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(Mark One)

☑ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2017

or

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

Commission File Number: 001-13057

Ralph Lauren Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	**13-2622036**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	*(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)*
650 Madison Avenue, New York, New York	**10022**
(Address of principal executive offices)	*(Zip Code)*

(212) 318-7000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 o

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 o

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

Large accelerated filer	☑	Accelerated filer	o
Non-accelerated filer	o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	o
		Emerging growth company	o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. 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 ☑

At November 3, 2017, 55,394,773 shares of the registrant's Class A common stock, $.01 par value, and 25,881,276 shares of the registrant's Class B common stock, $.01 par value, were outstanding.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	September 30, 2017	April 1, 2017
	(millions) (unaudited)	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,111.6	$ 668.3
Short-term investments	507.1	684.7
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of $248.8 million and $214.4 million	470.3	450.2
Inventories	864.6	791.5
Income tax receivable	70.5	79.4
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	300.3	280.4
Total current assets	3,324.4	2,954.5
Property and equipment, net	1,240.5	1,316.0
Deferred tax assets	143.2	125.9
Goodwill	933.0	904.6
Intangible assets, net	207.7	219.8
Other non-current assets	179.5	131.2
Total assets	$ 6,028.3	$ 5,652.0
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	$ 298.6	$ —
Accounts payable	172.8	147.7
Income tax payable	56.7	29.5
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	1,062.0	982.7
Total current liabilities	1,590.1	1,159.9
Long-term debt	291.8	588.2
Non-current liability for unrecognized tax benefits	75.2	62.7
Other non-current liabilities	561.6	541.6
Commitments and contingencies (Note 13)		
Total liabilities	2,518.7	2,352.4
Equity:		
Class A common stock, par value $.01 per share; 102.0 million and 101.5 million shares issued; 55.4 million and 55.1 million shares outstanding	1.0	0.9
Class B common stock, par value $.01 per share; 25.9 million shares issued and outstanding	0.3	0.3
Additional paid-in-capital	2,348.2	2,308.8
Retained earnings	5,874.0	5,751.9
Treasury stock, Class A, at cost; 46.6 million and 46.4 million shares	(4,578.5)	(4,563.9)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(135.4)	(198.4)
Total equity	3,509.6	3,299.6
Total liabilities and equity	$ 6,028.3	$ 5,652.0

See accompanying notes.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions, except per share data) (unaudited)			
Net revenues	$ 1,664.2	$ 1,820.6	$ 3,011.3	$ 3,372.8
Cost of goods sold[a]	(668.4)	(866.4)	(1,164.3)	(1,524.0)
Gross profit	995.8	954.2	1,847.0	1,848.8
Selling, general, and administrative expenses[a]	(766.7)	(803.3)	(1,475.1)	(1,618.0)
Amortization of intangible assets	(6.0)	(6.1)	(12.0)	(12.1)
Impairment of assets	(11.2)	(27.0)	(20.9)	(46.4)
Restructuring and other charges[a]	(18.6)	(41.5)	(55.4)	(127.2)
Total other operating expenses, net	(802.5)	(877.9)	(1,563.4)	(1,803.7)
Operating income	193.3	76.3	283.6	45.1
Foreign currency gains	1.7	1.1	1.8	3.5
Interest expense	(4.6)	(4.1)	(9.6)	(7.5)
Interest and other income, net	2.0	2.3	4.3	3.2
Equity in losses of equity-method investees	(1.2)	(1.9)	(2.1)	(3.8)
Income before income taxes	191.2	73.7	278.0	40.5
Income tax provision	(47.4)	(28.0)	(74.7)	(17.1)
Net income	$ 143.8	$ 45.7	$ 203.3	$ 23.4
Net income per common share:				
Basic	$ 1.76	$ 0.55	$ 2.49	$ 0.28
Diluted	$ 1.75	$ 0.55	$ 2.47	$ 0.28
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
Basic	81.7	82.7	81.6	83.0
Diluted	82.3	83.2	82.4	83.7
Dividends declared per share	$ 0.50	$ 0.50	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
[a] Includes total depreciation expense of:	$ (67.8)	$ (69.5)	$ (134.7)	$ (141.9)

See accompanying notes.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions) (unaudited)			
Net income	$ 143.8	$ 45.7	$ 203.3	$ 23.4
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:				
Foreign currency translation gains	31.1	11.1	87.7	2.1
Net gains (losses) on cash flow hedges	(2.3)	0.5	(24.3)	(1.8)
Net gains (losses) on defined benefit plans	(0.1)	0.5	(0.4)	0.9
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	28.7	12.1	63.0	1.2
Total comprehensive income	$ 172.5	$ 57.8	$ 266.3	$ 24.6

See accompanying notes.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions) (unaudited)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	$ 203.3	$ 23.4
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	146.7	154.0
Deferred income tax benefit	(25.3)	(8.7)
Equity in losses of equity-method investees	2.1	3.8
Non-cash stock-based compensation expense	39.4	31.9
Non-cash impairment of assets	20.9	46.4
Non-cash restructuring-related inventory charges	1.3	135.0
Other non-cash charges	2.3	9.9
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(17.4)	21.9
Inventories	(53.4)	(172.6)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(1.9)	(26.6)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	72.2	59.8
Income tax receivables and payables	51.4	(22.0)
Deferred income	3.0	(12.2)
Other balance sheet changes	(7.6)	(11.4)
Net cash provided by operating activities	437.0	232.6
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(74.7)	(165.4)
Purchases of investments	(426.3)	(392.4)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	591.3	546.6
Acquisitions and ventures	(3.6)	(2.5)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	86.7	(13.7)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of short-term debt	—	2,945.3
Repayments of short-term debt	—	(2,966.4)
Payments of capital lease obligations	(14.2)	(13.3)
Payments of dividends	(81.1)	(82.6)
Repurchases of common stock, including shares surrendered for tax withholdings	(14.6)	(114.9)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	0.1	4.0
Net cash used in financing activities	(109.8)	(227.9)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	33.2	(12.9)
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	447.1	(21.9)
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of period	711.8	502.1
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of period	$ 1,158.9	$ 480.2

See accompanying notes.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(In millions, except per share data and where otherwise indicated)
(Unaudited)

1. Description of Business

Ralph Lauren Corporation ("RLC") is a global leader in the design, marketing, and distribution of premium lifestyle products, including apparel, accessories, home furnishings, and other licensed product categories. RLC's long-standing reputation and distinctive image have been developed across an expanding number of products, brands, sales channels, and international markets. RLC's brand names include Ralph Lauren, Ralph Lauren Collection, Ralph Lauren Purple Label, Polo Ralph Lauren, Double RL, Lauren Ralph Lauren, Polo Ralph Lauren Children, Chaps, and Club Monaco, among others. RLC and its subsidiaries are collectively referred to herein as the "Company," "we," "us," "our," and "ourselves," unless the context indicates otherwise.

The Company diversifies its business by geography (North America, Europe, and Asia, among other regions) and channels of distribution (wholesale, retail, and licensing). This allows the Company to maintain a dynamic balance as its operating results do not depend solely on the performance of any single geographic area or channel of distribution. The Company's wholesale sales are made principally to major department stores and specialty stores around the world. The Company also sells directly to consumers through its integrated retail channel, which includes its retail stores, concession-based shop-within-shops, and e-commerce operations around the world. In addition, the Company licenses to unrelated third parties for specified periods the right to operate retail stores and/or to use its various trademarks in connection with the manufacture and sale of designated products, such as certain apparel, eyewear, fragrances, and home furnishings.

The Company organizes its business into the following three reportable segments: North America, Europe, and Asia. In addition to these reportable segments, the Company also has other non-reportable segments. See Note 17 for further discussion of the Company's segment reporting structure.

2. Basis of Presentation

Interim Financial Statements

These interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and are unaudited. In the opinion of management, these consolidated financial statements contain all normal and recurring adjustments necessary to present fairly the consolidated financial position, income, comprehensive income, and cash flows of the Company for the interim periods presented. In addition, certain information and disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. ("U.S. GAAP") and the notes thereto have been condensed or omitted from this report as is permitted by the SEC's rules and regulations. However, the Company believes that the disclosures provided herein are adequate to prevent the information presented from being misleading.

This report should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC for the fiscal year ended April 1, 2017 (the "Fiscal 2017 10-K").

Basis of Consolidation

These unaudited interim consolidated financial statements present the consolidated financial position, income, comprehensive income, and cash flows of the Company, including all entities in which the Company has a controlling financial interest and is determined to be the primary beneficiary. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Fiscal Periods

The Company utilizes a 52-53 week fiscal year ending on the Saturday closest to March 31. As such, fiscal year 2018 will end on March 31, 2018 and will be a 52-week period ("Fiscal 2018"). Fiscal year 2017 ended on April 1, 2017 and was also a 52-week period ("Fiscal 2017"). The second quarter of Fiscal 2018 ended on September 30, 2017 and was a 13-week period. The second quarter of Fiscal 2017 ended on October 1, 2016 and was also a 13-week period.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and notes thereto. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

Significant estimates inherent in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements include reserves for bad debt, customer returns, discounts, end-of-season markdowns, operational chargebacks, and certain cooperative advertising allowances; the realizability of inventory; reserves for litigation and other contingencies; useful lives and impairments of long-lived tangible and intangible assets; fair value measurements; accounting for income taxes and related uncertain tax positions; valuation of stock-based compensation awards and related estimated forfeiture rates; reserves for restructuring activity; and accounting for business combinations, among others.

Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period's financial information in order to conform to the current period's presentation, including the realignment of the Company's segment reporting structure, as further described in Note 17.

Seasonality of Business

The Company's business is typically affected by seasonal trends, with higher levels of wholesale sales in its second and fourth fiscal quarters and higher retail sales in its second and third fiscal quarters. These trends result primarily from the timing of seasonal wholesale shipments and key vacation travel, back-to-school, and holiday shopping periods impacting our retail business. In addition, fluctuations in sales, operating income, and cash flows in any fiscal quarter may be affected by other events affecting retail sales, such as changes in weather patterns. Accordingly, the Company's operating results and cash flows for the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results and cash flows that may be expected for the full Fiscal 2018.

3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized across all segments of the business when there is persuasive evidence of an arrangement, delivery has occurred, the price has been fixed or is determinable, and collectability is reasonably assured.

Revenue within the Company's wholesale business is recognized at the time title passes and risk of loss is transferred to customers. Wholesale revenue is recorded net of estimates of returns, discounts, end-of-season markdowns, operational chargebacks, and certain cooperative advertising allowances. Returns and allowances require pre-approval from management and discounts are based on trade terms. Estimates for end-of-season markdown reserves are based on historical trends, actual and forecasted seasonal results, an evaluation of current economic and market conditions, retailer performance, and, in certain cases, contractual terms. Estimates for operational chargebacks are based on actual customer notifications of order fulfillment discrepancies and historical trends. The Company reviews and refines these estimates on at least a quarterly basis. The Company's historical estimates of these costs have not differed materially from actual results.

Retail store and concession-based shop-within-shop revenue is recognized net of estimated returns at the time of sale to consumers. E-commerce revenue from sales of products ordered through the Company's e-commerce sites and third-party digital partner e-commerce sites is recognized upon delivery of the shipment to its customers. Such revenue is also reduced by an estimate of returns.

Gift cards issued by the Company are recorded as a liability until they are redeemed, at which point revenue is recognized. The Company recognizes income for unredeemed gift cards when the likelihood of redemption by a customer is remote and the Company determines that it does not have a legal obligation to remit the value of the unredeemed gift card to the relevant jurisdiction as unclaimed or abandoned property.

Revenue from licensing arrangements is recognized when earned in accordance with the terms of the underlying agreements, generally based upon the higher of (i) contractually guaranteed minimum royalty levels or (ii) actual sales and royalty data, or estimates thereof, received from the Company's licensees.

The Company accounts for sales taxes and other related taxes on a net basis, excluding such taxes from revenue.

Shipping and Handling Costs

The costs associated with shipping goods to customers are reflected as a component of selling, general, and administrative ("SG&A") expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. The costs of preparing merchandise for sale, such as picking, packing, warehousing, and order charges ("handling costs") are also included in SG&A expenses. Shipping and handling costs billed to customers are included in revenue.

A summary of shipping and handling costs recognized during the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 is as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)			
Shipping costs	$ 9.4	$ 10.1	$ 16.7	$ 19.4
Handling costs	38.4	42.7	75.6	83.7

Net Income per Common Share

Basic net income per common share is computed by dividing net income attributable to common shares by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Weighted-average common shares include shares of the Company's Class A and Class B common stock. Diluted net income per common share adjusts basic net income per common share for the dilutive effects of outstanding stock options, restricted stock units ("RSUs"), and any other potentially dilutive instruments, only in the periods in which such effects are dilutive.

The weighted-average number of common shares outstanding used to calculate basic net income per common share is reconciled to shares used to calculate diluted net income per common share as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)			
Basic shares	81.7	82.7	81.6	83.0
Dilutive effect of stock options and RSUs	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7
Diluted shares	82.3	83.2	82.4	83.7

All earnings per share amounts have been calculated using unrounded numbers. Options to purchase shares of the Company's Class A common stock at an exercise price greater than the average market price of the common stock during the reporting period are anti-dilutive and therefore not included in the computation of diluted net income per common share. In addition, the Company has outstanding performance-based RSUs, which are included in the computation of diluted shares only to the extent that the underlying performance conditions (and applicable market condition modifiers, if any) (i) have been satisfied as of the end of the reporting period or (ii) would be considered satisfied if the end of the reporting period were the end of the related contingency period and the result would be dilutive. As of September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, there were 2.3 million and 2.6 million, respectively, of additional shares issuable upon exercise of anti-dilutive options and contingent vesting of performance-based RSUs that were excluded from the diluted shares calculations.

Accounts Receivable

In the normal course of business, the Company extends credit to wholesale customers that satisfy defined credit criteria. Accounts receivable is recorded at carrying value, which approximates fair value, and is presented in the Company's consolidated balance sheets net of certain reserves and allowances. These reserves and allowances consist of (i) reserves for returns, discounts, end-of-season markdowns, operational chargebacks, and certain cooperative advertising allowances (see the "*Revenue Recognition*" section for further discussion of related accounting policies) and (ii) allowances for doubtful accounts.

A rollforward of the activity in the Company's reserves for returns, discounts, end-of-season markdowns, operational chargebacks, and certain cooperative advertising allowances is presented below:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)			
Beginning reserve balance	$ 199.6	$ 207.0	$ 202.8	$ 239.7
Amount charged against revenue to increase reserve	175.6	195.8	293.3	327.8
Amount credited against customer accounts to decrease reserve	(146.2)	(174.9)	(272.2)	(339.3)
Foreign currency translation	2.5	1.0	7.6	0.7
Ending reserve balance	$ 231.5	$ 228.9	$ 231.5	$ 228.9

An allowance for doubtful accounts is determined through an analysis of accounts receivable aging, assessments of collectability based on an evaluation of historical and anticipated trends, the financial condition of the Company's customers, and an evaluation of the impact of economic conditions, among other factors.

A rollforward of the activity in the Company's allowance for doubtful accounts is presented below:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)			
Beginning reserve balance	$ 13.9	$ 16.2	$ 11.6	$ 14.5
Amount recorded to expense to increase reserve[a]	3.8	2.1	6.3	6.0
Amount written-off against customer accounts to decrease reserve	(0.7)	(2.6)	(1.4)	(4.6)
Foreign currency translation	0.3	0.1	0.8	(0.1)
Ending reserve balance	$ 17.3	$ 15.8	$ 17.3	$ 15.8

[a] Amounts recorded to bad debt expense are included within SG&A expenses in the consolidated statements of operations.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company sells its wholesale merchandise primarily to major department and specialty stores around the world, and extends credit based on an evaluation of each customer's financial capacity and condition, usually without requiring collateral. In the Company's wholesale business, concentration of credit risk is relatively limited due to the large number of customers and their dispersion across many geographic areas. However, the Company has three key wholesale customers that generate significant sales volume. During Fiscal 2017, the Company's sales to its largest wholesale customer, Macy's, Inc. ("Macy's"), accounted for approximately 10% of total net revenues, and the Company's sales to its three largest wholesale customers (including Macy's) accounted for approximately 21% of total net revenues. Substantially all of the Company's sales to its three largest wholesale customers related to its North America segment. As of September 30, 2017, these three key wholesale customers constituted approximately 32% of the Company's total gross accounts receivable.

Inventories

The Company holds inventory that is sold through wholesale distribution channels to major department stores and specialty retail stores. The Company also holds retail inventory that is sold in its own stores and e-commerce sites directly to consumers. Substantially all of the Company's inventories are comprised of finished goods, which are stated at the lower of cost or estimated realizable value, with cost primarily determined on a weighted-average cost basis. Inventory held by the Company totaled $864.6 million, $791.5 million, and $1.173 billion as of September 30, 2017, April 1, 2017, and October 1, 2016, respectively.

Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company records all derivative financial instruments on its consolidated balance sheets at fair value. For derivative instruments that qualify for hedge accounting, the effective portion of changes in their fair value is either (i) offset against the changes in fair value of the related hedged assets, liabilities, or firm commitments through earnings or (ii) recognized in equity as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) ("AOCI") until the hedged item is recognized in earnings, depending on whether the derivative is being used to hedge against changes in fair value or cash flows and net investments, respectively.

Each derivative instrument that qualifies for hedge accounting is expected to be highly effective at reducing the risk associated with the exposure being hedged. For each derivative instrument that is designated as a hedge, the Company formally documents the related risk management objective and strategy, including identification of the hedging instrument, the hedged item, and the risk exposure, as well as how hedge effectiveness will be assessed prospectively and retrospectively over the instrument's term. To assess hedge effectiveness, the Company generally uses regression analysis, a statistical method, to compare the change in the fair value of the derivative instrument to the change in fair value or cash flows of the related hedged item. The extent to which a hedging instrument has been and is expected to remain highly effective in achieving offsetting changes in fair value or cash flows is assessed and documented by the Company on at least a quarterly basis.

As a result of its use of derivative instruments, the Company is exposed to the risk that counterparties to such contracts will fail to meet their contractual obligations. To mitigate this counterparty credit risk, the Company has a policy of only entering into contracts with carefully selected financial institutions based upon an evaluation of their credit ratings and certain other factors, adhering to established limits for credit exposure. The Company's established policies and procedures for mitigating credit risk from derivative transactions include ongoing review and assessment of its counterparties' creditworthiness. The Company also enters into master netting arrangements with counterparties, when possible, to mitigate credit risk associated with its derivative instruments. In the event of default or termination (as such terms are defined within the respective master netting arrangement), these arrangements allow the Company to net-settle amounts payable and receivable related to multiple derivative transactions with the same counterparty. The master netting arrangements specify a number of events of default and termination, including, among others, the failure to make timely payments.

The fair values of the Company's derivative instruments are recorded on its consolidated balance sheets on a gross basis. For cash flow reporting purposes, proceeds received or amounts paid upon the settlement of a derivative instrument are classified in the same manner as the related item being hedged, primarily within cash flows from operating activities.

Cash Flow Hedges

The Company uses forward foreign currency exchange contracts to reduce its risk related to exchange rate fluctuations on inventory transactions made in an entity's non-functional currency, intercompany royalty payments made by certain of its international operations, and the settlement of foreign currency-denominated operational balances. To the extent forward foreign currency exchange contracts are designated as cash flow hedges and are highly effective in offsetting changes in the value of the hedged items, the related gains or losses are initially deferred in equity as a component of AOCI and are subsequently recognized in the consolidated statements of operations as follows:

- *Forecasted Inventory Transactions* — recognized as part of the cost of the inventory being hedged within cost of goods sold when the related inventory is sold to a third party.

- *Intercompany Royalties/Settlement of Foreign Currency Balances* — recognized within foreign currency gains (losses) during the period that the hedged balance is remeasured through earnings, generally through its settlement when the related payment occurs.

To the extent that a derivative instrument designated as a cash flow hedge is not considered effective, any change in its fair value relating to such ineffectiveness is immediately recognized in earnings within foreign currency gains (losses). If it is determined that a derivative instrument has not been highly effective, and will continue not to be highly effective in hedging the designated exposure, hedge accounting is discontinued and further gains (losses) are immediately recognized in earnings within foreign currency gains (losses). Upon discontinuance of hedge accounting, the cumulative change in fair value of the derivative instrument previously recorded in AOCI is recognized in earnings when the related hedged item affects earnings, consistent with the originally-documented hedging strategy, unless the forecasted transaction is no longer probable of occurring, in which case the accumulated amount is immediately recognized in earnings within foreign currency gains (losses).

Hedge of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation

The Company periodically uses cross-currency swap contracts to reduce risk associated with exchange rate fluctuations on certain of its net investments in foreign subsidiaries. Changes in the fair values of such derivative instruments that are designated as hedges of net investments in foreign operations are recorded in equity as a component of AOCI in the same manner as foreign currency translation adjustments, to the extent they are effective as a hedge. To assess effectiveness, the Company uses a method based on changes in spot rates to measure the impact of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations on both its foreign subsidiary net investment and the related derivative hedging instrument. Accordingly, changes in fair value of the hedging instrument other than those due to changes in the spot rate are excluded from the assessment of hedge effectiveness and are recorded in the consolidated statement of operations with any other ineffectiveness as interest expense. Amounts associated with the effective portion of net investment hedges are released from AOCI and recognized in earnings only upon the sale or liquidation of the hedged net investment.

Fair Value Hedges

Changes in the fair value of a derivative instrument that is designated as a fair value hedge, along with offsetting changes in the fair value of the related hedged item attributable to the hedged risk, are recorded in earnings. Hedge ineffectiveness is recorded in earnings to the extent that the change in the fair value of the hedged item does not offset the change in the fair value of the hedging instrument.

Undesignated Hedges

All of the Company's undesignated hedges are entered into to hedge specific economic risks, particularly foreign currency exchange rate risk related to foreign currency-denominated balances. Changes in the fair value of undesignated derivative instruments are immediately recognized in earnings within foreign currency gains (losses).

See Note 12 for further discussion of the Company's derivative financial instruments.

Refer to Note 3 of the Fiscal 2017 10-K for a summary of all of the Company's significant accounting policies.

4. Recently Issued Accounting Standards

Restricted Cash

In November 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2016-18, "Restricted Cash" ("ASU 2016-18"). ASU 2016-18 requires that the statement of cash flows explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash. Accordingly, restricted cash will be included with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning-of-period and end-of-period total amounts presented on the statement of cash flows. The Company early-adopted ASU 2016-18 during the first quarter of Fiscal 2018 and applied its provisions retrospectively. Other than the change in presentation within the statement of cash flows, the adoption of ASU 2016-18 did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. See Note 18 for a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash from the consolidated balance sheets to the consolidated statements of cash flows.

Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-09, "Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting" ("ASU 2016-09"). ASU 2016-09 simplifies several aspects related to the accounting for and financial statement presentation of share-based payments, including the accounting for income taxes upon award settlement and forfeitures, and the classification of excess tax benefits and shares surrendered for tax withholdings in the statement of cash flows.

The Company adopted ASU 2016-09 during the first quarter of Fiscal 2018. Among its various provisions, ASU 2016-09 impacts the accounting for income taxes upon award settlement by requiring that all excess tax benefits and shortfalls be reflected in the income tax benefit (provision) in the statement of operations in the period that they are realized. This reflects a change from previous practice, which generally required that such activity be recorded in equity as additional paid-in-capital. This change, which was applied prospectively in the Company's consolidated financial statements, increased the Company's income tax provision by $5.5 million and $15.5 million for the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017, respectively. Future impacts of this guidance on the Company's income tax benefit (provision) will depend largely on unpredictable events and other factors, including the timing of both employee stock option exercises and cancellations, if any, and the value realized upon vesting or exercise of shares compared to the grant date fair value of those shares, and will likely result in increased volatility. This increase in volatility is expected to be more pronounced during the first half of the Company's fiscal year due to the timing of annual stock-based compensation award vestings and stock option expirations.

Additionally, ASU 2016-09 changes the classification of excess tax benefits presented in the Company's consolidated statements of cash flows from a financing activity to an operating activity. The Company applied this change in classification on a retrospective basis by reclassifying $0.3 million of excess tax benefits from cash flows from financing activities to cash flows from operating activities for the six months ended October 1, 2016.

Lastly, as permitted, the Company has elected to continue to estimate the impact of expected forfeitures when determining the amount of compensation cost to be recognized each period, as opposed to reflecting the impact of forfeitures only as they occur.

The remaining provisions of ASU 2016-09 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Leases

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, "Leases" ("ASU 2016-02"). ASU 2016-02 requires that a lessee's rights and fixed payment obligations under most leases be recognized as right-of-use assets and lease liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet. ASU 2016-02 retains a dual model for classifying leases as either financing or operating, which governs the pattern of expense recognition to be reflected in the consolidated statement of operations. Variable lease payments based on performance, such as percentage-of-sales-based payments, will not be included in the measurement of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities. Rather, consistent with current practice, such amounts will be recognized as an expense in the period incurred. ASU 2016-02 is effective for the Company beginning in its fiscal year ending March 28, 2020, with early adoption permitted, and is to be adopted using a modified retrospective transition approach, which requires application of the guidance at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented.

The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the impact that ASU 2016-02 will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. The Company's assessment efforts to date have included reviewing the standard's provisions and beginning to gather information to evaluate the landscape of its real estate, personal property, and other arrangements that may meet the definition of a lease. Based on these efforts, the Company currently anticipates that the adoption of ASU 2016-02 will result in a significant increase to its long-term assets and liabilities as, at a minimum, most of its current operating lease commitments will be subject to balance sheet recognition. The standard is also expected to result in enhanced quantitative and qualitative lease-related disclosures. Recognition of lease expense in the consolidated statement of operations is not anticipated to significantly change.

Revenue from Contracts with Customers

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" ("ASU 2014-09"). ASU 2014-09 provides a single, comprehensive accounting model for revenues arising from contracts with customers that will supersede most existing revenue recognition guidance, including industry-specific guidance. Under this model, revenue, representing the amount to which an entity expects to be entitled in exchange for providing promised goods or services (i.e., performance obligations), is recognized upon control of promised goods or services transferring to a customer. ASU 2014-09 also requires enhanced qualitative and quantitative revenue-related disclosures. Since its original issuance, the FASB has issued several additional related ASUs to address implementation concerns and further amend and clarify certain guidance within ASU 2014-09. ASU 2014-09 may be adopted on a full retrospective basis and applied to all prior periods presented, or on a modified retrospective basis through a cumulative adjustment recorded to opening retained earnings in the year of initial application.

The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the impact that ASU 2014-09 will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. The Company's assessment efforts to date have included reviewing current accounting policies, processes, and arrangements to identify potential differences that could arise from the application of ASC 2014-09. Based on these efforts, the Company currently anticipates that the performance obligations underlying its core revenue streams (i.e., its retail and wholesale businesses), and the timing of recognition thereof, will remain substantially unchanged. Revenues for these businesses are generated through the sale of finished products, and will continue to be recognized at the point in time when merchandise is transferred to the customer and in an amount that considers the impacts of estimated returns, end-of-season markdowns, and other allowances that are variable in nature. For its licensing business, which has historically comprised approximately 2% of total revenues, the Company is currently assessing whether the timing of recognizing contractually guaranteed minimum royalty amounts will change. Beyond its core revenue streams, the Company is also currently evaluating the impact of ASU 2014-09 on certain ancillary transactions and arrangements.

The Company will adopt ASU 2014-09 in its fiscal year ending March 30, 2019 ("Fiscal 2019") and anticipates doing so using the modified retrospective method through a cumulative adjustment recorded to the opening Fiscal 2019 retained earnings balance.

5. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment, net consists of the following:

	September 30, 2017	April 1, 2017
	(millions)	
Land and improvements	$ 16.8	$ 16.8
Buildings and improvements	458.5	457.2
Furniture and fixtures	658.2	687.2
Machinery and equipment	422.7	414.0
Capitalized software	564.1	549.0
Leasehold improvements	1,179.5	1,179.1
Construction in progress	29.2	33.4
	3,329.0	3,336.7
Less: accumulated depreciation	(2,088.5)	(2,020.7)
Property and equipment, net	$ 1,240.5	$ 1,316.0

6. Other Assets and Liabilities

Prepaid expenses and other current assets consist of the following:

	September 30, 2017	April 1, 2017
	(millions)	
Other taxes receivable	$ 143.9	$ 127.8
Prepaid rent expense	43.7	37.4
Derivative financial instruments	15.3	23.0
Restricted cash	13.3	9.8
Tenant allowances receivable	10.1	16.4
Prepaid samples	8.7	5.9
Prepaid software maintenance	7.2	6.5
Prepaid advertising and marketing	4.9	4.1
Other prepaid expenses and current assets	53.2	49.5
Total prepaid expenses and other current assets	$ 300.3	$ 280.4

Other non-current assets consist of the following:

	September 30, 2017	April 1, 2017
	(millions)	
Non-current investments	$ 82.6	$ 21.4
Restricted cash	34.0	33.7
Security deposits	27.7	26.5
Derivative financial instruments	0.4	9.6
Other non-current assets	34.8	40.0
Total other non-current assets	$ 179.5	$ 131.2

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities consist of the following:

	September 30, 2017	April 1, 2017
	(millions)	
Other taxes payable	$ 212.5	$ 172.2
Accrued operating expenses	212.4	188.0
Accrued inventory	179.9	154.9
Accrued payroll and benefits	177.6	173.5
Restructuring reserve	95.1	140.8
Derivative financial instruments	48.5	12.3
Dividends payable	40.6	40.5
Accrued capital expenditures	37.5	45.7
Deferred income	33.1	29.7
Capital lease obligations	22.1	22.6
Other accrued expenses and current liabilities	2.7	2.5
Total accrued expenses and other current liabilities	$ 1,062.0	$ 982.7

Other non-current liabilities consist of the following:

	September 30, 2017	April 1, 2017
	(millions)	
Capital lease obligations	$ 242.6	$ 250.9
Deferred rent obligations	208.5	211.1
Derivative financial instruments	30.9	9.4
Deferred compensation	7.3	7.8
Deferred tax liabilities	7.0	11.8
Other non-current liabilities	65.3	50.6
Total other non-current liabilities	$ 561.6	$ 541.6

7. Impairment of Assets

The Company recorded non-cash impairment charges of $2.1 million and $11.8 million during the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017, respectively, and $27.0 million and $46.4 million during the three-month and six-month periods ended October 1, 2016, respectively, to write off certain fixed assets related to its domestic and international stores, shop-within-shops, and corporate offices in connection with the Way Forward Plan (see Note 8).

Additionally, during the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017, the Company recorded non-cash impairment charges of $9.1 million to write off certain fixed assets related to underperforming stores as a result of its on-going store portfolio evaluation.

See Note 11 for further discussion of the non-cash impairment charges recorded by the Company during the fiscal periods presented.

8. Restructuring and Other Charges

A description of significant restructuring and other activities and related costs is included below.

Way Forward Plan

On June 2, 2016, the Company's Board of Directors approved a restructuring plan with the objective of delivering sustainable, profitable sales growth and long-term value creation for shareholders (the "Way Forward Plan"). The Company is refocusing on its core brands and evolving its product, marketing, and shopping experience to increase desirability and relevance. It is also evolving its operating model to enable sustainable, profitable sales growth by significantly improving quality of sales, reducing supply chain lead times, improving its sourcing, and executing a disciplined multi-channel distribution and expansion strategy. As part of the Way Forward Plan, the Company is rightsizing its cost structure and implementing a return on investment-driven financial model to free up resources to invest in the brand and drive high-quality sales. The Way Forward Plan includes strengthening the Company's leadership team and creating a more nimble organization by moving from an average of nine to six layers of management. The Way Forward Plan also includes the discontinuance of the Company's Denim & Supply brand and the integration of its denim product offerings into its Polo Ralph Lauren brand. Collectively, these actions, which were substantially completed during Fiscal 2017, resulted in a reduction in workforce and the closure of certain stores and shop-within-shops.

On March 30, 2017, the Company's Board of Directors approved the following additional restructuring-related activities associated with the Way Forward Plan: (i) the restructuring of its in-house global e-commerce platform which was in development and shifting to a more cost-effective, flexible e-commerce platform through a new agreement with Salesforce's Commerce Cloud, formerly known as Demandware; (ii) the closure of its Polo store at 711 Fifth Avenue in New York City; and (iii) the further streamlining of the organization and the execution of other key corporate actions in line with the Company's Way Forward Plan. Together, these actions are an important part of the Company's efforts to achieve its stated objective to return to sustainable, profitable growth and invest in the future. These additional restructuring-related activities will result in a further reduction in

workforce and the closure of certain corporate office and store locations, and are expected to be substantially completed by the end of Fiscal 2018.

In connection with the Way Forward Plan, the Company currently expects to incur total estimated charges of approximately $770 million, comprised of cash-related restructuring charges of approximately $450 million and non-cash charges of approximately $320 million. Cumulative cash and non-cash charges incurred since inception were $333.0 million and $290.4 million, respectively. In addition to these charges, the Company also incurred an additional non-cash charge of $155.2 million during Fiscal 2017 associated with the destruction of inventory out of current liquidation channels in line with its Way Forward Plan.

A summary of the charges recorded in connection with the Way Forward Plan during the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, as well as the cumulative charges recorded since its inception, is as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended		
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	Cumulative Charges
	(millions)				
Cash-related restructuring charges:					
Severance and benefit costs	$ 6.2	$ 24.5	$ 17.9	$ 101.6	$ 200.6
Lease termination and store closure costs	5.4	12.9	17.6	14.7	104.9
Other cash charges	5.7	4.1	8.4	6.0	27.5
Total cash-related restructuring charges	17.3	41.5	43.9	122.3	333.0
Non-cash charges:					
Impairment of assets (see Note 7)	2.1	27.0	11.8	46.4	246.4
Inventory-related charges[(a)]	0.6	81.0	1.3	135.0	199.2
Total non-cash charges	2.7	108.0	13.1	181.4	445.6
Total charges	$ 20.0	$ 149.5	$ 57.0	$ 303.7	$ 778.6

(a) Cumulative inventory-related charges include $155.2 million associated with the destruction of inventory out of current liquidation channels, of which $63.5 million and $113.8 million was recorded during the three-month and six-month periods ended October 1, 2016, respectively. Inventory-related charges are recorded within cost of goods sold in the consolidated statements of operations.

A summary of current period activity in the restructuring reserve related to the Way Forward Plan is as follows:

	Severance and Benefit Costs	Lease Termination and Store Closure Costs	Other Cash Charges	Total
	(millions)			
Balance at April 1, 2017	$ 94.3	$ 34.3	$ 6.6	$ 135.2
Additions charged to expense	17.9	17.6	8.4	43.9
Cash payments charged against reserve	(54.9)	(12.5)	(8.0)	(75.4)
Non-cash adjustments	0.9	5.5	—	6.4
Balance at September 30, 2017	$ 58.2	$ 44.9	$ 7.0	$ 110.1

Global Reorganization Plan

On May 12, 2015, the Company's Board of Directors approved a reorganization and restructuring plan comprised of the following major actions: (i) the reorganization of the Company's operating structure in order to streamline the Company's business processes to better align its cost structure with its long-term growth strategy; (ii) a strategic store and shop-within-shop performance review conducted by region and brand; (iii) a targeted corporate functional area review; and (iv) the consolidation of certain of the Company's luxury lines (collectively, the "Global Reorganization Plan"). The Global Reorganization Plan resulted in a reduction in workforce and the closure of certain stores and shop-within-shops.

Actions associated with the Global Reorganization Plan were completed by the end of the first quarter of Fiscal 2017 and no additional charges are expected to be incurred in relation to this plan. A summary of the charges recorded in connection with the Global Reorganization Plan during the three-month and six-month periods ended October 1, 2016, as well as the cumulative charges recorded since its inception, is as follows:

	October 1, 2016		
	Three Months Ended	Six Months Ended	Cumulative Charges
	(millions)		
Cash-related restructuring charges:			
Severance and benefit costs	$ —	$ 4.7	$ 69.1
Lease termination and store closure costs	—	0.2	8.0
Other cash charges	—	—	13.8
Total cash-related restructuring charges	—	4.9	90.9
Non-cash charges:			
Impairment of assets (see Note 7)	—	—	27.2
Inventory-related charges[a]	—	—	20.4
Accelerated stock-based compensation expense[b]	—	—	8.9
Total non-cash charges	—	—	56.5
Total charges	$ —	$ 4.9	$ 147.4

[a] Inventory-related charges are recorded within cost of goods sold in the consolidated statements of operations.

[b] Accelerated stock-based compensation expense, which is recorded within restructuring and other charges in the consolidated statements of operations, was recorded in connection with vesting provisions associated with certain separation agreements.

A summary of current period activity in the restructuring reserve related to the Global Reorganization Plan is as follows:

	Severance and Benefit Costs	Lease Termination and Store Closure Costs	Other Cash Charges	Total
	(millions)			
Balance at April 1, 2017	$ 8.6	$ 3.4	$ 0.2	$ 12.2
Cash payments charged against reserve	(2.7)	(1.4)	—	(4.1)
Balance at September 30, 2017	$ 5.9	$ 2.0	$ 0.2	$ 8.1

Other Charges

During the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017, the Company recorded other charges of $3.5 million and $7.0 million, respectively, related to depreciation expense associated with the Company's former Polo store at 711 Fifth Avenue in New York City, recorded after the store closed during the first quarter of Fiscal 2018 in connection with the Way Forward Plan. Although the Company is no longer generating revenue or has any other economic activity associated with its former Polo store, it continues to incur depreciation expense due to its involvement at the time of construction.

Additionally, during the six months ended September 30, 2017, the Company recorded other charges of $6.7 million (inclusive of accelerated stock-based compensation expense of $2.1 million), primarily related to the departure of Mr. Stefan Larsson as the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and as a member of its Board of Directors, effective as of May 1, 2017. Refer to Note 10 of the Fiscal 2017 10-K for additional discussion regarding Mr. Larsson's departure.

These other charges were partially offset by the favorable impact of $2.2 million related to the reversal of reserves associated with the settlement of certain non-income tax issues during the second quarter of Fiscal 2018.

9. Income Taxes

Effective Tax Rate

The Company's effective tax rate, which is calculated by dividing each fiscal period's income tax provision by pretax income, was 24.8% and 26.9% during the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017, respectively, and 38.0% and 42.2% during the three-month and six-month periods ended October 1, 2016, respectively. The effective tax rates for the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 were lower than the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate of 35% as a result of the proportion of earnings generated in lower taxed foreign jurisdictions versus the U.S. The effective tax rates for the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 also reflected the negative impact of the adoption of ASU 2016-09 (see Note 4). The effective tax rates for the three-month and six-month periods ended October 1, 2016 were higher than the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate as a result of state and local taxes and additional tax reserves largely associated with certain income tax audits, partially offset by the proportion of earnings generated in lower taxed foreign jurisdictions versus the U.S. The effective tax rate for the six months ended October 1, 2016 was also unfavorably impacted by additional tax reserves associated with an income tax settlement.

Uncertain Income Tax Benefits

The Company classifies interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as part of its income tax provision. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits, including interest and penalties, was $75.2 million and $62.7 million as of September 30, 2017 and April 1, 2017, respectively, and is included within non-current liability for unrecognized tax benefits in the consolidated balance sheets. The net addition of $12.5 million in unrecognized tax benefits, including interest and penalties, primarily related to additional unrecognized tax benefits recorded.

The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would affect the Company's effective tax rate was $59.4 million and $46.7 million as of September 30, 2017 and April 1, 2017, respectively.

Future Changes in Unrecognized Tax Benefits

The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits relating to the Company's tax positions is subject to change based on future events including, but not limited to, settlements of ongoing tax audits and assessments and the expiration of applicable statutes of limitations. Although the outcomes and timing of such events are highly uncertain, the Company does not anticipate that the balance of gross unrecognized tax benefits, excluding interest and penalties, will change significantly during the next twelve months. However, changes in the occurrence, expected outcomes, and timing of such events could cause the Company's current estimate to change materially in the future.

The Company files a consolidated U.S. federal income tax return, as well as tax returns in various state, local, and foreign jurisdictions. The Company is generally no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to its fiscal year ended April 1, 2006.

10. Debt

Debt consists of the following:

	September 30, 2017	April 1, 2017
	(millions)	
$300 million 2.125% Senior Notes[(a)]	$ 298.6	$ 298.1
$300 million 2.625% Senior Notes[(b)]	291.8	290.1
Total debt	590.4	588.2
Less: current portion of long-term debt	298.6	—
Long-term debt	$ 291.8	$ 588.2

(a) During its fiscal year ended April 2, 2016 ("Fiscal 2016"), the Company entered into an interest rate swap contract which it designated as a hedge against changes in the fair value of its fixed-rate 2.125% Senior Notes, as defined below (see Note 12). Accordingly, the carrying value of the 2.125% Senior Notes as of September 30, 2017 and April 1, 2017 reflects adjustments of $0.9 million and $1.2 million, respectively, for the change in fair value attributable to the benchmark interest rate. The carrying value of the 2.125% Senior Notes is also net of unamortized debt issuance costs and discount of $0.5 million and $0.7 million as of September 30, 2017 and April 1, 2017, respectively.

(b) During Fiscal 2016, the Company entered into an interest rate swap contract which it designated as a hedge against changes in the fair value of its fixed-rate 2.625% Senior Notes, as defined below (see Note 12). Accordingly, the carrying value of the 2.625% Senior Notes as of September 30, 2017 and April 1, 2017 reflects adjustments of $6.7 million and $8.2 million, respectively, for the change in fair value attributable to the benchmark interest rate. The carrying value of the 2.625% Senior Notes is also net of unamortized debt issuance costs and discount of $1.5 million and $1.7 million as of September 30, 2017 and April 1, 2017, respectively.

Senior Notes

In September 2013, the Company completed a registered public debt offering and issued $300 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured senior notes due September 26, 2018, which bear interest at a fixed rate of 2.125%, payable semi-annually (the "2.125% Senior Notes"). The 2.125% Senior Notes were issued at a price equal to 99.896% of their principal amount. The proceeds from this offering were used for general corporate purposes, including repayment of the Company's previously outstanding €209 million principal amount of 4.5% Euro-denominated notes, which matured on October 4, 2013.

In August 2015, the Company completed a second registered public debt offering and issued an additional $300 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured senior notes due August 18, 2020, which bear interest at a fixed rate of 2.625%, payable semi-annually (the "2.625% Senior Notes"). The 2.625% Senior Notes were issued at a price equal to 99.795% of their principal amount. The proceeds from this offering were used for general corporate purposes.

The Company has the option to redeem the 2.125% Senior Notes and 2.625% Senior Notes (collectively, the "Senior Notes"), in whole or in part, at any time at a price equal to accrued and unpaid interest on the redemption date, plus the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the series of Senior Notes to be redeemed or (ii) the sum of the present value of Remaining Scheduled Payments, as defined in the supplemental indentures governing such Senior Notes (together with the indenture governing the Senior Notes, the "Indenture"). The Indenture contains certain covenants that restrict the Company's ability, subject to specified exceptions, to incur certain liens; enter into sale and leaseback transactions; consolidate or merge with another party; or sell, lease, or convey all or substantially all of the Company's property or assets to another party. However, the Indenture does not contain any financial covenants.

Commercial Paper

In May 2014, the Company initiated a commercial paper borrowing program (the "Commercial Paper Program") that allowed it to issue up to $300 million of unsecured commercial paper notes through private placement using third-party broker-dealers. In May 2015, the Company expanded its Commercial Paper Program to allow for a total issuance of up to $500 million of unsecured commercial paper notes.

Borrowings under the Commercial Paper Program are supported by the Global Credit Facility, as defined below. Accordingly, the Company does not expect combined borrowings outstanding under the Commercial Paper Program and Global Credit Facility to exceed $500 million. Commercial Paper Program borrowings may be used to support the Company's general working capital and corporate needs. Maturities of commercial paper notes vary, but cannot exceed 397 days from the date of issuance. Commercial paper notes issued under the Commercial Paper Program rank equally with the Company's other forms of unsecured indebtedness. As of September 30, 2017, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Commercial Paper Program.

Revolving Credit Facilities

Global Credit Facility

In February 2015, the Company entered into an amended and restated credit facility (which was further amended in March 2016) that provides for a $500 million senior unsecured revolving line of credit through February 11, 2020 (the "Global Credit Facility") under terms and conditions substantially similar to those previously in effect. The Global Credit Facility is also used to support the issuance of letters of credit and the maintenance of the Commercial Paper Program. Borrowings under the Global Credit Facility may be denominated in U.S. Dollars and other currencies, including Euros, Hong Kong Dollars, and Japanese Yen. The Company has the ability to expand its borrowing availability under the Global Credit Facility to $750 million, subject to the agreement of one or more new or existing lenders under the facility to increase their commitments. There are no mandatory reductions in borrowing ability throughout the term of the Global Credit Facility. As of September 30, 2017, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Global Credit Facility and the Company was contingently liable for $9.3 million of outstanding letters of credit.

The Global Credit Facility contains a number of covenants that, among other things, restrict the Company's ability, subject to specified exceptions, to incur additional debt; incur liens; sell or dispose of assets; merge with or acquire other companies; liquidate or dissolve itself; engage in businesses that are not in a related line of business; make loans, advances, or guarantees; engage in transactions with affiliates; and make certain investments. The Global Credit Facility also requires the Company to maintain a maximum ratio of Adjusted Debt to Consolidated EBITDAR (the "leverage ratio") of no greater than 3.75 as of the date of measurement for the four most recent consecutive fiscal quarters. Adjusted Debt is defined generally as consolidated debt outstanding plus four times consolidated rent expense for the four most recent consecutive fiscal quarters. Consolidated EBITDAR is defined generally as consolidated net income plus (i) income tax expense, (ii) net interest expense, (iii) depreciation and amortization expense, (iv) consolidated rent expense, (v) restructuring and other non-recurring expenses, and (vi) acquisition-related costs. As of September 30, 2017, no Event of Default (as such term is defined pursuant to the Global Credit Facility) has occurred under the Company's Global Credit Facility.

Pan-Asia Credit Facilities

Certain of the Company's subsidiaries in Asia have uncommitted credit facilities with regional branches of JPMorgan Chase (the "Banks") in China and South Korea (the "Pan-Asia Credit Facilities"). These credit facilities are subject to annual renewal and may be used to fund general working capital and corporate needs of the Company's operations in the respective countries. Borrowings under the Pan-Asia Credit Facilities are guaranteed by the parent company and are granted at the sole discretion of the Banks, subject to availability of the Banks' funds and satisfaction of certain regulatory requirements. The Pan-Asia Credit Facilities do not contain any financial covenants. The Company's Pan-Asia Credit Facilities by country are as follows:

- China Credit Facility — provides Ralph Lauren Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. with a revolving line of credit of up to 50 million Chinese Renminbi (approximately $7 million) through April 5, 2018, and may also be used to support bank guarantees.

- South Korea Credit Facility — provides Ralph Lauren (Korea) Ltd. with a revolving line of credit of up to 47 billion South Korean Won (approximately $41 million) through October 31, 2018.

As of September 30, 2017, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Pan-Asia Credit Facilities.

Refer to Note 12 of the Fiscal 2017 10-K for additional discussion of the terms and conditions of the Company's debt and credit facilities.

11. Fair Value Measurements

U.S. GAAP establishes a three-level valuation hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements. The determination of the applicable level within the hierarchy for a particular asset or liability depends on the inputs used in its valuation as of the measurement date, notably the extent to which the inputs are market-based (observable) or internally-derived (unobservable). A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The three levels are defined as follows:

- Level 1 — inputs to the valuation methodology based on quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2 — inputs to the valuation methodology based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets for substantially the full term of the financial instrument; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active for substantially the full term of the financial instrument; and model-derived valuations whose inputs or significant value drivers are observable.
- Level 3 — inputs to the valuation methodology based on unobservable prices or valuation techniques that are significant to the fair value measurement.

The following table summarizes the Company's financial assets and liabilities that are measured and recorded at fair value on a recurring basis, excluding accrued interest components:

	September 30, 2017	April 1, 2017
	(millions)	
Derivative assets[(a)]	$ 15.7	$ 32.6
Derivative liabilities[(a)]	79.4	21.7

(a) Based on Level 2 measurements.

The Company's derivative financial instruments are recorded at fair value in its consolidated balance sheets and are valued using pricing models that are primarily based on market observable external inputs, including spot and forward currency exchange rates, benchmark interest rates, and discount rates consistent with the instrument's tenor, and consider the impact of the Company's own credit risk, if any. Changes in counterparty credit risk are also considered in the valuation of derivative financial instruments.

To the extent the Company invests in bonds, such investments are classified as available-for-sale and recorded at fair value in its consolidated balance sheets based upon quoted prices in active markets.

The Company's cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, and time deposits are recorded at carrying value, which generally approximates fair value based on Level 1 measurements.

The Company's debt instruments are recorded at their carrying values in its consolidated balance sheets, which may differ from their respective fair values. The fair values of the Senior Notes are estimated based on external pricing data, including available quoted market prices, and with reference to comparable debt instruments with similar interest rates, credit ratings, and trading frequency, among other factors. The fair values of the Company's commercial paper notes and borrowings outstanding under its credit facilities, if any, are estimated using external pricing data, based on interest rates and credit ratings for similar issuances with the same remaining term as the Company's outstanding borrowings. Due to their short-term nature, the fair values of the Company's commercial paper notes and borrowings outstanding under its credit facilities, if any, generally approximate their carrying values.

The following table summarizes the carrying values and the estimated fair values of the Company's debt instruments:

	September 30, 2017		April 1, 2017	
	Carrying Value[a]	Fair Value[b]	Carrying Value[a]	Fair Value[b]
	(millions)			
$300 million 2.125% Senior Notes	$ 298.6	$ 301.6	$ 298.1	$ 302.2
$300 million 2.625% Senior Notes	291.8	304.6	290.1	302.8

(a) See Note 10 for discussion of the carrying values of the Company's Senior Notes.

(b) Based on Level 2 measurements.

Unrealized gains or losses resulting from changes in the fair value of the Company's debt do not result in the realization or expenditure of cash, unless the debt is retired prior to its maturity.

Non-financial Assets and Liabilities

The Company's non-financial assets, which primarily consist of goodwill, other intangible assets, and property and equipment, are not required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis and are reported at carrying value. However, on a periodic basis or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying value may not be fully recoverable (and at least annually for goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets), non-financial instruments are assessed for impairment and, if applicable, written down to and recorded at fair value, considering external market participant assumptions.

During the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, the Company recorded non-cash impairment charges of $20.9 million and $46.4 million, respectively, to fully write off the carrying values of certain long-lived assets based upon their assumed fair values of zero. The fair values of these assets were determined based on Level 3 measurements. Inputs to these fair value measurements included estimates of the amount and timing of the assets' net future discounted cash flows based on historical experience, current trends, and market conditions. See Note 7 for further discussion of the non-cash impairment charges recorded by the Company during the fiscal periods presented.

No goodwill impairment charges were recorded during either of the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 or October 1, 2016. The Company performed its annual goodwill impairment assessment using a qualitative approach as of the beginning of the second quarter of Fiscal 2018. In performing the assessment, the Company identified and considered the significance of relevant key factors, events, and circumstances that affected the fair values and/or carrying amounts of its reporting units with allocated goodwill. These factors included external factors such as macroeconomic, industry, and market conditions, as well as entity-specific factors, such as the Company's actual and expected financial performance. Additionally, the results of the Company's most recent quantitative goodwill impairment test indicated that the fair values of these reporting units significantly exceeded their respective carrying values. Based on the results of its qualitative goodwill impairment assessment, the Company concluded that it is not more likely than not that the fair values of its reporting units are less than their respective carrying values, and there were no reporting units at risk of impairment.

12. Financial Instruments

Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company is exposed to changes in foreign currency exchange rates, primarily relating to certain anticipated cash flows and the value of the reported net assets of its international operations, as well as changes in the fair value of its fixed-rate debt attributed to changes in the benchmark interest rate. Consequently, the Company uses derivative financial instruments to manage and mitigate such risks. The Company does not enter into derivative transactions for speculative or trading purposes.

The following table summarizes the Company's outstanding derivative instruments on a gross basis as recorded in its consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2017 and April 1, 2017:

Derivative Instrument[a]	Notional Amounts		Derivative Assets				Derivative Liabilities			
	September 30, 2017	April 1, 2017	September 30, 2017		April 1, 2017		September 30, 2017		April 1, 2017	
			Balance Sheet Line[b]	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Line[b]	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Line[b]	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Line[b]	Fair Value
					(millions)					
Designated Hedges:										
FC — Cash flow hedges	$ 503.2	$ 533.2	[d]	$ 3.9	PP	$ 17.7	[e]	$ 12.1	AE	$ 3.7
IRS — Fixed-rate debt	600.0	600.0		—		—	[f]	7.7	ONCL	9.4
CCS — NI	652.7	591.2		—	ONCA	9.6	[g]	55.0		—
Total Designated Hedges	1,755.9	1,724.4		3.9		27.3		74.8		13.1
Undesignated Hedges:										
FC — Undesignated hedges[c]	400.2	375.1	PP	11.8	PP	5.3	AE	4.6	AE	8.6
Total Hedges	$ 2,156.1	$ 2,099.5		$ 15.7		$ 32.6		$ 79.4		$ 21.7

(a) FC = Forward foreign currency exchange contracts; IRS = Interest rate swap contracts; CCS = Cross-currency swap contracts; NI = Net investment hedges.

(b) PP = Prepaid expenses and other current assets; AE = Accrued expenses and other current liabilities; ONCA = Other non-current assets; ONCL = Other non-current liabilities.

(c) Primarily includes undesignated hedges of foreign currency-denominated intercompany loans and other intercompany balances.

(d) $3.5 million included within prepaid expenses and other current assets and $0.4 million included within other non-current assets.

(e) $12.0 million included within accrued expenses and other current liabilities and $0.1 million included within other non-current liabilities.

(f) $1.0 million included within accrued expenses and other current liabilities and $6.7 million included within other non-current liabilities.

(g) $30.9 million included within accrued expenses and other current liabilities and $24.1 million included within other non-current liabilities.

The Company records and presents the fair values of all of its derivative assets and liabilities in its consolidated balance sheets on a gross basis, even when they are subject to master netting arrangements. However, if the Company were to offset and record the asset and liability balances of all of its derivative instruments on a net basis in accordance with the terms of each of its master netting arrangements, spread across eight separate counterparties, the amounts presented in the consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2017 and April 1, 2017 would be adjusted from the current gross presentation as detailed in the following table:

	September 30, 2017			April 1, 2017		
	Gross Amounts Presented in the Balance Sheet	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Balance Sheet that are Subject to Master Netting Agreements	Net Amount	Gross Amounts Presented in the Balance Sheet	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Balance Sheet that are Subject to Master Netting Agreements	Net Amount
	(millions)					
Derivative assets	$ 15.7	$ (9.1)	$ 6.6	$ 32.6	$ (18.3)	$ 14.3
Derivative liabilities	79.4	(9.1)	70.3	21.7	(18.3)	3.4

The Company's master netting arrangements do not require cash collateral to be pledged by the Company or its counterparties. See Note 3 for further discussion of the Company's master netting arrangements.

The following tables summarize the pretax impact of the effective portion of gains and losses from the Company's designated derivative instruments on its consolidated financial statements for the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016:

	Gains (Losses) Recognized in OCI			
	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)			
Designated Hedges:				
FC — Cash flow hedges	$ (6.8)	$ (6.3)	$ (25.9)	$ (11.5)
CCS — NI[(a)]	(22.4)	(5.9)	(62.7)	7.1
Total Designated Hedges	$ (29.2)	$ (12.2)	$ (88.6)	$ (4.4)

	Gains (Losses) Reclassified from AOCI to Earnings				
	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended		
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	Location of Gains (Losses) Reclassified from AOCI to Earnings
	(millions)				
Designated Hedges:					
FC — Cash flow hedges	$ (2.4)	$ (4.8)	$ 1.6	$ (1.5)	Cost of goods sold
FC — Cash flow hedges	(0.4)	(1.3)	(1.0)	(6.0)	Foreign currency gains (losses)
Total Designated Hedges	$ (2.8)	$ (6.1)	$ 0.6	$ (7.5)	

(a) Amounts recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) ("OCI") would be recognized in earnings only upon the sale or liquidation of the hedged net investment.

As of September 30, 2017, it is expected that $10.8 million of pretax net losses on both outstanding and matured derivative instruments deferred in AOCI will be recognized in earnings over the next twelve months. The amounts ultimately recognized in earnings will depend on exchange rates in effect when outstanding derivative instruments are settled. No material gains or losses relating to ineffective cash flow hedges were recognized during any of the fiscal periods presented.

The following table summarizes the pretax impact of gains and losses from the Company's undesignated derivative instruments on its consolidated financial statements for the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016:

	Gains (Losses) Recognized in Earnings				
	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended		
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	Location of Gains (Losses) Recognized in Earnings
	(millions)				
Undesignated Hedges:					
FC — Undesignated hedges	$ (0.5)	$ (3.8)	$ 2.1	$ (11.3)	Foreign currency gains (losses)
Total Undesignated Hedges	$ (0.5)	$ (3.8)	$ 2.1	$ (11.3)	

Risk Management Strategies

Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts

The Company uses forward foreign currency exchange contracts to reduce its risk related to exchange rate fluctuations on inventory transactions made in an entity's non-functional currency, intercompany royalty payments made by certain of its international operations, and the settlement of foreign currency-denominated balances. As part of its overall strategy to manage the level of exposure to the risk of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, primarily to changes in the value of the Euro, the Japanese Yen, the South Korean Won, the Australian Dollar, the Canadian Dollar, the British Pound Sterling, and the Hong Kong Dollar, the Company hedges a portion of its foreign currency exposures anticipated over a two-year period. In doing so, the Company uses forward foreign currency exchange contracts that generally have maturities of two months to two years to provide continuing coverage throughout the hedging period of the respective exposure.

Interest Rate Swap Contracts

During Fiscal 2016, the Company entered into two pay-floating rate, receive-fixed rate interest rate swap contracts which it designated as hedges against changes in the respective fair values of its fixed-rate 2.125% Senior Notes and its fixed-rate 2.625% Senior Notes attributed to changes in the benchmark interest rate (the "Interest Rate Swaps"). The Interest Rate Swaps, which mature on September 26, 2018 and August 18, 2020, respectively, both have notional amounts of $300 million and swap the fixed interest rates on the Company's 2.125% Senior Notes and 2.625% Senior Notes for variable interest rates based on the 3-month London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus a fixed spread. Changes in the fair values of the Interest Rate Swaps were offset by changes in the fair values of the 2.125% Senior Notes and 2.625% Senior Notes attributed to changes in the benchmark interest rate, with no resulting ineffectiveness recognized in earnings during any of the fiscal periods presented.

Cross-Currency Swap Contracts

During Fiscal 2016, the Company entered into two pay-floating rate, receive-floating rate cross-currency swap contracts, with notional amounts of €280 million and €274 million, which it designated as hedges of its net investment in certain of its European subsidiaries (the "Cross-Currency Swaps"). The Cross-Currency Swaps, which mature on September 26, 2018 and August 18, 2020, respectively, swap the U.S. Dollar-denominated variable interest rate payments based on 3-month LIBOR plus a fixed spread (as paid under the Interest Rate Swaps described above) for Euro-denominated variable interest rate payments based on the 3-month Euro Interbank Offered Rate plus a fixed spread. As a result, the Cross-Currency Swaps, in conjunction with the Interest Rate Swaps, economically convert the Company's $300 million fixed-rate 2.125% and $300 million fixed-rate 2.625% obligations to €280 million and €274 million floating-rate Euro-denominated liabilities, respectively. No material gains or losses related to the ineffective portion, or the amount excluded from effectiveness testing, were recognized in interest expense within the consolidated statements of operations during any of the fiscal periods presented.

See Note 3 for further discussion of the Company's accounting policies relating to its derivative financial instruments.

Investments

As of September 30, 2017, the Company held short-term investments of $507.1 million and non-current investments of $82.6 million, both consisting of time deposits. As of April 1, 2017, the Company held short-term investments of $684.7 million and non-current investments of $21.4 million, also consisting of time deposits.

No significant realized or unrealized gains or losses on available-for-sale investments or other-than-temporary impairment charges were recorded during any of the fiscal periods presented.

Refer to Note 3 of the Fiscal 2017 10-K for further discussion of the Company's accounting policies relating to its investments.

13. Commitments and Contingencies

Customs Audit

In September 2014, one of the Company's international subsidiaries received a pre-assessment notice from the relevant customs officials concerning the method used to determine the dutiable value of imported inventory. The notice communicated the customs officials' assertion that the Company should have applied an alternative duty method, which could result in up to $46 million in incremental duty and non-creditable value-added tax, including $11 million in interest and penalties. The Company believes that the alternative duty method claimed by the customs officials is not applicable to the Company's facts and circumstances and is vigorously contesting their asserted methodology.

In October 2014, the Company filed an appeal of the pre-assessment notice in accordance with the standard procedures established by the relevant customs authorities. In response to the filing of the Company's appeal of the pre-assessment notice, the review committee instructed the customs officials to reconsider their assertion of the alternative duty method and conduct a re-audit to evaluate the facts and circumstances noted in the pre-assessment notice. In December 2015, the Company received the results of the re-audit conducted and a customs audit assessment notice in the amount of $34.1 million, which the Company recorded within restructuring and other charges in its consolidated statements of operations during the third quarter of Fiscal 2016. Although the Company disagrees with the assessment notice, in order to secure the Company's rights, the Company was required to pay the assessment amount and then subsequently file an appeal with the customs authorities. In October 2017, the tax tribunal presiding over the Company's appeal instructed the customs officials to reconsider their assertions under the alternative duty method and conduct a second re-audit to evaluate the facts and circumstances noted in the pre-assessment notice.

The Company continues to maintain its original filing position and will vigorously contest any other proposed methodology asserted by the customs officials. Should the Company be successful in its merits, a full refund for the amounts paid plus interest will be required to be paid by the customs authorities. If the Company is unsuccessful in its current appeal with the customs authorities, it may further appeal this decision within the courts. At this time, while the Company believes that the customs officials' claims are not meritorious and that the Company should prevail, the outcome of the appeals process is subject to risk and uncertainty.

Other Matters

The Company is involved, from time to time, in litigation, other legal claims, and proceedings involving matters associated with or incidental to its business, including, among other things, matters involving credit card fraud, trademark and other intellectual property, licensing, importation and exportation of its products, taxation, unclaimed property, and employee relations. The Company believes at present that the resolution of currently pending matters will not individually or in the aggregate have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial statements. However, the Company's assessment of any current litigation or other legal claims could potentially change in light of the discovery of facts not presently known or determinations by judges, juries, or other finders of fact which are not in accord with management's evaluation of the possible liability or outcome of such litigation or claims.

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into agreements that provide general indemnifications. The Company has not made any significant indemnification payments under such agreements in the past, and does not currently anticipate incurring any material indemnification payments.

14. Equity

Summary of Changes in Equity

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amounts of equity is presented below:

	Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)	
Balance at beginning of period	$ 3,299.6	$ 3,743.5
Comprehensive income	266.3	24.6
Dividends declared	(81.2)	(82.2)
Repurchases of common stock, including shares surrendered for tax withholdings	(14.6)	(114.9)
Stock-based compensation	39.4	31.9
Shares issued and tax benefits (shortfalls) recognized pursuant to stock-based compensation arrangements	0.1	(5.0)
Balance at end of period	$ 3,509.6	$ 3,597.9

Common Stock Repurchase Program

In June 2016, as part of its common stock repurchase program, the Company entered into an accelerated share repurchase program with a third-party financial institution under which it made an upfront payment of $100 million in exchange for an initial delivery of 0.9 million shares of its Class A common stock, representing 90% of the total shares that were ultimately expected to be delivered over the program's term (the "ASR Program"). The initial shares received, which had an aggregate cost of $90 million based on the June 20, 2016 closing share price, were immediately retired and recorded as an increase to treasury stock.

In September 2016, at the ASR Program's conclusion, the Company received 0.1 million additional shares and accordingly recorded a related $10 million increase to treasury stock. The number of additional shares delivered was based on the volume-weighted average price per share of the Company's Class A common stock over the term of the ASR Program, less an agreed upon discount. The average price per share paid for all of the shares delivered under the ASR Program was $98.48.

A summary of the Company's repurchases of Class A common stock under its common stock repurchase program, including the ASR Program, is as follows:

	Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)	
Cost of shares repurchased	$ —	$ 100.0
Number of shares repurchased	0.0	1.0

As of September 30, 2017, the remaining availability under the Company's Class A common stock repurchase program was approximately $100 million. Repurchases of shares of Class A common stock are subject to overall business and market conditions.

In addition, during each of the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, 0.2 million shares of Class A common stock, at a cost of $14.6 million and $14.9 million, respectively, were surrendered to or withheld by the Company in satisfaction of withholding taxes in connection with the vesting of awards under the Company's 1997 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (the "1997 Incentive Plan"), and its Amended and Restated 2010 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "2010 Incentive Plan").

Repurchased and surrendered shares are accounted for as treasury stock at cost and held in treasury for future use.

Dividends

Since 2003, the Company has maintained a regular quarterly cash dividend program on its common stock. The second quarter Fiscal 2018 dividend of $0.50 per share was declared on September 15, 2017, was payable to stockholders of record at the close of business on September 29, 2017, and was paid on October 13, 2017. Dividends paid amounted to $81.1 million and $82.6 million during the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, respectively.

15. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table presents OCI activity, net of tax, accumulated in equity:

	Foreign Currency Translation Gains (Losses)[a]	Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Cash Flow Hedges[b]	Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Defined Benefit Plans[c]	Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
	(millions)			
Balance at April 2, 2016	$ (157.6)	$ (12.0)	$ (11.9)	$ (181.5)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:				
OCI before reclassifications	2.1	(8.1)	—	(6.0)
Amounts reclassified from AOCI to earnings	—	6.3	0.9	7.2
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	2.1	(1.8)	0.9	1.2
Balance at October 1, 2016	$ (155.5)	$ (13.8)	$ (11.0)	$ (180.3)
Balance at April 1, 2017	$ (206.2)	$ 14.6	$ (6.8)	$ (198.4)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:				
OCI before reclassifications	87.7	(23.9)	(0.7)	63.1
Amounts reclassified from AOCI to earnings	—	(0.4)	0.3	(0.1)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	87.7	(24.3)	(0.4)	63.0
Balance at September 30, 2017	$ (118.5)	$ (9.7)	$ (7.2)	$ (135.4)

[a] OCI before reclassifications to earnings related to foreign currency translation gains (losses) includes an income tax benefit of $20.1 million for the six months ended September 30, 2017, and is net of an income tax provision of $2.3 million for the six months ended October 1, 2016. OCI before reclassifications to earnings for the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 include a loss of $39.0 million (net of a $23.7 million income tax benefit) and a gain of $4.4 million (net of a $2.7 million income tax provision), respectively, related to the effective portion of changes in the fair values of the Cross-Currency Swaps designated as hedges of the Company's net investment in certain of its European subsidiaries (see Note 12).

[b] OCI before reclassifications to earnings related to net unrealized gains (losses) on cash flow hedges are net of income tax benefits of $2.0 million and $3.4 million for the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, respectively. The tax effects on amounts reclassified from AOCI to earnings are presented in a table below.

[c] Activity is presented net of taxes, which were immaterial for both periods presented.

The following table presents reclassifications from AOCI to earnings for cash flow hedges, by component:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended		Location of Gains (Losses) Reclassified from AOCI to Earnings
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	
	(millions)				
Gains (losses) on cash flow hedges[a]:					
FC — Cash flow hedges	$ (2.4)	$ (4.8)	$ 1.6	$ (1.5)	Cost of goods sold
FC — Cash flow hedges	(0.4)	(1.3)	(1.0)	(6.0)	Foreign currency gains (losses)
Tax effect	—	0.8	(0.2)	1.2	Income tax benefit (provision)
Net of tax	$ (2.8)	$ (5.3)	$ 0.4	$ (6.3)	

[a] FC = Forward foreign currency exchange contracts.

16. Stock-based Compensation

The Company's stock-based compensation awards are currently issued under the 2010 Incentive Plan, which was approved by its stockholders on August 5, 2010. However, any prior awards granted under the 1997 Incentive Plan remain subject to the terms of that plan. Any awards that expire, are forfeited, or are surrendered to the Company in satisfaction of taxes are available for issuance under the 2010 Incentive Plan.

Refer to Note 18 of the Fiscal 2017 10-K for a detailed description of the Company's stock-based compensation awards, including information related to vesting terms, service and performance conditions, and payout percentages.

Impact on Results

A summary of total stock-based compensation expense and the related income tax benefits recognized during the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 is as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)			
Compensation expense	$ 17.8	$ 14.2	$ 39.4 [a]	$ 31.9
Income tax benefit	(6.7)	(5.2)	(14.6)	(11.7)

[a] Includes $2.1 million of accelerated stock-based compensation expense recorded within restructuring and other charges in the consolidated statements of operations during the first quarter of Fiscal 2018 (see Note 8). All other stock-based compensation expense was recorded within SG&A expenses.

The Company issues its annual grants of stock-based compensation awards in the first half of each fiscal year. Due to the timing of the annual grants and other factors, including the timing and magnitude of forfeiture and performance goal achievement adjustments, as well as changes to the size and composition of the eligible employee population, stock-based compensation expense recognized during any given fiscal period is not indicative of the level of compensation expense expected to be incurred in future periods.

Stock Options

A summary of stock option activity under all plans during the six months ended September 30, 2017 is as follows:

	Number of Options
	(thousands)
Options outstanding at April 1, 2017	1,720
Granted	—
Exercised	—
Cancelled/Forfeited	(502)
Options outstanding at September 30, 2017	1,218

Restricted Stock Awards and Service-based RSUs

The fair values of restricted stock awards granted to non-employee directors are determined based on the fair value of the Company's Class A common stock on the date of grant. No such awards were granted during the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016.

The fair values of service-based RSUs granted to certain of the Company's senior executives, as well as to certain of its other employees, are based on the fair value of the Company's Class A common stock on the date of grant, adjusted to reflect the absence of dividends for any awards not entitled to accrue dividend equivalents while outstanding. The weighted-average grant date fair values of service-based RSU awards granted were $72.70 and $83.67 per share during the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, respectively.

A summary of restricted stock and service-based RSU activity during the six months ended September 30, 2017 is as follows:

	Number of Shares	
	Restricted Stock	Service-based RSUs
	(thousands)	
Nonvested at April 1, 2017	19	922
Granted	—	678
Vested	—	(317)
Forfeited	—	(116)
Nonvested at September 30, 2017	19	1,167

Performance-based RSUs

The fair values of the Company's performance-based RSUs that are not subject to a market condition in the form of a total shareholder return ("TSR") modifier are based on the fair value of the Company's Class A common stock on the date of grant, adjusted to reflect the absence of dividends for any awards not entitled to accrue dividend equivalents while outstanding. The weighted-average grant date fair values of performance-based RSUs that do not contain a TSR modifier granted during the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 were $69.40 and $85.95 per share, respectively.

The fair values of the Company's performance-based RSUs with a TSR modifier are determined on the date of grant using a Monte Carlo simulation valuation model. This pricing model uses multiple simulations to evaluate the probability of the Company achieving various stock price levels to determine its expected TSR performance ranking. No such awards were granted during the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016.

A summary of performance-based RSU activity during the six months ended September 30, 2017 is as follows:

	Number of Shares	
	Performance-based RSUs — without TSR Modifier	Performance-based RSUs — with TSR Modifier
	(thousands)	
Nonvested at April 1, 2017	788	61
Granted	585	—
Change due to performance/market condition achievement	(12)	(21)
Vested	(149)	(40)
Forfeited	(24)	—
Nonvested at September 30, 2017	1,188	—

17. Segment Information

The Company has three reportable segments based on its business activities and organization:

- *North America* — The North America segment primarily consists of sales of Ralph Lauren branded apparel, accessories, home furnishings, and related products made through the Company's wholesale and retail businesses in the U.S. and Canada, excluding Club Monaco. In North America, the Company's wholesale business is comprised primarily of sales to department stores, and to a lesser extent, specialty stores. The Company's retail business in North America is comprised of its Ralph Lauren stores, its factory stores, and its e-commerce site, www.RalphLauren.com.

- *Europe* — The Europe segment primarily consists of sales of Ralph Lauren branded apparel, accessories, home furnishings, and related products made through the Company's wholesale and retail businesses in Europe and the Middle East, excluding Club Monaco. In Europe, the Company's wholesale business is comprised of a varying mix of sales to both department stores and specialty stores, depending on the country. The Company's retail business in Europe is comprised of its Ralph Lauren stores, its factory stores, its concession-based shop-within-shops, and its various e-commerce sites.

- *Asia* — The Asia segment primarily consists of sales of Ralph Lauren branded apparel, accessories, home furnishings, and related products made through the Company's wholesale and retail businesses in Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. The Company's retail business in Asia is comprised of its Ralph Lauren stores, its factory stores, and its concession-based shop-within-shops. In addition, the Company sells its products through various third-party digital partner e-commerce sites. In Asia, the Company's wholesale business is comprised primarily of sales to department stores, with related products distributed through shop-within-shops.

No operating segments were aggregated to form the Company's reportable segments. In addition to these reportable segments, the Company also has other non-reportable segments, which primarily consist of (i) sales of Club Monaco branded products made through its retail businesses in the U.S., Canada, and Europe, and its licensing alliances in Europe and Asia, (ii) sales of Ralph Lauren branded products made through its wholesale business in Latin America, and (iii) royalty revenues earned through its global licensing alliances, excluding Club Monaco.

The Company's segment reporting structure is consistent with how it establishes its overall business strategy, allocates resources, and assesses performance of its business. The accounting policies of the Company's segments are consistent with those described in Notes 2 and 3 of the Fiscal 2017 10-K. Sales and transfers between segments are generally recorded at cost and treated as transfers of inventory. All intercompany revenues are eliminated in consolidation and are not reviewed when evaluating segment performance. Each segment's performance is evaluated based upon net revenues and operating income before restructuring charges and certain other one-time items, such as legal charges, if any. Certain corporate overhead expenses related to global functions, most notably the Company's executive office, information technology, finance and accounting, human resources, and legal departments, largely remain at corporate. Additionally, other costs that cannot be allocated to the segments based on specific usage are also maintained at corporate, including corporate advertising and marketing expenses, depreciation and amortization of corporate assets, and other general and administrative expenses resulting from corporate-level activities and projects.

During the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2017, the Company realigned its segment reporting structure as a result of significant organizational changes implemented in connection with the Way Forward Plan. Refer to Note 20 of the Company's Fiscal 2017 Form 10-K for further discussion. All prior period segment information has been recast to reflect the realignment of the Company's segment reporting structure on a comparative basis.

Net revenues and operating income (loss) for each of the Company's segments are as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)			
Net revenues:				
North America	$ 876.7	$ 1,044.8	$ 1,586.4	$ 1,900.4
Europe	463.0	445.8	786.5	823.4
Asia	216.8	216.5	425.9	427.6
Other non-reportable segments	107.7	113.5	212.5	221.4
Total net revenues	$ 1,664.2	$ 1,820.6	$ 3,011.3	$ 3,372.8

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)			
Operating income (loss)[(a)]:				
North America	$ 202.7	$ 202.4	$ 353.2	$ 368.2
Europe	125.5	100.4	192.6	175.4
Asia	26.5	(65.8)	56.7	(103.6)
Other non-reportable segments	26.3	30.0	59.3	57.8
	381.0	267.0	661.8	497.8
Unallocated corporate expenses	(169.1)	(149.2)	(322.8)	(325.5)
Unallocated restructuring and other charges[(b)]	(18.6)	(41.5)	(55.4)	(127.2)
Total operating income	$ 193.3	$ 76.3	$ 283.6	$ 45.1

(a) Segment operating income (loss) and unallocated corporate expenses during the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 included certain restructuring-related inventory charges (see Note 8) and asset impairment charges (see Note 7), which are detailed below:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)			
Restructuring-related inventory charges:				
North America	$ (0.1)	$ (17.9)	$ (0.8)	$ (24.8)
Europe	(0.1)	(4.6)	(0.1)	(12.5)
Asia	—	(57.8)	—	(94.1)
Other non-reportable segments	(0.4)	(0.7)	(0.4)	(3.6)
Total restructuring-related inventory charges	$ (0.6)	$ (81.0)	$ (1.3)	$ (135.0)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)			
Asset impairment charges:				
North America	$ (0.3)	$ (6.9)	$ (0.9)	$ (7.7)
Europe	—	(0.2)	(1.2)	(1.6)
Asia	(0.8)	(19.0)	(0.9)	(35.5)
Other non-reportable segments	(8.5)	(0.9)	(8.6)	(1.0)
Unallocated corporate expenses	(1.6)	—	(9.3)	(0.6)
Total asset impairment charges	$ (11.2)	$ (27.0)	$ (20.9)	$ (46.4)

(b) The three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 included certain unallocated restructuring and other charges (see Note 8), which are detailed below:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)			
Unallocated restructuring and other charges:				
North America-related	$ (1.2)	$ (4.5)	$ (13.2)	$ (22.5)
Europe-related	(5.0)	(5.9)	(5.1)	(16.4)
Asia-related	(2.4)	(6.8)	0.9	(8.3)
Other non-reportable segment-related	(2.0)	(1.0)	(6.8)	(3.1)
Corporate-related	(6.7)	(23.3)	(19.7)	(76.9)
Unallocated restructuring charges	(17.3)	(41.5)	(43.9)	(127.2)
Other charges (see Note 8)	(1.3)	—	(11.5)	—
Total unallocated restructuring and other charges	$ (18.6)	$ (41.5)	$ (55.4)	$ (127.2)

Depreciation and amortization expense for the Company's segments is as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)			
Depreciation and amortization:				
North America	$ 20.6	$ 26.7	$ 41.6	$ 56.2
Europe	8.6	7.1	16.6	14.9
Asia	12.1	12.2	23.6	25.5
Other non-reportable segments	2.8	4.1	5.6	7.6
Unallocated corporate expenses	26.2	25.5	52.3	49.8
Unallocated restructuring and other charges (see Note 8)	3.5	—	7.0	—
Total depreciation and amortization	$ 73.8	$ 75.6	$ 146.7	$ 154.0

Net revenues by geographic location of the reporting subsidiary are as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)			
Net revenues[(a)]:				
The Americas[(b)]	$ 980.8	$ 1,155.1	$ 1,792.3	$ 2,115.7
Europe[(c)]	466.1	448.5	792.3	828.7
Asia[(d)]	217.3	217.0	426.7	428.4
Total net revenues	$ 1,664.2	$ 1,820.6	$ 3,011.3	$ 3,372.8

(a) Net revenues for certain of the Company's licensed operations are included within the geographic location of the reporting subsidiary which holds the respective license.

(b) Includes the U.S., Canada, and Latin America. Net revenues earned in the U.S. during the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 were $917.9 million and $1.683 billion, respectively, and $1.092 billion and $2.002 billion during the three-month and six-month periods ended October 1, 2016, respectively.

(c) Includes the Middle East.

(d) Includes Australia and New Zealand.

18. Additional Financial Information

Reconciliation of Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash

A reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash as of September 30, 2017 and April 1, 2017 from the consolidated balance sheets to the consolidated statements of cash flows is as follows:

	September 30, 2017	April 1, 2017
	(millions)	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,111.6	$ 668.3
Restricted cash included within prepaid expenses and other current assets	13.3	9.8
Restricted cash included within other non-current assets	34.0	33.7
Total cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	$ 1,158.9	$ 711.8

Amounts included in restricted cash relate to cash placed in escrow with certain banks as collateral, primarily to secure guarantees in connection with certain international tax matters.

Cash Interest and Taxes

Cash paid for interest and income taxes is as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)			
Cash paid for interest	$ 3.0	$ 3.2	$ 5.6	$ 6.8
Cash paid for income taxes	7.5	32.8	28.3	50.3

Non-cash Transactions

Non-cash investing activities included capital expenditures incurred but not yet paid of $37.5 million and $58.6 million for the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, respectively. Additionally, the Company recorded capital lease assets and corresponding capital lease obligations of $2.3 million and $5.2 million within its consolidated balance sheet during the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, respectively.

There were no other significant non-cash investing or financing activities for any of the fiscal periods presented.

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

Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Various statements in this Form 10-Q, or incorporated by reference into this Form 10-Q, in future filings by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), in our press releases, and in oral statements made from time to time by us or on our behalf constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and are indicated by words or phrases such as "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "project," "we believe," "is or remains optimistic," "currently envisions," and similar words or phrases and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors which may cause actual results, performance, or achievements to be materially different from the future results, performance, or achievements expressed in or implied by such forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties, and other factors include, among others:

- the loss of key personnel, including Mr. Ralph Lauren, or other changes in our executive and senior management team or to our operating structure, and our ability to effectively transfer knowledge during periods of transition;
- the potential impact to our business and future strategic direction resulting from our transition to our new Chief Executive Officer;
- our ability to successfully implement our long-term growth strategy and achieve anticipated operating enhancements and cost reductions from our restructuring plans;
- the impact to our business resulting from investments and other costs incurred in connection with the execution of our long-term growth strategy, including restructuring-related charges, which may be dilutive to our earnings in the short term;
- our ability to effectively manage inventory levels and the increasing pressure on our margins in a highly promotional retail environment;
- the impact to our business resulting from potential costs and obligations related to the early closure of our stores or termination of our long-term, non-cancellable leases;
- our efforts to successfully enhance, upgrade, and/or transition our global information technology systems and e-commerce platform;
- our ability to secure our facilities and systems and those of our third-party service providers from, among other things, cybersecurity breaches, acts of vandalism, computer viruses, or similar Internet or email events;
- a variety of legal, regulatory, tax, political, and economic risks, including risks related to the importation and exportation of products, tariffs, and other trade barriers which our operations are currently subject to, or may become subject to as a result of potential changes in legislation, and other risks associated with our international operations, such as compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act or violations of other anti-bribery and corruption laws prohibiting improper payments, and the burdens of complying with a variety of foreign laws and regulations, including tax laws, trade and labor restrictions, and related laws that may reduce the flexibility of our business;
- changes in our tax obligations and effective tax rates due to a variety of factors, including potential changes in tax laws and regulations, accounting rules, or the mix and level of earnings by jurisdiction;
- our exposure to currency exchange rate fluctuations from both a transactional and translational perspective;
- the impact to our business resulting from increases in the costs of raw materials, transportation, and labor;
- the potential impact to our business resulting from the financial difficulties of certain of our large wholesale customers, which may result in consolidations, liquidations, restructurings, and other ownership changes in the retail industry, as well as other changes in the competitive marketplace, including the introduction of new products or pricing changes by our competitors;
- the impact to our business resulting from changes in consumers' ability or preferences to purchase premium lifestyle products that we offer for sale and our ability to forecast consumer demand, which could result in either a build-up or shortage of inventory;
- our ability to maintain our credit profile and ratings within the financial community;

- our ability to access sources of liquidity to provide for our cash needs, including our debt obligations, payment of dividends, capital expenditures, and potential repurchases of our Class A common stock, as well as the ability of our customers, suppliers, vendors, and lenders to access sources of liquidity to provide for their own cash needs;
- the potential impact to the trading prices of our securities if our Class A common stock share repurchase activity and/or cash dividend payments differ from investors' expectations;
- the impact of the volatile state of the global economy, stock markets, and other global economic conditions on us, our customers, suppliers, vendors, and lenders;
- the impact to our business of events of unrest and instability that are currently taking place in certain parts of the world, as well as from any terrorist action, retaliation, and the threat of further action or retaliation;
- our ability to open new retail stores, concession shops, and e-commerce sites in an effort to expand our direct-to-consumer presence;
- our ability to continue to expand or grow our business internationally and the impact of related changes in our customer, channel, and geographic sales mix as a result;
- our ability to continue to maintain our brand image and reputation and protect our trademarks;
- our intention to introduce new products or enter into or renew alliances and exclusive relationships;
- changes in the business of, and our relationships with, major department store customers and licensing partners;
- the potential impact on our operations and on our suppliers and customers resulting from natural or man-made disasters;
- the impact to our business resulting from the United Kingdom's decision to exit the European Union and the uncertainty surrounding the terms and conditions of such a withdrawal, as well as the related impact to global stock markets and currency exchange rates; and
- our ability to make certain strategic acquisitions and successfully integrate the acquired businesses into our existing operations.

These forward-looking statements are based largely on our expectations and judgments and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are unforeseeable and beyond our control. A detailed discussion of significant risk factors that have the potential to cause our actual results to differ materially from our expectations is included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 1, 2017 (the "Fiscal 2017 10-K"). There are no material changes to such risk factors, nor are there any identifiable previously undisclosed risks as set forth in Part II, Item 1A — "*Risk Factors*" of this Form 10-Q. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

In this Form 10-Q, references to "Ralph Lauren," "ourselves," "we," "our," "us," and the "Company" refer to Ralph Lauren Corporation and its subsidiaries, unless the context indicates otherwise. We utilize a 52-53 week fiscal year ending on the Saturday closest to March 31. As such, fiscal year 2018 will end on March 31, 2018 and will be a 52-week period ("Fiscal 2018"). Fiscal year 2017 ended on April 1, 2017 and was also a 52-week period ("Fiscal 2017"). The second quarter of Fiscal 2018 ended on September 30, 2017 and was a 13-week period. The second quarter of Fiscal 2017 ended on October 1, 2016 and was also a 13-week period.

INTRODUCTION

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations ("MD&A") is provided as a supplement to the accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto to help provide an understanding of our results of operations, financial condition, and liquidity. MD&A is organized as follows:

- *Overview.* This section provides a general description of our business, global economic conditions and industry trends, and a summary of our financial performance for the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017. In addition, this section includes a discussion of recent developments and transactions affecting comparability that we believe are important in understanding our results of operations and financial condition, and in anticipating future trends.

- *Results of operations.* This section provides an analysis of our results of operations for the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the three-month and six-month periods ended October 1, 2016.

- *Financial condition and liquidity.* This section provides a discussion of our financial condition and liquidity as of September 30, 2017, which includes (i) an analysis of our financial condition as compared to the prior fiscal year-end; (ii) an analysis of changes in our cash flows for the six months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the six months ended October 1, 2016; (iii) an analysis of our liquidity, including the availability under our commercial paper borrowing program and credit facilities, common stock repurchases, payments of dividends, and our outstanding debt and covenant compliance; and (iv) a description of any material changes in our contractual and other obligations since April 1, 2017.

- *Market risk management.* This section discusses any significant changes in our risk exposures related to foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates, and our investments since April 1, 2017.

- *Critical accounting policies.* This section discusses any significant changes in our critical accounting policies since April 1, 2017. Critical accounting policies typically require significant judgment and estimation on the part of management in their application. In addition, all of our significant accounting policies, including our critical accounting policies, are summarized in Note 3 of the Fiscal 2017 10-K.

- *Recently issued accounting standards.* This section discusses the potential impact on our reported results of operations and financial condition of certain accounting standards that have been recently issued or proposed.

OVERVIEW

Our Business

Our Company is a global leader in the design, marketing, and distribution of premium lifestyle products, including apparel, accessories, home furnishings, and other licensed product categories. Our long-standing reputation and distinctive image have been developed across an expanding number of products, brands, sales channels, and international markets. Our brand names include Ralph Lauren, Ralph Lauren Collection, Ralph Lauren Purple Label, Polo Ralph Lauren, Double RL, Lauren Ralph Lauren, Polo Ralph Lauren Children, Chaps, and Club Monaco, among others.

We diversify our business by geography (North America, Europe, and Asia, among other regions) and channels of distribution (wholesale, retail, and licensing). This allows us to maintain a dynamic balance as our operating results do not depend solely on the performance of any single geographic area or channel of distribution. Our wholesale sales are made principally to major department stores and specialty stores around the world. We also sell directly to consumers through our integrated retail channel, which includes our retail stores, concession-based shop-within-shops, and e-commerce operations around the world. In addition, we license to unrelated third parties for specified periods the right to operate retail stores and/or to use our various trademarks in connection with the manufacture and sale of designated products, such as certain apparel, eyewear, fragrances, and home furnishings.

We organize our business into the following three reportable segments:

- *North America* — Our North America segment, representing approximately 57% of our Fiscal 2017 net revenues, primarily consists of sales of our Ralph Lauren branded products made through our wholesale and retail businesses in the U.S. and Canada, excluding Club Monaco. In North America, our wholesale business is comprised primarily of sales to department stores, and to a lesser extent, specialty stores. Our retail business in North America is comprised of our Ralph Lauren stores, our factory stores, and our e-commerce site, www.RalphLauren.com.

- *Europe* — Our Europe segment, representing approximately 23% of our Fiscal 2017 net revenues, primarily consists of sales of our Ralph Lauren branded products made through our wholesale and retail businesses in Europe and the Middle East, excluding Club Monaco. In Europe, our wholesale business is comprised of a varying mix of sales to both department stores and specialty stores, depending on the country. Our retail business in Europe is comprised of our Ralph Lauren stores, our factory stores, our concession-based shop-within-shops, and our various e-commerce sites.

- *Asia* — Our Asia segment, representing approximately 13% of our Fiscal 2017 net revenues, primarily consists of sales of our Ralph Lauren branded products made through our wholesale and retail businesses in Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. Our retail business in Asia is comprised of our Ralph Lauren stores, our factory stores, and our concession-based shop-within-shops. In addition, we sell our products through various third-party digital partner e-commerce sites. In Asia, our wholesale business is comprised primarily of sales to department stores, with related products distributed through shop-within-shops.

In addition to these reportable segments, we also have other non-reportable segments, representing approximately 7% of our Fiscal 2017 net revenues, which primarily consist of (i) sales of our Club Monaco branded products made through our retail businesses in the U.S., Canada, and Europe, and our licensing alliances in Europe and Asia, (ii) sales of our Ralph Lauren branded products made through our wholesale business in Latin America, and (iii) royalty revenues earned through our global licensing alliances, excluding Club Monaco.

During the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2017, we realigned our segment reporting structure as a result of significant organizational changes implemented in connection with the Way Forward Plan, as defined within "*Recent Developments*" below. Refer to Note 20 of our Fiscal 2017 Form 10-K for further discussion. All prior period segment information has been recast to reflect the realignment of our segment reporting structure on a comparative basis.

Approximately 40% of our Fiscal 2017 net revenues were earned outside of the U.S. See Note 17 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements for a summary of net revenues and operating income (loss) by segment, as well as net revenues by geographic location.

Our business is typically affected by seasonal trends, with higher levels of wholesale sales in our second and fourth fiscal quarters and higher retail sales in our second and third fiscal quarters. These trends result primarily from the timing of seasonal wholesale shipments and key vacation travel, back-to-school, and holiday shopping periods impacting our retail business. In addition, fluctuations in net sales, operating income, and cash flows in any fiscal quarter may be affected by other events impacting retail sales, such as changes in weather patterns. Accordingly, our operating results and cash flows for the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results and cash flows that may be expected for the full Fiscal 2018.

Global Economic Conditions and Industry Trends

The global economy and our industry are impacted by many different influences. Certain worldwide events, including political unrest, acts of terrorism, monetary policy changes, and currency and commodity price changes, increase volatility in the global economy. In addition, the current domestic and international political environment, including potential changes to U.S. policies related to global trade, taxation, immigration, and healthcare have also resulted in uncertainty surrounding the future state of the global economy. As our international business continues to grow, and because the majority of our products are produced outside of the U.S., major changes in tax policies or trade relations could have a material adverse effect on our business or operating results. Our results also have been, and are expected to continue to be, impacted by foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

In addition, the retail landscape in which we operate is evolving, with consumers continuing to diversify the channels in which they transact and shifting their shopping preference from physical stores to online. This along with other factors has resulted in many retailers, including certain of our large wholesale customers, becoming highly promotional and aggressively marking down their merchandise in an attempt to offset declines in physical store traffic. The retail industry, particularly in the U.S., has

also experienced numerous bankruptcies, restructurings, and ownership changes in recent years. Certain of our operations, including our North America wholesale business, have been negatively impacted by these dynamics. Changes in economic conditions and the continuation of these industry trends could further impact consumer spending and consumption behavior in our industry, which could have a material adverse effect on our business or operating results.

We have implemented various operating strategies globally to help address many of these current challenges, and continue to build a foundation for long-term profitable growth centered around strengthening our consumer-facing areas of product, stores, and marketing across channels and driving a more efficient operating model. In connection with these strategies, we are taking deliberate actions to ensure promotional consistency across channels and enhance the overall brand and shopping experience, including reducing shipments to better align with underlying demand and lower inventory levels. Additionally, we are optimizing our wholesale distribution channel by closing 20% to 25% of our underperforming U.S. department store points of distribution by the end of Fiscal 2018. Further, in October 2017, we shifted to a more cost-effective and flexible e-commerce platform for our directly operated digital businesses, which is expected to deliver a more brand-enhancing and consistent customer experience across our global digital ecosystem. See our restructuring activities as described within "*Recent Developments*" below for further discussion. Although the investments that we are making in our business and our quality of sales initiatives may create operating profit pressure in the near-term, we expect that these initiatives will create longer-term shareholder value.

We will continue to monitor these conditions and trends and evaluate and adjust our operating strategies and foreign currency and cost management opportunities to help mitigate the related impact on our results of operations, while remaining focused on the long-term growth of our business and protecting the value of our brand.

For a detailed discussion of significant risk factors that have the potential to cause our actual results to differ materially from our expectations, see Part I, Item 1A - "*Risk Factors*" in our Fiscal 2017 10-K.

Summary of Financial Performance

Operating Results

During the three months ended September 30, 2017, we reported net revenues of $1.664 billion, net income of $143.8 million, and net income per diluted share of $1.75, as compared to net revenues of $1.821 billion, net income of $45.7 million, and net income per diluted share of $0.55 during the three months ended October 1, 2016. During the six months ended September 30, 2017, we reported net revenues of $3.011 billion, net income of $203.3 million, and net income per diluted share of $2.47, as compared to net revenues of $3.373 billion, net income of $23.4 million, and net income per diluted share of $0.28 during the six months ended October 1, 2016. The comparability of our operating results has been affected by restructuring-related charges, impairment of assets, and certain other charges, as discussed further below.

Our operating performance for the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 reflected declines in net revenues of 8.6% and 10.7%, respectively, on a reported basis and 9.0% and 10.3%, respectively, on a constant currency basis, as defined within "*Transactions and Trends Affecting Comparability of Results of Operations and Financial Condition*" below. The declines in reported net revenues for the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 were primarily due to lower sales from our North America segment driven by the impact of our quality of distribution and sales initiatives, including lower levels of promotional activity and a strategic reduction in shipments, as well as brand discontinuances and lower consumer demand.

Our gross profit as a percentage of net revenues increased by 740 basis points to 59.8% during the three months ended September 30, 2017, and by 650 basis points to 61.3% during the six months ended September 30, 2017. These increases were primarily driven by lower non-cash inventory-related charges recorded in connection with the Way Forward Plan, lower levels of promotional activity in connection with our long-term growth strategy, favorable geographic and channel mix, and lower sourcing costs.

Selling, general, and administrative ("SG&A") expenses as a percentage of net revenues increased by 200 basis points to 46.1% during the three months ended September 30, 2017, and by 100 basis points to 49.0% during the six months ended September 30, 2017. These increases were primarily due to operating deleverage on lower net revenues and the unfavorable impact attributable to geographic and channel mix, as a greater portion of our revenue was generated by our international retail businesses (which typically carry higher operating expense margins). These increases were largely offset by our operational discipline and cost savings associated with our restructuring activities.

Net income increased by $98.1 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the three months ended October 1, 2016, primarily due to a $117.0 million increase in operating income, partially offset by a $19.4 million increase in our income tax provision. Net income increased by $179.9 million during the six months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the six months ended October 1, 2016, primarily due to a $238.5 million increase in operating income, partially offset by a $57.6 million increase in our income tax provision. Net income per diluted share increased by $1.20 to $1.75 per share during the three months ended September 30, 2017, and by $2.19 to $2.47 per share during the six months ended September 30, 2017, due to the higher levels of net income and lower weighted-average diluted shares outstanding.

Our operating results during the three-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 were negatively impacted by restructuring-related charges, impairment of assets, and certain other charges totaling $30.4 million and $149.5 million, respectively, which had an after-tax effect of reducing net income by $20.3 million, or $0.24 per diluted share, and $112.6 million, or $1.35 per diluted share, respectively. Our operating results during the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 were negatively impacted by restructuring-related charges, impairment of assets, and certain other charges totaling $77.6 million and $308.6 million, respectively, which had an after-tax effect of reducing net income by $51.9 million, or $0.63 per diluted share, and $224.4 million, or $2.68 per diluted share, respectively.

Financial Condition and Liquidity

We ended the second quarter of Fiscal 2018 in a net cash and investments position (cash and cash equivalents plus short-term and non-current investments, less total debt) of $1.111 billion, as compared to $786.2 million as of the end of Fiscal 2017. The increase in our net cash and investments position at September 30, 2017 as compared to April 1, 2017 was primarily due to our operating cash flows of $437.0 million, partially offset by our use of cash to to make dividend payments of $81.1 million and to invest in our business through $74.7 million in capital expenditures.

We generated $437.0 million of cash from operations during the six months ended September 30, 2017, compared to $232.6 million during the six months ended October 1, 2016. The increase in our operating cash flows was due to a net favorable change related to our operating assets and liabilities, including our working capital, as compared to the prior fiscal year period, partially offset by a decline in net income before non-cash charges.

Our equity increased to $3.510 billion as of September 30, 2017 compared to $3.300 billion as of April 1, 2017, primarily attributable to our comprehensive income and the net impact of stock-based compensation arrangements, partially offset by our dividends declared during the six months ended September 30, 2017.

Recent Developments

Change in Chief Executive Officer

Consistent with our announcement on February 2, 2017, Mr. Stefan Larsson departed as the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and as a member of our Board of Directors, effective as of May 1, 2017. In connection with Mr. Larsson's departure, we recorded cumulative other charges of $17.0 million, of which $5.6 million and $11.4 million was recorded during the first quarter of Fiscal 2018 and fourth quarter of Fiscal 2017, respectively. We do not expect to incur additional charges related to Mr. Larsson's departure. See Note 8 to our accompanying consolidated financial statements for further discussion of the charges recorded in connection with Mr. Larsson's departure.

Subsequent to Mr. Larsson's departure, Mr. Patrice Louvet was appointed as the Company's new President and Chief Executive Officer and as a member of our Board of Directors, effective in July 2017.

Way Forward Plan

On June 2, 2016, our Board of Directors approved a restructuring plan with the objective of delivering sustainable, profitable sales growth and long-term value creation for shareholders (the "Way Forward Plan"). We are refocusing on our core brands and evolving our product, marketing, and shopping experience to increase desirability and relevance. We are also evolving our operating model to enable sustainable, profitable sales growth by significantly improving quality of sales, reducing supply chain lead times, improving our sourcing, and executing a disciplined multi-channel distribution and expansion strategy. As part of the Way Forward Plan, we are rightsizing our cost structure and implementing a return on investment-driven financial model to free up resources to invest in the brand and drive high-quality sales. The Way Forward Plan includes strengthening our leadership team and creating a more nimble organization by moving from an average of nine to six layers of management. The Way Forward Plan also includes the discontinuance of our Denim & Supply brand and the integration of our denim product offerings into our Polo Ralph Lauren

brand. Collectively, these actions, which were substantially completed during Fiscal 2017, resulted in a reduction in workforce and the closure of certain stores and shop-within-shops, and are expected to result in gross annualized expense savings of approximately $180 million to $220 million.

On March 30, 2017, our Board of Directors approved the following additional restructuring-related activities associated with the Way Forward Plan: (i) the restructuring of our in-house global e-commerce platform which was in development and shifting to a more cost-effective, flexible e-commerce platform through a new agreement with Salesforce's Commerce Cloud, formerly known as Demandware; (ii) the closure of our Polo store at 711 Fifth Avenue in New York City; and (iii) the further streamlining of the organization and the execution of other key corporate actions in line with the Way Forward Plan. These actions, which are expected to be completed by the end of Fiscal 2018, are an important part of our efforts to achieve our stated objective to return to sustainable, profitable growth and invest in the future. These additional restructuring-related activities will result in a further reduction in workforce and the closure of certain corporate office and store locations, and are expected to result in additional gross annualized expense savings of approximately $140 million.

In connection with the Way Forward Plan, we currently expect to incur total estimated charges of approximately $770 million, comprised of cash-related restructuring charges of approximately $450 million and non-cash charges of approximately $320 million. Cumulative charges incurred since inception were $623.4 million, of which $20.0 million and $57.0 million were recorded during the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017, respectively. In addition to these charges, we also incurred an additional non-cash charge of $155.2 million during Fiscal 2017 associated with the destruction of inventory out of current liquidation channels in line with our Way Forward Plan. See Notes 7 and 8 to our accompanying consolidated financial statements for detailed discussions of the charges recorded in connection with the Way Forward Plan.

Transactions and Trends Affecting Comparability of Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The comparability of our operating results for the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 has been affected by restructuring-related charges, impairment of assets, and certain other charges, as summarized below (references to "Notes" are to the notes to the accompanying consolidated financial statements):

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
	(millions)			
Impairment of assets (see Note 7)	$ (11.2)	$ (27.0)	$ (20.9)	$ (46.4)
Restructuring and other charges (see Note 8)	(18.6)	(41.5)	(55.4)	(127.2)
Restructuring-related inventory charges (see Note 8)[a]	(0.6)	(81.0)	(1.3)	(135.0)
Total charges	$ (30.4)	$ (149.5)	$ (77.6)	$ (308.6)

[a] Non-cash restructuring-related inventory charges are recorded within cost of goods sold in the consolidated statements of operations.

Since we are a global company, the comparability of our operating results reported in U.S. Dollars is also affected by foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations because the underlying currencies in which we transact change in value over time compared to the U.S. Dollar. These rate fluctuations can have a significant effect on our reported results. As such, in addition to financial measures prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. ("U.S. GAAP"), our discussions often contain references to constant currency measures, which are calculated by translating the current-year and prior-year reported amounts into comparable amounts using a single foreign exchange rate for each currency. We present constant currency financial information, which is a non-U.S. GAAP financial measure, as a supplement to our reported operating results. We use constant currency information to provide a framework to assess how our businesses performed excluding the effects of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. We believe this information is useful to investors to facilitate comparisons of operating results and better identify trends in our businesses. The constant currency performance measures should be viewed in addition to, and not in lieu of or superior to, our operating performance measures calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Reconciliations between this non-U.S. GAAP financial measure and the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measure are included in the "Results of Operations" section where applicable.

Our discussion also includes reference to comparable store sales. Comparable store sales refer to the growth of sales in stores that are open for at least one full fiscal year. Sales for stores that are closed during a fiscal year are excluded from the calculation of comparable store sales. Sales for stores that are either relocated, enlarged (as defined by gross square footage expansion of 25% or greater), or generally closed for 30 or more consecutive days for renovation are also excluded from the calculation of comparable store sales until such stores have been in their new location or in their newly renovated state for at least one full fiscal year. Sales from our e-commerce sites are included within comparable store sales for those geographies that have been serviced by the related site for at least one full fiscal year. Sales for e-commerce sites that are shut down during a fiscal year are excluded from the calculation of comparable store sales. We use an integrated omni-channel strategy to operate our retail business, in which our e-commerce operations are interdependent with our physical stores.

Our "Results of Operations" discussion that follows includes the significant changes in operating results arising from these items affecting comparability. However, unusual items or transactions may occur in any period. Accordingly, investors and other financial statement users should consider the types of events and transactions that have affected operating trends.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 Compared to Three Months Ended October 1, 2016

The following table summarizes our results of operations and expresses the percentage relationship to net revenues of certain financial statement captions. All percentages shown in the below table and the discussion that follows have been calculated using unrounded numbers.

	Three Months Ended			
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	$ Change	% / bps Change
	(millions, except per share data)			
Net revenues	$ 1,664.2	$ 1,820.6	$ (156.4)	(8.6%)
Cost of goods sold[(a)]	(668.4)	(866.4)	198.0	(22.8%)
Gross profit	995.8	954.2	41.6	4.4%
Gross profit as % of net revenues	*59.8%*	*52.4%*		*740 bps*
Selling, general, and administrative expenses[(a)]	(766.7)	(803.3)	36.6	(4.5%)
SG&A expenses as % of net revenues	*46.1%*	*44.1%*		*200 bps*
Amortization of intangible assets	(6.0)	(6.1)	0.1	(1.6%)
Impairment of assets	(11.2)	(27.0)	15.8	(58.5%)
Restructuring and other charges[(a)]	(18.6)	(41.5)	22.9	(55.2%)
Operating income	193.3	76.3	117.0	153.2%
Operating income as % of net revenues	*11.6%*	*4.2%*		*740 bps*
Foreign currency gains	1.7	1.1	0.6	63.8%
Interest expense	(4.6)	(4.1)	(0.5)	10.4%
Interest and other income, net	2.0	2.3	(0.3)	(16.1%)
Equity in losses of equity-method investees	(1.2)	(1.9)	0.7	(35.6%)
Income before income taxes	191.2	73.7	117.5	159.4%
Income tax provision	(47.4)	(28.0)	(19.4)	69.4%
Effective tax rate[(b)]	*24.8%*	*38.0%*		*(1,320 bps)*
Net income	$ 143.8	$ 45.7	$ 98.1	214.4%
Net income per common share:				
Basic	$ 1.76	$ 0.55	$ 1.21	220.0%
Diluted	$ 1.75	$ 0.55	$ 1.20	218.2%

(a) Includes total depreciation expense of $67.8 million and $69.5 million for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, respectively.

(b) Effective tax rate is calculated by dividing the income tax provision by income before income taxes.

Net Revenues. Net revenues decreased by $156.4 million, or 8.6%, to $1.664 billion during the three months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the three months ended October 1, 2016, including net favorable foreign currency effects of $7.5 million. On a constant currency basis, net revenues decreased by $163.9 million, or 9.0%.

The following table summarizes the percentage change in our consolidated comparable store sales for the three months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the prior fiscal year period on both a reported and constant currency basis:

	As Reported	Constant Currency
E-commerce comparable store sales	(13%)	(14%)
Comparable store sales excluding e-commerce	(4%)	(4%)
Total comparable store sales	(5%)	(6%)

Our global average store count decreased by 4 stores and concession shops during the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared with the three months ended October 1, 2016, primarily due to global store closures primarily associated with the Way Forward Plan, largely offset by new concession shop openings in Asia. The following table details our retail store presence by segment as of the periods presented:

	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016
Freestanding Stores:		
North America	215	218
Europe	83	85
Asia	93	100
Other non-reportable segments	78	82
Total freestanding stores	469	485
Concession Shops:		
North America	2	1
Europe	25	36
Asia	593	582
Other non-reportable segments	2	2
Total concession shops	622	621
Total stores	1,091	1,106

In addition to our stores, we sell products online in North America and Europe through our various e-commerce sites, which include www.RalphLauren.com and www.ClubMonaco.com, among others. In Asia, we sell products online through e-commerce sites of various third-party digital partners.

Net revenues for our segments, as well as a discussion of the changes in each reportable segment's net revenues from the comparable prior year period, are provided below:

	Three Months Ended		$ Change	Foreign Exchange Impact	$ Change	% Change	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	As Reported		Constant Currency	As Reported	Constant Currency
	(millions)						
Net Revenues:							
North America	$ 876.7	$ 1,044.8	$ (168.1)	$ 1.4	$ (169.5)	(16.1%)	(16.2%)
Europe	463.0	445.8	17.2	15.7	1.5	3.9%	0.3%
Asia	216.8	216.5	0.3	(9.0)	9.3	0.2%	4.3%
Other non-reportable segments	107.7	113.5	(5.8)	(0.6)	(5.2)	(5.2%)	(4.6%)
Total net revenues	$ 1,664.2	$ 1,820.6	$ (156.4)	$ 7.5	$ (163.9)	(8.6%)	(9.0%)

North America net revenues — Net revenues decreased by $168.1 million, or 16.1%, during the three months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the three months ended October 1, 2016, including net favorable foreign currency effects of $1.4 million. On a constant currency basis, net revenues decreased by $169.5 million, or 16.2%.

The $168.1 million net decline in North America net revenues was driven by:

- a $129.8 million net decrease related to our North America wholesale business, largely driven by a strategic reduction of shipments (including within the off-price channel) and points of distribution in connection with our long-term growth strategy, the impact of brand discontinuances, and lower consumer demand; and

- a $34.7 million net decrease in comparable store sales, primarily driven by lower sales from our Ralph Lauren e-commerce operations and certain of our retail stores due in part to a decline in traffic, as well as lower levels of promotional activity and a planned reduction in inventory in connection with our long-term growth strategy. The following table summarizes our comparable store sales percentages on both a reported and constant currency basis related to our North America retail business:

	As Reported	Constant Currency
E-commerce comparable store sales	(18%)	(18%)
Comparable store sales excluding e-commerce	(6%)	(6%)
Total comparable store sales	(8%)	(9%)

- a $3.6 million net decrease in non-comparable store sales.

Europe net revenues — Net revenues increased by $17.2 million, or 3.9%, during the three months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the three months ended October 1, 2016, including net favorable foreign currency effects of $15.7 million. On a constant currency basis, net revenues increased by $1.5 million, or 0.3%.

The $17.2 million net increase in Europe net revenues was driven by:

- a $15.4 million net increase in non-comparable store sales, primarily driven by new store openings and net favorable foreign currency effects of $2.2 million; and

- a $7.1 million net increase related to our Europe wholesale business, primarily driven by the shift in the timing of certain shipments from the first quarter of Fiscal 2018 that benefited the second quarter of Fiscal 2018, partially offset by the impact of brand discontinuances and a strategic reduction of shipments within the off-price channel in connection with our long-term growth strategy. The net increase also reflected favorable foreign currency effects of $8.9 million.

These increases were partially offset by:

- a $5.3 million net decrease in comparable store sales, including net favorable foreign currency effects of $4.6 million. Our comparable store sales decreased by $9.9 million on a constant currency basis, primarily driven by lower sales from certain of our retail stores due in part to lower levels of promotional activity in connection with our long-term growth strategy. The following table summarizes our comparable store sales percentages on both a reported and constant currency basis related to our Europe retail business:

	As Reported	Constant Currency
E-commerce comparable store sales	(8%)	(11%)
Comparable store sales excluding e-commerce	(2%)	(5%)
Total comparable store sales	(3%)	(6%)

Asia net revenues — Net revenues increased by $0.3 million, or 0.2%, during the three months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the three months ended October 1, 2016, including net unfavorable foreign currency effects of $9.0 million. On a constant currency basis, net revenues increased by $9.3 million, or 4.3%.

The $0.3 million net increase in Asia net revenues was driven by:

- a $3.1 million net increase related to our Asia wholesale business, driven by new door openings primarily in Japan, partially offset by net unfavorable foreign currency effects of $0.4 million.

This increase was partially offset by:

- a $2.0 million net decrease in non-comparable store sales, primarily driven by the strategic closure of certain of our retail stores and net unfavorable foreign currency effects of $3.3 million, partially offset by new concession shop openings; and

- a $0.8 million net decrease in comparable store sales, including net unfavorable foreign currency effects of $5.3 million. Our comparable store sales increased by $4.5 million on a constant currency basis, primarily driven by higher

sales from certain of our retail locations due in part to improved traffic and conversion, partially offset by the impact of lower levels of promotional activity in connection with our long-term growth strategy. The following table summarizes our comparable store sales percentage on both a reported and constant currency basis related to our Asia retail business:

	As Reported	Constant Currency
Total comparable store sales[a]	(1%)	3%

[a] Comparable store sales for our Asia segment were comprised primarily of sales made through our stores and concession shops.

Gross Profit. Gross profit increased by $41.6 million, or 4.4%, to $995.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017. Gross profit during the three-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 reflected non-cash inventory-related charges of $0.6 million and $81.0 million, respectively, recorded in connection with the Way Forward Plan. The increase in gross profit also included a net favorable foreign currency effect of $6.2 million. Gross profit as a percentage of net revenues increased by 740 basis points to 59.8% for the three months ended September 30, 2017 from 52.4% for the three months ended October 1, 2016. This increase was primarily driven by the lower non-cash inventory-related charges recorded in connection with the Way Forward Plan during the three months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the comparable prior year period, lower levels of promotional activity in connection with our long-term growth strategy, favorable geographic and channel mix, and lower sourcing costs.

Gross profit as a percentage of net revenues is dependent upon a variety of factors, including changes in the relative sales mix among distribution channels, changes in the mix of products sold, the timing and level of promotional activities, foreign currency exchange rates, and fluctuations in material costs. These factors, among others, may cause gross profit as a percentage of net revenues to fluctuate from period to period.

Selling, General, and Administrative Expenses. SG&A expenses primarily include compensation and benefits, advertising and marketing, distribution, bad debt, information technology, facilities, legal, and other costs associated with finance and administration. SG&A expenses decreased by $36.6 million, or 4.5%, to $766.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017. SG&A expenses as a percentage of net revenues increased to 46.1% for the three months ended September 30, 2017 from 44.1% for the three months ended October 1, 2016. The 200 basis point increase was primarily due to operating deleverage on lower net revenues, as previously discussed, and the unfavorable impact attributable to geographic and channel mix, as a greater portion of our revenue was generated by our international retail businesses (which typically carry higher operating expense margins). These increases were partially offset by our operational discipline and cost savings associated with our restructuring activities.

The $36.6 million net decline in SG&A expenses was driven by:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 Compared to Three Months Ended October 1, 2016
	(millions)
SG&A expense category:	
Rent and occupancy expenses	$ (9.1)
Marketing and advertising expenses	(8.2)
Depreciation expense	(5.1)
Shipping and handling costs	(5.0)
Consulting fees	(3.0)
Other	(6.2)
Total change in SG&A expenses	$ (36.6)

During the remainder of Fiscal 2018, we continue to expect a certain amount of operating expense deleverage driven by the anticipated decline in sales associated with our quality of sale initiatives outpacing the decline in our operating expenses, as we begin to anniversary certain cost savings initiatives executed during Fiscal 2017 in connection with the Way Forward Plan. In addition, we will continue to invest in our long-term strategic initiatives, including expansion and renovations of our retail stores and concession shops.

Amortization of Intangible Assets. Amortization of intangible assets decreased slightly by $0.1 million, or 1.6%, to $6.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 due to favorable foreign currency effects.

Impairment of Assets. During the three-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, we recorded non-cash impairment charges of $2.1 million and $27.0 million, respectively, to write off certain fixed assets related to our domestic and international stores, shop-within-shops, and corporate offices in connection with the Way Forward Plan. Additionally, during the three-months ended September 30, 2017, we recorded non-cash impairment charges of $9.1 million to write off certain fixed assets related to underperforming stores as a result of our on-going store portfolio evaluation. See Note 7 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Restructuring and Other Charges. During the three-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, we recorded restructuring charges of $17.3 million and $41.5 million, respectively, in connection with the Way Forward Plan, consisting of severance and benefit costs, lease termination and store closure costs, and other cash charges. In addition, during the three months ended September 30, 2017, we recorded net other charges of $1.3 million related to depreciation expense associated with our former Polo store at 711 Fifth Avenue in New York City recorded after the store closed during the first quarter of Fiscal 2018 in connection with the Way Forward Plan and the reversal of reserves associated with the settlement of certain non-income tax issues. See Note 8 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Operating Income. Operating income increased to $193.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017, from $76.3 million for the three months ended October 1, 2016. Our operating results during the three-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 were negatively impacted by restructuring-related charges, impairment of assets, and certain other charges totaling $30.4 million and $149.5 million, respectively, as previously discussed. The increase in operating income also included a net favorable foreign currency effect of $6.2 million. Operating income as a percentage of net revenues increased by 740 basis points to 11.6% for the three months ended September 30, 2017 from 4.2% for the three months ended October 1, 2016. This increase was primarily driven by the net decline in restructuring-related charges, impairment of assets, and certain other charges and the increase in our gross profit margin, partially offset by the increase in SG&A expenses as a percentage of net revenues, all as previously discussed.

Operating income (loss) and margin for our segments, as well as a discussion of the changes in each reportable segment's operating margin from the comparable prior year period, are provided below:

	Three Months Ended					
	September 30, 2017		**October 1, 2016**			
	Operating Income (Loss)	**Operating Margin**	**Operating Income (Loss)**	**Operating Margin**	**$ Change**	**Margin Change**
	(millions)		**(millions)**		**(millions)**	
Segment:						
North America	$ 202.7	23.1%	$ 202.4	19.4%	$ 0.3	370 bps
Europe	125.5	27.1%	100.4	22.5%	25.1	460 bps
Asia	26.5	12.2%	(65.8)	(30.4%)	92.3	4,260 bps
Other non-reportable segments	26.3	24.4%	30.0	26.4%	(3.7)	(200 bps)
	381.0		267.0		114.0	
Unallocated corporate expenses	(169.1)		(149.2)		(19.9)	
Unallocated restructuring and other charges	(18.6)		(41.5)		22.9	
Total operating income	$ 193.3	11.6%	$ 76.3	4.2%	$ 117.0	740 bps

North America operating margin improved by 370 basis points, primarily due to the favorable impact of 220 basis points related to lower non-cash charges recorded in connection with the Way Forward Plan during the three months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the prior fiscal year period. The increase also reflected the favorable impact of 170 basis points related to our retail business, largely driven by the increase in our gross profit margin and a decline in SG&A expenses as a percentage of net revenues. These increases in operating margin were partially offset by a 20 basis point decline related to our wholesale business, driven by the largely planned decline in sales related to our quality of sales initiatives outpacing the decline in operating expenses.

Europe operating margin improved by 460 basis points, primarily due to the favorable impact of 200 basis points and 170 basis points related to our retail business and wholesale business, respectively, both largely driven by the increase in our gross

profit margin. SG&A expenses as a percentage of net revenues was approximately flat for our Europe segment. The increase also reflected the favorable impact of 110 basis points related to lower non-cash charges recorded in connection with the Way Forward Plan during the three months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the prior fiscal year period. These increases in operating margin were partially offset by unfavorable foreign currency effects of 20 basis points.

Asia operating margin improved by 4,260 basis points, primarily due to the favorable impact of 3,510 basis points related to lower non-cash charges recorded in connection with the Way Forward Plan during the three months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the prior fiscal year period. The increase also reflected the favorable impact of 600 basis points related to our retail business, largely driven by a decline in SG&A expenses as a percentage of net revenues and the increase in our gross profit margin. The improvement also reflected favorable foreign currency effects of 170 basis points. These increases in operating margin were partially offset by a 20 basis point decline related to our wholesale business.

Unallocated corporate expenses increased by $19.9 million to $169.1 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017. The increase in unallocated corporate expenses was primarily due to higher compensation-related expenses of $14.1 million, higher non-income tax related charges of $3.6 million, higher impairment of asset charges of $1.6 million, and higher other expenses of $7.4 million. These increases were partially offset by lower marketing and advertising expenses of $6.8 million.

Unallocated restructuring and other charges decreased by $22.9 million to $18.6 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017, as previously discussed above and in Note 8 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Non-operating Expense, net. Non-operating expense, net is comprised of net foreign currency gains (losses), interest expense, interest and other income, net, and equity in losses from our equity-method investees. Non-operating expense, net decreased by $0.5 million to $2.1 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the three months ended October 1, 2016, as the increase in foreign currency gains and decline in equity in losses of equity-method investees were mostly offset by the increase in interest expense and decline in interest and other income, net.

Income Tax Provision. The income tax provision represents federal, foreign, state and local income taxes. The income tax provision increased to $47.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017, from $28.0 million for the three months ended October 1, 2016. The increase in the income tax provision was primarily due to the increase in pretax income, partially offset by a decrease in our reported effective tax rate of 1,320 basis points, to 24.8% for the three months ended September 30, 2017, from 38.0% for the three months ended October 1, 2016. The lower effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2017 was primarily due to the tax impact of earnings in lower taxed foreign jurisdictions versus the U.S. The effective tax rate differs from the statutory tax rate due to the effect of state and local taxes, tax rates in foreign jurisdictions, and certain nondeductible expenses. Our effective tax rate will change from period to period based on various factors including, but not limited to, the geographic mix of earnings, the timing and amount of foreign dividends, enacted tax legislation, state and local taxes, tax audit findings and settlements, and the interaction of various global tax strategies.

Net Income. Net income increased to $143.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017, from $45.7 million for the three months ended October 1, 2016. The $98.1 million increase in net income was primarily due to the $117.0 million increase in operating income, partially offset by the $19.4 million increase in our income tax provision, as previously discussed. Our operating results during the three-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 were negatively impacted by restructuring-related charges, impairment of assets, and certain other charges totaling $30.4 million and $149.5 million, respectively, which had an after-tax effect of reducing net income by $20.3 million and $112.6 million, respectively.

Net Income per Diluted Share. Net income per diluted share increased to $1.75 per share for the three months ended September 30, 2017, from $0.55 for the three months ended October 1, 2016. The $1.20 per share increase was due to the higher level of net income, as previously discussed, and lower weighted-average diluted shares outstanding during the three months ended September 30, 2017 driven by our share repurchases during the last twelve months. Net income per diluted share for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 were negatively impacted by approximately $0.24 per share and $1.35 per share, respectively, as a result of restructuring-related charges, impairment of assets, and certain other charges, as previously discussed.

Six Months Ended September 30, 2017 Compared to Six Months Ended October 1, 2016

The following table summarizes our results of operations and expresses the percentage relationship to net revenues of certain financial statement captions. All percentages shown in the below table and the discussion that follows have been calculated using unrounded numbers.

	Six Months Ended			
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	$ Change	% / bps Change
	(millions, except per share data)			
Net revenues	$ 3,011.3	$ 3,372.8	$ (361.5)	(10.7%)
Cost of goods sold[a]	(1,164.3)	(1,524.0)	359.7	(23.6%)
Gross profit	1,847.0	1,848.8	(1.8)	(0.1%)
Gross profit as % of net revenues	*61.3%*	*54.8%*		*650 bps*
Selling, general, and administrative expenses[a]	(1,475.1)	(1,618.0)	142.9	(8.8%)
SG&A expenses as % of net revenues	*49.0%*	*48.0%*		*100 bps*
Amortization of intangible assets	(12.0)	(12.1)	0.1	(1.1%)
Impairment of assets	(20.9)	(46.4)	25.5	(55.0%)
Restructuring and other charges[a]	(55.4)	(127.2)	71.8	(56.5%)
Operating income	283.6	45.1	238.5	528.9%
Operating income as % of net revenues	*9.4%*	*1.3%*		*810 bps*
Foreign currency gains	1.8	3.5	(1.7)	(48.7%)
Interest expense	(9.6)	(7.5)	(2.1)	27.5%
Interest and other income, net	4.3	3.2	1.1	30.0%
Equity in losses of equity-method investees	(2.1)	(3.8)	1.7	(44.9%)
Income before income taxes	278.0	40.5	237.5	585.5%
Income tax provision	(74.7)	(17.1)	(57.6)	336.3%
Effective tax rate[b]	*26.9%*	*42.2%*		*(1,530 bps)*
Net income	$ 203.3	$ 23.4	$ 179.9	767.6%
Net income per common share:				
Basic	$ 2.49	$ 0.28	$ 2.21	789.3%
Diluted	$ 2.47	$ 0.28	$ 2.19	782.1%

[a] Includes total depreciation expense of $134.7 million and $141.9 million for the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, respectively.

[b] Effective tax rate is calculated by dividing the income tax provision by income before income taxes.

Net Revenues. Net revenues decreased by $361.5 million, or 10.7%, to $3.011 billion during the six months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the six months ended October 1, 2016, including net unfavorable foreign currency effects of $13.0 million. On a constant currency basis, net revenues decreased by $348.5 million, or 10.3%.

The following table summarizes the percentage change in our consolidated comparable store sales for the six months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the prior fiscal year period on both a reported and constant currency basis:

	As Reported	Constant Currency
E-commerce comparable store sales	(15%)	(15%)
Comparable store sales excluding e-commerce	(5%)	(4%)
Total comparable store sales	(6%)	(6%)

Our global average store count increased by 1 store and concession shop during the six months ended September 30, 2017 compared with the six months ended October 1, 2016, primarily due to new concession shop openings in Asia, largely offset by global store closures primarily associated with the Way Forward Plan.

Net revenues for our segments, as well as a discussion of the changes in each reportable segment's net revenues from the comparable prior year period, are provided below:

	Six Months Ended		$ Change	Foreign Exchange Impact	$ Change	% Change	
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	As Reported		Constant Currency	As Reported	Constant Currency
	(millions)						
Net Revenues:							
North America	$ 1,586.4	$ 1,900.4	$ (314.0)	$ 0.3	$ (314.3)	(16.5%)	(16.5%)
Europe	786.5	823.4	(36.9)	0.3	(37.2)	(4.5%)	(4.5%)
Asia	425.9	427.6	(1.7)	(12.1)	10.4	(0.4%)	2.4%
Other non-reportable segments	212.5	221.4	(8.9)	(1.5)	(7.4)	(4.0%)	(3.3%)
Total net revenues	$ 3,011.3	$ 3,372.8	$ (361.5)	$ (13.0)	$ (348.5)	(10.7%)	(10.3%)

North America net revenues — Net revenues decreased by $314.0 million, or 16.5%, during the six months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the six months ended October 1, 2016, including net favorable foreign currency effects of $0.3 million. On a constant currency basis, net revenues also decreased by 16.5%.

The $314.0 million net decline in North America net revenues was driven by:

- a $244.0 million net decrease related to our North America wholesale business, largely driven by a strategic reduction of shipments (including within the off-price channel) and points of distribution in connection with our long-term growth strategy, the impact of brand discontinuances, and lower consumer demand;
- a $66.8 million net decrease in comparable store sales, primarily driven by lower sales from our Ralph Lauren e-commerce operations and certain of our retail stores due in part to a decline in traffic, as well as lower levels of promotional activity and a planned reduction in inventory in connection with our long-term growth strategy. The following table summarizes our comparable store sales percentages on both a reported and constant currency basis related to our North America retail business:

	As Reported	Constant Currency
E-commerce comparable store sales	(20%)	(20%)
Comparable store sales excluding e-commerce	(5%)	(5%)
Total comparable store sales	(8%)	(8%)

- a $3.2 million net decrease in non-comparable store sales.

Europe net revenues — Net revenues decreased by $36.9 million, or 4.5%, during the six months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the six months ended October 1, 2016, including net favorable foreign currency effects of $0.3 million. On a constant currency basis, net revenues also decreased by 4.5%.

The $36.9 million net decline in Europe net revenues was driven by:

- a $37.8 million net decrease related to our Europe wholesale business, driven by the impact of brand discontinuances and a strategic reduction of shipments within the off-price channel in connection with our long-term growth strategy, partially offset by net favorable foreign currency effects of $3.5 million; and
- a $25.0 million net decrease in comparable store sales, including net unfavorable foreign currency effects of $3.2 million. Our comparable store sales decreased by $21.8 million on a constant currency basis, primarily driven by lower sales from certain of our retail stores due in part to lower levels of promotional activity in connection with our long-term growth strategy. The following table summarizes our comparable store sales percentages on both a reported and constant currency basis related to our Europe retail business:

	As Reported	Constant Currency
E-commerce comparable store sales	(7%)	(9%)
Comparable store sales excluding e-commerce	(7%)	(7%)
Total comparable store sales	(7%)	(7%)

These declines were partially offset by a $25.9 million net increase in non-comparable store sales, primarily driven by new store openings.

Asia net revenues — Net revenues decreased by $1.7 million, or 0.4%, during the six months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the six months ended October 1, 2016, including net unfavorable foreign currency effects of $12.1 million. On a constant currency basis, net revenues increased by $10.4 million, or 2.4%.

The $1.7 million net decline in Asia net revenues was driven by:

a $2.3 million net decrease in non-comparable store sales, primarily driven by the strategic closure of certain of our retail stores and net unfavorable foreign currency effects of $4.7 million, largely offset by new concession shop openings.

This decline was partially offset by:

- a $0.5 million net increase in comparable store sales, including net unfavorable foreign currency effects of $6.7 million. Our comparable store sales increased by $7.2 million on a constant currency basis, primarily driven by higher sales from certain of our retail locations due in part to improved traffic and conversion, partially offset by the impact of lower levels of promotional activity in connection with our long-term growth strategy. The following table summarizes our comparable store sales percentage on both a reported and constant currency basis related to our Asia retail business:

	As Reported	Constant Currency
Total comparable store sales[a]	0%	3%

[a] Comparable store sales for our Asia segment were comprised primarily of sales made through our stores and concession shops.

- a $0.1 million net increase related to our Asia wholesale business, inclusive of net unfavorable foreign currency effects of $0.7 million.

Gross Profit. Gross profit decreased by $1.8 million, or 0.1%, to $1.847 billion for the six months ended September 30, 2017. Gross profit during the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 reflected non-cash inventory-related charges of $1.3 million and $135.0 million, respectively, recorded in connection with the Way Forward Plan. The decrease in gross profit also included a net unfavorable foreign currency effect of $13.3 million. Gross profit as a percentage of net revenues increased by 650 basis points to 61.3% for the six months ended September 30, 2017 from 54.8% for the six months ended October 1, 2016. This increase was primarily driven by the lower non-cash inventory-related charges recorded in connection with the Way Forward Plan during the six months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the comparable prior year period, lower levels of promotional activity in connection with our long-term growth strategy, favorable geographic and channel mix, and lower sourcing costs.

Selling, General, and Administrative Expenses. SG&A expenses decreased by $142.9 million, or 8.8%, to $1.475 billion for the six months ended September 30, 2017. This decrease included a net favorable foreign currency effect of $10.6 million. SG&A expenses as a percentage of net revenues increased to 49.0% for the six months ended September 30, 2017 from 48.0% for the six months ended October 1, 2016. The 100 basis point increase was primarily due to operating deleverage on lower net revenues, as previously discussed, and the unfavorable impact attributable to geographic and channel mix, as a greater portion of our revenue was generated by our international retail businesses (which typically carry higher operating expense margins). These increases were partially offset by our operational discipline and cost savings associated with our restructuring activities, as well as the favorable impact related to Mr. Ralph Lauren electing to forgo his Fiscal 2017 executive incentive bonus.

The $142.9 million net decline in SG&A expenses was driven by:

	Six Months Ended September 30, 2017 Compared to Six Months Ended October 1, 2016
	(millions)
SG&A expense category:	
Compensation-related expenses[a]	$ (49.5)
Marketing and advertising expenses	(23.1)
Rent and occupancy expenses	(19.0)
Depreciation expense	(14.0)
Shipping and handling costs	(10.8)
Consulting fees	(10.5)
Other	(16.0)
Total change in SG&A expenses	$ (142.9)

(a) Includes the favorable impact of $7.6 million related to Mr. Ralph Lauren electing to forgo his Fiscal 2017 executive incentive bonus.

Amortization of Intangible Assets. Amortization of intangible assets decreased slightly by $0.1 million, or 1.1%, to $12.0 million during the six months ended September 30, 2017 due to favorable foreign currency effects.

Impairment of Assets. During the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, we recorded non-cash impairment charges of $11.8 million and $46.4 million, respectively, to write off certain fixed assets related to our domestic and international stores, shop-within-shops, and corporate offices in connection with the Way Forward Plan. Additionally, during the six-months ended September 30, 2017, we recorded non-cash impairment charges of $9.1 million to write off certain fixed assets related to underperforming stores as a result of our on-going store portfolio evaluation. See Note 7 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Restructuring and Other Charges. During the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, we recorded restructuring charges of $43.9 million and $127.2 million, respectively, in connection with our restructuring plans, consisting of severance and benefit costs, lease termination and store closure costs, and other cash charges. In addition, during the six months ended September 30, 2017, we recorded net other charges of $11.5 million primarily related to depreciation expense associated with our former Polo store at 711 Fifth Avenue in New York City recorded after the store closed during the first quarter of Fiscal 2018 in connection with the Way Forward Plan, the departure of Mr. Stefan Larsson, and the reversal of reserves associated with the settlement of certain non-income tax issues. See Note 8 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Operating Income. Operating income increased to $283.6 million for the six months ended September 30, 2017, from $45.1 million for the six months ended October 1, 2016. Our operating results during the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 were negatively impacted by restructuring-related charges, impairment of assets, and certain other charges totaling $77.6 million and $308.6 million, respectively, as previously discussed. The increase in operating income also included a net unfavorable foreign currency effect of $2.7 million. Operating income as a percentage of net revenues increased by 810 basis points to 9.4% for the six months ended September 30, 2017 from 1.3% for the six months ended October 1, 2016. This increase was primarily driven by the net decline in restructuring-related charges, impairment of assets, and certain other charges and the increase in our gross profit margin, partially offset by the increase in SG&A expenses as a percentage of net revenues, all as previously discussed.

Operating income (loss) and margin for our segments, as well as a discussion of the changes in each reportable segment's operating margin from the comparable prior year period, are provided below:

	Six Months Ended					
	September 30, 2017		October 1, 2016			
	Operating Income (Loss)	Operating Margin	Operating Income (Loss)	Operating Margin	$ Change	Margin Change
	(millions)		(millions)		(millions)	
Segment:						
North America	$ 353.2	22.3%	$ 368.2	19.4%	$ (15.0)	290 bps
Europe	192.6	24.5%	175.4	21.3%	17.2	320 bps
Asia	56.7	13.3%	(103.6)	(24.2%)	160.3	3,750 bps
Other non-reportable segments	59.3	27.9%	57.8	26.1%	1.5	180 bps
	661.8		497.8		164.0	
Unallocated corporate expenses	(322.8)		(325.5)		2.7	
Unallocated restructuring and other charges	(55.4)		(127.2)		71.8	
Total operating income	$ 283.6	9.4%	$ 45.1	1.3%	$ 238.5	810 bps

North America operating margin improved by 290 basis points, primarily due to the favorable impact of 170 basis points related to our retail business, largely driven by the increase in our gross profit margin and a decline in SG&A expenses as a percentage of net revenues. The increase also reflected the favorable impact of 160 basis points related to lower non-cash charges recorded in connection with the Way Forward Plan during the six months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the prior fiscal year period. These increases in operating margin were partially offset by a 40 basis point decline related to our wholesale business, driven by the largely planned decline in sales related to our quality of sales initiatives outpacing the decline in operating expenses.

Europe operating margin improved by 320 basis points, primarily due to the favorable impact of 240 basis points related to our retail business, largely driven by the increase in our gross profit margin, partially offset by an increase in SG&A expenses as a percentage of net revenues. The increase also reflected the favorable impact of 150 basis points related to lower non-cash charges recorded in connection with the Way Forward Plan during the six months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the prior fiscal year period, as well as the favorable impact of 30 basis points related to our wholesale business, largely driven by the increase in our gross profit margin. These increases in operating margin were partially offset by unfavorable foreign currency effects of 80 basis points and 20 basis points attributable to other factors, including unfavorable channel mix.

Asia operating margin improved by 3,750 basis points, primarily due to the favorable impact of 3,010 basis points related to lower non-cash charges recorded in connection with the Way Forward Plan during the six months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the prior fiscal year period. The increase also reflected the favorable impact of 640 basis points related to our retail business, largely driven by a decline in SG&A expenses as a percentage of net revenues and the increase in our gross profit margin. The improvement also reflected favorable foreign currency effects of 150 basis points. These increases in operating margin were partially offset by a 50 basis point decline related to our wholesale business.

Unallocated corporate expenses decreased by $2.7 million to $322.8 million during the six months ended September 30, 2017. The decline in unallocated corporate expenses was primarily due to lower marketing and advertising expenses of $15.1 million, lower compensation-related expenses of $14.3 million (inclusive of the favorable impact of $7.6 million related to Mr. Ralph Lauren electing to forgo his Fiscal 2017 executive incentive bonus) and lower consulting fees of $7.9 million. These declines were partially offset by higher impairment of asset charges of $8.7 million, higher non-income tax related charges of $3.0 million, and higher other operating expenses of $22.9 million.

Unallocated restructuring and other charges decreased by $71.8 million to $55.4 million during the six months ended September 30, 2017, as previously discussed above and in Note 8 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Non-operating Expense, net. Non-operating expense, net increased by $1.0 million to $5.6 million during the six months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the six months ended October 1, 2016, as the decline in foreign currency gains and the increase in interest expense were largely offset by the decline in equity in losses of equity-method investees and the increase in interest and other income, net.

Income Tax Provision. The income tax provision increased to $74.7 million for the six months ended September 30, 2017, from $17.1 million for the six months ended October 1, 2016. The increase in the provision for income taxes was primarily due to the increase in pretax income, partially offset by a decrease in our reported effective tax rate of 1,530 basis points, to 26.9% for the six months ended September 30, 2017 from 42.2% for the six months ended October 1, 2016. The lower effective tax rate for the six months ended September 30, 2017 was primarily due to the tax impact of earnings in lower taxed foreign jurisdictions versus the U.S., the absence of income tax reserve adjustments largely associated with an income tax settlement and certain income tax audits, partially offset by the tax impact of the adoption of Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-09, "Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting" ("ASU 2016-09"). See Note 4 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements for additional information relating to our adoption of ASU 2016-09.

Net Income. Net income increased to $203.3 million for the six months ended September 30, 2017, from $23.4 million for the six months ended October 1, 2016. The $179.9 million increase in net income was primarily due to the $238.5 million increase in operating income, partially offset by the $57.6 million increase in our income tax provision, as previously discussed. Our operating results during the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 were negatively impacted by restructuring-related charges, impairment of assets, and certain other charges totaling $77.6 million and $308.6 million, respectively, which had an after-tax effect of reducing net income by $51.9 million and $224.4 million, respectively.

Net Income per Diluted Share. Net income per diluted share increased to $2.47 per share for the six months ended September 30, 2017, from $0.28 for six months ended October 1, 2016. The $2.19 per share increase was due to the higher level of net income, as previously discussed, and lower weighted-average diluted shares outstanding during the six months ended September 30, 2017 driven by our share repurchases during the last twelve months. Net income per diluted share for the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016 were negatively impacted by $0.63 per share and $2.68 per share, respectively, as a result of restructuring-related charges, impairment of assets, and certain other charges, as previously discussed.

FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY

Financial Condition

The following table presents our financial condition as of September 30, 2017 and April 1, 2017:

	September 30, 2017	April 1, 2017	$ Change
		(millions)	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,111.6	$ 668.3	$ 443.3
Short-term investments	507.1	684.7	(177.6)
Non-current investments[a]	82.6	21.4	61.2
Current portion of long-term debt[b]	(298.6)	—	(298.6)
Long-term debt[b]	(291.8)	(588.2)	296.4
Net cash and investments[c]	$ 1,110.9	$ 786.2	$ 324.7
Equity	$ 3,509.6	$ 3,299.6	$ 210.0

[a] Recorded within other non-current assets in our consolidated balance sheets.

[b] See Note 10 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements for discussion of the carrying value of our debt.

[c] "Net cash and investments" is defined as cash and cash equivalents, plus short-term and non-current investments, less total debt.

The increase in our net cash and investments position at September 30, 2017 as compared to April 1, 2017 was primarily due to our operating cash flows of $437.0 million, partially offset by our use of cash to make dividend payments of $81.1 million and to invest in our business through $74.7 million in capital expenditures.

The increase in equity was primarily attributable to our comprehensive income and the net impact of stock-based compensation arrangements, partially offset by our dividends declared during the six months ended September 30, 2017.

Cash Flows

The following table details our cash flows for the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016:

	Six Months Ended		
	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2016	$ Change
		(millions)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	$ 437.0	$ 232.6	$ 204.4
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	86.7	(13.7)	100.4
Net cash used in financing activities	(109.8)	(227.9)	118.1
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	33.2	(12.9)	46.1
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	$ 447.1	$ (21.9)	$ 469.0

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities. Net cash provided by operating activities increased to $437.0 million during the six months ended September 30, 2017, as compared to $232.6 million during the six months ended October 1, 2016. The $204.4 million net increase in cash provided by operating activities was due to a net favorable change related to our operating assets and liabilities, including our working capital, as compared to the prior fiscal year period, partially offset by a decline in net income before non-cash charges. The net increase related to our working capital was primarily driven by:

- a decline in our inventory levels, largely driven by our inventory management initiatives, lower sourcing costs, and the timing of inventory receipts; and

- favorable changes in our (i) income tax receivables and payables and (ii) prepaid expenses and other current assets, both largely driven by the timing of cash collections and payments.

These increases related to our working capital were partially offset by an unfavorable change in our accounts receivable, largely driven by the timing of cash collections.

Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities. Net cash provided by investing activities was $86.7 million during the six months ended September 30, 2017, as compared to net cash used in investing activities of $13.7 million during the six months ended October 1, 2016. The $100.4 million net increase in cash provided by investing activities was primarily driven by:

- a $90.7 million decline in capital expenditures. During the six months ended September 30, 2017, we spent $74.7 million on capital expenditures, as compared to $165.4 million during the six months ended October 1, 2016. Our capital expenditures during the six months ended September 30, 2017 primarily related to our global retail and department store renovations, new store openings, and the continued enhancements to our global information technology systems; and

- a $10.8 million increase in proceeds from sales and maturities of investments, less purchases of investments. During the six months ended September 30, 2017, we received net investment proceeds of $165.0 million, as compared to $154.2 million during the six months ended October 1, 2016.

We currently expect to spend approximately $225 million in capital expenditures during Fiscal 2018, lower than our previous estimate of $300 million, as we shift capital investments behind consumer-facing initiatives that have demonstrated a proof of concept and healthy rates of return.

Net Cash Used in Financing Activities. Net cash used in financing activities was $109.8 million during the six months ended September 30, 2017, as compared to $227.9 million during the six months ended October 1, 2016. The $118.1 million net decrease in cash used in financing activities was primarily driven by:

- a $100.3 million decline in cash used to repurchase shares of our Class A common stock. During the six months ended September 30, 2017, $14.6 million in shares of Class A common stock were surrendered or withheld in satisfaction of withholding taxes in connection with the vesting of awards under our long-term stock incentive plans. On a comparative basis, during the six months ended October 1, 2016, we used $100.0 million to repurchase shares

of Class A common stock pursuant to our common stock repurchase program, and an additional $14.9 million in shares of Class A common stock were surrendered or withheld for taxes; and

- a $21.1 million decline in cash used to repay debt, less proceeds from debt issuances. We did not issue or repay any debt during the six months ended September 30, 2017. On a comparative basis, during the six months ended October 1, 2016, we repaid $26.1 million of borrowings previously outstanding under our credit facilities and received $5.0 million in net proceeds related to our commercial paper note issuances and repayments.

Sources of Liquidity

Our primary sources of liquidity are the cash flows generated from our operations, our available cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments, availability under our credit facilities, our issuances of commercial paper notes, and other available financing options.

During the six months ended September 30, 2017, we generated $437.0 million of net cash flows from our operations. As of September 30, 2017, we had $1.619 billion in cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments, of which $1.331 billion were held by our subsidiaries domiciled outside the U.S. We are not dependent on foreign cash to fund our domestic operations and do not expect to repatriate these balances to meet our domestic cash needs. However, we continue to monitor governing tax rules and our needs for cash, and if our plans change and we choose to repatriate any funds to the U.S. in the future, we would be subject to applicable U.S. and foreign taxes.

The following table presents our total availability, borrowings outstanding, and remaining availability under our credit facilities and Commercial Paper Program as of September 30, 2017:

Description[a]	September 30, 2017		
	Total Availability	Borrowings Outstanding	Remaining Availability
		(millions)	
Global Credit Facility and Commercial Paper Program[b]	$ 500	$ 9 [c]	$ 491
Pan-Asia Credit Facilities	48	—	48

[a] As defined in Note 10 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

[b] Borrowings under the Commercial Paper Program are supported by the Global Credit Facility. Accordingly, we do not expect combined borrowings outstanding under the Commercial Paper Program and the Global Credit Facility to exceed $500 million.

[c] Represents outstanding letters of credit for which we were contingently liable under the Global Credit Facility as of September 30, 2017.

We believe that our Global Credit Facility is adequately diversified with no undue concentration in any one financial institution. In particular, as of September 30, 2017, there were nine financial institutions participating in the Global Credit Facility, with no one participant maintaining a maximum commitment percentage in excess of 20%. Borrowings under the Pan-Asia Credit Facilities are guaranteed by the parent company and are granted at the sole discretion of the participating regional branches of JPMorgan Chase (the "Banks"), subject to availability of the Banks' funds and satisfaction of certain regulatory requirements. We have no reason to believe that the participating institutions will be unable to fulfill their obligations to provide financing in accordance with the terms of the Global Credit Facility and the Pan-Asia Credit Facilities in the event of our election to draw funds in the foreseeable future.

Our sources of liquidity are used to fund our ongoing cash requirements, including working capital requirements, global retail store and e-commerce expansion, construction and renovation of shop-within-shops, investment in infrastructure, including technology, acquisitions, joint ventures, payment of dividends, debt repayments, Class A common stock repurchases, settlement of contingent liabilities (including uncertain tax positions), and other corporate activities, including our restructuring actions. We believe that our existing sources of cash, the availability under our credit facilities, and our ability to access capital markets will be sufficient to support our operating, capital, and debt service requirements for the foreseeable future, the ongoing development of our businesses, and our plans for further business expansion.

See Note 10 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements and Note 12 of the Fiscal 2017 10-K for detailed disclosure of the terms and conditions of our credit facilities.

Common Stock Repurchase Program

As of September 30, 2017, the remaining availability under our Class A common stock repurchase program was approximately $100 million. Repurchases of shares of Class A common stock are subject to overall business and market conditions. We currently do not expect to repurchase shares under our Class A common stock repurchase program during Fiscal 2018, as we evaluate the cash needs of our business, the sector dynamics, and the heightened level of uncertainty surrounding potential changes to U.S. taxation policies.

See Note 14 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements for additional information relating to our Class A common stock repurchase program.

Dividends

Since 2003, we have maintained, and intend to continue to maintain, a regular quarterly cash dividend program on our common stock. However, any decision to declare and pay dividends in the future will be made at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend on our results of operations, cash requirements, financial condition, and other factors that the Board of Directors may deem relevant.

See Note 14 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements for additional information relating to our quarterly cash dividend program.

Debt and Covenant Compliance

In September 2013, we completed a registered public debt offering and issued $300 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured senior notes due September 26, 2018, which bear interest at a fixed rate of 2.125%, payable semi-annually (the "2.125% Senior Notes"). In August 2015, we completed a second registered public debt offering and issued an additional $300 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured senior notes due August 18, 2020, which bear interest at a fixed rate of 2.625%, payable semi-annually (the "2.625% Senior Notes").

The indenture and supplemental indentures governing the 2.125% Senior Notes and 2.625% Senior Notes (as supplemented, the "Indenture") contain certain covenants that restrict our ability, subject to specified exceptions, to incur certain liens; enter into sale and leaseback transactions; consolidate or merge with another party; or sell, lease, or convey all or substantially all of our property or assets to another party. However, the Indenture does not contain any financial covenants.

The Global Credit Facility contains a number of covenants, as described in Note 10 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements. As of September 30, 2017, no Event of Default (as such term is defined pursuant to the Global Credit Facility) has occurred under our Global Credit Facility. The Pan-Asia Credit Facilities do not contain any financial covenants.

See Note 10 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements and Note 12 of the Fiscal 2017 10-K for additional information relating to our debt and covenant compliance.

Contractual and Other Obligations

There have been no material changes to our contractual and other obligations as disclosed in our Fiscal 2017 10-K, other than those which occur in the ordinary course of business. Refer to the "*Financial Condition and Liquidity — Contractual and Other Obligations*" section of the MD&A in our Fiscal 2017 10-K for detailed disclosure of our contractual and other obligations as of April 1, 2017.

MARKET RISK MANAGEMENT

As discussed in Note 14 of the Fiscal 2017 10-K and Note 12 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements, we are exposed to a variety of risks, including changes in foreign currency exchange rates relating to foreign currency-denominated balances, certain anticipated cash flows from our international operations, and possible declines in the value of reported net assets of our foreign operations, as well as changes in the fair value of our fixed-rate debt relating to changes in interest rates. Consequently, at times, in the normal course of business, we employ established policies and procedures, including the use of derivative financial instruments, to manage such risks. We do not enter into derivative transactions for speculative or trading purposes.

As a result of the use of derivative instruments, we are exposed to the risk that counterparties to our contracts will fail to meet their contractual obligations. To mitigate this counterparty credit risk, we have a policy of only entering into contracts with carefully selected financial institutions based upon an evaluation of their credit ratings and certain other factors, adhering to established limits for credit exposure. Our established policies and procedures for mitigating credit risk from derivative transactions include ongoing review and assessment of the creditworthiness of our counterparties. We also enter into master netting arrangements with counterparties, when possible, to mitigate credit risk associated with our derivative instruments. As a result of the above considerations, we do not believe that we are exposed to any undue concentration of counterparty risk with respect to our derivative contracts as of September 30, 2017. However, we do have in aggregate $6.7 million of derivative instruments in net asset positions with three creditworthy financial institutions.

Foreign Currency Risk Management

We manage our exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates through the use of forward foreign currency exchange and cross-currency swap contracts. See Note 12 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements for a summary of the notional amounts and fair values of our forward foreign currency exchange and cross-currency swap contracts outstanding as of September 30, 2017.

Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts

We enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts as hedges to reduce our risk related to exchange rate fluctuations on inventory transactions made in an entity's non-functional currency, intercompany royalty payments made by certain of our international operations, and the settlement of foreign currency-denominated balances. As part of our overall strategy to manage the level of exposure to the risk of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, primarily to changes in the value of the Euro, the Japanese Yen, the South Korean Won, the Australian Dollar, the Canadian Dollar, the British Pound Sterling, and the Hong Kong Dollar, we hedge a portion of our foreign currency exposures anticipated over a two-year period. In doing so, we use forward foreign currency exchange contracts that generally have maturities of two months to two years to provide continuing coverage throughout the hedging period of the respective exposure.

Our foreign exchange risk management activities are governed by our Company's established policies and procedures. These policies and procedures provide a framework that allows for the management of currency exposures while ensuring the activities are conducted within our established guidelines. Our policies include guidelines for the organizational structure of our risk management function and for internal controls over foreign exchange risk management activities, including, but not limited to, authorization levels, transaction limits, and credit quality controls, as well as various measurements for monitoring compliance. We monitor foreign exchange risk using different techniques, including a periodic review of market values and sensitivity analyses.

Cross-Currency Swap Contracts

During our fiscal year ended April 2, 2016 ("Fiscal 2016"), we entered into two pay-floating rate, receive-floating rate cross-currency swaps, with notional amounts of €280 million and €274 million, which we designated as hedges of our net investment in certain of our European subsidiaries (the "Cross-Currency Swaps"). The Cross-Currency Swaps, which mature on September 26, 2018 and August 18, 2020, respectively, swap the U.S. Dollar-denominated variable interest rate payments based on the 3-month London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus a fixed spread for Euro-denominated variable interest rate payments based on the 3-month Euro Interbank Offered Rate plus a fixed spread. As a result, the Cross-Currency Swaps, in conjunction with the Interest Rate Swaps (as defined below), economically convert our $300 million fixed-rate 2.125% and $300 million fixed-rate 2.625% obligations to €280 million and €274 million floating-rate Euro-denominated liabilities, respectively.

See Note 3 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements for further discussion of our foreign currency exposures, and the types of derivative instruments used to hedge those exposures.

Interest Rate Risk Management

During Fiscal 2016, we entered into two pay-floating rate, receive-fixed rate interest rate swap contracts which we designated as hedges against changes in the respective fair values of our fixed-rate 2.125% Senior Notes and our fixed-rate 2.625% Senior Notes attributed to changes in the benchmark interest rate (the "Interest Rate Swaps"). The Interest Rate Swaps, which mature on September 26, 2018 and August 18, 2020, respectively, both have notional amounts of $300 million and swap the fixed interest rates on our 2.125% Senior Notes and 2.625% Senior Notes for variable interest rates based on 3-month LIBOR plus a fixed spread.

Investment Risk Management

As of September 30, 2017, we had cash and cash equivalents on-hand of $1.112 billion, consisting of deposits in interest bearing accounts, investments in money market funds, and investments in time deposits and commercial paper with original maturities of 90 days or less. Our other significant investments included $507.1 million of short-term investments, consisting of time deposits with original maturities greater than 90 days; $47.3 million of restricted cash placed in escrow with certain banks as collateral, primarily to secure guarantees in connection with certain international tax matters; and $82.6 million of investments with maturities greater than one year, consisting of time deposits.

We actively monitor our exposure to changes in the fair value of our global investment portfolio in accordance with our established policies and procedures, which include monitoring both general and issuer-specific economic conditions, as discussed further below. Our investment objectives include capital preservation, maintaining adequate liquidity, diversification to minimize liquidity and credit risk, and achievement of maximum returns within the guidelines set forth in our investment policy. See Note 12 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements for further detail of the composition of our investment portfolio as of September 30, 2017.

We evaluate investments held in unrealized loss positions, if any, for other-than-temporary impairment on a quarterly basis. This evaluation involves a variety of considerations, including assessments of risks and uncertainties associated with general economic conditions and distinct conditions affecting specific issuers. We consider the following factors: (i) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been below cost, (ii) the financial condition, credit worthiness, and near-term prospects of the issuer, (iii) the length of time to maturity, (iv) anticipated future economic conditions and market forecasts, (v) our intent and ability to retain our investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for recovery of market value, and (vi) an assessment of whether it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell our investment before recovery of market value. No material realized or unrealized gains or losses on available-for-sale investments or other-than-temporary impairment charges were recorded in any of the fiscal periods presented.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Our significant accounting policies are described in Note 3 of the Fiscal 2017 10-K. Our estimates are often based on complex judgments, assessments of probability, and assumptions that management believes to be reasonable, but that are inherently uncertain and unpredictable. It is also possible that other professionals, applying reasonable judgment to the same set of facts and circumstances, could develop and support a range of alternative estimated amounts. For a complete discussion of our critical accounting policies, see the "*Critical Accounting Policies*" section of the MD&A in our Fiscal 2017 10-K.

There have been no significant changes in the application of our critical accounting policies since April 1, 2017.

Goodwill Impairment Assessment

We performed our annual goodwill impairment assessment using a qualitative approach as of the beginning of the second quarter of Fiscal 2018. In performing the assessment, we identified and considered the significance of relevant key factors, events, and circumstances that affected the fair values and/or carrying amounts of our reporting units with allocated goodwill. These factors included external factors such as macroeconomic, industry, and market conditions, as well as entity-specific factors, such as our actual and expected financial performance. Additionally, the results of our most recent quantitative goodwill impairment test indicated that the fair values of these reporting units significantly exceeded their respective carrying values. Based on the results of our qualitative goodwill impairment assessment, we concluded that it is not more likely than not that the fair values of our reporting units are less than their respective carrying values, and there were no reporting units at risk of impairment.

RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

See Note 4 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements for a description of certain recently issued or proposed accounting standards which have impacted our consolidated financial statements, or may impact our consolidated financial statements in future reporting periods.

Item 3. ***Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.***

For a discussion of the Company's exposure to market risk, see "*Market Risk Management*" presented in Part I, Item 2 — MD&A of this Form 10-Q and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 4. ***Controls and Procedures.***

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including our principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

We carried out an evaluation based on criteria established in the *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 Framework) under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our principal executive and principal financial officers, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Based on that evaluation, our principal executive and principal financial officers have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level as of September 30, 2017. Except as discussed below, there has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2017 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Operating and Financial Reporting System Implementation

During the first quarter of Fiscal 2018, we completed the migration of our European operations to an operating and financial reporting information technology system, SAP, as part of a multi-year plan to integrate and upgrade our global systems and processes.

As a result of the implementation of this system, we have experienced certain changes to our processes and procedures which, in turn, resulted in changes to our internal control over financial reporting. While we expect SAP to strengthen our internal financial controls by automating certain manual processes and standardizing business processes and reporting across our organization, management will continue to evaluate and monitor our internal controls as processes and procedures in each of the affected areas evolve. For a discussion of risks related to the implementation of new systems, see Item 1A — "*Risk Factors — Risks and uncertainties associated with the implementation of information systems may negatively impact our business*" in the Fiscal 2017 10-K.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. ***Legal Proceedings.***

Reference is made to the information disclosed under Item 3 — "*Legal Proceedings*" in the Fiscal 2017 10-K.

Item 1A. ***Risk Factors.***

Reference is made to the information disclosed under Part I, Item 1A — "*Risk Factors*" in the Fiscal 2017 10-K, which contains a detailed discussion of certain risk factors that could materially adversely affect the Company's business, operating results, and/or financial condition. There are no material changes to the risk factors previously disclosed, nor has the Company identified any previously undisclosed risks that could materially adversely affect the Company's business, operating results, and/or financial condition.

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

(a) Sales of Unregistered Securities

Shares of the Company's Class B Common Stock may be converted immediately into Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis by the holder. There is no cash or other consideration paid by the holder converting the shares and, accordingly, there is no cash or other consideration received by the Company. The shares of Class A Common Stock issued by the Company in such conversions are exempt from registration pursuant to Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

No shares of the Company's Class B common stock were converted into Class A common stock during the three months ended September 30, 2017.

(b) Not Applicable

(c) Stock Repurchases

The following table sets forth the repurchases of shares of the Company's Class A common stock during the three months ended September 30, 2017:

	Total Number of Shares Purchased[a]	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs[b]
				(millions)
July 2, 2017 to July 29, 2017	990	$ 73.65	—	$ 100
July 30, 2017 to August 26, 2017	817	88.64	—	100
August 27, 2017 to September 30, 2017	—	—	—	100
	1,807		—	

(a) Represents shares surrendered to or withheld by the Company in satisfaction of withholding taxes in connection with the vesting of awards issued under its long-term stock incentive plans.

(b) Repurchases of shares of Class A common stock are subject to overall business and market conditions.

Item 6. ***Exhibits.***

3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-24733) filed June 10, 1997).
3.2	Certificate of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Form 8-K filed August 16, 2011).
3.3	Fourth Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Company (filed as Exhibit 3.3 to the Form 10-Q filed on August 10, 2017).
10.1*	Performance Share Unit Award Overview containing the standard terms of performance share unit awards under the Amended and Restated 2010 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan †
10.2*	Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit - Award Notification containing the standard terms of performance-based restricted stock unit awards under the Amended and Restated 2010 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan †
10.3*	Restricted Stock Unit Overview containing the standard terms of restricted stock unit awards under the Amended and Restated 2010 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan †
12.1*	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.
31.1*	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to 17 CFR 240.13a-14(a).
31.2*	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 17 CFR 240.13a-14(a).
32.1*	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2*	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101*	Interactive data files pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T: (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2017 and April 1, 2017, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three-month and six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the six-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and October 1, 2016, and (v) the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Exhibits 32.1 and 32.2 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liability of that Section. Such exhibits shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

***** Filed herewith.

† Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

SIGNATURES

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.

RALPH LAUREN CORPORATION

By: /s/ JANE HAMILTON NIELSEN

Jane Hamilton Nielsen

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Date: November 9, 2017

EXHIBIT 10.1

RALPH LAUREN

Performance Share Unit Award

Fiscal 2018 – Overview

[DATE]

This Overview is qualified in its entirety by reference to the On-Line Grant Agreement that was distributed to eligible participants on [DATE] (the “On-Line Grant Agreement”), the Memorandum to Participants in the Ralph Lauren Corporation 2010 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan and to the Plan itself. Copies of the Memorandum and the Plan are available from your People and Development Department.

OVERVIEW

The Ralph Lauren Corporation (the “Company”) 2010 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) authorizes the Compensation & Organizational Development Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Compensation Committee”) to grant equity awards to officers and other employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates.

As determined by the Compensation Committee, the Company may grant one or more types of stock awards. This Overview describes one type of stock award - Performance Share Units (PSU).

A PSU award provides the participant with the opportunity to receive shares of the Company’s Class A Common Stock (traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol RL) at a later date contingent upon continued service with the Company.

AWARD OBJECTIVES

Objectives of PSUs are to:

1. Attract and retain exceptional individuals of superior talent
2. Motivate such individuals to achieve longer-range performance
3. Enable such individuals to participate in the long-term growth and financial success of the Company

PLAN ADMINISTRATION

The Company’s People and Development Department administers the program and Merrill Lynch Wealth Management (“Merrill Lynch”) is the recordkeeper. **Participants must have an open brokerage account at Merrill Lynch in order to facilitate distribution of shares of the Company’s Class A Common Stock upon the vesting of PSUs**. To open a brokerage account, or for questions regarding your account and account transactions, contact Merrill Lynch at (212) 236-5574 or (877) 765-7656.

The Company’s Board of Directors reserves the right to amend, modify or terminate the Plan at any time, subject to stockholder approval, if required. No such amendment to the Plan would adversely affect any PSU awards then outstanding.

Nothing contained herein may be construed as creating a promise of future benefits or a binding contract with the Company. Further, an individual's employment continues to be at will, subject to any applicable employment agreement.

For questions regarding the Plan and its provisions, contact People and Development.

ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANT

Equity awards, including PSU awards, may be granted annually to designated, key executives who have a significant impact on the strategic direction and business results of the Company, and who are actively employed on April 1 of the year when the grant is made.

Guidelines have been established for the number and type of equity awards that eligible participants may receive. The guidelines reflect a position's scope, accountability and impact on the organization, and may also reflect changes in the value of the Company's Class A Common Stock.

<u>Please note that the guidelines do not constitute a guarantee that any specific individual will receive an equity award in any given or subsequent year, or guarantee the type or the size of any grant, if a grant is made.</u>

An eligible employee who receives a Below Expectations (B) or Unsatisfactory (U) rating on their annual performance appraisal is not eligible for an equity award in the fiscal year following that performance appraisal period.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR PSU VESTING

The Company's performance measure(s) are set by the Compensation Committee at the time of grant from a list of performance criteria set forth in the Plan. Such measure(s) may include, for example, one or more of the following:

- Net Earnings or Net Income (before or after taxes)
- Basic or Diluted Earnings Per Share (before or after taxes)
- Net Operating Profit (before or after taxes)
- Net Revenue or Net Revenue Growth
- Gross Profit or Gross Profit Growth
- Return Measures (including but not limited to Return on Assets, Investments, Capital)
- Other measures of economic value added or other value creation metrics

STRUCTURE OF GRANTS AND PAYOUT SCHEDULE

A participant is awarded a target number of PSUs on grant date. Applicable Threshold, Target and Maximum levels of Company financial performance are established at the beginning of the performance period.

PERFORMANCE AND PAYOUT SCHEDULE

Performance Level	% of Goal Achieved	% of Target PSUs Vested
Threshold	**95%**	**75%**
Target	**100%**	**100%**
Maximum	**105%**	**150%**

Note: PSU vesting is interpolated for performance between 95% - 105% of target

No payout will be earned for performance below Threshold

Payout will be capped at Target unless three-year (Fiscal 2018 - 2020) Cumulative Revenue goal is met or exceeded.

Once a PSU award is granted, the performance measure(s), performance goals, vesting and payout schedule will not be modified during the term for that particular award. However, in determining performance against the goal, the Company's results may be adjusted to exclude the effects of certain events and transactions as specified by the Compensation Committee at the time of grant. For any future awards, the Compensation Committee may change the performance measure(s), goals, vesting, and payout schedule(s).

FISCAL 2018 GRANT PERFORMANCE MEASURE, PERFORMANCE LEVELS AND VESTING

The Company performance measure for fiscal 2018 PSU awards is Cumulative Operating Margin for fiscal years 2018-2020. Payout will be capped at Target unless three-year (Fiscal 2018-2020) Cumulative Revenue goal is met or exceeded. Vesting of PSUs, and the distribution of the Company's Class A Common Stock, will occur after the end of Fiscal 2020, as soon as administratively practical following certification of achievement of the performance goals by the Compensation Committee. The vesting date typically occurs in June of each year, but may be earlier or later.

If Threshold or better performance is achieved, and the participant has had continuous service with the Company through the vesting date, shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock will be distributed to participants upon the vesting of PSUs. Upon vesting, the participant will own the shares and as a shareholder of the Company's Class

A Common Stock, will have voting rights and will receive dividends, if applicable, on such shares. Prior to the vesting date, dividends are not earned on PSUs and the participant does not have voting rights. If performance is below Threshold at the end of the performance period, all PSUs granted for that award will be forfeited.

PSUs granted in fiscal 2018 are scheduled to vest after fiscal 2020, subject to the Company's achievement of the cumulative performance goals specified, and the participant's continuous service with the Company.

EXAMPLE OF PERFORMANCE LEVEL, VESTING AND PAYOUT

Grant Date	# PSUs Granted	Performance Period	Vesting Date[1]	Performance Level [2]	Vested Percentage[2]	# Shares Vested
FY18 (June 2017)	**1,000**	**FY18 - FY20**	**FY20 (June 2020)**	**110%**	**150%**	**1,500**
				100%	**100%**	**1,000**
				70%	**75%**	**750**

[1] *Vesting typically occurs in June, but may be earlier or later*

[2] *Example is hypothetical and is not a forecast of future performance and payout percentages*

In the U.S. and in many other jurisdictions, vesting of PSUs and the delivery of shares of Class A Common Stock is a taxable event. When shares are distributed, a portion of the shares are withheld to satisfy withholding requirements, and the net shares are delivered to participants in their Merrill Lynch account.

VALUE OF PERFORMANCE SHARE UNITS

If Threshold or better performance against the applicable goal is achieved, PSUs can provide participants with ownership of the Company's Class A Common Stock and offer the opportunity to recognize value in several ways:

- Receive shares of RL Class A Common Stock without paying any exercise price
- The number of PSUs vesting can range from 75% (Threshold) to 150% (Maximum) of the target shares granted
- Any increases in the Company's Class A Common Stock price above the price on the grant date increases the value of the award

The example below illustrates the opportunity for gains in the value of the award at various Company Class A Common Stock prices.

EXAMPLE: POTENTIAL VALUE
Award of 1,000 PSUs

		If Stock Price Reaches:			
Value At:	**# of Shares**	**$80**	**$90**	**$100**	**$110**
Threshold Performance	750	$60,000	$67,500	$75,000	$82,500
Target Performance	1,000	$80,000	$90,000	$100,000	$110,000
Maximum Performance	1,500	$120,000	$135,000	$150,000	$165,000

Note: Value is before tax and a portion of the shares will be withheld to satisfy required tax withholding. Example is hypothetical and is not a forecast of growth in the Company's Class A Common Stock price.
If the performance calculation results in fractional shares, the fractional shares will be paid in cash.

SALE OF SHARES SUBSEQUENT TO DISTRIBUTION

Shares received from the vesting of a PSU award may be sold subject to the Company's trading restrictions as set forth in the Company's Securities Trading policy beginning on page 8. In certain circumstances, certain Executive Officers may sell shares pursuant to Rule 144 or another applicable exemption under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

In the U.S. and in many other jurisdictions, the sale of such shares after vesting has tax implications. Contact your financial advisor for important information about how a subsequent sale of shares impacts you. Once PSUs have vested and you receive shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock from the vesting of a particular PSU award, you retain all rights to those shares, regardless of employment status with the Company.

ON-LINE GRANT AGREEMENT

All recipients are required to accept their grant on-line by electronically signing the On-Line Grant Agreement to ensure recipients understand the terms of their grant. Recipients must electronically accept the terms of the On-Line Grant Agreement by [DATE]. Awards not accepted by [DATE] will be forfeited. The stock agreements include post-employment obligation terms, including confidentiality, non-compete and non-solicitation provisions.

IF YOU LEAVE THE COMPANY

Termination as a result of:	Status of PSU Awards
Retirement [1] Long-Term Disability (LTD) [2] Death	[1] If retirement date is more than one year from the date of grant, participant is entitled to full award on the scheduled vesting date. Payout is based on performance achievement. [1] If retirement date is within the first year following the grant date, participant is entitled to one-third of award on the scheduled vesting date. Payout is based on performance achievement. All remaining PSUs are forfeited [1] The above is subject to the terms and conditions in the On-Line Grant Agreement
Voluntary Resignation Involuntary Termination	[1] All unvested PSUs are forfeited

[1] *Normal retirement (age 65 with no service requirement) and early retirement (age 55 with 7 years of service) are treated the same.*

[2] *For purposes hereof, "disability" shall, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, have the same meaning as such term or a similar term has under the long-term disability plan or policy maintained by the Company or a Subsidiary under which the Participant has coverage and which is in effect on the date of the onset of the Participant's disability.*

SECURITIES TRADING POLICY

INSIDER TRADING

As provided in the Company Employee Handbook, employees are prohibited by law from buying or selling securities if an employee has or is aware of any *material, non-public information* about the Company and its subsidiaries. This is commonly referred to as "insider information." Material, non-public information is any information that has not been disclosed to the public that could affect the price of Company Common Stock -- either positively or negatively -- or affect a person's decision to buy, hold or sell securities.

Examples of what might be considered "insider information" include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Earnings or other financial information
- Changes in dividend policy
- Stock splits
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Major new contracts or product-line introductions
- Litigation involving substantial amounts of money
- Changes in management

These insider-trading rules are applicable to employees of Ralph Lauren and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates, worldwide.

COMPANY BLACKOUT PERIODS

To avoid even the appearance of "insider trading," our Company's Securities Trading policy prohibits members of the Board of Directors, all employees and their "Related Parties" (as such term is defined in the Company's Securities Trading Policy) from making trades involving stock of the Company during certain "blackout periods." <u>This prohibition covers all transactions in the Company's securities, including buying or selling shares, including shares of Class A Common Stock received upon the vesting of PSUs</u>. These blackout periods generally begin two weeks before the end of each of our fiscal quarters and continue through one trading day after the Company issues its earnings release for the fiscal quarter or year just ended. If the earnings release is issued before the opening of the market on a trading day, trading may begin the next day. The blackout periods are announced at the start of each year. The Company may prohibit trading of the Company's stock at any time it deems such trading to be inappropriate, even outside the regular blackout periods. Individuals who receive a specific notification prohibiting them from trading the Company's stock should note that such notification takes precedence over pre-announced blackout periods. In addition, members of the Board of Directors, Officers (any employee who is a Senior Vice

President or above), and all employees in the Finance, Legal and People and Development departments must clear all trades with the Corporate Counsel, or their designee, at all times.

ADDITIONAL PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS

Because we believe it is inappropriate for any Company personnel to engage in short-term or speculative transactions involving the Company's Common Stock, it is Company policy that employees do not engage in any of the following activities with respect to the securities of the Company:

- **"In and out" trading in securities of the Company.** Any Company stock purchased in the market must be held for a minimum of six months and ideally longer. Note that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has a "short-swing profit recapture" rule that effectively prohibits Executive Officers and members of the Board of Directors from selling any Company stock within six months of a purchase. The Company has extended this prohibition to all employees. The receipt of shares pursuant to the vesting of PSU awards is not considered a purchase under the SEC's rule.

- Purchases of stock of the Company on margin.

- **Short sales** (i.e., selling stock one does not own and then borrowing the shares to make delivery)

- **"Hedging" and Pledging of Company Stock.** No insider, including any director, officer or employee of the Company, shall purchase or sell, or make any offer to purchase or offer to sell derivative securities relating to the Company's securities, whether or not issued by the Company, such as exchange traded options to purchase or sell the Company's securities (so called "puts" and "calls") or financial instruments that are designed to hedge or offset any decrease in the market value of the Company's securities. In addition, no director or Section 16 Officer of the Company shall hold the Company's securities in a margin account, or maintain or enter into any arrangement that, directly or indirectly, involves pledging the Company's securities as collateral for a loan.

CLEARANCE OF ALL TRADES BY DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND OTHER KEY PERSONNEL

For employees at the Senior Vice President level or above ("Officers") and for all employees in the Finance, Legal and People and Development departments, all transactions in the Company's securities (including, but not limited to purchases, sales, transfers, etc.) must be conducted during an open trading window and pre-cleared with the Corporate Counsel, or their designee. If contemplating a transaction, please provide a written request via e-mail to RLTrading@ralphlauren.com, specifying the number of shares you wish to sell before contacting Merrill Lynch or any other broker, or taking any other step to initiate a transaction.

COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 409A

To the extent applicable, the Plan shall be interpreted in accordance with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Department of Treasury Regulations and other interpretive guidance issued hereunder ("Section 409A"). Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, it is intended that this Plan comply with Section 409A, and all provision of this Plan shall be construed and interpreted in a manner consistent with the requirements for avoiding taxes or penalties under Section 409A. Each Participant is solely responsible and liable for the satisfaction of all taxes and penalties that may be imposed on or in respect of such Participant in connection with this Plan or any other plan maintained by the Company (including any taxes and penalties under Section 409A), and neither the Company nor any Affiliate shall have any obligation to indemnify or otherwise hold such Participant (or any beneficiary) harmless from any or all of such taxes or penalties.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By participating in the Plan, the Participant understands and agrees that:

(a) the Plan is established voluntarily by the Company, is discretionary in nature and may be modified, amended, suspended or terminated by the Company at any time, to the extent permitted by the Plan;

(b) the grant of PSU awards is voluntary and occasional and does not create any contractual or other right to receive future PSU awards, or benefits in lieu of these awards, even if PSU awards have been granted in the past;

(c) all decisions with respect to future PSU awards, if any, will be at the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee;

(d) the Participant's participation in the Plan shall not create a right to further employment or service with the Company or, if different, the employing Subsidiary and shall not interfere with the ability of the Company or employing Subsidiary to terminate the Participant's employment or service relationship at any time with or without cause;

(e) the Participant is voluntarily participating in the Plan;

(f) any PSU awards and the Company's Class A Common Stock subject to awards, and the income and value of same, are not part of the Participant's normal or expected compensation for purposes of calculating any severance, resignation, termination, redundancy, dismissal, end-of-service payments, bonuses, holiday pay, long-service awards, pension or retirement or welfare benefits or similar payments; and

(g) no claim or entitlement to compensation or damages shall arise from the forfeiture of a PSU award resulting from the Participant's termination of employment or service (for any reason whatsoever and whether or not later found to be invalid or in breach of employment laws in the jurisdiction where the Participant is employed or rendering services or the terms of the Participant's employment or service agreement, if any), and in consideration of the grant of a PSU award to which the Participant is otherwise not entitled, the Participant irrevocably agrees never to institute any claim against the Company or any Subsidiary.

NON-U.S. GRANT PARTICIPANTS

Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, to comply with securities, exchange control, labor, tax, or other applicable laws, rules or regulations in countries outside of the United States in which the Company and its Subsidiaries operate or have Employees, Consultants, or directors, and/or for the purpose of taking advantage of tax favorable treatment for PSU Awards granted to Participants in such countries, the Committee, in its sole discretion, shall have the power and authority to (i) amend or modify the terms and conditions of any PSU awards granted to a Participant; (ii) establish, adopt, interpret, or revise any rules and procedures to the extent such actions may be necessary or advisable, including adoption of rules or procedures applicable to particular Subsidiaries or Participants residing in particular locations; and (iii) take any action, before or after a PSU award is made, that it deems advisable to obtain approval or comply with any necessary local governmental regulatory exemptions or approvals. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee is specifically authorized to adopt rules or procedures with provisions that limit or modify rights on eligibility to receive PSU awards under the Plan or on termination of service, available methods of vesting or settlement of a PSUs award, payment of tax-related items, the shifting of employer tax liability to the Participant, tax withholding procedures, restrictions on the sale of shares of Class A Common Stock of the Company, and the handling of stock certificates or other indicia of ownership. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may not take actions hereunder, and no PSU awards shall be granted, that would violate the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Exchange Act, the Code, any securities law or governing statute.

EXCHANGE RATES

Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary shall be liable to a Participant for any foreign exchange rate fluctuation between the Participant's local currency and the U.S. Dollar that may affect the value of the Participant's PSU award or of any amounts due to the Participant pursuant to the vesting or other settlement of the PSU award or, if applicable, the subsequent sale of Class A Common Stock acquired upon vesting.

In the event of any discrepancy between this PSU Overview and either the on-line Grant Agreement, the Plan or the provision under which the Plan is administered and governed by the Compensation Committee, the on-line Grant Agreement, the Plan and the determination of the Compensation Committee will govern, as applicable. This Overview is qualified in its entirety based on the determinations, interpretations and other decisions made within the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee.

EXHIBIT 10.2

[NAME] - Equity Award Notification

[DATE] Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit (PRSU) Award
Target Grant Value: $[_____]
Number of Shares: Based on [DATE]

Award Type	Number of Shares
PRSUs	**[_____]**

Note: The terms of the [DATE] Annual Equity Award are in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Ralph Lauren Corporation 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan as well as with the terms and conditions of executive's employment agreement date [DATE]. These awards are contingent upon signing the PRSU Equity Agreement which will be presented for execution on [DATE].

Information concerning goals is strictly confidential

PRSUs:

- Vest over three-year period in one-third increments beginning FY19 if the FY18 performance goal (Operating Margin of [__]%) is achieved and certified by the Compensation and Organizational Development Committee, and employment is continuous through each vesting date (unless otherwise provided for in the employment agreement).

RALPH LAUREN

Restricted Stock Unit Award

Fiscal 2018 – Overview

[DATE]

This Overview is qualified in its entirety by reference to the On-Line Grant Agreement that was distributed to eligible participants on [DATE] (the "On-Line Grant Agreement"), the Memorandum to Participants in the Ralph Lauren Corporation 2010 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan and to the Plan itself. Copies of the Memorandum and the Plan are available from your People and Development Department.

OVERVIEW

The Ralph Lauren Corporation (the "Company") 2010 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") authorizes the Compensation & Organizational Development Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Compensation Committee") to grant equity awards to officers and other employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates.

As determined by the Compensation Committee, the Company may grant one or more types of stock awards. This Overview describes one type of stock award - Restricted Stock Units (RSU).

A RSU award provides the participant with the opportunity to receive shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock (traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol RL) at a later date contingent upon continued service with the Company.

AWARD OBJECTIVES

Objectives of RSUs, are to:

1. Attract and retain exceptional individuals of superior talent
2. Motivate such individuals to achieve longer-range performance
3. Enable such individuals to participate in the long-term growth and financial success of the Company

PLAN ADMINISTRATION

The Company's People and Development Department administers the program and Merrill Lynch Wealth Management ("Merrill Lynch") is the recordkeeper. **Participants must have an open brokerage account at Merrill Lynch in order to facilitate distribution of shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock upon the vesting of RSUs**. To open a brokerage account, or for questions regarding your account and account transactions, contact Merrill Lynch at **877-765-7656** in the U.S. or Canada, or **609-818-8908** if calling from an international location.

The Company's Board of Directors reserves the right to amend, modify or terminate the Plan at any time, subject to stockholder approval, if required. No such amendment to the Plan would adversely affect any RSU awards then outstanding.

Nothing contained herein may be construed as creating a promise of future benefits or a binding contract with the Company. Further, an individual's employment continues to be at will, subject to any applicable employment agreement.

For questions regarding the Plan and its provisions, contact People and Development.

ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANT

Equity awards, including RSU awards, may be granted annually to designated, key executives who have a significant impact on the strategic direction and business results of the Company, and who are actively employed on April 1 of the year when the grant is made.

Guidelines have been established for the number and type of equity awards that eligible participants may receive. The guidelines reflect a position's scope, accountability and impact on the organization, and may also reflect changes in the value of the Company's Class A Common Stock.

Please note that the guidelines do not constitute a guarantee that any specific individual will receive an equity award in any given or subsequent year, or guarantee the type or the size of any grant, if a grant is made.

An eligible employee who receives a Below Expectations (B) or Unsatisfactory (U) rating on their annual performance appraisal is not eligible for an equity award in the fiscal year following that performance appraisal period.

GRANT AMOUNT AND AWARD VESTING

The number of units in a RSU award is set on the grant date. The award will vest in equal, annual installments (tranches) over a three-year period. One-third of RSUs granted in fiscal 2018 will vest and be paid out on the first three anniversaries of the grant date based on the participant having continuous service through each vesting date - for awards granted on May 15, 2017, the first third vests on May 15, 2018, the second third vests on May 15, 2019, and the last third vests on May 15, 2020.

Once the RSUs are vested and distributed as Company Class A Common Stock, the participant owns the shares and as a shareholder, will have voting rights and will receive dividends, if applicable, on such shares. Prior to the vesting date, dividends are not earned on RSUs and the participant does not have voting rights.

VESTING EXAMPLES

These examples illustrate how a RSU award granted in fiscal 2018 would vest, in equal installments, over three fiscal years. Vesting is subject to the participant's continuous service with the Company from the grant date to each vesting date.

EXAMPLE 1: Granted 210 RSUs on May 15, 2017

Grant Date	RSUs Eligible to Vest	Vesting Date
May 15, 2017	70	May 15, 2018
May 15, 2017	70	May 15, 2019
May 15, 2017	70	May 15, 2020
Total	**210**	

Additionally, depending on any previous grants received, more than one RSU award may be eligible to vest each year, as shown below:

EXAMPLE 2: MULTIPLE PRIOR GRANTS WITH SHARES ELIGIBLE TO VEST

Year Granted	RSUs Granted	1/3 of RSUs Eligible to Vest		
		May 2017	May 2018	May 2019
May 2016	300	100	100	100
May 2017	210	-	70	70
May 2018	270	-	-	90
Total RSUs	**780**	**100**	**170**	**260**

In the U.S. and in many other jurisdictions, vesting of RSUs and delivery of shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock is a taxable event. When shares are distributed, a portion of the shares are withheld to satisfy withholding requirements, and the net shares are delivered to participants in their Merrill Lynch account.

Shares received from the vesting of a RSU award may be sold subject to the Company's trading restrictions as set forth in the Company's Securities Trading policy beginning on page 7. In certain circumstances, certain Executive Officers may sell shares pursuant to Rule 144 or another applicable exemption under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

In the U.S. and in many other jurisdictions, sale of such shares after vesting has tax implications. Contact your financial advisor for important information about how a subsequent sale of shares impacts you.

Once RSUs have vested and you receive shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock from the vesting of a particular RSU award, you retain all rights to those shares, regardless of employment status with the Company.

VALUE OF RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS

RSUs can provide participants with ownership of the Company's Class A Common Stock and the opportunity to benefit from any appreciation in price above the price on grant date.

This example illustrates the opportunity for gains in the value of the award at various Company Class A Common Stock prices.

EXAMPLE: POTENTIAL VALUE
Award of 210 RSUs

		If Stock Price Reaches:			
	# of Shares	**$70**	**$80**	**$90**	**$100**
Value (assumes shares vest)	210	$14,700	$16,800	$18,900	$21,000

Note: Value is before tax and a portion of the shares awarded would be withheld to satisfy required tax withholding.

Example is hypothetical and is not a forecast of growth in the Company's Class A Common Stock price.

On-Line Grant Agreement

All recipients are required to accept their grant on-line by electronically signing the On-Line Grant Agreement to ensure recipients understand the terms of their grant. Recipients must electronically accept the terms of the On-Line Grant Agreement by [DATE]. Awards not accepted by [DATE] will be forfeited. For employees with the title Vice President and above, the Fiscal 2018 stock agreements include post-employment obligation terms, including confidentiality, non-compete and non-solicitation provisions.

IF YOU LEAVE THE COMPANY

Termination as a result of:	Status of RSU Awards
Retirement [1] Long-Term Disability (LTD) [2] Death	**If retirement date is more than one year from the date of grant, participant is entitled to full award on scheduled vesting dates** **If retirement date is within the first year following the Grant date, participant is entitled to one-third of award on of the first scheduled vesting date. All remaining RSUs are forfeited** **The above is subject to the terms and conditions in the On-Line Grant Agreement**
Voluntary Resignation Involuntary Termination	**All unvested RSUs are forfeited**

[1] Normal retirement (age 65 with no service requirement) and early retirement (age 55 with 7 years of service) are treated the same.

[2] For purposes hereof, "disability" shall, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, have the same meaning as such term or a similar term has under the long-term disability plan or policy maintained by the Company or a Subsidiary under which the Participant has coverage and which is in effect on the date of the onset of the Participant's disability.

SECURITIES TRADING POLICY

INSIDER TRADING

As provided in the Company Employee Handbook, employees are prohibited by law from buying or selling securities if an employee has or is aware of any *material, non-public information* about the Company and its subsidiaries. This is commonly referred to as "insider information." Material, non-public information is any information that has not been disclosed to the public that could affect the price of Company Common Stock -- either positively or negatively -- or affect a person's decision to buy, hold or sell securities.

Examples of what might be considered "insider information" include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Earnings or other financial information
- Changes in dividend policy
- Stock splits
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Major new contracts or product-line introductions
- Litigation involving substantial amounts of money
- Changes in management

These insider-trading rules are applicable to employees of Ralph Lauren and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates, worldwide.

COMPANY BLACKOUT PERIODS

To avoid even the appearance of "insider trading," our Company's Securities Trading policy prohibits members of the Board of Directors, all employees and their "Related Parties" (as such term is defined in the Company's Securities Trading Policy) from making trades involving stock of the Company during certain "blackout periods." This prohibition covers all transactions in the Company's securities, including buying or selling shares, including shares of Class A Common Stock received upon the vesting of RSUs. These blackout periods generally begin two weeks before the end of each of our fiscal quarters and continue through one trading day after the Company issues its earnings release for the fiscal quarter or year just ended. If the earnings release is issued before the opening of the market on a trading day, trading may begin the next day. The blackout periods are announced at the start of each year. The Company may prohibit trading of the Company's stock at any time it deems such trading to be inappropriate, even outside the regular blackout periods. Individuals who receive a specific notification prohibiting them from trading the Company's stock should note that such notification takes precedence over pre-announced blackout periods. In addition, members of the Board of Directors, Officers (any employee who is a Senior Vice President or above), and all employees in the Finance, Legal and People and Development departments must clear all trades with the Corporate Counsel, or their designee, at all times.

ADDITIONAL PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS

Because we believe it is inappropriate for any Company personnel to engage in short-term or speculative transactions involving the Company's Common Stock, it is Company policy that employees do not engage in any of the following activities with respect to the securities of the Company:

- **"In and out" trading in securities of the Company.** Any Company stock purchased in the market must be held for a minimum of six months and ideally longer. Note that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has a "short-swing profit recapture" rule that effectively prohibits Executive Officers and members of the Board of Directors from selling any Company stock within six months of a purchase. The Company has extended this prohibition to all employees. The receipt of shares pursuant to the vesting of RSU awards is not considered a purchase under the SEC's rule.
- Purchases of stock of the Company on margin.
- **Short sales** (i.e., selling stock one does not own and then borrowing the shares to make delivery).
- **"Hedging" and Pledging of Company Stock.** No insider, including any director, officer or employee of the Company, shall purchase or sell, or make any offer to purchase or offer to sell derivative securities relating to the Company's securities, whether or not issued by the Company, such as exchange traded options to purchase or sell the Company's securities (so called "puts" and "calls") or financial instruments that are designed to hedge or offset any decrease in the market value of the Company's securities.

CLEARANCE OF ALL TRADES BY DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND OTHER KEY PERSONNEL

For employees at the Senior Vice President level or above ("Officers") and for all employees in the Finance, Legal and People and Development departments, all transactions in the Company's securities (including, but not limited to purchases, sales, transfers, etc.) must be conducted during an open trading window and pre-cleared with the Corporate Counsel, or their designee. If contemplating a transaction, please provide a written request via e-mail to RLTrading@ralphlauren.com, specifying the number of shares you wish to sell <u>before</u> contacting Merrill Lynch or any other broker, or taking any other step to initiate a transaction.

COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 409A

To the extent applicable, the Plan shall be interpreted in accordance with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Department of Treasury Regulations and other interpretive guidance issued hereunder ("Section 409A").

Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, it is intended that this Plan comply with Section 409A, and all provision of this Plan shall be construed and interpreted in a manner consistent with the requirements for avoiding taxes or penalties under Section 409A. Each Participant is solely responsible and liable for the satisfaction of all taxes and penalties that may be imposed on or in respect of such Participant in connection with this Plan or any other plan maintained by the Company (including any taxes and penalties under Section 409A), and neither the Company nor any Affiliate shall have any obligation to indemnify or otherwise hold such Participant (or any beneficiary) harmless from any or all of such taxes or penalties.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By participating in the Plan, the Participant understands and agrees that:

- *(a) the Plan is established voluntarily by the Company, is discretionary in nature and may be modified, amended, suspended or terminated by the Company at any time, to the extent permitted by the Plan;*
- *(b) the grant of RSU awards is voluntary and occasional and does not create any contractual or other right to receive future RSU awards, or benefits in lieu of these awards, even if RSU awards have been granted in the past;*
- *(c) all decisions with respect to future RSU awards, if any, will be at the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee;*
- *(d) the Participant's participation in the Plan shall not create a right to further employment or service with the Company or, if different, the employing Subsidiary and shall not interfere with the ability of the Company or employing Subsidiary to terminate the Participant's employment or service relationship at any time with or without cause;*
- *(e) the Participant is voluntarily participating in the Plan;*
- *(f) any RSU awards and the Company's Class A Common Stock subject to awards, and the income and value of same, are not part of the Participant's normal or expected compensation for purposes of calculating any severance, resignation, termination, redundancy, dismissal, end-of-service payments, bonuses, holiday pay, long-service awards, pension or retirement or welfare benefits or similar payments; and*
- *(g) no claim or entitlement to compensation or damages shall arise from the forfeiture of a RSU award resulting from the Participant's termination of employment or service (for any reason whatsoever and whether or not later found to be invalid or in breach of employment laws in the jurisdiction where the Participant is employed or rendering services or the terms of the Participant's employment or service agreement, if any), and in consideration of the grant of a RSU award to which the Participant is otherwise not entitled, the Participant irrevocably agrees never to institute any claim against the Company or any Subsidiary.*

NON-U.S. GRANT PARTICIPANTS

Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, to comply with securities, exchange control, labor, tax, or other applicable laws, rules or regulations in countries outside of the United States in which the Company and its Subsidiaries

operate or have Employees, Consultants, or directors, and/or for the purpose of taking advantage of tax favorable treatment for RSU Awards granted to Participants in such countries, the Committee, in its sole discretion, shall have the power and authority to (i) amend or modify the terms and conditions of any RSU awards granted to a Participant; (ii) establish, adopt, interpret, or revise any rules and procedures to the extent such actions may be necessary or advisable, including adoption of rules or procedures applicable to particular Subsidiaries or Participants residing in particular locations; and (iii) take any action, before or after a RSU award is made, that it deems advisable to obtain approval or comply with any necessary local governmental regulatory exemptions or approvals. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee is specifically authorized to adopt rules or procedures with provisions that limit or modify rights on eligibility to receive RSU awards under the Plan or on termination of service, available methods of vesting or settlement of a RSUs award, payment of tax-related items, the shifting of employer tax liability to the Participant, tax withholding procedures, restrictions on the sale of shares of Class A Common Stock of the Company, and the handling of stock certificates or other indicia of ownership. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may not take actions hereunder, and no RSU awards shall be granted, that would violate the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Exchange Act, the Code, any securities law or governing statute.

EXCHANGE RATES

Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary shall be liable to a Participant for any foreign exchange rate fluctuation between the Participant's local currency and the U.S. Dollar that may affect the value of the Participant's RSU award or of any amounts due to the Participant pursuant to the vesting or other settlement of the RSU award or, if applicable, the subsequent sale of Class A Common Stock acquired upon vesting.

In the event of any discrepancy between this RSU Overview and either the on-line Grant Agreement, the Plan or the provision under which the Plan is administered and governed by the Compensation Committee, the on-line Grant Agreement, the Plan and the determination of the Compensation Committee will govern, as applicable. This Overview is qualified in its entirety based on the determinations, interpretations and other decisions made within the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee.

EXHIBIT 12.1

RALPH LAUREN CORPORATION

COMPUTATION OF RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

	Six Months Ended	Fiscal Years Ended[a]				
	September 30, 2017	April 1, 2017	April 2, 2016	March 28, 2015	March 29, 2014	March 30, 2013
	(millions)					
Earnings, as defined:						
Income (loss) before income taxes	$ 278.0	$ (104.9)	$ 551.8	$ 987.4	$ 1,095.8	$ 1,089.3
Add:						
Equity in losses of equity-method investees	2.1	5.2	10.9	11.5	9.4	9.5
Fixed charges	82.4	165.9	178.4	172.0	170.2	162.3
Subtract:						
Income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	0.7
Earnings available to cover fixed charges	$ 362.5	$ 66.2	$ 741.1	$ 1,170.9	$ 1,275.4	$ 1,260.4
Fixed Charges:						
Interest expense	$ 9.6	$ 12.4	$ 21.0	$ 16.7	$ 18.7	$ 19.1
Interest component of rent expense	72.8	153.5	157.4	155.3	151.5	143.2
Total fixed charges	$ 82.4	$ 165.9	$ 178.4	$ 172.0	$ 170.2	$ 162.3
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges[b]	4.4	0.4	4.2	6.8	7.5	7.8

(a) The fiscal year ended April 2, 2016 consisted of 53 weeks. All other fiscal years presented consisted of 52 weeks.

(b) All ratios have been calculated using unrounded numbers.

EXHIBIT 31.1

CERTIFICATION

I, Patrice Louvet, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Ralph Lauren Corporation;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

   a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

   b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

   c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

   d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):

   a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

   b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ PATRICE LOUVET

Patrice Louvet
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 9, 2017

EXHIBIT 31.2

CERTIFICATION

I, Jane Hamilton Nielsen, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Ralph Lauren Corporation;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

   a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

   b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

   c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

   d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):

   a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

   b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ JANE HAMILTON NIELSEN

Jane Hamilton Nielsen
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Date: November 9, 2017

EXHIBIT 32.1

Certification of Patrice Louvet Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350,
as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Ralph Lauren Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Patrice Louvet, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

/s/ PATRICE LOUVET

Patrice Louvet

November 9, 2017

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to Ralph Lauren Corporation and will be retained by Ralph Lauren Corporation and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

EXHIBIT 32.2

Certification of Jane Hamilton Nielsen Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350,
as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Ralph Lauren Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Jane Hamilton Nielsen, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

/s/ JANE HAMILTON NIELSEN

Jane Hamilton Nielsen

November 9, 2017

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to Ralph Lauren Corporation and will be retained by Ralph Lauren Corporation and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.