisted-living and governmental markets, and on April 28, 2007, we completed the sale of our Sam Moore operating unit, an upholstered chair manufacturer. During the third quarter of fiscal 2007, we committed to a plan to sell the operating units of Clayton Marcus and Pennsylvania House which were included in the Casegoods Group. As we have continued to assess our long-term strategic direction, we have determined that these operating units do not align with our current strategic plan.

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, we committed to a restructuring plan which included the closures of our Lincolnton, North Carolina and Iuka, Mississippi upholstery manufacturing facilities, the closure of our rough mill lumber operation in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, the consolidation of operations at our Kincaid Taylorsville, North Carolina upholstery operation and the elimination of a number of positions throughout the remainder of the organization. The Lincolnton and Iuka facility closures will occur in the first quarter of fiscal 2008 and will impact approximately 250 and 150 employees, respectively. The closure of our North Wilkesboro lumber operation, the consolidation of operations at Kincaid s Taylorsville operation and the elimination of other positions occurred in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 and impacted approximately 100 positions. These decisions were made to help align our company with the current business environment and strengthen our positioning going forward.

Applicable accounting rules categorize some of our independent dealers that do not have sufficient equity to carry out their businesses without our financial support as variable interest entities or VIEs. If it is determined that we are the primary beneficiary of a VIE s business activities, the rules require us to consolidate the VIE s assets, liabilities, and results of operations into our consolidated financial statements. We did not become the primary beneficiary of any VIEs during fiscal 2007.

#### **Principal Products and Industry Segments**

Our reportable operating segments are the Upholstery Group, the Casegoods Group and the Retail Group.

*Upholstery Group.* The operating units in the Upholstery Group are Bauhaus, England, La-Z-Boy, U.K., and La-Z-Boy. This group primarily manufactures and sells upholstered furniture to furniture retailers and proprietary stores. Upholstered furniture includes recliners and motion furniture, sofas, loveseats, chairs, ottomans and sleeper sofas.

*Casegoods Group.* The operating units in the Casegoods Group are American Drew, Hammary, Kincaid, and Lea. This group primarily sells manufactured or imported wood furniture to furniture retailers. Casegoods product includes tables, chairs, entertainment centers, headboards, dressers, accent pieces and some coordinated upholstered furniture.

*Retail Group.* The Retail Group consists of 70 company-owned La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries<sup>®</sup> stores located in nine markets ranging from the Midwest to the East Coast of the United States and also including

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southeastern Florida. The Retail Group sells mostly upholstered furniture to end consumers through the retail network.

Due to the dispositions and the impact of discontinued operations throughout fiscal 2007, segment data was restated during fiscal 2007. Additional detailed information regarding our segments and the products which comprise the segments is contained in Note 14 to our consolidated financial statements and our Management s Discussion and Analysis section, both of which are included in this report.

#### **Raw Materials and Parts**

The principal raw materials for the Upholstery Group are purchased cover (primarily fabrics and leather), polyester batting and non-chlorofluorocarbonated polyurethane foam for cushioning and padding, lumber and plywood for frames and steel for motion mechanisms. Purchased cover is the largest raw material cost for this segment, representing about 28% of the Upholstery Group s total material costs. We purchase cover from numerous sources, but we do rely on a limited number of major suppliers. If one of these sources experienced financial or other difficulties we could experience temporary disruptions in our manufacturing process until another source could be found. Most of the cover is purchased in a raw state (a roll or hide), then cut and sewn into parts in our plants or from third party offshore suppliers. The cover material costs are 67% fabric rolls and hides and 33% for cut and sewn parts mainly from Argentina, Asia and Brazil. Of the cut and sewn parts, 62% is manufactured by one supplier located in China. In addition we also import rolled fabric goods from overseas. We expect this trend to continue given the lower labor costs in some of these areas and other existing economic conditions. By importing cut and sewn leather and fabric sets, we are able to recognize savings compared to domestic purchases and fabrication of these parts.

Purchased hardwood parts are also components for the Upholstery Group. These purchased parts are generally external parts as opposed to frame or structural parts. The production process of these parts is relatively labor intensive, making it more cost effective to import these parts from countries which have lower labor costs. The trend of importing these parts is expected to continue.

Our Casegoods Group today is primarily an importer, marketer, distributor and manufacturer of casegood furniture. Therefore, over the last few years the amount of raw materials purchased by the Casegoods Group has been declining. The principal raw materials used in the Casegoods Group are hardwoods, plywood and chipwood, veneers and liquid stains, paints and finishes and decorative hardware. Hardwood lumber and purchased hardwood components are the Casegoods Group s largest raw material costs, representing about 15% of the segment s total raw material costs, on domestically produced product.

#### **Finished Goods Imports**

The rapid growth of manufacturing capabilities in Asia has increased production capacities overseas. Due to the low labor and overhead costs in those areas, the landed manufactured cost of product coming out of those overseas manufacturing facilities is much lower than equivalent furniture produced domestically.

During fiscal 2007 and 2006, about 70% of our casegoods finished goods sales were imported. Imported finished goods represented less than 13% of our consolidated fiscal 2007 sales. While a significant portion of upholstered product sold in this country is domestically produced, there is a growing trend of imported upholstered product, particularly with leather sofas. Both imported finished goods and components have lower costs, which in turn has deflated overall selling prices to consumers in the last few years.

The importing of furniture is also changing how some large retailers and dealers are purchasing goods for their stores. Some retailers are buying direct from overseas and bypassing domestic distribution altogether. This increased import activity was a major contributor to our decision to restructure our casegoods manufacturing capability over the last

few years. We are improving our purchasing, logistics and warehousing capabilities for these imports across our different operating units as our importing continues to grow. Specifically, we have negotiated contracts with freight forwarders that allow us to utilize consolidated purchasing power for shipping to obtain favorable rates based on volume.

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#### **Seasonal Business**

We generally experience our lowest level of sales during our first fiscal quarter for our Upholstery Group and during our first and third fiscal quarters for the Casegoods Group. When possible, we schedule production to maintain uniform manufacturing activity throughout the year to coincide with slower sales. We do, however, shut down our plants in July due to the seasonality of our sales and to perform routine maintenance on our equipment. A majority of our manufacturing facilities will shut down their production for one week in July, 2007.

#### **Economic Cycle and Purchasing Cycle**

The success of our business depends to a significant extent upon the level of consumer spending. A number of economic conditions affect the level of consumer spending on the products that we offer, including, among other things, the general state of the economy, general business conditions, the level of consumer debt, interest rates, taxation and consumer confidence in future economic conditions.

While we are pleased with our progress in our Upholstery and Casegoods divisions, we are concerned about the macro economic environment as the energy markets remain volatile and housing starts are down. Our Retail division is continuing to feel the impact of these factors as well as the inconsistent consumer confidence across the country, which has created an unprecedented weakness in the retail environment.

Upholstered furniture has a shorter life cycle and exhibits a less volatile sales pattern over an economic cycle than does casegoods. This is because upholstery is typically more fashion and design oriented, and is often purchased one or two pieces at a time. In contrast, casegoods products are longer-lived, less fashion-oriented, and frequently purchased in groupings or suites, resulting in a much larger dollar outlay by the consumer.

## **Practices Regarding Working Capital Items**

With the exception of company-owned stores, we do not carry significant amounts of upholstered finished goods in inventory as these goods are usually built to order. However, we generally build or import casegoods inventory to stock, with warehousing, in order to attain manufacturing efficiencies and/or to meet delivery requirements of customers. This results in higher levels of finished casegoods product inventories than upholstery products. Our company-owned La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores maintain inventory at the stores and at warehouse locations to meet customer demand.

Our transition to importing has increased inventory levels of imported finished goods while reducing domestically manufactured finished goods. During fiscal 2006 and 2007, we made a concerted effort to reduce our inventory balances. These efforts have lead to the consolidation of some of our Casegoods Group warehousing and more effective management of our inventory. Our overall inventory levels for the Casegoods Group excluding discontinued operations declined 21% over the past two years.

Dealer terms generally range between net 30-120 days. We offer some extended payment terms as part of sales promotion programs.

#### Customers

We sell to a significant number of furniture retailers primarily throughout the United States and Canada. We also sell to consumers through our company-owned La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores. We did not have any customers whose purchases amounted to more than 5% of our fiscal year 2007 sales for either the Upholstery Group or the Casegoods Group. Sales in our Upholstery and Casegoods Groups are almost entirely to furniture retailers. The Retail

Group sales are to end-consumers.

We have formal agreements with many of our retailers for them to display and merchandise products from one or more of our operating units and sell them to consumers in dedicated retail space, either in stand-alone stores or in dedicated galleries within their stores. We consider these stores, as well as our own retail stores, to be proprietary. Excluding sales to consumers by our own retail stores and VIEs, our 2007 customer mix was about 48% proprietary, 14% major dealers (for example, Art Van, Berkshire Hathaway, Raymour & Flanigan, Havertys) and 38% general dealers.

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Currently, we own 70 stand-alone La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores and consolidate four VIEs owning 29 stores. Additionally, we have agreements with independent dealers for 237 stand-alone La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores and 304 in-store galleries, all dedicated to our Upholstery furniture products. These stores also sell accessories that are purchased from approved vendors. There are 194 stand-alone La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores in the New Generation format, which generally has more space and a more updated appearance. The 194 New Generation format stores represent a 26% increase in this type of distribution in comparison to last year. About 58% of our 336 stand-alone stores are less than six years old. Additionally, the New Generation stores on average generate more revenue per square foot than the older formatted stores. Having dedicated retail floor space is important to the success of product distribution. This distribution system originated with our La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores network, which continues to have the largest number of proprietary stores and galleries among our other operating units. Viewed by itself, La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores network would be the sixth largest conventional furniture retailer in the U.S. Our proprietary distribution also includes in-store galleries for England, Kincaid and Lea s La-Z-Boy Kidz<sup>tm</sup>. Total proprietary floor space is approximately 11 million square feet.

It is a key part of our marketing strategy to continue to expand proprietary distribution. The network plans to open another 25-30 of our New Generation format La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores during fiscal 2008, with 10-15 of these being new stores and the remainder being store remodels or relocations. We select dealers for this proprietary distribution based on the management and financial qualifications of those dealers. The location of these proprietary stores is based on the potential for distribution in a specific geographical area. This proprietary method of distribution is beneficial to La-Z-Boy, our dealers and the consumer. For La-Z-Boy, it allows us to have a concentration of marketing of our product by sales personnel dedicated to our entire product line, and only that line. For our dealers who join this proprietary group, it allows them to take advantage of practices that have been proven successful based on past experiences of other proprietary dealers. As a part of this, we facilitate forums and communications for these dealers to share best practices among their peers. For our consumers, these stores provide a full-service shopping experience with knowledgeable sales associates and in-home design consultants to support their purchasing process.

#### **Sales Representatives**

Similar to most of the U.S. furniture industry, independent sales representatives sell our products to our dealer-customers. Typically these representatives represent one or more of our operating units products, but for our non-La-Z-Boy branded business they may also represent products of other furniture companies. Independent sales representatives are usually compensated based on a percentage of their actual sales for their territory plus other performance criteria. In general, we sign one-year contracts with our independent sales representatives.

#### **Orders and Backlog**

Upholstery orders are primarily built to a specific dealer order (stock order) or a special order with a down payment from a consumer (sold orders). These orders are typically shipped within two to six weeks following receipt of the order. Casegoods are primarily produced to our internal order (not a customer or consumer order), which results in higher finished goods inventory on hand but quicker availability to ship to customers and greater batch size manufacturing efficiencies. Additionally, increased importing of finished product over the last few years in our Casegoods Group has increased our imported finished goods inventories due to longer order lead times necessary for imported product.

As of April 28, 2007 and April 29, 2006, Upholstery Group backlogs were approximately \$116 million and \$154 million, respectively. Casegoods backlogs as of April 28, 2007 and April 29, 2006 were approximately \$16 million and \$21 million, respectively. The measure of backlog at a point in time may not be indicative of future sales performance. We do not rely entirely on backlogs to predict future sales. For most operating units, an order cannot be canceled after it has been selected for production.

# **Competitive Conditions**

We are currently the third largest manufacturer/distributor of residential (bedroom, dining room, living and family room) furniture in the United States, as measured by annual sales volume, according to industry trade

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publication *Furniture Today*. Competitors include (in alphabetical order) Ashley, Bassett Furniture, Berkline, Bernhardt, Ethan Allen, Flexsteel, Furniture Brands International, Hooker Furniture, Klaussner, Natuzzi, Palliser, Stanley Furniture and Universal.

In the Upholstery Group, the largest competitors are Ashley, Bassett Furniture, Berkline, Bernhardt, Ethan Allen, Flexsteel, Furniture Brands International, Klaussner, Natuzzi, and Palliser.

In the Casegoods Group, our main competitors are Ashley, Bernhardt, Ethan Allen, Furniture Brands International, Hooker, Stanley, and Universal. Additionally, there are market pressures related to foreign manufacturers entering the United States market, as well as by increased direct purchasing from overseas by some of the larger United States retailers.

The La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores operate in the retail furniture industry throughout North America; consequently, they have different competitors. La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores competitors include but are not limited to: Ashley, Bassett Furniture Direct, Ethan Allen, Thomasville Home Furnishings Stores, several other regional competitors, and family-owned independent furniture stores.

In addition to the larger competitors listed above, a substantial number of small and medium-sized firms operate within our business segments, all of which are highly competitive.

During the past couple of years there has been an increase in alternative distribution affecting our retail markets. Companies such as Costco, Sam s Club, IKEA, Target, Walmart and others offer products that compete for the same consumer base that we are targeting.

We compete primarily by emphasizing our brand names and the comfort, quality and styling of our products. In addition, we strive to offer good product value, strong dealer support and above average customer service and delivery. Our proprietary stores, discussed above under Customers, also are a key initiative for us in striving to remain competitive with others in the furniture industry.

## **Research and Development Activities**

We provide information regarding our research and development activities in Note 1 to our consolidated financial statements, which is included in Item 8 of this report.

#### **Trademarks, Licenses and Patents**

We own several trademarks including La-Z-Boy, our most valuable. The La-Z-Boy trademark is essential to the upholstery and retail segments of our business. To protect our trademarks we have registered them in the United States and other countries where our products are sold. The trademarks remain valid for as long as they are used properly for identification purposes, and we actively monitor the correct use of our trademarks. We license the use of the La-Z-Boy trademark on furniture sold outside the United States. We also license the use of the La-Z-Boy trademark on contract office furniture, outdoor furniture and on non-furniture products in the United States for the purpose of enhancing brand awareness. In addition, we license our proprietary dealers to use our La-Z-Boy trademark in connection with the sale of our products and related services, on their signs, and in other ways, which we consider to be a key part of our marketing strategies. We provide more information about those dealers above, under Customers.

We hold a number of patents that we actively enforce but we believe that the loss of any single patent or group of patents would not materially impact our business.

## **Compliance with Environmental Regulations**

We have been named as a potentially responsible party at six environmental clean-up sites. Based on a review of all currently known facts and our experience with previous environmental matters, we have recorded reserves in respect of probable and reasonably estimable losses arising from environmental matters, and we do not believe that a material additional loss is reasonably possible for environmental matters.

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#### **Employees**

We employed 11,729 persons as of April 28, 2007. The Upholstery Group employed 8,755, the Casegoods Group employed 1,014, the Retail Group employed 992, there were approximately 316 employees from discontinued operations and 652 non-segment personnel, which includes our VIEs. Substantially all of our employees are employed on a full-time basis. At the end of April 29, 2006 we had 13,404 employees.

### Financial Information About Foreign and Domestic Operations and Export Sales

Our direct export sales are approximately 10% of our total sales. We also sell upholstered furniture to Canadian customers and to European customers through a United Kingdom subsidiary and a joint venture, La-Z-Boy Europe, BV. We have a manufacturing joint venture in Thailand, which distributes furniture in Australia, England, Thailand and other countries in Asia. In addition, we have a sales and marketing joint venture in Asia, which sells and distributes furniture in China, Japan and Korea among other Asian countries. Information about sales in the United States and in Canada and other countries is contained in Note 14 to our consolidated financial statements, which is included in Item 8 of this report. Our property, plant, and equipment in the U.S. was \$179 million, \$205 million and \$203 million at the end of fiscal years 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The property, plant, and equipment in foreign countries was \$5 million in fiscal 2007, \$6 million in fiscal 2006 and \$8 million in fiscal 2005.

## **Internet Availability**

Available free of charge through our internet website are links to our forms 10-K, 10-Q, 8-K and amendments to those reports. These reports can be found on our internet website <a href="www.la-z-boy.com">www.la-z-boy.com</a> as soon as reasonably practicable after being electronically filed with, or furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (<a href="www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>).

#### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

Our business is subject to a variety of risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors detailed below in conjunction with the other information contained in this document. These risks are not the only ones we face. Interest rates, consumer confidence, housing starts, and other general economic factors that affect many other businesses are particularly significant to us because our principal products are consumer goods. Additional factors that are presently unknown to us or that we currently believe to be immaterial also could affect our business.

Our recently acquired retail markets and others we may acquire in the future may not achieve the growth and profitability we anticipate when we acquire them. We could incur charges for impairment of goodwill if we cannot meet our earnings expectations for these markets.

To make our recently acquired retail markets successful, we are remodeling and relocating a significant number of existing stores, and we will need to add new stores to achieve sufficient market penetration. Profitability will depend on increased retail sales justifying the cost of these activities and on our ability to reduce support costs as a percent of sales in advertising, warehousing and administration. In addition, if we are unable to achieve these strategies, the goodwill we recorded when we acquired these markets could be impaired, which would result in a non-cash charge on our statement of operations. We may acquire additional retail markets in the future, and if we do, they may be subject to many of the same risks.

Increased reliance on foreign sourcing of our products makes us more reliant on the capabilities of our foreign vendors and more vulnerable to potentially adverse actions by foreign governments.

We have been increasing our offshore capabilities to provide flexibility in product offerings and pricing to meet competitive pressures. Our Casegoods Group has moved from primarily domestically manufactured to mainly foreign sourced products. In addition, our Upholstery Group has increased its purchases of cut and sewn fabric and leather sets from foreign sourced vendors. Our sourcing partners may not be able to produce these goods in a timely fashion, or the quality of their product may be rejected by us, causing delays in shipping to our customers for Casegoods and disruptions in our Upholstery plants due to not receiving rolled fabric and fabric and leather cut and sewn sets. The majority of our cut and sewn leather sets are purchased from a supplier in China.

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Governments in the foreign countries where we do business may change their laws, regulations and policies, including those related to tariffs and trade barriers, investments, taxation, and exchange controls. All these items could make it more difficult to service our customers or cause disruptions in our plants that could reduce our sales, earnings, or both in the future.

Fluctuations in the price, availability and quality of raw materials could cause delays that could result in our inability to provide goods to our customers and could increase our costs, either of which could decrease our earnings.

We use various types of wood, fabrics, leathers, upholstered filling material, steel, and other raw materials in manufacturing furniture. Because we are dependent on outside suppliers for our raw material needs, fluctuations in the price, availability and quality of the raw materials we use in manufacturing residential furniture could have a negative effect on our cost of sales and our ability to meet our customers demands. Inability to meet our customers demands could result in the loss of future sales, and we may not always be able to pass along price increases to our customers due to competitive and marketing pressures. Since we have a higher concentration in our upholstery business (80%) than most of our competitors, the effects of steel, polyurethane and fabric price increases, quantity shortages, or quality issues are more significant for our business than for most other furniture companies.

Specifically, the financial condition of some of our domestic and foreign fabric suppliers could impede their ability to provide these products to us in a timely manner. We have seen the number of domestic suppliers declining, and a majority of those larger suppliers that remain are experiencing financial difficulties. In addition, upholstered furniture is highly fashion oriented, and if we are not able to acquire sufficient fabric variety, or if we are unable to predict or respond to changes in fashion trends, we may lose sales and have to sell excess inventory at reduced prices. This would lower our earnings as well as reduce our sales.

Credit risk may adversely affect our earnings through collection losses and/or consolidating variable interest entities into our financial statements.

Applicable accounting rules categorize some of our independent dealers that do not have sufficient equity to carry out their businesses without our financial support as variable interest entities. If we are considered the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity s business activities, we are required to consolidate its assets, liabilities, and results of operations into our consolidated financial statements. Once consolidated, the rules require us to absorb all of the dealer s net losses in excess of its equity and to recognize its net earnings, but only to the extent of recouping losses we previously recorded. Consolidating variable interest entities results into our financial statements tends to reduce our net income because these dealers often incur losses, and even if one of them does achieve net earnings, we can only recognize its earnings to the extent we previously recognized its losses.

Although we have been working to reduce the number of these dealers, generally by acquiring their businesses, closing the operation or arranging for better capitalized operators to take over their territories, we are still consolidating four of them. Despite our efforts, we may not be able to eliminate all of these consolidated dealers as quickly as we would like, and we may be required to consolidate additional dealers in the future if warranted by changes in their financial condition.

#### Manufacturing realignments could result in a decrease in our near-term earnings.

We continually review our domestic manufacturing operations and offshore (import) sourcing capabilities. As a result, we sometimes realign those operations and capabilities and institute cost savings programs. These programs can include the consolidation and integration of facilities, functions, systems and procedures. We also may shift certain products from domestic manufacturing to offshore sourcing. These realignments and cost savings programs generally

involve some initial cost and can result in decreases in our near-term earnings until we achieve the expected cost reductions. We may not always accomplish these actions as quickly as anticipated, and we may not fully achieve the expected cost reductions.

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#### Business failures of large dealers or customers could result in a decrease in our future sales and earnings.

Although we have no customers who individually represent 5% or more of the annual sales of any of our segments, business failures or consolidation of large dealers or customers could result in a decrease in our future sales and earnings. Also, we are either lessee on or guarantor of some leases of proprietary stores operated by independent furniture dealers. Defaults by any of these dealers could result in our becoming responsible for payments under these leases thereby reducing our future earnings.

#### ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS.

None.

#### ITEM 2. PROPERTIES.

We owned or leased approximately 13.5 million square feet of manufacturing, warehousing, office, showroom, and retail facilities, had approximately 1.4 million square feet of idle facilities and had about 1.0 million square feet of discontinued operations facilities at the end of fiscal 2007. Of the 13.5 million square feet occupied at the end of fiscal 2007, our Upholstery Group occupied approximately 7.0 million square feet, our Casegoods Group occupied approximately 3.5 million square feet, our Retail Group occupied approximately 2.1 million square feet and our corporate and other operations occupied the balance.

We sold several idle facilities during fiscal year 2007, and we also sold a significant amount of equipment that had been idled in connection with our restructurings over the last few years. Our active facilities are located in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington D.C., and the countries of Canada, Thailand and the United Kingdom. Most of them are less than 50 years old, and all of them are well maintained and insured. We do not expect any major land or building additions will be needed to increase capacity in the foreseeable future for our manufacturing operations. However, we anticipate increased retail capacity in the future. We own most of our plants, some of which have been financed under long-term industrial revenue bonds, and we lease the majority of our retail stores. For information on terms of operating leases for our properties, see Note 8 to our consolidated financial statements, which is included in Item 8 of this report.

#### ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

We have been named as a defendant in various lawsuits arising in the ordinary course of business including being named as a potentially responsible party at six environmental clean-up sites. Based on a review of all currently known facts and our experience with previous legal and environmental matters, we have recorded reserves in respect of probable and reasonably estimable losses arising from legal and environmental matters, and we do not believe that a material additional loss is reasonably possible for legal or environmental matters.

## ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

Nothing was submitted for a vote by our shareholders during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007.

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF REGISTRANT**

Listed below are the names, ages and current positions of our executive officers and, if they have not held those positions for at least five years, their former positions during that period with us or other companies.

# Kurt L. Darrow, age 52

President and Chief Executive Officer since September 2003

Formerly President La-Z-Boy Residential Division (August 2001 September 2003)

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Rodney D. England, age 55

Senior Vice President of La-Z-Boy and President of Non-Branded Upholstery since November 2003

President, England, Inc. since July 1987

Steven M. Kincaid, age 58

Senior Vice President of La-Z-Boy and President of Casegoods since November 2003

President, Kincaid Furniture Company, Incorporated since June 1983

Louis M. Riccio, Jr., age 44

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since July 2006

Vice President and Corporate Controller from February 2002 through June 2006

Otis S. Sawyer, age 49

Senior Vice President of Corporate Operations since May 2006

Vice President and Chief Information Officer from August 2004 through April 2006

Senior Vice President of Finance, England, Incorporated from December 2001 through August 2004

### **PART II**

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

### Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

We did not purchase any of our common shares during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2007.

## **Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities**

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, we sold shares of our common stock to one of our non-employee directors pursuant to our Restricted Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors without registration under the Securities Act of 1933 in reliance on the exemption provided in Section 4(2) of the Act. In accordance with the terms of the plan, we sold these shares to our non-employee directors upon their acceptance of awards granted to them to purchase shares at 25% of their fair market value on the date of grant. The following table shows the date of these sales, the number of shares sold, and the per share and aggregate sales price.

	Number of	Per Share	Aggregate
Date of Sale	<b>Shares Sold</b>	Price	Price

February 2007 5,000 \$ 3.18 \$ 15,900

# **Equity Plans**

The table below provides information, as of the end of fiscal 2007, concerning our compensation plans under which common shares may be issued.

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#### **Equity Compensation Plan Information**

			Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance			
	Number of			for Future Issuance		
	Securities		nted-Average rcise Prices	<b>Under Equity</b>		
	to be Issued Upon Exercise of		of	<b>Compensation Plans</b>		
	Outstanding	Ou	itstanding	(Excluding Securities Reflected in Column		
Plan Category	Options (a)	(	Options (b)	(a)) (c)		
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders	2,240,882(1)	\$	16.63	3,458,575(2)		
Equity compensation plans not approved by shareholders (Note 3)	15,045	\$	19.15	None		

Note 1: These options were issued under our 2004 Long-Term Equity Award Plan and our 1997 Incentive Stock Option Plan. No additional options can be awarded under the 1997 plan.

Note 2: This amount is the aggregate number of shares available for future issuance under our 2004 Long-Term Equity Award Plan, which has a stock option component, a restricted stock component and a performance award component, and our Restricted Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors. The stock component of the Long-Term Equity Award Plan provides for awards of our common shares. The non-employee directors—plan provides for grants of 30-day options on our common shares. The performance award component of the long-term equity award plan provides for awards of our common shares to selected key employees based on achievement of pre-set goals over a performance period (normally of three fiscal years). At the end of fiscal 2007, 3,289,775 shares were available for future issuance under the long-term equity award plan, of which a maximum of 1,098,314 shares may be issued under previously granted performance awards for the three-year periods ending in April 2008 and 2009 and 168,800 shares were available for future issuance under the non-employee directors—restricted plan.

Note 3: This line of the table relates only to an option plan that we adopted without shareholder approval at the time we acquired LADD solely in order to replace options on LADD common shares with options on our common shares. No additional options or other awards may be made under that plan.

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#### **Performance Graph**

The graph below shows the return for our last five fiscal years that would have been realized (assuming reinvestment of dividends) by an investor who invested \$100 on April 27, 2002 in our common shares, in the S&P 500 Composite Index, and in a peer group comprised of the following publicly traded furniture industry companies: Bassett Furniture, Chromcraft Revington, Inc., Ethan Allen Interiors, Flexsteel Industries, Furniture Brands International, Hooker Furniture Company, and Stanley Furniture. The stock performance of each company in the peer group has been weighted according to its relative stock market capitalization for purposes of arriving at group averages.

# COMPARISON OF 5 YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN\* Among La-Z-Boy Incorporated, The S&P 500 Index And A Peer Group

Company/Index/Market	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
La-Z-Boy Incorporated	\$ 100	\$ 66.12	\$ 71.91	\$ 42.01	\$ 56.10	\$ 44.29
S&P 500 Composite Index	\$ 100	\$ 86.69	\$ 106.52	\$ 113.28	\$ 130.74	\$ 150.66
Peer Group	\$ 100	\$ 70.89	\$ 92.27	\$ 72.81	\$ 93.07	\$ 75.38

<sup>\* \$100</sup> invested on 4/27/02 in stock or index-including reinvestment of dividends. Fiscal year ending April 30.

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#### **Dividend and Market Information**

The New York Stock Exchange is the principal market in which our common stock is traded. The tables below show the high and low sale prices of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange during each quarter of our last two fiscal years, as well as the dividends we paid during each quarter.

	Div	idends	Ι	<b>Market Price</b>				
Fiscal 2007 Quarter End	P	Paid	High	Low	Close			
July 29	\$	0.12	\$ 16.40	\$ 11.81	\$ 13.06			
Oct. 28	\$	0.12	\$ 15.60	\$ 12.10	\$ 12.67			
Jan. 27	\$	0.12	\$ 13.76	\$ 11.25	\$ 12.50			
April 28	\$	0.12	\$ 15.20	\$ 11.96	\$ 12.01			
	\$	0.48						

Fiscal 2006 Quarter End		idends Paid	High	Market Price Low	e Close
July 30 Oct. 29 Jan. 28 April 29	\$ \$ \$ \$	0.11 0.11 0.11 0.11	\$ 15.32 \$ 14.59 \$ 16.15 \$ 17.25	\$ 11.59 \$ 10.13 \$ 11.51 \$ 14.91	\$ 13.37 \$ 11.66 \$ 16.10 \$ 15.32
	\$	0.44			

## **Shareholders**

We had about 23,900 shareholders of record at June 13, 2007.

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## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA.

The following table presents our selected financial data. The table should be read in conjunction with Item 7, *Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, and Item 8, *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*, of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. This information is derived from our audited financial statements and should be read in conjunction with those statements, including the related notes.

## **Consolidated Five-Year Summary of Financial Data**

Fiscal Year Ended	(52 Weeks) 4/28/2007	(52 Weeks) 4/29/2006 (Dollar amounts in	(53 Weeks) 4/30/2005 n thousands, exce	(52 Weeks) 4/24/2004 pt per share data)	(52 Weeks) 4/26/2003
Sales	\$ 1,617,302	\$ 1,695,012	\$ 1,815,202	\$ 1,708,858	\$ 1,790,742
Cost of sales Cost of goods sold Restructuring	1,187,876 3,371	1,273,505 8,479	1,371,243 2,931	1,302,089 8,448	1,359,244
Total cost of sales Gross profit Selling, general and	1,191,247 426,055	1,281,984 413,028	1,374,174 441,028	1,310,537 398,321	1,359,244 431,498
administrative Restructuring	386,438 7,662	375,793	362,967	291,138	281,768
Write-down of intangibles	7,002	22,695		29,729	
Operating income Interest expense Income from Continued Dumping and Subsidy	31,955 10,206	14,540 11,540	78,061 10,442	77,454 11,255	149,730 10,447
Offset Act, net Other income, net	3,430 4,679	2,168	173	4,112	2,565
Income from continuing operations before income taxes Income tax expense	29,858 10,090	5,168 10,758	67,792 25,363	70,311 33,450	141,848 53,988
Income (loss) from continuing operations	19,768	(5,590)	42,429	36,861	87,860
Income (loss) from discontinued operations (net of tax) Extraordinary gains (net of	(15,629)	2,549	(7,338)	(34,333)	8,238
tax) Cumulative effect of accounting change (net of			2,094	(8,324)	(59,782)

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tax)

Net income (loss)	\$	4,139	\$	(3,041)	\$	37,185	\$	(5,796)	\$	36,316
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding Diluted income (loss) from		51,606	51,801			52,138		53,679		57,435
continuing operations per share	\$	0.38	\$	(0.11)	\$	0.81	\$	0.69	\$	1.53
Diluted net income (loss)	Ψ	0.00	Ψ	(0.11)	Ψ	0.01	Ψ	0.07	Ψ	1.00
per share	\$	0.08	\$	(0.06)	\$	0.71	\$	(0.11)	\$	0.63
Dividends declared per										
share	\$	0.48	\$	0.44	\$	0.44	\$	0.40	\$	0.40
Book value on year-end										
shares outstanding	\$	9.45	\$	9.86	\$	10.10	\$	10.04	\$	11.08
Return on average										
shareholders equity*		4.1%		(1.1)%		8.0%		7.1%		14.4%
Gross profit as a percent of										
sales		26.3%		24.4%		24.3%		23.3%		24.1%
Operating profit as a percent	t									
of sales		2.0%		0.9%		4.3%		4.5%		8.4%
Effective tax rate*		33.8%		208.2%		37.4%		47.6%		38.1%
Return on sales*		1.2%		(0.3)%		2.3%		2.2%		4.9%

<sup>\*</sup> Based on income from continuing operations

# **Consolidated Five-Year Summary of Financial Data (continued)**

Fiscal Year Ended	,	2 Weeks) /28/2007	(52 Weeks) 4/29/2006 (Dolla		(53 Weeks) 4/30/2005 lar amounts in tho		(52 Weeks) 4/24/2004 ousand)		(52 Weeks) 4/26/2003	
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Depreciation and amortization	\$	27,204	\$	29,234	\$	28,329	\$	29,112	\$	30,695
Capital expenditures	\$	25,811	\$	27,991	\$	34,771	\$	31,593	\$	32,821
Property, plant and equipment,										
net	\$	183,218	\$	209,986	\$	210,565	\$	212,739	\$	209,411
Working capital	\$	312,588	\$	345,354	\$	409,641	\$	363,771	\$	464,907
Current ratio		2.4 to 1		2.5 to 1		2.8 to 1		2.3 to 1		3.2 to 1
Total assets	\$	878,691	\$	956,752	\$	1,026,357	\$	1,040,914	\$	1,123,066
Long-term debt	\$	111,714	\$	173,368	\$	213,549	\$	181,807	\$	222,371
Total debt	\$	149,402	\$	184,212	\$	226,309	\$	224,370	\$	223,990
Shareholders equity	\$	485,348	\$	510,345	\$	527,286	\$	522,328	\$	609,939
Ratio of total debt-to-equity		30.8%		36.1%		42.9%		43.0%		36.7%
Ratio of total debt-to-capital		23.5%		26.5%		30.0%		30.0%		26.9%
Shareholders		23,900		31,900		26,500		28,500		29,100
Employees		11,700		13,400		14,820		16,125		16,970

# **Unaudited Quarterly Financial Information Fiscal 2007**

Fiscal Quarter Ended	(13 Weeks) 7/29/2006 (Dollar an	(13 Weeks) 10/28/2006 nounts in thousa	(13 Weeks) 1/27/2007 nds, except per	(13 Weeks) 4/28/2007 share data)	
Sales	\$ 392,851	\$ 413,628	\$ 403,874	\$ 406,949	
Cost of sales	205 504	205.002	200.000	205 520	
Cost of goods sold	295,584	305,893	290,860	295,539	
Restructuring		(400)		3,771	
Total cost of sales	295,584	305,493	290,860	299,310	
Gross profit	97,267	108,135	113,014	107,639	
Selling, general and administrative	94,035	99,359	100,704	92,340	
Restructuring		2,265	2,855	2,542	
Operating income	3,232	6,511	9,455	12,757	
Interest expense	2,526	2,614	2,750	2,316	
Income from Continued Dumping and Subsidy					
Offset Act, net			3,430		
Other income, net	270	1,348	1,633	1,428	
Income from continuing operations before income					
taxes	976	5,245	11,768	11,869	
Income tax expense (benefit)	(116)	1,949	4,823	3,434	

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Income from continuing operations Income (loss) from discontinued operations (net of		1,092	3,296	6,945	8,435
tax)		1,203	(1,342)	(14,766)	(724)
Net income (loss)	\$	2,295	\$ 1,954	\$ (7,821)	\$ 7,711
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding		51,971	51,639	51,609	51,522
Diluted income from continuing operations per share	\$	0.02	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.16
Diluted net income (loss) per share	\$	0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.15
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# **Unaudited Quarterly Financial Information Fiscal 2006**

Fiscal Quarter Ended	7/.	Weeks) 30/2005 (Dollar an	10	3 Weeks) 0/29/2005 ts in thousa	1/	3 Weeks) /28/2006 except per	4/	3 Weeks) /29/2006 e data)		
Sales	\$	396,695	\$	402,327	\$	446,614	\$	449,376		
Cost of sales										
Cost of goods sold		300,068		309,932		331,684		331,821		
Restructuring				7,817		594		68		
Total cost of sales		300,068		317,749		332,278		331,889		
Gross profit		96,627		84,578		114,336		117,487		
Selling, general and administrative		89,864		90,976		96,648		98,305		
Write-down of intangibles								22,695		
Operating income (loss)		6,763		(6,398)		17,688		(3,513)		
Interest expense		2,741		3,090		2,965		2,744		
Other income, net		149		414		1,390		215		
Income (loss) from continuing operations before										
income taxes		4,171		(9,074)		16,113		(6,042)		
Income tax expense (benefit)		1,556		(3,265)		6,132		6,335		
Income (loss) from continuing operations Income (loss) from discontinued operations (net of		2,615		(5,809)		9,981		(12,377)		
tax)		593		(638)		487		2,107		
Net income (loss)	\$	3,208	\$	(6,447)	\$	10,468	\$	(10,270)		
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding Diluted income (loss) from continuing operations per		52,195		51,655		51,857		51,747		
share	\$	0.05	\$	(0.11)	\$	0.19	\$	(0.24)		
Diluted net income (loss) per share	\$	0.05	\$	(0.11) $(0.12)$	\$	0.19	\$ \$	(0.24) $(0.20)$		
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# ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

Our Management s Discussion and Analysis is an integral part of understanding our financial results. This **Management s Discussion and Analysis** should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. We begin the Management s Discussion and Analysis with an introduction to La-Z-Boy Incorporated s key businesses, strategies and significant operational events in fiscal 2007. We then provide a discussion of our results of operations, liquidity and capital resources, quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk, and critical accounting policies.

#### Introduction

La-Z-Boy Incorporated is a manufacturer, marketer, distributor and retailer of upholstery products and an importer and manufacturer of casegoods (wood) furniture products. Our La-Z-Boy brand is the most recognized brand in the furniture industry, and we are the leading global producer of reclining chairs. We own 70 La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores, which are retail locations dedicated to marketing our La-Z-Boy branded product. These 70 stores are part of the larger store network of La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores which includes a total of 336 stores, the balance of which are independently owned and operated. The network constitutes the industry s largest single-branded upholstered furniture retailer in North America. These stores combine the style, comfort and quality of La-Z-Boy furniture with our in-home design service to help consumers furnish certain rooms in their homes.

Accounting rules require us to consolidate certain of our independent dealers who did not have sufficient equity to carry out their principal business activities without our financial support. These dealers are referred to as Variable Interest Entities (VIEs). During the first quarter of fiscal 2006 we had three VIEs, operating 22 stores, consolidated into our statement of operations, and for the remaining three quarters of fiscal 2006, we had four VIEs, operating 28 stores, in our Consolidated Statement of Operations. We had the same four consolidated VIEs, operating 29 stores at the end of fiscal 2007.

On July 28, 2006, we completed the sale of our American of Martinsville operating unit, which supplied contract furniture to the hospitality, assisted-living and governmental markets. This operating unit was not strategically aligned with our current business model, which is centered on providing comfortable and stylish furnishings for the home, and was not a large enough component of our overall business to justify our continued corporate focus and resources. We sold the business for \$33.2 million. This business has been classified within discontinued operations and as such, all segment data was restated to reflect this change.

During the third quarter of fiscal 2007, we committed to a plan to sell Sam Moore, an upholstered chair manufacturer located in Bedford, VA, included in the Upholstery Group, and to sell the combined operating unit of Clayton Marcus and Pennsylvania House, included in the Casegoods Group. As we have continued to assess our long-term strategic direction, we have determined that these operating units do not align with our current strategic plan.

After considering our decision to sell these businesses, we determined that the carrying value of these operations exceeded the fair value. After completing our assessment we recorded a \$7.3 million charge to write-down the carrying value of the business to its fair value. This charge in the third quarter of fiscal 2007 related entirely to impairment of goodwill. Impairment charges recorded in the third quarter of fiscal 2007 on the Pennsylvania House and Clayton Marcus businesses amounted to \$10.2 million, principally related to fixed assets (\$3.7 million), intangible assets (\$3.8 million), and inventory (\$2.7 million). The results of operations, including these impairment charges are presented with discontinued operations for all periods and segment data for all periods has been restated to reflect these changes.

At the end of the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, we reevaluated the carrying value of the Pennsylvania House and Clayton Marcus disposal groups. Based on the difficult operating environment we have determined the fair value of the disposal group is greater than the carrying value. In light of this we have recorded an additional write-down of \$1.3 million in fixed assets in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007. All other assets and liabilities are recorded at fair value less costs to sell at April 28, 2007. Depending on the final disposition of these businesses we could recognize additional losses when the sales are completed.

On April 27, 2007, we sold Sam Moore for \$9.9 million, consisting of \$9.5 million in cash and a receivable of \$0.4 million, recognizing an after-tax loss in the fourth quarter of \$0.3 million.

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We completed our annual testing of intangibles under SFAS No. 142 during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 and concluded that the fair values of our remaining goodwill and intangible assets were greater than their carrying values and as such no additional impairment charges were necessary.

Our reportable operating segments are the Upholstery Group, the Casegoods Group and the Retail Group. Below is a chart that shows the organizational structure of La-Z-Boy segments.

In terms of revenue, our largest segment is the Upholstery Group, which includes La-Z-Boy, our largest operating unit. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 we announced a restructuring plan to close two of our upholstery manufacturing facilities in Lincolnton, North Carolina and Iuka, Mississippi and shift the production from these plants to other existing facilities in order to bolster our overall capacity utilization. In addition, we completed the restructuring plan started during the second quarter of fiscal 2006 to close our Canadian manufacturing facility in Waterloo, Ontario. This property was sold during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, and the related pension plan was settled resulting in a non-cash charge of \$1.3 million. We have continued to import cut and sewn fabric kits to complement our leather kits that allow us to take full advantage of both the cost-saving opportunities presented in Asia and the speed to market advantages of a United States manufacturing base. The Upholstery Group sells furniture mainly to La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores, general dealers and department stores.

Our Casegoods Group today is primarily an importer, marketer and distributor of casegoods (wood) furniture as well as operates two manufacturing facilities in North Carolina. Based on our current strategy for import versus domestically manufactured casegoods product, we have completed the planned transition of this business. In order to compete globally, we have significantly changed the cost structure from fixed to highly variable. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 we announced a restructuring plan to close the lumber operation in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and consolidated several operations in Taylorsville, North Carolina resulting in cost savings for this group.

The Retail Group consists of 70 company-owned La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores in nine markets ranging from the Midwest to the East Coast of the United States and also including southeastern Florida. The stores located in the southeastern Florida market were acquired during the first quarter of fiscal 2007. In the second and third quarters of fiscal 2007, we closed two stores in our Rochester, New York market and we consolidated four of our warehouses into two larger facilities on the East coast. In January, 2007, we announced our plans to close the four stores in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania market in order to focus on the larger markets with the greater potential. During fiscal 2008, we plan to continue to take the following actions to grow sales and improve the operating results for the Retail Group as well as to take advantage of synergies between the company-owned markets:

Relocate, convert or add stores to our New Generation format, which are more productive. Our plan is to add three stores and convert or relocate three stores during fiscal 2008. During fiscal 2007, we acquired seven stores, opened nine stores, converted or relocated five stores and closed nine stores.

Centralize certain of our advertising and marketing functions, and take advantage of the efficiencies gained from the warehouse consolidation we began during the second quarter of fiscal 2007.

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Consolidate information systems and eliminate redundant processes. We are currently in the process of consolidating our information systems into one system and expect to complete this process by the end of fiscal 2008.

Expand our in-home design service, which has increased the average sale per customer where employed. Currently, 67% of our company-owned locations have this service available.

We believe that expanding our store network will drive top-line growth as we capitalize on the opportunities presented in larger urban markets. With the further penetration in these markets we expect to gain the efficiencies in advertising, distribution and administration we believe are necessary to achieve desired profitability. Currently, 47 of our company-owned stores are in the New Generation format, and we expect to increase this number throughout fiscal 2008. With this in mind, we continue to remain optimistic about the future performance of this segment and believe it will begin to be profitable by the first half of fiscal 2009. The retail furniture industry as a whole experienced a significant decline in same store sales during the first five months of calendar 2007. We believe our lack of sales growth, which was one of our initiatives to become more profitable, has extended our breakeven time frame into fiscal 2009.

During fiscal 2007, we incurred restructuring costs totaling \$7.3 million relating to the ongoing restructuring of the Retail Group. The restructuring costs related to closing the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Rochester, New York retail operations, which included asset impairment and lease termination costs and severance costs, the cost of closing warehouses as we have consolidated our operations, and other restructuring costs.

According to the May, 2007 Top 100 ranking by *Furniture Today*, an industry trade publication, the La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores network ranks as the largest retailer of upholstered single-brand furniture in the U.S. One of our major strategic initiatives is to expand the retail opportunities of the La-Z-Boy brand name in the United States and Canada by opening new stores, relocating stores to better locations and converting existing stores to our New Generation store format. Slightly more than half of the 336 stores in the network—the majority of which are independently owned—are concentrated in the top 25 markets in the U.S. We will attempt to increase our market penetration over the next few years in the top 25 markets, allowing our dealers and company-owned stores to create operating efficiencies, particularly in the areas of advertising, distribution and administration. Additionally, we have an extensive La-Z-Boy in-store gallery program with 304 in-store galleries. Beginning in fiscal 2008, we will begin rolling out a new model for our in-store galleries referred to as our Comfort Studios. Comfort Studios are less expensive than the current in-store gallery model and provide a better presentation to our consumer. Kincaid, England and Lea also have in-store gallery programs. The chart below shows the current structure of the La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® store network.

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## **Results of Operations**

# Analysis of Operations: Year Ended April 28, 2007 (Fiscal 2007 compared with 2006)

	(52 Weeks) 4/28/2007			52 Weeks) 1/29/2006	Percent Change					
	(Amounts in thousands, except									
	per share amounts and percentages)									
Upholstery sales	\$	1,194,220	\$	1,265,952	(5.7)%					
Casegoods sales	Ψ	262,721	Ψ	292,553	(10.2)%					
Retail sales		220,319		213,438	3.2%					
Other/eliminations		(59,958)		(76,931)	22.1%					
Consolidated sales	\$	1,617,302	\$	1,695,012	(4.6)%					
Consolidated gross profit	-	426,055	•	413,028	3.2%					
Consolidated gross margin		26.3%		24.4%						
Consolidated S, G&A		386,438		375,793	2.8%					
S, G&A as a percent of sales		23.9%		22.2%						
Upholstery operating income		78,724		83,160	(5.3)%					
Casegoods operating income		20,289		17,125	18.5%					
Retail operating loss		(31,161)		(26,006)	(19.8)%					
Corporate and other		(24,864)		(28,565)	13.0%					
Write-down of intangible assets				(22,695)						
Restructuring		(11,033)		(8,479)						
Consolidated operating income	\$	31,955	\$	14,540	119.8%					
Upholstery operating margin		6.6%		6.6%						
Casegoods operating margin		7.7%		5.9%						
Retail operating margin		(14.1)%		(12.2)%						
Consolidated operating margin		2.0%		0.9%						
<b>Income (loss) from continuing operations</b>	\$	19,768	\$	(5,590)	453.6%					
Diluted income (loss) per share from continuing operations	\$	0.38	\$	(0.11)	445.5%					

## Sales

Consolidated sales were down 4.6% when compared with fiscal 2006. Our Upholstery and Casegoods Groups sales decreased, while our Retail Group and VIEs sales increased.

*Upholstery Group* sales were down 5.7% compared with fiscal 2006. This decrease in sales was mainly due to an overall weakness at retail. In addition, our non-branded upholstery business had a significant decrease in sales year over year due to the ongoing changes in the department store organizations.

Our *Casegoods Group* sales decreased 10.2% compared with the prior year. The decrease in sales occurred across all of our Casegoods operating units and was primarily focused among smaller customers which have been impacted more severely by the weak industry retail environment.

*Retail Group* sales increased 3.2% when compared with fiscal 2006. The acquisition of the six stores in the southeastern Florida market generated a 6.5% sales increase for our Retail Group during fiscal 2007. This increase in

sales was partially offset by the continuing effects of inconsistent consumer confidence in the retail industry.

Intercompany sales eliminations and sales of VIEs increased \$17.0 million, net, during fiscal 2007 when compared with fiscal 2006. The majority of this increase was attributable to a \$13.1 million increase in VIEs sales and a \$3.9 million decrease in intercompany sales eliminations. The reduction of intercompany sales eliminations was a result of a decrease in same store sales to company-owned stores due to the weak retail environment. The VIE sales

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increase was related to additional stores that were opened, the conversion of existing stores to the New Generation format and our Canadian VIE being consolidated for four quarters in fiscal 2007 versus three quarters for fiscal 2006.

## **Gross Margin**

Gross margin increased during fiscal 2007 in comparison to fiscal 2006 due to the following:

Our Retail margins improved during fiscal 2007 when compared with fiscal 2006 due to better merchandising and selling plans. The overall retail gross margins were higher than those of our Upholstery and Casegoods Groups. The changes in Retail created a 0.4 percentage point increase in consolidated gross margin when compared with the prior year.

Our cost reduction efforts, which have been a key focus over the past year, had about a 4.0 percentage point positive impact on our gross margins on less sales volume for fiscal 2007. These improvements were somewhat offset by the decline in margins due to under-absorption of overhead in our plants, resulting from lower volumes, cost of living wage increases and price increases on certain raw materials.

Fiscal 2007 was impacted by net restructuring expense totaling \$3.4 million whereas fiscal 2006 had net restructuring expense of \$8.5 million.

Due to favorable trends in our severity rate for workers compensation claims over the past two years, we were able to reduce our actuarially determined reserve for workers compensation by about \$2.4 million.

## Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses (S, G&A) increased \$10.6 million due primarily to the addition of nine retail stores and the acquisition of six stores in our Retail Group and expansion in our VIEs. S, G&A also increased as a percent of sales in fiscal 2007 compared with the prior year. The higher level of S, G&A in dollars was mainly attributable to:

The Retail Group and our VIEs have a higher S, G&A structure than our Upholstery and Casegoods Groups. As the retail side of our business grows as an overall percentage of our net sales, the overall S, G&A percentage increases as a percent of sales. The impact on fiscal 2007 was approximately 1.0 percentage point greater than fiscal 2006.

We incurred additional expenses in the Retail Group related to six acquired stores, including increased advertising, higher occupancy costs and other selling expenses as well as transitional costs which added to S, G&A for fiscal 2007. In addition the new retail locations impacted our S, G&A as a percent of sales due to start-up costs.

The adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004) *Share-Based Payment* had a \$2.4 million impact during fiscal 2007 for the expensing of stock options.

Somewhat offsetting these increases in S, G&A was a reduction of our warranty reserve by \$4.2 million. This adjustment of \$4.2 million reflects our current trend towards lower aggregate warranty costs, particularly costs incurred one year after sale of the product. The adjustment also reflects remediation of other specific warranty-related issues. Together, these items have reduced the reserve for future warranty costs. Additionally we sold several properties during the year resulting in increased gains of \$10.4 million during fiscal 2007 when compared with fiscal 2006.

# Restructuring

Restructuring costs totaled \$11.0 million for fiscal 2007 as compared with \$8.5 million in fiscal 2006. The restructuring costs in fiscal 2007 related to our closure of several manufacturing facilities, consolidation of retail warehouses, closure of underperforming retail stores, and our decision to exit the Pittsburgh, PA and Rochester, NY retail markets and were somewhat offset by the sale of several facilities that were part of previous restructurings. These costs were comprised mainly of fixed asset impairments and lease termination, severance and other restructuring costs. Due to the Retail restructuring costs, the current year expense had \$7.6 million reclassified as an operating expense line item below S, G&A related to Retail operations. The restructuring cost for the prior year mainly related to the closure of our Canadian manufacturing facility and was recorded as a component of cost of sales.

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## **Operating Margin**

Our consolidated operating margin was 2.0% for fiscal 2007 and included 0.7 percentage points of restructuring charges and 0.9 percentage points of income related to gains on property sales. Operating margin for fiscal 2006 was 0.9% and included 1.3 percentage points relating to our write-down of intangibles, 0.5 percentage points of restructuring charges and 0.2 percentage points of income related to gains on property sales.

The *Upholstery Group* operating margin was flat for fiscal 2007 when compared with the prior year. As discussed under Selling, General and Administrative expenses, our warranty reserve decreased \$4.2 million during the year which increased our operating margin by 0.4 percentage points. Offsetting this was a decline in the margins due to under-absorption of overhead in our plants resulting from reduced volume.

Our *Casegoods Group* operating margin increased 1.8 percentage points during fiscal 2007 versus fiscal 2006. The significant changes that were made in the overhead structure as a result of transitioning to a primarily import business model from a manufacturing based business model in addition to improved manufacturing efficiencies in our remaining domestic manufacturing plants have allowed us to increase our operating margin despite the reduction in sales volume.

Our *Retail Group* operating margin decreased by 1.9 percentage points during fiscal 2007 in comparison to fiscal 2006. Although our sales increased when compared with the prior year, we acquired, opened, relocated or converted 22 stores during fiscal 2007 as well as closed nine stores, which increased our fixed costs as we assimilated these changes. As we continue to aggressively open these new stores, consolidate our warehouses, convert our operating systems and reduce our overall operating costs, we will continue to experience these short-term excess costs which are affecting our profitability.

Corporate and Other operating loss decreased \$3.7 million during fiscal 2007 when compared with fiscal 2006. Gains recognized in S, G&A on long-lived assets that we sold were \$10.4 million higher than in fiscal 2006. Offsetting those gains were consulting fees of \$2.4 million for the review of our Retail operations in order to assess our plan to improve profitability. In addition the adoption of SFAS 123(R) in the first quarter of fiscal 2007 contributed \$2.4 million of stock option expense in fiscal 2007, and our VIEs operating losses for fiscal 2007 were \$1.2 million greater than fiscal 2006.

# Income from Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act

We recorded \$3.4 million as Income from Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act, net of legal expenses, during fiscal 2007 from the receipt of funds under the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Act ( CDSOA ) of 2000 in connection with the case involving wooden bedroom furniture imported from China. Receipt of funds during the prior year was insignificant. The CDSOA provides for distribution of monies collected by U.S. Customs and Border Protection from anti-dumping cases to domestic producers that supported the anti-dumping petition. Due to the uncertainty associated with the timing and amount of future receipts we will record such amounts when all conditions associated with their receipt are removed.

# Interest Expense

Interest expense for fiscal 2007 was less than fiscal 2006 due to a \$47.8 million decrease in our average debt, slightly offset by a 0.5 percentage point increase in our floating rate debt.

## **Income Taxes**

Our effective tax rate for continuing operations was 33.8% in fiscal 2007 compared with 208.2% in fiscal 2006. The tax rate for fiscal 2006 was significantly affected by the write-down of the Bauhaus goodwill. In addition, the effective state income tax component of our rate was substantially higher in fiscal 2006 compared with fiscal 2007. This was due to a valuation reserve that was recorded during fiscal 2006 relative to state tax credits of Bauhaus. Furthermore, during fiscal 2006 it was necessary to record a valuation reserve against the losses of our Canadian subsidiary but during fiscal 2007 this reserve was reversed primarily due to a recent Canadian law change that increased the carry-forward period from 10 to 20 years.

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The rate for fiscal 2006 was also favorably impacted due to the increase in the cash surrender value of company-owned life insurance policies. Typically the increase in cash surrender value of such policies is treated as a permanent item not subject to taxation. During fiscal 2007, we expressed our intent to redeem a portion of these policies, the redemption of which would be a taxable event. Consequently during fiscal 2007, the favorable tax rate impact due to the current year increase in the value of all of the policies was almost entirely offset by the tax expense that was accrued relative to the anticipated gain on the redemption of a portion of the policies.

## Other Income

Other income increased in fiscal 2007 when compared with fiscal 2006 due to a decrease in realized foreign currency exchange losses and increased interest income.

# **Discontinued Operations**

As discussed in the introduction, we recorded an after-tax impairment charge of \$14.6 million during fiscal 2007 relating to assets of our discontinued operations. In addition, our discontinued operations experienced a net operational loss of \$1.7 million after-tax. In the prior year, discontinued operations earned \$2.5 million after-tax which was mostly attributable to American of Martinsville who had minimal impact on fiscal 2007 due to their sale in the first quarter.

## **Results of Operations**

# Analysis of Operations: Year Ended April 29, 2006 (Fiscal 2006 compared with 2005)

	(52 Weeks) 4/29/2006	(53 Weeks) 4/30/2005	Percent Change					
	(Amounts in thousands, except per share							
	amounts and percentages)							
Upholstery sales	1,265,952	1,379,684	(8.2)%					
Casegoods sales	292,553	309,792	(5.6)%					
Retail sales	213,438	173,099	23.3%					
Other/eliminations	(76,931)	(47,373)	(62.4)%					
Consolidated sales	\$ 1,695,012	\$ 1,815,202	(6.6)%					
Consolidated gross profit	413,028	441,028	(6.3)%					
Consolidated gross margin	24.4%	24.3%						
Consolidated S,G&A	375,793	362,967	3.5%					
S,G&A as a percent of sales	22.2%	20.0%						
Upholstery operating income	83,160	99,779	(16.7)%					
Casegoods operating income	17,125	14,010	22.2%					
Retail operating loss	(26,006)	(2,859)	(809.6)%					
Corporate and other	(28,565)	(29,938)	4.6%					
Write-down of intangible assets	(22,695)							
Restructuring	(8,479)	(2,931)						
Consolidated operating income	\$ 14,540	<b>\$</b> 78,061	(81.4)%					
Upholstery operating margin	6.6%	7.2%						
Casegoods operating margin	5.9%	4.5%						

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Retail operating margin	(12.2)%	(1.7)%	
Consolidated operating margin	0.9%	4.3%	
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (5,590)	\$ 42,429	(113.2)%
Diluted income (loss) per share from continuing operations	\$ (0.11)	\$ 0.81	(113.6)%

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#### Sales

Consolidated sales declined 6.6% during fiscal 2006. Our Upholstery and Casegoods Groups—sales were also down when compared with the prior year due in large part to a volatile retail environment attributable to weak consumer demand. A decline in business with rental stores and the liquidation of several large regional chains accounted for approximately 1% of the sales decline during the year. Approximately 2% of the sales decline was attributed to the extra week in fiscal 2005. Additionally, sales declined approximately 1.5% during the year due to the polyurethane shortage that affected upholstered product shipments from October through the middle of December. The sales declines noted above were mitigated by a 1.6% increase in sales due to sales price increases and a 1.3% increase in sales which resulted from the retail stores acquired at the end of fiscal 2005.

Upholstery Group sales were down 8.2% year-over-year, 2% of which was attributable to the extra week in fiscal 2005. Approximately 2% of the decrease in Upholstery Group sales for the year related to the polyurethane supply shortage, which limited our ability to fill customer orders. Sales were also down due to the weak retail environment. Around 1% of our upholstery sales decline was related to a decline in business with our rental customers and the liquidation of several large regional chains in the past 12 months. The sales decline was mitigated by a 2.0% increase in sales which resulted from sales price increases.

Our *Casegoods Group* sales decreased 5.6% during fiscal 2006, of which about 2% related to the extra week in fiscal 2005. The remaining decline was attributed to the weak retail environment.

*Retail Group* sales increased 23.3% due to the acquisition of 21 stores in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005. Eight of these stores were consolidated as VIEs prior to our acquiring them in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005. Excluding the 21 recently acquired stores, Retail Group sales for our previously owned markets actually decreased during fiscal 2006 due to slow retail activity.

The net total of intercompany sales eliminations and sales to VIEs decreased 62.4% as a result of greater sales to company-owned retail stores and fewer VIEs in fiscal 2006 versus fiscal 2005.

# Gross Profit

Our gross profit as a percent of sales ( gross margin ) increased in fiscal 2006 in comparison with fiscal 2005 due to the following:

Our company-owned La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores in the Retail Group were a larger part of our consolidated results in fiscal 2006, and since retail sales generally carry a higher gross margin than our manufacturing units, it had a more significant impact on our consolidated gross margins than in fiscal 2005 by 0.6 percentage points.

We initiated a significant cost reduction program during the current fiscal year focusing on manufacturing cost reductions, indirect labor, distribution costs and waste reductions that positively impacted our gross margins.

At the end of fiscal 2005, we changed our estimate for unpaid claims for workers—compensation to an actuarial estimate. As a result, we recorded a charge to increase our claims liability by \$5.9 million, which decreased gross margin by 0.3 percentage points in fiscal 2005 that was not repeated in fiscal 2006.

Factors negatively impacting gross margin in fiscal 2006 included the following:

Upholstery Group production was disrupted during the period by the polyurethane shortage, which prevented us from producing and filling customer orders that we otherwise could have completed and shipped. The polyurethane shortage decreased gross margin by 0.1 percentage points in fiscal 2006.

We had restructuring expense of \$8.5 million in fiscal 2006 and \$2.9 million in fiscal 2005. The restructuring costs decreased gross margin by 0.5 percentage points in 2006 and 0.2 percentage points in 2005.

We experienced significant price increases in raw materials, especially in raw steel, during fiscal 2005. Raw steel prices remained high but stabilized in fiscal 2006. During fiscal 2006, we experienced rising prices for polyurethane foam, as a result of the damage inflicted by the hurricane season, which reduced our gross

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margin approximately 1.3 percentage points. We increased our selling prices due to the high raw material costs. This combined with our normal price increases helped increase our margins approximately 1.2 percentage points.

Following the acquisition of 21 stores in three markets by our Retail Group near the end of fiscal 2005, we refreshed merchandise and cleared out older inventory in fiscal 2006 at the newly acquired stores, which resulted in a lower gross margin for our Retail Group.

## Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expense (S, G&A) increased in dollar amount and as a percent of sales in fiscal 2006 compared with the prior year. This was attributable to:

The increased relative size of the Retail Group increased consolidated S, G&A because the Retail Group has a higher S, G&A structure than our Upholstery and Casegoods segments. The impact on fiscal 2006 was approximately 2.1 percentage points.

We incurred additional expenses in the Retail Group related to the 21 acquired stores, including increased advertising, higher occupancy costs and other selling expenses as well as costs involved in establishing new warehousing for two of our locations.

Our company-owned same store sales were down, therefore we were not able to absorb our fixed expenses resulting in an increase in S, G&A as a percent of sales.

Somewhat offsetting these increases in S, G&A expense were gains recognized during fiscal 2006 on long-lived assets that we sold, which reduced S, G&A as a percent of sales by 0.2 percentage points.

# **Operating Margin**

Our consolidated operating margin was 0.9% for fiscal 2006 and included 0.5 percentage points of restructuring costs and 1.3 percentage points of a write-down of intangibles at our Bauhaus division. Bauhaus was impacted by several large customer bankruptcies and the merger of two major department stores, which reduced production causing the closure of several production facilities. These events impacted our annual valuation of intangibles resulting in an impairment loss of \$22.7 million. Operating margin for fiscal 2005 was 4.3% and included 0.2 percentage points of restructuring charges.

The *Upholstery Group* operating margin decreased due to lower sales volume caused by the weather-related supply chain disruptions and soft retail conditions. The Upholstery Group benefited from selling price increases compared with the same period last year which somewhat offset these factors.

Our *Casegoods Group* operating margin increased over the prior year due to improvements resulting from our continuing transition to our import model for residential casegoods.

Our *Retail Group* operating margin decreased by 10.5 percentage points during fiscal 2006 in comparison to fiscal 2005. Two of the three markets acquired in fiscal 2005 were operating at significant losses and were previously reported as VIEs and contributed to operating losses during fiscal 2006. After acquiring the new locations, we refreshed merchandise at our newly acquired locations by liquidating our older inventory which resulted in a lower operating margin. The acquired stores also incurred transitional costs during the year. The decrease in operating margin was also due in part to the decrease in both same store sales volume and acquired store sales volume.

Additionally, due to the acquisition of new markets and a slow retail environment, we increased advertising spending, which had a negative effect on margins but was necessary to drive retail traffic. We also had an increase in occupancy costs and selling expenses. Consequently, due to these acquisitions and an overall soft retail environment, our retail operating results for fiscal 2006 were well below our expectations.

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## Interest Expense

Interest expense for fiscal 2006 was higher than fiscal 2005 due to rising interest rates on floating rate debt equating to an increase of about 1% in our effective interest rate. Our weighted average debt was down slightly compared with the prior year, due to the repayment of \$26 million in debt occurring near the end of the fiscal year.

#### Income Taxes

Our effective tax rate was 208.2% in fiscal 2006 compared with 37.4% in fiscal 2005. The increase in the effective tax rate was attributable to the write-off of goodwill at Bauhaus in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006, which had no tax benefit, as well as the restructuring charges incurred at our Canadian upholstery operation, which is generally taxed at a lower rate, therefore reducing the tax benefit and increasing the effective rate relating to those expenses.

# **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our total assets at the end of fiscal 2007 decreased \$78.1 million compared with the end of fiscal 2006. A large portion of that change related to the sale of our American of Martinsville and Sam Moore operating units during fiscal 2007. A portion of the cash generated as a result of the sales was used to reduce debt. In addition, we wrote off \$10.9 million of intangibles and \$7.9 million of inventory and fixed assets related to the discontinued operations during the year. Although this write-off was non-cash, it did reduce our overall asset base.

Our sources of cash liquidity include cash and equivalents, cash from operations and amounts available under credit facilities. These sources have been adequate for day-to-day operations, dividends to shareholders and capital expenditures. We expect these sources of liquidity to continue to be adequate for the foreseeable future. Capital expenditures for fiscal 2007 were \$25.8 million compared with \$28.0 million during fiscal 2006. During the first quarter of fiscal 2007 we exercised a \$3.0 million option to purchase property, which we subsequently sold and leased back. There are no material purchase commitments for capital expenditures, which are expected to be in the range of \$23 to \$26 million in fiscal 2008. After amending our revolving credit facility agreement as discussed under financing activities, we had unused lines of credit and commitments of \$219.1 million under several credit arrangements.

The following table illustrates the main components of our cash flows:

Cash Flows Provided From (Used For)	Year End 4/28/2007 (Amounts in th			4/29/2006		
Operating activities						
Net income, depreciation and deferred taxes	\$	14,953	\$	22,790		
Write-down of assets of businesses held for sale		14,936				
Write-down of intangibles				22,695		
Gain on sales of discontinued operations (net of tax)		(935)				
Restructuring		11,033		6,643		
Stock option and restricted stock expense		3,959		762		
Working capital and other		(10,713)		36,887		
Cash provided from operating activities Investing activities		33,233		89,777		
Proceeds from disposal of assets		46,974		11,499		

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42,659		
(27,589)		(42,172)
(6,947)		(10,890)
(36,696)		(43,102)
(24,002)		(18,728)
\$ 27,632	\$	(13,616)
\$	(27,589) (6,947) (36,696) (24,002)	(27,589) (6,947) (36,696) (24,002)

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## **Operating Activities**

For fiscal 2007, net cash provided by operating activities was \$33.2 million, compared with \$89.8 million for fiscal 2006. The decrease in 2007 operating cash flows was due mainly to changes in accounts payable and accrued liabilities, which related to our overall reduction in business. If business returns to historical levels, we believe these liabilities would change proportionately. Discontinued operations did not have a significant impact on the cash provided by operating activities for fiscal 2007.

## **Investing Activities**

During fiscal 2007, net cash provided by investing activities was \$62.0 million, whereas \$30.7 million was used in investing activities during fiscal 2006. The increase in cash provided by investing activities in fiscal 2007 was primarily due to the \$33.2 million in proceeds received for the sale of our operating unit American of Martinsville and the \$9.5 million in proceeds received for the sale of our operating unit Sam Moore. Additionally, \$47.0 million in proceeds was generated by the sale of multiple properties during fiscal 2007. Some involved a sale-leaseback transaction which we entered into with a third party. These increases in cash flow were somewhat offset by \$25.8 million in capital expenditures.

# Financing Activities

Our financing activities included borrowings and payments on our debt facilities, dividend payments, issuances of stock and stock repurchases. We used \$67.2 million of cash in financing activities in fiscal 2007 compared with \$73.2 million of cash used in financing activities during fiscal 2006. Our discontinued operations did not have a material impact on cash flows from financing activities for fiscal 2007.

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations of the types specified:

		More Than			
	Total	5 Years			
Long-term debt obligations Capital lease obligations Operating lease obligations	\$ 147,620 1,782 362,827	\$ 36,618 1,070 42,255	\$ 44,575 712 83,182	\$ 8,661 62,471	\$ 57,766 174,919
Interest obligations Other long-term liabilities not reflected	24,570	7,215	9,216	5,962	2,177
on our balance sheet  Total contractual obligations	\$,251 \$ 545,050	1,931 \$ 89,089	3,862 \$ 141,547	2,458 \$ 79,552	\$ 234,862

On February 9, 2007, we executed an amendment to our credit agreement to modify its fixed charge coverage ratio requirements and interest rate provisions and to reduce our unsecured revolving credit facility from \$150 million to \$100 million.

Our debt-to-capitalization ratio was 23.5% at April 28, 2007, 26.5% at April 29, 2006, and 30.0% at April 30, 2005.

On October 28, 1987, our Board of Directors announced the authorization of a plan to repurchase company stock. The plan originally authorized 1.0 million shares and, subsequent to October 1987, 22.0 million additional shares were added to this plan for repurchase. As of April 28, 2007, 5.4 million additional shares could be purchased pursuant to this authorization. We repurchased 0.5 million shares during fiscal 2007.

We have guaranteed various leases of dealers with proprietary stores. The total amount of these guarantees is \$14.6 million. Of this, \$3.2 million will expire within one year, \$3.9 million in one to three years, \$2.6 million in four to five years, and \$4.9 million thereafter. In recent years, we have increased our imports of casegoods product and leather and fabric for upholstery product. At the end of the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, we had \$66.9 million in open purchase orders, including those of our discontinued operations, with foreign casegoods, leather and fabric

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sources. Some of these open purchase orders are cancelable. We are not required to make any contributions to our defined benefit plans; however, we may make discretionary contributions.

Continuing compliance with existing federal, state and local statutes dealing with protection of the environment is not expected to have a material effect upon our capital expenditures, earnings, competitive position or liquidity.

# **Critical Accounting Policies**

An appreciation of our critical accounting policies is necessary to understand our financial results. These policies may require management to make difficult and subjective judgments regarding uncertainties and, as a result, such estimates may significantly impact our financial results. These policies were identified as critical because they are broadly applicable within our operating units. The expenses and accrued liabilities or allowances related to certain of these policies are initially based on our best estimates at the time of original entry in our accounting records. Adjustments are recorded when our actual experience differs from the assumptions underlying the estimates. These adjustments could be material if our experience were to change significantly in a short period of time. We make frequent comparisons of actual experience to our assumptions in order to mitigate the likelihood of material adjustments. Our critical accounting policies and changes to critical estimates are reviewed by management with the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors and our independent accountants.

## **Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined using the last-in, first-out (LIFO) basis for approximately 63% and 67% of our inventories at April 28, 2007, and April 29, 2006, respectively. Cost is determined for all other inventories on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis.

# **Revenue Recognition and Related Allowances**

Shipping terms using third-party carriers are FOB shipping point, and revenue is recognized upon shipment of product. For product shipped on our company-owned trucks, revenue is recognized upon delivery. This revenue includes amounts billed to customers for shipping. Provision is made at the time revenue is recognized for estimated product returns and warranties as well as other incentives that may be offered to customers. We import certain products from foreign ports, which are shipped directly to our domestic customers. In this case, revenue is not recognized until title is assumed by our customer, which is normally after the goods pass through U.S. Customs.

Other incentives offered to customers include cash discounts, advertising agreements and other sales incentives. Cash discounts are recorded as a reduction of revenues when the revenue is recognized. Other sales incentives are recorded as a reduction to revenue at the time of sale. Our advertising agreements, expect co-op, give our non-branded customers advertising allowances based on revenues and are recorded as a reduction to revenue when the revenue is recognized.

# **Goodwill and Trade Names**

In accordance with SFAS No. 142, goodwill and trade names are tested at least annually for impairment by comparing their fair value to their carrying values. The fair value for each trade name was established based upon a royalty savings approach. Additionally, goodwill is tested for impairment by comparing the fair value of our operating units to their carrying values. The fair value for each operating unit is established based on the discounted cash flows. In situations where the fair value is less than the carrying value, indicating a potential impairment, a second comparison is performed using a calculation of implied fair value of goodwill to determine the monetary value of impairment.

During the third quarter of fiscal 2007, we performed an evaluation of our goodwill and trade names due to greater than anticipated decline in net sales for our operating units over the first half of the year. This sales decline triggered the need to evaluate our goodwill and intangible assets for impairment under SFAS No. 142 in advance of our normal impairment assessment in the fourth quarter. After completing this assessment, we determined that the goodwill of Sam Moore and the intangible assets of Pennsylvania House and Clayton Marcus were recorded above

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their fair value creating an impairment loss of \$7.3 million for the goodwill at Sam Moore and a \$3.6 million impairment loss for the trade names at Pennsylvania House and Clayton Marcus. We performed additional testing during the fourth quarter and found no additional impairments.

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006, the annual evaluation of goodwill and trade names was performed. Following the evaluation procedures, it was determined that our trade names were not impaired. The carrying value of goodwill exceeded its fair value at Bauhaus, creating an impairment loss of \$22.7 million which was recorded as a component of operating income. In the latter half of fiscal 2006, Bauhaus was impacted by several large customer bankruptcies and the merger of two major department stores, which reduced production causing the closure of several production facilities. There was no tax benefit recognized on this impairment charge.

#### Other Loss Reserves

The allowance for doubtful accounts reflects our best estimate of probable losses inherent in the accounts receivable balance. In fiscal 2007, our allowance for doubtful accounts for trade accounts receivable and long-term notes decreased from \$17.4 million to \$15.6 million. The decrease in the allowance was due mainly to several write-offs during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 for previously reserved accounts for a total of \$2.7 million.

We have other loss exposures arising from the ordinary course of business, including inventory obsolescence, litigation, environmental claims, health insurance, product liability, warranty, restructuring charges and the recoverability of deferred income tax benefits. Establishing loss reserves requires the estimate and judgment of management with respect to risk exposure and ultimate liability. We use legal counsel or other experts, including actuaries as appropriate, to assist in developing estimates. Due to the uncertainties and potential changes in facts and circumstances, additional charges related to these reserves could be required in the future.

## **Pensions**

We maintain defined benefit pension plans for eligible factory hourly employees at some operating units. Our largest plan has been frozen for new participants since January 1, 2001, but active participants still earn service cost. Additionally, we closed our Canadian manufacturing facility during fiscal 2006 and terminated the pension plan associated with that business during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007. Annual net periodic expense and benefit liabilities under our defined benefit plans are determined on an actuarial basis. Each year, we compare the actual experience to the more significant assumptions used; if warranted, we make adjustments to the assumptions.

Our pension plan discount rate assumption is evaluated annually. The discount rate selected for our U.S. plans is based upon a single rate developed after matching expected benefit payments to a yield curve for high-quality fixed-income investments. Long-term interest rates on high-quality debt instruments, which are used to determine the discount rate, were 5.85% based on the Citigroup High Grade Credit index at the end of fiscal 2007. Interest rates were down at the end of fiscal 2007 and were up slightly at the end of fiscal 2006 after declining in fiscal 2005. Accordingly, we decreased the discount rate used to determine our pension benefit obligation on our U.S. plans 40 basis points for fiscal 2007, after decreasing the rate 95 basis points for fiscal 2006. For our U.S. plans, we utilized a discount rate of 6.05% at April 28, 2007, compared with a rate of 6.45% at April 29, 2006, and 5.50% at April 30, 2005.

Pension benefits are funded through deposits with trustees and satisfy, at a minimum, the applicable funding regulations. The expected long-term rates of return on fund assets are based upon actual historical returns modified for known changes in the markets and any expected changes in investment policy.

Besides evaluating the discount rate used to determine our pension obligation, we also evaluate our assumption relating to the expected return on plan assets annually. In selecting the expected long-term rate of return on assets, we

considered the average rate of earnings expected on the funds invested or to be invested to provide the benefits of these plans. This included considering the trust s asset allocation, investment strategy, and the expected returns likely to be earned over the life of the plans. The rate of return assumption for U.S. plans as of April 28, 2007, and April 29, 2006, was 8.0%. The expected rate of return assumption as of April 28, 2007, will be used to determine pension expense for plans in 2008.

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Our long-term stated investment objective is to maximize the investment return with the least amount of risk through a combination of capital appreciation and income. The strategic asset allocation targets are 65% equities and 35% fixed income within a range of 5% of the target. As of April 28, 2007, our weighted average asset allocation was 71% equity securities and 29% debt securities. As of April 29, 2006, our weighted average asset allocation was 69% equity securities and 31% debt securities.

Our non-qualified retirement plan was not funded at April 28, 2007. We do not expect to fund our non-qualified defined benefit retirement plan as we hold funds equal to the liability of the plan in a Rabbi trust. We are not required to make any contributions to the other defined benefit plans in fiscal year 2008; however, we reserve the right to make discretionary contributions.

As of April 28, 2007, previously unrecognized differences between actual amounts and estimates based on actuarial assumptions are included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) in our Consolidated Balance Sheet as required by SFAS No. 158, *Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R)*. For fiscal 2007, we recognized \$8.2 million pre-tax (\$4.9 million after tax) for previously unrecognized net actuarial losses in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income. In future reporting periods, the difference between actual amounts and estimates based on actuarial assumptions will be recognized in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) in the period in which they occur.

We expect that the fiscal 2008 pension expense after considering all relevant assumptions will be minimal compared with \$2.4 million in fiscal 2007, which included \$1.3 million of settlement losses related to our Canadian pension plan. We do not believe that a 25 basis point change in our discount rate or our expected return on plan assets would have a material impact on our financial statements. In fiscal 2008, we do not expect to amortize any unrecognized actuarial losses as a component of pension expense.

## **Financial Guarantees**

We have provided secured and unsecured financial guarantees relating to leases in connection with certain La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores which are not operated by the company. The lease guarantees are generally for real estate leases and have terms from five to eleven years. These lease guarantees enhance the credit of these dealers. The dealer is required to make periodic fee payments to compensate us for our guarantees. We have recognized liabilities for the fair values of the lease agreements that we have entered into, but they are not material to our financial position.

We would be required to perform under these agreements only if the dealer were to default on the lease. The maximum amount of potential future payments under lease guarantees was \$14.6 million as of April 28, 2007.

We have, on occasion, entered into agreements which resulted in indemnifying third parties against certain liabilities, mainly environmental obligations. We believe that judgments, if any, against us related to such agreements would not have a material effect on our business or financial condition.

Our accounting policy for product warranties is generally to accrue an estimated liability at the time the revenue is recognized. This estimate is based on historical claims and adjusted for currently known specific warranty issues. Warranty expense is recorded as a component of S, G&A.

# **Variable Interest Entities**

Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46R, *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities* (FIN 46), requires the primary beneficiary of a VIE to include the VIE s assets, liabilities and operating results in its consolidated financial statements. In general, a VIE is a corporation, partnership, limited-liability company, trust or any other legal

structure used to conduct activities or hold assets that either (a) has an insufficient amount of equity to carry out its principal activities without additional subordinated financial support, (b) has a group of equity owners that are unable to make significant decisions about its activities, or (c) has a group of equity owners that do not have the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive returns generated by its operations.

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La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores that are not operated by us are operated by independent dealers. These stores sell La-Z-Boy manufactured products as well as various accessories purchased from approved La-Z-Boy vendors. In some cases we have extended credit beyond normal trade terms to the independent dealers, made direct loans and/or guaranteed certain leases. Most of these independent dealers have sufficient equity to carry out their principal operating activities without subordinated financial support. However, there are certain independent dealers that we have determined may not have sufficient equity.

Based on the criteria for consolidation of VIEs, we have consolidated several dealers where we were the primary beneficiary based on the fair value of our variable interests. All of our consolidated VIEs were recorded at fair value on the date we became the primary beneficiary. Because these entities are accounted for as if the entities were consolidated based on voting interests, we absorb all net losses of the VIEs in excess of the equity at the dealerships. We recognize all net earnings of these VIEs to the extent of recouping the losses we recorded. Earnings in excess of our losses are attributed to equity owners of the dealers and are recorded as minority interest. We had three consolidated VIEs for the first quarter of fiscal 2006 and had four consolidated VIEs for the last three quarters of fiscal 2006 and throughout fiscal 2007.

Our consolidated VIEs recognized \$45.6 million and \$36.8 million in sales, net of intercompany eliminations, in fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006, respectively. Additionally, we recognized a net loss per share of \$0.11 and \$0.09 in fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006, respectively, resulting from the operating results of these VIEs. The VIEs had \$2.8 million and \$8.6 million of assets net of elimination of intercompany activity at the end of fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006, respectively. During the third quarter of fiscal 2005, one of the equity owners of one of our VIEs contributed \$2.0 million of capital to the business. Because we consolidated this entity based on voting interests, we recorded the capital contribution as income in that period to offset previously recorded losses. In fiscal 2005, the extraordinary gain of \$3.4 million (\$2.1 million net of income taxes) was a result of the application of purchase accounting relating to the acquisition of previously consolidated VIEs.

## Restructuring

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, we committed to a restructuring plan which included the closures of our Lincolnton, North Carolina and Iuka, Mississippi upholstery manufacturing facilities, the closure of our rough mill lumber operation in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, the consolidation of operations at our Kincaid Taylorsville, North Carolina upholstery operation and the elimination of a number of positions throughout the remainder of the organization. The Lincolnton and Iuka facility closures will occur in the first quarter of fiscal 2008 and will impact approximately 250 and 150 employees, respectively. The closure of our North Wilkesboro lumber operation, the consolidation of operations at Kincaid s Taylorsville operation and the remaining activities occurred in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 and impacted approximately 100 positions. These decisions were made to help align our company with the current business environment and strengthen our positioning going forward. We recorded pre-tax restructuring charges of \$4.3 million or \$0.05 per diluted share covering severance and benefits, write-down of certain fixed assets in addition to other restructuring costs which were expensed as incurred. Of these costs \$4.0 million was reported as a component of Cost of Sales with the remainder in Selling, General and Administrative. The write-down was accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*. All other costs were accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 146, *Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities*.

Offsetting these expenses during the year was a pre-tax gain of \$2.0 million or \$0.02 per diluted share relating to the sale of properties idled as part of previous restructurings. These gains were recorded as a component of cost of sales.

During fiscal 2007, several of our Retail warehouses were consolidated into larger facilities, and several underperforming stores were closed. Approximately 85 jobs were eliminated as a result of these closures. We recorded

pre-tax restructuring charges of \$7.3 million or \$0.08 per diluted share covering contract termination costs for the leases on these facilities, severance and benefits, write-down of certain leasehold improvements in addition to other relocation costs which were expensed as incurred. These costs were reported as a component of Selling, General and Administrative costs. The write-down was accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 144,

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Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets. All other costs were accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 146, Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

As of April 28, 2007, we had a remaining restructuring liability of \$3.4 million which is expected to be paid out or written off as follows: \$2.4 million in fiscal 2008, \$0.4 million in fiscal 2009, \$0.4 million in fiscal 2010 and \$0.2 million thereafter.

In the second quarter of fiscal 2006, the decision was made to close our Canadian upholstery manufacturing facility due to underutilization of capacity. The plant closure occurred in the third quarter of fiscal 2006, and production was absorbed in other upholstery facilities. Approximately 413 jobs were eliminated as a result of this closure. During fiscal 2006, pre-tax restructuring charges for our Canadian facility were \$8.9 million, or \$0.11 per diluted share, covering severance and benefits, appropriate adjustments to our pension liability and the write-down of certain fixed assets. Severance costs and other costs for this restructuring were expensed in accordance with SFAS No. 112, *Employers Accounting for Postemployment Benefits* and SFAS No. 146. The write-down was accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 144. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, we recorded a pre-tax restructuring charge of \$1.3 million or \$0.02 per diluted share related to the settlement of the Canadian pension plan.

Restructuring liabilities along with charges to expense, cash payments or asset write-downs were as follows:

	Fiscal 2007 Cash Payments 4/29/2006 Charges to or Asset 4/28/20 Balance Expense Write-Offs Balan (Amounts in thousands)								
Severance and benefit-related costs Fixed asset write-downs, net of gains Contract termination costs Other	\$	891	\$	2,537 1,091 3,441 3,964	\$	(1,251) (1,091) (2,184) (3,964)	\$	2,177 1,257	
Total restructuring	\$	891	\$	11,033	\$	(8,490)	\$	3,434	

Fixed asset write-downs, net of gains Severance and benefit-related costs	4/30/2005 Balance			Fiscal 2006 Cash Payments Charges to or Asset Expense Write-Offs (Amounts in thousands)				4/29/2006 Balance	
	\$	38	\$	(2,327) 8,970	\$	2,327 (8,117)	\$	891	
Total restructuring	\$ 3	88	\$	6,643	\$	(5,790)	\$	891	

# Stock-Based Compensation

On April 30, 2006, we adopted the fair-value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123(R) using a modified-prospective transition method. SFAS No. 123(R) supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* and requires us to record compensation cost for all stock awards granted after the required effective date and for awards modified, repurchased or canceled after that date. In addition, we are required to record compensation expense (as previous awards continue to vest) for the unvested portion of previously granted awards that remain outstanding at the date of adoption. In March 2005, the SEC issued SAB 107 relating to SFAS No. 123(R). We have applied the provisions of SAB 107 in our adoption of SFAS No. 123(R).

Under the fair value recognition provisions of this statement, share-based compensation cost is measured at the grant date based on the value of the award and is recognized as expense over the vesting period. Determining the fair value of share-based awards at the grant date requires judgment, including estimating expected dividends, future

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stock-price volatility, expected option lives and the amount of share-based awards that are expected to be forfeited. We do not expect that changes in these assumptions would have a material impact on our results of operations.

The fair value of each option grant was estimated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. For the options granted in fiscal 2007, expected volatility was estimated based on the historical volatility of our common shares. The average expected life was based on the contractual term of the stock option and expected employee exercise and post-vesting employment termination trends. The risk-free rate was based on U.S. Treasury issues with a term equal to the expected life assumed at the date of grant. Forfeitures were estimated at the date of grant based on historical experience.

Under the modified-prospective transition method, financial results for periods prior to fiscal 2007 were not restated. In accordance with APB Opinion No. 25, there was no stock-based compensation expense recognized related to employee stock options during fiscal 2006 or fiscal 2005.

Stock-based compensation expense recognized in Selling, General and Administrative expense under SFAS No. 123(R) for fiscal 2007 was \$2.4 million, which reduced net income by \$1.7 million and earnings per share by \$0.03. As of April 28, 2007, there was \$2.8 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock option awards, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average remaining contractual term of all unvested awards of 1.72 years.

# **Regulatory Developments**

The CDSOA provides for distribution of monies collected by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) from anti-dumping cases to domestic producers that supported the anti-dumping petition. The Dispute Settlement Body of the World Trade Organization (WTO) ruled that such payments violate the United States WTO obligations. In response to that ruling, on February 8, 2006, the President signed legislation passed by Congress that repeals CDSOA distributions to eligible domestic producers for duties collected on imports entered into the United States after September 30, 2007.

CBP has reported that approximately \$57.4 million in preliminary CDSOA amounts were available as of April 30, 2007 for distribution to eligible domestic manufacturers in connection with the case involving wooden bedroom furniture imported from China. These funds are subject to adjustment. Additional antidumping duties actually collected through September 30, 2007 potentially will be available for distribution in calendar 2007. The amount of the actual duties that CBP collects is determined retrospectively for those imports that are subject to annual administrative reviews conducted by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Further, certain importers and Chinese producers have appealed the initial findings of the anti-dumping order to the U.S. Court of International Trade, and favorable rulings for these importers and Chinese producers could reduce the amount of duties ultimately available for distribution. The tariffs attributable to importers and Chinese producers whose imports are subject to appeals and administrative reviews are not available for distribution until those proceedings have been completed. Consequently, the amount ultimately available for distribution in this case during calendar 2007 will depend on the amount of duties on customs entries that CBP has liquidated and collected by September 30, 2007 (i.e., that are not subject to administrative reviews and pending legal appeals). Also, any amount we may receive will depend on our percentage allocation, which is based on our qualifying expenditures in relation to the qualifying expenditures of other domestic producers requesting distribution for the relevant time periods under CDSOA. In two cases decided in 2006, the U.S. Court of International Trade has held unconstitutional CDSOA s requirement that a company that is not a petitioner must indicate its support for an antidumping petition in order to be eligible for a distribution of duties. In Chez Sidney, L.L.C. v. United States, the Court did not reach the questions of whether the support requirement is severable and the appropriate remedy, but it is possible that the Court could rule that the entire statute is unconstitutional and prohibit further distributions. In SKF USA v. United States, the Court did not find the entire

statute to be unconstitutional, but instead ordered CBP and the U.S. International Trade Commission to reconsider the plaintiff s eligibility under CDSOA. These decisions are likely to be appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Similar judicial challenges filed by domestic producers of wooden bedroom furniture who currently are not entitled to CDSOA distributions could affect our percentage allocation. Our percentage allocation for payments received in calendar 2006 was approximately 18%. We recorded \$3.4 million, net of legal fees, from CDSOA payments received in fiscal 2007. The percentage allocation included our American

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of Martinsville division. Although we sold the division during the first quarter of fiscal 2007, we have retained certain rights to payments received by the division subsequent to the sale. In view of the uncertainties associated with this program, we are unable to predict the amounts, if any, we may receive during the remainder of calendar 2007 or thereafter under CDSOA. However, assuming CDSOA distributions continue, these distributions could be material depending on the results of legal appeals and administrative reviews and our actual percentage allocation.

# **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

## FASB Interpretation No. 48

The FASB issued Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109, during June, 2006. This interpretation clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise s financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. This interpretation 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. This interpretation also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. The interpretation is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. Earlier application is encouraged if the enterprise has not yet issued financial statements, including interim financial statements, in the period the interpretation is adopted.

We estimate that upon adoption, a cumulative effect adjustment of approximately \$2 million to \$4 million will increase reserves for uncertain tax positions and decrease retained earnings in the first quarter of fiscal 2008. This estimate is subject to revision as we complete our analysis and will be recorded as a component of stockholders equity.

# FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157

The FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* (SFAS No. 157). SFAS No. 157 clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions. This statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted.

We are currently in the process of determining the impact this pronouncement may have on our financial statements.

## FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 158

The FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 158, Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R) (SFAS No. 158). SFAS No. 158 requires an employer to recognize the overfunded or underfunded status of a defined benefit postretirement plan (other than a multiemployer plan) as an asset or liability in its statement of financial position and to recognize changes in that funded status in the year in which the changes occur through comprehensive income of a business entity or changes in unrestricted net assets of a not-for-profit organization. This statement also requires an employer to measure the funded status of a plan as of the date of its year-end statement of financial position. The new reporting requirements and related new footnote disclosure rules of SFAS No. 158 are effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2006.

We adopted SFAS No. 158 as of April 28, 2007 and the impact on our financials was \$8.2 million (\$4.9 million after tax) of a decrease in assets and in accumulated other comprehensive income. The new measurement date requirement

applies for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2008, however this requirement will not have an impact on our financial statements as we currently measure the funded status of our plans as of our year end date.

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## FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159

The FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* (SFAS No. 159), which allows a company to choose to measure selected financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected are reported in earnings. SFAS No. 159 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007.

We are currently evaluating the impact SFAS No. 159 will have on our financial statements. This statement will be effective for our fiscal 2009 year end.

## SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108

In September 2006, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108, Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements (SAB No. 108). SAB No. 108 provides interpretive guidance on how the effects of the carryover or reversal of prior year misstatements should be considered in quantifying a current year misstatement. The SEC staff believes that registrants should quantify errors using both a balance sheet and an income statement approach and evaluate whether either approach results in a misstatement that, when all relevant quantitative and qualitative factors are considered, is material and therefore must be quantified. SAB No. 108 is effective for fiscal years ending on or after November 15, 2006.

Our adoption of SAB No. 108 as of April 28, 2007 had no impact on our results of operations or financial condition.

# Emerging Issues Task Force Issue 06-5

In June 2006, the Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) released Issue 06-5, *Accounting for Purchases of Life Insurance-Determining the Amount That Could Be Realized in Accordance with FASB Technical Bulletin No. 85-4, Accounting for Purchases of Life Insurance.* On September 7, 2006, the EITF concluded that a policyholder should consider any additional amounts included in the contractual terms of the policy in determining the amount that could be realized under the insurance contract. Amounts that are recoverable by the policyholder at the discretion of the insurance company should be excluded from the amount that could be realized. Amounts that are recoverable by the policyholder in periods beyond one year from the surrender of the policy should be discounted utilizing an appropriate rate of interest. The effective date of EITF 06-5 is for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006.

We have reviewed this EITF and it did not have an impact on our financial statements.

## **Business Outlook**

The external environment for home furnishings remains very difficult and the first quarter is typically the company s slowest period due to seasonal factors. While we have made progress in managing the cost structure of our wholesale businesses, we believe challenging conditions in the marketplace will prevail and, we will continue to focus on matching costs to our revenue stream. In a move consistent with recent trends among other public companies, we are moving to yearly guidance for sales and earnings and will no longer provide quarterly projections. We expect sales for the fiscal 2008 year to be down 5% to 10% compared with fiscal 2007 and expect earnings per share to be in the range of \$0.45 to \$0.60 per share compared with \$0.38 per share from continuing operations in fiscal 2007. This estimated range does not include restructuring charges, potential income from any anti-dumping monies or gains/losses on the sale of discontinued operations.

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

We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates. Our exposure to interest rate risk results from our lines of credit and our floating rate \$100 million revolving credit facility under which we had no borrowings at April 28, 2007. Management estimates that a one percentage point change in interest rates would not have a material impact on our results of operations for fiscal 2008 based upon the current levels of exposed liabilities.

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We are exposed to market risk from changes in the value of foreign currencies. Our exposure to changes in the value of foreign currencies is reduced through our use of foreign currency forward contracts from time to time. Substantially all of our imports purchased outside of North America are denominated in U.S. dollars. However, a change in the value of Chinese currency could be one of several factors that could inflate costs in the future. We believe that gains or losses resulting from changes in the value of foreign currencies will not be material to our results from operations in fiscal year 2008.

# ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA.

# Management s Report to our Shareholders

# Management s Responsibility for Financial Information

Management of La-Z-Boy Incorporated is responsible for the preparation, integrity and objectivity of La-Z-Boy Incorporated s consolidated financial statements and other financial information contained in this Annual Report to Shareholders. Those consolidated financial statements were prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In preparing those consolidated financial statements, Management was required to make certain estimates and judgments, which are based upon currently available information and Management s view of current conditions and circumstances.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, which consists solely of independent directors, oversees our process of reporting financial information and the audit of our consolidated financial statements. The Audit Committee is informed of the financial condition of La-Z-Boy Incorporated and regularly reviews Management s critical accounting policies, the independence of our independent auditors, our internal control and the objectivity of our financial reporting. Both the independent auditors and the internal auditors have free access to the Audit Committee and meet with the Audit Committee periodically, both with and without Management present.

On September 15, 2006, La-Z-Boy Incorporated s Chief Executive Officer submitted his annual certification to the New York Stock Exchange stating that he was not aware of any violation by the corporation of the Exchange s corporate governance listing standards. La-Z-Boy filed the certifications by its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 as exhibits to its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 28, 2007.

# Management s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act. Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based upon the framework in Internal Control Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on that evaluation, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of April 28, 2007.

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Management has excluded two La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® operations from our assessment of internal control over financial reporting because we do not have the right or authority to assess the internal controls of the consolidated entity and we also lack the ability, in practice, to make that assessment. These two retail furniture businesses were created prior to December 15, 2003, and were consolidated by La-Z-Boy Incorporated on April 24, 2004 upon the adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46R, *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities*. The combined total assets and total revenues of the excluded businesses represent 0.7% and 1.7%, respectively, of the related consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended April 28, 2007.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm who audited the consolidated financial statements included in this annual report, has also audited our management s assessment of the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting as of April 28, 2007, and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of April 28, 2007, as stated in their opinion which is included herein.

Kurt L. Darrow President and Chief Executive Officer

Louis M. Riccio, Jr. Senior VP and Chief Financial Officer

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# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of La-Z-Boy Incorporated:

We have completed integrated audits of La-Z-Boy Incorporated s consolidated financial statements and of its internal control over financial reporting as of April 28, 2007, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Our opinions, based on our audits, are presented below.