

**The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.**  
**411 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**New York, NY 10014**

To Our Stockholders,

2016 provided many opportunities for The ONE Group to continue to evolve as a growing player in the hospitality industry. By expanding to new cities and gaining new hospitality partners, we were able to raise awareness of our brand and develop the support needed for the future development of our business.

We are encouraged by the initial success of our 2016 class of restaurants including Orlando, Toronto and Ibiza, Spain – and remain committed to providing one-of-a-kind dining and entertainment experiences to our guests, while executing on the unique partnerships that we are able to deliver to our hospitality partners. Supported by our talented and dedicated team, we are enthusiastic about the changes we have made so far in 2017, which included reducing our overhead costs and continuing our focus on asset-light growth through management and licensing agreements.

Throughout 2016, we announced signed licensing agreements and venue openings, including:

- Our 11<sup>th</sup> STK opened at Disney Springs in Walt Disney World Resort at Lake Buena Vista, Florida;
- We announced that we had entered into a licensing agreement to open an STK restaurant and an STK Beach, an outdoor restaurant open for lunch and dinner featuring water views and incorporating elements of traditional STK restaurants, in the Condado district of San Juan, Puerto Rico;
- In September, we announced the opening of the first STK restaurant in Canada, located in the Yorkville neighborhood of Toronto, Canada; and
- We announced that we had entered into a license agreement to open an STK restaurant at The Address Downtown Dubai hotel on Emaar Boulevard and an STK Beach at the Rixos Hotel in the Marina District of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, with a third restaurant anticipated to open in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

In terms of our performance, total owned unit net revenues increased 21.1% to \$63.2 million in fiscal year 2016 compared to \$52.2 million in fiscal year 2015.

To conclude, we are thrilled by the interest in our brand across the globe. Kicking off 2017, we have opened an STK restaurant in Denver, and we anticipate the opening another STK restaurant in San Diego. In addition, our development pipeline remains robust with four new international licensed deals scheduled to open this year. We continue to have strong interest from key hospitality partners and are poised for strategic, sustainable growth in 2017 and beyond.

We thank our stockholders for remaining committed to The ONE Group and our vision for growth, as we execute against our global expansion goals.



**Jonathan Segal**  
**CEO, President and Director**



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 001-37379

**The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**411 W. 14th Street, 2nd Floor, New York, New York**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**14-1961545**

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

**10014**

Zip Code

**646-624-2400**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Title of Each Class

**Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share**

Name of Each Exchange  
on Which Registered

**The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC**

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

**None**

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether 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 such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

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

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

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

Large accelerated  
filer       Accelerated filer       Non-accelerated filer       Smaller reporting company   
(do not check if a smaller  
reporting company)

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

The aggregate market value of the registrant's voting and non-voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant (without admitting that any person whose shares are not included in such calculation is an affiliate) computed by reference to the price at which the common stock was last sold, as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter was \$41,252,050.

Number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of March 31, 2017: 25,050,628.

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

The following documents (or parts thereof) are incorporated by reference into the following parts of this Form 10-K: Certain information required in Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K is incorporated from the Registrant's Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on June 1, 2017.

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## **Forward-Looking Statements**

*This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), that involve risks and uncertainties, principally in the sections entitled "Business," "Risk Factors," and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." All statements other than statements of historical fact contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including statements regarding future events, our future financial performance, business strategy and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. We have attempted to identify forward-looking statements by terminology including "anticipates," "believes," "can," "continue," "ongoing," "could," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "may," "appears," "suggests," "future," "likely," "goal," "plans," "potential," "projects," "predicts," "should," "would," or "will" or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. Although we do not make forward-looking statements unless we believe we have a reasonable basis for doing so, we cannot guarantee their accuracy. These statements are only predictions and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, including the risks outlined under "Risk Factors" or elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, which may cause our or our industry's actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risks emerge from time to time and it is not possible for us to predict all risk factors, nor can we address the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements included in this document are based on information available to us on the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements.*

*You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement, each of which applies only as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Before you invest in our securities, you should be aware that the occurrence of the events described in the section entitled "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K could negatively affect our business, operating results, financial condition and stock price. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise publicly any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K to conform our statements to actual results or changed expectations.*

## PART I

## **Item 1. Business**

### **Corporate History**

On October 16, 2013, The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc. (the "Company"), formerly known as Committed Capital Acquisition Corporation ("Committed Capital"), closed a merger transaction (the "Merger") with The ONE Group, LLC, a privately held Delaware limited liability company ("ONE Group"), pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 16, 2013 (the "Merger Agreement"), by and among the Company, CCAC Acquisition Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly-owned subsidiary of Committed Capital ("Merger Sub"), ONE Group and Samuel Goldfinger as ONE Group Representative. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, ONE Group became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Committed Capital through a merger of Merger Sub with and into ONE Group, and the former members of ONE Group received shares of Committed Capital that constituted a majority of the outstanding shares of Committed Capital.

On June 5, 2014, the Company changed its corporate name from Committed Capital Acquisition Corporation to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.

### **Description of the Business**

All references in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to "we," "us" and "our" refer to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries.

#### ***Overview***

We are a global hospitality company that develops, owns and operates upscale, high-energy restaurants and lounges and provides turn-key food and beverage services for hospitality venues including hotels, casinos and other high-end locations globally. Turn-key food and beverage services are food and beverage services that can be scaled and implemented by us at a particular hospitality venue and customized per the requirements of the client. We were established with the vision of becoming a global market leader in the hospitality industry by melding high-quality service, ambiance and cuisine into one great experience. Our primary restaurant brand is STK, a multi-unit steakhouse concept that combines a high-energy, social atmosphere with the quality of a traditional upscale steakhouse. Our food and beverage hospitality management services, or "F&B," include developing, managing and operating restaurants, bars, rooftop lounges, pools, banqueting and catering facilities, private dining rooms, room service and mini bars tailored to the specific needs of high-end hotels and casinos. Our F&B hospitality clients include global hospitality companies such as the W Hotel, Cosmopolitan Hotel, Gansevoort Hotel Group, Hippodrome Casino, ME Hotels and Hyatt Hotels.

We opened our first restaurant in January 2004 and as of April 5, 2017, we owned and operated (under lease agreements) 11, managed (under management agreements) 13 restaurants and lounges and licensed (under a licensing agreement) one restaurant, including fourteen STKs in major metropolitan cities in the United States and Europe (of which eight are owned, five are managed and one is under a licensing agreement). In addition, we provided food and beverage services in six hotels and casinos, one of which is under a lease agreement and five of which are under separate management agreements. We generate management and incentive fee revenue from those restaurants and lounges that we do not own, but instead manage on behalf of our F&B hospitality clients. All of our restaurants, lounges and F&B services are designed to create a social dining and entertainment experience within a destination location. We believe that this design philosophy separates us from more traditional restaurant and foodservice competitors. Our net (loss) income for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 was \$(16.5) million and \$7.1 million, respectively. Our net loss for the year ended December 31, 2016, included a valuation allowance of approximately \$12.0 million against the deferred tax asset, transaction costs of \$1.3 million, lease termination costs of \$433,000, derivative income of \$100,000 related to the contingent payment associated with the potential exercise of our publicly traded warrants, and the loss from discontinued operations of \$92,090. On February 27, 2016, our publicly traded warrants expired and approximately 1.4 million shares of our common stock were forfeited in connection with the expiration of all of the publicly traded warrants. Our net income for the year ended December 31, 2015 included deferred tax benefit of approximately \$4.7 million (mainly as a result of the reversal of the valuation allowance on deferred tax assets), transaction costs of \$1.7 million, derivative income of \$6.1 million related to the contingent payment associated with the potential exercise of our publicly traded warrants, a non cash impairment loss of approximately \$3.0 million primarily relating to our STK location in Washington, DC.

Based on our brand appeal, we expect to continue to expand our operations domestically and internationally through a mix of licensed restaurants and managed units by continuing our disciplined and targeted site selection process and supplemented by the increasingly regular inbound inquiries we receive from office buildings, hotel and casino owners and landlords to develop and open new locations. We currently anticipate that our expansion plans will require capital



expenditures, net of improvement allowances, of approximately \$3.3 million over the next 12 months, subject to revision if we enter into new agreements. There can be no assurance that we will be able to expand our operations at the rate we currently expect or at all.

## ***STK***

STK is a steakhouse restaurant concept with locations in major metropolitan cities globally. STK artfully blends two concepts into one — the modern steakhouse and a chic lounge, offering a high-energy, fine dining experience in a social atmosphere with the quality of a traditional upscale steakhouse. Each STK location features a large and open restaurant and bar area with a DJ or DJ mix playing music throughout the restaurant so our customers can enjoy a high-energy, fun “destination” environment that encourages social interaction. We believe this concept truly differentiates us from other upscale steakhouses. Our menu provides a variety of portion sizes and signature options to appeal to a broad customer demographic. We currently operate eight owned, five managed and one licensed STK restaurants in major metropolitan cities globally, such as Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Ibiza, Las Vegas, London, Los Angeles, Miami, Milan, New York and Orlando. We opened an STK restaurant in Denver, Colorado in January 2017. We expect to open STK restaurants in Austin, Texas, and Dallas, Texas in early 2018. We expect to open an STK restaurant in the Andaz Hotel in San Diego, California in June 2017. On October 5, 2015, we entered into a lease agreement to open an STK restaurant in Edinburgh, Scotland that was originally scheduled to open in 2017. The entity associated with the STK to be opened in Edinburgh, Scotland was subsequently put into liquidation in February 2017 and will not open an STK. On January 21, 2016, we entered into a lease agreement to open an STK restaurant in Boston, Massachusetts, in March of 2017 this lease was terminated. Both parties to the lease have given notification of intent to terminate and we are currently in discussions with the landlord regarding this termination. In 2016, we entered into separate license agreements to open STK restaurants in Puerto Rico, Abu Dhabi and Dubai which are expected to open in late 2017 or early 2018. Our STK restaurants average approximately 10,000 square feet and we typically target locations that range in size from 8,000 to 10,000 square feet. In 2016, the average unit volume, check average and beverage mix for owned and managed STK restaurants in either a leased or F&B location that have been open a full twelve months at December 31, 2016 were \$11.4 million, \$111.10 and 39%, respectively.

## ***F&B Hospitality Services Business***

Our F&B hospitality services business provides the development, management and operations for upscale restaurants and turn-key F&B services at high-end hotels and casinos. Through our developmental and operational expertise, we are able to provide comprehensive tailored F&B solutions to our hospitality clients. Our fee-based hospitality food and beverage solutions include developing, managing and operating restaurants, bars, rooftops, pools, banqueting, catering, private dining rooms, room service and mini bars on a contract basis. Currently we are operating under six F&B hospitality management agreements with hotels and casinos throughout the United States and in Europe. Our F&B hospitality clients include global hospitality companies such as the W Hotel, Cosmopolitan Hotel, Gansevoort Hotel Group, Hippodrome Casino, ME Hotels and the Hyatt Hotels. Historically, our clients have provided the majority of the capital required for the development of the facilities we manage on their behalf. Our F&B hospitality contracts generate revenues for us through base management fees, calculated as a percentage of the operation’s revenues, and additional incentive fees based on the operation’s profitability. Our management, license and incentive fee income has increased from \$7.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 to \$8.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2016, due primarily to an increase in the incentive fee income at our UK operations. Some of the operations we manage have an STK restaurant on the premises. We typically target F&B hospitality opportunities where we believe we can generate \$500,000 to \$750,000 of pre-tax income. We expect our food and beverage hospitality services business to be an important driver of our growth and profitability going forward, enabling us to generate management fee income with minimal capital expenditures.

## ***Our Growth Strategies and Outlook***

We believe our existing restaurant concepts and F&B hospitality services have room to grow and that our presence and brand recognition from our continuing operations provide us with the ability to launch these concepts further into the domestic and international markets. We have established our operational infrastructure in both the United States and Europe which will allow us to pursue opportunities globally. We have also built a pipeline of potential new STK and F&B hospitality projects. In the near term, we are focused on expanding our footprint in North America and Europe with medium to long-term expansion opportunities in Asia and the Middle East. We believe continued international expansion is a significant opportunity for us based upon the success of our ME Hotel operations, which includes STK London.

### ***Expansion of STK***

We have identified up to 50 additional major metropolitan markets globally where we could grow our STK brand over time. We expect to open as many as two to three STKs annually in the next three years primarily through licensing agreements, provided that we have sufficient interest from prospective licensees, acceptable locations and quality restaurant managers available to support that pace of growth. However, there can be no assurance that we will be able to open new STKs at the rate we currently expect or that our pipeline of planned offerings will be fully realized.

### ***Expansion Through New F&B Hospitality Projects***

We believe we are well positioned to leverage the strength of our brands and the relationships we have developed with global hospitality providers to drive the continued growth of our food and beverage hospitality projects, which traditionally have provided fee income with minimal capital expenditures. We continue to receive inbound inquiries regarding new services in new hospitality opportunities globally and to work with existing hospitality clients to identify and develop additional opportunities in their venues. Going forward, we expect to target at least one to two new food and beverage hospitality projects every 12 months. However, we cannot control the timing and number of acceptable opportunities that will be offered to us for our consideration.

### ***Increase Our Operating Efficiency***

In addition to expanding into new cities and hospitality venues, we intend to increase revenue and profits in our existing operations, and we believe that we have adequate capital and resources available to allocate towards operational initiatives. Notwithstanding these initiatives, we expect same store sales to remain flat in 2017. We also expect operating margin improvements as our restaurants and services mature. However, there can be no assurances that any increases in our operating margins will be achieved. Furthermore, as our footprint continues to increase in scale, we expect to benefit by leveraging system-wide operating efficiencies and best practices.

### **Site Selection and Development**

We believe that the locations of our restaurants are critical to our long-term success, and we devote significant time and resources to analyzing each prospective site. We intend to continue our focus on (i) major metropolitan areas with demographic and discretionary spending profiles that favor our high-end concepts and (ii) partners with excellent track records and brand recognition. We also consider factors such as traffic patterns, proximity to high-end shopping areas and office buildings, hotels and convention centers, area restaurant competition, accessibility and visibility. Our ability to open new restaurants depends upon, among other things, finding quality locations, reaching acceptable agreements regarding the lease of locations, raising or having available adequate capital for construction and opening costs, timely hiring, training and retaining the skilled management and other employees necessary to meet staffing needs, obtaining, for an acceptable cost, required permits and approvals and efficiently managing the amount of time and expense to build out and open each new restaurant.

### **Operations and Management**

Our Chief Operating Officer is responsible for overseeing the operational results of all of our locations. Our locations are organized into different regions, each serviced by a Regional Director of Operations who reports directly to our Chief Operating Officer. Each location is managed by a General Manager who reports to his or her Regional Director of Operations. The General Manager of each location has primary accountability for ensuring compliance with our operating standards and for overseeing all of the location's full and part time employees. The General Managers are assisted in the day-to-day operations of the restaurant by a Floor Manager who is directly responsible for the supervision of the bar, host, server, runner and busser personnel. The Executive Chef supervises and coordinates all back-of-the-house operations, including ensuring that our quality standards are being met and maintaining a safe, efficient and productive work environment.

### **Sourcing and Supply Chain**

We seek to ensure consistent quality of the food and beverages served in our properties through the coordination and cooperation of our purchasing and culinary departments. All product specifications are established on a global basis by the Purchasing Director. These specifications are disseminated to all locations through recipe books for all dishes served in our properties.

We maintain consistent company-wide quality and pricing standards and procedures for all top volume purchases in our restaurants. Suppliers are selected and pricing is negotiated on a national level. We test new suppliers on a regional basis for an extended period prior to utilizing them on a national basis. We periodically review supplier consistency and satisfaction with our location chefs and continually research and evaluate products and supplies to ensure the meat, seafood and other menu

ingredients that we purchase comply with our quality specifications. We have also utilized purchasing software in some of our locations that facilitates a true bidding process on a line by line basis of all local purchases that are made. In markets where we have not instituted this software, we are requiring local chefs to seek bids from multiple suppliers on all purchases to ensure competitive pricing. We believe we have strong relationships with national and regional foodservice distributors who can continue to supply us with our products on a consistent basis. Products are shipped directly to the restaurants from our suppliers.

Our Corporate Beverage program creates significant guidelines for products carried in all properties. Beverage managers at each location are provided with national guidelines for standardized products. We utilize a third party company to conduct beverage inventory and cost reviews to maximize our profitability at each location.

On a company-wide basis, no supplier of food accounts for more than 30% of our total food and beverage purchases and no brand of alcohol accounts for more than 25% of such purchases. We believe that our food and beverage supplies are available from a significant number of alternate suppliers and that the loss of any one or a few suppliers would not have a material adverse effect on our costs of supplies.

### **Advertising and Marketing**

The goals of our marketing efforts are to strengthen brand recognition in current operating markets and to create brand awareness in new markets prior to opening a new location in such market. We use digital media channels, targeted local media such as magazines, billboards and other out of home advertising, and a strong internal public relations team to increase the frequency with which our existing customers visit our facilities and to attract new customers. We conduct frequent promotional programs tailored to the city, brand and clientele of each location. The primary focus of our marketing is to increase awareness of our brand and our overall reputation for quality, service and delivering a high-energy experience. For example, our “Not Your Daddy’s Steakhouse” branding campaign for STK is integrated into marketing communications including digital, radio, print and outdoor advertisement. Additional marketing functions include the use of our website, [www.togrp.com](http://www.togrp.com), to facilitate online reservations and gift card sales to drive revenue.

### **Competition**

Due to the nature of our business, we experience competition from a variety of sources such as upscale steakhouse chains such as Del Frisco’s, Mastro’s, Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar and The Capital Grille, as well as local upscale steakhouses. Further, there is also competition from non-steak but upscale and high-energy restaurants such as Nobu and Lavo as well as other high-end hospitality services companies such as the Gerber Group or Esquared Hospitality. In addition, to the extent that we operate lounges and similar venues in hotels and resorts we are subject to our host venues being able to compete effectively in attracting customers who would frequent our establishments.

### **Seasonality**

Our business also is subject to fluctuations due to season and adverse weather. Our results of operations have historically been impacted by seasonality. Our second and fourth quarters have traditionally had higher sales volume than other periods of the year. Severe weather may impact restaurant unit volumes in some of the markets where we operate and may have a greater impact should they occur during our higher volume months, especially the second and fourth quarters. For example, the adverse weather conditions in New York City in early 2015 negatively impacted our revenues during that period and as a result of these and other factors, our financial results for any given quarter may not be indicative of the results that may be achieved for a full fiscal year.

### **Intellectual Property**

We depend on registered and unregistered trademarks and service marks to maintain the identity of our locations. We currently own trademark applications or registrations for the following marks, among others, in the areas in which we operate in the applicable locations:

STK  
CUCINA ASELLINA  
ASELLINA

The unauthorized use or other misappropriation of our intellectual property could have a material adverse effect on our ability to continue our business. See “Item 1A. Risk Factors.”

## **Employees**

As of December 31, 2016, we employed 70 persons in our corporate office and an aggregate of 143 full-time salaried employees at our locations. In addition, we rely on hourly-wage employees for kitchen staff, servers, bussers, runners, polishers, hosts, bartenders, barbacks, reservationists, administrative support, and interns. Average head count for employees in our restaurants is 88. Combining full-time and part-time employees, we employ and manage approximately 2,000 persons worldwide.

## **Government Regulation**

Our operations are subject to licensing and regulation by state and local health, safety, fire and other authorities, including licensing and regulation requirements for the sale of alcoholic beverages and food. We maintain the necessary restaurant, alcoholic beverage and retail licenses, permits and approvals. The development and construction of additional restaurants are also subject to compliance with applicable zoning, land use and environmental regulations. Federal and state labor laws govern our relationship with our employees and affect operating costs. These laws regulate, among other things, minimum wage, overtime, tips, tip credits, unemployment tax rates, workers’ compensation rates, health insurance, citizenship requirements and other working conditions. Our restaurants are subject in each state in which we operate to “dram shop” laws, which allow, in general, a person to sue us if that person was injured by an intoxicated person who was wrongfully served alcoholic beverages at one of our restaurants. A judgment against us under a dram shop law could exceed our liability insurance coverage policy limits and could result in substantial liability for us and have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. Our inability to continue to obtain such insurance coverage at reasonable costs also could have a material adverse effect on us. We are also subject to the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in public accommodations and employment. For more information on the impact of government regulations on our business, see “Item 1A. Risk Factors.”

## **Available Information**

Our internet address is [www.togrp.com](http://www.togrp.com). Our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports, are available to you free of charge through the Investor Relations section of our website as soon as reasonably practicable after such materials have been electronically filed with, or furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We have included our website address in this Annual Report solely as an inactive textual reference. We are subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy these reports, proxy statements and other information at the SEC's public reference facilities at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580 Washington, DC, 20549. You can request copies of these documents by writing to the SEC and paying a fee for the copying cost. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for more information about the operation of the public reference facilities. SEC filings are also available at the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

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

### **RISK FACTORS**

*You should carefully consider each of the risks described below and other information contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including our consolidated financial statements and the related notes. The following risks and the risks described elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including in the section entitled “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” could materially affect our business, operating results, financial condition and stock price. If any of these risks materialize, the trading price of our common stock could materially decline. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. You are advised, however, to consult any further disclosure we make in our reports filed with the SEC.*

### **Risks Related to Our Business**

***Our business is dependent on discretionary spending patterns in the areas in which our restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations are located and in the economy at large, and economic downturns could materially adversely affect our results of operations.***

Purchases at our restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services locations are discretionary for consumers and we are therefore susceptible to changes in discretionary patterns or economic slowdowns in the geographic areas in which they are located and in the economy at large. We believe that consumers generally are more willing to make discretionary purchases, including high-end restaurant meals, during favorable economic conditions. Disruptions in the overall economy, including high unemployment, financial market volatility and unpredictability, and the related reduction in consumer confidence could negatively affect customer traffic and sales throughout our industry, including our segment. Also, we believe the majority of our weekday revenues are derived from business customers using expense accounts and our business therefore may be affected by reduced expense account or other business-related dining by our business clientele. If business clientele were to dine less frequently at our locations or to spend at reduced levels, our business and results of operations would be adversely affected as a result of a reduction in customer traffic or average revenues per customer. Our hotel-based restaurants and food and beverage services operations would be particularly susceptible to reductions in business travel. There is also a risk that if uncertain economic conditions persist for an extended period of time or worsen, consumers might make long-lasting changes to their discretionary spending behavior, including dining out less frequently. Our casino-based restaurants and food and beverage services operations would be particularly susceptible to reductions in discretionary spending. The ability of the U.S. economy to handle this uncertainty is likely to be affected by many national and international factors that are beyond our control, including current economic trends in Europe and Asia. These factors, including national, regional and local politics and economic conditions, disposable consumer income and consumer confidence, also affect discretionary consumer spending. Continued uncertainty in or a worsening of the economy, generally or in a number of our markets, and our customers' reactions to these trends could adversely affect our business and cause us to, among other things, reduce the number and frequency of new location openings, close locations and delay our re-modeling of existing locations.

***Changes in consumer preferences could adversely impact our business and results of operations.***

The restaurant and hospitality industry is characterized by the continual introduction of new concepts and is subject to rapidly changing consumer preferences, tastes, trends and eating and purchasing habits. Our success depends in part on our ability to anticipate and respond quickly to changing consumer preferences, as well as other factors affecting the restaurant and hospitality industry, including new market entrants and demographic changes. Shifts in consumer preferences away from upscale steakhouses or beef in general, which are significant components of our concepts' menus and appeal, whether as a result of economic, competitive or other factors, could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

***Our STK locations in New York and Las Vegas and our food and beverage operations at the ME Hotel in London represent a significant portion of our revenues, and any significant downturn in their business or disruption in the operation of these locations could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.***

Our STK locations in New York and Las Vegas represented approximately 9% (Downtown), 8% (Midtown) and 16% (Las Vegas) and our food and beverage operations at the ME Hotel in London represented approximately 11% of our total revenues (both owned and managed properties) in 2016. Accordingly, we are susceptible to any fluctuations in the business at our New York, Las Vegas and London locations, whether as a result of adverse economic conditions, negative publicity, and changes in customer preferences or for other reasons. In addition, any natural disaster, prolonged inclement weather, act of terrorism or national emergency, accident, system failure or other unforeseen event in or around New York City, Las Vegas or London could result in a temporary or permanent closing of that location, could influence potential customers to avoid that geographic region or that location in particular or otherwise lead to a significant decrease in our overall revenues. Any significant interruption in the operation of these locations or other reduction in sales could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

***In the foreseeable future we will continue to maintain a relatively small number of restaurant and food and beverage hospitality service locations. Accordingly, we will continue to depend on a small number of revenue generating installations to generate revenues and profits.***

While we plan on growing as rapidly as prudently possible, in the foreseeable future we will only have a relatively small installed base from which to derive revenue and profits. Even if we are successful in implementing these plans (of which there can be no assurance), our operational risk will still be concentrated in a relatively small base of operating installations and failure of any of those installations to produce satisfactory levels of revenue or profit could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations as a whole.

***Some of our restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations are located in regions that may be susceptible to severe weather conditions. As a result, adverse weather conditions in any of these areas could damage our operations, result in fewer customer visits to our locations and otherwise have a material adverse effect on our business.***

Sales in any of our restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations may be adversely impacted by severe weather conditions, which could cause us to close operations for a period of time and/or incur costly repairs and/or experience a reduction in customer traffic. In addition, the impact of severe weather conditions could cause us to cease operations at the affected location altogether. For example, we believe that the poor weather conditions in the New York City area at the end of 2014 and the beginning of 2015 had a negative impact on our sales and results of operations. In addition and by way of example, excessive heat in locations in which we operate outdoor installations, such as rooftops and pools, could have a material adverse effect on the operations in those locations. Weather conditions are impossible to predict as is the negative impact on our business that such conditions might cause.

***If our restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations are not able to compete successfully with other restaurants, food and beverage hospitality services operations and other similar operations, our business and results of operations may be adversely affected.***

Our industry is intensely competitive with respect to price, quality of service, location, ambiance of facilities and type and quality of food. A substantial number of national and regional restaurant chains and independently owned restaurants compete with us for customers, restaurant locations and qualified management and other restaurant staff. The principal competitors for our concepts are other upscale steakhouse chains such as Del Frisco's, Mastro's, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar and The Capital Grille, as well as local upscale steakhouses. Further, there is also competition from non-steak but upscale and high-energy restaurants such as Nobu and Lavo as well as other high-end hospitality services companies such as the Gerber Group or Esquared Hospitality. Our concepts also compete with restaurants and other food and beverage hospitality services operations in the broader upscale dining segment and high-energy nightlife concepts. To the extent that our restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations are located in hotels, casinos, resorts and similar client locations, we are subject to competition in the broader lodging and hospitality markets that could draw potential customers away from our locations. Some of our competitors have greater financial and other resources, have been in business longer, have greater name recognition and are better established in the markets where our restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations are located or where we may expand. Our inability to compete successfully with other restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations may harm our ability to maintain acceptable levels of revenue growth, limit or otherwise inhibit our ability to grow one or more of our concepts, or force us to close one or more of our restaurants or food and beverage hospitality services operations. We may also need to evolve our concepts in order to compete with popular new restaurant or food and beverage hospitality services operation formats, concepts or trends that emerge from time to time, and we cannot provide any assurance that we will be successful in doing so or that any changes we make to any of our concepts in response will be successful or not adversely affect our profitability. In addition, with improving product offerings at fast casual restaurants and quick-service restaurants combined with the effects of negative economic conditions and other factors, consumers may choose less expensive alternatives, which could also negatively affect customer traffic at our restaurants or food and beverage hospitality services operations. Any unanticipated slowdown in demand at any of our restaurants or food and beverage hospitality services operations due to industry competition may adversely affect our business and results of operations.

***To the extent that our restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations are located in hotels, casinos and similar destinations, our results of operations and growth are subject to the risks facing such venues.***

Our ability to grow and realize profits from our operations in hotels, casinos and other branded or destination venues are dependent on the success of such venues' business. We are subject to the actions and business decisions of our clients and third parties, in which we may have little or no influence in the overall operation of the applicable venue and such actions and decisions could have an adverse effect on our business and operations. For example, at STK Miami Beach, a third party contractor working on an unrelated matter caused a sprinkler head to break, resulting in water damage and flooding in the venue as well as a delay in opening the STK from the fourth quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015.

***We will need to secure additional financing to support our planned operations.***

We will require additional funds for our anticipated operations and to meet our capital needs. We expect to rely on our cash flow from operations, tenant improvement allowances and other third-party financing for such funds. In the event our cash flow is insufficient to fund our further expansion, this would impede our growth and could materially adversely affect our existing business, financial condition or results of operations. Our ability to obtain additional funding will be subject to various factors, including market conditions, our operating performance, lender sentiment and our ability to incur additional debt in compliance with other contractual restrictions such as financial covenants under our existing credit facility or other debt documents. These

factors may make the timing, amount, terms and conditions of additional financings unattractive. There is no assurance that we will be successful in securing the additional capital we need to fund our business plan on terms that are acceptable to us, or at all.

***Our future growth depends in part on our ability to open new restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services locations and to operate them profitably, and if we are unable to successfully execute this strategy, our results of operations could be adversely affected.***

Our financial success depends in part on management's ability to execute our growth strategy. One key element of our growth strategy is opening new restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services locations. We believe there are opportunities to open approximately two to three new locations (restaurants and/or hospitality services operations) annually, with a focus on operating under licensing agreements and with STK serving as the primary driver of new unit growth in the near term. However, there can be no assurance that we will be able to open new restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services locations at the rate that we currently expect.

A substantial majority of our historical growth has been due to opening new restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services locations. Our ability to open new restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services locations and operate them profitably is dependent upon a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control, including without limitation:

- finding quality site locations, competing effectively to obtain quality site locations and reaching acceptable lease or management agreements;
- obtaining certain government approvals, permits and licenses, such as liquor licenses;
- complying with applicable zoning, land use and environmental regulations and obtaining, for an acceptable cost, required permits and approvals;
- having adequate capital for construction and opening costs and efficiently managing the time and resources committed to building and opening each new restaurant and food and beverage hospitality services operation;
- timely hiring and training and retaining the skilled management and other employees necessary to meet staffing needs;
- successfully promoting our new locations and competing in their markets;
- acquiring food and other supplies for new restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations from local suppliers; and
- addressing unanticipated problems or risks that may arise during the development or opening of a new restaurant or food and beverage hospitality services operation or entering a new market.

***We incur substantial pre-opening costs that may be difficult to recoup quickly.***

While our business model tends to rely on landlord or host contributions to the capital costs of opening a new restaurant or food and beverage hospitality services operations, we incur substantial costs in our contributions to the build-out of the locations, recruiting and training staff, obtaining necessary permits, advertising and promotion and other pre-operating items. Once the restaurant or food and beverage hospitality services location is open, how quickly it achieves a desired level of profitability is impacted by many factors, including the level of market familiarity and acceptance when we enter new markets. Our business and profitability may be adversely affected if the "ramp-up" period for a new location lasts longer than we expect or if the profitability of a new location dips after our initial "ramp-up" marketing program ends.

***Any decision to either reduce or accelerate the pace of openings may positively or adversely affect our comparative financial performance.***

Our opening costs continue to be significant and the amount incurred in any one year or quarter is dependent on the number of restaurants expected to be opened during that time period. As such, our decision to either decrease or increase the rate of openings may have a significant impact on our financial performance for that period of time being measured. Therefore, if we decide to reduce our openings, our comparable opening costs will be lower and the effect on our comparative financial performance will be favorable. Conversely, if the rate at which we develop and open new restaurants is increased to higher levels in the future, the resulting increase in opening costs will have an unfavorable short-term impact on our comparative

financial performance. At some future point, our pace of openings and annual rate of growth in total restaurant operating weeks will begin to gradually decelerate as we become a more mature company.

***New locations, once opened, may not be profitable, and the increases in average location sales and comparable location sales that we have experienced in the past may not be indicative of future results.***

New locations may not be profitable and their sales performance may not follow historical or projected patterns. If we are forced to close any new operations, we will incur losses for certain buildout costs as well as pre-opening expenses incurred in connection with opening such operations. In addition, our average location sales and comparable location sales may not increase at the rates achieved over the past several years. If our new locations do not perform as planned, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be adversely affected.

***Our expansion into new markets may present increased risks.***

We plan to open new locations in markets where we have little or no operating experience. Restaurants or food and beverage hospitality services operations which we open in new markets may take longer to reach expected sales and profit levels on a consistent basis and may have higher construction, occupancy or operating costs than locations we open in existing markets, thereby affecting our overall profitability. New markets may have competitive conditions, consumer tastes and discretionary spending patterns that are more difficult to predict or satisfy than our existing markets. We may need to make greater investments than we originally planned in advertising and promotional activity in new markets to build brand awareness. We may find it more difficult in new markets to hire, motivate and keep qualified employees who share our vision, passion and business culture. We may also incur higher costs from entering new markets, if, for example, we assign area managers to manage comparatively fewer locations than we assign in more developed markets. We may find that restaurants in new markets do not meet our revenue and profit expectations and we may be forced to close those operations, incurring closing costs and reducing our opportunities. If we do not successfully execute our plans to enter new markets, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

***Opening new restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations in existing markets may negatively affect sales at our existing restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations.***

The consumer target area of our restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations varies by location, depending on a number of factors, including population density, other local retail and business attractions, area demographics and geography. As a result, the opening of a new restaurant or food and beverage hospitality services operation in or near markets in which we already have existing locations could adversely affect the sales of those existing locations. Existing locations could also make it more difficult to build our consumer base for a new restaurant or food and beverage hospitality services operation in the same market. Our core business strategy does not entail opening new restaurants or food and beverage hospitality services operations that we believe will materially affect sales at our existing locations, but we may selectively open new locations in and around areas of existing locations that are operating at or near capacity to effectively serve our customers. Sales cannibalization between our restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations may become significant in the future as we continue to expand our operations and could affect our sales growth, which could, in turn, materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

***We rely on our licensees for the operation of our licensed STK restaurants (including our planned STK restaurants), and we have limited control with respect to the operations of our licensed STK restaurants, which could have a negative impact on our reputation and business.***

We rely, in part, on our licensees and the manner in which they operate the STK restaurants to develop and promote our business. As of July 2016, one licensee operated an STK restaurant in Ibiza, Spain, and we are currently working with other licensees to open STK restaurants in Puerto Rico, Abu Dhabi and Dubai. Our licensees are required to operate STK restaurants according to the specific guidelines we set forth, which are essential to maintaining brand integrity and reputation, as well as in accordance with all laws and regulations applicable to us, and all laws and regulations applicable in the countries in which we operate. We provide training to these licensees to integrate them into our operating strategy and culture. However, since we do not have day-to-day control over all of these STK restaurants, we cannot give assurance that there will not be differences in product and service quality, operations, labor law enforcement, marketing or profitability or that there will be adherence to all of our guidelines and applicable laws at these STK restaurants. In addition, if our licensees fail to make investments necessary to maintain or improve the STK restaurants, guest preference for the STK brand could suffer. Failure of these STK restaurants to operate effectively could adversely affect our cash flows from those operations or have a negative impact on our reputation or our business. The success of our licensed operations depends on our ability to establish and maintain good relationships with our licensees. The value of our brand and the rapport that we maintain with our licensees are important factors for



potential licensees considering doing business with us. If we are unable to maintain good relationships with licensees, we may be unable to renew license agreements and opportunities for developing new relationships with additional licensees may be adversely affected. This, in turn, could have an adverse effect on our results of operations. Although we have developed criteria to evaluate and screen prospective developers and licensees, we cannot be certain that the developers and licensees we select will have the business acumen necessary to open and operate successful licensed STK restaurants in their licensing areas. Our licensees compete for guests with other restaurants in their geographic markets, and the ability of our licensees to compete for guests directly impacts our results of operations, as well as the desirability of our brand to prospective licensees. Licensees may not have access to the financial or management resources that they need to open the STK restaurants contemplated by their agreements with us or to be able to find suitable sites on which to develop them, or they may elect to cease development for other reasons. Licensees may not be able to negotiate acceptable lease or purchase terms for the sites, obtain the necessary permits and governmental approvals or meet construction schedules. Additionally, financing from banks and other financial institutions may not always be available to licensees to construct and open new STK restaurants. Any of these problems could slow our growth from licensing operations and reduce our licensing revenues.

***Changes to minimum wage laws could increase our labor costs substantially.***

Under the minimum wage laws in most jurisdictions, we are permitted to pay certain hourly employees a wage that is less than the base minimum wage for general employees because these employees receive tips as a substantial part of their income. As of December 31, 2016, approximately 44% of our employees earn this lower minimum wage in their respective locations since tips constitute a substantial part of their income. If cities, states or the federal government change their laws to require all employees to be paid the general employee minimum base wage regardless of supplemental tip income, our labor costs would increase substantially. Certain states in which we operate restaurants also have adopted or are considering adopting minimum wage statutes that exceed the federal minimum wage. We may be unable or unwilling to increase our prices in order to pass these increased labor costs on to our customers, in which case, our business and results of operations could be adversely affected.

***Repeal of the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tip credit could adversely impact our operating results.***

A restaurant company employer may claim a credit against the company's federal income taxes for FICA taxes paid on certain tip wages (the FICA tip credit). We utilize the federal FICA tip credit to reduce our periodic federal income tax expense. Changes in the tax law, including changes similar to the 2016 House Republican tax reform plan, could reduce or eliminate the FICA tip credit, which could negatively impact our results of operations and cash flows in future periods.

***Unanticipated costs or delays in the development or construction of future restaurants could prevent our timely and cost-effective opening of new restaurants.***

We depend on contractors to construct our restaurants. Many factors may adversely affect the cost and time associated with the development and construction of our restaurants, including, but not limited to:

- labor disputes;
- shortages of materials or skilled labor;
- adverse weather conditions;
- unforeseen engineering problems;
- environmental problems;
- construction or zoning problems;
- local government regulations;
- modifications in design; and
- other unanticipated increases in costs.

Any of these factors could give rise to delays or cost overruns, which may prevent us from developing additional restaurants within our anticipated budgets or time periods or at all. Any such failure could cause our business, results of operations and financial condition to suffer.

***We face a variety of risks associated with doing business in foreign markets that could have a negative impact on our financial performance.***

We operate STK restaurants as well as food and beverage hospitality services locations in England and Italy. We intend to continue our efforts to grow internationally. Although we believe we have developed the support structure for international operations and growth, there is no assurance that international operations will be profitable or international growth will continue. Our foreign operations are subject to all of the same risks as our domestic restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations, as well as additional risks including, among others, international economic and political conditions and the possibility of instability and unrest, differing cultures and consumer preferences, diverse government regulations and tax systems, the ability to source fresh ingredients and other commodities in a cost-effective manner and the availability of experienced management.

Currency regulations and fluctuations in exchange rates could also affect our performance. As a result, we may experience losses from foreign currency translation, and such losses could adversely affect our overall sales and earnings.

We are subject to governmental regulation throughout the world, including, without limitation, antitrust and tax requirements, anti-boycott regulations, import/export/customs regulations and other international trade regulations, the USA PATRIOT Act and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Any new regulatory or trade initiatives could impact our operations in certain countries. Failure to comply with any such legal requirements could subject us to monetary liabilities and other sanctions, which could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

***If we are unable to increase our sales or improve our margins at existing restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations, our profitability and overall results of operations may be adversely affected.***

Another key aspect of our growth strategy is increasing comparable restaurant and food and beverage hospitality services operation sales and improving location-level margins. Improving comparable location sales and location-level margins depends in part on whether we achieve revenue growth through increases in the average check and increases in customer traffic, and further expand our private dining business at each location. We believe there are opportunities to increase the average check at our locations through, for example, selective introduction of higher priced items and increases in menu pricing. We also believe that expanding and enhancing our private dining capacity will also increase our location sales, as our private dining business typically has a higher average check and higher overall margins than regular dining room business. However, these strategies may prove unsuccessful, especially in times of economic hardship, as customers may not order or enjoy higher priced items and discretionary spending on private dining events may decrease. We believe select price increases have not historically adversely impacted customer traffic; however, we expect that there is a price level at which point customer traffic would be adversely affected. It is also possible that these changes could cause our sales volume to decrease. If we are not able to increase our sales at existing locations for any reason, our profitability and results of operations could be adversely affected.

***We are dependent on our intellectual property to sustain our branding and differentiation strategies. The failure to enforce and maintain our intellectual property rights could enable others to use names confusingly similar to the names and marks used by our restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations, which could adversely affect the value of our brands.***

We have registered, or have applications pending to register, the trademark STK with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and in certain foreign countries in connection with restaurant services. In addition, we have registered or have applications pending to register the trademarks Asellina and Cucina Asellina with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and in certain foreign countries in connection with restaurant services. The success of our business depends in part on our continued ability to utilize our existing trade names, trademarks and service marks as currently used in order to increase our brand awareness. In that regard, we believe that our trade names, trademarks and service marks are valuable assets that are critical to our success. The unauthorized use or other misappropriation of our trade names, trademarks or service marks could diminish the value of our brands and restaurant and food and beverage hospitality service concepts and may cause a decline in our revenues and force us to incur costs related to enforcing our rights. In addition, the use of trade names, trademarks or service marks similar to ours in some markets may keep us from entering those markets. While we may take protective actions with respect to our intellectual property, these actions may not be sufficient to prevent, and we may not be aware of all incidents of, unauthorized usage or imitation by others. Any such unauthorized usage or imitation of our intellectual property, including the costs related to enforcing our rights, could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Further, each of our intellectual property marks is pledged as collateral securing our term loan facility with BankUnited (formerly Herald National Bank). Default under that agreement could enable BankUnited to sell (at auction or otherwise) our trademarks, which would have a material adverse effect on our ability to continue our business.

***Due to the seasonality of our business, our operating results may fluctuate significantly and these fluctuations make it more difficult for us to predict accurately or in a timely manner factors that may have a negative impact on our business.***

Our business is subject to seasonal fluctuations that may vary greatly depending upon the region in which a particular restaurant or food and beverage hospitality services operation is located. These fluctuations can make it more difficult for us to predict accurately or address in a timely manner factors that may have a negative impact on our business. Accordingly, results for any one quarter or fiscal year are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for any other quarter or for any year.

***If our advertising and marketing programs are unsuccessful in maintaining or driving increased customer traffic or are ineffective in comparison to those of our competitors, our results of operations could be adversely affected.***

We conduct ongoing promotion-based brand awareness advertising campaigns. If these programs are not successful or conflict with evolving customer preferences, we may not increase or maintain our customer traffic and will incur expenses without the benefit of higher revenues. In addition, if our competitors increase their spending on marketing and advertising programs, or develop more effective campaigns, this could have a negative effect on our brand relevance, customer traffic and results of operations.

***Negative customer experiences or negative publicity surrounding our locations or other restaurants or venues could adversely affect sales in one or more of our locations and make our brands less valuable.***

The quality of our food and our facilities are two of our competitive strengths. Therefore, adverse publicity, whether or not accurate, relating to food quality, public health concerns, illness, safety, injury or government or industry findings concerning our locations, venues operated by other foodservice providers or others across the food industry supply chain could affect us more than it would other venues that compete primarily on price or other factors. If customers perceive or experience a reduction in our food quality, service or ambiance or in any way believe we have failed to deliver a consistently positive experience, the value and popularity of one or more of our concepts could suffer. Any shifts in consumer preferences away from the kinds of food we offer, particularly beef, whether because of dietary or other health concerns or otherwise, would make our locations less appealing and could reduce customer traffic and/or impose practical limits on pricing.

***Negative publicity relating to the consumption of beef, including in connection with food-borne illness, or shifts in consumer tastes, could result in reduced consumer demand for our menu offerings, which could reduce sales.***

Our success depends, in large part, upon the popularity of our menu offerings. Instances of food-borne illness, including Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, which is also known as BSE or mad cow disease, aphthous fever, which is also known as hoof and mouth disease, as well as hepatitis A, lysteria, salmonella and e-coli, whether or not found in the United States or traced directly to one of our suppliers or our locations, could reduce demand for our menu offerings. Any negative publicity relating to these and other health-related matters, or any other shifts in consumer preferences away from the kinds of food we offer, particularly beef, whether because of dietary or other health concerns or otherwise, may affect consumers' perceptions of our locations and the food that we offer, reduce customer visits to our locations and negatively impact demand for our menu offerings. Adverse publicity relating to any of these matters, beef in general or other similar concerns could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

***Our inability or failure to recognize, respond to and effectively manage the accelerated impact of social media could materially adversely impact our business.***

There has been a significant increase in the use of social media platforms and similar devices, including blogs, social media websites and other forms of Internet-based communications which allow individuals' access to a broad audience of consumers and other interested persons. Consumers value readily available information concerning goods and services that they have or plan to purchase, and may act on such information without further investigation or authentication. The availability of information on social media platforms is virtually immediate as is its impact. Many social media platforms immediately publish the content their subscribers and participants can post, often without filters or checks on accuracy of the content posted. The opportunity for dissemination of information, including inaccurate information, is seemingly limitless and readily available. Information concerning our company may be posted on such platforms at any time. Information posted may be adverse to our interests or may be inaccurate, each of which may harm our performance, prospects or business. The harm may be immediate

without affording us an opportunity for redress or correction. Such platforms also could be used for dissemination of trade secret information, compromising valuable company assets. In sum, the dissemination of information online could harm our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations, regardless of the information's accuracy. The inappropriate use of social media vehicles by our customers or employees could increase our costs, lead to litigation or result in negative publicity that could damage our reputation.

***Increases in the prices of, and/or reductions in the availability of commodities, primarily beef, could adversely affect our business and results of operations.***

Our profitability depends in part on our ability to anticipate and react to changes in commodity costs, which have a substantial effect on our total costs. For example purchases of beef represented approximately 30% of our food and beverage costs during each of 2014, 2015 and 2016, and we may not purchase beef pursuant to any long-term contractual arrangements with fixed pricing or use futures contracts or other financial risk management strategies to reduce our exposure to potential price fluctuations. The market for beef is subject to extreme price fluctuations due to seasonal shifts, climate conditions, the price of feed, industry demand, energy demand and other factors. Although we currently do not engage in futures contracts or other financial risk management strategies with respect to potential price fluctuations, from time to time, we may opportunistically enter into fixed price beef supply contracts or contracts for other food products or consider other risk management strategies with regard to our meat and other food costs to minimize the impact of potential price fluctuations. This practice could help stabilize our food costs during times of fluctuating prices, although there can be no assurances that this will occur. The prices of other commodities can affect our costs as well, including corn and other grains, which are ingredients we use regularly and are also used as cattle feed and therefore affect the price of beef. Energy prices can also affect our operating results, as increased energy prices may cause increased transportation costs for beef and other supplies, as well as increased costs for the utilities required to run each location. Historically we have passed increased commodity and other costs on to our customers by increasing the prices of our menu items. While we believe these price increases did not historically affect our customer traffic, there can be no assurance additional price increases would not affect future customer traffic. If prices increase in the future and we are unable to anticipate or mitigate these increases, or if there are shortages for beef, our business and results of operations would be adversely affected.

***We depend upon frequent deliveries of food, alcohol and other supplies, which subjects us to the possible risks of shortages, interruptions and price fluctuations.***

Our ability to maintain consistent quality throughout our locations depends in part upon our ability to acquire fresh products, including beef, seafood, quality produce and related items from reliable sources in accordance with our specifications. While we purchase our food products from a variety of suppliers and believe there to be multiple sources for our food products, if there were to occur any shortages, interruptions or significant price fluctuations in beef or seafood or if our suppliers were unable to perform adequately or fail to distribute products or supplies to our restaurants, or terminate or refuse to renew any contract with us, this could cause a short-term increase of our costs or cause us to remove certain items from a menu, increase the price of certain offerings or temporarily close a location, which could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

In addition, we purchase beer, wine and spirits from distributors, such as Southern Wine & Spirits and Republic National Distributing Company, who own the exclusive rights to sell such alcoholic beverage products in the geographic areas in which our locations reside. Our continued ability to purchase certain brands of alcohol beverages depends upon maintaining our relationships with those distributors, of which there can be no assurance. In the event any of our alcohol beverage distributors cease to supply us, we may be forced to offer brands of alcoholic beverage which have less consumer appeal or which do not match the brand image of our locations, which could increase our costs and our business and results of operations could be adversely affected.

***We depend on the services of key executives, and our business and growth strategy could be materially harmed if we were to lose these executives and were unable to replace them with executives of equal experience and capabilities.***

Some of our senior executives, such as Jonathan Segal, our Chief Executive Officer, Sam Goldfinger, our Chief Financial Officer, and Celeste Fierro, our Senior Vice President of Marketing, Sales and Events, are particularly important to our success because they have been instrumental in setting our strategic direction, operating our business, identifying, recruiting and training key personnel, identifying expansion opportunities and arranging necessary financing. We currently have employment agreements with Messrs. Segal and Goldfinger, however we cannot prevent our executives from terminating their employment with us. Losing the services of any of these individuals could adversely affect our business. We also believe that our senior executives could not quickly be replaced with executives of equal experience and capabilities and their successors may not be

as effective. We currently maintain a \$5,000,000 key person life insurance policy on Jonathan Segal and in the event of Mr. Segal's death the proceeds from such policy are payable to us.

***We will need additional human and financial resources to sustain growth and the strain on our infrastructure and resources could delay the opening of new locations and adversely affect our ability to manage our existing locations.***

We plan to continue our current pace of growth, including the development and promotion principally of STK. We believe there are opportunities to open two to three (restaurants and/or food and beverage hospitality services operations) annually, with new openings of STK likely serving as the key driver of new unit growth in the near term. In addition to new openings, we also may, among other things, add additional seating to our existing locations, further grow our private dining business, enclose outdoor space and add patio seating to our locations. This growth and these investments will increase our operating complexity and place increased demands on our management and human resources, purchasing and site management teams. While we have committed significant resources to expanding our current management systems, financial and management controls and information systems in connection with our recent growth, if this infrastructure is insufficient to support this expansion, our ability to open new locations, including the development and promotion of STK and to manage our existing locations, including the expansion of our private dining business, would be adversely affected. If we fail to continue to improve our infrastructure or if our improved infrastructure fails, we may be unable to implement our growth strategy or maintain current levels of operating performance in our existing locations.

***Restaurant and hospitality companies, including ours, have been the target of class action lawsuits and other proceedings alleging, among other things, violations of federal and state workplace and employment laws. Proceedings of this nature, if successful, could result in our payment of substantial damages.***

In recent years, we and other restaurant and hospitality companies have been and are subject to lawsuits (including class actions) alleging, among other things, violations of federal and state laws regarding workplace and employment matters, discrimination and similar matters. Similar lawsuits have been instituted from time to time alleging violations of various federal and state wage and hour laws regarding, among other things, employee meal deductions, the sharing of tips amongst certain employees, overtime eligibility of assistant managers and failure to pay for all hours worked. Although we maintain what we believe to be adequate levels of insurance commensurate with the nature and extent of our operations, insurance may not be available at all or in sufficient amounts to cover any liabilities with respect to these matters. Accordingly, if we are required to pay substantial damages and expenses as a result of these types or other lawsuits our business and results of operations would be adversely affected.

Occasionally, our customers file complaints or lawsuits against us alleging that we are responsible for some illness or injury they suffered at or after a visit to one of our locations, including actions seeking damages resulting from food-borne illness and relating to notices with respect to chemicals contained in food products required under state law. We are also subject to a variety of other claims from third parties arising in the ordinary course of our business, including personal injury claims, contract claims and claims alleging violations of federal and state laws. In addition, our restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations are subject to state "dram shop" or similar laws which generally allow a person to sue us if that person was injured by a legally intoxicated person who was wrongfully served alcoholic beverages at one of our locations. The restaurant and hospitality industry has also been subject to a growing number of claims that the menus and actions of restaurant chains have led to the obesity of certain of their customers. In addition, we may also be subject to lawsuits from our employees or others alleging violations of federal and state laws regarding workplace and employment matters, discrimination, harassment and similar matters.

Regardless of whether any claims against us are valid or whether we are liable, claims may be expensive to defend and may divert time and money away from our operations. In addition, they may generate negative publicity, which could reduce customer traffic and sales. Although we maintain what we believe to be adequate levels of insurance, insurance may not be available at all or in sufficient amounts to cover any liabilities with respect to these or other matters. A judgment or other liability in excess of our insurance coverage for any claims or any adverse publicity resulting from claims could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

***Our business is subject to substantial government regulation and we require current permits in order to operate. Failure to obtain and maintain the necessary permits in any of our locations could cause a material adverse effect on their ability to operate and generate revenue.***

Our business is subject to extensive federal, state and local government regulation, including regulations related to the preparation and sale of food, the sale of alcoholic beverages, the sale and use of tobacco, zoning and building codes, land use and employee, health, sanitation and safety matters. For example, the preparation, storing and serving of food and the use of

certain ingredients is subject to heavy regulation. Alcoholic beverage control regulations govern various aspects of our locations' daily operations, including the minimum age of patrons and employees, hours of operation, advertising, wholesale purchasing and inventory control, handling and storage. Typically our locations' licenses to sell alcoholic beverages must be renewed annually and may be suspended or revoked at any time for cause. In addition, because we operate in a number of different states, we are also required to comply with a number of different laws covering the same topics. The failure of any of our locations to timely obtain and maintain necessary governmental approvals, including liquor or other licenses, permits or approvals required to serve alcoholic beverages or food could delay or prevent the opening of a new location or prevent regular day-to-day operations, including the sale of alcoholic beverages, at a location that is already operating, any of which would adversely affect our business and results of operations.

In addition, the costs of operating our locations may increase if there are changes in laws governing minimum hourly wages, working conditions, overtime and tip credits, health care, workers' compensation insurance rates, unemployment tax rates, sales taxes or other laws and regulations such as those governing access for the disabled, including the Americans with Disabilities Act. For example, the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or PPACA, which was enacted on March 23, 2010, among other things, includes guaranteed coverage requirements and imposes new taxes on health insurers and health care benefits that could increase the costs of providing health benefits to employees. In addition, because we have a significant number of locations that reside in certain states, regulatory changes in these states could have a disproportionate impact on our business. If any of the foregoing increased costs were to occur and we were unable to offset the change by increasing our menu prices or by other means, our business and results of operations could be adversely affected.

Government regulation can also affect customer traffic at our locations. A number of states, counties and cities have enacted menu labeling laws requiring multi-unit restaurant operators to disclose certain nutritional information. For example, the PPACA establishes a uniform, federal requirement for restaurant chains with 20 or more locations operating under the same trade name and offering substantially the same menus to post nutritional information on their menus, including the total number of calories. The law also requires such restaurants to provide to consumers, upon request, a written summary of detailed nutritional information, including total calories and calories from fat, total fat, saturated fat, cholesterol, sodium, total carbohydrates, complex carbohydrates, sugars, dietary fiber, and total protein in each serving size or other unit of measure, for each standard menu item. The FDA is also permitted to require additional nutrient disclosures, such as trans-fat content. We are not currently subject to requirements to post nutritional information on our menus or in our locations though there can be no assurance that we will not become subject to these requirements in the future. Our compliance with the PPACA or other similar laws to which we may become subject could reduce demand for our menu offerings, reduce customer traffic and/or reduce average revenue per customer, which would have an adverse effect on our revenue. Also, further government regulation restricting smoking in restaurants and bars, may reduce customer traffic. Any reduction in customer traffic related to these or other government regulations could affect revenues and adversely affect our business and results of operations.

We are also subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning waste disposal, pollution, protection of the environment, and the presence, discharge, storage, handling, release and disposal of, and exposure to, hazardous or toxic substances. These environmental laws provide for significant fines and penalties for noncompliance and liabilities for remediation, sometimes without regard to whether the owner or operator of the property knew of, or was responsible for, the release or presence of hazardous toxic substances. Third parties may also make claims against owners or operators of properties for personal injuries and property damage associated with releases of, or actual or alleged exposure to, such hazardous or toxic substances at, on or from our locations. Environmental conditions relating to releases of hazardous substances at prior, existing or future locations could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. Further, environmental laws, and the administration, interpretation and enforcement thereof, are subject to change and may become more stringent in the future, each of which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

To the extent that governmental regulations impose new or additional obligations on our suppliers, including, without limitation, regulations relating to the inspection or preparation of meat, food and other products used in our business, product availability could be limited and the prices that our suppliers charge us could increase. We may not be able to offset these costs through increased menu prices, which could have a material adverse effect on our business. If any of our restaurants were unable to serve particular food products, even for a short period of time, or if we are unable to offset increased costs, our business and results of operations could be adversely affected.

Further, the U.S. Congress and Department of Homeland Security from time to time consider and may implement changes to federal immigration laws, regulations or enforcement programs. Some of these changes may increase our obligations for compliance and oversight, which could subject us to additional costs and make our hiring process more cumbersome, or reduce the availability of potential employees. Even if we operate our restaurants in strict compliance with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and state requirements, some of our employees may not meet federal work eligibility or residency

requirements, which could lead to a disruption in our work force. Although we require all of our new employees to provide us with the government-specified documentation evidencing their employment eligibility, some of our employees may, without our knowledge, be unauthorized workers. Unauthorized workers are subject to seizure and deportation and may subject us to fines, penalties or loss of our business license in certain jurisdictions. Additionally, a government audit could result in a disruption to our workforce or adverse publicity that could negatively impact our brand and our use of E-Verify and/or potential for receipt of letters from the Social Security Administration requesting information (commonly referred to as no-match letters) could make it more difficult to recruit and/or retain qualified employees.

Potential changes in labor laws or increased union recruiting activities could result in portions of our workforce being subjected to greater organized labor influence. Although we do not currently have any unionized employees, labor legislation could have an adverse effect on our business and financial results by imposing requirements that could potentially increase our costs, reduce our flexibility and impact our ability to service our customers. In addition, a labor dispute involving some or all of our employees could harm our reputation, disrupt our operations and reduce our revenues and resolution of disputes may increase our costs.

***We could face labor shortages that could slow our growth and adversely impact our ability to operate our locations.***

Our success depends in part upon our ability to attract, motivate and retain a sufficient number of qualified employees, including managers, kitchen staff and servers, necessary to keep pace with our anticipated expansion schedule and meet the needs of our existing locations. A sufficient number of qualified individuals of the requisite caliber to fill these positions may be in short supply in some communities. Competition in these communities for qualified staff could require us to pay higher wages and provide greater benefits. Any inability to recruit and retain qualified individuals may also delay the planned openings of new restaurants and could adversely impact our existing locations. Any such inability to retain or recruit qualified employees, increased costs of attracting qualified employees or delays in location openings could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

***We occupy most of our restaurants and some of our food and beverage hospitality services locations under long-term non-cancelable leases under which we may remain obligated to perform even if we close those operations, and we may be unable to renew leases at the end of their terms.***

Most of our restaurants and some of our food and beverage hospitality operations are located in premises that we lease (while others are located in premises owned or leased by third parties). Many of our current leases are non-cancelable and typically have terms ranging from ten to 15 years with renewal options for terms ranging from five to ten years. We believe that leases that we enter into in the future will be on substantially similar terms. If we were to close or fail to open a restaurant or other venue at a location we lease, we would generally remain committed to perform our obligations under the applicable lease, which could include, among other things, payment of the base rent for the balance of the lease term. Our obligation to continue making rental payments and fulfilling other lease obligations in respect of leases for closed or unopened restaurants could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations. Alternatively, at the end of the lease term and any renewal period for a restaurant, we may be unable to renew the lease without substantial additional cost, if at all. If we cannot renew such a lease we may be forced to close or relocate a restaurant, which could subject us to construction and other costs and risks.

***Fixed rental payments and/or minimum percentage rent payments account for a significant portion of our operating expenses, which increases our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions and could limit our operating and financing flexibility.***

Fixed payments and/or minimum percentage rent payments under our operating leases and management agreements account for a significant portion of our operating expenses and we expect the new locations we open in the future will contain similar terms. Our substantial operating lease obligations could have significant negative consequences, including:

- increasing our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- limiting our ability to obtain additional financing;
- requiring a substantial portion of our available cash flow to be applied to our rental obligations, thus reducing cash available for other purposes;
- limiting our flexibility in planning for or reacting to changes in our business or the industry in which we compete; and

- placing us at a disadvantage with respect to some of our competitors.

We depend on cash flow from operations to pay our obligations and to fulfill our other cash needs. If our business does not generate sufficient cash flow from operating activities and sufficient funds are not otherwise available to us from borrowings under our term loan facility or other sources, we may not be able to meet our operating lease and management agreement obligations, grow our business, respond to competitive challenges or fund our other liquidity and capital needs, which could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

***Limitations in our insurance coverage or rising insurance costs could adversely affect our business or financial condition in certain circumstances.***

We purchase comprehensive insurance coverage, including, but not limited to, workers' compensation, general liability, umbrella, directors' and officers' liability, employment practices liability, property, equipment breakdown, crime and errors and omissions insurance with coverage levels that we consider appropriate, based in part on the advice of our outside insurance and risk management advisors. However, such insurance is subject to limitations, including deductibles, self-insured retention amounts, exclusions and maximum liabilities covered. The cost of workers' compensation, general liability, umbrella, directors' and officers' liability, employment practices liability, property, equipment breakdown, crime and errors and omissions insurance fluctuates based on market conditions and availability as well as our historical trends. Moreover, there are certain types of losses that may be uninsurable or not economically insurable. Such hazards may include earthquake losses in California and flood losses in Florida. If such a loss should occur, we would, to the extent that we were not covered for such loss by insurance, suffer a loss of the capital invested, as well as anticipated profits and cash flow from such damaged or destroyed properties. Punitive damage awards are generally not covered by insurance; thus, any awards of punitive damages as to which we may be liable could adversely affect our ability to continue to conduct our business, to expand our operations or to develop additional restaurants. In April 2014, one of our former commercial liability insurers went into liquidation and we had certain matters that were uninsured and which we believed were immaterial. All such uninsured matters have since been resolved, and such exposure did not materially adversely affect our business or financial condition. There is no assurance that any insurance coverage we maintain will be adequate, that we can continue to obtain and maintain such insurance at all or that the premium costs will not rise to an extent that they adversely affect us or our ability to economically obtain or maintain such insurance.

We maintain insurance through third-party commercial insurers, subject to deductibles and self-insured retention amounts, to protect against various risks associated with our activities, including, among others, general liability and property insurance. The dollar amount of claims that we actually experience under our general liability, umbrella and property insurance, for which we carry high deductibles and self-insured retention amounts, may increase at any time, thereby further increasing our costs. Additionally, health insurance costs have risen significantly over the past few years and are expected to continue to increase. These increases have a negative impact on our profitability if we are not able to offset the effect of such increases with plan modifications and cost control measures, or by continuing to improve our operating efficiencies.

***The impact of negative economic factors, including the availability of credit, on our landlords or the hotels, resorts or casinos in which some of our restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations are located, could negatively affect our financial results.***

Negative effects on our existing and potential landlords due to the inaccessibility of credit and other unfavorable economic factors may, in turn, adversely affect our business and results of operations. If our landlords are unable to obtain financing or remain in good standing under their existing financing arrangements, they may be unable to provide construction contributions or satisfy other lease covenants to us. If any landlord files for bankruptcy protection, the landlord may be able to reject our lease in the bankruptcy proceedings. While we would under some circumstances have the option to retain our rights under the lease, we could not compel the landlord to perform any of its obligations and would be left with damages (which are subject to collectability risk) as our sole recourse. In addition, if the sites within which our co-located restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations are located are unable to obtain sufficient credit to continue to properly manage their sites, we may experience a drop in the level of quality of such sites. Our development of new locations may also be adversely affected by the negative financial situations of potential developers, landlords and host sites. Such parties may delay or cancel development projects or renovations of existing projects due to the instability in the credit markets and recent declines in consumer spending. This could reduce the number of high-quality locations available that we would consider for our new operations or cause the quality of the sites in which the restaurants and food and beverage hospitality services operations are located to deteriorate. Any of these developments could have an adverse effect on our existing businesses or cause us to curtail new projects.



***Our current term loan facility requires that we comply with certain affirmative and negative covenants and provides for a pledge of substantially all of our assets to secure our obligations. Failure to comply with the terms of the term loan agreement could result in a negative adverse impact on our ability to maintain or expand our business.***

We and certain of our subsidiaries are parties to term loan agreements dated as of December 17, 2014 and June 2, 2015 (the “Term Loan Agreements”) with BankUnited, N.A. The Term Loan Agreements contain a number of significant restrictive covenants that generally limit our ability to, among other things:

- incur additional indebtedness or make amendments to indebtedness, subject to certain exceptions;
- issue guarantees;
- make investments;
- use assets as security in other transactions or create any other liens;
- sell assets or merge with or into other companies;
- make capital expenditures in excess of specified amounts;
- change the fiscal year or the nature of our operations; and
- terminate any ERISA plans.

Our Term Loan Agreements limits our ability to engage in these types of transactions even if we believed that a specific transaction would contribute to our future growth or improve our operating results. Our Term Loan Agreements also require us to achieve specified financial and operating results and maintain compliance with specified financial ratios. See “Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Term Loan Agreement.” Our ability to comply with these provisions may be affected by events beyond our control. A breach of any of these provisions or our inability to comply with required financial ratios in our Term Loan Agreements could result in a default under the Term Loan Agreements in which case the lenders will have the right to declare all borrowings to be immediately due and payable. If we are unable to repay all borrowings when due, whether at maturity or if declared due and payable following a default, the lenders would have the right to proceed against the collateral granted to secure the indebtedness which consists of substantially all of our assets. If we breach these covenants or fail to comply with the terms of the Term Loan Agreements, and the lenders accelerate the amounts outstanding under the Term Loan Agreements, our business and results of operations would be adversely affected. As of December 31, 2016, we were in compliance with all of our financial covenants under the Term Loan Agreements except for the tangible net worth covenant. We have requested and received a waiver from our creditor with respect to compliance with this covenant as of December 31, 2016.

***We may be dependent on the availability of additional debt financing to support our operations and growth. Any future indebtedness would increase our exposure, would likely limit our operational and financing flexibility and negatively impact our business.***

Our ability to continue to grow will be dependent on our ability to raise additional financing. To the extent that this consists of debt, it will increase our liabilities, require additional cash flow to service such debt and will most likely contain further restrictive covenants limiting our financial and operational flexibility. There can be no assurance that such additional financing will be available on favorable terms or at all. We expect that we will depend primarily on cash generated by our operations for funds to pay our expenses. Our ability to make these payments depends on our future performance, which will be affected by financial, business, economic and other factors, many of which we cannot control. Our business may not generate sufficient cash flows from operations in the future and our currently anticipated growth in revenues and cash flows may not be realized, either or both of which could result in our being unable to repay indebtedness or to fund other liquidity needs. If our operations do not generate sufficient cash flow to service our debt, we may be required to refinance all or part of our then existing debt, sell assets or borrow more money, in each case on terms that are not acceptable to us. In addition, the terms of existing or future debt agreements may restrict us from adopting any of these alternatives. Our ability to raise capital and incur additional debt in the future could also delay or prevent a change in control of our company, make some transactions more difficult and impose additional financial or other covenants on us. In addition, any significant levels of indebtedness in the future could place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that may have proportionately less debt and could make us more vulnerable to economic downturns and adverse developments in our business. Our indebtedness and any inability to pay our

debt obligations as they come due or inability to incur additional debt could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

***Information technology system failures or failure to maintain a continuous and secure cyber network, or breaches of our network security, including with respect to confidential information, could interrupt our operations and adversely affect our business.***

We rely on our computer systems and network infrastructure across our operations, including point-of-sale processing at our locations, for management of our supply chain, payment of obligations, collection of cash, credit and debit card transactions and other processes and procedures. Our ability to efficiently and effectively manage our business depends significantly on the reliability and capacity of these systems. Our operations also depend upon our ability to protect our computer equipment and systems against damage from physical theft, fire, power loss, telecommunications failure or other catastrophic events, as well as from internal and external security breaches, viruses, worms and other disruptive problems. Any damage or failure of our computer systems or network infrastructure that causes an interruption in our operations could subject us to litigation or actions by regulatory authorities. The failure of these systems to operate effectively, maintenance problems, upgrading or transitioning to new platforms, or a material network breach in security of these systems as a result of cyber attack or any other failure to maintain a continuous and secure cyber network could further result in substantial harm, or in delays in customer service and reduce efficiency in our operations. This could include the theft of our intellectual property or trade secrets, or the improper use of personal information or other "identity theft." Although we employ both internal resources and external consultants to conduct auditing and testing for weaknesses in our systems, controls, firewalls and encryption and intend to maintain and upgrade our security technology and operational procedures to prevent such damage, breaches or other disruptive problems, there can be no assurance that these security measures will be successful. Any such claim, proceeding or action by a regulatory authority, or any adverse publicity resulting from these allegations, could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

***Jonathan Segal, our Chief Executive Officer, who beneficially owns a substantial portion of our common stock, may have conflicts of interest with other stockholders in the future and his significant ownership may limit your ability to influence corporate matters.***

Jonathan Segal beneficially owns approximately 29% of our common stock. As a result of this concentration of stock ownership, Jonathan Segal, acting on his own, has sufficient voting power to effectively control all matters submitted to our stockholders for approval that do not require a super majority, including director elections and proposed amendments to our bylaws.

In addition, this concentration of ownership may delay or prevent a merger, consolidation or other business combination or change in control of our company and make some transactions that might otherwise give you the opportunity to realize a premium over the then-prevailing market price of our common stock more difficult or impossible without the support of Mr. Segal. The interests of Mr. Segal may not always coincide with our interests as a company or the interests of other stockholders. Accordingly, Mr. Segal could cause us to enter into transactions or agreements of which you would not approve or make decisions with which you would disagree. This concentration of ownership may also adversely affect our share price.

Mr. Segal currently owns and will continue to own equity interests, including controlling equity interests, in other restaurant and food and beverage hospitality service companies, some of which may compete with our company. Therefore, the interest of Mr. Segal with respect to his ownership or control of such other competing companies may not always coincide with our interests as a company or the interests of other stockholders.

***We are a holding company and depend on the cash flow of our subsidiaries.***

We are a holding company with no material assets other than the equity interests of our subsidiaries. Our subsidiaries conduct substantially all of our operations and own substantially all of our assets and intellectual property. Consequently, our cash flow and our ability to meet our obligations and pay any future dividends to our stockholders depends upon the cash flow of our subsidiaries and the payment of funds by our subsidiaries directly or indirectly to us in the form of dividends, distributions and other payments. Any inability on the part of our subsidiaries to make payments to us could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. The equity interests of most of our subsidiaries are pledged to BankUnited (formerly Herald National Bank) to secure our obligations under the Term Loan Agreements. In addition, we guaranteed to BankUnited the obligations of our subsidiaries.

***If we continue to fail to maintain an effective system of internal controls over financial reporting, we may not be able to accurately report our financial results. As a result, current and potential stockholders could lose confidence in our financial reporting, which could harm our business and the trading price of our stock.***

Effective internal controls over financial reporting are necessary for us to provide reliable financial reports. If we cannot maintain effective controls and reliable financial reports, our business and operating results could be harmed. For example, as disclosed in Item 9A, as of December 31, 2016, our management identified material weaknesses related to a lack of a robust and effective financial statement close and reporting process to assess whether our consolidated financial statements are in compliance with US GAAP, improper segregation of duties and other design gaps in our information technology environment and an inadequate level of review of journal entries, including improper segregation of duties within our journal entry process. We are actively engaged in developing a remediation plan designed to address these material weaknesses. We cannot, however, be certain that any measures we undertake will successfully remediate the material weaknesses or that other material weaknesses and control deficiencies will not be discovered in the future. Any failure to implement and maintain controls over our financial reporting or difficulties encountered in the implementation of improvements in our controls, could cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations. Any material failure to maintain our internal controls over financial reporting or to address weaknesses in the future, if they were to occur, could also cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information, which could have a negative impact on the trading price of our stock.

***We have identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting which could, if not remediated, result in material misstatements in our financial statements.***

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over our financial reporting, as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act. A material weakness is defined as a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of our annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. As disclosed in Item 9A, management identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting related to a lack of a robust and effective financial statement close and reporting process to assess whether our consolidated financial statements are in compliance with US GAAP, improper segregation of duties and other design gaps in our information technology environment, including the ability of accounting and finance employees who have custody over cash accounts to process and record transactions within our accounting system and an inadequate level of review of journal entries, including improper segregation of duties within our journal entry process. These material weaknesses are primarily due to an insufficient complement of finance and accounting resources within the organization. As a result of these material weaknesses, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was not effective based on criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organization of the Treadway Commission in Internal Control - An Integrated Framework issued in 2013. We initiated and are in the process of implementing a formal remediation plan designed to address these material weaknesses. We cannot, however, be certain that any measures we undertake will successfully remediate the material weaknesses or that other material weaknesses and control deficiencies will not be discovered in the future. If our remedial measures are insufficient to address the material weaknesses, or if additional material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in our internal controls are discovered or occur in the future, we may be unable to report our financial results accurately or on a timely basis, which could cause our reported financial results to be materially misstated and result in a loss of investor confidence or delisting and adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

***We may incur costs resulting from breaches of security of confidential consumer information related to our electronic processing of credit and debit card transactions.***

The majority of our sales are by credit or debit cards. Other restaurants and retailers have experienced security breaches in which credit and debit card information has been stolen. We may in the future become subject to claims for purportedly fraudulent transactions arising out of the actual or alleged theft of credit or debit card information, and we may also be subject to lawsuits or other proceedings relating to these types of incidents. Further, in 2015, the major credit card networks shifted the liability associated with EMV (Europay/Mastercard/Visa) chip card technology to the merchants. With this liability shift, any restaurant or merchant that is not using an approved chip-and-pin POS device would be liable for counterfeit or fraudulent charges. Any such claim or proceeding could cause us to incur significant unplanned expenses, which could have an adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations. Further, adverse publicity resulting from these allegations may have a material adverse effect on us and our restaurants.

***Future changes in financial accounting standards may significantly change our reported results of operations.***

Generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S., or GAAP, are subject to interpretation by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the SEC and various bodies formed to

promulgate and interpret appropriate accounting principles. A change in these principles or interpretations could have a significant effect on our reported financial results and could affect the reporting of transactions completed before the announcement of a change. In addition, the FASB has issued authoritative accounting guidance, ASU 2016-02, that will require an entity to recognize assets and liabilities arising from a lease. Consistent with current GAAP, the recognition, measurement, and presentation of expenses and cash flows arising from a lease will depend primarily on its classification as a finance or operating lease. The guidance also requires additional disclosures to enable users of financial statements to understand the amount, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. The guidance requires a retrospective cumulative adjustment to retained earnings in the period of initial adoption. This change could have a significant effect on our reported financial results.

Additionally, our assumptions, estimates and judgments related to complex accounting matters could significantly affect our financial results. Generally accepted accounting principles and related accounting pronouncements, implementation guidelines and interpretations with regard to a wide range of matters that are relevant to our business, including but not limited to, revenue recognition, fair value of investments, impairment of long-lived assets, leases and related economic transactions, income taxes, property and equipment, unclaimed property laws and litigation, and stock-based compensation are highly complex and involve many subjective assumptions, estimates and judgments by us. Changes in these rules or their interpretation or changes in underlying assumptions, estimates or judgments by us could significantly change our reported or expected financial performance.

***Our federal, state and local tax returns may, from time to time, be selected for audit by the taxing authorities, which may result in tax assessments or penalties that could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations and financial position.***

We are subject to federal, state and local taxes. Significant judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes. Although we believe our tax estimates are reasonable, if the Internal Revenue Service or other taxing authority disagrees with the positions we have taken on our tax returns, we could have additional tax liability, including interest and penalties. If material, payment of such additional amounts, upon final adjudication of any disputes, could have a material impact on our results of operations and financial position. The cost of complying with new tax rules, laws or regulations could be significant. Increases in federal or state statutory tax rates and other changes in tax laws, rules or regulations may increase our effective tax rate. Any increase in our effective tax rate could have a material impact on our financial results.

## **Risks Related to Our Securities**

***Insiders have substantial control over us, and they could delay or prevent a change in our corporate control even if our other stockholders wanted it to occur.***

Our executive officers, directors, and principal stockholders hold a significant percentage of our outstanding common stock (with Jonathan Segal alone accounting for approximately 29%). Accordingly, these stockholders are able to control or have a significant impact on all matters requiring stockholder approval, including the election of directors and approval of significant corporate transactions. This could delay or prevent an outside party from acquiring or merging with us even if our other stockholders affirmed such action. In addition, such concentrated control may adversely affect the price of our common stock and sales by our insiders or affiliates, along with any other market transactions, could affect the market price of our common stock.

***Our common stock may be considered “penny stock.”***

The SEC has adopted regulations, which generally define “penny stock” to be an equity security that has a market price of less than \$5.00 per share, subject to specific exemptions. The market price of our common stock may trade at less than \$5.00 per share and therefore may be a “penny stock.” Brokers and dealers effecting transactions in “penny stock” must disclose certain information concerning the transaction, obtain a written agreement from the purchaser and determine that the purchaser is reasonably suitable to purchase the securities. These rules may restrict the ability of brokers or dealers to sell the common stock and may affect your ability to sell shares.

***If securities or industry analysts do not publish, or cease publishing, research or reports about us, our business or our market, or if they change their recommendations regarding our stock adversely, our stock price and trading volume could decline.***

If a trading market for our common stock develops, it will likely be influenced by whether industry or securities analysts publish research and reports about us, our business, our market or our competitors and, if any analysts do publish such reports, what they publish in those reports. We currently have no coverage and may not obtain analyst coverage in the future. Any analysts that do cover us may make adverse recommendations regarding our stock, adversely change their recommendations from time to time, and/or provide more favorable relative recommendations about our competitors. If any analyst who may cover us in the future were to cease coverage of our company or fail to regularly publish reports on us, or if analysts fail to cover us or publish reports about us at all, we could lose, or never gain, visibility in the financial markets, which in turn could cause our stock price or trading volume to decline.

***If we do not meet the continued listing standards of the NASDAQ Capital Market, our common stock could be delisted from trading, which could limit investors' ability to make transactions in our common stock and subject us to additional trading restrictions.***

Our securities are currently listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "STKS." Although we expect to meet the continued listing standards of NASDAQ, we cannot assure you that our securities will continue to be listed on NASDAQ in the future. In order to continue listing our securities on NASDAQ, we must maintain certain financial, distribution and stock price levels. Generally we must maintain a minimum amount in stockholder's equity (generally \$2,500,000), a minimum number of holders of our securities (generally 300 public holders), and a minimum stock price (generally \$1.00). We cannot assure you that we will be able to continue to meet those NASDAQ listing requirements.

If NASDAQ delists our securities from trading on its exchange, we could face significant material adverse consequences, including:

- a limited availability of market quotations for our securities;
- reduced liquidity with respect to our securities;
- a limited amount of news and analyst coverage for our company; and
- a decreased ability to issue additional securities or obtain additional financing in the future.

***There has been limited trading activity in our common stock and there is no assurance that an active market will develop in the future.***

There has been limited trading activity in our common stock. As a result, an investor may find it difficult to dispose of, or to obtain accurate quotations of the price of our common stock. There can be no assurance that a more active market for our common stock will develop, or if one should develop, there is no assurance that it will be sustained. This severely limits the liquidity of our common stock, and would likely have a material adverse effect on the market price of our common stock and on our ability to raise additional capital. The price of our securities may vary significantly due to our reports of operating losses, one or more potential business transactions, the filing of periodic reports with the SEC, and general market and economic conditions. In addition, the price of the securities can vary due to our general business condition. Our stockholders may be unable to sell their securities unless a market can be established and sustained.

***In order to raise sufficient funds to expand our operations, we may have to issue additional securities at prices that may result in substantial dilution to our stockholders.***

If we raise additional funds through the sale of equity or convertible debt, our current stockholders' percentage ownership will be reduced. In addition, these transactions may dilute the book value of our outstanding securities. We may have to issue securities that have rights, preferences and privileges senior to our common stock. We cannot provide assurance that we will be able to raise additional funds on terms acceptable to us, if at all. If future financing is not available or is not available on acceptable terms, we may not be able to fund our future needs, which would have a material adverse effect on our business plans, prospects, results of operations and financial condition.

***Our ability to raise capital in the future may be limited.***

Our business and operations may consume resources faster than we anticipate. In the future, we may need to raise additional funds through the issuance of new equity securities, debt or a combination of both. Additional financing may not be available on favorable terms, or at all. If adequate funds are not available on acceptable terms, we may be unable to fund our capital

requirements. If we issue new debt securities, the debt holders would have rights senior to common stockholders to make claims on our assets, and the terms of any debt could restrict our operations, including our ability to pay dividends on our common stock. If we issue additional equity securities, existing stockholders will experience dilution, and the new equity securities could have rights senior to those of our common stock. Because our decision to issue securities in any future offering will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing or nature of our future offerings. Thus, our stockholders bear the risk of our future securities offerings reducing the market price of our common stock and diluting their interest.

***The price of our common stock could be subject to volatility related or unrelated to our operations.***

The trading price of our common stock could fluctuate substantially due to a number of factors, including market perception of our ability to meet our growth projections and expectations, quarterly operating results of other companies in the same industry, trading volume in our common stock, changes in general conditions in the economy and the financial markets or other developments affecting our business and the business of others in our industry. In addition, the stock market itself is subject to extreme price and volume fluctuations. This volatility has had a significant effect on the market price of securities issued by many companies for reasons related and unrelated to their operating performance and could have the same effect on our common stock.

***As a public company, we incur significant costs and face demands on our management to comply with SEC requirements.***

We are required as a public company to comply with an extensive body of regulations, including provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 as well as rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC. These rules and regulations could result in substantial legal and financial compliance costs and make some activities more time-consuming and costly, and these costs and demands may increase if we no longer qualify as a “smaller reporting company.” In addition, we incur costs associated with our public company reporting requirements and maintaining directors’ and officers’ liability insurance. Furthermore, our management has increased demands on its time in order to ensure we comply with public company reporting requirements and the compliance requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as any rules and requirements subsequently implemented by the SEC.

***Applicable regulatory requirements, including those contained in and issued under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, may make it difficult for us to retain or attract qualified officers and directors, which could adversely affect the management of our business and our ability to obtain or retain listing of our common stock.***

We may be unable to attract and retain those qualified officers, directors and members of board committees required to provide for effective management because of the rules and regulations that govern publicly held companies, including, but not limited to, certifications by principal executive officers. The enactment of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act has resulted in the issuance of a series of related rules and regulations and the strengthening of existing rules and regulations by the SEC, as well as the adoption of new and more stringent rules by the stock exchanges. The perceived increased personal risk associated with these changes may deter qualified individuals from accepting roles as directors and executive officers.

Further, some of these changes heighten the requirements for board or committee membership, particularly with respect to an individual’s independence from the corporation and level of experience in finance and accounting matters. We may have difficulty attracting and retaining directors with the requisite qualifications. If we are unable to attract and retain qualified officers and directors, the management of our business and our ability to obtain or retain listing of our shares of common stock on any stock exchange (assuming we elect to seek and are successful in obtaining such listing) could be adversely affected.

***We have adopted the 2013 Employee, Director and Consultant Equity Incentive Plan pursuant to which we have the ability to issue options and/or restricted stock, which have the potential to dilute stockholder value and cause the price of our common stock to decline.***

We have established an employee, director and consultant equity incentive plan ("Equity Incentive Plan") pursuant to which we may issue options, warrants, restricted stock grants or similar equity linked instrument. Pursuant to the Equity Incentive Plan, we have granted options and restricted stock units to purchase 2,384,762 shares of our common stock through April 5, 2017 and we expect to offer stock options, restricted stock and/or other forms of stock-based compensation to our directors, officers and employees, subject to vesting requirements. If the stock issued upon exercise of options or the restricted stock that we issue are sold into the public market, the market price of our common stock may decline. In addition, the availability of shares of common stock for award under our equity incentive plan, or the grant of stock options, restricted stock or other forms of stock-based compensation, may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

***The resale of shares covered by a registration statement could adversely affect the market price of our common stock in the public market, which result would in turn negatively affect our ability to raise additional equity capital.***

The sale, or availability for sale, of our common stock in the public market may adversely affect the prevailing market price of our common stock and may impair our ability to raise additional capital by selling equity or equity-linked securities. The resale of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market could adversely affect the market price for our common stock and make it more difficult for you to sell shares of our common stock at times and prices that you feel are appropriate.

***We do not anticipate paying cash dividends, and accordingly, stockholders must rely on stock appreciation for any return on their investment.***

We have never declared or paid any cash dividend on our stock and do not currently intend to do so for the foreseeable future. We currently anticipate that we will retain future earnings for the development, operation and expansion of our business and do not anticipate declaring or paying any cash dividends for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the success of an investment in shares of our common stock will depend upon any future appreciation in their value. There is no guarantee that shares of our common stock will appreciate in value or even maintain the price at which our stockholders have purchased their shares.

***Provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws and Delaware law may inhibit a takeover of us, which could limit the price investors might be willing to pay in the future for our common stock and could entrench management.***

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that may discourage unsolicited takeover proposals that stockholders may consider to be in their best interests. Our board of directors is divided into three classes, each of which will generally serve for a term of three years with only one class of directors being elected in each year. As a result, at a given annual meeting only a minority of the board of directors may be considered for election. Since our staggered board of directors may prevent our stockholders from replacing a majority of our board of directors at any given annual meeting, it may entrench management and discourage unsolicited stockholder proposals that may be in the best interests of stockholders. Moreover, our board of directors has the ability to designate the terms of and issue new series of preferred stock without stockholder approval.

We are also subject to anti-takeover provisions under Delaware law, which could delay or prevent a change of control. Together, these provisions may make more difficult the removal of management and may discourage transactions that otherwise could involve payment of a premium over prevailing market prices for our securities.

***Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation entitles us to issue “blank check” preferred stock without stockholder approval. Such preferred stock would have terms and conditions more favorable to its holders that are enjoyed by the holders of common stock.***

Under the terms of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our board of directors may authorize and issue up to 10,000,000 shares of one or more series or class of preferred stock with rights superior to those of holders of common stock in terms of liquidation and dividend preference, voting and other rights. The issuance of preferred stock would reduce the relative rights of holders of common stock vis-à-vis the holders of preferred stock without the approval of the holders of common stock. In addition, to the extent that such preferred stock is convertible into shares of common stock, its issuance would result in a dilution of the percentage ownership of holders of common stock on a fully diluted basis. In addition, the issuance of a series of preferred stock could be used as a method of discouraging, delaying or preventing a change in control of our company.

***Failure of our internal control over financial reporting could harm our business and financial results.***

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is a process to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Internal control over financial reporting includes: (i) maintaining reasonably detailed records that accurately and fairly reflect our transactions; and (ii) providing reasonable assurance that we (a) record transactions as necessary to prepare the financial statements, (b) make receipts and expenditures in accordance with management authorizations, and (c) would timely prevent or detect any unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting is not intended to provide absolute assurance that we would

prevent or detect a misstatement of our financial statements or fraud. Any failure to maintain an effective system of internal control over financial reporting could limit our ability to report our financial results accurately and timely or to detect and prevent fraud. A significant financial reporting failure could cause an immediate loss of investor confidence in us and a sharp decline in the market price of our common stock. As disclosed in Item 9A, management identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting related to a lack of a robust and effective financial statement close and reporting process to assess whether our consolidated financial statements are in compliance with US GAAP, improper segregation of duties and other design gaps in our information technology environment and an inadequate level of review of journal entries and improper segregation of duties within our journal entry process.

## Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

## Item 2. Properties

We do not own any properties. Each of our locations operates in premises leased by its operating subsidiary or function pursuant to a management agreement with one of our hospitality partners.

As of December 31, 2016, each of our locations, and the term of their respective lease or management agreement is as follows:

| Location        | Address of Location                     | Ownership  | Management Agreement (M) or Lease (L) | Approximate Expiration of Management Agreement or Lease |
|-----------------|---|------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| STK Downtown    | Meatpacking District, New York City     | 61.22%     | L                                     | Up to 4/30/2026   |
| STK Las Vegas   | The Cosmopolitan, Las Vegas, NV         | — (1)      | M                                     | Up to 1/28/2030   |
| STK LA          | West Hollywood, LA                      | 77.00% (4) | L                                     | 10/26/2016  |
| STK Miami Beach | South Beach, Miami Beach, FL            | 100.00%    | L                                     | 10/31/2032  |
| STK Atlanta     | Midtown, Atlanta, GA                    | 100.00%    | L                                     | 12/31/2026  |
| STK DC          | Dupont Circle, DC                       | 93.50% (5) | L                                     | 12/31/2016  |
| STK London      | ME London – The Strand, London, England | — (1)      | M                                     | Up to 9/3/2032  |
| STK Midtown     | Midtown, New York City                  | 100.00%    | L                                     | 8/23/2031   |
| STK Westwood    | Westwood, Los Angeles, California       | 100.00%    | L                                     | Up to 4/30/2035   |
| STK Orlando     | Disney Springs, Orlando, Florida        | 100.00%    | L                                     | Up to 5/25/2036   |
| STK Chicago     | Chicago, Illinois                       | 100.00%    | L                                     | Up to 9/30/2035   |
| STK Milan       | ME Milan, Milan, Italy                  | — (1)      | M                                     | Up to 2035  |



|                                  |   |         |     |   |  |
|----------------------------------|---|---------|-----|---|--|
| STK Dallas                       | Dallas, Texas   | 100.00% |     | L | Up to 2036                             |
| STK Toronto                      | Toronto, Canada                                       | —       | (1) | M | Up to 7/30/2035                        |
| STK Denver                       | Downtown, Denver, Colorado                            | 100.00% | (6) | L | Up to 6/30/2036                        |
| STK Miami                        | Downtown, Miami, Florida                              | —       | (1) | M | Up to 20 years from hotel opening date |
| STK Austin                       | Austin, Texas   | 100.00% |     | L | Up to 2036                             |
| STK San Diego                    | San Diego, California                                 | 100.00% |     | L | Up to 2036                             |
| STK Edinburgh                    | Edinburgh, Scotland                                   | 100.00% | (7) | L | Up to 25 years from turnover           |
| STK Boston                       | Boston, Massachusetts                                 | 100.00% | (8) | L | Up to 20 years from Commencement Date  |
| Ristorante Asellina              | Gansevoort Park Avenue – Midtown, New York City       | 10.00%  |     | L | Up to 4/29/2025                        |
| Cucina Asellina                  | Midtown, Atlanta, GA                                  | 100.00% | (3) | L | 9/1/2020                               |
| Cucina Asellina                  | ME London – The Strand, London, England               | —       | (1) | M | 4/2016                                 |
| Heliot                           | Hippodrome Casino – Leicester Square, London, England | —       | (1) | M | 7/13/2022                              |
| Gansevoort Park Rooftop (Lounge) | Gansevoort Park Avenue – Midtown, New York City       | 10.00%  |     | M | Up to 4/29/2025                        |
| Radio Rooftop Bar (Lounge)       | ME London – The Strand, London, England               | —       | (1) | M | Up to 9/3/2032                         |
| STK Rooftop San Diego            | San Diego, California                                 | —       | (1) | M | Up to 2036                             |
| Marconi                          | ME London – The Strand, London, England               | —       | (1) | M | 9/3/2032                               |
| Bagatelle New York               | Meatpacking District, New York City                   | 51.13%  | (2) | L | 11/30/2020                             |
| Bagatelle LA                     | West Hollywood, Los Angeles, California               | 43.32%  | (2) | L | 10/26/2016                             |

- (1) We own 100% of the entities which hold the management agreements for these operations, but have no direct ownership interest in these properties. The management agreement for Cucina Asellina was terminated effective April 2016.
- (2) This represents our effective ownership interest. Such ownership interest is held in one or more entities. Bagatelle LA ceased operations in June 2016.
- (3) Closed in December 2015 and is expected to reopen in 2017 as a private dining room.
- (4) STK LA ceased operations in June 2015 and moved to the W Hotel in Westwood, California. The lease for STK LA was terminated on October 26, 2016.
- (5) STK DC ceased operations in December 2016. The lease was also terminated in December 2016.

- (6) STK Denver commenced operations in January 2017.
- (7) STK Edinburgh was put into liquidation in February 2017.
- (8) In March 2017 the lease for STK Boston was terminated.

In addition to the locations above, we lease approximately 13,800 square feet at 411 West 14th Street, New York, New York for our corporate headquarters. This lease expires on September 1, 2019.

Information with respect to minimum annual rental commitments under leases in which we are a lessee is included in Note 12 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this report.

### **Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

We are subject to claims common to the restaurant and hospitality industry in the ordinary course of our business. We carry liability insurance of types and in amounts that we believe are commensurate with the nature and extent of our operations. In addition, companies in the restaurant and hospitality business, including us, have been and are subject to class action lawsuits, primarily regarding compliance with labor laws and regulations.

For more information on the impact of legal proceedings on our business, see “Item 1A. Risk Factors.”

### **Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not applicable.

## PART II

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

#### Market Information

Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "STKS" and our units and warrants traded on the OTCQB marketplace under the symbols STKSU and STKSW, respectively. Our public warrants expired on February 27, 2016. The following table includes the high and low bids for our units, warrants and common stock for the calendar quarter indicated:

|  | 2016   |         |              |        |          |           |
|--|--------|---------|--------------|--------|----------|-----------|
|  | Units  |         | Common Stock |        | Warrants |           |
|  | High   | Low     | High         | Low    | High     | Low       |
| First Quarter (through February 27, 2016 for the units and warrants) | \$2.15 | \$ 1.10 | \$3.24       | \$2.33 | \$ 0.02  | \$ 0.0045 |
| Second Quarter   |        |         | 2.96         | 2.24   |          |           |
| Third Quarter  |        |         | 2.84         | 2.25   |          |           |
| Fourth Quarter   |        |         | \$3.43       | \$1.98 |          |           |

|                | 2015     |         |              |         |          |         |
|----------------|----------|---------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|
|                | Units    |         | Common Stock |         | Warrants |         |
|                | High     | Low     | High         | Low     | High     | Low     |
| First Quarter  | \$ 10.00 | \$ 4.99 | \$ 5.10      | \$ 4.50 | \$ 1.00  | \$ 0.65 |
| Second Quarter | 5.05     | 5.05    | 5.00         | 3.71    | 0.97     | 0.97    |
| Third Quarter  | 5.40     | 5.25    | 4.80         | 2.80    | 0.97     | 0.10    |
| Fourth Quarter | \$ 5.25  | \$ 3.75 | \$ 3.70      | \$ 2.22 | \$ 0.12  | \$ 0.01 |

Sources:  
NASDAQ Capital Market  
OTC IQ

#### Holders

As of April 5, 2017, there were 97 holders of record of our common stock.

#### Dividends

Although certain of our subsidiary limited liability companies ("LLCs") make distributions to members of our subsidiary LLCs, we have not declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock and do not intend to declare or pay any cash dividend in the foreseeable future. The payment of dividends, if any, is within the discretion of the board of directors and will depend on our earnings, if any, our capital requirements and financial condition and such other factors as the board of directors may consider. We currently intend to retain our earnings, if any, to finance our growth.

#### Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

None.

#### Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

None.

## Item 6. Selected Financial Data

Not required as we are a smaller reporting company.

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

*The following discussion and analysis of our consolidated financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with "Selected Consolidated Financial Data" and the consolidated financial statements and related notes to those statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. ONE Group acts as a holding company for multiple subsidiaries of which we own varying ownership percentages. We report on an as consolidated basis and reflect noncontrolling interest in the "net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest" account. Some of the information contained in this discussion and analysis or set forth elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including information with respect to our plans and strategies for our business, includes forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts and generally contain words such as "believes," "expects," "may," "will," "should," "seeks," "approximately," "intends," "plans," "estimates," or "anticipates" or similar expressions. Our forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, which may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or implied by the forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and assumptions and currently available data and are neither predictions nor guarantees of future events or performance. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. See "Item 1A. Risk Factors" and "Forward-Looking Statements" for a discussion of factors that could cause our actual results to differ from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements.*

### Overview

We are a global hospitality company that develops, owns and operates upscale, high-energy restaurants and lounges and provides turn-key food and beverage services for hospitality venues including hotels, casinos and other high-end locations globally. We opened our first restaurant in January 2004 in New York City and as of December 31, 2016, we owned and operated (under lease agreements) 11, managed (under management agreements) 13 restaurants and lounges and licensed (under a licensing agreement) one restaurant, including 14 STKs in major metropolitan cities in the United States and Europe (of which eight are owned, five are managed and one is operated under a licensing agreement). In addition, we provided food and beverage services in six hotels and casinos, one of which is under a lease agreement and five of which are under separate management agreements. Our primary restaurant brand is STK, a steakhouse concept that features a high-energy, fun environment that encourages social interaction. STK restaurants are expected to open in Dallas and Austin in 2018, and San Diego in 2017. The lease for STK Boston was terminated in March 2017. The average unit volume, check average and beverage mix for STK restaurants that have been open a full twelve months at December 31, 2016 were \$11.4 million, \$111.10 and 39%, respectively.

In addition to operating stand-alone restaurants, we also operate turn-key food and beverage services at high-end hotels and casinos, which, in some cases, include upscale restaurants, such as STK. Our diversified portfolio of differentiated, high-energy food and beverage hospitality solutions provides landlords and owners a choice of having one or several of our concepts and/or services in their venues. These locations are typically operated under our management agreements under which we earn a management fee based on revenue and an incentive fee based on profitability of the underlying operations. We typically target food and beverage hospitality opportunities where we believe we can generate \$500,000 to \$750,000 of annual pre-tax income. We also own or manage a small number of other standalone restaurants and lounges.

Our net (loss) income for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 was \$(16.5) million and \$7.1 million, respectively. Our net loss for the year ended December 31, 2016, included a valuation allowance of approximately \$12.7 million against the deferred tax asset, transaction costs of \$1.3 million, lease termination costs of \$433,000, derivative income of \$100,000 related to the contingent payment associated with the potential exercise of our publicly traded warrants, and the loss from discontinued operations of \$92,090. On February 27, 2016, our publicly traded warrants expired and approximately 1.4 million shares of our common stock were forfeited in connection with the expiration of all of the publicly traded warrants. Our net income for the year ended December 31, 2015 included deferred tax benefit of approximately \$4.7 million (mainly as a result of the reversal of the valuation allowance on deferred tax assets), transaction costs of \$1.7 million derivative income of \$6.1 million related to

the contingent payment associated with the potential exercise of our publicly traded warrants, a non cash impairment loss of approximately \$3.0 million primarily relating to our STK location in Washington, DC.

On March 13, 2015, after hotel renovations and additional work required due to water damage were completed, we re-opened STK Miami Beach in the 1 Hotel & Homes (formerly known as The Perry Hotel) building located in Miami Beach, Florida. We filed a claim with our insurance carrier of approximately \$1.5 million, which included claims of approximately \$500,000 for property damages and approximately \$1.0 million for expense reimbursement and business interruption, these claims were fully satisfied at December 31, 2015.

On July 9, 2015 we announced that we entered into an agreement with SBEEG Holdings, LLC ("SBE"), holding company of the SLS, Rebury and Hyde hotel brands, to purchase the Katsuya and Cleo restaurant brands and establish a strategic relationship to seek to open Katsuya, Cleo and other The ONE Group restaurants at new SLS, Redbury and Hyde hotels. On October 21, 2015, we and SBE announced that it was in our mutual interest to terminate the agreements relating to the acquisition of the Katsuya and Cleo brands and entered into a Termination and Mutual Release Agreement, dated as of October 21, 2015.

On January 19, 2016, we commenced a rights offering (the "Rights Offering") of non-transferrable subscription rights to holders of record of our common stock as of January 15, 2016 to purchase up to 1,454,545 shares of our common stock at a price of \$2.75 per share. The Rights Offering closed on February 9, 2016 and we received net proceeds of approximately \$3.8 million. The net proceeds of the Rights Offering were primarily used to fund the planned development of certain future STK restaurants.

As a result of being approached by third parties regarding potential strategic transactions, our Board of Directors has authorized the Company to explore possible strategic alternatives to enhance stockholder value. There is no set timetable for the strategic review process. There can be no assurance that this process will result in any specific action or change in current strategy.

## **Our Growth Strategies and Outlook**

Our growth model is comprised of the following four primary drivers:

*Expansion of STK.* We have identified up to 50 additional major metropolitan markets globally where we could grow our STK brand over time. We expect to open as many as two to three STKs annually in the next three years primarily through licensing agreements, provided that we have sufficient interest from prospective licensees, acceptable locations and quality restaurant managers available to support that pace of growth. However, there can be no assurance that we will be able to open new STKs at the rate we currently expect or that our pipeline of planned offerings will be fully realized.

*Expansion Through New F&B Hospitality Projects.* We believe we are well positioned to leverage the strength of our brands and the relationships we have developed with global hospitality providers to drive the continued growth of our food and beverage hospitality projects, which traditionally have provided fee income with minimal capital expenditures. We continue to receive significant inbound inquiries regarding new services in new hospitality opportunities globally and to work with existing hospitality clients to identify and develop additional opportunities in their venues. Going forward, we expect to target at least one to two new F&B hospitality projects every 12 months. However, we cannot control the timing and number of acceptable opportunities that will be offered to us for our consideration.

*Expand Our Non-STK Concepts and Services.* We believe our existing restaurant concepts and food and beverage hospitality services have significant room to grow and that our presence, brand recognition and operating performance from our continuing operations provide us with the ability to expand these concepts in the North American and international markets, with near term focus on Europe and in the longer term, Asia and the Middle East.

*Increase Our Operating Efficiency.* In addition to expanding into new cities and hospitality venues, we intend to increase revenue and profits in our existing operations, and we believe that we have adequate capital and resources available to allocate towards operational initiatives. We expect same store sales to remain flat in 2017. We also expect operating margin improvements as our restaurants and services mature. However, there can be no assurances that any increases in our operating margins will be achieved. Furthermore, as our footprint continues to increase in scale, we expect to benefit by leveraging system-wide operating efficiencies and best practices.

## **Key Performance Indicators**

We use the following key performance indicators in evaluating our restaurants and assessing our business:

*Number of Restaurant Openings.* Number of restaurant openings reflects the number of restaurants opened during a particular fiscal period. For each restaurant opening, we incur pre-opening costs, which are defined below. Typically, new restaurants open with an initial start-up period of higher than normalized sales volumes (also referred to in the restaurant industry as the “honeymoon” period), which decrease to a steady level approximately 18 months after opening. However, operating costs during this initial 18 month period are also higher than normal, resulting in restaurant operating margins that are generally lower during the start-up period of operation and increase to a steady level approximately 18 months after opening. Some new restaurants may experience a “honeymoon” period either shorter or longer than 18 months.

*Average Check.* Average check is calculated by dividing total restaurant sales by total entrees sold for a given time period. Our management team uses this indicator to analyze trends in customers’ preferences, effectiveness of menu changes and price increases, and per customer expenditures.

*Average Comparable Unit Volume.* Average comparable unit volume consists of the average sales of our comparable restaurants over a certain period of time. This measure is calculated by dividing total comparable restaurant sales in a given period by the total number of comparable restaurants in that period. This indicator assists management in measuring changes in customer traffic, pricing and development of our brand.

*Comparable Unit Sales.* We consider a unit to be comparable, whether owned or managed, in the first full quarter following the 18th month of operations to remove the impact of new unit openings in comparing the operations of existing units. Changes in comparable unit sales reflect changes in sales for the comparable group of units over a specified period of time. Changes in comparable sales reflect changes in customer count trends as well as changes in average check, which reflects both menu mix shifts and menu pricing. Our comparable unit base consisted of five units for the years ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. We believe that certain of our restaurants operate at or near their effective productive capacities. As a result, we may be unable to grow comparable restaurant sales at those restaurants.

## **Key Financial Terms and Metrics**

We evaluate our business using a variety of key financial measures:

### Segment reporting

We operate in three segments: owned STK units (“STKs”), food and beverage hospitality management agreements (“F&B”) and Other concepts (“Other”). We believe STKs, F&B and Other to be our reportable segments as they do not have similar economic or other characteristics to be aggregated into a single reportable segment. Our STKs segment consists of leased restaurant locations and competes in the full service dining industry. Our F&B segment consists of management agreements in which we operates the food and beverage services in hotels or casinos and could include an STK, which we refer to as managed STK units. We refer to owned STK units and managed STK units together as “STK units.” These management agreements generate management and incentive fees on net revenue at each location. Our Other segment includes owned non-STK leased locations.

### Revenues

*Owned unit net revenue.* Owned unit net revenues, which includes STKs and Other segment brands, consists of food, beverage, and miscellaneous merchandise sales by company-owned units net of any discounts, such as management and employee meals, associated with each sale. In 2016, beverage sales comprised 41% of owned food and beverage sales, before giving effect to any discounts, with food comprising the remaining 59%. This indicator assists management in understanding the trends in gross margins of the units.

*Management and incentive fee revenue.* Management and incentive fee revenue includes: (1) management fees received pursuant to management agreements with hospitality clients that are calculated based on a fixed percentage of revenues; and (2) incentive fees based on operating profitability, as defined by each agreement. We evaluate the performance of our managed properties based on sales growth, which drives our management fee, and on improvements in operating profitability margins, which along with sales growth, drives incentive fee growth.

Our primary restaurant brand is STK and we specifically look at comparable revenues from both owned and managed STKs in order to understand customer count trends and changes in average check as it relates to our primary restaurant brand.

## Cost and expenses

*Food and beverage costs.* Food and beverage costs include all unit-level food and beverage costs of STKs and Other units. We measure cost of goods as a percentage of owned unit net revenues. Food and beverage costs are generally influenced by the cost of food and beverage items, menu mix and discounting activity. Purchases of beef represented approximately 30% of our food and beverage costs during each of 2016 and 2015. See “Item 1A. Risk Factors — Increases in the prices of, and/or reductions in the availability of commodities, primarily beef, could adversely affect our business and results of operations.”

*Unit operating expenses.* We measure unit operating expenses for STKs and Other units as a percentage of owned unit net revenues. Unit operating expenses include the following:

*Payroll and related expenses.* Payroll and related expenses consists of manager salaries, hourly staff payroll and other payroll-related items, including taxes and fringe benefits. We measure our labor cost efficiency by tracking total labor costs as a percentage of food and beverage revenues.

*Occupancy.* Occupancy comprises all occupancy costs, consisting of both fixed and variable portions of rent, deferred rent expense, which is a non-cash adjustment included in our Adjusted EBITDA calculation as defined below, common area maintenance charges, real estate property taxes, utilities and other related occupancy costs and is measured by tracking occupancy as a percentage of revenues.

*Direct operating expenses.* Direct operating expenses consists of supplies, such as paper, small wares, china, silverware and glassware, cleaning supplies and laundry and linen costs and typically tracks revenues.

*Outside services.* Outside services includes music and entertainment costs, such as the use of live DJ’s, promoter costs, security services, outside cleaning services at certain locations and commissions paid to event staff for banquet sales.

*Repairs and maintenance.* Repairs and maintenance consists of facility and computer maintenance contracts as well as general repair work to maintain the facilities. These costs will typically increase as the facility gets older.

*Marketing.* Marketing includes the cost of goods used specifically for complimentary purposes as well as general public relation costs related to the specific unit, but excluding any discounts such as management and employee meals. Marketing costs will typically be higher during the first 18 months of a unit’s operations.

*General and administrative.* General and administrative expenses are comprised of all corporate overhead expenses, including payroll and related benefits, professional fees, such as legal and accounting fees, insurance and travel expenses. Certain general and administrative expenses are allocated specifically to units and are credited and include shared services such as reservations, events and marketing. General and administrative expenses are expected to grow as we grow, including payroll needed to support our growth, legal, accounting and other professional fees incurred as a public company.

*Depreciation and amortization.* Depreciation and amortization consists principally of charges related to the depreciation of fixed assets including leasehold improvements, equipment and furniture and fixtures. As we accelerate our restaurant openings, depreciation and amortization is expected to increase as a result of our increased capital expenditures.

*Impairment of long lived assets.* Long-lived assets are evaluated for impairment when facts and circumstances indicate that the carrying values of long-lived assets may not be recoverable. The impairment evaluation is generally performed at the individual venue asset group level. We first compare the carrying value of the asset to the asset’s estimated future undiscounted cash flows. If the estimated future cash flows are less than the carrying value of the asset, we measure an impairment loss based on the asset’s estimated fair value. The fair value of a venue’s assets is estimated using a discounted cash flow model based on internal projections and taking into consideration the view of a market participant. The estimate of cash flows is based on, among other things, certain assumptions about expected future operating performance. Factors considered during the impairment evaluation include factors related to actual operating cash flows, the period of time since a venue has been opened or remodeled and the maturity of the relevant market. Our estimates of cash flows used to assess impairment are subject to a high degree of judgment. If our estimates of future cash flows differ from actual cash flows due to, among other things, changes in economic conditions, changes to our business model or changes in operating performance, it would result in an adjustment to results of operations. For the year ended December 31, 2016 there was an impairment charge of \$96,000 related to the write off of assets for STK Edinburgh in connection with placing the entity into liquidation. For the year ended December 31, 2015 we recorded an impairment charge at our Washington DC venue in the amount of \$2.8 million as well as a charge to write off the net remaining assets of BBCLV and STKOUT Midtown in the amount of \$170,000.

*Management and royalty fees.* In certain of our units, we pay outside third parties a management fee based on a percentage of sales or a fixed fee. Royalty fees are paid to the 50% owner of the trademark rights to the name “Asellina” and “Cucina Asellina.”

*Pre-opening expenses.* Pre-opening expenses consist of costs incurred prior to opening an owned or managed STK unit in either a leased or F&B location which are comprised principally of manager salaries and relocation costs, employee payroll and related training costs for new employees and lease costs incurred prior to opening. We expect these costs to increase as we accelerate our company-owned restaurant openings, which may have a material impact on our operating results in future periods. Pre-opening expenses vary from location to location depending on a number of factors, including the proximity of our existing restaurants; the amount of rent expensed during the construction and in-restaurant training periods; the size and physical layout of each location; the number of management and hourly employees required to operate each restaurant; the relative difficulty of the restaurant staffing process; the cost of travel and lodging for different metropolitan areas; the timing of the restaurant opening; and the extent of unexpected delays, if any, in obtaining necessary licenses and permits to open the restaurant.

*Provision for income taxes.* We account for income taxes in accordance with FASB ASC 740 “Accounting for Income Taxes.” Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis and net operating losses and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. After an evaluation of the realizability of our deferred tax assets, a valuation allowance of \$12.0 million was recorded as of December 31, 2016 to recognize the deferred tax asset compared to \$9.3 million tax benefit in 2015 which is due in part to a release of the valuation allowance. “Incomes Taxes,” for a further discussion of our provision for income taxes.

*Equity in (income) loss of subsidiaries.* This represents the income or loss that we record under the equity method for entities that are not consolidated. Included in this amount is our ownership in Bagatelle New York for which we have effective ownership of approximately 51% representing 5.23% ownership directly by us and 45.9% ownership through two of our subsidiaries.

*Adjustments for noncontrolling interest.* This represents the allocation of net income or loss attributable to the minority interest in those of our subsidiaries which are not wholly-owned.

## **Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth certain statements of income data for the periods indicated:



|  | <b>For the years Ended December 31,</b> |                     |
|--|---|---------------------|
|  | <b>2016</b>                             | <b>2015</b>         |
| <b>Revenues:</b>   |   |                     |
| Owned unit net revenues  | \$ 63,948,436                           | \$ 52,610,182       |
| Management and incentive fee revenue   | 8,465,584                               | 7,921,584           |
| Total revenue  | <u>72,414,020</u>                       | <u>60,531,766</u>   |
| <b>Cost and expenses:</b>  |   |                     |
| <b>Owned operating expenses:</b>   |   |                     |
| Food and beverage costs  | 15,919,350                              | 13,228,216          |
| Unit operating expenses  | 41,208,880                              | 34,271,412          |
| General and administrative   | 11,172,764                              | 10,711,002          |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 2,647,333                               | 2,191,450           |
| Impairment loss  | 95,773                                  | 2,975,744           |
| Management and royalty fees  | —                                       | 39,278              |
| Lease termination expense  | 433,278                                 | —                   |
| Pre-opening expenses   | 5,993,819                               | 5,265,581           |
| Transaction costs  | 1,293,265                               | 1,724,361           |
| Equity in income of investee companies   | (674,289)                               | (1,038,854)         |
| Derivative income  | (100,000)                               | (6,141,000)         |
| Interest expense, net of interest income   | 464,165                                 | 30,380              |
| Other expense, net   | (46,451)                                | (513,012)           |
| Total cost and expenses  | <u>78,407,887</u>                       | <u>62,744,558</u>   |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations before provision (benefit) for income taxes | (5,993,867)                             | (2,212,792)         |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes   | 10,369,912                              | (9,316,487)         |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations   | <u>(16,363,779)</u>                     | <u>7,103,695</u>    |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes                                      | 92,090                                  | 2,476               |
| Net (loss) income  | <u>(16,455,869)</u>                     | <u>7,101,219</u>    |
| Less: net income attributable to noncontrolling interest                             | 232,617                                 | 170,526             |
| Net (loss) income attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.                    | <u>\$ (16,688,486)</u>                  | <u>\$ 6,930,693</u> |
| <b>Amounts attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.:</b>                      |   |                     |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations   | (16,596,396)                            | \$ 6,933,169        |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes                                      | 92,090                                  | 2,476               |
| Net (loss) income attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.                    | <u>(16,688,486)</u>                     | <u>\$ 6,930,693</u> |
| Net (loss) income attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.                    | \$ (16,688,486)                         | \$ 6,930,693        |
| <b>Other comprehensive loss</b>  |   |                     |
| Currency translation adjustment  | (1,123,568)                             | (189,687)           |
| Comprehensive (loss) income  | <u>\$ (17,812,054)</u>                  | <u>\$ 6,741,006</u> |

The following table sets forth certain statements of income data as a percentage of revenues for the periods indicated:

|  | <b>For the years Ended December 31,</b> |                |
|--|---|----------------|
|  | <b>2016</b>                             | <b>2015</b>    |
| <b>Revenues:</b>   |   |                |
| Owned unit net revenues  | 88.3 %                                  | 86.9 %         |
| Management and incentive fee revenue   | 11.7 %                                  | 13.1 %         |
| <b>Total revenue</b>   | <b>100.0 %</b>                          | <b>100.0 %</b> |
| <b>Cost and expenses:</b>  |   |                |
| <b>Owned operating expenses:</b>   |   |                |
| Food and beverage costs (1)  | 24.9 %                                  | 25.1 %         |
| Unit operating expenses (1)  | 64.4 %                                  | 65.1 %         |
| General and administrative   | 15.4 %                                  | 17.7 %         |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 3.7 %                                   | 3.6 %          |
| Impairment loss  | 0.1 %                                   | 4.9 %          |
| Management and royalty fees  | — %                                     | 0.1 %          |
| Lease termination expenses   | 0.6 %                                   | — %            |
| Pre-opening expenses   | 8.3 %                                   | 8.7 %          |
| Transaction costs  | 1.8 %                                   | 2.8 %          |
| Equity in income of investee companies   | (0.9)%                                  | (1.7)%         |
| Derivative income  | (0.1)%                                  | (10.1)%        |
| Interest expense, net of interest income   | 0.6 %                                   | 0.1 %          |
| Other expense, net   | (0.1)%                                  | (0.8)%         |
| <b>Total cost and expenses</b>   | <b>108.3 %</b>                          | <b>103.7 %</b> |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations before provision (benefit) for income taxes | (8.3)%                                  | (3.7)%         |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes   | 14.3 %                                  | (15.4)%        |
| <b>(Loss) income from continuing operations</b>                                      | <b>(22.6)%</b>                          | <b>11.7 %</b>  |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes                                      | 0.1 %                                   | — %            |
| <b>Net (loss) income</b>   | <b>(22.7)%</b>                          | <b>11.7 %</b>  |
| <b>Less: net income attributable to noncontrolling interest</b>                      | <b>0.3 %</b>                            | <b>0.3 %</b>   |
| <b>Net (loss) income attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.</b>             | <b>(23.0)%</b>                          | <b>11.4 %</b>  |
| <b>Amounts attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.:</b>                      |   |                |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations   | (22.9)%                                 | 11.5 %         |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes                                      | (0.1)%                                  | (0.1)%         |
| <b>Net (loss) income attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.</b>             | <b>(23.0)%</b>                          | <b>11.4 %</b>  |
| <b>Net (loss) income attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.</b>             | <b>(23.0)%</b>                          | <b>11.4 %</b>  |
| <b>Other comprehensive loss</b>  |   |                |
| Currency translation adjustment  | (1.6)%                                  | (0.3)%         |
| <b>Comprehensive (loss) income</b>   | <b>(24.6)%</b>                          | <b>11.1 %</b>  |

(1) These expenses are being shown as a percentage of owned unit net revenues.

The following tables show our operating results by segment for the periods indicated:

| <b>For the year Ended December 31, 2016</b>                       |                     |                     |                   |                       |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
|   | <b>STKs</b>         | <b>F&amp;B</b>      | <b>OTHER</b>      | <b>TOTAL</b>          |
| <b>Revenues:</b>  |                     |                     |                   |                       |
| Owned unit net revenues   | \$ 63,248,936       |                     | \$ 699,500        | \$ 63,948,436         |
| Management and incentive fee revenue                              |                     | \$ 8,465,584        |                   | 8,465,584             |
| Total revenue   | 63,248,936          | 8,465,584           | 699,500           | 72,414,020            |
| <b>Cost and expenses:</b>   |                     |                     |                   |                       |
| <b>Owned operating expenses:</b>                                  |                     |                     |                   |                       |
| Food and beverage costs   | 15,779,441          |                     | 139,909           | 15,919,350            |
| Unit operating expenses   | 41,174,753          |                     | 34,127            | 41,208,880            |
| Total cost and expenses   | 56,954,194          | —                   | 174,036           | 57,128,230            |
| Income from restaurant and hospitality operations                 | <u>\$ 6,294,742</u> | <u>\$ 8,465,584</u> | <u>\$ 525,464</u> | 15,285,790            |
| General and administrative  |                     |                     |                   | 11,172,764            |
| Depreciation and amortization                                     |                     |                     |                   | 2,647,333             |
| Impairment loss   |                     |                     |                   | 95,773                |
| Management and royalty fees                                       |                     |                     |                   | —                     |
| Lease termination expense   |                     |                     |                   | 433,278               |
| Pre-opening expenses  |                     |                     |                   | 5,993,819             |
| Transaction costs   |                     |                     |                   | 1,293,265             |
| Equity in income of investee companies                            |                     |                     |                   | (674,289)             |
| Derivative income   |                     |                     |                   | (100,000)             |
| Interest expense, net of interest income                          |                     |                     |                   | 464,165               |
| Other expense, net  |                     |                     |                   | (46,451)              |
| Total cost and expenses   |                     |                     |                   | <u>21,279,657</u>     |
| Loss from continuing operations before provision for income taxes |                     |                     |                   | <u>\$ (5,993,867)</u> |

**For the year Ended December 31, 2015**

|   | <u>STKs</u>         | <u>F&amp;B</u>      | <u>OTHER</u>        | <u>TOTAL</u>          |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Revenues:</b>  |                     |                     |                     |                       |
| Owned unit net revenues   | \$ 52,213,149       |                     | \$ 397,033          | \$ 52,610,182         |
| Management and incentive fee revenue                              |                     | \$ 7,921,584        |                     | 7,921,584             |
| Total revenue   | 52,213,149          | 7,921,584           | 397,033             | 60,531,766            |
| <b>Cost and expenses:</b>   |                     |                     |                     |                       |
| <b>Owned operating expenses:</b>                                  |                     |                     |                     |                       |
| Food and beverage costs   | 13,128,089          |                     | 100,127             | 13,228,216            |
| Unit operating expenses   | 33,771,445          |                     | 499,967             | 34,271,412            |
| Total cost and expenses   | 46,899,534          | —                   | 600,094             | 47,499,628            |
| Income (loss) from restaurant and hospitality operations          | <u>\$ 5,313,615</u> | <u>\$ 7,921,584</u> | <u>\$ (203,061)</u> | 13,032,138            |
| General and administrative  |                     |                     |                     | 10,711,002            |
| Depreciation and amortization                                     |                     |                     |                     | 2,191,450             |
| Impairment loss   |                     |                     |                     | 2,975,744             |
| Management and royalty fees                                       |                     |                     |                     | 39,278                |
| Lease termination expense   |                     |                     |                     | —                     |
| Pre-opening expenses  |                     |                     |                     | 5,265,581             |
| Transaction costs   |                     |                     |                     | 1,724,361             |
| Equity in income of investee companies                            |                     |                     |                     | (1,038,854)           |
| Derivative income   |                     |                     |                     | (6,141,000)           |
| Interest expense, net of interest income                          |                     |                     |                     | 30,380                |
| Other expense, net  |                     |                     |                     | (513,012)             |
| Total cost and expenses   |                     |                     |                     | <u>15,244,930</u>     |
| Loss from continuing operations before provision for income taxes |                     |                     |                     | <u>\$ (2,212,792)</u> |

*EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA.* We define EBITDA as net income before interest expense, provision for income taxes and depreciation and amortization. We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income before interest expense, provision for income taxes, depreciation and amortization, non-cash impairment loss, deferred rent, pre-opening expenses, lease termination expenses, non-recurring gains and losses, stock based compensation and losses from discontinued operations. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA have been presented in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and are supplemental measures of financial performance that is not required by, or presented in accordance with, GAAP.

We believe that EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are more appropriate measures of operating performance, as they provide a clearer picture of our operating results by eliminating certain non-cash expenses that are not reflective of the underlying business performance. We use these metrics to facilitate a comparison of our operating performance on a consistent basis from period to period and to analyze the factors and trends affecting our business as well as evaluate the performance of our units. Adjusted EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool and our calculation thereof may not be comparable to that reported by other companies; accordingly, you should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA is included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K because it is a key metric used by management. Additionally, Adjusted EBITDA is frequently used by analysts, investors and other interested parties to evaluate companies in our industry. We use Adjusted EBITDA, alongside other GAAP measures such as net income (loss), to measure profitability, as a key profitability target in our annual and other budgets, and to compare our performance against that of peer

companies. We believe that Adjusted EBITDA provides useful information facilitating operating performance comparisons from period to period and company to company.

The following table presents a reconciliation of Net income to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA for the periods indicated:

|   | <b>For the years ended December 31,</b> |                     |
|---|---|---------------------|
|   | <b>2016</b>                             | <b>2015</b>         |
| Net (loss) income attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc. | \$ (16,688,486)                         | \$ 6,930,693        |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest                | 232,617                                 | 170,526             |
| Net (loss) income   | (16,455,869)                            | 7,101,219           |
| Interest expense, net of interest income                          | 464,165                                 | 30,380              |
| Provision for income taxes  | 10,369,912                              | (9,316,487)         |
| Depreciation and amortization                                     | 2,647,333                               | 2,191,450           |
| EBITDA  | (2,974,459)                             | 6,562               |
| Deferred rent (1)   | (657,242)                               | 1,227,578           |
| Pre-opening expenses  | 5,993,819                               | 5,265,581           |
| Impairment loss (3)   | 95,773                                  | 2,975,744           |
| Lease termination expense (4)                                     | 433,278                                 | —                   |
| Loss from discontinued operations                                 | 92,090                                  | 2,476               |
| Transaction costs (2)   | 1,293,265                               | 1,724,361           |
| Derivative income   | (100,000)                               | (6,141,000)         |
| Stock based compensation  | 837,989                                 | 811,658             |
| Adjusted EBITDA   | 5,014,513                               | 5,872,960           |
| Adjusted EBITDA attributable to noncontrolling interest           | 490,803                                 | 684,757             |
| Adjusted EBITDA attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.   | <u>\$ 4,523,710</u>                     | <u>\$ 5,188,203</u> |

(1) Deferred rent is included in occupancy expense on the statement of operations and comprehensive income.

(2) Transaction costs incurred relating to the terminated acquisition of Katsuya and Cleo brands.

(3) Impairment loss is related to the write off of fixed assets at our Washington DC location.

(4) Lease termination expenses relate to the termination of the leases of Bridge Hospitality in October 2016 and STK DC in December 2016.

*Adjusted Net Income.* We define Adjusted Net Income as Net Income before loss from discontinued operations, non-recurring gains, non-cash impairment losses, and non-recurring acceleration of depreciation. Adjusted Net Income has been presented in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and is a supplemental measure of financial performance that is not required by, or presented in accordance with, GAAP. Adjusted Net Income has limitations as an analytical tool and our calculation thereof may not be comparable to that reported by other companies; accordingly, you should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP.

We believe that Adjusted Net Income provides a clearer picture of our operating results by eliminating certain non-cash expenses that are not reflective of the underlying business performance. We use this metric to facilitate a comparison of our operating performance on a consistent basis from period to period and to analyze the factors and trends affecting our business.

The following table presents a reconciliation of Net Income to Adjusted Net Income for the periods indicated:

|   | <b>For the years ended December 31,</b> |              |
|---|---|--------------|
|   | <b>2016</b>                             | <b>2015</b>  |
| Net (loss) income attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.   | \$ (16,688,486)                         | \$ 6,930,693 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest                  | 232,617                                 | 170,526      |
| Net (loss) income   | (16,455,869)                            | 7,101,219    |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes                     | 92,090                                  | 2,476        |
| Transaction costs (1)   | 1,293,265                               | 1,724,361    |
| Impairment loss   | 95,773                                  | 2,975,744    |
| Lease termination expense (2)                                       | 433,278                                 | —            |
| Derivative income   | (100,000)                               | (6,141,000)  |
| Stock based compensation  | 837,989                                 | 811,658      |
| Deferred tax adjustments  | 12,659,718                              | (4,716,109)  |
| Adjusted Net income   | (1,143,756)                             | 1,758,349    |
| Adjusted Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest         | 232,617                                 | 352,941      |
| Adjusted Net income attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc. | \$ (1,376,373)                          | \$ 1,405,408 |

- (1) Transaction costs incurred relating to the terminated acquisition of the Katsuya and Cleo brands.
- (2) Lease termination expenses relate to the termination of the leases of Bridge Hospitality in October 2016 and STK DC in December 2016.

### **Year Ended December 31, 2016 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2015**

#### *Revenues*

*Owned unit net revenues.* Owned unit net revenues for STKs increased \$11.0 million, or 21.1%, from \$52.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 to \$63.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2016. This increase was primarily due to the opening of our STK in Orlando and a full year of operations of the STKs opened in 2015 in Miami, Westwood and Chicago. Comparable owned STK unit sales decreased \$1.3 million or 4.1% from \$31.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 to \$29.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2016. The decrease is primarily due to declines in revenue at our two New York City STKs in the second half of 2016 leading up to the presidential election partially offset by an improvement in December revenue year over year.

Owned unit net revenues in our Other segment increased \$302,000, or 76.2%, from \$397,000 for the year ended December 31, 2015 to \$700,000 for the year ended December 31, 2016. This increase was primarily due to an increase in revenue from off-site Super Bowl related catering events.

*Management and incentive fee revenue.* Management and incentive fee revenues increased \$544,000, or 6.9%, from \$7.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 to \$8.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2016. This was the result of an increase in incentive fees from our UK operations and was partially offset by a slight decrease in our management and incentive fee revenue for our STK in Las Vegas.

Revenue generated from these restaurants, lounges, and food and beverage services at hospitality venues impacts both our owned unit net revenues and the amount of management and incentive fees earned. For the year ended December 31, 2016, comparable unit sales of owned or managed STK units decreased 2.3% as compared to the year ended December 31, 2015.

#### *Cost and Expenses*

*Food and beverage costs.* Food and beverage costs for STKs increased \$2.7 million to \$15.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 from \$13.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2015. This increase was primarily due to a full year of operations of our STKs in Miami, Westwood, and Chicago as well as the opening of our STK in Orlando, for which we incurred food and beverage costs as compared to the prior year. As a percentage of STK owned unit net revenues, food and beverage costs decreased to 24.9% for the year ended December 31, 2016 from 25.1% for the year ended December 31, 2015. The decrease in the percentage of food and beverage costs was related primarily to management's improvements in increasing

profit margins through improved operating efficiencies. Food revenues as a percentage of total food and beverage revenues were approximately 61% and 59% for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Food cost as a percentage of food revenues are typically higher than beverage cost as a percentage of beverage revenues.

Food and beverage costs in our Other segment increased \$40,000, or 39.7%, to \$140,000 for the year ended December 31, 2016 from \$100,000 for the year ended December 31, 2015. As a percentage of Other owned unit net revenues food and beverage costs decreased to 20.0% for the year ended December 31, 2016 from 25.2% for the year ended December 31, 2015.

*Unit operating expenses.* Unit operating expenses for STKs increased \$7.4 million, or 21.9%, to \$41.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 from \$33.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2015. The increase in operating expenses was primarily due to a full year of operations of our STKs in Miami, Westwood and Chicago as well as the opening of our STK in Orlando. Included in unit operating costs at December 31, 2016 and 2015, was deferred rent (income) expense of approximately \$(578,000) and \$1.2 million, respectively. As a percentage of STK owned unit net revenues, unit operating expenses increased to 65.1% for the year ended December 31, 2016 from 64.7% for the year ended December 31, 2015. This increase was due to the full year of operations of three new STKs in 2016, the opening of Orlando in 2016 and the higher operating expenses that are typically incurred in the first year of operations as well as the increase in the deferred rent expense. This was partially offset by the deferred rent income in 2016. Unit operating expenses in our Other segment decreased \$466,000, or 93.2%, from \$500,000 at December 31, 2015 to \$34,000 at December 31, 2016 due to the opening of the STK in Westwood and its reallocation from our Other segment to our STKs segment.

*General and administrative.* General and administrative costs increased \$461,000 to \$11.2 million, or 4.3%, during the year ended December 31, 2016 from \$10.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2015. The cost increase was due to additional payroll related to the expansion of our corporate infrastructure during the first half of 2016 to help facilitate our 2016 openings in the United States and internationally. In the second half of 2016 and into early 2017, we made several significant reductions in payroll due to the decrease in openings in 2017 as compared to 2016. The year-over-year percentage decrease was largely attributable to the leverage in our sales increases slightly offset by an increase in payroll and professional fees. General and administrative costs as a percentage of total revenues decreased from 17.7% for the year ended December 31, 2015 to 15.4% for the year ended December 31, 2016.

*Transaction costs.* Transaction costs were \$1.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 and \$1.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2015. Transaction costs for the year ended December 31, 2015 included professional and other expenses related to the terminated acquisition of the Katsuya and Cleo brands. Transaction costs for the year ended December 31, 2016 included professional and other expenses related to the ongoing evaluation of strategic alternatives.

*Depreciation and amortization.* Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$456,000, or 20.8%, from \$2.2 million in the year ended December 31, 2015 to \$2.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2016. The increase is primarily due to a full year of depreciation of the STKs in Miami, Westwood and Chicago opened during 2015 and the opening of the STK in Orlando in 2016.

*Management and royalty fees.* Management and royalty income was \$39,000 for year ended December 31, 2015. There were no management and royalty fees for the year ended December 31, 2016.

*Impairment loss.* For the year ended December 31, 2016 there was an impairment charge of \$96,000 related to the write off of assets for STK Edinburgh in connection with placing the entity into liquidation. For the year ended December 31, 2015 we determined that the carrying value of the net assets of our STK in Washington DC exceeded its estimated future cash flows and a non-cash impairment charge of \$3.0 million was recorded based on the difference between the carrying value of the restaurant's assets and the estimated future value. In addition, a non-cash impairment charge of \$170,000 was recorded for certain kitchen equipment from our BBCLV and STKOUT Midtown locations no longer deemed useable for future locations.

*Lease termination expense.* Lease termination expense in 2016 related to the termination of the leases of Bridge Hospitality in October 2016 and STK DC in December 2016.

*Pre-opening expenses.* Restaurant pre-opening costs increased \$728,000, or 13.8%, from \$5.3 million or 8.7% of total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2015 to \$6.0 million, or 8.3% of total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2016. The increase includes approximately \$302,000 of deferred rent related to the STKs under construction in Denver, Dallas, Austin and San Diego. The increase also includes the pre-opening costs for the STKs that opened in Orlando in 2016 and Denver in January 2017.

*Equity in income of investee companies.* Equity in income of investee companies decreased by \$365,000 to \$674,000, or 0.9% of total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2016, from \$1.0 million or 1.7% of total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2015 primarily related to a decrease in income from the ownership interest in the Bagatelle units in New York City and Los Angeles.

*Derivative income.* Derivative income was \$100,000 for the year ended December 31, 2016, compared to derivative income of \$6.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2015. Derivative income or expense represents the decrease or increase, respectively, in the total fair value of the derivative liability that is related to the potential exercise of the publicly traded warrants. These warrants expired on February 27, 2016.

*Interest expense, net of interest income.* Interest expense, net of interest income increased by \$434,000, from \$30,000, for the year ended December 31, 2015, to \$464,000, for the year ended December 31, 2016. The increase is primarily due to the promissory notes that were obtained in 2016.

*Other income, net.* Other income, net decreased by \$467,000 from \$513,000 of other income, or 0.8% of total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2015 to \$46,000, of other expense, or (0.1)% of total revenues, for the year ended December 31, 2016. The difference relates primarily to insurance proceeds of approximately \$500,000 related to the flooding at STK Miami in 2014.

*Provision for income taxes.* The provision for income taxes for the year ended December 31, 2016 was a tax expense \$10.4 million primarily as a result of a \$12.0 million establishment of a valuation allowance compared to a tax benefit of \$9.3 million in 2015 primarily as a result of a \$7.7 million adjustment related to the release of the valuation allowance. The deferred tax asset decreased during the year ended December 31, 2016 as a result of the recording of the valuation allowance on deferred tax assets generated in the United States.

*Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes.* During the year ended December 31, 2014, we closed and abandoned the Tenjune venue in New York. The operations and related expenses of this location are presented as loss from discontinued operations. Loss from discontinued operations was \$92,090 during the year ended December 31, 2016 and \$2,476 during the year ended December 31, 2015. No entities were discontinued during 2015 and 2016, these losses represents the winding down of previously discontinued operations.

*Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest.* Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest increased \$62,000 to \$233,000 for the year ended December 31, 2016 from \$171,000 during the year ended December 31, 2015.

## **Potential Fluctuations in Quarterly Results and Seasonality**

Our quarterly operating results may fluctuate significantly as a result of a variety of factors, including the timing of new restaurant openings and related expenses, profitability of new restaurants compared with more mature units, increases or decreases in comparable restaurant sales, general economic conditions, changes in consumer preferences, competitive factors, increases in minimum wage rates and changes in food costs (especially beef). In the past, we have experienced significant variability in restaurant pre-opening costs from quarter to quarter primarily due to the timing of restaurant openings. We typically incur restaurant pre-opening costs in the five months preceding a new restaurant opening. In addition, our experience to date has been that labor and direct operating and occupancy costs associated with a newly opened restaurant during the first five to nine months of operation are often materially greater than what will be expected after that time, both in aggregate dollars and as a percentage of restaurant sales. Accordingly, the number and timing of new restaurant openings in any quarter has had, and is expected to continue to have, a significant impact on quarterly restaurant pre-opening costs, labor and direct operating and occupancy costs. Our business also is subject to fluctuations due to season and adverse weather. Our results of operations have historically been impacted by seasonality. Our second and fourth quarters have traditionally had higher sales volume than other periods of the year. Severe weather may impact restaurant unit volumes in some of the markets where we operate and may have a greater impact should they occur during our higher volume months, especially the second and fourth quarters. As a result of these and other factors, our financial results for any given quarter may not be indicative of the results that may be achieved for a full fiscal year.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our principal liquidity requirements are to meet our lease obligations, our working capital and capital expenditure needs and to pay principal and interest on our outstanding indebtedness. Subject to our operating performance, which, if significantly adversely affected, would adversely affect the availability of funds, we expect to finance our operations for at least the next 12



months following the issuance of the consolidated financial statements, including costs of opening currently planned new restaurants, through cash provided by operations and construction allowances provided by landlords of certain locations. We cannot be sure that these sources will be sufficient to finance our operations throughout this period and beyond, however, and we may seek additional financing in the future, which may or may not be available on terms and conditions satisfactory to us, or at all. As of December 31, 2016, we had cash and cash equivalents, net of overdrafts of approximately \$918,000.

Our capital expenditures during fiscal 2017 will be significantly less than prior years since we plan to open only two to three new owned STK restaurants, in addition to our necessary restaurant-level maintenance and key initiative-related capital expenditures; however we continue to evaluate all options available to us. We currently anticipate our total capital expenditures for fiscal 2017, including all expenditure categories to be approximately \$3.3 million. We expect to fund our anticipated capital expenditures for fiscal 2017 with current cash on hand, expected cash flows from operations and proceeds from expected tenant improvement allowances. Our future cash requirements will depend on many factors, including the pace of our expansion, conditions in the retail property development market, construction costs, the nature of the specific sites selected for new restaurants, and the nature of the specific leases and associated tenant improvement allowances available, if any, as negotiated with landlords. Our current plan is to enter into license agreements for the operation of STKs where we are not required to put up any capital. We will significantly depend on our expected cash flow from operations and continued financing to fund the majority of our planned capital expenditures for 2017. If our business does not generate enough cash flow from operations as expected, and replacement funding sources are not otherwise available to us, we may not be able to expand our operations at the pace currently planned.

Our operations have not required significant working capital and, like many restaurant companies, we may at times have negative working capital. Revenues are received primarily in cash or by credit card, and restaurant operations do not require significant receivables or inventories, other than our wine inventory. In addition, we receive trade credit for the purchase of food, beverages and supplies, thereby reducing the need for incremental working capital to support growth.

#### *Cash Flows*

The following table summarizes the statement of cash flows for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015:

|   | <b>Fiscal Year Ended</b> |                      |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|
|   | December 31,<br>2016     | December 31,<br>2015 |
|   | <b>(in thousands)</b>    |                      |
| Net cash provided by (used in):           |                          |                      |
| Operating activities                      | \$ 2,102                 | \$ 2,042             |
| Investing activities                      | (10,091)                 | (12,652)             |
| Financing activities                      | 8,042                    | 4,738                |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash   | (297)                    | (192)                |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | \$ (244)                 | \$ (6,063)           |

#### *Operating Activities*

For the year ended December 31, 2016, cash flows provided by operating activities were \$2.1 million, consisting of net loss of \$16.5 million, which included a loss from discontinued operations of \$92,090 and adjustments for depreciation, amortization, deferred rent and other non-cash charges totaling \$14.8 million, a non-cash derivative income of \$100,000, non-cash impairment loss of \$96,000, non-cash deferred tax expense of \$10.0 million and non-cash stock-based compensation of \$838,000. Net cash outflow of operating assets and liabilities totaled \$3.0 million and included increases in accounts receivable of \$826,000, increases in inventory of \$157,000, deferred revenue of \$529,000 and an increase in other assets of \$194,000, decreases in prepaid expenses of \$1.7 million and an increase of \$1.3 million in accounts payable and accrued expenses.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, cash flows provided by operating activities were \$2.0 million, consisting of net income of \$7.1 million, which included a loss from discontinued operations of \$2,476 and adjustments for depreciation, amortization, deferred rent and other non-cash charges totaling \$6.4 million, a non-cash derivative income of \$6.1 million, non-cash impairment loss of \$3.0 million, non-cash deferred tax benefit of \$10.1 million and non-cash stock-based compensation of \$812,000. Net cash outflow of operating assets and liabilities totaled \$1.5 million and included decreases in accounts receivable

of \$343,000, increases in inventory of \$13,000, increases in prepaid expenses of \$1.0 million and deferred revenue of \$1.1 million, decrease in other assets of \$101,000 and an increase of \$1.7 million in accounts payable and accrued expenses.

### *Investing Activities*

Net cash used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$10.1 million, consisting primarily of purchases of property and equipment of \$10.6 million, primarily related to the construction of new restaurants and general capital expenditures of existing restaurants during the period and net proceeds of \$519,000 from our investments.

Net cash used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$12.7 million, consisting primarily of purchases of property and equipment of \$13.6 million, primarily related to the construction of new restaurants and general capital expenditures of existing restaurants during the period and net proceeds of \$931,000 from our investments.

### *Financing Activities*

Net cash provided by financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$8.0 million, consisting of proceeds from our rights offering of \$3.9 million, proceeds from the liquidating trust of \$1.2 million and proceeds from the promissory notes of \$6.3 million. This was partially offset by principal payments made on our term loan of \$2.5 million and equipment financing agreement of \$227,000 and distributions to non-controlling interest of \$253,000.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$4.7 million, consisting of proceeds from our term loan facility of \$6.0 million, offset by principal payments made of \$1.6 million. This was partially offset by distributions to members of \$591,000.

### *Capital Expenditures and Lease Arrangements*

To the extent we open new restaurants, we anticipate capital expenditures in the future will increase from the amounts described in “Investing Activities” above. We typically target an average cash investment of approximately \$3.8 million on average for a 10,000 square-foot STK restaurant, in each case net of landlord contributions and equipment financing and excluding pre-opening costs. In addition, some of our existing units will require some capital improvements in the future to either maintain or improve the facilities. We are also looking at opportunities to add seating or provide enclosures for outdoor space in the next 12 months for some of our units. In addition, our hospitality F&B services projects typically require limited capital investment from us. These capital expenditures will primarily be funded by cash flows from operations and equipment financing, depending upon the timing of expenditures. We typically seek to lease our restaurant locations for primary periods of ten to 20 years under operating lease arrangements. Our rent structures vary from lease to lease, but generally provide for the payment of both minimum and contingent (percentage) rent based on sales, as well as other expenses related to the leases (for example, our pro-rata share of common area maintenance, property tax and insurance expenses). Many of our lease arrangements include the opportunity to secure tenant improvement allowances to partially offset the cost of developing and opening the related restaurants. Generally, landlords recover the cost of such allowances from increased minimum rents. However, there can be no assurance that such allowances will be available to us on each project that we select for development.

### *Loan Agreements*

#### *Term Loan Agreements*

On December 17, 2014, we and our affiliates (the “Borrowers”) entered into a term loan agreement with BankUnited, N.A. (the “Term Loan Agreement”) to terminate its existing revolving credit facility (the “2011 Credit Facility”) and refinance the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the existing loans, which had a maturity date of October 31, 2015. In connection therewith, subject to certain terms and conditions, BankUnited, N.A. agreed to make a single term loan (the “Term Loan”) to the Borrowers in the principal amount of approximately \$7.5 million, with a maturity date of December 1, 2019, a portion of which was used to pay the outstanding indebtedness under the 2011 Credit Facility. Our obligations under the Term Loan Agreement are secured by substantially all of our assets.

As of December 31, 2016, the issued letters of credit in the total amount of approximately \$1.4 million for our STK locations in Orlando, Florida, Chicago, Illinois and Westwood, California remain outstanding. We can also borrow up to \$1.0 million for equipment financing.

The Term Loan is being repaid in 60 consecutive equal monthly installments which commenced on January 1, 2015, with each such installment to be in the principal amount of approximately \$125,000. The Term Loan bears interest at a rate per annum equal to 5.00%.

The Term Loan Agreement contains default provisions customary for loans of this type, including, among others, defaults related to payment failures, failure to comply with covenants, material misrepresentations, defaults under other material indebtedness, the occurrence of a "change in control," bankruptcy and related events, material judgments, a "material adverse change," the invalidity or revocation of any loan document or any lien on the collateral shall no longer be valid or perfected or have the same priority. If an event of default shall occur and be continuing under the Term Loan, the Term Loan may be terminated and the principal amount outstanding under the Term Loan, together with all accrued unpaid interest, may be declared immediately due and payable.

As of December 31, 2016, amounts borrowed under the Term Loan were approximately \$4.5 million.

On June 2, 2015, we and our affiliates (the "Borrowers") entered into a second term loan agreement (the "Second Term Loan Agreement") with BankUnited, N.A. wherein BankUnited, N.A. agreed to make multiple advances to the Borrowers in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$6,000,000. On April 1, 2016, we commenced payment of 54 consecutive equal monthly installments of \$111,111.11 or such lesser amount as shall be equal to the quotient of (x) the outstanding principal amount of all advances on March 31, 2016, divided by (y) 54; provided, however, that the final principal installment shall be in an amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of all advances outstanding on September 1, 2020, or such earlier date on which all outstanding advances shall become due and payable, whether by acceleration or otherwise. This second term loan bears interest at a rate per annum equal to 5.0%. Our obligations under the Second Term Loan Agreement are secured by substantially all of our assets. The outstanding balance under the Second Term Loan Agreement at December 31, 2016 was approximately \$5.0 million. The Term Loan Agreement with BankUnited, N.A. remains outstanding.

The Term Loan Agreement and Second Term Loan Agreement contain certain affirmative and negative covenants, including negative covenants that limit or restrict, among other things, liens and encumbrances, indebtedness, mergers, asset sales, investments, assumptions and guaranties of indebtedness of other persons, change in nature of operations, changes in fiscal year and other matters customarily restricted in such agreements. The financial covenants contained in these agreements require the borrowers to maintain a certain adjusted tangible net worth and a debt service coverage ratio.

We were in compliance with all of our financial covenants under the Term Loan Agreements and the Second Term Loan Agreement as of December 31, 2016 except for the tangible net worth covenant. On March 30, 2017, we were issued a waiver for this covenant as of December 31, 2016. In addition, BankUnited, N.A. agreed to adjust the definition of the covenant to exclude deferred tax valuation allowance increases or decreases until the maturity date of the Term Loans. We believe based on current projections and the adjusted covenant definition that we will continue to comply with such covenants in 2017.

#### *Equipment Finance Agreements*

On June 5, 2015, we entered into a \$1,000,000 Equipment Finance Agreement (the "Agreement") with Sterling National Bank. The Agreement covers certain equipment at our STKs in Orlando and Chicago. The Agreement calls for 60 monthly payments of \$19,686 including interest commencing July 1, 2015. At December 31, 2016, the amount outstanding under the Agreement was approximately \$751,000 and payments of \$185,000 were made for the year ended December 31, 2016.

On August 16, 2016, we entered into a \$712,187 Equipment Finance Agreement (the "Equipment Finance Agreement") with Sterling National Bank. The Equipment Finance Agreement covers certain equipment at our STKs that are under construction in San Diego, Denver and at our STK in Orlando. This Equipment Finance Agreement bears interest at a rate per annum equal to 5.0%. Our obligations under the Equipment Finance Agreement are secured by the equipment purchased with proceeds of the Equipment Finance Agreement. The Equipment Finance Agreement calls for 60 monthly payments of \$13,769 including interest commencing September 1, 2016. At December 31, 2016, the amount outstanding under the Equipment Financing Agreement was approximately \$670,000 and payments of \$42,000 were made for the year ended December 31, 2016.

#### *Ontario Note*

On June 27, 2016, we entered into a \$1,000,000 loan agreement with 2235570 Ontario Limited (the "Ontario Noteholder") through an unsecured promissory note ("the Ontario Note"). In consideration of the loan amount, the Ontario Noteholder received a warrant (the "Ontario Warrant") to purchase 100,000 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$2.61. The Warrant is exercisable at any time through June 27, 2026, in whole or in part. The Ontario Note bears interest at a rate of 10% per annum, payable quarterly commencing on September 30, 2016. The entire balance of the Ontario Note is due on its maturity date of June 27, 2021. The fair value of the Ontario Warrant of \$125,000 is treated as a reduction of the principal balance of the Ontario Note and is amortized in interest expense over the term of the Ontario Note. We used the Black-Scholes option pricing model to calculate the fair value of the warrant as of the grant date. At December 31, 2016, the amount outstanding under the Ontario Note was \$1.0 million.

#### *Anson Notes*

On August 11, 2016, we entered into a \$3,000,000 loan agreement with Anson Investments Master Fund LP ("Anson") through an unsecured promissory note (the "Anson August Note"). In consideration of the loan amount, Anson received a warrant ("the Anson August Warrant") to purchase 300,000 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$2.61. The Anson August Warrant is exercisable at any time through August 11, 2026, in whole or in part. The Anson August Note bears interest at a rate of 10% per annum, payable quarterly commencing on September 30, 2016. The entire balance of the Anson August Note is due on its maturity date of August 11, 2021. The fair value of the Anson August Warrant of \$360,000 is treated as a reduction of the principal balance of the Anson August Note and is amortized in interest expense over the term of the Anson August Note. We used the Black-Scholes option pricing model to calculate the fair value of the warrant as of the grant date. At December 31, 2016, the amount outstanding under the Anson August Note was \$3.0 million.

On October 24, 2016, we entered into a \$2,250,000 loan agreement with Anson through an unsecured promissory note (the "Anson October Note"). In consideration of the loan amount, we also issued to Anson a warrant (the "Anson October Warrant") to purchase 340,000 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$2.39 per share. The Anson October Warrant is exercisable at any time through October 24, 2026, in whole or in part. The Anson October Warrant contains limitations that prevent Anson from acquiring shares of our common stock upon exercise of the Anson October Warrant that would result in the number of shares beneficially owned by it and its affiliates exceeding 9.99% of the total number of shares of our common stock then issued and outstanding. The Anson October Note bears interest at a rate of 10% per annum, payable quarterly commencing December 31, 2016. The entire balance of the Anson October Note is due on its maturity date of October 24, 2021. At December 31, 2016, the amount outstanding under the Anson October Note was \$2.3 million.

#### *American Express Loan*

On February 17, 2017, certain of our subsidiaries (the "Borrowers") entered into a \$1,000,000 Business Loan and Security Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") with American Express Bank, FSB ("American Express"). In consideration of the loan amount each Borrower granted American Express a security interest accounts receivable as specified therein. Pursuant to the Loan Agreement the Borrowers agreed to pay a loan fee equal to 3.5% of the original principal balance of the loan amount and a repayment rate of 6% of daily American Express credit card receipts pursuant to the repayment schedule set forth therein. The entire balance of the loan amount is due and payable 365 days after the disbursement of the initial loan amount.

We believe that net cash provided by anticipated operating activities and construction allowances provided by landlords of certain locations be sufficient to fund currently anticipated working capital, planned capital expenditures and debt service requirements for the next 12 to 18 months.

#### **Contractual Obligations**

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations, net of minimum future rental income, as of December 31, 2016:

|  | Total             | Less than 1<br>year | 1-3 years<br>(in thousands) | 3-5 years        | More than 5<br>years |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Term loans, equipment financing and promissory notes | \$ 17,157         | \$ 3,154            | \$ 6,380                    | \$ 7,623         | \$ —                 |
| Expected interest payments (1)                       | 3,888             | 1,093               | 1,709                       | 1,086            | —                    |
| Operating leases                                     | 124,572           | 6,778               | 13,730                      | 14,381           | 89,683               |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$ 145,617</b> | <b>\$ 11,025</b>    | <b>\$ 21,819</b>            | <b>\$ 23,090</b> | <b>\$ 89,683</b>     |

(1) Represents estimated future cash interest payments using the weighted-average balance and interest rate at December 31, 2016.

### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As part of our on-going business, we may participate in transactions that generate relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities referred to as structured finance or variable interest entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. We do not have any off balance sheet arrangements as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 and for the years then ended.

### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is based upon our consolidated financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of our assets, liabilities, net sales and operating expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. We base our estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions we believe to be reasonable given the circumstances and we evaluate these estimates on an ongoing basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. We believe that our critical accounting policies and estimates require us to make difficult, subjective or complex judgments about matters that are inherently uncertain. See Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements, which are included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, for a complete discussion of our significant accounting policies. The following reflect the significant estimates and judgments used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

#### *Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and Disposal of Property and Equipment*

We evaluate the recoverability of the carrying amount of long-lived assets, which include property and equipment, whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be fully recoverable. Our review for impairment of these long-lived assets takes into account estimates of future undiscounted cash flows. Factors considered include, but are not limited to, significant underperformance relative to historical or projected future operating results, significant changes in the manner of use of the acquired assets or the strategy for the overall business, and significant negative industry or economic trends. Our asset group for impairment testing is comprised of the assets and liabilities of each of our individual restaurants, since this is the lowest level of identifiable cash flows. An impairment loss is recognized if the future undiscounted cash flows associated with the assets are less than their carrying value. Impairment losses are measured as the amount by which the carrying values of the assets exceed their fair values. For assets held for sale or disposal, we measure fair value using quoted market prices or an estimation of net realizable value.

From time to time, we have decided to close or dispose of restaurants. Typically, such decisions are made based on operating performance or strategic considerations and must be made before the actual costs or proceeds of disposition are known, and management must make estimates of these outcomes. Such outcomes could include the sale of a leasehold, mitigating costs through a tenant or subtenant, or negotiating a buyout of a remaining lease term. In these instances, management evaluates possible outcomes, frequently using outside real estate and legal advice, and records provisions for the effect of such outcomes. The accuracy of such provisions can vary materially from original estimates, and management regularly monitors the adequacy of the provisions until final disposition occurs.

#### *Leases*

We currently lease all of our restaurant locations under leases classified as operating leases. Minimum base rent for our operating leases, which generally have escalating rentals over the term of the lease, is recorded on a straight-line basis over the lease term. As such, an equal amount of rent expense is attributed to each period during the term of the lease regardless of when actual payments occur. Lease terms begin on the date we take possession under the lease and include cancelable option periods where failure to exercise such options would result in an economic penalty. The difference between rent expense and actual cash payments is classified as deferred rent in our consolidated balance sheets.

Some of our leases provide for contingent rent, which is determined as a percentage of sales in excess of specified minimum sales levels. We recognize contingent rent expense prior to the achievement of the specified sales target that triggers the contingent rent, provided achievement of the sales target is considered probable.

Management makes judgments regarding the probable term for each restaurant property lease, which can impact the classification and accounting for a lease as capital or operating, the rent holiday and/or escalations in payments that are taken into consideration when calculating straight-line rent and the term over which leasehold improvements for each restaurant are amortized. These judgments may produce materially different amounts of depreciation, amortization and rent expense than would be reported if different assumed lease terms were used.

### *Revenues*

Our revenues are primarily derived from the following sources: revenues at our owned and consolidated joint venture properties and management fees and incentive fees. The following is a description of the composition of our revenues:

Owned unit net revenues— Represents revenue primarily derived from food and beverage sales from our restaurants and lounges. We recognize restaurant revenues when goods and services are provided.

Management and incentive fee revenue— Management and incentive fee revenue includes: (1) management fees received pursuant to management agreements with hospitality clients that are calculated based on a fixed percentage of revenues; and (2) incentive fees based on operating profitability, as defined by each agreement. We evaluate the performance of our managed properties based on sales growth, which drives our management fee, and on improvements in operating profitability margins, which along with sales growth, drives incentive fee growth.

### *Stock-Based Compensation*

Under our stock-based compensation plans, we have granted non-qualified stock option and restricted stock awards to employees and directors. Stock-based compensation is measured in accordance with U.S. GAAP based on the underlying fair value of the awards granted. In valuing stock options, we are required to make certain assumptions and judgments regarding the grant date fair value utilizing the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. These judgments include expected volatility, risk free interest rate, expected option life, dividend yield and vesting percentage. These estimations and judgments are determined by us using many different variables that, in many cases, are outside of our control. The changes in these variables or trends, including stock price volatility and risk free interest rate, may significantly impact the grant date fair value resulting in a significant impact to our financial results. The cash flow tax benefits resulting from tax deductions in excess of the compensation cost recognized for those options (excess tax benefits) are required to be classified as financing cash flows.

### *Property and Equipment*

We record all property and equipment at cost. Property and equipment accounting requires estimates of the useful lives for the assets for depreciation purposes and selection of depreciation methods. We believe the useful lives reflect the actual economic life of the underlying assets. We have elected to use the straight-line method of depreciation over the estimated useful life of an asset or the primary lease term of the respective lease, whichever is shorter. Renewals and betterments that materially extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized while maintenance and repair costs are charged to operations as incurred. Judgment is often required in the decision to distinguish between an asset which qualifies for capitalization versus an expenditure which is for maintenance and repairs. When property and equipment are sold or otherwise disposed of, the asset account and related accumulated depreciation and amortization accounts are relieved, and any gain or loss is included in earnings. Additionally, any interest capitalized for new restaurant construction would be included in "Property and equipment, net" on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

### *Income Taxes*

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted income tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Any effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities due to a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. In establishing deferred income tax assets and liabilities, judgments and interpretations are made based on enacted tax laws and published tax guidance applicable to our operations. The net deferred tax assets primarily relate to temporary differences in profitable U.S. federal, state and foreign jurisdictions, net operating losses in certain foreign jurisdictions, the majority of which do not expire, and U.S. foreign tax credit carryovers that expire ten years from inception and for which we anticipate having foreign earnings to utilize. In evaluating our ability to recover our deferred tax assets, we consider future taxable income in the various jurisdictions as well as carryforward periods and restrictions on usage. The estimation of future taxable income in these jurisdictions and our resulting ability to utilize deferred tax assets can significantly change based on future events, including our determinations as to feasibility of certain tax planning strategies. Thus, recorded valuation allowances may be subject to material future changes.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

See Note 2, Business and summary of significant accounting policies, to the consolidated financial statements included in item 8 of Part II of this 10-K for a detailed description of recent accounting pronouncements.

## **Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

### *Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk*

We are subject to foreign currency exchange risk for our restaurants operating in the United Kingdom and in Italy. If foreign currency exchange rates depreciate in the United Kingdom, in Italy, or in any other foreign country in which we may operate in the future, we may experience declines in our international operating results but such exposure would not be material to the consolidated financial statements. We currently do not use financial instruments to hedge foreign currency exchange rate changes.

### *Commodity Price Risk*

We are exposed to market price fluctuations in beef, seafood, produce and other food product prices. Given the historical volatility of beef, seafood, produce and other food product prices, these fluctuations can materially impact our food and beverage costs. While we have taken steps to qualify multiple suppliers who meet our standards as suppliers for our restaurants and enter into agreements with suppliers for some of the commodities used in our restaurant operations, we do not enter into long-term agreements for the purchase of such supplies. There can be no assurance that future supplies and costs for such commodities will not fluctuate due to weather and other market conditions outside of our control and we may be subject to unforeseen supply and cost fluctuations. Dairy costs can also fluctuate due to government regulation. Because we typically set our menu prices in advance of our food product prices, our menu prices cannot immediately take into account changing costs of food items. To the extent that we are unable to pass the increased costs on to our customers through price increases, our results of operations would be adversely affected. We do not use financial instruments to hedge our risk to market price fluctuations in beef, seafood, produce and other food product prices at this time.

### *Inflation*

Over the past five years, inflation has not significantly affected our operations. However, the impact of inflation on labor, food and occupancy costs could, in the future, significantly affect our operations. We pay many of our employees hourly rates related to the applicable federal or state minimum wage. Food costs as a percentage of revenues have been somewhat stable due to procurement efficiencies and menu price adjustments, although no assurance can be made that our procurement will continue to be efficient or that we will be able to raise menu prices in the future. Costs for construction, taxes, repairs, maintenance and insurance all impact our occupancy costs. We believe that our current strategy, which is to seek to maintain operating margins through a combination of menu price increases, cost controls, careful evaluation of property and equipment needs, and efficient purchasing practices, has been an effective tool for dealing with inflation. There can be no assurance, however, that future inflationary or other cost pressure will be effectively offset by this strategy.

## **Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

Our Consolidated Financial Statements required by this Item are set forth in Item 15 beginning on page F-1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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

None.

## **Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We are required to maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), 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 Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”), as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives, as our controls are designed to do, and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the risk and cost benefit relationship related to controls and procedures.

In connection with the preparation of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, as of December 31, 2016, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including the CEO and CFO, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act). Based on that evaluation and as described below under “Management’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting,” we have identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)). Due to these material weaknesses, our CEO and CFO concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as of December 31, 2016. These conclusions were communicated to the Audit Committee. Notwithstanding the existence of these material weaknesses described below, management has concluded that the consolidated financial statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K fairly present, in all material respects, our financial position, results of operations and cash flows for all periods and dates presented.

### **Management’s Assessment of Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act. Our internal control system is designed to provide reasonable assurance to our management and Board of Directors regarding the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements. All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

Our management has assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016. In making its assessment of internal control over financial reporting, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (the “COSO”) of the Treadway Commission in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013). Based on this assessment, our CEO and CFO concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was not effective as of December 31, 2016, based on the criteria set forth by COSO in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013).

A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the company’s annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. The material weaknesses we identified and the proposed remedial actions are described below. These material weaknesses have been disclosed in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and have not been fully remediated as of December 31, 2016. The delay in the filing of our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 is due to the material weaknesses above.



Lack of a robust and effective financial statement close and reporting process to assess whether our consolidated financial statements are in compliance with U.S. GAAP, including the lack of review by competent and qualified personnel where such reviews are designed and operating at a level of precision that can detect errors in the consolidated financial statements. We initiated and are in the process of implementing a formal review process, which will include a comprehensive financial statement closing and reporting checklist and timeline in order to provide ample review time of financial information by qualified accounting and finance personnel as well as senior management. This review involves multiple layers within the organization including the Director of SEC Financial Reporting and the CFO. We are still implementing this process and will require more time to fully implement. In addition, we have had difficulty in retaining additional qualified support staff to improve the overall financial reporting process. We will continue to address this issue and search for additional qualified support staff to remediate this material weakness.

Improper segregation of duties and other design gaps in our information technology (IT) environment, including but not limited to the granting of super user access rights within the accounting software to substantially all employees within the accounting and finance departments and the lack of review of user access rights and activity logs. We removed certain super user rights from most accounting and finance department staff and outsourced the hosting and maintenance of our accounting software to a third party. Certain user profiles within the accounting software have been modified to eliminate the ability of most staff to record and process transactions and we also limited access to checks and bank accounts.

As noted above, we are currently in the process of implementing controls in which the Director of SEC Financial Reporting and CFO will review cash receipts and disbursement journals as well as approve certain individual disbursements to add an additional layer of review. We have also initiated a review of the user access rights and user activity logs.

Inadequate level of review of journal entries and improper segregation of duties within our journal entry process. As outlined above, this too is directly related to the insufficient number of accounting staff members needed to properly segregate duties. We are currently implementing additional review processes by the Director of SEC Financial Reporting as well as the CFO and are searching for additional qualified support staff.

Notwithstanding the material weaknesses described above our management believes that our consolidated financial statements included in this report are fairly stated, in all material respects, in accordance with US GAAP. However, if not remediated, the material weaknesses could result in a material misstatement to our annual or interim consolidated financial statements that would not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

We are in the process of implementing our remediation plan, and expect the control weakness to be remediated during 2017. However, we are unable at this time to estimate the cost of the remediation and when the remediation will be completed.

Management believes the foregoing efforts will effectively remediate the material weaknesses. As we continue to evaluate and work to improve our internal control over financial reporting, management may determine to take additional measures to address control deficiencies or determine to modify the remediation plan described above. We cannot assure you, however, when we will remediate such weakness, nor can we be certain of whether additional actions will be required or the costs of any such actions.

### **Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

Other than the changes noted above, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fourth quarter of the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

### **Item 9B. Other Information**

On March 30, 2017, BankUnited, N.A. issued us a waiver of the tangible net worth covenant of our Term Loan Agreement and the Second Term Loan Agreement as of December 31, 2016. We were in compliance with all of our financial covenants under the Term Loan Agreement and the Second Term Loan Agreement as of December 31, 2016, except for this covenant. BankUnited, N.A. agreed to adjust the definition of the covenant to exclude deferred tax valuation allowance increases or decreases until the maturity dates of the Term Loans.



## PART III

### **Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance**

The response to this item is incorporated by reference from the discussion responsive thereto under the captions “Management and Corporate Governance,” “Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance,” and “Code of Conduct and Ethics” in our Proxy Statement for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

### **Item 11. Executive Compensation**

The response to this item is incorporated by reference from the discussion responsive thereto under the caption “Executive and Director Compensation” in our Proxy Statement for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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

The response to this item is incorporated by reference from the discussion responsive thereto under the captions “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management,” and “Equity Compensation Plan Information” in our Proxy Statement for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

### **Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence**

The response to this item is incorporated by reference from the discussion responsive thereto under the captions “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions” and “Management and Corporate Governance” in our Proxy Statement for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

### **Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services**

The response to this item is incorporated by reference from the discussion responsive thereto under the caption “Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm” in our Proxy Statement for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

## PART IV

### Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules

- (a)(1) *Financial Statements.* For the financial statements included in this annual report, see “Index to the Financial Statements” on page F-1.
- (a)(3) *Exhibits.* The list of exhibits filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K is set forth on the Exhibit Index immediately preceding such exhibits and is incorporated by reference in this Item 15 (a)(3).
- (b) *Exhibits.* See Exhibit Index.
- (c) *Separate Financial Statements.* None.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 5, 2017

THE ONE GROUP HOSPITALITY, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ SAMUEL GOLDFINGER  
Samuel Goldfinger  
Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| <b>Signature</b>                                    | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Date</b>          |
|---|---|----------------------|
| <u>/s/ JONATHAN SEGAL</u><br>Jonathan Segal         | Chief Executive Officer and Director<br>(Principal Executive Officer)   | <b>April 5, 2017</b> |
| <u>/s/ SAMUEL GOLDFINGER</u><br>Samuel Goldfinger   | Chief Financial Officer<br>(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) | <b>April 5, 2017</b> |
| <u>/s/ MICHAEL SERRUYA</u><br>Michael Serruya       | Non-Executive Chairman, Director  | <b>April 5, 2017</b> |
| <u>/s/ EUGENE BULLIS</u><br>Eugene Bullis           | Director  | <b>April 5, 2017</b> |
| <u>/s/ NICHOLAS GIANNUZZI</u><br>Nicholas Giannuzzi | Director  | <b>April 5, 2017</b> |
| <u>/s/ RICHARD E. PERLMAN</u><br>Richard E. Perlman | Director  | <b>April 5, 2017</b> |

## Exhibit Index

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- 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 16, 2013, by and among the Registrant, CCAC Acquisition Sub, LLC, The One Group, LLC, and Samuel Goldfinger, as Company Representative. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 3.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on June 5, 2014).
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 25, 2011).
- 4.1 Specimen Unit Certificate (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to Form S-1 filed on July 22, 2011).
- 4.2 Specimen Common Stock Certificate (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to Form S-1 filed on July 22, 2011).
- 4.3 Specimen Warrant Certificate (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to Form S-1 filed on July 22, 2011).
- 4.4 Warrant Agreement, dated October 24, 2011, by and between the Registrant and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 25, 2011).
- 4.5 Form of Senior Indenture (Incorporated by reference to Form S-3 filed on April 15, 2015).
- 4.6 Form of Subordinated Indenture (Incorporated by reference to Form S-3 filed on April 15, 2015).
- 4.7 Common Stock Purchase Agreement dated as of August 11, 2016 (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on August 16, 2016).
- 4.8 Common Stock Purchase Warrant dated as of October 24, 2016 (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 28, 2016).
- 10.1 Form of Indemnity Agreement (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to Form S-1 filed on June 30, 2011).
- 10.2 Escrow Agreement, dated October 16, 2013, by and among the Registrant, The One Group, LLC, Samuel Goldfinger, as Company Representative, the Liquidating Trust and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as Escrow Agent. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.3 Second Term Loan Agreement, dated June 2, 2015, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC, CA Aldwych Limited, HIP Hospitality Limited, STK Chicago, LLC, STK Denver, LLC, STK-LA, LLC, STK Miami, LLC, STK Miami Service, LLC, STK Midtown Holdings, LLC, STK Midtown, LLC, STK Orlando, LLC, STK Westwood, LLC, T.O.G. (Aldwych) Limited, T.O.G. (UK) Limited, TOG Biscayne, LLC, and WSATOG (Miami) LLC and BankUnited, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-Q filed on August 14, 2015).
- 10.4 Second Term Note of The ONE Group, LLC to BankUnited, N.A., dated June 2, 2015, in the principal amount of \$6,000,000. (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-Q filed on August 14, 2015).
- 10.5 Grant of Security Interest (Trademarks), dated June 2, 2015, by and between The ONE Group, LLC and BankUnited, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-Q filed on August 14, 2015).
- 10.6 Second Amended and Restated Pledge Agreement, dated June 2, 2015, by and between The ONE Group, LLC and BankUnited, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-Q filed on August 14, 2015).
- 10.7 Fifth Amended and Restated Security Agreement, dated June 2, 2015, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC, STK Chicago, LLC, STK-LA, LLC, STK Miami, LLC, STK Miami Service, LLC, STK Midtown Holdings, LLC, STK Midtown, LLC, STK Orlando, LLC, TOG Biscayne, LLC, WSATOG (Miami) LLC, STK Westwood, LLC, and STK Denver, LLC, and BankUnited, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-Q filed on August 14, 2015).
- 10.8 Second Amended and Restated Pledge Agreement, dated June 2, 2015, by and between The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc. and BankUnited, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-Q filed on August 14, 2015).
- 10.9 Guarantee Agreement, dated June 2, 2015, by and between The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc. and BankUnited, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-Q filed on August 14, 2015).

- 10.10 Term Loan Agreement, dated December 17, 2014, by and between The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC, CA Aldwych Limited, HIP Hospitality Limited, STK Chicago, LLC, STK Denver, LLC, STK-LA, LLC, STK Miami, LLC, STK Miami Service, LLC, STK Midtown Holdings, LLC, STK Midtown Holdings, LLC, STK Midtown, LLC, STK Orlando, LLC, STK Westwood, LLC, T.O.G. (Aldwych) Limited, T.O.G. (UK) Limited, TOG Biscayne, LLC, and WSATOG (Miami) LLC and BankUnited, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-K/A filed on April 1, 2015).
- 10.11 Term Note of The ONE Group, LLC to BankUnited, N.A., dated December 17, 2014, in the principal amount of \$7,475,000.07. (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-K/A filed on April 1, 2015).
- 10.12 Grant of Security Interest (Trademarks), dated December 17, 2014, by and between The ONE Group, LLC and BankUnited, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-K/A filed on April 1, 2015).
- 10.13 Amended and Restated Pledge Agreement, dated December 17, 2014, by and between The ONE Group, LLC and BankUnited, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-K/A filed on April 1, 2015).
- 10.14 Fourth Amended and Restated Security Agreement, dated December 17, 2014, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC, STK Chicago, LLC, STK-LA, LLC, STK Miami, LLC, STK Miami Service, LLC, STK Midtown Holdings, LLC, STK Midtown, LLC, STK Orlando, LLC, TOG Biscayne, LLC, WSATOG (Miami), LLC, STK Westwood, LLC, STK Denver, LLC and BankUnited, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-K/A filed on April 1, 2015).
- 10.15 Credit Agreement, dated October 31, 2011, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC and Herald National Bank. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.16 Promissory Note of The ONE Group, LLC to Herald National Bank, dated October 31, 2011, in the principal amount of \$1,250,000. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.17 Guaranty, dated October 31, 2011, of Jonathan Segal to Herald National Bank. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.18 Pledge Agreement, dated October 31, 2011, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC and Herald National Bank. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.19 Pledge Acknowledgment Agreement, dated October 31, 2011, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC and Herald National Bank. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.20 Pledge Agreement, dated October 31, 2011, by and between Jonathan Segal and Herald National Bank. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.21 Pledge Acknowledgment Agreement, dated October 31, 2011, by and between Jonathan Segal and Herald National Bank. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.22 Subordination Agreement, dated October 31, 2011, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC, RCI II, Ltd. and Herald National Bank. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.23 Subordination Agreement, dated October 31, 2011, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC, Talia, Ltd. and Herald National Bank. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.24 Subordination Agreement, dated October 31, 2011, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC, Jonathan Segal and Herald National Bank. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.25 Grant of Security Interest (Trademarks), dated October 31, 2011, by and between The ONE Group, LLC and Herald National Bank. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.26 Promissory Note of The ONE Group, LLC to Herald National Bank, dated April 11, 2012, in the principal amount of \$1,500,000. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.27 Promissory Note of The ONE Group, LLC to Herald National Bank, dated November 15, 2012, in the principal amount of \$500,000. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.28 Amendment No 1 and Addendum to Credit Agreement, dated January 24, 2013, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC, Heraea Vegas, LLC, Xi Shi Las Vegas, LLC and Herald National Bank. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).

- 10.29 Amended and Restated Security Agreement, dated January 24, 2013, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC, Heraea Vegas, LLC, Xi Shi Las Vegas, LLC and Herald National Bank. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.30 Grant of Security Interest (Trademarks), dated January 24, 2013, by and between The ONE Group, LLC and Herald National Bank. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.31 Amendment No 2 and Addendum to Credit Agreement and Consent and Termination Agreement, dated October 15, 2013, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC, Heraea Vegas, LLC, Xi Shi Las Vegas, LLC and BankUnited, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.32 Guarantee Agreement, dated October 25, 2013, by and between the Registrant and BankUnited, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 29, 2013).
- 10.33 Pledge Agreement, dated October 25, 2013, by and between the Registrant and BankUnited, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 29, 2013).
- 10.34 Amendment No. 3 to Credit Agreement, dated June 3, 2014, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC and BankUnited, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-K/A filed on April 1, 2015).
- 10.35 Amendment No. 4 and Addendum to Credit Agreement, dated August 6, 2014, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC, CA Aldwych Limited, HIP Hospitality Limited, STK Chicago, LLC, STK-LA, LLC, STK Miami, LLC, STK Miami Service, LLC, STK Midtown Holdings, LLC, STK Midtown, LLC, STK Orlando, LLC, T.O.G. (Aldwych) Limited, T.O.G. (UK) Limited, TOG Biscayne, LLC, WSATOG (Miami) LLC and BankUnited, N.A. (formerly Herald National Bank) (Incorporated by reference to Quarterly Report Form 10-Q filed on November 13, 2014).
- 10.36 Second Amended and Restated Security Agreement, dated August 6, 2014, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC, STK Chicago LLC, STK-LA, LLC, STK Miami Service, LLC, STK Midtown, LLC, STK Midtown Holdings, LLC, STK Orlando LLC, TOG Biscayne, LLC, WSATOG (Miami), LLC and BankUnited, N.A. (formerly Herald National Bank) (Incorporated by reference to Quarterly Report Form 10-Q filed on November 13, 2014).
- 10.37 Grant of Security Interest (Trademarks), dated August 6, 2014, by and between The ONE Group, LLC and Herald National Bank (Incorporated by reference to Quarterly Report Form 10-Q filed on November 13, 2014).
- 10.38 Amendment No. 5 and Addendum to Credit Agreement, dated October 31, 2014, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC, CA Aldwych Limited, HIP Hospitality Limited, STK Chicago, LLC, STK-LA, LLC, STK Miami, LLC, STK Miami Service, LLC, STK Midtown Holdings, LLC, STK Midtown, LLC, STK Orlando, LLC, T.O.G. (Aldwych) Limited, T.O.G. (UK) Limited, TOG Biscayne, LLC, WSATOG (Miami) LLC, STK Westwood, LLC and BankUnited, N.A. (formerly Herald National Bank). (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-K/A filed on April 1, 2015).
- 10.39 Third Amended and Restated Security Agreement, dated October 31, 2014, by and among The ONE Group, LLC, One 29 Park Management, LLC, STK-Las Vegas, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC, STK Chicago LLC, STK-LA, LLC, STK Miami, LLC, STK Miami Service, LLC, STK Midtown Holdings, LLC, STK Midtown, LLC, STK Orlando LLC, TOG Biscayne, LLC, WSATOG (Miami), LLC, STK Westwood, LLC and BankUnited, N.A. (formerly Herald National Bank). (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-K/A filed on April 1, 2015).
- 10.40 Grant of Security Interest (Trademarks), dated October 31, 2014, by and between The ONE Group, LLC and Herald National Bank. (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-K/A filed on April 1, 2015).
- 10.41† Employment Agreement, dated October 16, 2013, by and between The ONE Group, LLC and Jonathan Segal. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.42† Employment Agreement, dated October 16, 2013, by and between The ONE Group, LLC and Samuel Goldfinger. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.43† Offer Letter to Alejandro Munoz-Suarez from The ONE Group, LLC, dated March 3, 2016.
- 10.44 Transfer Agreement, dated January 1, 2012, by and between The ONE Group, LLC and Celeste Fierro. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.45 Transfer Agreement, dated January 1, 2012, by and between The ONE Group, LLC and Modern Hotels (Holdings), Limited. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).
- 10.46† 2013 Employee, Director and Consultant Equity Incentive Plan. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on November 27, 2013).
- 10.47† Form of Stock Option Grant Notice. (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2013).



- 10.48 Loan Agreement by and between The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc. and Anson Investments Master Fund L.P., dated as of August 11, 2016 (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on August 16, 2016).
- 10.49 Unsecured Promissory Note dated as of August 11, 2016 (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on August 16, 2016).
- 10.50 Loan Agreement by and between The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc. and Anson Investments Master Fund L.P., dated as of October 24, 2016 (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 28, 2016).
- 10.51 Unsecured Promissory Note dated as of October 24, 2016 (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 28, 2016)
- 10.52 Business Loan and Security Agreement by and among STK Midtown, LLC, Little West 12th LLC, STK Miami, LLC, STK Atlanta, LLC, STK Westwood, LLC, STK Chicago LLC, STK Orlando LLC and American Express Bank, FSB, dated as of February 17, 2017 (Incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed
- 14.1 Code of Business and Ethics (Incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed on April 1, 2014).
- 21.1\* List of Subsidiaries.
- 23.1\* Consent of Grant Thornton LLP
- 31.1\* Certification of Jonathan Segal, Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes – Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2\* Certification of Samuel Goldfinger, Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes – Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1\*\* Certification of Jonathan Segal, Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes – Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.
- 32.2\*\* Certification of Samuel Goldfinger, Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes – Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.

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| 101.CAL* | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document  |
| 101.DEF* | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document   |
| 101.LAB* | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document        |
| 101.PRE* | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document |
| 101.INS* | XBRL Instance Document                                 |
| 101.SCH* | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document                |

\* Filed herewith.

\*\* Furnished herewith.

† Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

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All schedules for which provision is made in the applicable accounting regulation of the Securities and Exchange Commission are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable and therefore have been omitted.

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors and Stockholders  
The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc. (a Delaware corporation) and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income, changes in stockholders’ equity, and cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2016. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2016 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

New York, New York  
April 5, 2017

**THE ONE GROUP HOSPITALITY, INC.**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

|   | <b>At December 31,</b> |                      |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|
|   | <b>2016</b>            | <b>2015</b>          |
| <b>Assets</b>   |                        |                      |
| Current assets:   |                        |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 1,597,782           | \$ 1,841,872         |
| Accounts receivable   | 4,959,822              | 4,063,516            |
| Inventory   | 1,308,851              | 1,152,119            |
| Other current assets  | 1,811,787              | 3,559,053            |
| Due from related parties, net   | 415,773                | 1,337,356            |
| Total current assets  | 10,094,015             | 11,953,916           |
| Property & equipment, net   | 36,815,239             | 27,952,327           |
| Investments   | 3,065,557              | 2,910,362            |
| Deferred tax assets   | 51,031                 | 10,093,672           |
| Other assets  | 661,936                | 691,551              |
| Security deposits   | 2,203,837              | 2,444,482            |
| Total assets  | <u>\$ 52,891,615</u>   | <u>\$ 56,046,310</u> |
| <b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>   |                        |                      |
| Current liabilities:  |                        |                      |
| Cash overdraft  | \$ 679,938             | \$ 973,754           |
| Long term debt, current portion   | 3,153,666              | 2,680,116            |
| Accounts payable  | 3,761,823              | 2,501,622            |
| Accrued expenses  | 5,549,638              | 4,635,584            |
| Deferred license revenue  | 109,957                | 54,978               |
| Derivative liability  | —                      | 100,000              |
| Due to related parties  | —                      | —                    |
| Deferred revenue  | 612,574                | 204,033              |
| Total current liabilities   | 13,867,596             | 11,150,087           |
| Deferred license revenue, long-term   | 1,109,635              | 1,044,592            |
| Due to related parties, long-term   | 1,197,375              | —                    |
| Long term debt net of current portion   | 13,167,867             | 9,956,647            |
| Deferred rent payable   | 16,170,605             | 14,290,010           |
| Total liabilities   | 45,513,078             | 36,441,336           |
| Commitments and contingencies   |                        |                      |
| Stockholders' equity:   |                        |                      |
| Common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 75,000,000 shares authorized; 25,050,628 and 24,972,515 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively | 2,505                  | 2,497                |
| Preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized; 0 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2016 and 2015                                    | —                      | —                    |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 37,384,243             | 31,778,266           |
| Accumulated deficit   | (27,763,194)           | (11,074,708)         |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss  | (1,543,951)            | (420,383)            |
| Total stockholders' equity  | 8,079,603              | 20,285,672           |
| Noncontrolling interest   | (701,066)              | (680,698)            |
| Total stockholders' equity including noncontrolling interest  | 7,378,537              | 19,604,974           |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity  | <u>\$ 52,891,615</u>   | <u>\$ 56,046,310</u> |

See notes to the consolidated financial statements.

THE ONE GROUP HOSPITALITY, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME

|  | For the years ended December 31, |               |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------|
|  | 2016                             | 2015          |
| Revenues:  |                                  |               |
| Owned unit net revenues  | \$ 63,948,436                    | \$ 52,610,182 |
| Management and incentive fee revenue                               | 8,465,584                        | 7,921,584     |
| Total revenue  | 72,414,020                       | 60,531,766    |
| Cost and expenses:   |                                  |               |
| Owned operating expenses:  |                                  |               |
| Food and beverage costs  | 15,919,350                       | 13,228,216    |
| Unit operating expenses  | 41,208,880                       | 34,271,412    |
| General and administrative   | 11,172,764                       | 10,711,002    |
| Depreciation and amortization                                      | 2,647,333                        | 2,191,450     |
| Impairment loss  | 95,773                           | 2,975,744     |
| Management and royalty fees  | —                                | 39,278        |
| Lease termination expense  | 433,278                          | —             |
| Pre-opening expenses   | 5,993,819                        | 5,265,581     |
| Transaction costs  | 1,293,265                        | 1,724,361     |
| Equity in income of investee companies                             | (674,289)                        | (1,038,854)   |
| Derivative income  | (100,000)                        | (6,141,000)   |
| Interest expense, net of interest income                           | 464,165                          | 30,380        |
| Other (income) expense, net  | (46,451)                         | (513,012)     |
| Total costs and expenses   | 78,407,887                       | 62,744,558    |
| Loss from continuing operations before provision for income taxes  | (5,993,867)                      | (2,212,792)   |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes                               | 10,369,912                       | (9,316,487)   |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations                           | (16,363,779)                     | 7,103,695     |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes                    | 92,090                           | 2,476         |
| Net (loss) income  | (16,455,869)                     | 7,101,219     |
| Less: net income attributable to noncontrolling interest           | 232,617                          | 170,526       |
| Net (loss) income attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.  | \$ (16,688,486)                  | \$ 6,930,693  |
| Amounts attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.:           |                                  |               |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations                           | (16,596,396)                     | \$ 6,933,169  |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes                    | 92,090                           | 2,476         |
| Net (loss) income attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.  | (16,688,486)                     | 6,930,693     |
| Net (loss) income attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.  | \$ (16,688,486)                  | \$ 6,930,693  |
| Other comprehensive loss   |                                  |               |
| Currency translation adjustment                                    | (1,123,568)                      | (189,687)     |
| Comprehensive (loss) income  | \$ (17,812,054)                  | \$ 6,741,006  |
| Basic and diluted (loss) income per share:                         |                                  |               |
| Continuing operations  | \$ (0.66)                        | \$ 0.28       |
| Discontinued operations  | \$ —                             | \$ —          |
| Attributable to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.                    | \$ (0.66)                        | \$ 0.28       |
| Shares used in computing basic and diluted income (loss) per share | 25,078,113                       | 24,960,295    |

See notes to the consolidated financial statements.

**THE ONE GROUP HOSPITALITY, INC.**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

|  | Common stock |           | Additional paid-in capital | Accumulated deficit | Accumulated other comprehensive loss | Total stockholders' equity | Noncontrolling interest | Total stockholders' equity including noncontrolling interest |
|--|--------------|-----------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|
|  | Shares       | Par value |                            |                     |                                      |                            |                         |  |
| Balance at December 31, 2014                       | 24,940,195   | 2,494     | 30,966,611                 | (18,005,401)        | (230,696)                            | 12,733,008                 | (260,311)               | 12,472,697   |
| Issuance of stock-based compensation               | 32,320       | 3         | 811,655                    |                     |                                      | 811,658                    |                         | 811,658  |
| Member distributions                               |              |           |                            |                     |                                      |                            | (590,913)               | (590,913)  |
| Loss on foreign currency translation               |              |           |                            |                     | (189,687)                            | (189,687)                  |                         | (189,687)  |
| Net income   |              |           |                            | 6,930,693           |                                      | 6,930,693                  | 170,526                 | 7,101,219  |
| Balance at December 31, 2015                       | 24,972,515   | \$ 2,497  | \$ 31,778,266              | \$ (11,074,708)     | \$ (420,383)                         | \$ 20,285,672              | \$ (680,698)            | \$ 19,604,974  |
| Issuance of stock-based compensation               | 61,068       | 6         | 837,989                    |                     |                                      | 837,995                    |                         | 837,995  |
| Cancellation of shares upon expiration of warrants | (1,437,500)  | (143)     | 143                        |                     |                                      | —                          |                         | —  |
| Rights Offering                                    | 1,454,545    | 145       | 3,862,845                  |                     |                                      | 3,862,990                  |                         | 3,862,990  |
| Issuance of detachable warrants                    |              |           | 905,000                    |                     |                                      | 905,000                    |                         | 905,000  |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interest           |              |           |                            |                     |                                      |                            | (252,985)               | (252,985)  |
| Loss on foreign currency translation, net          |              |           |                            |                     | (1,123,568)                          | (1,123,568)                |                         | (1,123,568)  |
| Net income (loss)                                  |              |           |                            | (16,688,486)        |                                      | (16,688,486)               | 232,617                 | (16,455,869)   |
| Balance at December 31, 2016                       | 25,050,628   | \$ 2,505  | \$ 37,384,243              | \$ (27,763,194)     | \$ (1,543,951)                       | \$ 8,079,603               | \$ (701,066)            | \$ 7,378,537   |

See notes to the consolidated financial statements.

**THE ONE GROUP HOSPITALITY, INC.**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

|   | <b>For the years ended December 31,</b> |                     |
|---|---|---------------------|
|   | <b>2016</b>                             | <b>2015</b>         |
| <b>Operating activities:</b>  |   |                     |
| Net (loss) income   | \$ (16,455,869)                         | \$ 7,101,219        |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities: |   |                     |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 2,647,333                               | 2,191,450           |
| Amortization of discount on warrants  | 70,500                                  | —                   |
| Deferred rent payable   | 1,880,595                               | 4,854,901           |
| Deferred taxes  | 10,042,641                              | (10,058,254)        |
| Income from equity method investments   | (674,289)                               | (1,038,854)         |
| Derivative income   | (100,000)                               | (6,141,000)         |
| Stock-based compensation  | 837,995                                 | 811,658             |
| Impairment of fixed assets  | 95,773                                  | 2,975,744           |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:  |   |                     |
| Accounts receivable   | (826,374)                               | (343,426)           |
| Inventory   | (156,732)                               | (12,814)            |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets   | 1,731,286                               | (973,614)           |
| Due from related parties, net   | 811,750                                 | (159,574)           |
| Security deposits   | 208,503                                 | (76,060)            |
| Other assets  | 194,220                                 | 101,455             |
| Accounts payable  | 907,648                                 | (931,577)           |
| Accrued expenses  | 358,677                                 | 2,632,803           |
| Deferred revenue  | 528,563                                 | 1,108,376           |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | <u>2,102,220</u>                        | <u>2,042,433</u>    |
| <b>Investing activities:</b>  |   |                     |
| Purchase of property and equipment  | (10,609,838)                            | (13,582,852)        |
| Distribution from equity investment   | 519,095                                 | 930,936             |
| Net cash used in investing activities   | <u>(10,090,743)</u>                     | <u>(12,651,916)</u> |
| <b>Financing activities:</b>  |   |                     |
| Cash overdraft  | (293,816)                               | 888,156             |
| Net proceeds from line of credit  | —                                       | 6,000,000           |
| Proceeds from term promissory notes   | 6,250,000                               | —                   |
| Repayment of term loan  | (2,495,000)                             | (1,495,000)         |
| Repayment of equipment financing agreement  | (226,872)                               | (64,282)            |
| Proceeds from rights offering   | 3,862,990                               | —                   |
| Proceeds from liquidating trust   | 1,197,375                               | —                   |
| Distributions to non-controlling interests  | (252,985)                               | (590,913)           |
| Net cash provided by financing activities   | <u>8,041,692</u>                        | <u>4,737,961</u>    |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash   | <u>(297,259)</u>                        | <u>(191,610)</u>    |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents   | (244,090)                               | (6,063,132)         |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year  | <u>1,841,872</u>                        | <u>7,905,004</u>    |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year  | <u>\$ 1,597,782</u>                     | <u>\$ 1,841,872</u> |
| <b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow data:</b>   |   |                     |
| Interest paid   | <u>\$ 856,291</u>                       | <u>\$ 411,789</u>   |
| Income taxes paid   | <u>\$ 111,600</u>                       | <u>\$ 474,658</u>   |
| <b>Noncash investing and financing activities:</b>  |   |                     |
| Noncash property, fixtures and equipment additions from equipment financing               | <u>\$ 991,141</u>                       | <u>\$ 721,045</u>   |
| Noncash discount on detachable warrants   | <u>\$ 905,000</u>                       | <u>\$ —</u>         |

See notes to the consolidated financial statements.



## THE ONE GROUP HOSPITALITY, INC.

### Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

#### Note 1 - Merger:

On October 16, 2013, the Company closed a merger transaction (the “Merger”) with The ONE Group, LLC, a privately held Delaware limited liability company (“ONE Group”), pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 16, 2013 (the “Merger Agreement”), by and among The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc., formerly known as Committed Capital Acquisition Corporation, CCAC Acquisition Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly-owned subsidiary of The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc. (“Merger Sub”), ONE Group and Samuel Goldfinger as ONE Group Representative. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, ONE Group became a wholly-owned subsidiary of The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc. through a merger of Merger Sub with and into ONE Group, and the former members of ONE Group received shares of The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc. that constituted a majority of the outstanding shares of The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.

On June 5, 2014, the Company changed its corporate name from Committed Capital Acquisition Corporation to The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.

#### Note 2 - Business and summary of significant accounting policies:

##### Principles of consolidation:

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc. and subsidiaries include the accounts of ONE Group and its subsidiaries, Little West 12th LLC (“Little West 12th”), Bridge Hospitality, LLC (“Bridge”), STK-LA, LLC (“STK-LA”), WSATOG (Miami), LLC (“WSATOG”), STK Miami Service, LLC (“Miami Services”), STK Miami, LLC (“STK Miami”), Basement Manager, LLC (“Basement Manager”), JEC II, LLC (“JEC II”), One Marks, LLC (“One Marks”), MPD Space Events LLC (“MPD”), One 29 Park Management, LLC (“One 29 Park Management”), STK Midtown Holdings, LLC (“Midtown Holdings”), STK Midtown, LLC (“STK Midtown”), STK Atlanta, LLC (“STK Atlanta”), STK-Las Vegas, LLC (“STK Vegas”), Asellina Marks LLC (“Asellina Marks”), Xi Shi Las Vegas, LLC (“Xi Shi Las Vegas”), T.O.G. (UK) Limited (“TOG UK”), Hip Hospitality Limited (“Hip Hospitality UK”), T.O.G. (Aldwych) Limited (“TOG Aldwych”), CA Aldwych Limited (“CA Aldwych”), T.O.G. (Milan) S.r.l. (“TOG Milan”), BBCLV, LLC (“BBCLV”), STK DC, LLC (“STK DC”), STK Orlando, LLC (“STK Orlando”), STK Chicago, LLC (“STK Chicago”), TOG Biscayne, LLC (“TOG Biscayne”), STK Westwood, LLC (“STK Westwood”), STK Denver, LLC (“STK Denver”), STK Texas Holdings, LLC (“Texas Holdings”), STK Texas Holdings II, LLC (“Texas Holdings II”), STK Dallas, LLC (“STK Dallas”), STK Rebel Austin, LLC (“STK Austin”), STK Rebel San Diego, LLC (“STK San Diego”), STK Rooftop San Diego, LLC (“STK Rooftop San Diego”), 9401415 Canada Ltd. (“9401415 Canada”), STK Rebel (Edinburgh) Limited (“STK Edinburgh”), and STK Ibiza, LLC (“STK Ibiza”), The ONE Group - MENA, LLC, The ONE Group - STK PR, LLC. The entities are collectively referred to herein as the “Company” or “Companies,” as appropriate, and are consolidated on the basis of common ownership and control. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

##### Nature of business:

The Company is a hospitality company that develops and operates upscale, high-energy restaurants and lounges and provides turn-key food and beverage services for hospitality venues including hotels, casinos and other high-end locations globally. As of December 31, 2016, we owned and operated (under lease agreements) 11, managed (under management agreements) 13 restaurants and lounges and one restaurant operated under a licensing agreement, including 14 STKs in major metropolitan cities in the United States and Europe (of which eight are owned, five are managed and one is operated under a licensing agreement). In addition, we provided food and beverage services in six hotels and casinos, one of which is under a lease agreement and five of which are under separate management agreements. We generate management and incentive fee revenue from those restaurants and lounges that we manage on behalf of our F&B hospitality clients.

ONE Group is a limited liability company (“LLC”) formed on December 3, 2004 under the laws of the State of Delaware. ONE Group is a management company, as well as holds a majority interest in the entities noted above. As per the LLC Operating Agreement of ONE Group, such LLC is set to expire on December 31, 2099.

Little West 12th is an LLC formed on February 28, 2005 under the laws of the State of Delaware. Little West 12th, which commenced operations on September 8, 2006, operates a restaurant known as STK located in New York, New York. As per the LLC Operating Agreement of Little West 12th, such LLC is set to expire on December 31, 2099. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, ONE Group has a 61.22% interest in this entity.

Bridge is an LLC formed on January 4, 2005 under the laws of the State of California. Bridge operated a restaurant known as STK located on La Cienega Boulevard in Los Angeles, California. STK commenced operations on February 24, 2008 and ceased operations as an STK in June 2015. The lease was terminated at this location in October 2016. Coco de Ville, a bar and lounge located in the same building, commenced operations on May 13, 2008. On January 15, 2011, Coco de Ville ceased operations. As per the LLC Operating Agreement of Bridge, such LLC is set to expire on December 31, 2057. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, STK-LA has a 77% interest in this entity.

STK-LA, which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on May 31, 2007 under the laws of the State of New York. STK-LA has a 77% interest in Bridge. As per the LLC Operating Agreement of STK-LA, such LLC is set to expire on December 31, 2099.

WSATOG is an LLC formed on October 18, 2007 under the laws of the State of Delaware. WSATOG is a holding company that owns 100% of Miami Services and STK Miami. As per the LLC Operating Agreement of WSATOG, such LLC is set to exist in perpetuity. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, ONE group has a 100% interest in this entity.

Miami Services, which is wholly-owned by WSATOG, is an LLC formed in October 18, 2007 under the laws of the State of Florida. Miami Services, which commenced operations on March 24, 2008, operated a food and beverage service through The Perry Hotel located in Miami Beach, Florida. On May 19, 2013, Miami Services ceased operations. As per the LLC Operating Agreement of Miami Services, such LLC is set to exist in perpetuity.

STK Miami, which is wholly-owned by WSATOG, is an LLC formed on October 18, 2007 under the laws of the State of Florida. STK Miami operates an STK restaurant, and operated a bar and lounge known as Coco de Ville located in Miami Beach, Florida. STK commenced operations on January 4, 2010 and Coco de Ville commenced operations on February 4, 2010. On July 3, 2011, Coco de Ville ceased operations. On May 26, 2013, the STK restaurant temporarily closed as the building underwent renovations. On March 13, 2015, STK re-opened. As per the LLC Operating Agreement of STK Miami, such LLC is set to exist in perpetuity.

Basement Manager is an LLC formed on January 12, 2006 under the laws of the State of New York. Basement Manager, which commenced operations on August 25, 2006, operated a nightclub known as Tenjune located in New York, New York. In 2014, Tenjune ceased operations. As per the LLC Operating Agreement of Basement Manager, such LLC is set to expire on December 31, 2099. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, Little West 12th has a 100% interest in this entity.

JEC II is an LLC formed on May 28, 2003 under the laws of the State of New York. JEC II, which commenced operations on December 2, 2003, operated a restaurant known as One Restaurant located in New York, New York. In 2010, JEC II changed its concept and name of the restaurant to The Collective. On June 11, 2011, JEC II ceased operations. As per the LLC Operating Agreement of JEC II, such LLC is set to expire on December 31, 2099. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the ONE Group has a 96.14% interest in this entity.

One Marks is an LLC formed on December 7, 2004 under the laws of the State of Delaware to hold the “One” trademark. It is management’s intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, ONE Group has a 95.09% interest in this entity.

MPD, which is wholly-owned by Little West 12th, is an LLC formed in October 24, 2005 under the laws of the State of New York. MPD commenced operations on June 13, 2011 and operates the STK rooftop in New York, New York. It is management’s intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity.

One 29 Park Management, which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on April 22, 2009 under the laws of the State of New York. One 29 Park Management owns ten percent of One 29 Park, LLC, which operates a restaurant and manages the rooftop of a hotel located in New York, New York. Operations for One 29 Park Management commenced on August 18, 2010. As per the LLC Operating Agreement of One 29 Park Management, such LLC is set to exist in perpetuity.

Midtown Holdings is an LLC formed on February 9, 2010 under the laws of the State of New York. Midtown Holdings owns 100% of STK Midtown and STKOUT Midtown. As per the LLC Operating Agreement of Midtown Holdings, such LLC is set to expire on December 31, 2099. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 ONE Group has a 100% interest in this entity.

STK Midtown, which is wholly-owned by Midtown Holdings, is an LLC formed on December 30, 2009 under the laws of the State of New York. STK Midtown commenced operations on December 7, 2011 and operates a restaurant known as STK located in New York City, New York. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity.

STK Atlanta, which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on December 9, 2009 under the laws of the State of Georgia. STK Atlanta operates a restaurant known as STK located in Atlanta, Georgia. STK commenced operations on December 15, 2011. STK Atlanta operated a restaurant known as Cucina Asellina located in Atlanta, Georgia. Cucina Asellina commenced operations on February 20, 2012 and ceased operations in December 2015 and will reopen as a private dining space. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity.

STK Vegas, which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on November 13, 2009 under the laws of the State of Nevada. STK Vegas manages a restaurant known as STK located at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada which commenced operations on December 15, 2010. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity.

Asellina Marks is an LLC formed on December 5, 2011 under the laws of the State of Delaware to hold the "Asellina" and "Cucina Asellina" trademarks. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, ONE Group has a 50% interest in and control of this entity.

Xi Shi Las Vegas, which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on August 14, 2012 under the laws of the State of Nevada. Xi Shi Las Vegas was originally expected to commence operations in 2014 in Las Vegas, Nevada, but a determination was made in 2014 to not open Xi Shi.

TOG UK was formed on July 6, 2010 under the laws of the United Kingdom. TOG UK is a holding company that owns 100% of TOG Aldwych, CA Aldwych and Hip Hospitality UK. On October 10, 2013 ONE Group executed a Transfer Agreement in which it purchased the remaining 49.99% interest in TOG UK from the previous minority stockholders in exchange for membership interest in ONE Group. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 ONE group has a 100% interest in this entity.

Hip Hospitality UK was formed on May 13, 2010 under the laws of the United Kingdom. Hip Hospitality UK is a management company that manages and operates the food and beverage operations in the Hippodrome Casino in London. Operations in the casino commenced in 2012. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 TOG UK has a 100% interest in this entity.

TOG Aldwych, which is wholly-owned by TOG UK, was formed on April 18, 2011 under the laws of the United Kingdom. TOG Aldwych is a management company that manages and operates a restaurant, bar and lounges in the ME Hotel in London. Operations at these venues within the hotel commenced in 2013.

CA Aldwych, which is wholly-owned by TOG UK, was formed on July 4, 2012 under the laws of the United Kingdom. CA Aldwych is a management company that manages and operates a restaurant known as Cucina Asellina in the ME Hotel in London. Operations at the restaurant commenced in 2014.

TOG Milan, which is wholly owned by TOG UK, was formed on September 18, 2014 under the laws of Italy. TOG Milan manages and operates a restaurant, bar and lounge in the ME Hotel in Milan. TOG Milan commenced operations in the ME Hotel on May 11, 2015.

BBCLV is an LLC formed on March 8, 2012 under the laws of the State of Nevada. BBCLV commenced operations on October 31, 2012 and operated a restaurant known as Bagatelle in Las Vegas, Nevada. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, ONE Group has an 86.06% interest in this entity. In July 2013, BBCLV ceased operations.

STK DC, which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on November 20, 2012 under the laws of the State of Delaware. STK DC operates a restaurant known as STK in Washington, D.C. STK commenced operations on April 25, 2014. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, ONE Group has a 93.5% interest in this entity. In December 2016 STK DC ceased operations and the lease for this location was terminated.

STK Orlando, which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on October 3, 2013 under the laws of the State of Florida. STK Orlando operates a restaurant known as STK in Orlando, Florida. STK commenced operations on May 25, 2016. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, ONE Group has a 100% interest in this entity.

TOG Biscayne, which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on January 3, 2014 under the laws of the State of Florida. TOG Biscayne is a management company that manages and operates the food and beverage operations of the ME Hotel in Miami, Florida. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, ONE Group has a 100% interest in this entity.

STK Chicago, which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on June 3, 2014 under the laws of the State of Illinois. STK Chicago operates a restaurant known as STK in Chicago, Illinois. STK Chicago commenced operations on October 1, 2015. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, ONE Group has a 100% interest in this entity.

STK Westwood, which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on August 20, 2014 under the laws of the State of California. STK Westwood operates the food and beverage operations and a restaurant known as STK, in the W Hotel in Los Angeles, California. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, ONE Group has a 100% interest in this entity.

STK Denver, which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on October 20, 2014 under the laws of the State of Colorado. STK Denver operates a restaurant known as STK in Denver, Colorado. STK Denver commenced operations on January 17, 2017. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity. As of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, ONE Group has a 100% interest in this entity.

Texas Holdings, which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on August 24, 2015 under the laws of the State of Delaware. Texas Holdings owns 100% of Texas Holdings II. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity. As of December 31, 2016, ONE Group has a 100% interest in this entity.

Texas Holdings II, which is wholly-owned by Texas Holdings, is an LLC formed on August 24, 2015 under the laws of the State of Delaware. Texas Holdings II owns 100% STK Dallas and STK Austin. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity.

STK Dallas, which is wholly-owned by Texas Holdings II, is an LLC formed on May 18, 2015 under the laws of the State of Texas. STK Dallas will operate a restaurant known as STK in Dallas, Texas. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity.

STK Austin, which is wholly-owned by Texas Holdings II, is an LLC formed on May 18, 2015 under the laws of the State of Texas. STK Austin will operate a restaurant known as STK in Austin, Texas. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity.

STK San Diego, which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on May 18, 2015 under the laws of the State of California. STK San Diego will operate a restaurant known as STK in the Andaz Hotel in San Diego, California. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, ONE Group has a 100% interest in this entity.

STK Rooftop San Diego, which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on May 18, 2015 under the laws of the State of California. STK Rooftop San Diego operates a rooftop restaurant, lounge and bar known as STK Rooftop in the Andaz Hotel in San Diego, California. STK Rooftop San Diego commenced operations in September 2016. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue in existence in perpetuity. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, ONE Group has a 100% interest in this entity.

9401415 Canada was formed on August 10, 2015 under the laws of Canada. 9401415 Canada manages a restaurant known as STK in Toronto, Canada. STK Toronto commenced operations on September 30, 2016. As of December 31, 2016, ONE Group has a 100% interest in this entity.

STK Rebel Edinburgh, which is wholly-owned by TOG UK, was formed on June 12, 2015 under the laws of the United Kingdom. STK Edinburgh was to operate a restaurant known as STK in Edinburgh, Scotland. This entity was put into liquidation in February 2017 and will not open an STK.

The ONE Group-MENA, LLC, which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on August 20, 2015 under the laws of the State of Delaware. The ONE Group-MENA, LLC entered into a license agreement to grant a license to the licensee to open and operate up to three STK restaurants in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue to exist in perpetuity. As of December 31, 2016, ONE Group has a 100% interest in this entity.

STK Ibiza which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on September 3, 2015 under the laws of the State of Delaware. STK Ibiza entered into a license agreement to grant a license to the licensee to open and operate an STK restaurant in the Ibiza Corso Hotel and Spa at Marina Botafoch in Ibiza Town, Spain. STK Ibiza commenced operations in July 2016. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue to exist in perpetuity. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, ONE Group has a 100% interest in this entity.

The ONE Group-STKPR, LLC, which is wholly-owned by ONE Group, is an LLC formed on March 29, 2016 under the laws of the State of Delaware. The ONE Group-STKPR, LLC entered into a license agreement to grant a license to the licensee to open and operate an STK restaurant and beach venue in Puerto Rico. It is management's intent that such LLC will continue to exist in perpetuity. As of December 31, 2016, ONE Group has a 100% interest in this entity.

**Use of estimates:**

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Investments:**

Investee companies that are not consolidated, but over which the Company exercises significant influence, are accounted for under the equity method of accounting. Under the equity method of accounting, an Investee company's accounts are not reflected within the Company's consolidated balance sheets and statements of operations and comprehensive (loss) income; however, the Company's share of the earnings or losses of the Investee company is reflected in the caption "Equity in loss of Investee companies" in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income. The Company's carrying value in an equity method Investee company is reflected in the caption "Investments" in the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

When the Company's carrying value in an equity method Investee company is reduced to zero, no further losses are recorded in the Company's consolidated financial statements unless the Company guaranteed obligations of the Investee company. When the Investee company subsequently reports income, the Company will not record its share of such income until it equals the amount of its share of losses not previously recognized. See Note 8 for names of entities accounted for under the equity method.

The Company's investments are evaluated for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate their carrying values may not be recoverable

**Fair value of financial instruments:**

The carrying amounts of cash, receivables, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate fair value due to the immediate or short-term maturity of these financial instruments. The carrying values of the term loan, promissory notes and borrowings from equipment financing approximate their fair values since the terms of these instruments have been recently negotiated.

**Cash and cash equivalents:**

The Company's cash and cash equivalents are defined as cash and short-term highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of purchase. The Company's cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in banks as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.

**Concentrations of credit risk:**

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk, consist primarily of cash and accounts receivable, which include credit card receivables. At times, the Company's cash may exceed federally insured limits. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company has cash balances in excess of federally insured limits in the amount of approximately \$789,157 and \$897,383, respectively. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to credit card receivables are limited. Credit card receivables are anticipated to be collected within three business days of the transaction.

Our STK locations in New York and Las Vegas represented approximately 9% (Downtown), 9% (Midtown) and 17% (Las Vegas) and our food and beverage operations at the ME Hotel in London represented approximately 11% of our total revenues (both owned and managed properties) for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Our STK locations in New York and Las Vegas represented approximately 10% (Downtown), 9% (Midtown) and 17% (Las Vegas) and our food and beverage operations at the ME Hotel in London represented approximately 15% of our total revenues (both owned and managed properties) for the year ended December 31, 2015.

The Company closely monitors the extension of credit to its noncredit card customers while maintaining allowances for potential credit losses, if required. On a periodic basis, the Company evaluates its accounts receivable and establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts, if required, based on a history of past write-offs and collections and current credit considerations. The allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable totaled \$0 at December 31, 2016 and 2015. The determination of the allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable includes a number of factors, including the age of the accounts, past experience with the accounts, changes in collection patterns and general industry conditions.

**Noncontrolling interest:**

Noncontrolling interest related to the Company's ownership interests of less than 100% is reported as noncontrolling interest in the consolidated balance sheets. The noncontrolling interest in the Company's earnings is reported as net income attributable to the noncontrolling interest in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income.

**Foreign currency translation:**

Assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated into U.S. dollars at year end exchange rates and revenues and expenses are translated at average monthly exchange rates. Gains or losses resulting from the translation of foreign subsidiaries represent other comprehensive income (loss) and are accumulated as a separate component of stockholders' equity. Currency translation gains or (losses) are recorded in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in Stockholders' Equity and amounted to \$(1,123,568) and \$(189,687) during December 31, 2016 and 2015.

**Accounts receivable:**

Accounts receivable is primarily comprised of normal business receivables such as credit card receivables, management and incentive fees and other reimbursable amounts due from hotel operators where the Company has a location, and are recorded when the products or services have been delivered or rendered at the invoiced amounts.

**Inventory:**

The Company's inventory consists of food, liquor and other beverages and is valued at the lower of cost, on a first-in first-out basis, or market.

**Property and equipment:**

Property and equipment are stated at cost and depreciated using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives as follows:

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Computer and equipment | 5-7 years |
| Furniture and fixtures | 5-7 years |

Restaurant supplies are capitalized during initial year of operations. All supplies purchased subsequent are charged to operations as incurred. Leasehold improvements are amortized on the straight-line method over the lesser of the estimated useful life of the assets or the lease term. Costs of maintenance and repairs are charged to operations as incurred. Any major improvements and additions are capitalized.

**Impairment of long-lived assets:**

The Company evaluates long-lived assets for impairment when facts and circumstances indicate that the carrying values of long-lived assets may not be recoverable. The impairment evaluation is generally performed at the individual venue asset group level. The Company first compares the carrying value of the asset to the asset's estimated future undiscounted cash flows. If the estimated future cash flows are less than the carrying value of the asset, the Company measures an impairment loss based on the asset's estimated fair value. The fair value of a venue's assets is estimated using a discounted cash flow model based on internal projections and taking into consideration the view of a market participant. The estimate of cash flows is based on, among other things, certain assumptions about expected future operating performance. Factors considered during the impairment evaluation include factors related to actual operating cash flows, the period of time since a venue has been opened or remodeled and the maturity of the relevant market. In 2015 the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$3.0 million.

**Deferred rent:**

Deferred rent represents the net amount of the excess of recognized rent expense over scheduled lease payments and recognized sublease rental income over sublease receipts. Deferred rent also includes the landlord's contribution towards construction (lease incentive), that will be amortized over the lease term. For rent expense, the Company straight lines the expense.

**Pre-opening expenses:**

Costs of pre-opening activities related to company-owned restaurants are expensed as incurred.

**Revenue recognition:**

Revenue consists of restaurant sales, management, incentive, license and royalty fee revenues. The Company records discounts, such as management meals and employee meals as an expense as part of unit operating expenses on our statement of operations the total amounts were \$308,000 and \$273,000 for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

The Company recognizes restaurant revenues when goods and services are provided. Revenue for management services (inclusive of incentive fees) are recognized when services are performed or earned and fees are earned. Royalty fees are recognized as revenue in the period the licensed restaurants' revenues are earned.

Royalties from the license are based on a percentage of venue revenue and are recognized in the same period as the related sales occur.

**Deferred revenue:**

Deferred revenue represents gift certificates outstanding and deposits on parties. The Company recognizes this revenue when the gift certificates are redeemed and/or the parties are held.

For license deals, the Company charges an entry fee ("Entry Fee") for providing operational materials, design and development planning, and functional training courses. The Entry Fee is included in deferred license revenue in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and is recognized as revenue over the life of the license agreement.

**Taxes collected from customers:**

The Company accounts for sales taxes collected from customers on a net basis (excluded from revenues).

**Income taxes:**

The Company accounts for income taxes pursuant to the asset and liability method which requires deferred income tax assets and liabilities to be computed for temporary differences between the consolidated financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based on enacted tax laws and rates applicable to the periods in which the temporary differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with FASB ASC 740 "Accounting for Income Taxes." Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis and net operating losses and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. After an evaluation of the realizability of the Company's deferred tax assets, the Company recorded a full valuation allowance of \$12.0 million on its US deferred tax assets in 2016. See Note 10, "Incomes Taxes," for a further discussion of the Company's provision for income taxes.

The Company has no unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions as part of the income tax provision and includes accrued interest and penalties with the related tax liability in the consolidated balance sheets.

**Advertising:**

The Company expenses the cost of advertising and promotions as incurred. Advertising expense included in continuing operations amounted to \$3.2 million and \$2.4 million in 2016 and 2015, respectively.

**Stock-based compensation:**

Compensation cost of all share-based awards is measured at fair value on the date of grant and recognized as an expense, on a straight line basis, net of estimated forfeitures, over their respective vesting periods.

**Comprehensive income (loss):**

Comprehensive income (loss) consists of two components, net income (loss) and other comprehensive income (loss). The Company's other comprehensive income (loss) is comprised of foreign currency translation adjustments. The amount of other comprehensive income (loss) related to the foreign currency adjustment amounted to \$(1.1) million and (\$189,687) as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

**Net income (loss) per share:**

Basic net income per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the applicable period. Diluted net income per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period, plus the dilutive effect of potential common stock. Potential common stock consists of shares issuable pursuant to stock options and warrants. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, all equivalent shares underlying options and warrants were excluded from the calculation of diluted loss per share, as the exercise price of such options were out of the money and therefore equivalent shares would have an anti-dilutive effect.

**Recent accounting pronouncements**

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03 “Interest - Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30) - Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs” (“ASU 2015-03”), which is effective for the fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015. ASU 2015-03 simplifies financial reporting by eliminating the different presentation requirements for debt issuance costs and debt discounts or premiums. The Company has adopted this standard retrospectively as of December 31, 2016.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02 “Leases (Topic 842)” (“ASU 2016-02”), which is effective for the fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. ASU 2016-02 requires an entity to recognize assets and liabilities arising from a lease for both financing and operating leases, along with additional qualitative and quantitative disclosures. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is in the process of evaluating the effect that ASU 2016-02 will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-09, “Simplifying the Accounting for Share-Based Payments” (“ASU 2016-09”). ASU 2016-09 simplifies several aspects of the accounting for employee share-based payment transactions for both public and nonpublic entities, including the accounting for income taxes, forfeitures, and statutory tax withholding requirements, as well as classification in the statement of cash flows. The new guidance, which is part of the Board’s simplification initiative, also contains two practical expedients under which nonpublic entities can use a simplified method to estimate the expected term of an award and make a one-time election to switch from fair value measurement to intrinsic value measurement for liability-classified awards. ASU 2016-09 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those annual reporting periods. We adopted the provisions of ASU 2016-09 during the fourth quarter of 2016. The adoption of ASU 2016-09 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers” (ASU 2014-09) and has subsequently issued a number of amendments to ASU 2014-09. The new standard, as amended, provides a single comprehensive model to be used in the accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers and supersedes current revenue recognition guidance, including industry-specific guidance. The standard’s stated core principle is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. To achieve this core principle, ASU 2014-09 includes provisions within a five-step model that includes identifying the contract with a customer, identifying the performance obligations in the contract, determining the transaction price, allocating the transaction price to the performance obligations, and recognizing revenue when, or as, an entity satisfies a performance obligation. In addition, the standard requires disclosure of the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. The new standard will be effective for us beginning January 1, 2018 and permits two methods of adoption: the full retrospective method, which requires the standard to be applied to each prior period presented, or the modified retrospective method, which requires the cumulative effect of adoption to be recognized as an adjustment to opening retained earnings in the period of adoption. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the pending adoption of ASU 2014-09 on its consolidated financial statements and has not yet selected the transition method. The Company anticipates assigning internal resources to assist with the evaluation and implementation of the new standard, and will continue to provide updates during 2017.

In August 2014, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-15 Presentation of Financial Statements - Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40), Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern. Under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), continuation of a reporting entity as a going concern is presumed as the basis for preparing financial statements unless and until the entity's liquidation becomes imminent. Preparation of financial statements under this presumption is commonly referred to as the going concern basis of accounting. If and when an entity's liquidation becomes imminent, financial statements should be prepared under the liquidation basis of accounting in accordance with Subtopic 205-30, Presentation of Financial Statements - Liquidation Basis of Accounting. Even when an entity's liquidation is not imminent, there may be conditions or events that raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. In those situations, financial statements should continue to be prepared under the going concern basis of accounting, but the provisions in this ASU should be followed to determine whether to disclose information about the relevant conditions and events. The ASU was effective



for us as of December 31, 2016.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15 "Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230), Classification of certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments." ASU 2016-15 will make eight targeted changes to how cash receipts and cash payments are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows. ASU 2016-15 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. The new standard will require adoption on a retrospective basis unless it is impracticable to apply, in which case it would be required to apply the amendments prospectively as of the earliest date practicable. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of adoption on its consolidated financial statements.

**Note 3 - Inventory:**

Inventory consists of the following:

|               | At December 31,     |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|               | 2016                | 2015                |
| Food          | \$ 209,319          | \$ 208,452          |
| Beverages     | 1,099,532           | 943,667             |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>\$ 1,308,851</b> | <b>\$ 1,152,119</b> |

**Note 4 – Other current assets:**

Other current assets consisted of the following:

|                     | At December 31,     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                     | 2016                | 2015                |
| Prepaid taxes       | \$ 212,252          | \$ 706,650          |
| Landlord receivable | 678,604             | 1,476,502           |
| Prepaid expenses    | 537,891             | 1,171,488           |
| Other               | 383,040             | 204,413             |
| <b>Totals</b>       | <b>\$ 1,811,787</b> | <b>\$ 3,559,053</b> |

**Note 5 - Property and equipment, net.**

Property and equipment, net consist of the following:

|  | At December 31,      |                      |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
|  | 2016                 | 2015                 |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment              | \$ 9,543,573         | \$ 7,576,125         |
| Leasehold improvements                         | 36,147,135           | 24,365,576           |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | 15,809,101           | 13,188,872           |
|  | 29,881,607           | 18,752,829           |
| Construction in progress                       | 5,579,510            | 7,967,181            |
| Restaurant supplies                            | 1,354,122            | 1,232,317            |
| <b>Totals</b>                                  | <b>\$ 36,815,239</b> | <b>\$ 27,952,327</b> |

Depreciation and amortization related to property and equipment included in continuing operations amounted to \$2,647,333 and \$2,191,450 in the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Furniture, fixtures and equipment includes \$684,983 and \$300,734, respectively at December 31, 2016 and 2015, of assets not yet put into service at our locations under construction.

In 2016, the Company liquidated STK Edinburgh and accordingly, wrote-off \$1,117,131 in capital assets and the related liabilities of \$1,021,358, resulting in an impairment charge of \$95,773.

At December 31, 2015, the Company took an impairment charge on the assets of our STK in Washington DC and the remaining assets of the shuttered STKOUT Midtown and BBCLV and wrote off gross assets of \$3,452,206 and accumulated depreciation of \$476,462.

**Note 6 – Accrued expenses:**

Accrued expenses consisted of the following:

|                      | At December 31,     |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                      | 2016                | 2015                |
| Sales tax payable    | \$ 1,386,499        | \$ 1,045,195        |
| Payroll and related  | 730,615             | 661,761             |
| Income taxes payable | 144,452             | —                   |
| Due to hotels        | 1,327,026           | 1,396,776           |
| Rent                 | 320,854             | —                   |
| Legal                | 704,190             | 947,054             |
| Insurance            | 150,000             | —                   |
| Other                | 786,002             | 584,798             |
| Totals               | <u>\$ 5,549,638</u> | <u>\$ 4,635,584</u> |

**Note 7 - Long term debt:**

Long term debt consists of the following:

|   | At December 31,      |                  |
|---|----------------------|------------------|
|   | 2016                 | 2015             |
| Term Loan Agreements                    | \$ 9,485,000         | \$ 11,980,000    |
| Equipment Financing Agreement           | 1,421,033            | 656,763          |
| Promissory notes, net                   | 6,250,000            | —                |
|   | 17,156,033           | 12,636,763       |
| Less: Current portion of Long Term Debt | 3,153,666            | 2,680,116        |
| Discount on warrants, net               | 834,500              | —                |
| Long Term Debt, net of Current Portion  | <u>13,167,867</u>    | <u>9,956,647</u> |
| Future minimum loan payments:           |                      |                  |
| 2017                                    | \$ 3,153,333         |                  |
| 2018                                    | 3,180,798            |                  |
| 2019                                    | 3,199,385            |                  |
| 2020                                    | 1,264,790            |                  |
| 2021                                    | 6,357,727            |                  |
| Thereafter                              | —                    |                  |
| Total                                   | <u>\$ 17,156,033</u> |                  |

On December 17, 2014, the Company entered into a Term Loan Agreement with BankUnited in the amount of \$7,475,000 maturing December 1, 2019 (the "Term Loan Agreement"). The Term Loan Agreement replaced the existing Credit Agreement which was

terminated and the aggregate principal amount of the existing loans outstanding of \$6,395,071 was converted into the Term Loan Agreement. Commencing on January 1, 2015, the Company will make sixty (60) consecutive monthly installments of \$124,583 plus interest that will accrue at an annual rate of 5.0%. Our obligations under the Term Loan Agreement are secured by substantially all of our assets. The outstanding balance under the Term Loan agreement at December 31, 2016 and 2015 was \$4,485,000 and \$5,980,000, respectively.

On June 2, 2015, the Company entered into a second term loan agreement (the "Second Term Loan Agreement") with BankUnited, N.A., wherein BankUnited, N.A. agreed to make multiple advances to the Company in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$6,000,000. Commencing on April 1, 2016 the Company will pay fifty-four (54) consecutive equal monthly installments, with each such installment to be in the principal amount of \$111,111 or such lesser amount as shall be equal to the quotient of (x) the outstanding principal amount of all advances on March 31, 2016, divided by (y) fifty-four (54); provided, however, that the final principal installment shall be in an amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of all advances outstanding on September 1, 2020, or such earlier date on which all outstanding advances shall become due and payable, whether by acceleration or otherwise. This second term loan bears interest at a rate per annum equal to 5.0%. Our obligations under the Second Term Loan Agreement are secured by substantially all of our assets. The outstanding balance under the Second Term Loan Agreement at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 was \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000, respectively.

The Term Loan Agreement and the Second Term Loan Agreement contain certain affirmative and negative covenants, including negative covenants that limit or restrict, among other things, liens and encumbrances, indebtedness, mergers, asset sales, investments, assumptions and guaranties of indebtedness of other persons, change in nature of operations, changes in fiscal year and other matters customarily restricted in such agreements. The financial covenants contained in these agreements require the borrowers to maintain a certain adjusted tangible net worth and a debt service coverage ratio. We were in compliance with all of our financial covenants under the Term Loan Agreement and the Second Term Loan Agreement as of December 31, 2016, except for the tangible net worth covenant. On March 30, 2017, we were issued a waiver for this covenant as of December 31, 2016. In addition, BankUnited, N.A. agreed to adjust the definition of the covenant to exclude deferred tax valuation allowance increases or decreases until the maturity dates of the Term Loans. We believe based on current projections and the adjusted covenant definition that we will continue to comply with such covenants in 2017.

On June 5, 2015, the Company entered into a \$1,000,000 Equipment Finance Agreement (the "Agreement") with Sterling National Bank. The Agreement covers certain equipment in our STKs in Orlando and Chicago and bears interest at a rate of 5% per annum. Our obligations under the Agreement are secured by the equipment purchased with proceeds of the Agreement. The Agreement calls for sixty (60) monthly payments of \$19,686 including interest commencing July 1, 2015. At December 31, 2016, the amount outstanding under the Agreement was approximately \$751,000 and payments of \$185,000 were made for the twelve months ended December 31, 2016.

On June 27, 2016 the Company entered into a \$1,000,000 loan agreement with the Ontario Noteholder through the Ontario Note. In consideration of the loan amount, the Ontario Noteholder received the Ontario Warrant to purchase 100,000 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$2.61. The Warrant is exercisable at any time through June 27, 2026, in whole or in part. The Ontario Note bears interest at a rate of 10.0% per annum, payable quarterly commencing on September 30, 2016. The entire balance of the Ontario Note is due on its maturity date of June 27, 2021. The fair value of the Ontario Warrant of \$125,000 is treated as a reduction of the principal balance of the Ontario Note and is amortized in interest expense over the term of the Ontario Note. The Company used the Black-Scholes option pricing model to calculate the fair value of the warrant as of the grant date. At December 31, 2016, the amount outstanding under the Ontario Note was \$1.0 million.

On August 11, 2016 the Company entered into a \$3,000,000 loan agreement with Anson through the Anson August Note. In consideration of the loan amount, Anson received the Anson August Warrant to purchase 300,000 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$2.61. The Anson August Warrant is exercisable at any time through August 11, 2026, in whole or in part. The Anson August Note bears interest at a rate of 10% per annum, payable quarterly commencing on September 30, 2016. The entire balance of the Anson August Note is due on its maturity date of August 11, 2021. The fair value of the Anson August Warrant of \$380,000 is treated as a reduction of the principal balance of the Anson August Note and is amortized in interest expense over the term of the Anson August Note. The Company used the Black-Scholes option pricing model to calculate the fair value of the warrant as of the grant date. At December 31, 2016, the amount outstanding under the Anson August Note was \$3.0 million.

On August 16, 2016, the Company entered into a \$712,187 Equipment Finance Agreement (the "2nd Agreement") with Sterling National Bank. The 2nd Agreement covers certain equipment at our STKs that are under construction in San Diego, Denver and at our STK in Orlando. This 2nd Agreement bears interest at a rate per annum equal to 5.0%. Our obligations under the 2nd Agreement are secured by the equipment purchased with proceeds of the 2nd Agreement. The 2nd Agreement calls for sixty (60) monthly payments of \$13,769 including interest commencing September 1, 2016. At December 31, 2016, the amount outstanding

under the 2nd Agreement was approximately \$670,000 and payments of \$42,000 were made for the twelve months ended December 31, 2016.

On October 24, 2016, the Company entered into a \$2,250,000 loan agreement with Anson through the Anson October Note. In consideration of the loan amount, the Company also issued to Anson the Anson October Warrant to purchase 340,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$2.39 per share.

The Anson October Warrant is exercisable at any time through October 24, 2026, in whole or in part. The Anson October Warrant contains limitations that prevent Anson from acquiring shares of the Company's common stock upon exercise of the Anson October Warrant that would result in the number of shares beneficially owned by it and its affiliates exceeding 9.99% of the total number of shares of the Company's common stock then issued and outstanding.

The Anson October Note bears interest at a rate of 10% per annum, payable quarterly commencing December 31, 2016. The entire balance of the Anson October Note is due on its maturity date of October 24, 2021. The fair value of the Anson October Warrant of \$400,000 is treated as a reduction of the principal balance of the Anson August Note and is amortized in interest expense over the term of the Anson October Note. The Company used the Black-Scholes option pricing model to calculate the fair value of the warrant as of the grant date.

Interest expense incurred related to these agreements, excluding the amortization of debt discount, amounted to \$833,000 and \$416,000 for the years December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Capitalized interest amounted to \$466,000 and \$381,000 for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

As of December 31, 2016, the issued letters of credit in the total amount of approximately \$1.4 million for our STK locations in Orlando, Florida, Chicago, Illinois and Westwood, California remain outstanding for security deposits.

**Note 8 - Nonconsolidated variable interest entities:**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America provide a framework for identifying variable interest entities (VIEs) and determining when a company should include the assets, liabilities, noncontrolling interests, and results of activities of a VIE in its consolidated financial statements. In general, a VIE is a corporation, partnership, limited-liability corporation, trust, or any other legal structure used to conduct activities or hold assets that (1) has an insufficient amount of equity to carry out its principal activities without additional subordinated financial support, (2) has a group of equity owners that are unable to direct the activities of the entity that most significantly impact its economic performance, or (3) has a group of equity owners that do not have the obligation to absorb losses of the entity or the right to receive returns of the entity. A VIE should be consolidated if a party with an ownership, contractual, or other financial interest in the VIE that is considered a variable interest (a variable interest holder) has the power to direct the VIE's most significant activities and the obligation to absorb losses or right to receive benefits of the VIE that could be significant to the VIE. A variable interest holder that consolidates the VIE is called the primary beneficiary. Upon consolidation, the primary beneficiary generally must initially record all of the VIE's assets, liabilities, and noncontrolling interests at fair value and subsequently account for the VIE as if it were consolidated based on majority voting interest. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company held the following investments in VIE's which are all accounted for under the equity method as the Company concluded that it is not the primary beneficiary but is able to exercise significant influence over these entities:

|  | At December 31,     |                     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | 2016                | 2015                |
| Bagatelle NY LA Investors, LLC ("Bagatelle Investors") | \$ 6,569            | \$ 7,364            |
| Bagatelle Little West 12th, LLC ("Bagatelle NY")       | 2,552,687           | 2,357,927           |
| Bagatelle La Cienega, LLC ("Bagatelle LA")             | —                   | —                   |
| One 29 Park, LLC                                       | 506,301             | 545,071             |
| Totals   | <u>\$ 3,065,557</u> | <u>\$ 2,910,362</u> |
| Equity in income of investee companies                 | <u>\$ 674,289</u>   | <u>\$ 1,038,854</u> |

Bagatelle Investors is a holding company that has interests in two operating restaurant companies, Bagatelle NY and Bagatelle LA. All three entities were formed in 2011. The Company holds interests in all three entities. The Company holds a 31.24% ownership over Bagatelle Investors as of December 31, 2016 and 2015. The Company holds a 5.23% direct ownership over

Bagatelle NY and has indirect ownership through Bagatelle Investors as well as one of its subsidiaries of 45.90% for a total effective ownership of 51.13% as of December 31, 2016 and 2015. The Company holds a 5.23% direct ownership over Bagatelle LA and has indirect ownership through Bagatelle Investors as well as one of its subsidiaries of 38.10% for a total effective ownership of 43.33% as of December 31, 2016 and 2015. The Company holds a 10% direct ownership in One 29 Park as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.

During the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company provided no explicit or implicit financial or other support to these entities that were not previously contractually required.

In addition to the amounts presented above, receivables included in due from related parties, net in the balance sheet of \$467,702, as of December 31, 2016 represent maximum exposure to loss.

The summarized financial data at December 31, 2016 and 2015, of these investments is presented below:

|  | Bagatelle<br>Investors | Bagatelle<br>NY | Bagatelle<br>LA | One 29<br>Park, LLC |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| December 31, 2016                        |                        |                 |                 |                     |
| Current assets                           | \$ 160,858             | \$ 2,743,161    | \$ 18,249       | \$ 2,551,585        |
| Non-current assets                       | \$ 328,745             | \$ 1,831,906    | \$ 393,934      | \$ 1,366,194        |
| Current liabilities                      | \$ 57,143              | \$ 1,088,766    | \$ 2,024,841    | \$ 1,379,743        |
| Non-current liabilities                  | \$ —                   | \$ 188,032      | \$ 7,418        | \$ —                |
| Revenues                                 | \$ —                   | \$13,569,513    | \$ 1,080,249    | \$ 8,418,929        |
| Gross profit                             | \$ —                   | \$10,147,373    | \$ 815,404      | \$ 6,729,996        |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ 208,705             | \$ 1,506,948    | \$ (502,366)    | \$ (384,412)        |
| Net income (loss)                        | \$ 208,745             | \$ 1,506,948    | \$ (502,366)    | \$ (387,705)        |
| December 31, 2015                        |                        |                 |                 |                     |
| Current assets                           | \$ 150,527             | \$ 1,804,376    | \$ 128,009      | \$ 2,594,270        |
| Non-current assets                       | \$ 352,376             | \$ 2,022,934    | \$ 434,567      | \$ 1,242,770        |
| Current liabilities                      | \$ 67,867              | \$ 808,599      | \$ 1,661,077    | \$ 911,236          |
| Non-current liabilities                  | \$ —                   | \$ 199,807      | \$ 19,209       | \$ —                |
| Revenues                                 | \$ —                   | \$13,521,968    | \$ 2,277,738    | \$ 9,254,962        |
| Gross profit                             | \$ —                   | \$10,061,406    | \$ 1,806,393    | \$ 7,486,609        |
| Income from continuing operations        | \$ 346,420             | \$ 1,994,781    | \$ (310,393)    | \$ 95,082           |
| Net income                               | \$ 346,420             | \$ 1,994,781    | \$ (310,393)    | \$ 91,251           |

**Note 9 - Related party transactions:**

Due from related parties consists of amounts related to the Company and its related entities which arose from noninterest bearing cash advances and are expected to be repaid within the next twelve months. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, these advances amounted to \$415,773 and \$1,337,356, respectively. Also included are amounts due to non-employee directors. Non-employee directors receive \$40,000 per annum and directors who serve as chairman of committees earn an additional \$10,000 per annum for such services.

The Company incurred approximately \$57,000 and \$432,000 in 2016 and 2015, respectively, for design services at the various restaurants to an entity owned by one of the stockholders. Included in due from related parties, net at December 31, 2016 and 2015 is a balance due to this entity of approximately \$22,000 and \$0, respectively.

The Company incurred approximately \$440,000 and \$547,000 in 2016 and 2015, respectively, for legal fees to an entity owned by one of the stockholders. Included in due from related parties, net at December 31, 2016 and 2015 is a balance due to this entity of approximately \$240,000 and \$105,000, respectively. The Company also received rental income for an office space sublease to this entity of \$188,000 and \$155,000 for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and there were no receivables outstanding at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

The Company incurred approximately \$5.9 million and \$12.2 million in 2016 and 2015, respectively, for construction services to an entity owned by one of the Company's employees. Included in prepaid and other current assets are construction related deposits paid to this entity amounting to \$250,000 as of December 31, 2016 and 2015. Included in due from related parties, net at December 31, 2016 and 2015 is a balance due to this entity of approximately \$11,000 and \$0, respectively.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Company is a limited personal guarantor of the leases for the STK Miami premises with respect to certain covenants under the lease relating to construction of the new premises and helping the landlord obtain a new liquor license for the premises in the event of termination of the lease. The CEO is a limited personal guarantor of the leases for the Bagatelle New York premises with respect to JEC II, LLC's payment and performance under the lease.

Pursuant to its amended and restated operating agreement executed in June 2007, Bridge Hospitality, LLC is obligated to pay management fees equal to 2% of revenues to a member for the life of the lease. Bridge ceased operations in 2015. Management fees amounted to \$0 and \$39,675 in 2016 and 2015, respectively. Included in accounts payable at December 31, 2015 are amounts due for management fees of \$542.

The Company received approximately \$1.2 million as proceeds from the exercise of warrants that were a part of the TOG Liquidation Trust. Included in due to related parties, long term at December 31, 2016 is a balance due to the Liquidation Trust of \$1.2 million. The TOG Liquidating Trust ("Trust") was a trust set up to hold warrants which were previously issued and outstanding to members of The One Group LLC prior to the Merger with Committed Capital Acquisition Corp. ("CCAC") in order to hold the shares that were underlying the warrants. When warrants were exercised the proceeds from the exercise of the warrants were recorded into the Trust. Amounts due to the trust are non-interest bearing and are repayable in 2021 when the trust expires.

**Note 10 - Income taxes:**

The components of "income (loss) before income taxes" for the periods were as follows:

|   | Year ended            |                       |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|   | December 31,<br>2016  | December 31,<br>2015  |
| Loss from continuing operations before provision for income taxes |                       |                       |
| Domestic  | \$ (5,769,069)        | \$ (2,077,455)        |
| Foreign   | (224,798)             | (135,337)             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$ (5,993,867)</b> | <b>\$ (2,212,792)</b> |

The components of our "provision (benefit) for income taxes" consist of the following:

|                                      | Year Ended           |                       |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                      | December 31,<br>2016 | December 31,<br>2015  |
| Current tax expense:                 |                      |                       |
| Federal                              | \$ —                 | \$ —                  |
| State and local                      | 61,920               | 533,815               |
| Foreign                              | 259,987              | 207,952               |
| Total current tax expense            | <u>321,907</u>       | <u>741,767</u>        |
| Deferred tax expense (benefit):      |                      |                       |
| Federal                              | 7,654,364            | (7,631,243)           |
| State and local                      | 2,393,893            | (2,376,233)           |
| Foreign                              | (252)                | (50,778)              |
| Total deferred tax expense (benefit) | <u>10,048,005</u>    | <u>(10,058,254)</u>   |
| Total income tax expense (benefit)   | <u>\$ 10,369,912</u> | <u>\$ (9,316,487)</u> |

The difference between the reported income tax expense and taxes determined by applying the applicable U.S. federal statutory income tax rate to (loss) income before taxes from continuing operations is reconciled as follows:

|  | Year ended           |                 |                       |                |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|  | December 31,<br>2016 |                 | December 31,<br>2015  |                |
| Income tax benefit at federal statutory rate | \$ (2,037,915)       | 34.0 %          | \$ (752,349)          | 34.0 %         |
| State and local taxes – current              | 30,951               | (0.5)%          | 42,227                | (1.9)%         |
| State and local taxes (benefits) – deferred  | (746,820)            | 12.5 %          | (574,273)             | 26.0 %         |
| FICA tip credit                              | (430,360)            | 7.2 %           | (495,254)             | 22.4 %         |
| Foreign rate differential                    | (42,418)             | 0.7 %           | 19,500                | (0.9)%         |
| Foreign tax - unrepatriated earnings         | 784,999              | (13.10)%        | —                     | — %            |
| Change in valuation allowance                | 12,029,957           | (200.7)%        | (7,707,333)           | 348.3 %        |
| Other items, net                             | 781,518              | (13.1)%         | 150,995               | (6.8)%         |
| Total income tax expense                     | <u>\$ 10,369,912</u> | <u>(173.0)%</u> | <u>\$ (9,316,487)</u> | <u>421.1 %</u> |

Management assesses the available positive and negative evidence to estimate if sufficient future taxable income will be generated to use the existing deferred tax assets. A significant piece of objective negative evidence evaluated was the cumulative loss (excluding derivative income) incurred over the three-year period ended December 31, 2016. Such objective evidence is not solely determinative and accordingly, the Company considers all other available positive and negative evidence in its analysis. Based upon the Company's analysis, which included the recent decline in operating profits during the fourth quarter when compared to the fourth quarter of prior years, the Company believes it is more likely than not that the net deferred tax assets in the United States may not be fully realized in the future. On the basis of this evaluation, as of December 31, 2016, a valuation allowance of \$12,029,957 has been recorded to reflect the portion of the deferred tax asset that is not more likely than not to be realized. The amount of the deferred tax asset considered realizable, however, could be adjusted if estimates of future taxable income during the carryforward period are reduced or increased or if objective negative evidence in the form of cumulative losses is no longer present and additional weight may be given to subjective evidence such as our projections for growth.

In June 2015, the Company made the decision to release the valuation allowance amounting to \$7.7 million against its deferred tax assets net of deferred tax liabilities. Cumulative profitable quarters and projected future pretax income are sources of positive evidence that led the Company to conclude that it is more likely than not that it will realize its net deferred tax assets.

Deferred income taxes reflect the net effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and amounts used for income tax purposes. Significant components of deferred tax assets and liabilities are presented below:

|   | Year ended           |                      |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
|   | December 31,<br>2016 | December 31,<br>2015 |
| <b>Deferred tax assets:</b>             |                      |                      |
| Deferred rent liabilities               | \$ 3,744,188         | \$ 4,027,504         |
| Lease incentives                        | 1,565,606            | 508,351              |
| Stock compensation                      | 744,701              | 563,582              |
| FICA tip credit carryforward            | 2,065,680            | 1,421,757            |
| Net operating loss                      | 6,246,404            | 1,899,676            |
| Goodwill                                | 2,861,663            | 3,258,403            |
| Derivative expense                      | —                    | 42,899               |
| Inventory                               | 10,200               | 9,789                |
| Charitable contributions carryforward   | 30,283               | 6,131                |
| Foreign tax credit carryforward         | 384,239              | 109,957              |
| Deferred revenue                        | 477,895              | 471,710              |
| State and local tax credit carryforward | 305,675              | 243,508              |
| <b>Total deferred tax assets</b>        | <b>18,436,534</b>    | <b>12,563,267</b>    |
| <b>Deferred tax liabilities:</b>        |                      |                      |
| Depreciation and amortization           | (5,321,194)          | (2,352,575)          |
| Basis in LLC interest                   | (20,353)             | (117,020)            |
| Unremitted foreign earnings             | (784,999)            | —                    |
| ASC 740-10 liability                    | (229,000)            | —                    |
| <b>Total deferred tax liabilities</b>   | <b>(6,355,546)</b>   | <b>(2,469,595)</b>   |
| Valuation allowance                     | (12,029,957)         | —                    |
| <b>Net deferred tax assets</b>          | <b>\$ 51,031</b>     | <b>\$ 10,093,672</b> |

The Company accounts for unrecognized tax benefits in accordance with the provisions of FASB guidance which, among other directives, requires uncertain tax positions to be recognized only if they are more likely than not to be upheld based on their technical merits. The measurement of the uncertain tax position is based on the largest benefit amount that is more likely than not (determined on a cumulative probability basis) to be realized upon settlement. As of December 31, 2016, the Company has an uncertain tax position for which it has established a \$229,000 deferred tax liability. As of December 31, 2015, the Company had no uncertain tax position. The Company believes the estimates and assumptions used to support its evaluation of tax benefit realization are reasonable.

The Company may, from time to time, be assessed interest or penalties by major tax jurisdictions, although any such assessments historically have been minimal and immaterial to the Company's financial results. In the event the Company receives an assessment for interest and penalties, it has been classified in the consolidated financial statements as income tax expense.



The Company's U.S. federal, state and local income tax returns prior to fiscal year 2013 are closed and management continually evaluates expiring statutes of limitations, audits, proposed settlements, changes in tax law and new authoritative rulings. The Company's foreign income tax returns prior to fiscal year 2014 are closed and management continually evaluates expiring statutes of limitations, audits, proposed settlements, changes in tax law and new authoritative rulings.

As of December 31, 2016, Company has unremitted foreign earnings of \$1,921,193. The Company considered the unremitted foreign earnings to be indefinitely reinvested and thus did not calculate the deferred income tax liability as of December 31, 2015. Upon repatriation of those earnings, in the form of dividends or otherwise, the Company would be subject to domestic income taxes, offset (in whole or in part) by foreign tax credits, related to income and withholding taxes payable to the various foreign countries. In 2016, the Company has changed its plans with respect to the permanent reinvestment of unremitted earnings and accordingly, has established a deferred tax liability of \$784,999 and a corresponding deferred tax asset of \$384,239 for the foreign tax credits as of December 31, 2016.

As of December 31, 2016, the Company has federal, state and foreign income tax net operating loss (NOL) carryforwards of \$15,196,296, \$12,068,283 and \$418,634. The federal and state net operating loss will expire at various dates from 2026 to 2036. The foreign net operating losses can be carried forward indefinitely.

**Note 11 – Derivative liability:**

On October 16, 2013, the Merger provided for up to an additional \$14,100,000 of payments to the former holders of ONE Group membership interests ("TOG Members") and to a liquidating trust ("Liquidating Trust"), established for the benefit of TOG Members and holders of warrants to acquire membership interests of ONE Group ("TOG Warrant Holders"), based on a formula as described in the Merger Agreement and which is contingent upon the exercise of outstanding Company warrants to purchase 5,750,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$5.00 per share (the "Public Warrants").

The Company estimated the fair value of the derivative liability based on the period of time between the balance sheet date and the exercise date and the possibility of exercise. The warrants expired on February 27, 2016 and the remaining liability balance of \$100,000 was reversed into income on the statement of operations.

The Company recorded \$100,000 and \$6,141,000 of derivative income for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

**Note 12 - Commitments and contingencies:**

**Operating leases:**

The Company is obligated under several operating leases for the restaurants, equipment and office space, expiring in various years through 2031, which provide for minimum annual rentals, escalations, percentage rent, common area expenses or increases in real estate taxes.

Future minimum rental payments under the leases and minimum future rental receipts per the sublease in five years subsequent to 2016 and thereafter are as follows:

| Year Ending<br>December 31, | Payments              | Receipts              | Net<br>Amount         |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2017                        | \$ 7,465,714          | \$ (687,687)          | \$ 6,778,027          |
| 2018                        | 7,554,444             | (708,496)             | 6,845,948             |
| 2019                        | 7,613,432             | (729,751)             | 6,883,681             |
| 2020                        | 7,853,932             | (705,284)             | 7,148,648             |
| 2021                        | 7,376,633             | (144,000)             | 7,232,633             |
| Thereafter                  | 89,682,674            | —                     | 89,682,674            |
| Total                       | <u>\$ 127,546,829</u> | <u>\$ (2,975,218)</u> | <u>\$ 124,571,611</u> |

Rent expense (including percentage rent of \$788,250 and \$369,126), included in continuing operations, was \$4,504,897 and \$4,909,851 in 2016 and 2015, respectively. Rent expense included in continuing operations has been reported in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss net of rental income of \$782,629 and \$795,895 in 2016 and 2015, respectively, related to subleases with related and unrelated parties which expires through 2021.

The CEO of the Company is a limited personal guarantor of the leases for the STK Miami premises with respect to certain covenants under the lease relating to construction of the new premises and helping the landlord obtain a new liquor license for the premises in the event of termination of the lease. The CEO is a limited personal guarantor of the leases for the Bagatelle New York premises with respect to JEC II, LLC's payment and performance under the lease.

**License and management fees:**

Pursuant to its amended and restated operating agreement executed in June 2007, Bridge Hospitality, LLC is obligated to pay management fees equal to 2% of revenues to a member for the life of the lease. Management fees amounted to \$39,675 in 2015. Included in accounts payable at December 31, 2015 are amounts due for management fees of \$542. Operations for this STK ceased in June 2015 and the lease was terminated in October 2016.

In January 2010, STK Vegas entered into a management agreement with a third party for a term of 10 years, with two five-year option periods. Under this agreement, STK Vegas shall receive a management fee equal to 5% of gross sales, as defined ("gross sales fee") plus 20% of net profits prior to the investment breakeven point date and 43% of net profits thereafter ("incentive fee"). Management fees amounted to \$4,478,632 and \$4,628,231 in 2016 and 2015, respectively.

In July 2009, One 29 Park Management entered into an agreement with a third party. Under this agreement, One 29 Park Management shall receive a management fee equal to 5% of gross revenues, as defined, from the restaurant, banquets, room service and rooftop sales and 50% of the base beverage fee, as defined, for the life of the management agreement which expires in 2025. Management fees amounted to \$512,454 and \$576,401 in 2016 and 2015, respectively. Included in due from related parties, net at December 31, 2016 and 2015 are amounts due for management fees and reimbursable expenses of \$387,862 and \$398,607, respectively.

In July 2010, Hip Hospitality UK entered into a management agreement with a third party to manage and operate the food and beverage operations in the Hippodrome Casino in London. Under this agreement, Hip Hospitality UK shall receive a management fee equal to 5.5% of total revenue, as defined, as well as an incentive fee if certain conditions are met, for the life of the management agreement which expires in 2022. Management fees amounted to \$551,423 and \$602,049 in 2016 and 2015, respectively. Included in accounts receivable at December 31, 2016 and 2015 are amounts due for management fees and reimbursable expenses of \$117,576 and \$443,989, respectively.

In December 2011, TOG Aldwych entered into a management agreement with a third party to operate a restaurant, bar and lounges in the ME Hotel in London. Under this agreement, TOG Aldwych shall receive a management fee equal to 5% of receipts received from food and beverages operations. In addition, TOG Aldwych is entitled to receive a monthly marketing fee equal to 1.5% of receipts received from food and beverages operations and an additional incentive fee equal to 65% of net operating profits, as defined, for the life of the management agreement which expires in 2032. Management and incentive fees amounted to \$1,869,372 and \$1,532,026 in 2016 and 2015, respectively. Included in accounts receivable at December 31, 2016 and 2015 are amounts due for management and incentive fees of \$520,649 and \$449,874, respectively.

In May 2013, CA Aldwych entered into a management agreement with a third party to operate a restaurant in the ME Hotel in London. Under this agreement, CA Aldwych shall receive a management fee equal to 5% of receipts received from food and beverages operations. In addition, CA Aldwych is entitled to receive a monthly marketing fee equal to 1.5% of receipts received from food and beverages operations. The restaurant ceased operations in 2016, costs relating to the closing were netted against management fees. Management fees amounted to \$20,485 and \$117,105 in 2016 and 2015, respectively. Included in accounts receivable at December 31, 2015 are amounts due for management fees of \$74,546. Included in accrued expenses at December 31, 2016 are amounts due to the ME Hotel for the shortfall in the operators preferred return which represented the minimum annual guaranteed amount owed to the ME Hotel in 2016 of \$276,394.

In June 2014, TOG (Milan) S.R.L. entered into a management agreement with Sol Melia Italia S.R.L. to operate a restaurant, rooftop bar and F&B services at the ME Milan Il Duca hotel in Milan, Italy. TOG (Milan) S.R.L. shall receive a management fee equal to 5% of operating revenue, as defined, and an additional fee equal to 65% of net operating revenue, as defined, for the life of the management agreement which expires in 2025. TOG Milan commenced operations in May 2015. In addition, TOG Milan is entitled to receive a monthly marketing fee equal to 1.5% of receipts received from food and beverages operations. Management fees amounted to \$304,970 and \$250,211 in 2016 and 2015, respectively. Included in accounts receivable at December 31, 2016 and 2015 are amounts due for management fees of \$43,401 and \$116,342, respectively. Operators preferred return of \$127,765 and \$408,511, respectively, is due to the ME Hotel at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

In October 2015, STK Ibiza entered into a license agreement with Foxhold Holdings Limited to develop and operate a restaurant under the STK brand in the Ibiza Hotel and Spa at Marina Botafoch in Ibiza Town, Spain. STK Ibiza received an Entry Fee in

the amount of 1,025,000 euros. \$1,014,414 and \$1,044,592 of the Entry Fee is included in deferred license revenue in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. In addition, STK Ibiza receives royalty fees equal to 8% of the net turnover from the restaurant. The restaurant commenced operations in July 2016. The license agreement expires in 2026, with the option of one 10-year extension if certain renewal conditions are satisfied.

In May 2016, The ONE Group-STKPR, LLC entered into a license agreement with Condado Duo Vanderbi SPV, LLC to develop and operate a restaurant and a beach venue under the STK brand at the Vanderbilt hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The One Group-STKPR, LLC shall receive a \$250,000 Entry Fee. The One Group-STKPR, LLC will also receive royalty fees equal to 5% of the gross revenues generated by the restaurant, 2% of the first \$1.8 million of annual gross revenues, from the beach venue and 5% of annual gross revenue, from the beach venue in excess of \$1.8 million. The license agreement expires in 2026 with one five-year extension if certain financial goals are met. The restaurant and beach venue are expected to open in 2017.

In November 2016, The ONE Group-MENA, LLC entered into a license agreement with Horizon Hospitality Holdings Limited to develop and operate up to three restaurants under the STK brand in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. The ONE Group-MENA, LLC shall receive a \$600,000 Entry Fee. The ONE Group-MENA, LLC will also receive \$250,000 for each STK location opened and royalty fees equal to 5% of the gross revenues generated by each restaurant. The license agreement expires on the tenth anniversary of the opening of the first restaurant with one ten-year renewal option.

**Note 13 - Retirement plan:**

Effective January 1, 2012, the Company maintains a profit-sharing plan covering all eligible employees in accordance with Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan is funded by employee and employer contributions. Employer contributions to the plan are at the discretion of the Company. There were no employer contributions in 2016 and 2015.

**Note 14 - Outstanding warrants:**

Prior to the Merger, there were outstanding warrants to purchase 62,280 membership units of ONE Group at prices ranging from \$22.94 to \$32.00 per unit. The warrants became exercisable in 2009 through 2012 and expire at various dates through 2021.

In connection with the Merger, the warrants that were outstanding at October 16, 2013 were converted into shares of the Company at an exchange ratio of 8.09 and these shares were put into a liquidating trust that was established between members of ONE Group and a designated trustee ("Liquidating Trust") in order to hold and distribute the trust's assets. The Company issued warrants to purchase 5,750,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$5.00 per share in connection with the Company's initial public offering. These warrants became exercisable as of the effectiveness of the post-effective amendment on February 27, 2014 and had an expiration date that is the earlier of (i) February 27, 2016 or (ii) the forty-fifth (45th) day following the date that the Common Stock closes at or above \$6.25 per share for 20 out of 30 trading days commencing on the effective date. On February 27, 2016, the Company's 5,750,000 Public Warrants expired.

On June 27, 2016 the Company entered into a \$1,000,000 loan agreement with 2235570 Ontario Limited (the "Ontario Noteholder") through an unsecured promissory note (the "Ontario Note"). In consideration of the loan amount, the Ontario Noteholder received a warrant (the "Ontario Warrant") to purchase 100,000 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$2.61. The Ontario Warrant is exercisable at any time through June 27, 2026, in whole or in part.

On August 11, 2016 the Company entered into a \$3,000,000 loan agreement with Anson Investments Master Fund LP ("Anson") through an unsecured promissory note (the "Anson August Note"). In consideration of the loan amount, the Anson received a warrant (the "Anson August Warrant") to purchase 300,000 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$2.61. The Anson August Warrant is exercisable at any time through August 11, 2026, in whole or in part.

On October 24, 2016, the Company entered into a \$2,250,000 loan agreement with Anson through the Anson October Note. In consideration of the loan amount, the Company also issued to Anson the Anson October Warrant to purchase 340,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$2.39 per share. The Anson October Warrant is exercisable at any time through October 24, 2026, in whole or in part. The Anson October Warrant contains limitations that prevent Anson from acquiring shares of the Company's common stock upon exercise of the Anson October Warrant that would result in the number of shares beneficially owned by it and its affiliates exceeding 9.99% of the total number of shares of the Company's common stock then issued and outstanding.

**Note 15 - Discontinued operations:**

Management decided to cease operations for the following entities: One Atlantic City (2012), STKOUT Midtown (2013), BBCLV (2013), Heraea (2013), Miami Services (2014) and Tenjune (2014).

The following table shows the components of assets and liabilities that are related to discontinued operations in the Company's consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.

|  | As of December 31, |              |
|--|--------------------|--------------|
|  | 2016               | 2015         |
| Cash and cash equivalents                        | \$ —               | \$ 787       |
| Accounts receivable                              | —                  | —            |
| Inventory  | —                  | —            |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets        | 47,376             | 47,376       |
| Assets of discontinued operations - current      | 47,376             | 48,163       |
| Property and equipment, net                      | —                  | —            |
| Security deposits                                | 75,000             | 75,000       |
| Assets of discontinued operations - long term    | 75,000             | 75,000       |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities         | 495,248            | 409,108      |
| Liabilities of discontinued operations - current | 495,248            | 409,108      |
| Net assets                                       | \$ (372,872)       | \$ (285,945) |

Summarized operating results related to these entities are included in discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015:

|   | Years ended December 31, |            |
|---|--------------------------|------------|
|   | 2016                     | 2015       |
| Revenue   | \$ —                     | \$ —       |
| Costs and expenses                                | 92,090                   | 2,476      |
| Net loss from discontinued operations, net of tax | \$ (92,090)              | \$ (2,476) |

**Note 16 - Litigation:**

The Company is party to claims in lawsuits incidental to its business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate outcome of such matters, individually or in the aggregate, not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

**Note 17 - Stockholders' equity:**

The Company is authorized by its amended and restated certificate of incorporation to issue up to 75,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, there were 25,050,628 and 24,972,515 outstanding shares of Common Stock and no outstanding shares of preferred stock. As a result of the expiration of the Public Warrants in February 2016, an aggregate of 1,437,500 shares of common stock were forfeited by the Company's initial shareholders that held shares prior to the Company's initial public offering and such shares were canceled.

The Company issued warrants to purchase 5,750,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$5.00 per share in connection with the Company's initial public offering. These warrants became exercisable as of the effectiveness of the post-effective amendment on February 27, 2014 and expired on February 27, 2016.

Prior to the closing of the Merger, there were 12,500,000 outstanding shares of Common Stock held by the Company's initial stockholders. At the closing of the Merger, certain of the Company's initial stockholders forfeited an aggregate of 3,375,000 shares

of Common Stock back to the Company in accordance with their respective insider letter agreements. Subsequent to the forfeiture, there were 9,125,000 outstanding shares of Common Stock held by the Company's initial stockholders.

At the closing of the Merger, the Company issued to the TOG Members and to the Liquidating Trust established for the benefit of TOG Members and TOG Warrant Owners an aggregate of 12,631,400 shares of the Company's Common Stock and paid to such TOG Members an aggregate of \$11,750,000 in cash (collectively, the "Merger Consideration"). As part of the Merger Consideration, the Company issued to Jonathan Segal, the former Managing Member of ONE Group and currently the Company's Chief Executive Officer and a Director, 1,000,000 shares of Common Stock as a control premium. The foregoing shares are in addition to the 7,680,666 shares issued to Mr. Segal and related entities in respect of his pro rata portion of shares of Common Stock issued to all TOG Members. Of the 12,631,400 shares of Common Stock issued as part of the Merger Consideration, 2,000,000 shares were deposited into an escrow account at Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as escrow agent, to secure certain potential adjustments to the Merger Consideration and certain potential indemnification obligations. The escrow was released on April 16, 2015.

On January 19, 2016, the Company commenced a rights offering (the "Rights Offering") of non-transferable subscription rights to holders of record of its common stock as of January 15, 2016 to purchase up to 1,454,545 shares of common stock. The Company granted holders of its common stock non-transferable subscription rights to purchase one share of common stock at a subscription price of \$2.75 per share. Each holder received one subscription right for each 17.16861 shares of common stock owned on January 15, 2016. Each subscription right entitled its holder to purchase one share of common stock at the subscription price. The Rights Offering which closed on February 9, 2016, generated approximately \$4 million in gross proceeds. The Company issued a total of 1,454,545 shares of common stock at \$2.75 per share, including 632,582 shares issued to holders upon exercise of their basic subscription rights. The Company received net proceeds of approximately \$3.8 million following the deduction of expenses. The Company used the net proceeds from the Rights Offering to primarily fund the planned development of future STK restaurants.

At the closing of the Merger, the Company issued 59,000 shares of restricted stock to the directors as a bonus in consideration of services provided in connection with the Merger.

**Note 18 - Stock-based compensation:**

In October 2013, the board of directors approved the 2013 Employee, Director and Consultant Equity Incentive Plan (the "2013 Plan") pursuant to which the Company may issue options, warrants, restricted stock or other stock-based awards to directors, officers, key employees and other key individuals performing services for the Company. The 2013 Plan has reserved 4,773,992 shares of common stock for issuance. All awards will be approved by the board of directors or a committee of the board of directors to be established for such purpose.

The Company's outstanding stock options and restricted stock have maximum contractual terms of up to ten years, principally vest on a quarterly basis ratably over five years and were granted at exercise prices equal to the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The Company's outstanding stock options are exercisable into shares of the Company's common stock. The Company measures the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments, including grants of employee stock options and restricted stock awards, based on the fair value of the award at the date of grant. The Company uses the Black-Scholes model for purposes of determining the fair value of stock options granted and recognizes compensation costs ratably over the requisite service period, net of estimated forfeitures. For restricted stock awards, the grant-date fair value is the quoted market price of the stock.

In October 2013, in connection with their employment agreements, Messrs. Segal and Goldfinger were granted options to purchase 1,022,104 and 511,052, shares, respectively, of common stock at an exercise price of \$5.00 per share. Of these options, 50% vest over time and 50% will vest based on the achievement of targeted annual milestones which have been set by the board of directors.

On February 27, 2016 in connection with the expiration of the Company's warrants Messrs. Segal and Goldfinger forfeited 228,088 and 114,044, respectively, of their options granted to them.

There were no options granted during 2015. During 2016, the Company granted the following options which vest over time except where noted:

| Date         | Number of shares | Exercise price |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| April 1      | 250,000 (1)      | \$2.83         |
| April 8      | 1,000,000 (2)    | \$2.73         |
| September 6  | 30,000           | \$2.61         |
| September 19 | 30,000           | \$2.39         |

Included in the above grants are the following options that vest upon the achievement of certain milestones (1) 125,000 shares and (2) 625,000 shares.

In April, 2016 the Company granted 787,500 restricted stock units to certain employees which vest in April 2021.

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 the Company recognized \$837,995 and \$811,658, respectively, of non-cash stock-based compensation expense related to options, restricted stock awards and unrestricted stock grants in general and administrative expense in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). Included in stock based compensation for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 is \$160,000 of unrestricted stock granted to directors which immediately vested in in August 2016 and May 2015, respectively.

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, there was approximately \$2.4 million and \$1.9 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested share-based compensation grants, which is expected to be amortized over a weighted-average period of 2.60 years.

The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes model with the following weighted-average assumptions:

|                          | December 31,<br>2016 |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Expected life (in years) | 7.45 years           |
| Risk-free interest rate  | 1.41%                |
| Volatility               | 37%                  |
| Dividend yield           | 0%                   |

A summary of the status of time based stock option awards and changes during the year ended December 31, 2016 are presented below:

|                                  | Shares    | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price | Weighted<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Contractual<br>Life (Years) | Intrinsic<br>Value |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--|---|--------------------|
| Outstanding at December 31, 2015 | 1,672,578 | 5.05                                     |   |                    |
| 2016 Grants                      | 560,000   | 2.72                                     |   |                    |
| Exercised                        | —         | —  |   |                    |
| Cancelled, expired, or forfeited | (375,566) | 5.01                                     |   |                    |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2016 | 1,857,012 | 4.28                                     | 7.80  | —                  |
| Exercisable at December 31, 2016 | 832,442   | 4.71                                     | 7.35  | —                  |

The weighted-average grant-date fair value of option awards outstanding at December 31, 2016 and 2015 was \$1.65 and \$1.86, respectively. The fair value of options vested at December 31, 2016 and 2015 was \$1,460,228 and \$918,424, respectively.

The Company also has 1,137,082 milestone based options granted to key executives outstanding at December 31, 2016, these options vest based on the achievement of company and individual objectives as set by the Board of Directors.

A summary of the status of restricted stock awards and changes during the year ended December 31, 2016 are presented below:

|                                  | Shares         | Weighted Average<br>Grant Date Fair Value |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Outstanding at December 31, 2015 | —              |   |
| Granted                          | 787,500        | \$ 2.73                                   |
| Cancelled, expired, or forfeited | (71,250)       | \$ 2.73                                   |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2016 | <u>716,250</u> | <u>\$ 2.73</u>                            |
| Exercisable at December 31, 2016 | <u>—</u>       |   |

**Note 19 - Segment reporting:**

The Company operates in three segments: owned STK units ("STKs"), food and beverage hospitality management agreements ("F&B") and Other concepts ("Other"). Each operating segment is individually reviewed and evaluated by our Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM), who allocates resources and assesses performance of each segment individually. The Company's Chief Executive Officer has been identified as the CODM. The CODM evaluates performance and allocates resources based upon a number of factors, the primary measure being profits (loss), which is defined as revenues less operating expenses, of each segment.

We believe STKs, F&B and Other to be our reportable segments as they do not have similar economic or other characteristics to be aggregated into a single reportable segment. Costs not allocated to the segments include depreciation, amortization, pre-opening expenses, transaction costs, lease termination expense, professional fees and other general and administrative expenses associated with executive and corporate functions including salaries, benefits, rent and insurance. Such costs are not included in the segment's profit or loss as they are not included in the measure reviewed by the CODM. Our STKs segment consists of leased restaurant locations and competes in the full service dining industry. Our F&B segment consists of management agreements in which the Company operates the food and beverage services in hotels or casinos and could include an STK, which we refer to as managed STK units. We refer to owned STK units and managed STK units together as "STK units." These management agreements generate management and incentive fees on net revenue at each location. Our Other segment includes owned non-STK leased locations. Segment profit (loss) are revenues less owned operating expenses.

|   | Years ended December 31, |                       |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
|   | 2016                     | 2015                  |
| <b>Revenues:</b>  |                          |                       |
| STKs  | \$ 63,248,936            | \$ 52,213,149         |
| F&B   | 8,465,584                | 7,921,584             |
| Other   | 699,500                  | 397,033               |
|   | <u>\$ 72,414,020</u>     | <u>\$ 60,531,766</u>  |
| <b>Segment Profits:</b>   |                          |                       |
| STKs (1)  | \$ 6,294,742             | \$ 5,313,615          |
| F&B   | 8,465,584                | 7,921,584             |
| Other   | 525,464                  | (203,061)             |
|   | <u>15,285,790</u>        | <u>13,032,138</u>     |
| <b>Total segment profit</b>   |                          |                       |
| General and Administrative  | 11,172,764               | 10,711,002            |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 2,647,333                | 2,191,450             |
| Interest expense, net of interest income                                    | 464,165                  | 30,380                |
| Equity in income of investee companies                                      | (674,289)                | (1,038,854)           |
| Other   | 7,669,684                | 3,350,952             |
|   | <u>15,905,357</u>        | <u>15,245,930</u>     |
| Loss from continuing operations before provision (benefit) for income taxes | <u>\$ (5,993,867)</u>    | <u>\$ (2,212,792)</u> |
| <b>Capital assets, net</b>  |                          |                       |
| STKs  | \$ 36,505,741            | \$ 27,678,010         |
| F&B   | 253,120                  | 217,942               |
| Other   | 56,378                   | 56,375                |
| Total   | <u>\$ 36,815,239</u>     | <u>\$ 27,952,327</u>  |

(1) For the year ended December 31, 2015 we determined that the carrying value of the net assets of our STK in Washington DC, exceeded its estimated future cash flows and a non-cash impairment charge of \$2.8 million was recorded based on the difference between the carrying value of the restaurants assets and the estimated future value.

#### Note 20 - Geographic information:

The following table contains certain financial information by geographic location for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015:

|   | Years ended December 31, |               |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|
|   | 2016                     | 2015          |
| <b>United States:</b>                         |                          |               |
| Revenues – owned units                        | \$ 63,948,436            | \$ 52,610,182 |
| Management, incentive and royalty fee revenue | 4,140,618                | 5,506,537     |
| Net assets                                    | 3,899,627                | 15,167,639    |
| <b>Foreign:</b>                               |                          |               |
| Revenues – owned units                        | \$ —                     | \$ —          |
| Management and development fee revenue        | 4,324,966                | 2,415,047     |
| Net assets                                    | 3,478,911                | 4,437,332     |

#### Note 21 - Liquidity



During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company incurred a net loss of \$16.5 million and had a working capital deficit of \$3.9 million. As of December 31, 2016, the Company's accumulated deficit was \$27.8 million. Further, as of December 31, 2016, the Company's cash and cash equivalents, net of overdrafts was \$918,000. We anticipate requiring additional capital in order to grow our business and fund our operating expenses. Subject to our operating performance, which, if significantly adversely affected, would adversely affect the availability of funds, we expect to finance our operations for at least the next 12 months following the issuance of our consolidated financial statements, including the costs of opening currently planned restaurants, through cash provided by operations and construction allowances provided by landlords of certain locations. Other sources of liquidity could include additional potential issuances of debt or equity securities in public or private financings, or warrant or option exercises. While we continue to seek capital through a number of means, there can be no assurance that additional financing will be available to us on acceptable terms, if at all. If we are unable to access necessary capital to meet our liquidity needs, we may have to delay or discontinue the expansion of our business or raise funds on terms that we may consider unfavorable.

**Note 22 - Subsequent events:**

On January 17, 2017 the Company announced the opening of its STK restaurant in Denver, Colorado.

On February 14, 2017 the Company announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary had entered into a licensing agreement with Katara Hospitality to open an STK restaurant at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel located in West Bay Lagoon in Doha, Qatar.

On February 17, 2017 certain of the Company's subsidiaries (the "Borrowers") entered into a \$1,000,000 Business Loan and Security Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") with American Express Bank, FSB ("American Express"). In consideration of the loan amount each Borrower granted American Express a security interest in accounts receivable as specified therein. Pursuant to the Loan Agreement the Borrowers agreed to pay a loan fee equal to 3.5% of the original principal balance of the loan amount and a repayment rate of 6% of daily American Express credit card receipts pursuant to the repayment schedule set forth therein. The entire balance of the loan amount is due and payable 365 days after the disbursement of the initial loan amount.

In March 2017, our lease in Boston, Massachusetts has been terminated.



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*Director*

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**Forward-Looking Statements**

This annual report contains certain forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from those predicted herein due to certain risks and uncertainties inherent in the Company's business, which are discussed in the Company's annual report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. Further information on the factors and risks that could affect the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations are contained in the Company's public disclosure filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, which are available at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).