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FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended July 30, 2016

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 1-32545

DSW INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 31-0746639
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
incorporation or organization)
810 DSW Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43219
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
(614) 237-7100

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

N/A

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

The number of outstanding Class A Common Shares, without par value, as of August 26, 2016 was 74,501,062 and Class B Common Shares, without par value, as of August 26, 2016 was 7,732,807.

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Part I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

DSW INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

(unaudited)

| | Three months ended | | Six months ended | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | July 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 | July 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 |
| Net sales | \$658,944 | \$627,206 | \$1,340,211 | \$1,282,692 |
| Cost of sales | (472,083) | (435,904) | (948,993) | (878,332) |
| Operating expenses | (145,088) | (131,721) | (299,284) | (271,207) |
| Change in fair value of contingent consideration | (2,166) | — | (3,611) | — |
| Operating profit | 39,607 | 59,581 | 88,323 | 133,153 |
| Interest expense | (50) | (40) | (99) | (78) |
| Interest income | 673 | 792 | 1,243 | 1,750 |
| Interest income, net | 623 | 752 | 1,144 | 1,672 |
| Non-operating income (expense) | 100 | (7) | 264 | 3,305 |
| Income before income taxes and income (loss) from Town Shoes | 40,330 | 60,326 | 89,731 | 138,130 |
| Income tax provision | (15,716) | (22,486) | (34,794) | (51,582) |
| Income (loss) from Town Shoes | 418 | (230) | 109 | (1,572) |
| Net income | \$25,032 | \$37,610 | \$55,046 | \$84,976 |
| Basic and diluted earnings per share: | | | | |
| Basic earnings per share | \$0.31 | \$0.42 | \$0.67 | \$0.96 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$0.30 | \$0.42 | \$0.67 | \$0.95 |
| Shares used in per share calculations: | | | | |
| Basic shares | 82,053 | 88,713 | 82,003 | 88,619 |
| Diluted shares | 82,655 | 89,693 | 82,691 | 89,660 |
| Other comprehensive income: | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation (loss) gain | \$(4,903) | \$(8,652) | \$7,246 | \$(6,838) |
| Unrealized net gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities (net of taxes of \$14, \$6, \$130 and \$6, respectively) | 150 | 50 | 276 | (311) |
| Total comprehensive income | \$20,279 | \$29,008 | \$62,568 | \$77,827 |

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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DSW INC.
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
 (in thousands)
 (unaudited)

| | July 30, 2016 | January 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 |
|--|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and equivalents | \$62,324 | \$32,495 | \$151,007 |
| Short-term investments | 103,467 | 226,027 | 140,821 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 18,848 | 15,437 | 18,533 |
| Accounts receivable from related parties | 81 | 27 | 63 |
| Inventories | 556,183 | 484,236 | 505,170 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 30,040 | 37,444 | 31,599 |
| Prepaid rent to related parties | 12 | 2 | — |
| Total current assets | 770,955 | 795,668 | 847,193 |
| Property and equipment, net | 379,643 | 374,241 | 354,477 |
| Long-term investments | 77,901 | 71,953 | 179,305 |
| Goodwill | 81,043 | 25,899 | 25,899 |
| Deferred income taxes | 20,690 | 21,815 | 32,111 |
| Long-term prepaid rent to related parties | 821 | 875 | 866 |
| Investment in Town Shoes | 17,261 | 21,188 | 21,986 |
| Note receivable from Town Shoes | 50,200 | 44,170 | 44,627 |
| Intangible assets | 39,316 | 46 | 46 |
| Other assets | 21,145 | 13,254 | 7,554 |
| Total assets | \$1,458,975 | \$1,369,109 | \$1,514,064 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$198,584 | \$214,893 | \$190,382 |
| Accounts payable to related parties | 656 | 733 | 529 |
| Accrued expenses | 115,192 | 107,800 | 113,466 |
| Total current liabilities | 314,432 | 323,426 | 304,377 |
| Non-current liabilities | 143,562 | 140,759 | 144,029 |
| Commitments and contingencies | 59,611 | — | — |
| Total liabilities | \$517,605 | \$464,185 | \$448,406 |
| Shareholders' equity: | | | |
| Common shares paid in capital, no par value; 250,000 Class A Common Shares authorized; 84,570, 84,396 and 84,047 issued, respectively; 74,359, 74,185 and 81,011 outstanding, respectively; 100,000 Class B Common Shares authorized, 7,733 issued and outstanding | \$936,572 | \$930,011 | \$920,682 |
| Preferred Shares, no par value; 100,000 authorized; no shares issued or outstanding | — | — | — |
| Treasury shares, at cost, 10,211, 10,211 and 3,036 outstanding, respectively | (266,531) | (266,531) | (86,938) |
| Retained earnings | 309,503 | 287,140 | 270,510 |
| Basis difference related to acquisition of commonly controlled entity | (24,993) | (24,993) | (24,993) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (13,181) | (20,703) | (13,603) |
| Total shareholders' equity | \$941,370 | \$904,924 | \$1,065,658 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$1,458,975 | \$1,369,109 | \$1,514,064 |

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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DSW INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
(in thousands)
(unaudited)

| | Number of Shares | | | | | Retained earnings | Basis difference related to acquisition of commonly controlled entity | Accumulated other comprehensive loss | Total |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| | Class A Common Shares | Class B Common Shares | Treasury Shares | Common shares paid in capital | Treasury shares | | | | |
| Balance, January 31, 2015 | 80,666 | 7,733 | 3,036 | \$908,679 | \$(86,938) | \$220,826 | \$(24,993) | \$(6,454) | \$1,011,120 |
| Net income | — | — | — | — | — | 84,976 | — | — | 84,976 |
| Stock-based compensation expense, before related tax effects | — | — | — | 6,729 | — | — | — | — | 6,729 |
| Stock units granted | 31 | — | — | 926 | — | — | — | — | 926 |
| Exercise of stock options | 263 | — | — | 3,431 | — | — | — | — | 3,431 |
| Vesting of restricted stock units, net of settlement of taxes | 51 | — | — | (1,272) | — | — | — | — | (1,272) |
| Excess tax benefits related to stock-based compensation | — | — | — | 2,189 | — | — | — | — | 2,189 |
| Foreign currency translation | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | (6,838) | (6,838) |
| Unrealized net loss on available-for-sale securities (net of taxes of \$6) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | (311) | (311) |
| Dividends paid (\$0.40 per share) | — | — | — | — | — | (35,292) | — | — | (35,292) |
| Balance, August 1, 2015 | 81,011 | 7,733 | 3,036 | \$920,682 | \$(86,938) | \$270,510 | \$(24,993) | \$(13,603) | \$1,065,658 |
| Balance, January 30, 2016 | 74,185 | 7,733 | 10,211 | \$930,011 | \$(266,531) | \$287,140 | \$(24,993) | \$(20,703) | \$904,924 |
| Net income | — | — | — | — | — | 55,046 | — | — | 55,046 |
| Stock-based compensation expense, before related tax effects | — | — | — | 6,326 | — | — | — | — | 6,326 |
| Stock units granted | 52 | — | — | 990 | — | — | — | — | 990 |

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|--|--------|-------|--------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Exercise of stock options | 37 | — | — | 429 | — | — | — | — | 429 |
| Vesting of restricted stock units, net of settlement of taxes | 85 | — | — | (1,104) | — | — | — | — | (1,104) |
| Tax shortfall related to stock-based compensation | — | — | — | (80) | — | — | — | — | (80) |
| Foreign currency translation | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7,246 | 7,246 |
| Unrealized net gain on available-for-sale securities (net of taxes of \$130) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 276 | 276 |
| Dividends paid (\$0.40 per share) | — | — | — | — | — | (32,683) | — | — | (32,683) |
| Balance, July 30, 2016 | 74,359 | 7,733 | 10,211 | \$936,572 | \$(266,531) | \$309,503 | \$(24,993) | \$(13,181) | \$941,370 |

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DSW INC.
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
 (in thousands)
 (unaudited)

| | Six months ended | |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| | July 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$55,046 | \$84,976 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash and equivalents provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 40,389 | 36,712 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 7,316 | 7,655 |
| Deferred income taxes | 1,125 | (1,033) |
| (Income) loss from Town Shoes | (109) | 1,572 |
| Change in fair value of contingent consideration | 3,611 | — |
| Loss on disposal of long-lived assets | 702 | 292 |
| Impairment of long-lived assets | — | 418 |
| Amortization of investment discounts and premiums | 759 | 3,432 |
| Excess tax benefits related to stock-based compensation | — | (2,189) |
| Gain on foreign currency exchange rate | — | (3,305) |
| Change in working capital, assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable, net | (1,842) | 5,811 |
| Inventories | (41,795) | (54,334) |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 7,946 | 9,051 |
| Accounts payable | (17,059) | 17,693 |
| Accrued expenses | 3,256 | 1,984 |
| Other | 1,799 | 5,835 |
| Net cash and equivalents provided by operating activities | \$61,144 | \$114,570 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Cash paid for property and equipment | (51,934) | (50,979) |
| Purchases of available-for-sale investments | (57,484) | (105,572) |
| Sales of available-for-sale investments | 178,980 | 163,808 |
| (Increase) decrease in restricted cash | (467) | 2,385 |
| Payment-in-kind interest from Town Shoes | (6,641) | (4,737) |
| Acquisition of Ebuys | (60,411) | — |
| Net cash and equivalents provided by investing activities | \$2,043 | \$4,905 |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | 429 | 3,431 |
| Cash paid for income taxes for shares withheld | (1,104) | (1,272) |
| Dividends paid | (32,683) | (35,292) |
| Excess tax benefits related to stock-based compensation | — | 2,189 |
| Net cash and equivalents used in financing activities | \$(33,358) | \$(30,944) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash balances | \$— | \$3,305 |
| Net increase in cash and equivalents | 29,829 | 88,531 |

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| Cash and equivalents, beginning of period | 32,495 | 59,171 |
| Cash and equivalents, end of period | \$62,324 | \$151,007 |

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| | Six months ended | |
|--|------------------|-----------|
| | July 30, | August 1, |
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: | | |
| Cash paid during the period for income taxes | \$25,685 | \$43,705 |
| Proceeds from construction and tenant allowances | \$9,179 | \$14,004 |
| Non-cash operating, investing and financing activities: | | |
| Balance of accounts payable and accrued expenses due to property and equipment purchases | \$4,944 | \$8,277 |
| Contingent consideration liability | \$59,611 | \$— |

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

1. BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Business Operations- DSW Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries are herein referred to collectively as DSW Inc. or the “Company”. DSW refers to the DSW segment, which includes DSW stores and dsw.com. DSW Inc. Class A Common Shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol “DSW”. DSW Inc. Class B Common Shares are not listed on a stock exchange but are exchangeable for Class A Common Shares at the election of the shareholder.

DSW Inc. has two reportable segments: the DSW segment, which includes DSW stores and dsw.com, and the Affiliated Business Group (“ABG”) segment. DSW offers a wide assortment of brand name dress, casual and athletic footwear and accessories for women, men and kids. As of July 30, 2016, DSW operated a total of 480 stores located in 42 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and dsw.com. During the six months ended July 30, 2016, DSW opened 13 new DSW stores and closed one DSW store.

DSW Inc., through its ABG segment, also partners with three other retailers to help build and optimize their footwear businesses. As of July 30, 2016, ABG supplied merchandise to 281 Stein Mart stores and Steinmart.com, 103 Gordmans stores and Gordmans.com, and one Frugal Fannie’s store. During the six months ended July 30, 2016, ABG added eight new shoe departments and ceased operations in two shoe departments.

DSW Inc. also has an equity investment in Town Shoes Limited (“Town Shoes”). Town Shoes is the market leader in branded footwear in Canada. As of July 30, 2016, Town Shoes operated 186 locations across Canada primarily under The Shoe Company, Shoe Warehouse, Town Shoes and DSW banners, as well as an e-commerce site. As of July 30, 2016, there are 17 DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse stores in Canada operating under a licensing agreement. See Note 4 for further disclosure on the licensing agreement.

On March 4, 2016, the Company acquired Ebuys, Inc. (“Ebuys”), a leading off price footwear and accessories retailer operating in digital marketplaces. Ebuys sells products to customers located in North America, Europe, Australia and Asia. The transaction supports DSW Inc.’s efforts to grow its market share within footwear and accessories domestically and internationally.

Basis of Presentation- The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with DSW Inc.’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 24, 2016 (the “2015 Annual Report”). In the opinion of management, the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, which are necessary to present fairly the condensed consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements include the accounts of DSW Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. All amounts are in United States dollars (“USD”), unless otherwise noted.

Prior Period Reclassification- Certain prior period disclosure amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation. Intangible assets are no longer included in other assets and are presented separately in the Company’s balance sheets. Software is no longer included in furniture, fixtures and equipment and is presented separately in the property, plant and equipment footnote (Note 10).

2. ACQUISITION AND EQUITY METHOD INVESTMENT

Town Shoes- On May 12, 2014, DSW Inc. acquired a 49.2% ownership interest in Town Shoes for \$75.1 million Canadian dollars ("CAD") (\$68.9 million USD) at the purchase date. As of July 30, 2016, DSW Inc.'s ownership interest is 46.3%. The dilution of the Company's ownership is due to Town Shoes' employee exercise of stock options. DSW Inc.'s initial stake provides 50% voting control and board representation equal to the co-investor.

Additionally, the Town Shoe co-investor holds the option to sell the remaining portion of the company in fiscal 2017 to DSW Inc., and for the subsequent two years. DSW Inc. holds the option to purchase the remaining portion of the company in fiscal 2018, and for the subsequent two years, if the Town Shoe co-investor has not exercised their put option. DSW Inc. purchased \$100 million CAD during the first quarter of fiscal 2015 (approximately \$79 million USD at purchase date) to take advantage of the strength of the dollar and in anticipation of funding the future purchase of the remaining interest in Town Shoes. The funds are also available to fund other business opportunities or return to U.S. operations, if needed. As this was a cash transaction, the gains or losses related to the purchase of the CAD were recorded in the consolidated statement of operations. During the first quarter of fiscal 2015, the Company recorded \$3.3 million in foreign currency exchange gains related to the

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purchase of CAD within non-operating income. The Company invested the CAD in available-for-sale securities in the second quarter of fiscal 2015. The accumulated comprehensive loss was impacted by an increase of \$2.9 million for the three months ended July 30, 2016 and a decrease of \$5.3 million for the six months ended July 30, 2016.

Ebuys- On March 4, 2016, the Company acquired Ebuys, a digital marketplace and accessories retailer, for a total purchase price of \$116.4 million. In addition to cash consideration of \$62.5 million, less adjustments for working capital, the purchase price includes future payments that are contingent upon the achievement of specified milestones. The Company will revalue its contingent consideration obligation of \$56.0 million each reporting period. Since the acquisition date, Ebuys has recognized revenues of \$34.7 million, which is included in the consolidated statement of operations. Goodwill was calculated as the excess of the consideration paid over the net assets recognized and represents the future economic benefits expected to arise from other assets acquired that could not be individually identified and separately recognized. Goodwill related to this acquisition is deductible for income tax purposes.

The purchase price allocation for the Ebuys acquisition is preliminary and subject to change based on the finalization of the detailed valuations. The following table represents the estimate of the allocation of the purchase price (in thousands):

| | Preliminary Purchase Price Allocation as of March 4, 2016 | Adjustments | Updated Preliminary Purchase Price Allocation as of July 30, 2016 |
|--|---|-------------|---|
| Accounts and other receivables | \$ 1,623 | \$ (361) | \$ 1,262 |
| Inventory | 30,152 | 251 | 30,403 |
| Other current assets | 191 | — | 191 |
| Property and equipment | 1,221 | 22 | 1,243 |
| Goodwill | 54,785 | 359 | 55,144 |
| Other intangible assets | 41,301 | (200) | 41,101 |
| Accounts payable and other long-term liabilities | (12,862) | (71) | (12,933) |
| Total preliminary purchase price | \$ 116,411 | \$ — | \$ 116,411 |

The preliminary fair value of intangible assets of \$41.1 million includes \$5.7 million for non-compete agreements, \$24.4 million for customer and online retailer relationships, and \$11.0 million for trade names.

Per Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 805, Business Combinations, the acquirer shall disclose pro-forma financial information as though the business combination had occurred as of the beginning of the comparable prior annual reporting period. For the acquisition of Ebuys in March 2016, pro-forma information was not practicable to obtain as of the time that financial statements were ready for issuance.

In connection with the acquisition of Ebuys, the Company adopted or updated the following significant accounting policies:

Business Combinations- In accordance with ASC Topic 805, Business Combinations, the Company recognizes assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business combinations, including contingent assets and liabilities, based on fair value estimates as of the date of acquisition. The purchase price allocation process requires management to make

significant estimates and assumptions with respect to the fair value of any intangible assets acquired, deferred revenues assumed, or contingent consideration within the arrangement. Unanticipated events and circumstances may occur which may affect the accuracy or validity of such assumptions or estimates.

Contingent Consideration- The Company agreed to pay additional amounts to the sellers contingent upon achievement of certain negotiated goals. The Company has recognized a liability for this contingent obligation based on its estimated fair value at the date of acquisition with any differences between the acquisition-date fair value and the ultimate settlement of the obligation being recognized as an adjustment to income from operations. For the three and six months ended July 30, 2016, the change in fair value of contingent consideration was \$2.2 million and \$3.6 million, respectively, which is recognized within the statement of operations.

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Inventories- Merchandise inventories for Ebuys are accounted for using the cost method, where the cost is based on invoice cost.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

A description of the Company's significant accounting policies is included in the 2015 Annual Report.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") and the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") released Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-09 on the recognition of revenue from contracts with customers that is designed to create greater comparability for financial statement users across industries and jurisdictions. The standard will take effect for public companies for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim reporting periods. The Company has completed an assessment identifying areas of impact for the business, including the Company's loyalty program and co-branded credit card. The Company is currently assessing and evaluating these results and developing an implementation plan, as well as evaluating the transition methods for adoption of the standard.

In April 2015, the FASB released ASU 2015-05 to provide guidance to customers concerning whether a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license. Under this new standard, (1) if a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license, the software license element of the arrangement should be accounted for in a manner consistent with the acquisition of other software licenses, or, (2) if the arrangement does not include a software license, the arrangement should be accounted for as a service contract. The standard took effect for public companies for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim reporting periods. The Company has adopted the new standard and is applying the new guidance prospectively.

In January 2016, the FASB released ASU 2016-01, which aims to improve and achieve convergence of the FASB and IASB standards on the accounting for financial instruments. The ASU will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years. An entity should apply the amendments by means of a cumulative-effect adjustment to the balance sheet as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption. The amendments related to equity securities without readily determinable fair values (including disclosure requirements) should be applied prospectively to equity investments that exist as of the date of adoption. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the standard on its financial statements and disclosures.

In February 2016, the FASB released ASU 2016-02, which will increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet. The standard will take effect for public companies for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim reporting periods. Early application will be permitted for all entities upon issuance of the final standard. In addition, the FASB has decided to require a lessee to apply a modified retrospective transition approach for capital and operating leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements (the date of initial application). The modified retrospective approach would not require any transition accounting for leases that expired before the date of initial application. The FASB decided to not permit a full retrospective transition approach. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the standard on its financial statements and disclosures.

In March 2016, the FASB released ASU 2016-07, which will eliminate the requirement that when an investment qualifies for use of the equity method as a result of an increase in the level of ownership interest or degree of influence, an investor must adjust the investment, results of operations and retained earnings retroactively on a step-by-step basis as if the equity method had been in effect during all previous periods that the investment had been held. The ASU will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim reporting periods. The update should be applied prospectively upon effective date to increases in the level of ownership interest or degree of influence that result in the adoption of the equity method. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the standard on its financial statements and disclosures.

In March 2016, the FASB released ASU 2016-09, which simplifies the guidance surrounding several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows. The standard will take effect for public companies for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim reporting periods. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the standard on its financial statements and disclosures.

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4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Schottenstein Affiliates- As of July 30, 2016, the Schottenstein Affiliates (entities owned or controlled by Jay L. Schottenstein, the executive chairman of the DSW Inc. Board of Directors, and members of his family) beneficially owned approximately 18% of outstanding DSW Inc. Common Shares, representing approximately 51% of the combined voting power of outstanding DSW Inc. Common Shares. As of July 30, 2016, the Schottenstein Affiliates beneficially owned 7.2 million Class A Common Shares and 7.7 million Class B Common Shares.

The Company leases its fulfillment center and certain store locations owned by Schottenstein Affiliates and purchases services and products from Schottenstein Affiliates. Accounts receivable from and payable to affiliates principally result from commercial transactions or affiliate transactions and normally settle in the form of cash in 30 to 60 days. Related party balances are disclosed on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

License Agreement with Town Shoes- DSW Shoe Warehouse, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of DSW Inc., licenses the use of its trade name and trademark, DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse, to its equity investee, Town Shoes, for a fee calculated as of a fixed percent of sales. The license is exclusive and non-transferable for use in Canada. Town Shoes pays DSW Inc. a percentage of net sales from its Canadian DSW stores on a monthly basis. The Canadian DSW stores operate in a manner similar to DSW stores in the United States and are required to maintain the standards and specifications that DSW uses to operate its own stores. DSW Inc. classifies the royalty fee as net sales.

5. EARNINGS PER SHARE AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Earnings per Share- Basic earnings per share is based on net income and a simple weighted average of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution of common shares adjusted for outstanding stock options, restricted stock units ("RSUs") and performance-based restricted stock units ("PSUs") calculated using the treasury stock method.

The following table is a reconciliation of the number of shares used in the calculation of diluted earnings per share computations for the periods presented:

| | Three months ended | | Six months ended | |
|--|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| | July 30, August 1, | | July 30, August 1, | |
| | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Weighted average shares outstanding | 82,053 | 88,713 | 82,003 | 88,619 |
| Assumed exercise of dilutive stock options | 392 | 756 | 442 | 807 |
| Assumed exercise of dilutive RSUs and PSUs | 210 | 224 | 246 | 234 |
| Number of shares for computation of diluted earnings per share | 82,655 | 89,693 | 82,691 | 89,660 |

Options, RSUs and PSUs- The number of potential common shares that were not included in the computation of dilutive earnings per share because the effect would be anti-dilutive was approximately 3.6 million and 2.0 million for the three months ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015, respectively, and 3.3 million and 1.5 million for the six months ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015, respectively.

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6. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The DSW Inc. 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("the 2014 Plan") provides for the issuance of equity awards to purchase up to 8.5 million DSW Inc. Common Shares. The Company began issuing shares under the 2014 Plan after the DSW Inc. 2005 Equity Incentive Plan expired in the second quarter of fiscal 2015. The 2014 Plan covers stock options, RSUs, PSUs, director stock units ("DSUs") and stock appreciation rights ("SARs"). Eligible recipients include key employees of DSW Inc. and affiliates, as well as directors. Options generally vest 20% per year on a cumulative basis. Options granted under the 2014 Plan generally remain exercisable for a period of ten years from the date of grant.

Stock-Based Compensation Expense- The following table summarizes stock-based compensation expense:

| | Six months ended July 30, August 1, 2016 2015 | |
|--|--|----------|
| | (in thousands) | |
| Stock options | \$3,224 | \$ 3,626 |
| Restricted stock units | 1,870 | 1,401 |
| Performance-based restricted stock units | 1,232 | 1,702 |
| Director stock units | 990 | 926 |
| Total | \$7,316 | \$ 7,655 |

Stock Options, RSUs, PSUs and DSUs- The following table summarizes all stock-based compensation activity:

| | Six months ended July 30, 2016 | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Stock Options | RSUs | PSUs | DSUs |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Outstanding, beginning of period | 3,849 | 372 | 293 | 305 |
| Granted | 835 | 181 | 112 | 52 |
| Exercised/units vested | (37) | (83) | (133) | (58) |
| Forfeited | (251) | (51) | (27) | — |
| Outstanding, end of period | 4,396 | 419 | 245 | 299 |
| Exercisable, end of period | 2,388 | — | — | — |

The following table summarizes the total compensation cost related to nonvested shares not yet recognized and the weighted average expense recognition period remaining (amounts in thousands):

| | Six months ended July 30, 2016 | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Stock Options | RSUs | PSUs |
| Unrecognized compensation cost | \$14,781 | \$8,201 | \$4,952 |
| Weighted average expense recognition period | 2.2 years | 2.0 years | 2.1 years |

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The following table illustrates the weighted average assumptions used in the Black-Scholes pricing model for options granted in each of the periods presented:

| Assumptions: | Six months ended | |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| | July 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 |
| Risk-free interest rate | 1.5% | 1.4% |
| Expected volatility of DSW Inc. Common Shares | 36.0% | 37.9% |
| Expected option term | 5.4 years | 5.1 years |
| Dividend yield | 3.0% | 2.1% |
| Other Data: | | |
| Weighted average grant date fair value | \$6.59 | \$10.22 |

Stock Appreciation Rights- DSW Inc. entered into a SARs agreement with a non-employee on June 16, 2014, wherein DSW Inc. granted a total of 0.5 million SARs in two equal tranches with respect to DSW Class A Common Shares. During the three and six months ended August 1, 2015, DSW Inc. recorded a benefit of \$1.9 million and expense of \$1.6 million, respectively. During the three months ended April 30, 2016 DSW Inc. recorded a benefit of \$0.3 million. The unexercised SARs expired in June 2016, and the Company reversed the remaining liability of \$0.3 million.

7. INVESTMENTS

For the available-for-sale bonds and term notes, the carrying value, plus any unrealized gains or losses, equals the fair value. The unrealized holding gains or losses for the available-for-sale securities are reported in other comprehensive income. The Company accounts for its purchases and sales of investments on the trade date of the investment. The classification of available-for-sale securities is based on management's intention of the use of the investments. The Company used a portion of these investments for its acquisition of Ebuys (see Note 2 for additional discussion on the acquisition of Ebuys).

The following table discloses the major categories of the Company's investments as of the dates presented:

| | Short-term investments | | | Long-term investments | | |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | July 30, 2016 | January 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 | July 30, 2016 | January 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 |
| | (in thousands) | | | | | |
| Available-for-sale securities: | | | | | | |
| Carrying value | \$ 103,051 | \$ 225,985 | \$ 140,778 | \$ 78,068 | \$ 72,153 | \$ 179,659 |
| Unrealized gains included in accumulated other comprehensive loss | 455 | 477 | 91 | 33 | 22 | 14 |
| Unrealized losses included in accumulated other comprehensive loss | (39) | (435) | (48) | (200) | (222) | (368) |
| Total investments | \$ 103,467 | \$ 226,027 | \$ 140,821 | \$ 77,901 | \$ 71,953 | \$ 179,305 |

8. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Therefore, fair value is a market-based measurement based on assumptions of the market participants. As a basis for these assumptions, the Company classifies its fair value measurements under the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 inputs are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that are publicly accessible. Active markets have frequent transactions with enough volume to provide ongoing pricing information. Level 2 inputs are other than level 1 inputs that are directly or indirectly observable. These can include unadjusted quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in inactive markets or other observable inputs. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs.

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Financial Assets and Liabilities- The following table presents financial assets and liabilities at fair value as of the dates presented:

| | July 30, 2016 | | | | January 30, 2016 | | | | August 1, 2015 ⁽¹⁾ | | |
|--|----------------|----------|-----------|----------|------------------|----------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 |
| | (in thousands) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Financial assets: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and equivalents | \$62,324 | \$62,324 | — | — | \$32,495 | \$32,495 | — | — | \$151,007 | \$151,007 | — |
| Short-term investments ^(a) | 103,467 | 120 | \$103,347 | — | 226,027 | 2,127 | \$223,900 | — | 140,821 | — | \$140,821 |
| Long-term investments ^(a) | 77,901 | 314 | 77,587 | — | 71,953 | 181 | 71,772 | — | 179,305 | — | 179,305 |
| Cost method investments ^(b) | 7,250 | — | — | \$7,250 | 6,000 | — | — | \$6,000 | — | — | — |
| Note receivable from Town Shoes ^(c) | 43,640 | — | 43,640 | — | 33,311 | — | 33,311 | — | 44,627 | — | 44,627 |
| Total financial assets | \$294,582 | \$62,758 | \$224,574 | \$7,250 | \$369,786 | \$34,803 | \$328,983 | \$6,000 | \$515,760 | \$151,007 | \$364,753 |
| Financial liabilities: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stock appreciation rights ^(d) | — | — | — | — | \$561 | — | \$561 | — | \$3,380 | — | \$3,380 |
| Contingent consideration ^(e) | \$59,611 | — | — | \$59,611 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total financial liabilities | \$59,611 | \$— | \$— | \$59,611 | \$561 | \$— | \$561 | \$— | \$3,380 | \$— | \$3,380 |

(1) There were no Level 3 measurements as of August 1, 2015.

(a) Short-term and long-term investments are valued using a market-based approach using Level 2 inputs such as prices of similar assets in active markets.

(b) Cost method investments are valued using Level 3 inputs. The fair value approximates the carrying value as there have been no triggering events that would indicate impairment.

(c) The Company estimated the fair value of the note receivable based upon current interest rates offered on similar instruments. The change in fair value is based on the change in comparable rates on similar instruments. Based on the Company's intention and ability to hold the note until maturity or the exercise of the put/call option (see Note 2), the carrying value is not other-than-temporarily impaired.

(d) Stock appreciation rights are valued using the Black-Scholes model. See Note 6 for further disclosure on SARs.

(e) Included in the Level 3 liabilities is the contingent consideration liability related to the Company's acquisition of Ebuys. The liability is adjusted to fair value each reporting period. The categorization of the framework used to price the liability is considered Level 3 due to the subjective nature of the unobservable inputs used to determine the fair value.

Level 3 Measurements- Financial assets and liabilities are considered Level 3 when the fair values are determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques and at least one significant model assumption or input is unobservable.

The following table presents activity related to Level 3 fair value measurements for cost method investments for the periods presented:

| | Fiscal period ended | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | July 30, 2016 | January 30, 2016 |
| | (in thousands) | |
| Carrying value, beginning of period | \$6,000 | — |
| Additional cost method investment | 1,250 | \$ 6,000 |
| Carrying value, end of period | \$7,250 | \$ 6,000 |

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The following table presents activity related to Level 3 fair value measurements for DSW Inc.'s contingent consideration liability for the period presented:

| | Six months ended July 30, 2016 (in thousands) |
|---|--|
| Balance, acquisition date of contingent consideration | \$ 56,000 |
| Change in fair value of contingent consideration | 3,611 |
| Balance, end of period | \$ 59,611 |

Non-Financial Assets- The Company evaluates the carrying amount of its long-lived assets, primarily property and equipment, and finite-lived intangible assets when events and circumstances warrant such a review to ascertain if any assets have been impaired. For the six months ended July 30, 2016, there was no impairment. For the six months ended August 1, 2015, there was a full impairment related to one store in the ABG segment of \$0.4 million, recorded in cost of sales, where the future expected cash flows would not recover the carrying amount of its long-lived assets.

9. DEBT OBLIGATIONS

The Company has a \$100 million Secured Credit Facility and a \$50 million Letter of Credit Agreement, which are described more fully in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2016. As of July 30, 2016, January 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015, the Company had no outstanding borrowings or letters of credit under the Credit Facility with availability of \$100 million, \$100 million and \$50 million, respectively. As of July 30, 2016, January 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015, the Company had \$7.9 million, \$7.1 million and \$8.5 million, respectively, in outstanding letters of credit under the Letter of Credit Agreement, and \$8.1 million, \$7.7 million and \$9.1 million, respectively, in restricted cash on deposit as collateral under the Letter of Credit Agreement. The restricted cash balance is recorded in prepaid expenses and other current assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

10. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

The balance sheet caption "Property and equipment, net" was comprised of the following as of the periods presented:

| | July 30, 2016 | January 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 |
|--|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | (in thousands) | | |
| Land | \$1,110 | \$1,110 | \$1,110 |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment | 404,626 | 385,780 | 357,255 |
| Software | 131,675 | 120,567 | 114,351 |
| Buildings, building and leasehold improvements | 394,702 | 385,861 | 368,976 |
| Total property and equipment | 932,113 | 893,318 | 841,692 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (552,470) | (519,077) | (487,215) |
| Property and equipment, net | \$379,643 | \$374,241 | \$354,477 |

11. ACCRUED EXPENSES

The balance sheet caption "Accrued expenses" was comprised of the following as of the periods presented:

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July 30, January 30, August 1,
2016 2016 2015

(in thousands)

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Gift cards and merchandise credits | \$38,062 | \$ 43,446 | \$35,373 |
| Compensation | 15,184 | 8,042 | 15,862 |
| Taxes | 18,887 | 17,004 | 17,389 |
| Customer loyalty program | 11,401 | 10,084 | 15,113 |
| Other accrued expenses ⁽¹⁾ | 31,658 | 29,224 | 29,729 |
| Total accrued expenses | \$115,192 | \$ 107,800 | \$113,466 |

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(1) Other accrued expenses is comprised of deferred revenue, sales return allowance, stock appreciation rights and various other accrued expenses, including advertising, professional fees and rent.

12. NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

The balance sheet caption "Non-current liabilities" was comprised of the following as of the periods presented:

| | July 30, 2016 | January 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 |
|--|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | (in thousands) | | |
| Construction and tenant allowances | \$89,460 | \$ 86,777 | \$88,998 |
| Deferred rent | 37,814 | 37,650 | 37,852 |
| Other non-current liabilities ⁽¹⁾ | 16,288 | 16,332 | 17,179 |
| Total non-current liabilities | \$ 143,562 | \$ 140,759 | \$ 144,029 |

(1) Other non-current liabilities is comprised of a reserve for a lease of an office facility assumed in the merger with Retail Ventures, Inc. ("RVI"), income tax reserves and deferred compensation. As of July 30, 2016, the accrual related to the office facility was \$8.6 million.

13. SEGMENT REPORTING

The Company's operating segments are the DSW segment, which includes DSW stores and dsw.com, the ABG segment and Other, which includes Ebuys. The Company has identified such segments based on internal management reporting and responsibilities and measures segment profit as gross profit, which is defined as net sales less cost of sales. All operations are located in the United States and its territories. As of July 30, 2016, the goodwill balance of \$81.0 million is made up of \$25.9 million recorded in the DSW segment (consistent with prior periods) and \$55.1 million recorded in Other related to Ebuys.

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| | DSW segment | ABG segment | Other ⁽¹⁾ | Total |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|
| (in thousands) | | | | |
| Three months ended July 30, 2016 | | | | |
| Net sales | \$603,927 | \$35,446 | \$19,571 | \$658,944 |
| Gross profit | 177,885 | 7,217 | 1,759 | 186,861 |
| Capital expenditures | 25,908 | 145 | 14 | 26,067 |
| Three months ended August 1, 2015 | | | | |
| Net sales | \$592,583 | \$34,623 | \$— | \$627,206 |
| Gross profit | 184,738 | 6,564 | — | 191,302 |
| Capital expenditures | 26,338 | 111 | — | 26,449 |
| Six months ended July 30, 2016 | | | | |
| Net sales | \$1,226,959 | \$78,585 | \$34,667 | \$1,340,211 |
| Gross profit | 369,304 | 18,030 | 3,884 | 391,218 |
| Capital expenditures | 43,258 | 469 | 14 | 43,741 |
| Six months ended August 1, 2015 | | | | |
| Net sales | \$1,204,794 | \$77,898 | \$— | \$1,282,692 |
| Gross profit | 388,800 | 15,560 | — | 404,360 |
| Capital expenditures | 53,573 | 218 | — | 53,791 |
| Total Assets | | | | |
| As of July 30, 2016 | \$1,077,789 | \$112,541 | \$268,645 | \$1,458,975 |
| As of January 30, 2016 | 1,126,179 | 105,259 | 137,671 | 1,369,109 |
| As of August 1, 2015 | 1,254,349 | 116,453 | 143,262 | 1,514,064 |

(1) Other includes assets, liabilities and expenses of the former RVI (see Note 15), the Company's investment in Town Shoes and Ebuys (see Note 2).

14. INCOME TAXES

The provision for income taxes is based on the current estimate of the annual effective tax rate and is adjusted as necessary for quarterly events. The effective tax rate reflects the impact of federal, state and local, and foreign taxes, as well as tax on the income or loss from Town Shoes. The effective tax rate for the three and six months ended July 30, 2016 is 38.6% and 38.7%, respectively. The effective tax rate for the three and six months ended August 1, 2015 was 37.4% and 37.8%, respectively.

15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Legal Proceedings- The Company is involved in various legal proceedings that are incidental to the conduct of its business. Although it is not possible to predict with certainty the eventual outcome of any litigation, in the opinion of management, the amount of any potential liability with respect to current legal proceedings will not be material to results of operations or financial condition. As additional information becomes available, the Company will assess the potential liability related to its pending litigation and revise the estimates as needed.

Merger with Retail Ventures, Inc. ("the Merger")- As of the effective time of the Merger, a subsidiary of DSW Inc. assumed the obligations under RVI's guarantees related to discontinued operations. DSW Inc. may become subject to various risks related to guarantees and in certain circumstances may be responsible for certain other liabilities related to these discontinued operations. In the first quarter of fiscal 2015, the Company recorded a \$2.0 million benefit from the final distribution from the bankruptcy debtor's estates related to Filene's Basement's bankruptcy in 2011 within the consolidated statement of operations.

Contractual Obligations- As of July 30, 2016, the Company has entered into various construction commitments, including capital items to be purchased for projects that were under construction, or for which a lease has been signed. The Company's

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obligations under these commitments were \$5.8 million as of July 30, 2016. In addition, the Company has signed lease agreements for 28 new DSW store locations, expected to be opened in fiscal 2016 and 2017, with total annualized rent of \$7.9 million. In connection with the new lease agreements, the Company will receive a total of \$11.5 million of construction and tenant allowance reimbursements for expenditures at these locations.

16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Dividends- On August 30, 2016, DSW Inc.'s Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend payment of \$0.20 per share. The dividend will be paid on September 30, 2016 to shareholders of record at the close of business on September 16, 2016. The payment of any future dividends is at the discretion of the Board of Directors and is based on future earnings, cash flow, financial condition, capital requirements, changes in taxation laws, general economic condition and any other relevant factors.

International Franchise Agreement- On August 2, 2016, DSW Inc. signed an agreement with Apparel Group as an exclusive franchise partner in the Middle East. The agreement will expand DSW by up to 40 stores across the territory, both in malls and on high street locations, with the first stores opening in fiscal 2017.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

All references to “we,” “us,” “our,” or the “Company” in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q mean DSW Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries. DSW refers to the DSW segment, which includes DSW stores and dsw.com. DSW Inc. Class A Common Shares are listed for trading under the ticker symbol “DSW” on the New York Stock Exchange.

Company Overview

DSW is the destination for fabulous brands at a great value every single day. With a breathtaking assortment of shoes, handbags and accessories for women, men and kids in 480 stores nationwide and on dsw.com, DSW strives to delight customers with finding the perfect shoe at an incredible price. Our DSW stores average approximately 21,000 square feet and carry approximately 23,000 pairs of shoes. In addition, our DSW Rewards loyalty program means shopping comes with perks; members earn points towards certificates every time they purchase. We believe this combination of assortment, convenience and value differentiates us from our competitors and appeals to consumers from a broad range of socioeconomic and demographic backgrounds.

As a segment of DSW Inc., the Affiliated Business Group (“ABG”) partners with multi-category retailers to develop strategies and business models for targeted shoe assortments. ABG provides service to 385 store locations and two e-commerce channels through leased partnerships with Stein Mart, Gordmans and Frugal Fannie's.

DSW Inc. also has an equity investment in Town Shoes Limited (“Town Shoes”). Town Shoes is the market leader in branded footwear in Canada, with sales of approximately \$160 million CAD for the six months ended the second quarter of fiscal 2016. As of July 30, 2016, Town Shoes operated 186 locations across Canada, primarily under The Shoe Company, Shoe Warehouse, Town Shoes and DSW banners, as well as an e-commerce site. In 2014, DSW Inc. entered into a licensing agreement with Town Shoes, which allows Town Shoes to use the DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse trade name for their new larger concept Canadian stores. As of July 30, 2016, there are 17 DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse stores in Canada.

On March 4, 2016, the Company acquired Ebuys, Inc. (“Ebuys”), a leading off price footwear and accessories retailer operating in digital marketplaces. Ebuys sells products to customers located in North America, Europe, Australia and Asia. The transaction supports DSW Inc.’s efforts to grow its market share within footwear and accessories domestically and internationally.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information for Purposes of the “Safe Harbor” Provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

Some of the statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contain forward-looking statements which reflect our current views with respect to, among other things, future events and financial performance. Such forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as “outlook,” “believes,” “expects,” “potential,” “continues,” “may,” “should,” “seeks,” “approximately,” “predicts,” “intends,” “plans,” “estimates,” “anticipates” or the negative of those words or other comparable words. Any forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are based upon current plans, estimates, expectations and assumptions relating to our operations, results of operations, financial condition, growth strategy and liquidity. The inclusion of this forward-looking information should not be regarded as a representation by us or any other person that the future plans, estimates or expectations contemplated by us will be achieved. Such forward-looking statements are subject to numerous risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. In addition to those factors described under “Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors,” in our Form 10-K filed on March 24, 2016 and within this Form 10-Q, some important factors that could cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those discussed in forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- our success in opening and operating new stores on a timely and profitable basis;
- maintaining strong relationships with our vendors;
- our ability to anticipate and respond to fashion trends;
- our success in meeting customer expectations;
- disruption of our distribution and/or fulfillment operations;
- continuation of agreements and the financial condition of our affiliated business and international partners;
- fluctuation of our comparable sales and quarterly financial performance;
- risks related to our information systems and data;
- failure to retain our key executives or attract qualified new personnel;
- our competitiveness with respect to style, price, brand availability and customer service;
- our reliance on our DSW Rewards program and marketing to drive traffic, sales and customer loyalty;
- uncertain general economic conditions;
- our reliance on foreign sources for merchandise and risks inherent to international trade;

- risks related to our handling of sensitive and confidential data;
- risks related to leases of our properties;
- risks related to prior and current acquisitions;
- foreign currency exchange risk; and
- risks related to our cash and investments.

If one or more of these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results, performance or achievements may vary materially from what we have projected. Furthermore, new factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict all such factors, nor can management assess the impact of any such factor on the business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, and, except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Results of Operations

The following table includes selected components of our results of operations, expressed as percentages of net sales:

| | Three months ended | | Six months ended | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | July 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 | July 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 |
| Net sales | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Cost of sales | (71.6) | (69.5) | (70.8) | (68.5) |
| Gross profit | 28.4 | 30.5 | 29.2 | 31.5 |
| Operating expenses | (22.0) | (21.0) | (22.3) | (21.1) |
| Change in fair value of contingent consideration | (0.4) | — | (0.3) | — |
| Operating profit | 6.0 | 9.5 | 6.6 | 10.4 |
| Interest income, net | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Non-operating income (expense) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Income before income taxes and income (loss) from Town Shoes | 6.1 | 9.6 | 6.7 | 10.8 |
| Income tax provision | (2.4) | (3.6) | (2.6) | (4.1) |
| Income (loss) from Town Shoes | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | (0.1) |
| Net income | 3.8% | 6.0% | 4.1% | 6.6% |

Overview. Our reported net income for the six months ended July 30, 2016 was \$55.0 million, or \$0.67 per diluted share, including pre-tax charges of \$8.4 million, or \$0.06 per share, from purchase accounting, transaction costs and fair market value accounting charges related to the Ebuys acquisition, and \$2.7 million, or \$0.02 per share, from restructuring costs. This compares against last year's net income of \$85.0 million, or \$0.95 per diluted share.

THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JULY 30, 2016 COMPARED TO THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 1, 2015

Net Sales. Net sales for the second quarter of fiscal 2016 increased 5.1% compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2015. Net sales for the six months ended July 30, 2016 increased 4.5% compared to the six months ended August 1, 2015. The following table summarizes the net change in our net sales (in millions):

| | Three months ended | Six months ended |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | | |

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July 30, July 30,
2016 2016

(in millions)

| | | |
|---|---------|-----------|
| Net sales for the same period last year | \$627.2 | \$1,282.7 |
| Decrease in comparable sales | (7.4) | (17.6) |
| Increase due to Ebuys sales | 19.6 | 34.7 |
| Net increase from non-comparable and closed store sales | 19.5 | 40.4 |
| Net sales for the current period | \$658.9 | \$1,340.2 |

The following table summarizes our net sales by segment and in total:

| | Three months ended | | Six months ended | |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|
| | July 30, | August 1, | July 30, | August 1, |
| | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| DSW segment | \$603,927 | \$592,583 | \$1,226,959 | \$1,204,794 |
| ABG segment | 35,446 | 34,623 | 78,585 | 77,898 |
| Other ⁽¹⁾ | 19,571 | — | 34,667 | — |
| Total DSW Inc. | \$658,944 | \$627,206 | \$1,340,211 | \$1,282,692 |

(1) Other represents net sales for Ebuys.

The following table summarizes our comparable sales change by reportable segment and in total:

| | Three months ended | | Six months ended | |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| | July 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 | July 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 |
| DSW segment | (1.2)% | 1.9% | (1.3)% | 3.5% |
| ABG segment | (1.0)% | 0.7% | (2.3)% | 3.1% |
| Total DSW Inc. | (1.2)% | 1.8% | (1.4)% | 3.5% |

Our increase in total net sales for the three and six months ended July 30, 2016 was driven by the DSW segment and incremental sales from the acquisition of Ebuys. For the three and six months ended July 30, 2016, transactions for the DSW segment increased in the low single digits, offset by a low single digit decline in average dollar sales.

Sales for the ABG segment remained relatively flat for the three and six months ended July 30, 2016, while revenue from our Ebuys acquisition (included in Other above) contributed \$19.6 million and \$34.7 million for the three and six months ended July 30, 2016, respectively.

For the second quarter of fiscal 2016, the combined athletic and non-athletic comparable sales for men and women was consistent with the DSW segment, led by the demand for athletic footwear. During the second quarter of fiscal 2016, we introduced a new kids assortment in approximately half the chain after a successful pilot.

Gross Profit. Gross profit is defined as net sales less cost of sales. Gross profit decreased as a percentage of net sales to 28.4% in the second quarter of fiscal 2016 from 30.5% in the second quarter of fiscal 2015. Gross profit decreased as a percentage of net sales to 29.2% for the six months ended July 30, 2016 from 31.5% for the six months ended August 1, 2015. By segment and in total, gross profit as a percentage of net sales was:

| | Three months ended | | Six months ended | |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| | July 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 | July 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 |
| DSW segment | 29.5% | 31.2% | 30.1% | 32.3% |
| ABG segment | 20.4% | 19.0% | 22.9% | 20.0% |
| Other ⁽¹⁾ | 9.0% | —% | 11.2% | —% |
| Total DSW Inc. | 28.4% | 30.5% | 29.2% | 31.5% |

(1) Other represents gross profit attributable to Ebuys.

The reconciliation of each segment's merchandise margin (as described below under "Non-GAAP Measures", is a measure not under generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP")) to gross profit (the most comparable GAAP measure) as a percentage of net sales is provided below:

| | Three months ended | | Six months ended | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|--|
| | July 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 | July 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 | |
| DSW segment gross profit | 29.5% | 31.2% | 30.1% | 32.3% | |
| Store occupancy expense | 11.5% | 11.3% | 11.2% | 10.8% | |
| Distribution and fulfillment expenses | 2.1% | 2.0% | 2.2% | 2.0% | |
| DSW segment merchandise margin | 43.1% | 44.5% | 43.5% | 45.1% | |
| ABG segment gross profit | 20.4% | 19.0% | 22.9% | 20.0% | |
| Occupancy fees | 20.2% | 19.9% | 20.3% | 22.3% | |
| Distribution and fulfillment expenses | 1.1% | 1.1% | 1.1% | 1.1% | |
| ABG segment merchandise margin | 41.7% | 40.0% | 44.3% | 43.4% | |
| Other gross profit ⁽¹⁾ | 9.0% | —% | 11.2% | —% | |
| Marketplace fees | 12.0% | —% | 11.5% | —% | |
| Distribution and fulfillment expenses | 13.0% | —% | 11.5% | —% | |
| Other merchandise margin | 34.0% | —% | 34.2% | —% | |

(1) Other represents gross profit attributable to Ebuys.

Gross profit for the second quarter of fiscal 2016 decreased 210 basis points as a percentage of net sales primarily driven by lower initial markup and higher marketing markdowns. Occupancy costs were relatively flat while distribution and fulfillment costs deleveraged due to higher fulfillment costs. Gross profit for our ABG segment increased for the second quarter of fiscal 2016 primarily as a result of last year's impairment charges.

Gross profit for the six months ended July 30, 2016 decreased 230 basis points as a percentage of net sales primarily due to lower initial markup from category mix and sharper pricing, as well as higher markdowns. Occupancy, distribution and fulfillment costs deleveraged due to a higher mix of digital sales and higher fulfillment costs. Gross profit for our ABG segment increased for the six months ended July 30, 2016 primarily as a result of last year's impairment charges. Other represents gross profit attributable to Ebuys.

Operating Expenses. Reported operating expenses as a percentage of net sales was 22.0% and 21.0% for the second quarter of fiscal 2016 and fiscal 2015, respectively, and 22.3% and 21.1% for the six months ended July 30, 2016 and the August 1, 2015, respectively. The deleverage for both periods was driven by higher marketing and technology expenses, as well as purchase accounting and transaction costs related to the Ebuys acquisition.

Change in Fair Value of Contingent Consideration. For the three and six months ended July 30, 2016, the change in fair value of contingent consideration was \$2.2 million and \$3.6 million, respectively, due to the passage of time. The consideration for our acquisition of Ebuys includes future payments that are contingent upon the achievement of specified milestones. We will revalue our contingent consideration obligation each reporting period. The change in the fair value of contingent consideration is recognized within our statement of operations.

Interest Income, Net. Interest income, net, for the three and six months ended July 30, 2016 decreased \$0.1 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, compared to the three and six months ended August 1, 2015 due to lower cash and investments. The lower cash balance reflects our investment in Ebuys last quarter and our share repurchases last year.

Non-operating Income (Expense). DSW Inc. reported a foreign currency gain of \$3.3 million related to the purchase of \$100 million CAD in the first quarter of fiscal 2015. The CAD was invested during the second quarter of fiscal 2015 and any foreign exchange gains/losses are recorded in other comprehensive income. Non-operating income (expense) also includes realized capital gains/losses related to the Company's investment portfolio.

Income Tax Provision. The effective tax rate reflects the impact of federal, state and local, and foreign taxes, as well as tax on the income or loss from Town Shoes. The effective tax rate for the three and six months ended July 30, 2016 is 38.6% and 38.7%,

respectively. The effective tax rate for the three and six months ended August 1, 2015 was 37.4% and 37.8%, respectively. The increase in the tax rate is due to favorable discrete tax items last year.

Income (Loss) from Town Shoes. Income (loss) from Town Shoes for the three and six months ended July 30, 2016 increased \$0.6 million and \$1.7 million, respectively, compared to the three and six months ended August 1, 2015 due to improved operating results. Income (loss) from Town Shoes includes DSW's portion of the income or loss in Town Shoes' operations, partially offset by interest income on the shareholder note.

Seasonality

Our business is subject to seasonal merchandise trends when our customers' interest in new seasonal styles increases. New spring styles are primarily introduced in the first quarter, and new fall styles are primarily introduced in the third quarter.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Overview. Our primary ongoing operating cash flow requirements are for inventory purchases, capital expenditures for new stores, improving our information technology systems and infrastructure growth. Our working capital and inventory levels typically build seasonally. We believe that we have sufficient financial resources and access to financial resources at this time. We are committed to a cash management strategy that maintains liquidity to adequately support the operation of the business, pursue our growth strategy and to withstand unanticipated business volatility. We believe that cash generated from our operations, together with our current levels of cash and investments, as well as availability under our revolving credit facility, should be sufficient to maintain our ongoing operations, support seasonal working capital requirements, and fund capital expenditures related to projected business growth.

Net Working Capital. Net working capital is defined as current assets less current liabilities. As of July 30, 2016, January 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015, net working capital was \$456.5 million, \$472.2 million and \$542.8 million, respectively. As of July 30, 2016, January 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015, the current ratio was 2.5, 2.5 and 2.8, respectively.

In November 2015, the FASB released ASU 2015-17, which requires entities to present deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities as non-current in a classified balance sheet. We elected to early adopt the standard in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 and applied the amendments retrospectively to maintain comparability of our balance sheet and related ratios. The change in accounting standard has been applied retrospectively by adjusting the balance sheet for the prior period presented.

The table below represents the change in net working capital and the current ratio for the prior period presented:

| | As of August 1, 2015 | As previously reported | As adjusted |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| | (in thousands) | | |
| Net working capital | \$566.0 | \$ 542.8 | |
| Current ratio | 2.9 | 2.8 | |

Operating Cash Flows. For the six months ended July 30, 2016, our net cash provided by operations was \$61.1 million compared to \$114.6 million for the six months ended August 1, 2015 with the change driven primarily by changes in working capital and lower net income.

Investing Cash Flows. For the six months ended July 30, 2016, our net cash provided by investing activities was \$2.0 million compared to \$4.9 million for the six months ended August 1, 2015. During the six months ended July 30, 2016, we incurred \$43.7 million for capital expenditures, of which \$20.7 million related to new stores and remodels and \$23.0 million related to business infrastructure. During the six months ended July 30, 2016, we had net sales of short-term and long-term investments of \$121.5 million compared to \$58.2 million during the six months ended August 1, 2015. The overall change in investment activity for the six months ended July 30, 2016 was attributable in part to the liquidation of our investments to fund the amount paid of \$60.4 million for the acquisition of Ebuys.

Financing Cash Flows. For the six months ended July 30, 2016, our net cash used in financing activities was \$33.4 million compared to \$30.9 million for the six months ended August 1, 2015. Net cash used in financing activities was primarily related to the payment of dividends for the six months ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015.

Free cash flow (a non-GAAP liquidity measure), as described under "Non-GAAP Measures", is defined as cash flows from operating activities less capital expenditures. The table below represents the free cash flow for the periods presented:

| | Six months ended | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | July 30, 2016 | August 1, 2015 |
| | (in thousands) | |
| Cash flows from operating activities | \$61,144 | \$114,570 |
| Less: Capital expenditures | 43,741 | 53,791 |
| Free cash flow | \$17,403 | \$60,779 |

We expect to spend approximately \$85 million for capital expenditures in fiscal 2016, with half going into new stores and store remodels and the other half going into technology investments and other business projects. Our future investments will depend primarily on the number of stores we open and remodel, infrastructure and information technology projects that we undertake and the timing of these expenditures. We plan to open 34 DSW stores in fiscal 2016. During fiscal 2015, the average investment required to open a new DSW store was approximately \$1.4 million, prior to construction and tenant allowances, which averaged \$0.4 million. Of this amount, gross inventory typically accounted for \$0.5 million, fixtures and leasehold improvements typically accounted for \$0.7 million and new store advertising and other new store expenses typically accounted for \$0.2 million.

The Company has a \$100 million Secured Credit Facility and a \$50 million Letter of Credit Agreement, which are described more fully in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2016. As of July 30, 2016, January 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015, the Company had no outstanding borrowings or letters of credit under the Credit Facility with availability of \$100 million, \$100 million and \$50 million, respectively. As of July 30, 2016, January 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015, the Company had \$7.9 million, \$7.1 million and \$8.5 million, respectively, in outstanding letters of credit under the Letter of Credit Agreement, and \$8.1 million, \$7.7 million and \$9.1 million, respectively, in restricted cash on deposit as collateral under the Letter of Credit Agreement. The restricted cash balance is recorded in prepaid expenses and other current assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Contractual Obligations

As of July 30, 2016, we have entered into various construction commitments, including capital items to be purchased for projects that were under construction, or for which a lease has been signed. The Company's obligations under these commitments were \$5.8 million as of July 30, 2016. In addition, the Company has signed lease agreements for 28 new DSW store locations, expected to be opened in fiscal 2016 and 2017, with total annualized rent of \$7.9 million. In connection with the new lease agreements, the Company will receive a total of \$11.5 million of construction and tenant allowance reimbursements for expenditures at these locations.

As of July 30, 2016, we operated all of our stores and our fulfillment center from leased facilities. Ebuys also operates from leased facilities. Lease obligations are accounted for either as operating leases or as capital leases based on a lease by lease review at lease inception. DSW does not have any capital leases of real estate as of July 30, 2016, January 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015.

Future Cash

The Company is not dependent on dividends from its foreign subsidiaries to fund its U.S. operations or make distributions to DSW Inc. shareholders. Unremitted earnings from foreign subsidiaries, which are considered to be invested indefinitely, would become subject to income tax if they were remitted as dividends or were lent to DSW Inc. or a U.S. affiliate.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of July 30, 2016, DSW Inc. has not entered into any "off-balance sheet" arrangements, as that term is described by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Proposed Accounting Standards

The FASB periodically issues Accounting Standards Updates, some of which require implementation by a date falling within or after the close of the fiscal year. See Note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for new accounting standards that will impact the Company.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

As discussed in Notes 1 and 3 to our condensed consolidated interim financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the preparation of our condensed consolidated interim financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of commitments and contingencies at the date of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. We base these estimates and judgments on our historical experience and other factors we believe to be relevant, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The process of determining significant estimates is fact-specific and takes into account factors such as historical experience, current and expected economic conditions, product mix, and in some cases, actuarial and appraisal techniques. We constantly re-evaluate these significant factors and make adjustments where facts and circumstances dictate.

Non-GAAP Measures

We utilize merchandise margin (a non-GAAP financial measure), which reflects gross profit, as a percentage of net sales (under GAAP), adjusted to add back in occupancy expenses and distribution and fulfillment expenses. We also utilize free cash flow (a non-GAAP liquidity measure), which reflects cash flows from operating activities (under GAAP) less capital expenditures. We believe that these non-GAAP measures provide useful information as indicators of the Company's performance and financial condition on a consistent basis between periods.

Management uses these non-GAAP measures to assist in the evaluation of the performance of our segments and to make operating decisions based on such evaluation. Within the Results of Operations section, we disclose and reconcile merchandise margin to gross profit, as a percentage of net sales, for the three and six months ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015. Within the Liquidity and Capital Resources section, we disclose and reconcile free cash flows for the six months ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015.

These non-GAAP measures should be considered supplemental and not a substitute for the Company's results reported in accordance with GAAP for the periods presented. The Company's non-GAAP measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Cash and Equivalents and Investments- Our cash and equivalents have maturities of 90 days or less. At times, cash and equivalents may be in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance limits. We also have available-for-sale investments.

\$100 Million Credit Facility and \$50 Million Letter of Credit Agreement- As of July 30, 2016, there was no long-term debt outstanding. Future borrowings, if any, would bear interest at rates in accordance with our credit facility and credit agreement and would be subject to interest rate risk. Because we have no outstanding debt, we do not believe that a hypothetical adverse change of 1% in interest rates would have a material effect on our financial position.

Foreign Currency Exchange Risk- As a result of our equity investment in Town Shoes, we are exposed to foreign currency rate risk. We currently do not utilize hedging instruments to mitigate foreign currency exchange risks.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2015, we purchased \$100 million CAD, which we held in Canadian bank accounts. During the second quarter of fiscal 2015, we invested the \$100 million CAD in available-for-sale securities in Canada. As the CAD was fully invested, any gains/losses due to remeasurement will be recorded in other comprehensive income. If the funds are transferred to cash, we will be exposed to foreign currency rate risk due to remeasurement in

our statement of operations.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, performed an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e). Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded, as of the end of the period covered by this report, that such disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

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Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

No change was made in our internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(e), during our most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

The Company's legal proceedings are set forth in Part I, Item 3 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2016.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

The following risk factor supplements DSW Inc.'s risk factors as set forth in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2016.

International Franchise Risk- We are exposed to risks through international relationships. We have signed a franchise agreement that will permit our franchisee to operate our DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse stores in the Middle East. Although we evaluated and selected our franchisee and will do so with further franchisees, our ability to impact the success of their operations is limited. Our franchisees may not run the stores according to our standards, which could impact our brand reputation internationally.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

(a) Recent sales of unregistered securities. None.

(b) Use of Proceeds. Not applicable.

(c) Purchases of equity securities by the issuer and affiliated purchasers.

Share Repurchase Program- In fiscal 2015, the Board of Directors approved a \$200 million share repurchase program. The share repurchase program may be suspended, modified or discontinued at any time, and the Company has no obligation to repurchase any amount of its common shares under the program. Shares will be repurchased on the open market at times and in amounts considered appropriate by the Company based on price and market conditions. As of July 30, 2016, we have repurchased a total of 10.2 million Class A common shares at a cost of \$266.5 million, with \$83.5 million remaining available. The shares withheld and repurchased are summarized in the table below (dollars in thousands, except per share amounts):

| Period | Total number of shares purchased | Average price paid per share | Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced programs | Approximate dollar value of shares that may yet be purchased under the programs |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| May 1, 2016 to May 28, 2016 ^(a) | 5,445 | \$ 23.89 | — | \$ 83,469 |
| May 29, 2016 to July 2, 2016 | — | — | — | 83,469 |
| July 3, 2016 to July 30, 2016 | — | — | — | 83,469 |
| | 5,445 | \$ 23.89 | — | \$ 83,469 |

(a) The total number of shares repurchased relates to shares withheld in connection with tax payments due upon vesting of employee restricted stock awards.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities. None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures. Not Applicable.

Item 5. Other Information. None.

Item 6. Exhibits. See Index to Exhibits on page 28.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

DSW INC.

(Registrant)

Date: September 1, 2016 By: /s/ Jared Poff

Jared Poff

SVP Finance and Interim Chief Financial Officer

(principal financial and accounting officer and duly authorized officer)

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|----------------|--|
| 3.1 | Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of DSW Inc. dated November 1, 2013. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 8-K (file no. 001-32545) filed November 4, 2013. |
| 3.2 | Amended and Restated Code of Regulations of DSW Inc. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Form 10-K (file no. 001-32545) filed April 13, 2006. |
| 4.1 | Specimen Class A Common Shares Certificate. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 10-K (file no. 001-32545) filed April 13, 2006. |
| 10.1 | * Employment agreement, dated July 20, 2016, between Jared Poff and DSW Inc. |
| 31.1 | * Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer |
| 31.2 | * Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer |
| 32.1 | * Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer |
| 32.2 | * Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer |
| 101 | * XBRL Instance Documents |

* Filed herewith