Letter to the Shareholders<br>Notice of 2007 Annual Meeting<br>And Proxy Statement<br>2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K

Dear Shareholders,
The past year has been a busy year for the team at Zumiez! Some of the major accomplishments have been:

- The opening of 42 new stores;
- Annual same store sales gains of $13.0 \%$;
- June 2006 acquisition of 20 existing stores from Fast Forward;
- A Secondary Public Offering by Selling Shareholders in June 2006;
- The lease of a new operations and home office facility; and
- Ongoing improvements in our training programs, marketing initiatives and infrastructure to support our growth.

While there is no doubt the year was filled with constant change and new challenges we are pleased to say we believe we met these changes and challenges head on and achieved strong results for the year. We are very happy with the store team and our home office team as to the strong execution this year in many areas. We continued to see our store team and their customer service and salesmanship meet our high expectations and deliver strong sales results. Our home office team produced good product selections and product flow execution which meant great product for the consumer to choose from-and the product on the floor at the right time. In addition, our back office functions continued to increase in efficiency through process improvements and enhanced systems.

We are pleased to report that fiscal 2007 is off to a good start with double digit same store sales gains in February 2007 and March 2007. We enter the year excited to continue to drive our key initiatives. While we see these as our key opportunities we also acknowledge that they are also are biggest challenges. The following are our priorities:

- Culture-our culture and our people are one of our competitive advantages. The unique culture is strongly embedded in the organization and will grow and develop with the company. We will continue to drive cultural events internally for our employees to enhance our growth of employees and support the growth of the store base. We will also stay focused on marketing events that meet our cultural objectives for our customers and the customer experiences by enhancing our Couch Tour and grass roots marketing events.
- Growth-we will continue to grow sales by driving same store sales gains through our great store sales associates and the addition of new stores, with 50 stores planned in fiscal 2007. In doing this we will provide opportunity for individual growth, to retain our best people and to increase the value of the company. We will invest in people to support high quality growth. To do this we will continue to offer and further develop a package of in-store, regional and national training programs that collectively provide a competitive advantage for our employees both personally and professionally, as well as for our company.
- Product-we will continue to focus on the action sports lifestyle. We will focus on the flow of product through the company in what has been a multi-year effort that will continue to impact every area of the company. Our goal for the product flow initiative is to drive comparable store sales gains through improved assortment planning, vendor coordination and improved distribution throughput.

In conclusion the future looks bright. We expect to continue to execute on our long-term strategies to drive consistent results for our shareholders, employees and customers.

Sincerely,

Tom Campion
Chairman

## Rick Brooks

Chief Executive Officer

## PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT COMPARISON

The following graph shows a comparison for total cumulative returns for Zumiez Inc., The Nasdaq Composite Index and the Nasdaq Retail Trade Index during the period commencing on May 6, 2005 (the Company's initial public offering date) and ending on January 31, 2007. The comparison assumes $\$ 100$ was invested on May 6, 2005 in each Zumiez Inc., The Nasdaq Composite Index and the Nasdaq Retail Trade Index, and assumes the reinvestment of all dividends, if any. The comparison in the tables is required by the SEC and is not intended to be a forecast or to be indicative of future Company Common Stock performance.

COMPARISON OF 20 MONTH CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN* Among Zumiez Inc., The NASDAQ Composite Index And The NASDAQ Retail Trade Index


* $\$ 100$ invested on 5/6/05 in stock or on 4/30/05 in index-including reinvestment of dividends.

|  | Cumulative Total Return |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 5/6/05 | 1/31/06 | 1/31/07 |
| Zumiez Inc. | 100.00 | 268.56 | 365.56 |
| NASDAQ Composite | 100.00 | 120.99 | 128.88 |
| NASDAQ Retail Trade | 100.00 | 120.41 | 117.24 |

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

## To Be Held On May 30, 2007

Dear Shareholder:
You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Zumiez Inc., a Washington corporation. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. local time at our headquarters located at 6300 Merrill Creek Parkway, Suite B, Everett, WA 98203 for the following purposes:

1. To elect two directors to hold office until our 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
2. To conduct any other business properly brought before the meeting.

These items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this Notice.
The record date for the annual meeting is April 13, 2007. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on that date may vote at the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

> By Order of the Board of Directors

## Bill Chapman <br> Secretary

Everett, WA
April 27, 2007

## YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

Whether or not you attend the annual meeting, it is important that your shares be represented and voted at the meeting. Therefore, I urge you to promptly vote and submit your proxy by signing, dating, and returning the accompanying proxy card in the enclosed, prepaid, return envelope. If you decide to attend the annual meeting and you are a shareholder of record, you will be able to vote in person, even if you have previously submitted your proxy.

# zumiez <br>  6300 Merrill Creek Parkway Suite B Everett, WA 98203 <br> PROXY STATEMENT <br> FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS <br> TO BE HELD MAY 30, 2007 

Questions and Answers

## Why am I receiving these proxy materials?

We sent you this proxy statement and the accompanying proxy card because the Board of Directors of Zumiez Inc. is soliciting your proxy to vote at its 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. You are invited to attend the annual meeting to vote on the proposal described in this proxy statement. However, you do not need to attend the meeting to vote your shares. Instead, you may simply complete, sign and return the accompanying proxy card.

We intend to mail this proxy statement and the accompanying proxy card on or about April 27, 2007 to all shareholders of record entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

## Who can vote at the annual meeting?

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on April 13, 2007, the record date for the annual meeting, will be entitled to vote at the annual meeting. At the close of business on the record date, there were $27,880,512$ shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote.

## Shareholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If at the close of business on the record date, your shares were registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer \& Trust Company (f.k.a. Wachovia Bank, N.A.), then you are a shareholder of record. As a shareholder of record, you may vote in person at the meeting or vote by proxy. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we urge you to fill out and return the accompanying proxy card to ensure your vote is counted.

## Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of a Broker, Bank or Other Agent

If at the close of business on the record date, your shares were held, not in your name, but rather in an account at a brokerage firm, bank or other agent, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name" and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by your broker, bank or other agent. The broker, bank or other agent holding your account is considered to be the shareholder of record for purposes of voting at the annual meeting. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or other agent on how to vote the shares in your account. You are also invited to attend the annual meeting. However, since you are not the shareholder of record, you may not vote your shares in person at the meeting unless you request and obtain a valid proxy issued in your name from your broker, bank or other agent.

## What am I voting on?

You are being asked to vote on the election of two directors. When you sign and mail the proxy card, you appoint Thomas D. Campion and Richard M. Brooks as your representatives at the meeting. (When
we refer to the "named proxies," we are referring to Mr. Campion and Mr. Brooks.) This way, your shares will be voted even if you cannot attend the meeting.

## How do I vote?

For the election of directors, you may either vote "For" all the nominees or you may "Withhold" your vote for any nominee you specify. For any other matter to be voted on (if any), you may vote "For" or "Against" or abstain from voting. The procedures for voting are as follows:

## Shareholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If you are a shareholder of record, you may vote in person at the annual meeting. Alternatively, you may vote by proxy by using the accompanying proxy card. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we urge you to vote by proxy to ensure your vote is counted. You may still attend the meeting and vote in person if you have already voted by proxy.

- To vote in person, come to the annual meeting and we will give you a ballot when you arrive.
- To vote using the proxy card, simply complete, sign and date the accompanying proxy card and return it promptly in the envelope provided. If you return your signed proxy card to us before the annual meeting, we will vote your shares as you direct.


## Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of Broker, Bank or Other Agent

If you are a beneficial owner of shares registered in the name of your broker, bank or other agent, you should have received a proxy or voting instruction form with these proxy materials from that organization rather than from us. You can vote by using the proxy or voting information form provided by your broker, bank or other agent or, if made available, vote by telephone or the internet. To vote in person at the annual meeting, you must obtain a legal proxy from your broker, bank, or other agent. Under a legal proxy, the bank, broker, or other agent confers all of its rights as a record holder (which may in turn have been passed on to it by the ultimate record holder) to grant proxies or to vote at the meeting. Follow the instructions from your broker, bank or other agent included with these proxy materials, or contact your broker, bank or other agent to request a legal proxy. Please allow sufficient time to receive a legal proxy through the mail after your broker, bank, or other agent receives your request.

## How many votes do I have?

On each matter to be voted upon, you have one vote for each share of common stock you own as of the close of business on April 13, 2007, the record date for the annual meeting.

## What if I return a proxy card but do not make specific choices?

If you return a signed and dated proxy card without marking any voting selections, your shares will be voted "For" the election of both nominees for director. If any other matter is properly presented at the meeting, one of the named proxies on your proxy card as your proxy will vote your shares using his or her best judgment.

## Who is paying for this proxy solicitation?

We will pay for the entire cost of soliciting proxies. In addition to these mailed proxy materials, our directors and employees may also solicit proxies in person, by telephone, or by other means of communication. Directors and employees will not be paid any additional compensation for soliciting proxies. We may also reimburse brokerage firms, banks and other agents for the cost of forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners.

## What does it mean if I receive more than one proxy card?

If you receive more than one proxy card, your shares are registered in more than one name or are registered in different accounts. Please complete, sign and return each proxy card to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

## Can I change my vote after submitting my proxy?

Yes. You can revoke your proxy at any time before the applicable vote at the meeting. If you are the record holder of your shares, you may revoke your proxy in any one of three ways:

- You may submit another properly completed proxy with a later date,
- You may send a written notice that you are revoking your proxy to our Secretary at 6300 Merrill Creek Parkway, Suite B, Everett, WA 98203, or
- You may attend the annual meeting and vote in person (If you hold your shares beneficially through a broker, you must bring a legal proxy from the record holder in order to vote at the meeting).
If your shares are held by your broker, bank or other agent, you should follow the instructions provided by them.


## How are votes counted?

Votes will be counted by the inspector of election appointed for the meeting, who will separately count "For" and "Withhold" and, with respect to proposals other than the election of directors (if any), "Against" votes, abstentions and broker non-votes (if applicable). A "broker non-vote" occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the nominee does not have discretionary voting power with respect to that proposal and has not received instructions with respect to that proposal from the beneficial owner, despite voting on at least one other proposal for which it does have discretionary authority or for which it has received instructions. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be counted towards the vote total for any proposal.

If your shares are held by your broker, bank or other agent as your nominee (that is, in "street name"), you will need to obtain a proxy form from the institution that holds your shares and follow the instructions included on that form regarding how to instruct your broker, bank or other agent to vote your shares. If you do not give instructions to your broker, bank or other agent, they can vote your shares with respect to "discretionary" items, but not with respect to "non-discretionary" items. Discretionary items are proposals considered routine under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange on which your broker, bank or other agent may vote shares held in street name in the absence of your voting instructions. Brokers may exercise discretion to vote shares as to which instructions are not given with respect to the proposal regarding the election of directors. On non-discretionary items for which you do not give instructions to your broker, bank or other agent, the shares will be treated as broker non-votes.

## How many votes are needed to approve each proposal?

- For the election of directors, the nominees receiving the largest number of "For" votes (among votes properly cast in person or by proxy) will be elected as Class II directors. There is no cumulative voting for our directors. Withhold votes will have no practical effect in the election of directors because withhold votes do not represent votes "For" a nominee.


## What is the quorum requirement?

A quorum of shareholders is necessary to hold a valid meeting. A quorum will be present if at least a majority of the outstanding shares as of the close of business on the record date are represented by shareholders present at the meeting or by proxy.

Your shares will be counted towards the quorum only if you submit a valid proxy (or one is submitted on your behalf by your broker, bank or other agent) or if you vote in person at the meeting. Generally, abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted towards the quorum requirement. If there is no quorum, a majority of the votes present at the meeting may adjourn the meeting to another date.

## How can I find out the results of the voting at the annual meeting?

Preliminary voting results will be announced at the annual meeting. Final voting results will be published in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the second quarter of our fiscal year ending August 4, 2007.

## PROPOSAL 1 <br> Election Of Directors

The Company currently has 7 directors. The directors are divided into three classes so that approximately one-third of the directors are elected each year for three-year terms. Directors are elected to hold office until their successors are elected and qualified, or until resignation or removal in the manner provided in our Bylaws. Two directors are nominees for election this year and each has consented to serve a three-year term ending in 2010. The remaining directors will continue to serve the terms set out below.

The nominees receiving the largest number of "For" votes by the shares entitled to be voted will be elected. If no contrary indication is made, shares represented by executed proxies will be voted by the named proxies "For" the election of the two nominees named below or, if any nominee becomes unavailable for election as a result of an unexpected occurrence, "For" the election of a substitute nominee designated by our Board of Directors. Each nominee has agreed to serve as a director if elected, and we have no reason to believe that any nominee will be unable to serve.

We invite and recommend all of our directors and the nominees for director to attend our annual meeting of shareholders. There was one annual meeting of shareholders during the last fiscal year.

## Nominees for Election to Terms Expiring in 2010

The following is biographical information as of April 13, 2006 for each nominee for director.

| Name | Age | Position |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| William M. Barnum. | 53 | Director |
| Gerald F. Ryles | 70 | Director |

William M. Barnum, Jr., 53, has served on our Board of Directors since November 2002. Since 1984, Mr. Barnum has been with Brentwood where he co-founded the firm's private equity effort, and is currently its General Partner. Prior to joining Brentwood Mr. Barnum worked at Morgan Stanley \& Co. in the investment banking division, where he served as Assistant to the President and also provided investment banking advisory services. He is a graduate of Stanford University, and a graduate of Stanford Law School and Stanford Graduate School of Business. Presently, Mr. Barnum is a director of Exhale Enterprises Inc., Filson Holdings, Inc., Oriental Trading Company, Inc., Quiksilver Corporation, The Teaching Company Holdings, Inc., Ariat International, Inc. and ThreeSixty Asia Ltd.

Gerald F. Ryles, 70, has served on our Board of Directors since August 2005. Until it was acquired in September 2003, Mr. Ryles was Chairman of the Board and a major shareholder of Microserv Technology Services, a privately held Information Technology Services company. From January 1994 through January 2001, Mr. Ryles was also the Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Ryles currently serves on the board of directors on the acquiring company, Halifax Corporation. He also has over 40 years of experience in many difference industries as well as management consulting experience with McKinsey \& Company. He is a graduate of the University of Washington, and earned an M.B.A. from Harvard University. He also serves on the board of directors of Giant Campus and the State of Washington's Board of Accountancy.

## The Board Of Directors Recommends A Vote For The Election Of Each Nominee Named Above.

## Continuing Directors Whose Terms Expire in 2008

Thomas D. Campion, 58, was one of our co-founders and has served on our Board of Directors since our inception in 1978. Mr. Campion has held various senior management positions during this time, including serving as our Chairman since June 2000. From November 1970 until August 1978, he held various management positions with JC Penney Company. Mr. Campion holds a B.A. in Political Science from Seattle University. Mr. Campion serves as the Board Chair of the Alaska Wilderness League, a

Washington, D.C. based environmental group, and the Treasurer of the Northwest Ecosystem Alliance, a Bellingham, Washington based environmental group.

David M. DeMattei, 50, has served on our Board of Directors since August 2006 and is currently the Group President-Williams-Sonoma, Williams-Sonoma Home, west elm at Williams Sonoma, Inc. a leading specialty retailer of home furnishings in the United States, where he has been employed since 2003. Prior to that, Mr. DeMattei was the President, North America, of Coach, Inc., a designer, producer, and marketer of fine accessories and gifts for women and men, where he was employed from 1998 until 2003. Mr. DeMattei also served as the Chief Financial Officer at Gap, Inc. between 1991 and 1993. Mr. DeMattei earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of San Francisco in 1978.

## Continuing Directors Whose Terms Expire in 2009

Richard M. Brooks, 47, has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer since June 2000. From August 1993 through June 2000, he served as a Vice President and our Chief Financial Officer. From November 1989 until February 1992, Mr. Brooks was with Interchecks, Inc., a subsidiary of Bowater PLC, as a finance officer. Mr. Brooks was with Deloitte, Haskins \& Sells, currently known as Deloitte \& Touche, from July 1982 to March 1989. Mr. Brooks holds a B.A. in Business from the University of Puget Sound. Mr. Brooks has served on the University of Puget Sound Board of Trustees from May 2002 to the present, where he has served on its Executive Committee, Finance and Facilities Committee and its Audit Committee.

Matthew L. Hyde, 44, was appointed to our Board of Directors in December 2005 and serves as senior vice president of merchandising and marketing of Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI). Mr. Hyde joined REI in 1986. He currently oversees REI's brand gear and apparel business and manages the cooperative's other brand merchandising, inventory management, social compliance, marketing, public affairs and ecommerce functions. Mr. Hyde previously led REI's online division, championing its award-winning multichannel strategy. He currently serves on the board the Youth Outdoors Legacy Fund, and holds a bachelor's of science degree from Oregon State University in Corvallis.

James M. Weber, 47, was appointed to our Board of Directors in April 2006 and is the President and CEO of Brooks Sports, a leading running shoe and apparel company, where he has been since 2001. Mr. Weber's experience also includes positions as Managing Director of U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray Seattle Investment Banking practice, Chairman and CEO of Sims Sports, President of O'Brien International, Vice President of The Coleman Company and various roles with the Pillsbury Company. Mr. Weber earned an M.B.A., with distinction, from the Tuck School at Dartmouth College and is a graduate of the University of Minnesota. Presently, Mr. Weber is a director at the Seattle Sports Commission and at Eastside Catholic High School and has formerly served as a director for Nautilus Inc.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

## Independence of the Board of Directors and its Committees

As required under Nasdaq Stock Market listing standards, a majority of the members of a listed company's board of directors must qualify as "independent," as affirmatively determined by the board of directors of the listed company. Our Board of Directors consults with our counsel to ensure that the Board's determinations are consistent with all relevant securities and other laws and regulations regarding the definition of "independent," including those set forth in applicable Nasdaq listing standards, as in effect from time to time.

Consistent with these considerations, after review of all relevant transactions or relationships between each director, or any of his or her family members, and the Company, our senior management and our
independent auditors, our Board of Directors has affirmatively determined that all of our directors are independent directors within the meaning of the applicable Nasdaq listing standards, except for our Chairman Mr. Campion, Chief Executive Officer Mr. Brooks and Director Mr. Barnum.

As required under applicable Nasdaq listing standards, our independent directors meet in regularly scheduled executive sessions at which only independent directors are present. All of the committees of our Board of Directors are comprised of directors determined by the Board to be independent within the meaning of the applicable Nasdaq listing standards.

## Information Regarding the Board of Directors and its Committees

Our Board has established an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and Governance and Nominating Committee. The Board has adopted a written charter for each committee. The charters of these three committees are posted on the Company's website and can be accessed free of charge at http://www.ir.zumiez.com/ and are available in print to any shareholder who requests them. The composition of our Board committees complies with the applicable rules of the SEC and The Nasdaq Stock Market. The Board has determined that Gerald F. Ryles is an audit committee financial expert as defined in the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. James M. Weber replaced William M. Barnum, Jr. as a member of the Compensation Committee in April 2006.



## Audit Committee

Our Audit Committee has responsibility for, among other things:

- the sole authority to appoint, determine the funding for, and oversee the independent registered public accounting firm;
- assisting our Board in monitoring the integrity of our financial statements;
- discussing with our management and our independent registered public accounting firm significant financial reporting issues and judgments and any major issues as to the adequacy of our internal controls;
- reviewing our annual and quarterly financial statements prior to their filing with the SEC and prior to the release of our results of operations; and
- reviewing the performance and qualifications of our independent registered public accounting firm and presenting its conclusions to our Board and approving, subject to permitted exceptions, any non-audit services proposed to be performed by the independent registered public accounting firm.

The Audit Committee has the power to investigate any matter brought to its attention within the scope of its duties and to retain counsel for this purpose where appropriate.

## Governance and Nominating Committee

The Governance and Nominating Committee, has the responsibility for, among other things:

- recommending persons to be selected by the Board as nominees for election as directors and as chief executive officer;
- assessing our directors' and our Board's performance;
- recommending director compensation and benefits policies; and
- considering and recommending to the Board other actions relating to corporate governance.


## Compensation Committee

Our Compensation Committee has responsibility for, among other things:

- reviewing corporate goals and objectives relevant to compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and other senior executives;
- determining and approving our Chief Executive Officer's compensation and making recommendations to the Board with respect to compensation of other executive employees;
- administering our incentive compensation plans and equity based plans and making recommendations to the Board with respect to those plans; and
- making recommendations to our Board with respect to the compensation of directors.


## Meetings of the Board of Directors and Board and Committee Member Attendance

Our full Board of Directors met 4 times last year, the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee and the Governance and Nominating Committee met 4 times each last year and acted by unanimous written consent when required during the last fiscal year. Each Board member attended $75 \%$ or more of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board, and of the committees on which he served, that were held during the period for which he was a director or committee member, respectively.

## Shareholder Communications with the Board of Directors

The Company has a process by which shareholders may communicate directly with directors, including non-employee directors, by mailing such communication to the Board, in care of the Company's Secretary, at the Company's headquarters in Everett, Washington. The mailing envelope must contain a clear notation indicating that the enclosed letter is a "Shareholder-Board Communication" or "ShareholderDirector Communication." All such letters must identify the author as a shareholder and clearly state whether the intended recipients are all members of the Board or just certain specified individual directors. The Secretary will make copies of all such letters and circulate them to the appropriate director or directors. All such communications will be forwarded to the intended director(s) without editing or screening. If these foregoing procedures are modified, then updated procedures will be posted on the Company's corporate website.

## Code of Conduct and Ethics

Our Board has adopted a code of conduct and ethics applicable to our directors, executive officers, including our chief financial officer and other of our senior financial officers, and employees, in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and The Nasdaq Stock Market. The code of conduct is available at http://www.ir.zumiez.com.

## Director Nomination Procedures

The nominations to the Board of Directors were completed by the Governance and Nominating Committee. The Committee has established qualification requirements, composition criteria and the procedures for selecting new Directors. The Committee reviews the following considerations, among others, in its evaluation of candidates for Board of Director nomination: personal and professional ethics, training, commitment to fulfill the duties of the Board of Directors, commitment to understanding the Company's business, commitment to engage in activities in the best interest of the Company, independence, diversity, industry knowledge and contacts, financial and accounting expertise, leadership qualities, public company board of director and committee experience and other relevant experience and other relevant qualifications. A director candidate's ability to devote adequate time to the Board of Directors and committee activities is also considered.

The nominations and additions to the Board in our last fiscal year and through the date of this proxy statement were completed using procedures in accordance with the charter of the Board's Governance and Nominating Committee including the Director qualifications/criteria/skills as outlined in such charter. These procedures include:

- Initial review of potential director candidates by the Committee as submitted by the independent directors of the Board based on our established criteria for Board membership, including (without limitation): experience, skill set, diversity and the ability to act effectively on behalf of the shareholders and such other criteria as the Committee may deem relevant from time to time.
- Each director candidate was put forth for consideration as a director candidate independently by our independent directors based on their knowledge of the candidates. None of our independent directors had a relationship with any candidates which would impair his independence. Each candidate's biography was reviewed by each member of the Committee with the intention that each candidate would bring a unique perspective to benefit our shareholders and management.
- Interviews of director candidates were conducted by members of the Committee and senior management. These interviews confirmed the Committee's initial conclusion that candidates met the qualifications/criteria/skills to serve as a Director of the Company.
- Reference checks were conducted if further checks were required based on the level of knowledge about the candidate by members of the Committee.
- Background checks were conducted, including criminal, credit and bankruptcy, Securities and Exchange violations and/or sanctions, work history and education.
- Independence Questionnaires were completed by candidates and then reviewed by the Company, the Committee and the Company's attorneys to ensure candidates meet the requirements to be an independent director for the Board, Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Governance and Nominating Committee and other committee purposes. The review also ensures the candidates positions do not conflict in any material way with the business of the Company.
- Conclusion to nominate a candidate is based on all of the procedures reviewed above and the information attached. It is ensured through these procedures that the candidate appears to be well qualified to serve on the Company's Board of Directors, and its Committees and appears to meet the Nasdaq Stock Market and SEC requirements to be able to serve as an independent director and as a member of the audit committee and any other committee the Board may assign.
- No fees were paid to any third party search firms in connection with any director nominations.

The Governance and Nominating Committee of the Board will consider qualified nominees recommended by shareholders who may submit recommendations to the Committee in care of our Chairman of the Board and Secretary at the following address:

Board of Directors
c/o Corporate Secretary
Zumiez Inc.
6300 Merrill Creek Parkway, Suite B
Everett, Washington 98203
Nominees for director who are recommended by our shareholders will be evaluated in the same manner as any other nominee for director. Shareholder recommendations for director should include the following information:

- the name and address of the shareholder recommending the person to be nominated;
- a representation that the shareholder is a holder of record of stock of the Company, including the number of shares held and the period of holding;
- a description of all arrangements or understandings between the shareholder and the recommended nominee;
- such other information regarding the recommended nominee as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to Regulation 14A promulgated by the SEC pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- the consent of the recommended nominee to serve as a director of the Company if so elected.

The Governance and Nominating Committee may require that the proposed nominee furnish the Committee with other information as it may reasonably request to assist it in determining the eligibility of the proposed nominee to serve as a director.

To submit a recommendation for director for an upcoming annual shareholder meeting, it is necessary that a proposing shareholder notify the Company and provide the information set forth above no later than 120 days prior to the corresponding date on which the Company's annual proxy statement was mailed in connection with the most recent annual meeting.

## General Director Nomination Right of All Shareholders

Any shareholder of the Company may nominate one or more persons for election as a director of the Company at an annual meeting of shareholders if the shareholder complies with the notice, information and consent provisions contained in Article I, Section 10 of the Company's Bylaws. Specifically, these provisions require that written notice of a shareholder's intent to make a nomination for the election of directors be received by the Secretary of the Company not fewer than 120 days and not more than 150 days prior to the anniversary date of the prior year's annual meeting of shareholders, and that such notice include:

- The name, age, residence, personal address and business address of the shareholder who intends to make the nomination and of the person(s) to be nominated;
- The principal occupation or employment, the name, type of business and address of the organization in which such employment is carried on of each proposed nominee and of the shareholder who intends to make the nomination;
- The amount of Company stock beneficially owned by the shareholder who intends to make the nomination and of the person(s) to be nominated;
- A description of all arrangements or understandings between the shareholder and each nominee and any other person(s) (naming them) pursuant to which the nomination is to be made; and
- Other information regarding each nominee as would have been required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to the proxy rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission had each nominee been nominated by the Board of Directors.

The Secretary will send a copy of the Company's Bylaws to any interested shareholder who requests them.

## Security Ownership Of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The following table provides information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of April 12, 2007 by: (i) each of our directors; (ii) each of our executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table included later in this proxy statement; (iii) all of our executive officers and directors as a group; and (iv) each person, or group of affiliated persons, known by us to beneficially own more than five percent of our common stock. The table is based upon information supplied by our officers, directors and principal shareholders and a review of Schedule 13Gs filed with the SEC. Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes to the table and subject to community property laws where applicable, we believe that each of the shareholders named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares indicated as beneficially owned.

Applicable percentages are based on shares outstanding on April 12, 2007, adjusted as required by rules promulgated by the SEC. These rules generally attribute beneficial ownership of securities to persons who possess sole or shared voting power or investment power with respect to those securities. In addition, the rules include shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the exercise of stock options that are either immediately exercisable or exercisable on or before June 11, 2007, which is 60 days after April 12, 2007. These shares are deemed to be outstanding and beneficially owned by the person holding those options or warrants for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of that person, but they are not treated as outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Except as noted below, the address for each person that holds 5\% or more of our common stock is c/o Zumiez Inc., 6300 Merrill Creek Parkway, Suite B, Everett, Washington 98203.

| Name and Address of Beneficial Owner | Number of Common Shares Beneficially Owned | Percentage of Shares Beneficially Owned |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Thomas D. Campion(1) | 6,581,806 | 23.6\% |
| Richard M. Brooks(2). | 4,013,024 | 14.4\% |
| Brenda I. Morris(3) | 180,626 | * |
| Lynn K. Kilbourne(4) | 134,404 | * |
| David M. DeMattei . | 0 | * |
| William M. Barnum Jr.(5) | 15,333 | * |
| Gerald F. Ryles(6). | 4,533 | * |
| James M. Weber(7) | 3,333 | * |
| Matthew L. Hyde(8) | 3,333 | * |
| All Executive Officers and Directors as a group (9 persons) | 10,936,392 | 39.2\% |
| FMR Corp.(9) | 3,300,988 | 11.8\% |
| T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.(10) . . | 2,280,900 | 8.2\% |

* Less than one percent.
(1) Reflects shares of Common Stock held by grantor retained annuity trusts for which Thomas D. Campion is trustee. Mr. Campion is our Chairman of the Board.
(2) Mr. Brooks is our Chief Executive Officer and a Director.
(3) Consists of 110,272 shares held by Ms. Morris and includes 70,354 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 12, 2007. 110,272 shares have been pledged by Ms. Morris as security for an outstanding third party personal loan. Ms. Morris was our Chief Financial Officer up until April 13, 2007.
(4) Includes 134,404 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 12, 2007. Ms. Kilbourne is our General Merchandise Manager.
(5) Consists of 12,000 shares held by Mr. Barnum and includes 3,333 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 12, 2007. Mr. Barnum is one of our directors.
(6) Consists of 1,200 shares of common stock and 3,333 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 12, 2007. Mr. Ryles is one of our directors.
(7) Consists of 3,333 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 12, 2007. Mr. Weber is one of our directors.
(8) Consists of 3,333 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 12, 2007. Mr. Hyde is one of our directors.
(9) This information is based solely on a Schedule 13G dated February 14, 2007 filed by FMR Corp. Fidelity Management \& Research Company ("Fidelity"), 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109 , a wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR Corp. and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, is the beneficial owner of 2,943,764 shares of the common stock of the Company as a result of acting as investment adviser to various investment companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Edward C. Johnson 3d and FMR Corp., through its control of Fidelity, and the funds each has sole power to dispose of the 2,943,764 shares owned by the Funds. Members of the family of Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR Corp., are the predominant owners, directly or through trusts, of Series B shares of common stock of FMR Corp., representing 49\% of the voting power of FMR Corp. The Johnson family group and all other Series B shareholders have entered into a shareholders' voting agreement under which all Series B shares will be voted in accordance with the majority vote of Series B shares. Accordingly, through their ownership of voting common stock and the execution of the shareholders' voting agreement, members of the Johnson family may be deemed, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, to form a controlling group with respect to FMR Corp. Neither FMR Corp. nor Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR Corp., has the sole power to vote or direct the voting of the shares owned directly by the Fidelity Funds, which power resides with the Funds' Boards of Trustees. Fidelity carries out the voting of the shares under written guidelines established by the Funds' Boards of Trustees. Fidelity International Limited ("FIL"), Pembroke Hall, 42 Crow Lane, Hamilton, Bermuda, and various foreign-based subsidiaries provide investment advisory and management services to a number of non-U.S. investment companies and certain institutional investors. FIL, which is a qualified institution under section 240.13d-1(b)(1) pursuant to an SEC No-Action letter dated October 5, 2000, is the beneficial owner of 357,224 shares of the common stock of the Company. Partnerships controlled predominantly by members of the family of Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR Corp. and FIL, or trusts for their benefit, own shares of FIL voting stock with the right to cast approximately $47 \%$ of the total votes which may be cast by all holders of FIL voting stock. FMR Corp. and FIL are separate and independent corporate entities, and their Boards of Directors are generally composed of different individuals. FMR Corp. and FIL are of the view that they are not acting as a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "1934" Act) and that they are not otherwise required to attribute to each other the "beneficial ownership" of securities "beneficially owned" by the other corporation within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the 1934 Act. Therefore, they are of the view that the shares held by the other corporation need not be aggregated for purposes of Section 13(d).
(10) This information is based solely on a Schedule 13G dated February 14, 2007 filed by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. has sole voting power over 354,300 shares of common stock of the Company. The business address for T. Rowe Price Associates is 100 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.


## Section 16(A) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors and executive officers, and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of our equity securities, to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of our common stock and other equity securities. Officers, directors and greater than ten percent shareholders are required by SEC regulation to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

To our knowledge, based solely on a review of the copies of such reports furnished to us and written representations that no other reports were required, during the fiscal year ended February 03, 2007, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to our officers, directors and greater than ten percent beneficial owners were complied with, except that a late Form 3 was filed for Mr. DeMattei and late Form 4s were filed for annual non-employee director stock option grants to Messrs. Hyde, Barnum, Ryles and Weber.

## Executive Officers

As of the end of fiscal 2006, the names, ages and positions of the current non-director executive officers of the Company are listed below, along with their respective business experience during the past five years. No family relationships exist among any of the directors or executive officers of the Company.

Brenda I. Morris, 42, served as our Chief Financial Officer since April 2003 until April 13, 2007. From November 1999 until April 2003, she was with K2 Corporation as the Vice President of Finance. Ms. Morris has also held a senior management position with UnionBay Sportswear. Ms. Morris holds a B.S. in Business from Pacific Lutheran University and an M.B.A. from Seattle University. Ms. Morris is a certified public accountant in Washington and a certified management accountant. Ms. Morris is a member of the Journal of Accountancy Review Board for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Ms. Morris serves on the Board of Washington Business Week, a program of the Foundation for Private Enterprise Education serving high school students, where she has served on its Audit Committee and as its Treasurer. Ms. Morris also serves on the Executive Advisory Board for the Pacific Lutheran University School of Business.

Lynn K. Kilbourne, 44, has served as our General Merchandising Manager since September 2004. From July 1991 until May 2001, she was with Banana Republic, a subsidiary of Gap, Inc., in various senior management positions. After leaving Banana Republic, Ms. Kilbourne served as an independent consultant in the retail industry until she joined us in September 2004. Ms. Kilbourne holds a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Yale University and an M.B.A. from the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration.

## CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The Company made charitable contributions to the Zumiez Foundation in fiscal 2006 and fiscal 2005 in the amounts of $\$ 340,000$ and $\$ 266,000$, respectively. Our Chairman, Thomas D. Campion, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Zumiez Foundation.

## Policy and Procedures with Respect to Related Person Transactions

The Company recognizes that Related Person Transactions (defined as transactions, arrangements or relationships in which the Company was, is or will be a participant and the amount involved exceeds $\$ 10,000$, and in which any Related Person had, has or will have a direct or indirect interest) may raise questions among shareholders as to whether those transactions are consistent with the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. It is the Company's policy to enter into or ratify Related Person Transactions only when the Board of Directors, acting through the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors determines that the Related Person Transaction in question is in, or is not inconsistent with, the best interests of the Company and its shareholders, including but not limited to situations where the Company may obtain products or services of a nature, quantity or quality, or on other terms, that are not readily available from alternative sources or when the Company provides products or services to Related Persons (as defined below) on an arm's length basis on terms comparable to those provided to unrelated third parties or on terms comparable to those provided to employees generally.
"Related Persons" are defined as follows:

1. any person who is, or at any time since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year was, a director or executive officer of the Company or a nominee to become a director of the Company;
2. any person who is known to be the beneficial owner of more than $5 \%$ of any class of the Company's voting securities;
3. any immediate family member of any of the foregoing persons, which means any child, stepchild, parent, stepparent, spouse, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of the director, executive officer, nominee or more than 5\% beneficial owner, and any person (other than a tenant or employee) sharing the household of such director, executive officer, nominee or more than $5 \%$ beneficial owner; and
4. any firm, corporation or other entity in which any of the foregoing persons is employed or is a general partner or principal or in a similar position or in which such person has a $5 \%$ or greater beneficial ownership interest.
Directors and executive officers are required to submit to the Audit Committee a list of immediate family members and a description of any current or proposed Related Person Transactions on an annual basis and provide updates during the year.

In its review of any Related Person Transactions, the Audit Committee shall consider all of the relevant facts and circumstances available to the Audit Committee, including (if applicable) but not limited to: the benefits to the Company; the impact on a director's independence in the event the Related Person is a director, an immediately family member of a director or an entity in which a director is a partner, shareholder or executive officer; the availability of other sources for comparable products or services; the terms of the transaction; and the terms available to unrelated third parties or to employees generally. No member of the Audit Committee shall participate in any review, consideration or approval of any Related Person Transaction with respect to which such member or any of his or her immediate family members is the Related Person. The Audit Committee shall approve or ratify only those Related Person Transactions that are in, or are not inconsistent with, the best interests of the Company and its shareholders, as the Audit Committee determines in good faith. The Audit Committee shall convey the decision to the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Financial Officer, who shall convey the decision to the appropriate persons within the Company.

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## The Compensation Committee

Compensation for our executives is determined by the Compensation Committee (for purposes of this analysis the "Committee") which currently consists of James M. Weber, Matthew L. Hyde, Gerald F. Ryles and David M. DeMattei. As discussed under the "Corporate Governance" section under the subheading, "Independence of the Board of Directors and its Committees", each of the members satisfy all of the independence requirements of the Nasdaq Stock Market. Each member also meets applicable requirements under the regulations issued by the Securities and Exchange Committee as "non-employee directors" and the Internal Revenue Service as "outside directors." As of the end of fiscal year 2006, our management team consisted of our Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and General Merchandising Manager. These executive officers are identified in the Summary Compensation Table and are referred to herein as "executive officers." Prior to the creation of the Committee on March 22, 2005, the Company did not have a compensation committee and the non-management members of the Board of Directors reviewed the annual compensation of the Company's executive officers.

The mission of the Committee, as stated in its Charter, is "to further shareholder value by helping to create compensation plans that provide financial incentives to employees for producing results that fairly reward shareholders." A copy of the Committee's charter is available at our website at http://ir.zumiez.com.

The Committee has regularly scheduled in-person meetings at least twice per year and has additional in-person or telephonic meetings as appropriate. The agenda for each meeting is set by the Chair. The Committee has full authority to directly retain the services of outside counsel and compensation consultants.

## Role of Executive Officers in Compensation Decisions

Our Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers have attended portions of Committee meetings in order to provide information and help explain data relating to matters under consideration by the Committee but are not present during deliberations or determinations of their respective compensation or during executive sessions which occur in connection with each meeting. Outside counsel also regularly attends Committee meetings.

## Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

The Committee believes that in order for us to succeed we must be able to attract, motivate and retain qualified executives. To that end, our compensation program is reviewed annually and modified, as appropriate, in order to be closely integrated with Company strategies and objectives for the ultimate purpose of growing shareholder value on a long-term basis.

The objective of the Committee in determining the type and amount of executive compensation is to provide a total compensation package consisting of a base salary, an annual incentive bonus, and long-term incentives in the form of equity-based awards, or some combination of the foregoing, that allows us to attract and retain talented executive officers and to align their interests with those of our shareholders. In particular, providing long-term incentives through the use of equity awards under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan provides an alignment of the financial interests of our executive officers with those of our shareholders.

Our compensation philosophy is to reward executives based on the Company's overall performance and the executives' past and current contributions and performance. As discussed in the next section, the annual incentive bonus plan and the long-term incentives (stock option awards) are by design directly linked to Company performance. The combination of base salaries, the annual incentive bonus plan and long-term incentives (stock options) are intended to provide an opportunity for executives to earn a total competitive compensation package which is closely linked to overall Company performance and that is competitive with the total compensation paid to similarly situated executives at peer and other locally based companies that compete with us for executive talent. It should be noted that the actual values obtained under either the annual incentive bonus plan or the long-term incentives may vary significantly depending on the performance of the Company in the case of the annual incentive bonus plan and specifically our stock price in the case of the long-term incentive awards. In conducting its review of compensation for the Company's executive officers, the Committee reviewed a compensation and benefits survey of selected retail-based companies prepared by Mercer Human Resource Consulting in partnership with the National Retail Federation.

## Design of the Executive Compensation Program

The three major elements to our executive compensation program—base salary, the annual incentive bonus plan and the long-term incentive awards-are reviewed and determined annually and presently consist of the following components:

## Base Salary

Base salaries for our executive officers are intended to reasonably compensate them for services rendered during the fiscal year. Annual adjustments in base salaries are generally made effective at the beginning of the first month of the fiscal year for which they applied and therefore also reflect in large part the prior year's business and individual performance achievements. The Committee met in March 2006 to consider the base salary rates of our executive officers. Based on a number of criteria, including (1) the Company's strong performance in fiscal 2005, (2) individual performance of the executive officers, and (3) an internal review of the executive officers' current compensation, increases in base salaries of the executive officers were approved.

For fiscal year 2006 each of the executive officers received the base salary set forth below.

| Executive Officer | 2006 Base Salary |
| :---: | :---: |
| Richard M. Brooks, President and CEO. | \$231,000 |
| Thomas D. Campion, Chairman of the Board | \$231,000 |
| Lynn K. Kilbourne, General Merchandising Manager | \$226,600 |
| Brenda I. Morris, Chief Financial Officer. | \$220,000 |

Base salary is also a key component in determining awards under the annual incentive bonus plan since the bonus payable under that plan is determined by multiplying base salary by a percentage or factor in addition to other objective adjustments.

## Annual Incentive Bonus Plan

Annual incentive bonuses are intended to reflect the Committee's belief that a significant portion of the annual compensation of each executive officer should be contingent upon our performance, as well as the individual contribution of each executive officer. Accordingly, our executive officers, including our Chief Executive Officer, participate in an annual executive incentive bonus plan, referred to as the "Executive Bonus Plan", which provides for cash bonuses based upon the achievement of certain specified financial goals for us for the fiscal year. The Committee annually establishes targeted financial performance levels for the ensuing fiscal year in conjunction with our annual financial plan and expectations regarding earnings per share and Company performance. Upon the achievement of various increasing levels of performance above the minimum target levels, the bonus increases up to a maximum amount currently equal to the executive's annual salary. Similarly, in the event applicable performance levels are not reached, then no bonus will be awarded. The purpose of the Executive Bonus Plan is to reward and reinforce executive management's commitment to achieve levels of profitability and return consistent with increasing shareholder value.

Cash bonuses earned under the Executive Bonus Plan are paid each year upon completion of our annual audit of the results of operations for the previous fiscal year by our independent auditors. In fiscal 2006, executive officers received bonuses for fiscal 2005 under the Executive Bonus Plan.

In March of 2006, the Committee approved the terms of the Executive Bonus Plan for fiscal year 2006 (the "2006 Bonus Plan"). The 2006 Bonus Plan used the following criteria with respect to Company performance during fiscal 2006 in determining bonus awards thereunder: same store sales growth, earnings growth and improvements in product margin. Performance thresholds or levels were established for each of the criteria and the criteria were assigned different weighting in calculating the amounts payable under
the 2006 Bonus Plan. The weighting of criteria was also tailored for each executive officer depending on his or her position and responsibilities within the Company. For each of the performance criteria there was a threshold ( $50 \%$ of target) below which no bonus will be earned for a respective criterion. Furthermore, there were maximum points ( $200 \%$ of target for same store sales growth; $175 \%$ of target for earnings growth and $200 \%$ of target for improvements in product margin) at which no further bonus amount can be earned for a respective criterion. Performance levels are established at levels that are achievable, but require better than expected planned performance and generally the Committee sets the threshold, target and maximum levels such that the relative difficulty of achieving the target levels is consistent from year to year. The maximum overall payout to each executive officer under the 2006 Bonus Plan is an amount equal to close to the full amount of his or her base salary. Bonus payments under the 2006 Bonus Plan were made in March 2007 (after the Company received its audited 2006 financial results and after review and approval of the Committee) and are as set forth below.

| Executive Officer | 2006 Bonus |
| :---: | :---: |
| Thomas D. Campion, Chairman of the Board | \$209,875 |
| Richard M. Brooks, President and CEO. | \$209,875 |
| Lynn K. Kilbourne, General Merchandising Manager | \$206,225 |
| Brenda I. Morris, Chief Financial Officer. | \$198,000 |

## Long-Term Incentives

The use of stock option awards as long-term incentives for executive officers helps the Company to (1) enhance the linkage between the creation of shareholder value and long-term executive incentive compensation, (2) provide an opportunity for increased equity ownership by executives and (3) maintain a competitive level of total compensation. In addition, stock options are awarded subject to a vesting schedule to better enhance executive retention with the Company.

The Committee believes that the use of stock options very closely aligns executive compensation with the value to be received by shareholders during the same period. An option award provides the executive with a benefit only if the value of Company shares increases over the exercise price of the options, and potentially provides greater leverage since more shares are included in an option grant than in a grant of restricted stock. While restricted stock will fluctuate with the value of Company shares and provide a benefit even if the value of the Company's shares decline, it has less upside potential than stock options since fewer shares are awarded than in an option grant having an equivalent initial value. Accordingly, at this time, the Committee has chosen to solely use stock option awards as long-term incentives.

Stock option awards are determined based on prior year performance of the Company and the executive officer and the level of equity ownership in the Company that the executive already has accumulated. Stock option awards also may vary among executive officers based on their respective positions within the Company. Except as noted below, all stock option awards are generally granted at the Committee's regularly scheduled March meeting and prior to the release of the Company's prior fiscal year annual earnings. Newly hired executive officers who are eligible to receive options are awarded such options effective as of the date and the amount set forth in their respective offer letter with a vesting schedule beginning as of their respective date of hire.

On March 9, 2006, the Company granted options to acquire 40,000 shares of Company stock to Brenda Morris, Chief Financial Officer, and to Lynn Kilbourne, General Merchandising Manager, respectively. The stock options were granted pursuant to the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. The stock options have a ten year term and $20 \%$ of the options vest on the one-year anniversary of the grant, and $1 / 48^{\text {th }}$ of the remaining options vest each month thereafter. The stock options have an exercise price equal to the closing price of the Company's stock on March 9, 2006. No awards of stock options were made to the executive officers during fiscal 2005.

## Employment Agreement with President and Chief Executive Officer

The Company is party to an Executive Agreement with Richard M. Brooks, pursuant to which he serves as our President and Chief Executive Officer. The agreement has no fixed term and terminates upon the death or disability of Mr. Brooks or upon written notice from either party. Under the agreement, Mr. Brooks is eligible to be considered for an annual discretionary bonus of up to $\$ 100,000$ and future stock option grants. The agreement further provides that if we terminate Mr. Brooks' employment without cause or if he terminates his employment for good reason, he will continue to receive his base salary until he accepts employment with another employer, but in no event longer than 18 months after the termination of his employment.

## Tax and Accounting Implications

## Deductibility of Executive Compensation

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code limits the Company's ability to deduct certain compensation over $\$ 1$ million paid to the executive officers unless such compensation is based on performance objectives meeting certain criteria or is otherwise excluded from the limitation. The Committee believes that it is generally in the Company's best interests to comply with Section 162(m) and expects that most of the compensation paid to the named executives will either be under the $\$ 1$ million limit, eligible for exclusion (such as stock options) under the $\$ 1$ million limit, or based on qualified performance objectives. However, notwithstanding this general policy, the Committee also believes that there may be circumstances in which the Company's interests are best served by maintaining flexibility in the way compensation is provided, whether or not compensation is fully deductible under Section 162(m). Accordingly, it is possible that some compensation paid to executive officers may not be deductible to the extent that the aggregate of non-exempt compensation exceeds the $\$ 1$ million level.

## Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation

Effective January 29, 2006 the Company adopted the fair value method of accounting for stock-based compensation arrangements in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statement No. 123(R), Share-Based Payment ("SFAS No. 123(R)"), using the modified prospective method of transition. Under the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R), the estimated fair value of share based awards granted under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan is recognized as compensation expense over the vesting period. Using the modified prospective method, compensation expense is recognized beginning with the effective date of adoption of SFAS No. 123 (R) for all share based payments (i) granted after the effective date of adoption and (ii) granted prior to the effective date of adoption and after the Company's initial public offering on May 5, 2005.

## REPORT OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF <br> THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Compensation Committee of the Company has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K with management and, based on such review and discussions, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement.

## THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

James M. Weber<br>Matthew L. Hyde<br>Gerald F. Ryles<br>David M. DeMattei

## Summary Compensation Table

The following table shows all fiscal 2006 compensation paid by the Company to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and our other most highly paid executive officers. These executive officers are referred to as "named executive officers."

| Name and Principal Position | Year | $\underset{(\$)}{\substack{\text { Salary } \\ \hline}}$ | Option Awards | Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation(2) | $\begin{array}{c}\text { All Other } \\ \text { Compensation } \\ (\$)(3)\end{array}$ <br> 6,972 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { (\$) } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Richard M. Brooks, CEO . | 2006 | 231,000 | - - | 209,875 | 6,972 | $\overline{447,847}$ |
| Brenda I. Morris, CFO | 2006 | 220,000 | 174,264 | 198,000 | 9,514 | 601,778 |
| Thomas D. Campion , Chairman. | 2006 | 231,000 | - | 209,875 | 7,510 | 448,385 |
| Lynn K. Kilbourne, General Merchandising Manager... | 2006 | 226,620 | 174,264 | 206,225 | 4,344 | 611,453 |

(1) This column represents the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the 2006 fiscal year for the fair value of stock options granted to the named executive officer in 2006 as well as prior fiscal years, in accordance with FAS 123R. Pursuant to SEC rules, the amounts shown exclude the impact of estimated forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. For additional information, refer to Note 2 to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2006 Form 10-K (listed under Stock Compensation). These amounts reflect the Company's accounting expense for these awards, and do not correspond to the actual value that will be recognized by the named executive officer. Information regarding the stock options granted to our named executive officers during 2006 is set forth in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table. The Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table also sets forth the aggregate grant date fair value of the stock options granted during 2006 computed in accordance with FAS 123R.
(2) The amounts set forth in this column were earned during fiscal 2006 and paid in early fiscal 2007 to each of the named executive officers under our Executive Bonus Plan. For additional information on the determination of the amounts related to Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation, see the discussion above in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis entitled, "Annual Incentive Bonus Plan."
(3) All Other Compensation includes the amount of fiscal 2006 Company 401 K employee match contribution. The Company provides a merchandise discount for all employees. This includes a $25 \%$
discount for all sales staff and hourly employees and a $35 \%$ discount for assistant managers and hourly supervisors and leads. Managers and home office staff (including the named executive officers) receive $40 \%$ off on footwear and hard goods and $50 \%$ off all other products. Discounts are taken based on original retail price. All Other Compensation also includes the value of the total discount the named executives officers received on their respective purchases during the fiscal year ended February 3, 2007.

## Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table provides information about equity and non-equity awards granted to the named executive officers in fiscal 2006. In the columns described as Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards, this table quantifies potential awards under the Executive Bonus Plan discussed above. For additional information about the non-equity incentives and option awards, see the description of incentive compensation in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section.

| Name | Grant Date | Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards (1) |  |  | All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (2) | Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh) (3) | Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards <br> (4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Threshold (\$) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Target } \\ (\$) \end{gathered}$ | Maximum (\$) |  |  |  |
| Richard M. Brooks, CEO . | 3/9/06 | 115,500 | 115,500 | 231,000 |  |  |  |
| Brenda I. Morris, CFO | 3/9/06 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 220,000 | 40,000 | \$27.305 | 429,300 |
| Thomas D. Campion, Chairman. | 3/9/06 | 115,500 | 115,500 | 231,000 | - | - |  |
| Lynn K. Kilbourne, General Merchandising |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manager. . . . . . . . . . . . | 3/9/06 | 113,310 | 113,310 | 226,620 | 40,000 | \$27.305 | 429,300 |

(1) These columns show what the potential payout for each named executive officer was under the Executive Bonus Plan for fiscal year 2006 if the threshold, target, or maximum goals were satisfied for all performance measures. Please refer to the discussion in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis entitled, "Annual Incentive Bonus Plan."
(2) This column shows the number of stock options granted in fiscal year 2006 to the named executive officers. These stock options vest over a 5-year period in equal annual installments. Please refer to the discussion in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis entitled, "Long-Term Incentives."
(3) This column shows the exercise price for the stock options granted, which was the closing price of the Company's stock on the grant date indicated.
(4) This column shows the full grant date fair value of stock option grants under FAS 123R. Generally the full grant date fair value is the amount that the Company would expense in its financial statements over the stock option's vesting schedule, excluding the impact of estimated forfeitures. For additional information, refer to Note 2 to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2006 Form 10-K (listed under Stock Compensation). These amounts reflect the Company's accounting expense for these stock option awards, and do not correspond to the actual value that will be recognized by the named executive officer.

## Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table provides information on the holdings of stock option awards to the named executive officers as of February 3, 2007. This table includes unexercised and unvested stock option awards. Historically, the Company has not made grants of stock awards. The vesting schedule for each grant of stock options is shown in the footnotes to this table.

|  | Option Awards |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of Securities Underying Unexercised Options $(\#)$ (\#) | Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised (\#) $\qquad$ | Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Unearned Options (\#) | Option Exercise Price (\$) | $\underset{\text { Expiration }}{\text { Option }}$ Date |
| Richard M. Brooks, CEO | - | - | - |  |  |
| Brenda I. Morris, CFO | 53,518(1) | 61,264 | - | \$ 2.606 | 9/04/2013 |
|  |  | 40,000(3) | - | \$27.310 | 3/09/2016 |
| Thomas D. Campion, Chairman | - | - | - |  |  |
| Lynn K. Kilbourne, General. . | 103,885(2) | 153,886 | - | \$ 5.272 | 9/09/2014 |
| Merchandising Manager... |  | 40,000(3) | - | \$27.310 | 3/09/2016 |

(1) Twenty percent of the options vest on the one-year anniversary of the grant date and $1 / 48$ th of the remaining options vest each month thereafter. The grant date was 4/28/2003.
(2) Twenty percent of the options vest on the one-year anniversary of the grant date and $1 / 48$ th of the remaining options vest each month thereafter. The grant date was 9/09/2004.
(3) Options subject to this grant vest over a 5 -year period in equal annual installments. The grant date was 3/9/2006.

## Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The following table provides information for the named executive officers on stock option exercises during fiscal year 2006, including the number of shares acquired upon exercise and the value released before payment of any applicable withholding tax and broker commissions. Currently, there are no outstanding stock awards.

| Name | Option Awards |  | Stock Awards |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (\#) | Value Realized on Exercise (\$) (1) | Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (\#) | Value Realized on Vesting <br> (\$) |
| Richard M. Brooks, CEO. | - | - | - | - |
| Brenda I. Morris, CFO | 20,000 | \$ 627,076 | - | - |
| Thomas D. Campion, Chairman | - | - | - | - |
| Lynn K. Kilbourne, General |  |  |  |  |
| Merchandising Manager. | 50,000 | \$1,503,005 | - | - |

(1) The dollar amount realized upon exercise was calculated by determining the difference between the market price of the underlying shares of common stock at exercise and the exercise price of the stock options.

## Pension Benefits

The Company does not maintain a defined benefit pension plan or supplemental pension plan.

## Nonqualified Deferred Compensation

The Company does not maintain a nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

## Director Compensation

The Company pays its non-employee directors an annual fee for their services as members of the Board of Directors. Each non-employee director receives an annual cash retainer of $\$ 30,000$. The Audit Committee chairperson receives an additional retainer of $\$ 12,000$ per year. The Compensation Committee and Governance/Nominating Committee chairpersons each receive an additional retainer of $\$ 2,000$ per year. Directors appointed in an interim period receive pro-rata retainer fees.

The Company reimburses all directors for reasonable expenses incurred to attend meetings of the Board of Directors. Non-employee directors may elect to have a portion, or all, of their annual retainer be used for the reimbursement of travel expenses in excess of those that the Company considers to be reasonable. In addition, non-employee directors are eligible to receive equity awards under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. Each non-employee director receives an annual grant of 10,000 stock options. The stock options are granted effective at the annual meeting of shareholders with an option exercise price equal to the closing stock price on such date. The stock options vest in equal annual installments over a three-year period.

## Non-Employee Director Compensation

The following table discloses the cash, equity awards and other compensation earned by each of the Company's non-employee directors during the last completed fiscal year.

| Name | Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$) | Option Awards <br> (\$) <br> (4) | All Other <br> Compensation <br> (\$) | Total (\$) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| James M. Weber | 32,000 | 55,082 | - | 87,082 |
| Matthew L. Hyde | 32,000 | 55,082 | - | 87,082 |
| Gerald F. Ryles | 42,000 | 55,082 | - | 97,082 |
| William M. Barnum Jr. | -(1) | 55,082 | 30,000(1) | 85,082 |
| David M. DeMattei | 22,500 | 18,302(5) | - | 40,802 |
| Thomas D. Davin(2) | 30,000 | 55,082 | - | 85,082 |
| Steven W. Moore(3) . | - | - | - | - |

(1) Mr. Barnum elected the option to utilize his annual retainer for certain travel expenses, as described in the section above titled "Director Compensation".
(2) Mr. Davin resigned from the Board of Directors on August 14, 2006.
(3) Mr. Moore resigned from the Board of Directors on April 26, 2006. Mr. Moore resigned prior the adoption of the Company's new Board compensation policy. At the time of Mr. Moore's service on the Board of Directors, non-employee directors did not receive any compensation for their service on the Board of Directors.
(4) With the exception of Mr. DeMattei, each non-employee director was granted 10,000 options at the Company's annual meeting of shareholders on May 31, 2006. This column represents the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the 2006 fiscal year for the fair value of stock options granted to the non-employee directors in fiscal 2006 in accordance with FAS 123R. Pursuant to SEC rules, the amounts shown exclude the impact of estimated forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. For additional information, refer to Note 2 to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2006 Form 10-K (listed under Stock Compensation). These amounts reflect the Company's accounting expense for these awards, and do not correspond to the actual value that will be recognized by the non-employee directors.
(5) Mr. DeMattei was granted 10,000 options on November 13, 2006. Mr. DeMattei joined the Board of Directors subsequent to the Company's annual meeting of shareholders in August of 2006.

## Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

Except for our Chief Executive Officer, the named executive officers do not have employment or severance agreements with the Company. Certain of the named executive officers have unvested stock options under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan, the vesting of which may accelerate in the event of a Change in Control (as defined below). The information below is a summary of certain provisions of these agreements and does not attempt to describe all aspects of the agreements. The rights of the parties are governed by the actual agreements and are in no way modified by the abbreviated summaries set forth in this proxy statement.

Following the description of the agreements, there is a table showing the potential payments the named executive officers could have received under these arrangements, assuming that, in the case of Mr. Brooks, his employment was terminated by the Company without cause or for good reason by Mr. Brooks on February 3, 2007, or in the case of Ms. Morris or Ms. Kilbourne, the vesting of certain of their options was accelerated in connection with a Change in Control on February 3, 2007.

## Employment Agreement for Richard M. Brooks

Mr. Brooks' Employment Agreement provides that if his employment is terminated by the Company without cause (as defined in the Employment Agreement) or by Mr. Brooks with good reason (as defined in the Employment Agreement), then the Company shall continue to pay Mr. Brooks' base salary until the earlier of the date that he accepts employment with another employer or upon the expiration of eighteen (18) months after his termination of employment. All employee benefits shall cease upon termination of employment. As a condition to post-termination salary continuation payments, (i) the Company may require that Mr. Brooks provide consulting services to the Company on a reasonable basis during the period that payments continue and (ii) Mr. Brooks must be in compliance with covenants in the Employment Agreement relating to confidentiality, return of confidential information, assignment of inventions, non-solicitation and non-competition.

## Acceleration of Stock Option Vesting

The Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan provides that in the event of a Change in Control (as defined below), if the surviving corporation does not assume or continue outstanding stock option awards or substitute similar stock option awards for those outstanding under the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan, then all such outstanding stock options will be accelerated and become fully vested and exercisable immediately prior to the consummation of the Change in Control transaction.

For purposes of the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan, "Change in Control" means:
(i) the consummation of a merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another entity or any other corporate reorganization, if more than $50 \%$ of the combined voting power of the continuing or surviving entity's securities outstanding immediately after such merger, consolidation or other reorganization is owned by persons who were not shareholders of the Company immediately prior to such merger, consolidation or other reorganization; or
(ii) the sale, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets.

A transaction shall not constitute a Change in Control if its sole purpose is to change the state of the Company's incorporation or to create a holding company that will be owned in substantially the same proportions by the persons who held the Company's securities immediately before such transaction.

## Estimated Payments on Termination or Change in Control

| Name | Cash Severance upon Termination by Company without Cause or by Executive for Good Reason | Stock Option <br> Vesting in Connection with a Change in Control |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Richard M. Brooks, CEO(1) | \$346,500 | - |
| Brenda I. Morris, CFO(2) | - | \$255,000 |
| Thomas D. Campion, Chairman | - | - |
| Lynn K. Kilbourne, GMM(2) | - | \$255,000 |

(1) Represents payment of 18 months of base salary to Mr. Brooks based upon his base salary of $\$ 231,000$ per year at the end of the Company's 2006 fiscal year.
(2) Represents the amount calculated by multiplying the number of in-the-money options with respect to which the vesting would accelerate as a result of a Change in Control under the circumstances noted by the difference between the exercise price and the closing price of a share of common stock on the last trading day of the 2006 fiscal year. The number of shares subject to unvested stock options and exercise prices thereof are shown above in the Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End table.

## Report of The Audit Committee of The Board of Directors

The 2006 Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Company's Board of Directors. The charter of the Audit Committee is available at http://www.ir.zumiez.com.

We have reviewed and discussed with management our consolidated financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2007.

We have discussed with the independent public accountants the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, Communication with Audit Committees, as amended.

We have received and reviewed the written disclosures and the letter from the independent public accountants required by Independence Standard No. 1, Independence Discussions with Audit Committees, as amended, and have discussed with the independent public accountants their independence.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, we recommended to our Board of Directors that the financial statements referred to above be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Audit Committee<br>Matthew L. Hyde<br>Gerald F. Ryles, Chairman<br>James M. Weber<br>David M. DeMattei

## Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The aggregate fees billed by Moss Adams, LLP and PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP for professional services rendered for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements for the fiscal years ended February 3, 2007 and January 28, 2006 respectively are as follows:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Moss Adams } \\ \quad 2006 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Moss Adams } \\ \quad 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { PWC } \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PWC } \\ & 2005 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Audit Fees(1) | \$357,500 | \$ | \$ | \$1,447,000 |
| Audit-Related Fees(2) | 43,563 | - | 18,100 | 19,000 |
| Tax Fees(3) | 32,503 | 25,767 | - |  |
| Other Fees(4) | - | 55,112 | - |  |
| Total Fees | \$433,566 | \$80,879 | \$18,100 | \$1,466,000 |

(1) Audit fees include services including expenses in connection with the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the Company along with the reviews of the interim financial information of the Company and its Forms $10-\mathrm{K}$ and $10-\mathrm{Q}$. This fiscal year 2005 audit fee includes $\$ 961,000$ of fees related to the filing of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 in May 2005 and a followon offering in November 2005.
(2) Audit related fees include Section 404 readiness services provided to the Company in fiscal 2005 and consulting fees related to the acquisition of 20 existing stores from Fast Forward in 2006.
(3) Tax fees include preparation of the fiscal 2006 and 2005 federal income tax return, preparation of state income and franchise tax returns and review of the federal tax implications of the Fast Forward acquisition.
(4) Other Fees include review of the income tax provision and related tax deferrals for conformance to FAS 109.

## Policy on Audit Committee Pre-Approval of Audit and Permissible Non-Audit Services of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Audit Committee pre-approves all auditing services, internal control-related services and permitted non-audit services (including the fees and terms thereof) to be performed for the Company by its independent auditor, subject to the "de minimis exception" (discussed below) for non-audit services that are approved by the Audit Committee prior to the completion of the audit. The Audit Committee may form and delegate authority to subcommittees consisting of one or more members when appropriate, including the authority to grant pre-approvals of audit and permitted non-audit services, provided that decisions of such subcommittee to grant pre-approvals shall be presented to the full Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting. The Audit Committee will evaluate whether any permitted non-audit services are compatible with maintaining the auditor's independence.

As discussed above, all services of the auditor must be pre-approved by the Audit Committee except for certain services other than audit, review or attest services that meet the "de minimis exception" under 17 CFR Section 210.2-01, namely:

- the aggregate amount of fees paid for all such services is not more than 5 percent of the total fees paid by the Company to its auditor during the fiscal year in which the services are provided;
- such services were not recognized by the Company at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and
- such services are promptly brought to the attention of the Audit Committee and approved prior to the completion of the audit.

During fiscal years 2006 and 2005, there were no such services that were performed pursuant to the "de minimis exception."

## Termination of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP; Engagement of Moss Adams LLP

On April 27, 2006, the Company dismissed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (" $P w C$ ") as its independent registered public accounting firm and engaged Moss Adams LLP as its new independent registered public accounting firm. The decision to change independent registered public accounting firms was approved by the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors.

The Company disclosed these events in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 3, 2006 (the "Form 8-K"), which included the following information:

The reports of PwC on the Company's financial statements as of and for the years ended January 29, 2005 and January 28, 2006 contained no adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principle. During the fiscal years ended January 29, 2005 and January 28, 2006 and through April 27, 2006, there were (1) no disagreements with PwC on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of PwC, would have caused PwC to make reference thereto in their reports on the financial statements for such years, and (2) no reportable events (as defined in Regulation S-K Item 304(a)(1)(v)). PwC provided to the Company a letter addressed to the SEC stating that it agreed with the statements of the Company made in the Form 8-K in response to Item 304(a).

During the fiscal years ended January 29, 2005 and January 28, 2006 and through April 27, 2006, the Company did not consult with Moss Adams LLP or any other independent accounting firm regarding either (1) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's financial statements, or (2) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement, as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions to Item 304 of Regulation S-K, or a reportable event, as that term is described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

## COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

Messrs. DeMattei, Hyde, Weber and Ryles currently serve as members of the Compensation Committee. None of our executive officers serve as a member of the board of directors or compensation committee of any entity that has one or more executive officers serving as a member of our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee.

## Equity Compensation Plans

The following table sets forth information concerning the Company's equity compensation plans as of February 3, 2007.

| Plan Category | (a) <br> Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights | (b) <br> Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights | (c) <br> Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Equity compensation plans approved by security holders(1) . . . . . . . . . . . | 2,675,264 | \$6.76 | 8,290,048 |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders(2) | - | - | - |
| Employee stock purchase plans approved by security holders(3) | - | - | 985,271 |

(1) Equity compensation plans approved by security holders include the 1993 Stock Option Plan, the 2004 Stock Option Plan and the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan.
(2) The Company does not have any equity compensation plans that were not approved by the Company's security holders.
(3) Employee stock purchase plans approved by security holders include the 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

## Householding of Proxy Materials

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries (e.g., brokers, banks and other agents) to satisfy the delivery requirements for proxy statements and annual reports with respect to two or more shareholders sharing the same address by delivering a single proxy statement addressed to those shareholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as "householding," potentially means extra convenience for shareholders and cost savings for companies.

A number of brokers, banks or other agents with account holders who are shareholders of the Company will be "householding" our proxy materials. A single proxy statement will be delivered to multiple shareholders sharing an address unless contrary instructions have been received from the affected shareholders. Once you have received notice from your broker, bank or other agent that it will be "householding" communications to your address, "householding" will continue until you are notified otherwise or until you revoke your consent. If, at any time, you no longer wish to participate in "householding" and would prefer to receive a separate proxy statement and annual report, please notify your broker, bank or other agent, and direct a written request for the separate proxy statement and annual report to Secretary, Zumiez Inc., 6300 Merrill Creek Parkway, Suite B, Everett, WA 98203. Shareholders whose shares are held by their broker, bank or other agent as nominee and who currently receive multiple copies of the proxy statement at their address that would like to request "householding" of their communications should contact their broker, bank or other agent.

## Proposals of Shareholders

We expect to hold our next annual meeting on or about May 31, 2008. If you wish to submit a proposal for inclusion in the proxy materials for that meeting, you must send the proposal to our Secretary at the address below. The proposal must be received at our executive offices no later than February 1, 2008, to be considered for inclusion. Among other requirements set forth in the SEC's proxy rules and our Bylaws, you must have continuously held at least $\$ 2,000$ in market value or $1 \%$ of our outstanding stock for at least one year by the date of submitting the proposal, and you must continue to own such stock through the date of the meeting.

If you intend to nominate candidates for election as directors or present a proposal at the meeting without including it in our proxy materials, you must provide notice of such proposal to us no later than February 1, 2008 and not before January 2, 2008. Our Bylaws outline procedures for giving the required notice. If you would like a copy of the procedures contained in our Bylaws, please contact:

Secretary<br>Zumiez Inc.<br>6300 Merrill Creek Parkway, Suite B<br>Everett, WA 98203

## Other Matters

Our Board of Directors knows of no other matters that will be presented for consideration at the annual meeting. If any other matters are properly brought before the meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying proxy to vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

By Order of the Board of Directors<br>Bill Chapman<br>Secretary

Everett, WA
April 27, 2007
A copy of our Annual Report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ for the fiscal year ended February 3,2007 filed with the SEC is
available without charge upon written request to: Secretary, Zumiez Inc., 6300 Merrill Creek Parkway,
Suite B, Everett, WA 98203 .

# UNITED STATES <br> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION <br> Washington，D．C． 20549 

FORM 10－K

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

For the fiscal year ended：February 3， 2007
or
$\square$ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15（d）OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission File Number：000－51300
ZUMIEZ INC．
（Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter）

## Washington

（State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization）

6300 Merrill Creek Parkway，Suite B， Everett，Washington
（Address of principal executive offices）

91－1040022
（IRS Employer Identification No．）

Registrant＇s telephone number，including area code：（425）551－1500
Securities registered under Section 12（b）of the Act：Common Stock
Name of each exchange on which registered：The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
Securities registered under 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 $\square$ No $\begin{aligned} & \text { 区 }\end{aligned}$

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 $\square$ No 区

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant（1）has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 （d）of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months（or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports），and（2）has been subject to such filing requirements for the last ninety days Yes $\begin{aligned} & \text { No } \\ & \square\end{aligned}$

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，or a non－ accelerated filer（as defined in Rule 12b－2 of the Act）．Large accelerated filer $\square$ Accelerated filer $\boxtimes$ Non－ accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is a shell company（as defined in Rule 12b－2 of the Exchange Act）．Yes $\square$ No 区

As of the last business day of the second fiscal quarter，July 28，2006，the aggregate market value of the Registrant＇s voting and non－voting stock held by non－affiliates of the Registrant was approximately $\$ 579,481,527$ using the closing sales price on that day of $\$ 31.03$ ．

As of March 15，2007，there were 27，880，512 shares of the Registrant＇s common stock outstanding．
DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE
The information required by Part III of this report is incorporated by reference from the Registrant＇s definitive proxy statement，relating to the Annual Meeting of Shareholders tentatively scheduled to be held May 30，2007，which definitive proxy statement will be filed not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year to which this report relates．

## ZUMIEZ INC. FORM 10-K PART I.

This Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements. These statements relate to our expectations for future events and future financial performance. Generally, the words "anticipate," "expect," "intend" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, and future events and circumstances could differ significantly from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements. These statements are only predictions. Actual events or results may differ materially. Factors which could affect our financial results are described in Item 1A below and in Item 7 of Part II of this Form 10-K. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. Moreover, neither we nor any other person assume responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the forward-looking statements. We undertake no duty to update any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this report to conform such statements to actual results or to changes in our expectations.

Comment regarding our fiscal year end: The Company's fiscal year is based on a $52 / 53$-week year ending on the Saturday closest to January 31. This change first became effective for fiscal year 2003, which ended on January 31, 2004.
"Zumiez," the "Company," "we," "us," "our" and similar references refer to Zumiez Inc.

## Item 1. BUSINESS

We are a mall based specialty retailer of action sports related apparel, footwear, equipment and accessories operating under the Zumiez brand name. As of February 3, 2007 we operated 235 stores primarily located in shopping malls, giving us a presence in 23 states. We were founded in 1978 by Thomas D. Campion, our Chairman. Our current President and Chief Executive Officer, Richard M. Brooks joined us as Chief Financial Officer in 1993. Our stores cater to young men and women between the ages of 12 and 24 who seek popular brands representing a lifestyle centered on activities that include skateboarding, surfing, snowboarding, BMX and motocross. We support the action sports lifestyle and promote our brand through a multi-faceted marketing approach that is designed to integrate our brand image with our customers' activities and interests. This approach, combined with our differentiated merchandising strategy, store design, comprehensive training programs and passionate employees, allows us to provide an experience for our customers that we believe is consistent with their attitudes, fashion tastes and identities and is otherwise unavailable in most malls.

Our stores bring the look and feel of an independent specialty shop to the mall by emphasizing the action sports lifestyle through a distinctive store environment and high-energy sales personnel. We seek to staff our stores with store associates who are knowledgeable users of our products, which we believe provides our customers with enhanced customer service and supplements our ability to identify and react quickly to emerging trends and fashions. We design our stores to appeal to teenagers and to serve as a destination for our customers. Most of our stores, which average approximately 2,800 square feet, feature couches and action sports oriented video game stations that are intended to encourage our customers to shop for longer periods of time and to interact with each other and our store associates. To increase customer traffic, we generally locate our stores near busy areas of the mall such as food courts, movie theaters, music or game stores and other popular teen retailers. We believe that our distinctive store concept and compelling store economics will provide continued opportunities for growth in both new and existing markets.

We believe that our customers desire merchandise and fashion that is rooted in the action sports lifestyle and reflects their individuality. We strive to keep our merchandising mix fresh by continuously introducing new brands and styles. Our focus on a diverse collection of brands allows us to quickly adjust to changing fashion trends. We believe that our strategic mix of both apparel and hardgoods, including skateboards, snowboards, bindings, components and other equipment, allows us to strengthen the potential of the brands we sell and helps to affirm our credibility with our customers. In addition, we supplement our stores with a select offering of private label apparel and products as a value proposition that we believe complements our overall merchandise selection.

Over our 28-year history, we have developed a corporate culture based on a passion for the action sports lifestyle. Our management philosophy emphasizes an integrated combination of results measurement, training and incentive programs, all designed to drive sales productivity at the individual store associate level. We empower our store managers to make store-level business decisions and consistently reward their success. We seek to enhance the productivity of our employees and encourage their advancement by offering comprehensive in-store, regional and national training programs, which we refer to collectively as "Zumiez University." We have:

- increased our store count from 80 as of the end of fiscal 2001 to 235 as of the end of fiscal 2006;
- maintained net sales per square foot in excess of $\$ 440$ for our last five fiscal years ending with fiscal 2006;
- increased net sales from approximately $\$ 84.7$ million in fiscal 2001 to approximately $\$ 298.2$ million in fiscal 2006, representing a compound annual growth rate of $28.6 \%$;
- increased operating profit from $\$ 6.7$ million in fiscal 2001 to $\$ 32.4$ million in fiscal 2006, representing a compound annual growth rate of $37.1 \%$; and
- been profitable in every fiscal year of our 28-year history.


## Competitive Strengths

We believe that the following competitive strengths differentiate us from our competitors and are critical to our continuing success.

Attractive Lifestyle Retailing Concept. We target a large and growing population of 12 to 24 year olds, many of whom we believe are attracted to the action sports lifestyle and desire to promote their personal independence and style through the apparel they wear and the equipment they use. We believe that action sports are a permanent and growing aspect of youth culture, reaching not only consumers that actually participate in action sports, but also those who seek brands and styles that fit a desired action sports image. We believe we have developed a brand image that our customers view as consistent with their attitudes, fashion tastes and identity that should allow us to benefit from our market's anticipated growth.

Differentiated Merchandising Strategy. We have created a highly differentiated retailing concept by offering an extensive selection of current and relevant action sports brands encompassing apparel, equipment and accessories. The breadth of merchandise offered at our stores exceeds that offered by many other action sports specialty stores and includes some brands and products that are available within many malls only at our stores. The action sports lifestyle includes activities that are popular at different times throughout the year, providing us the opportunity to shift our merchandise selection seasonally. Many of our customers desire to update their wardrobes and equipment as fashion trends evolve or the action sports season dictates. We believe that our ability to quickly recognize changing brand and style preferences and transition our merchandise offerings allows us to continually provide a compelling offering to our customers.

Deep-rooted Corporate Culture. Our culture and brand image enable us to successfully attract and retain high quality employees who are passionate and knowledgeable about the products we sell. We place great emphasis on customer service and satisfaction, and we have made this a defining feature of our corporate culture. To preserve our culture, we strive to promote store managers from within and they are given extensive responsibility for most aspects of store level management. We provide these managers with the knowledge and tools to succeed through our comprehensive training programs and the flexibility to manage their stores to meet localized customer demand.

Distinctive Store Experience. We strive to provide a convenient shopping environment that is appealing and clearly communicates our distinct brand image. Our stores are designed to reflect an "organized chaos" that we believe is consistent with many teenagers' lifestyles. We seek to attract knowledgeable store associates who identify with the action sports lifestyle and are able to offer superior customer service, advice and product expertise. To further enhance our customers' experience, most of our stores feature areas with couches and action sports oriented video game stations that are intended to encourage our customers to shop for longer periods of time, to interact with each other and our store associates in a familiar and comfortable setting and to visit our stores more frequently. We believe that our distinctive store environment enhances our image as a leading source for apparel and equipment for the action sports lifestyle.

Disciplined Operating Philosophy. We have an experienced senior management team. Our management team has built a strong operating foundation based on sound retail principles that underlie our unique culture. Our philosophy emphasizes an integrated combination of results measurement, training and incentive programs, all designed to drive sales productivity down to the individual store associate level. Our comprehensive training programs are designed to provide our managers and store associates with enhanced product knowledge, selling skills and operational expertise. We believe that our merchandising team's immersion in the actions sports lifestyle, supplemented with feedback from our customers, store associates and managers, allows us to consistently identify and react to emerging fashion trends. We believe that this, combined with our inventory planning and allocation processes and systems, helps us mitigate markdown risk.

High-Impact, Integrated Marketing Approach. We seek to build relationships with our customers through a multi-faceted marketing approach that is designed to integrate our brand image with the action sports lifestyle. Our marketing efforts focus on reaching our customers in their environment and feature extensive grassroots marketing events, such as the Zumiez Couch Tour, which is a series of interactive sports, music and lifestyle events held at various locations throughout the United States. Our marketing efforts also incorporate local sporting and music event promotions, advertising in magazines popular with our target market, interactive contest sponsorships that actively involve our customers with our brands and products, and distribution of over 10 million Zumiez stickers in the past fiscal year. Events and activities such as these provide opportunities for our customers to develop a strong identity with our culture and brand. We believe that our immersion in the action sports lifestyle allows us to build credibility with our customers and gather valuable feedback on evolving customer preferences.

## Growth Strategy

We intend to expand our presence as a leading action sports lifestyle retailer by:
Opening New Store Locations. We believe that the action sports lifestyle has national appeal that provides store expansion opportunities throughout the country. Since the end of fiscal 2002 through the year ended February 3, 2007 (fiscal 2006) we have opened 139 new stores, consisting of 15 new stores in fiscal 2003, 27 new stores in fiscal 2004, 35 new stores in fiscal 2005, and 42 new stores in fiscal 2006. We also acquired $100 \%$ of the ownership of 20 stores ( 17 in Texas, 2 in Oklahoma and 1 in California) from Action Concepts Fast Forward, Ltd. (a limited partnership) ("Fast Forward"), an apparel and accessory
retail sales company. We have successfully opened stores in diverse markets throughout the United States, which we believe demonstrates the portability and growth potential of our concept. We plan to open approximately 50 stores in fiscal 2007, including stores in our existing markets and in new markets, to take advantage of what we believe to be a compelling economic store model. We plan to continue to increase the size of our average store by opening new store locations that average approximately 3,000 square feet. These larger locations will accommodate an expanded merchandise mix, while maintaining our unique instore experience and culture.

Continuing to Generate Sales Growth through Improved Store Level Productivity. We seek to maximize our comparable store sales and net sales per square foot by maintaining consistent store-level execution and offering our customers a broad and relevant selection of action sports brands and products. We also intend to continue to expand our brand awareness in an effort to maintain high levels of customer traffic.

Enhancing our Operating Efficiency. As we continue to expand our business and open new stores, we plan to improve our operating results by taking advantage of economies of scale in purchasing our inventory, leveraging our existing infrastructure and continually optimizing and improving our operations in areas such as inventory and supply chain management. We seek to better leverage our expenses, particularly general corporate overhead and fixed costs such as non-variable occupancy costs, through increases in both comparable store sales and total net sales.

Enhancing our Brand Awareness through Continued Marketing and Promotion. We believe that a key component of our success is the brand exposure that we receive from our marketing events, promotions and activities that embody the action sports lifestyle. These are designed to assist us in increasing brand awareness in our existing markets and expanding into new markets by strengthening our connection with our target customer base. We believe that our marketing efforts have also been successful in generating and promoting interest in our product offerings. In addition, we use our internet presence, designed to convey our passion for the action sports lifestyle, to increase our brand awareness. We plan to continue to expand our integrated marketing efforts by promoting more events and activities in our existing and new markets.

## The Action Sports Market

We believe that action sports are a permanent and growing aspect of youth culture, reaching not only consumers that actually participate in action sports, but also those who seek brands and styles that fit a desired action sports image. We believe that teens enjoy shopping in malls and purchasing clothing and fashion-related merchandise.

## Merchandising and Purchasing

Merchandising. Our goal is to be viewed by our customers, both young men and young women, as the definitive source of merchandise for the action sports lifestyle. We believe that the breadth of merchandise offered at our stores, which includes apparel, footwear, equipment and accessories, exceeds that offered by many other action sports specialty stores at a single location, and makes our stores a single-stop purchase destination for our target customers. Our apparel offerings include tops, bottoms, outerwear and accessories such as caps, belts and sunglasses. Our footwear offerings primarily consist of action sports related athletic shoes and sandals. Our equipment offerings, or hardgoods, include skateboards, snowboards and ancillary gear such as boots and bindings. We also offer a selection of other items, such as miscellaneous novelties and DVDs.

We seek to identify action sports oriented fashion trends as they develop and to respond in a timely manner with a relevant in-store product assortment. We strive to keep our merchandising mix fresh by continuously introducing new brands or styles in response to the evolving desires of our customers. We also take advantage of the change in action sports seasons during the year to maintain an updated product
selection. Our merchandise mix may vary by region, reflecting the specific action sports preferences and seasons in different parts of the country.

We believe that offering an extensive selection of current and relevant brands used and sometimes developed by professional action sports athletes is integral to our overall success. No single brand accounted for more than $7.8 \%$ and $7.1 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2005 and fiscal 2006, respectively. We believe that our strategic mix of both apparel and hardgoods, including skateboards, snowboards, bindings, components and other equipment, allows us to strengthen the potential of the brands we sell and affirms our credibility with our customers.

We believe that our ability to maintain an image consistent with the action sports lifestyle is important to our key vendors. Given our scale and market position, we believe that many of our key vendors view us as an important retail partner. This position helps ensure our ability to procure a relevant product assortment and quickly respond to the changing fashion interests of our customers. Additionally, we believe we are presented with a greater variety of products and styles by some of our vendors, as well as certain specially designed items that are only distributed to our stores.

We supplement our merchandise assortment with a select offering of private label products across many of our apparel product categories. Our private label products complement the branded products we sell, and allow us to cater to the more value-oriented customer. For fiscal 2004, 2005, and 2006 our private label merchandise represented approximately $12.8 \%, 12.9 \%$ and $14.3 \%$ respectively, of our net sales.

Purchasing Our merchandising staff consists of a general merchandising manager, planning staff and a staff of buyers and assistant buyers. Our purchasing approach focuses on quality, speed and cost in order to provide timely delivery of merchandise to our stores. We have developed a disciplined approach to buying and a dynamic inventory planning and allocation process to support our merchandise strategy. We utilize a broad vendor base that allows us to shift our merchandise purchases as required to react quickly to changing market conditions. We manage the purchasing and allocation process by reviewing branded merchandise lines from new and existing vendors, identifying emerging fashion trends and selecting branded merchandise styles in quantities, colors and sizes to meet inventory levels established by management. We also coordinate inventory levels in connection with our promotions and seasonality. Our management information systems provide us with current inventory levels at each store and for our company as a whole, as well as current selling history within each store by merchandise classification and by style. We purchase most of our branded merchandise from domestic vendors.

Our merchandising staff remains in tune with the action sports culture by participating in action sports, attending relevant events and concerts, watching action sports related programming and reading action sports publications. In order to identify evolving trends and fashion preferences, our staff spends considerable time analyzing sales data by category and brand down to the stock keeping unit, or "SKU" (an identification used for inventory tracking purposes) level, gathering feedback from our stores and customers, shopping in key markets and soliciting input from our vendors. As part of our feedback collection process, our merchandise team receives merchandise requests from both customers and store associates and meets with our store managers two to three times per year to discuss current customer trends.

We source our private label merchandise from foreign manufacturers around the world. We have cultivated our private brand sources with a view towards high quality merchandise, production reliability and consistency of fit. We believe that our knowledge of fabric and production costs combined with a flexible sourcing base enables us to source high-quality private label goods at favorable costs.

## Distribution and Fulfillment

Timely and efficient distribution of merchandise to our stores is an important component of our overall business strategy. We process all of our merchandise through our distribution center in Everett, Washington. At this facility, merchandise is inspected, allocated to stores, ticketed when necessary, and boxed for distribution to our stores or segregated in our e-commerce fulfillment area for delivery to our internet customers. A significant percentage of our merchandise is currently pre-ticketed by our vendors, which allows us to ship merchandise more quickly, reduces labor costs and enhances our inventory management. We continue to work with our vendors to increase the percentage of pre-ticketed merchandise. Each store is typically shipped merchandise five times a week, providing our stores with a steady flow of new merchandise. We currently use United Parcel Service to ship merchandise to our stores. We believe our current distribution infrastructure is sufficient to accommodate our expected store growth and expanded product offerings over the next several years.

## Stores

As of February 3, 2007 we operated 235 stores with an average of approximately 2,800 square feet per store in 23 states. All of our stores are leased and substantially all are located in shopping malls of different types. All references in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to square footage of our stores refers to gross square footage, including retail selling, storage and back-office space.

The following store list shows the number of stores we operated in each state as of February 3, 2007:

| State | Number of Stores |
| :---: | :---: |
| Alaska | 2 |
| Arizona | 10 |
| California | 45 |
| Colorado | 16 |
| Delaware. | 1 |
| Florida. | 5 |
| Idaho | 5 |
| Illinois | 11 |
| Iowa . | 1 |
| Minnesota. | 10 |
| Montana | 4 |
| Nevada. | 5 |
| New Jersey | 10 |
| New Mexico | 4 |
| New York | 24 |
| Oklahoma | 2 |
| Oregon | 11 |
| Pennsylvania. | 7 |
| Texas | 22 |
| Utah. | 11 |
| Washington. . | 22 |
| Wisconsin | 6 |
| Wyoming. | 1 |

As of February 3, 2007 approximately $76.6 \%$ of our stores had been opened or remodeled within the previous five years. The following table shows the number of stores (excluding temporary stores that we
operate from time to time for special events) opened and closed in each of our last five fiscal years including 20 stores acquired in the fiscal 2006 Fast Forward acquisition:

| Fiscal Year | Stores Opened | Stores Closed | Total Number of Stores at End of Period |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2002 | 19 | - | 99 |
| 2003 | 15 | 1 | 113 |
| 2004 | 27 | - | 140 |
| 2005 | 35 | 1 | 174 |
| 2006 | 62 | 1 | 235 |

Store Design and Environment. We design our stores to create a distinctive and engaging shopping environment that we believe resonates with our customers and reflects an "organized chaos" that is consistent with many teenagers' lifestyles. Our stores feature an industrial look with concrete floors and open ceilings, dense merchandise displays, action sports focused posters and signage and popular music, all of which are consistent with the look and feel of an independent action sports specialty shop. Most of our stores have couches and action sports oriented video game stations that are intended to encourage our customers to shop for longer periods of time, to interact with each other and our store associates and to visit our stores more frequently. Our stores are constructed and finished to allow us to efficiently shift merchandise displays throughout the year as the action sports season dictates. To further enhance our customers' experience, we seek to attract enthusiastic store associates who are knowledgeable about our products and are able to offer superior customer service and expertise. We believe that our store atmosphere enhances our image as a leading provider of action sports lifestyle merchandise.

As of February 3, 2007 our stores averaged 2,800 square feet. We have been, and plan to continue, opening new stores that average approximately 3,000 square feet, slightly larger than our historical average size. These larger stores are intended to enable us to offer an expanded merchandise selection while maintaining our distinctive store environment.

Expansion Opportunities and Site Selection. Since the end of fiscal 2002, we have opened 139 stores, including 20 acquired in fiscal 2006 through the Fast Forward acquisition to enhance our position in existing markets and to enter into new markets, to build our brand awareness and to capitalize on our successful store model. We plan to open 50 new stores in fiscal 2007 and to continue to open a significant number of new stores in future years. Our new store openings are planned in both existing and new markets.

In selecting a location for a new store, we target high-traffic mall space with suitable demographics and favorable lease terms. We seek locations near busy areas of the mall such as food courts, movie theaters, music or game stores and other popular teen retailers. We generally locate our stores in malls in which other teen-oriented retailers have performed well. We also focus on evaluating the market and mallspecific competitive environment for potential new store locations. We seek to diversify our store locations regionally and by caliber of mall. We have currently identified a significant number of potential sites for new stores in malls with appropriate market characteristics.

We have successfully and consistently implemented our store concept across a variety of mall classifications and geographic locations. Our new stores opened during fiscal 2005 generated average net sales of approximately $\$ 1.3$ million during their first full year of operations. On average, our net investment to open these stores was approximately $\$ 372,000$ which includes capital expenditures, net of landlord contributions, and initial inventory, net of payables. However, our net investment to open new stores and net sales generated by new stores vary significantly and depend on a number of factors, including the geographic location and size of those stores. Accordingly, net sales and other operating results for stores that we open or have opened subsequent to the end of fiscal 2005, as well as our net investment to open
those stores, may differ substantially from net sales and other operating results and our net investment for the stores we opened in fiscal 2005.

Store Management, Operations and Training. We believe that our success is dependent in part on our ability to attract, train, retain and motivate qualified employees at all levels of our organization. We have developed a corporate culture that we believe empowers the individual store managers to make store-level business decisions and consistently rewards their success. We are committed to improving the skills and careers of our workforce and providing advancement opportunities for employees, as evidenced by a significant number of our store managers that began their careers with us as store associates.

Our store operations are currently organized into regions and districts. Each region is managed by a regional manager, responsible for approximately 50 stores. We employ one district sales manager per district, responsible for the sales and operations of approximately 10 stores. Each of our stores is typically staffed with one store manager, one or more assistant managers and two or more store associates, depending on the season. The number of store associates we employ generally increases during peak selling seasons, particularly the back-to-school and the winter holiday seasons, and will increase to the extent that we open new stores.

We provide our managers with the knowledge and tools to succeed through our comprehensive training programs and the flexibility to manage their stores to meet customer demands. While general guidelines for our merchandise assortments, store layouts and in-store visuals are provided by our home office, we give our store managers substantial discretion to tailor their stores to the individual market and empower them to make store-level business decisions. We design group training programs for our managers, such as our "Zumiez Managers Retreat," to improve both operational expertise and supervisory skills. Our comprehensive training programs are offered at the store, regional and national levels. Our programs allow managers from all geographic locations to interact with each other and exchange ideas to better operate stores. Our regional, district and store managers are compensated in part based on the sales volume of the store or stores they manage.

Our store associates generally have an interest in the action sports lifestyle and are knowledgeable about our products. Through our training, evaluation and incentive programs, we seek to enhance the productivity of our store associates. Our store associates receive extensive training from their managers to improve their product expertise and selling skills. We evaluate our store associates weekly on measures such as sales per hour, items per transaction and dollars per transaction to ensure consistent productivity, to reward top performers, and to identify potential training opportunities. We provide sales incentives for store associates such as sales-based commissions in addition to hourly wages and our annual "Zumiez 100 K " event, which recognizes outstanding sales performance in a resort setting that combines recreation and education. These and other incentive programs are designed to promote a competitive, yet fun, corporate culture that is consistent with the action sports lifestyle we seek to promote.

Internet Operations. We use our website primarily as an information source for our customers. Our website provides current information on our upcoming events and promotions, store locations and merchandise selection. We also sell products directly through our website, although Internet sales currently comprise, and are expected to continue to comprise, a small portion of our overall net sales. In fiscal 2003, fiscal 2004, fiscal 2005 and fiscal 2006, internet sales represented less than $1 \%$ of our total net sales.

## Marketing and Advertising

We seek to reach our target customer audience through a multi-faceted marketing approach that is designed to integrate our brand image with the action sports lifestyle. Our marketing efforts focus on reaching our customers in their environment, and feature extensive grassroots marketing events, such as the Zumiez Couch Tour, which give our customers an opportunity to experience and participate in the
action sports lifestyle. Our marketing efforts also incorporate local sporting and music event promotions, advertising in magazines popular with our target market such as Transworld Snowboarding and Transworld Skateboarding, interactive contest sponsorships that actively involve our customers with our brands and products, and the distribution of over 10 million Zumiez stickers in the past fiscal year. We believe that our immersion in the action sports lifestyle allows us to build credibility with our target audience and gather valuable feedback on evolving customer preferences.

Our grassroots marketing events are built around the demographics of our customer base and offer an opportunity for our customers to develop a strong identity with our brand and culture. For example, the Zumiez Couch Tour is a series of entertainment events that includes skateboarding demonstrations from top professionals, autograph sessions, competitions and live music, and has featured some of today's most popular teenage personalities in action sports and music. The Zumiez Couch Tour provides a high-impact platform where customers can interact with some of their favorite action sports athletes and vendors can showcase new products. In 2006 our Zumiez Couch Tour completed a twelve city tour across the United States. Advertising expense was approximately, $\$ 235,000, \$ 250,000$ and $\$ 651,000$ in fiscal 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively. The marketing expense increase in fiscal 2006 over fiscal 2005 of approximately $\$ 400,000$ was primarily due to signage associated with the increase in store openings of an additional 27 stores in fiscal 2006 over fiscal 2005 and additional costs to support fiscal 2006 marketing initiatives.

## Management Information Systems

Our management information systems provide integration of store, merchandising, distribution, financial and human resources functions. We use software licensed from ANT USA for merchandise planning and software licensed from CRS Retail, owned by Epicor, that is used for SKU and classification inventory tracking, purchase order management, merchandise distribution, automated ticket making and sales audit functions. Our financial systems are licensed from SAGE and are used for general ledger, accounts payable, payroll, budgeting, financial reporting and asset management. We believe that our information systems are scalable, flexible and have the capacity to accommodate our current growth plans.

Sales are updated daily in our merchandising reporting systems by polling sales information from each store's point-of-sale, or "POS," terminals. Our POS system consists of registers providing processing of retail transactions, price look-up, time and attendance and e-mail. Sales information, inventory tracking and payroll hours are uploaded to our central host system. The host system downloads price changes, performs system maintenance and provides software updates to the stores through automated nightly twoway electronic communication with each store. We evaluate information obtained through nightly polling to implement merchandising decisions, including product purchasing/reorders, markdowns and allocation of merchandise on a daily basis.

In addition to our home office staff, each of our regional and district managers can access relevant business information, including current and historical sales by store, district and region, transaction information and payroll data.

## Competition

The teenage and young adult retail apparel, hardgoods and accessories industry is highly competitive. We compete with other retailers for vendors, teenage and young adult customers, suitable store locations and qualified store associates and management personnel. In the softgoods markets, which includes apparel, accessories and footwear, we currently compete with other teenage-focused retailers such as Abercrombie \& Fitch Co., Aeropostale, Inc., American Eagle Outfitters, Inc., Anchor Blue Clothing Company, Charlotte Russe Inc., Claire’s Stores, Inc., Forever 21, Inc., Hollister Co., Hot Topic, Inc., Old Navy, Inc., Pacific Sunwear of California, Inc., The Buckle, Inc., The Wet Seal, Inc. and Urban Outfitters, Inc. In addition, in the softgoods markets we compete with independent specialty shops,
department stores and direct marketers that sell similar lines of merchandise and target customers through catalogs and e-commerce. In the hardgoods markets, which includes skateboards, snowboards, bindings, components and other equipment, we compete directly or indirectly with the following categories of companies: other specialty retailers that compete with us across a significant portion of our merchandising categories, such as local snowboard and skate shops; large-format sporting goods stores and chains, such as Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation, Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc., Sport Chalet, Inc. and The Sports Authority Inc., which operates stores under the brand names Sports Authority, Gart Sports, Oshman's and Sportmart; and Internet retailers.

Competition in our sector is based on, among other things, merchandise offerings, store location, price and the ability to identify with the customer. We believe that we compete favorably with many of our competitors based on our differentiated merchandising strategy, compelling store environment and deeprooted culture. However, some of our competitors are larger than we are and have substantially greater financial, marketing and other resources than we do. See "Item 1A Risk Factors. We may be unable to compete favorably in the highly competitive retail industry, and if we lose customers to our competitors, our sales could decrease."

## Trademarks

"Zumiez," "Free World," "O-Three", "ALab" and "Limelight" are among our trademarks registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. We regard our trademarks as valuable and intend to maintain such marks and any related registrations. We are currently in the process of filing an application to register the "Empyre", "Empyre Girl" and "Alibi" marks. We are not aware of any claims of infringement or other challenges to our right to use our marks in the United States. We vigorously protect our trademarks. We also own numerous domain names which have been registered with Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers.

## Employees

As of February 3, 2007 we employed approximately 786 full-time and approximately 2,220 part-time employees, of which approximately 303 were employed at our home office and approximately 2,703 at our store locations. However, the number of part-time employees fluctuates depending on our seasonal needs and, in fiscal 2006, varied from between approximately 1,444 and 2,856 part-time employees. None of our employees are represented by a labor union and we consider our relationship with our employees to be good.

Our principal website address is www.zumiez.com. We make available at this address under investor relations, free of charge, our proxy statement, annual report to shareholders, annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC at http://ir.zumiez.com. Information available on our website is not incorporated by reference in and is not deemed a part of this Form 10-K.

## Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. The following risk factors, issues and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating our future prospects. In particular, keep these risk factors in mind when you read "forward-looking" statements elsewhere in this report. Forward-looking statements relate to our expectations for future events and time periods. Generally, the words "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "intend" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, and future events and circumstances could differ significantly from those anticipated in the forward—looking statements. Any of the following risks could harm our business, operating results or financial condition and could result in a complete loss of your investment. Additional risks and uncertainties that are not yet identified or that we currently think are immaterial may also harm our business and financial condition in the future.
Our growth strategy depends on our ability to open and operate a significant number of new stores each year, which could strain our resources and cause the performance of our existing stores to suffer.

Our growth largely depends on our ability to open and operate new stores successfully. However, our ability to open new stores is subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties, and we may be unable to open new stores as planned, and any failure to successfully open and operate new stores would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and on the market price of our common stock. We intend to continue to open a significant number of new stores in future years while remodeling a portion of our existing store base annually. In addition, our proposed expansion will place increased demands on our operational, managerial and administrative resources. These increased demands could cause us to operate our business less effectively, which in turn could cause deterioration in the financial performance of our individual stores and our overall business. To the extent our new store openings are in markets where we already have stores, we may experience reduced net sales in existing stores in those markets. In addition, successful execution of our growth strategy may require that we obtain additional financing, and we cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain that financing on acceptable terms or at all.

If we fail to effectively execute our expansion strategy, we may not be able to successfully open new store locations in a timely manner, if at all, which could have an adverse affect on our net sales and results of operations.

Our ability to open and operate new stores successfully depends on many factors, including, among others, our ability to:

- identify suitable store locations, the availability of which is outside of our control;
- negotiate acceptable lease terms, including desired tenant improvement allowances;
- source sufficient levels of inventory at acceptable costs to meet the needs of new stores;
- hire, train and retain store personnel;
- successfully integrate new stores into our existing operations; and
- identify and satisfy the merchandise preferences of new geographic areas.

In addition, many of our planned new stores are to be opened in regions of the United States in which we currently have few, or no, stores. The expansion into these markets may present competitive, merchandising and distribution challenges that are different from those currently encountered in our existing markets. Any of these challenges could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Our business is dependent upon our being able to anticipate, identify and respond to changing fashion trends, customer preferences and other fashion-related factors; failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on us.

Customer tastes and fashion trends in the action sports lifestyle market are volatile and tend to change rapidly. Our success depends on our ability to effectively anticipate, identify and respond to changing
fashion tastes and consumer preferences, and to translate market trends into appropriate, saleable product offerings in a timely manner. If we are unable to successfully anticipate, identify or respond to changing styles or trends and misjudge the market for our products or any new product lines, our sales may be lower than predicted and we may be faced with a substantial amount of unsold inventory or missed opportunities. In response to such a situation, we may be forced to rely on markdowns or promotional sales to dispose of excess or slow-moving inventory, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Our ability to attract customers to our stores depends heavily on the success of the shopping malls in which our stores are located; any decrease in customer traffic in those malls could cause our sales to be less than expected.

In order to generate customer traffic we depend heavily on locating our stores in prominent locations within successful shopping malls. Sales at these stores are derived, in part, from the volume of traffic in those malls. Our stores benefit from the ability of a mall's other tenants to generate consumer traffic in the vicinity of our stores and the continuing popularity of malls as shopping destinations. Our sales volume and mall traffic generally may be adversely affected by, among other things, economic downturns in a particular area, competition from Internet retailers, non-mall retailers and other malls, increases in gasoline prices and the closing or decline in popularity of other stores in the malls in which we are located. A reduction in mall traffic as a result of these or any other factors could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our sales and inventory levels fluctuate on a seasonal basis, leaving our operating results particularly susceptible to changes in back-to-school and holiday shopping patterns.

Our sales are typically disproportionately higher in the third and fourth fiscal quarters of each fiscal year due to increased sales during the back-to-school and winter holiday shopping seasons. Sales during these periods cannot be used as an accurate indicator of annual results. Our sales in the first and second fiscal quarters are typically lower than in our second and third fiscal quarters due, in part, to the traditional retail slowdown immediately following the winter holiday season. Any significant decrease in sales during the back-to-school and winter holiday seasons would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. In addition, in order to prepare for the back-to-school and winter holiday shopping seasons, we must order and keep in stock significantly more merchandise than we carry during other parts of the year. Any unanticipated decrease in demand for our products during these peak shopping seasons could require us to sell excess inventory at a substantial markdown, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

## Our quarterly results of operations are volatile and may decline.

Our quarterly results of operations have fluctuated significantly in the past and can be expected to continue to fluctuate significantly in the future. As discussed above, our sales and operating results are typically lower in the first and second quarters of our fiscal year due, in part, to the traditional retail slowdown immediately following the winter holiday season. Our quarterly results of operations are affected by a variety of other factors, including:

- the timing of new store openings and the relative proportion of our new stores to mature stores;
- the successful integration of any new stores that we acquire and the absence of any unanticipated liabilities in connection therewith;
- fashion trends and changes in consumer preferences;
- calendar shifts of holiday or seasonal periods;
- changes in our merchandise mix;
- timing of promotional events;
- general economic conditions and, in particular, the retail sales environment;
- actions by competitors or mall anchor tenants;
- weather conditions;
- the level of pre-opening expenses associated with our new stores; and
- inventory shrinkage beyond our historical average rates.

Failure to successfully integrate any businesses or stores that we acquire could have an adverse impact on our results of operations and financial performance.

We may from time to time acquire other retail stores, individually or in groups, or businesses. In particular, in June 2006 we completed the acquisition of the Fast Forward sporting goods store chain. We may experience difficulties in assimilating any stores or businesses we may acquire, including the Fast Forward operations, and any such acquisitions may also result in the diversion of our capital and our management's attention from other business issues and opportunities. We may not be able to successfully integrate any stores or businesses that we may acquire, including their facilities, personnel, financial systems, distribution, operations and general operating procedures. If we fail to successfully integrate acquisitions or if such acquisitions fail to provide the benefits that we expect to receive, we could experience increased costs and other operating inefficiencies, which could have an adverse effect on our results of operations and financial performance.
Our business is susceptible to weather conditions that are out of our control, and unseasonable weather could have a negative impact on our results of operations.

Our business is susceptible to unseasonable weather conditions. For example, extended periods of unseasonably warm temperatures during the winter season or cool weather during the summer season could render a portion of our inventory incompatible with those unseasonable conditions. These prolonged unseasonable weather conditions, particularly in the western United States where we have a concentration of stores, could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

## We may be unable to compete favorably in the highly competitive retail industry, and if we lose customers to our competitors, our sales could decrease.

The teenage and young adult retail apparel, hardgoods and accessories industry is highly competitive. We compete with other retailers for vendors, teenage and young adult customers, suitable store locations, qualified store associates and management personnel. In the softgoods market which includes apparel, accessories and footwear, we currently compete with other teenage-focused. In addition, in the softgoods market we compete with independent specialty shops, department stores, and direct marketers that sell similar lines of merchandise and target customers through catalogs and e-commerce. In the hardgoods market which includes skateboards, snowboards, bindings, components and other equipment, we compete directly or indirectly with the following categories of companies: other specialty retailers that compete with us across a significant portion of our merchandising categories, such as local snowboard and skate shops; large-format sporting goods stores and chains and Internet retailers.

Some of our competitors are larger than we are and have substantially greater financial, marketing and other resources than we do. Direct competition with these and other retailers may increase significantly in the future, which could require us, among other things, to lower our prices and could result in the loss of our customers. Current and increased competition could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

If we fail to maintain good relationships with vendors or if a vendor is otherwise unable or unwilling to supply us with adequate quantities of their products at acceptable prices, our business and financial performance could suffer.

Our business is dependent on continued good relations with our vendors. In particular, we believe that we generally are able to obtain attractive pricing and other terms from vendors because we are perceived
as a desirable customer, and deterioration in our relationship with our vendors would likely have a material adverse effect on our business. We do not have any contractual relationships with our vendors and, accordingly, there can be no assurance that our vendors will provide us with an adequate supply or quality of products or acceptable pricing. Our vendors could discontinue selling to us or raise the prices they charge at any time. There can be no assurance that we will be able to acquire desired merchandise in sufficient quantities on terms acceptable to us in the future. Also, certain of our vendors sell their products directly to the retail market and therefore compete with us directly, and other vendors may decide to do so in the future. There can be no assurance that such vendors will not decide to discontinue supplying their products to us, supply us only less popular or lesser quality items, raise the prices they charge us or focus on selling their products directly. Any inability to acquire suitable merchandise at acceptable prices, or the loss of one or more key vendors, would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

## Our Chief Financial Officer has recently resigned and if we continue to lose key management or are unable to attract and retain the talent required for our business, our financial performance could suffer.

Our performance depends largely on the efforts and abilities of our senior management, including our Co-Founder and Chairman, Thomas D. Campion, our President and Chief Executive Officer, Richard M. Brooks, and our General Merchandising Manager, Lynn K. Kilbourne. We recently announced the resignation of our Chief Financial Officer, Brenda I. Morris for personal reasons effective in April, 2007. While we are in the process of recruiting a new Chief Financial Officer, no assurances can be given that we will be successful in finding a suitable replacement in a timely fashion or that we will not incur greater costs than expected to attract a new Chief Financial Officer. Competition for highly qualified senior management personnel is intense, and we expect that replacement of our Chief Financial Officer could be costly, time consuming, and could distract our management team from running the Company's business. Until a suitable replacement can be found, our Chief Executive Officer will have responsibility as our principal accounting and financial officer. None of our employees, except Mr. Brooks, has an employment agreement with us and we do not plan to obtain key person life insurance covering any of our employees. If we lose the services of one or more of our key executives, we may not be able to successfully manage our business or achieve our growth objectives. As our business grows, we will need to attract and retain additional qualified management personnel in a timely manner and we may not be able to do so.

## Our failure to meet our staffing needs could adversely affect our ability to implement our growth strategy and could have a material impact on our results of operations.

Our success depends in part upon our ability to attract, motivate and retain a sufficient number of qualified employees, including regional managers, district managers, store managers and store associates, who understand and appreciate our corporate culture based on a passion for the action sports lifestyle and are able to adequately represent this culture to our customers. Qualified individuals of the requisite caliber, skills and number needed to fill these positions may be in short supply in some areas, and the employee turnover rate in the retail industry is high. Competition for qualified employees could require us to pay higher wages to attract a sufficient number of suitable employees. If we are unable to hire and retain store managers and store associates capable of consistently providing a high level of customer service, as demonstrated by their enthusiasm for our culture and knowledge of our merchandise, our ability to open new stores may be impaired and the performance of our existing and new stores could be materially adversely affected. We are also dependent upon temporary personnel to adequately staff our stores and distribution center, particularly during busy periods such as the back-to-school and winter holiday seasons. There can be no assurance that we will receive adequate assistance from our temporary personnel, or that there will be sufficient sources of temporary personnel. Although none of our employees is currently covered by collective bargaining agreements, we cannot guarantee that our employees will not elect to be represented by labor unions in the future, which could increase our labor costs and could subject us to the risk of work stoppages and strikes. Any such failure to meet our staffing needs, any material increases in
employee turnover rates, any increases in labor costs or any work stoppages or interruptions or strikes could have a material adverse effect on our business or results of operations.

## Our operations, including our sole distribution center, are concentrated in the western United States, which makes us susceptible to adverse conditions in this region.

Our home office and sole distribution center are located in a single facility in Washington, and a substantial number of our stores are located in Washington and the western half of the United States. As a result, our business may be more susceptible to regional factors than the operations of more geographically diversified competitors. These factors include, among others, economic and weather conditions, demographic and population changes and fashion tastes. In addition, we rely on a single distribution center in Everett, Washington to receive, store and distribute merchandise to all of our stores and to fulfill our internet sales. As a result, a natural disaster or other catastrophic event, such as an earthquake affecting western Washington, in particular, or the West Coast, in general, could significantly disrupt our operations and have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

## We are required to make substantial rental payments under our operating leases and any failure to make these lease payments when due would likely have a material adverse effect on our business and growth plans.

We do not own any of our retail stores or our combined home office and distribution center, but instead we lease all of these facilities under operating leases. Payments under these operating leases account for a significant portion of our operating expenses. For example, total rental expense, including additional rental payments (or "percentage rent") based on sales of some of the stores, common area maintenance charges and real estate taxes, under operating leases was $\$ 17.1$ million, $\$ 22.2$ million and $\$ 31.9$ million for fiscal 2004, 2005, and 2006 respectively, and, as of February 3, 2007 we were a party to operating leases requiring future minimum lease payments aggregating approximately $\$ 95.3$ million through fiscal year 2011 and approximately $\$ 58.5$ million thereafter. In addition, substantially all of our store leases provide for additional rental payments based on sales of the respective stores, as well as common area maintenance charges, and require that we pay real estate taxes, none of which is included in the amount of future minimum lease payments. We expect that any new stores we open will also be leased by us under operating leases, which will further increase our operating lease expenses.

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 that a substantial portion of our available cash be applied to pay our rental obligations, thus reducing cash available for other purposes;
- limiting our flexibility in planning for or reacting to changes in our business or in 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 lease expenses 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 bank loans or from other sources, we may not be able to service our operating lease expenses, grow our business, respond to competitive challenges or to fund our other liquidity and capital needs, which would have a material adverse effect on us.

The terms of our revolving credit facility impose operating and financial restrictions on us that may impair our ability to respond to changing business and economic conditions. This impairment could have a significant adverse impact on our business.

We have a $\$ 25$ million revolving credit facility with Wells Fargo HSBC Trade Bank, N.A., which we use for inventory financing and other general corporate purposes, that contains a number of significant restrictions and covenants that generally limit our ability to, among other things, (1) incur additional indebtedness or certain lease obligations outside the ordinary course of business; (2) enter into sale/leaseback transactions; (3) make certain changes in our management; and (4) undergo a change in ownership. In addition, our obligations under the revolving credit facility are secured by almost all of our personal property, including, among other things, our inventory, equipment and fixtures. Our revolving credit facility also contains financial covenants that require us to meet certain specified financial ratios, including minimum net income after taxes, total liabilities divided by tangible net worth and quick ratio. Our ability to comply with these ratios may be affected by events beyond our control.

A breach of any of these restrictive covenants or our inability to comply with the required financial ratios could result in a default under the revolving credit facility. If a default occurs, the lender may elect to declare all borrowings outstanding, together with accrued interest and other fees, to be immediately due and payable. If we are unable to repay outstanding borrowings when due, whether at their maturity or if declared due and payable by the lender following a default, the lender has the right to proceed against the collateral granted to it to secure the indebtedness. As a result, any breach of these covenants or failure to comply with these ratios could have a material adverse effect on us. There can be no assurance that we will not breach the covenants or fail to comply with the ratios in our revolving credit facility or any other debt agreements we may enter into in the future and, if a breach occurs, there can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain necessary waivers or amendments from the lenders.

The restrictions contained in our revolving credit facility could: (1) limit our ability to plan for or react to market conditions or meet capital needs or otherwise restrict our activities or business plans; and (2) adversely affect our ability to finance our operations, strategic acquisitions, investments or other capital needs or to engage in other business activities that would be in our interest.

## Our business could suffer as a result of United Parcel Service being unable to distribute our merchandise.

We rely upon United Parcel Service for our product shipments, including shipments to, from and between our stores. Accordingly, we are subject to risks, including employee strikes and inclement weather, which may affect United Parcel Service's ability to meet our shipping needs. Among other things, any circumstances that require us to use other delivery services for all or a portion of our shipments could result in increased costs and delayed deliveries and could harm our business materially. In addition, although we have a contract with United Parcel Service that expires in June 2008, United Parcel Service has the right to terminate the contract upon 30 days written notice. Although the contract with United Parcel Service provides certain discounts from the shipment rates in effect at the time of shipment, the contract does not limit United Parcel Services' ability to raise the shipment rates at any time. Accordingly, we are subject to the risk that United Parcel Service may increase the rates they charge, that United Parcel Service may terminate their contract with us, that United Parcel Service may decrease the rate discounts provided to us when an existing contract is renewed or that we may be unable to agree on the terms of a new contract with United Parcel Service, any of which could materially adversely affect our operating results.

## Our business could suffer if a manufacturer fails to use acceptable labor practices.

We do not control our vendors or the manufacturers that produce the products we buy from them, nor do we control the labor practices of our vendors and these manufacturers. The violation of labor or other laws by any of our vendors or these manufacturers, or the divergence of the labor practices followed by any
of our vendors or these manufacturers from those generally accepted as ethical in the United States, could interrupt, or otherwise disrupt, the shipment of finished products to us or damage our reputation. Any of these, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. In that regard, most of the products sold in our stores are manufactured overseas, primarily in Asia and Central America, which may increase the risk that the labor practices followed by the manufacturers of these products may differ from those considered acceptable in the United States.
Our failure to adequately anticipate a correct mix of private label merchandise may have a material adverse effect on our business.

Sales from private label merchandise accounted for $14.3 \%$ of our net sales in fiscal 2006. We may take steps to increase the percentage of net sales of private label merchandise in the future, although there can be no assurance that we will be able to achieve increases in private label merchandise sales as a percentage of net sales. Because our private label merchandise generally carries higher gross margins than other merchandise, our failure to anticipate, identify and react in a timely manner to fashion trends with our private label merchandise, particularly if the percentage of net sales derived from private label merchandise increases, may have a material adverse effect on our comparable store sales, financial condition and results of operations.

## Most of our merchandise is produced by foreign manufacturers; therefore the availability and costs of these products may be negatively affected by risks associated with international trade and other international conditions.

Most of our merchandise is produced by manufacturers around the world. Some of these facilities are located in regions that may be affected by natural disasters, political instability or other conditions that could cause a disruption in trade. Trade restrictions such as increased tariffs or quotas, or both, could also affect the importation of merchandise generally and increase the cost and reduce the supply of merchandise available to us. Any reduction in merchandise available to us or any increase in its cost due to tariffs, quotas or local issues that disrupt trade could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. Although the prices charged by vendors for the merchandise we purchase are all denominated in United States dollars, a continued decline in the relative value of the United States dollar to foreign currencies could lead to increased merchandise costs, which could negatively affect our competitive position and our results of operation.

## If our information systems hardware or software fails to function effectively or does not scale to keep pace with our planned growth, our operations could be disrupted and our financial results could be harmed.

Over the past several years, we have made improvements to our existing hardware and software systems, as well as implemented new systems. If these or any other information systems and software do not work effectively, this could adversely impact the promptness and accuracy of our transaction processing, financial accounting and reporting and our ability to manage our business and properly forecast operating results and cash requirements. To manage the anticipated growth of our operations and personnel, we may need to continue to improve our operational and financial systems, transaction processing, procedures and controls, and in doing so could incur substantial additional expenses which could impact our financial results. In addition, as discussed below, we continue to be required to improve our financial and managerial controls, reporting systems and procedures to comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

## Our inability or failure to protect our intellectual property or our infringement of other's intellectual property could have a negative impact on our operating results.

We believe that our trademarks and domain names are valuable assets that are critical to our success. The unauthorized use or other misappropriation of our trademarks or domain names could diminish the value of the Zumiez brand, our store concept, our private label brands or our goodwill and cause a decline
in our net sales. At this time, we have or are in the process of securing protection for our trademarks and domain names in all jurisdictions, except for some marks outside of the United States. Therefore, we may not be able to prevent other persons from using our trademarks or domain names outside of the United States, which also could materially adversely affect our business. We are also subject to the risk that we may infringe on the intellectual property rights of third parties. Any infringement or other intellectual property claim made against us, whether or not it has merit, could be time-consuming, result in costly litigation, cause product delays or require us to pay royalties or license fees. As a result, any such claim could have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

## The effects of war or acts of terrorism could adversely affect our business.

Substantially all of our stores are located in shopping malls. Any threat of terrorist attacks or actual terrorist events, particularly in public areas, could lead to lower customer traffic in shopping malls. In addition, local authorities or mall management could close shopping malls in response to security concerns. Mall closures, as well as lower customer traffic due to security concerns, would likely result in decreased sales. Additionally, the escalation of the armed conflicts in the Middle East, or the threat, escalation or commencement of war or other armed conflict elsewhere, could significantly diminish consumer spending, and result in decreased sales for us. Decreased sales would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## The outcome of litigation could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We are involved, from time to time, in litigation incidental to our business. Management believes, after considering a number of factors and the nature of the legal proceedings to which we are subject, that the outcome of current litigation is not expected to have a material adverse effect upon our results of operations or financial condition. However, management's assessment of our current litigation could change in light of the discovery of facts not presently known to us or determinations by judges, juries or other finders of fact that are not in accord with management's evaluation of the possible liability or outcome of such litigation. As a result, there can be no assurance that the actual outcome of pending or future litigation will not have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition.

## Our Internet operations subject us to numerous risks that could have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

Although Internet sales constitute a small portion of our overall sales, our Internet operations subject us to certain risks that could have an adverse effect on our operational results, including:

- diversion of traffic and sales from our stores;
- liability for online content; and
- risks related to the computer systems that operate our website and related support systems, including computer viruses and electronic break-ins and similar disruptions.

In addition, risks beyond our control, such as governmental regulation of the Internet, entry of our vendors in the Internet business in competition with us, online security breaches and general economic conditions specific to the Internet and online commerce could have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

## We have incurred and will continue to incur significant expenses as a result of being a public company, which will negatively impact our financial performance.

We completed our initial public offering in May 2005 and we have incurred and will continue to incur significant legal, accounting, insurance and other expenses as a result of being a public company. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as related rules implemented by the SEC and The Nasdaq Stock Market, have required changes in corporate governance practices of public companies. Compliance with
these laws, rules and regulations, including compliance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act as discussed in the following risk factor, have caused and will cause us to incur significant costs and expenses, including legal and accounting costs, and have made some activities more time-consuming and costly. These laws, rules and regulations have made it more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance, and we have been required to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain the same or similar coverage. As a result, it may be more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified persons to serve on our board of directors or as officers. As a result of the foregoing, we have and we expect to incur significant legal, accounting, insurance and certain other expenses on an ongoing basis, which will negatively impact our financial performance and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

## Failure to maintain adequate financial and management processes and controls could lead to errors in our financial reporting and could harm our ability to manage our expenses.

Reporting obligations as a public company and our anticipated growth are likely to place a considerable strain on our financial and management systems, processes and controls, as well as on our personnel. In addition, we are required to document and test our internal controls over financial reporting pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 so that our management can certify as to the effectiveness of our internal controls and our independent registered public accounting firm can render an opinion on management's assessment and on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting for our annual report for fiscal 2006 and thereafter on an annual basis. This process requires us to document our internal controls over financial reporting and to potentially make significant changes thereto, if applicable. As a result, we may be required to improve our financial and managerial controls, reporting systems and procedures, to incur substantial expenses to test our systems and to make such improvements and to hire additional personnel. If our management is ever unable to certify the effectiveness of our internal controls or if our independent registered public accounting firm cannot render an opinion on management's assessment and on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, or if material weaknesses in our internal controls is ever identified, we could be subject to regulatory scrutiny and a loss of public confidence, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and our stock price. In addition, if we do not maintain adequate financial and management personnel, processes and controls, we may not be able to accurately report our financial performance on a timely basis, which could cause a decline in our stock price and adversely affect our ability to raise capita

## Item 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

## Item 2. PROPERTIES

In early February 2005, we completed our move from the 49,000 square foot combined home office and distribution center that we occupied since 1994 to a new 87,350 square foot combined home office and distribution center, both in Everett, Washington. In October, 2006 we entered into a new lease agreement whereby we agreed to expand our existing lease of 87,350 square feet of home office and distribution center space by 37,350 square feet, bringing the aggregate square footage leased to 124,700 square feet effective January 1, 2007. The new lease agreement terminated and replaced the original February 2005 lease with the landlord. The new lease agreement provides for an initial lease term of 126 months within which we have an option to extend the lease term for an additional period of five years.

All of our stores, encompassing approximately 667,000 total square feet as of February 3, 2007 are occupied under operating leases. The store leases range for a term of five to ten years and we are generally responsible for payment of property taxes and utilities, common area maintenance and marketing fees.

## Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are involved from time to time in litigation incidental to our business. We believe that the outcome of current litigation is not expected to have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition.

See Note 8 to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements found in Item 8 of Part II of this Form 10-K (listed under "Litigation" under Commitments and Contingencies).

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

No matters were submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter ended February 3, 2007.

## PART II

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

## a) Market Information

Our common stock has traded on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "ZUMZ". As of February 3, 2007 there were 27,880,512 shares of common stock issued. We began trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market on May 6, 2005. Accordingly, no information prior to this date is available. The following table sets forth the April 20, 2006 stock split adjusted high and low last reported sales prices for our common stock on the Nasdaq National Market commencing May 6, 2005 to January 28, 2006 and for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2007.

| Fiscal 2005 | High | Low |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Second Fiscal Quarter (commencing May 6, 2005 through July 30, 2005) | $\overline{\$ 17.19}$ | \$11.56 |
| Third Fiscal Quarter (July 31, 2005 through October 29, 2005). | \$17.40 | \$14.35 |
| Fourth Fiscal Quarter (October 30, 2005 through January 28, 2006) | \$25.48 | \$17.07 |
| Fiscal 2006 | High | Low |
| First Fiscal Quarter (January 29, 2006-April 29, 2006). | \$33.02 | \$23.65 |
| Second Fiscal Quarter (April 30, 2006-July 29, 2006). | \$38.85 | \$27.00 |
| Third Fiscal Quarter (July 30, 2006-October 28, 2006). | \$33.53 | \$20.00 |
| Fourth Fiscal Quarter (October 29, 2006-February 3, 2007) | \$36.28 | \$26.05 |

b) Holders of the Corporation's Capital Stock

We had approximately 16 shareholders of record as of March 7, 2007.

## c) Dividends

No cash dividends have been declared on our common stock to date nor have any decisions been made to pay a dividend in the foreseeable future. Payment of dividends is evaluated on a periodic basis and if a dividend were paid, it would be subject to covenants of our lending facility, which may have the effect of restricting our ability to pay dividends.
d) Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

None
e) Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

None

## Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following selected consolidated financial information has been derived from our audited Consolidated Financial Statements. The data should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes thereto, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included elsewhere herein.

Through and including December 31, 2002 our fiscal year ended on December 31 and was the same as the calendar year. Subsequent to December 31, 2002 we changed our fiscal year to end on the Saturday closest to January 31 and, as a result, the following tables include financial data as of and for the one month ended February 1, 2003 which was the one month transition period following the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002 and prior to the beginning of the fiscal year ended January 31, 2004. Each fiscal year ending subsequent to December 31, 2002 consists of four 13 -week quarters, with an extra week added to the fourth quarter every five or six years. Our fiscal years ended December 31, 2002, January 31, 2004, January 29, 2005, January 28, 2006 and February 3, 2007 each consisted of 52 weeks. In this document, we refer to the fiscal year ended January 29, 2005 as "fiscal 2004", to the fiscal year ended January 28, 2006 as "fiscal 2005" and to the fiscal year ended February 3, 2007 as "fiscal 2006".

The selected statement of operations data for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2005, the fiscal year ended January 28, 2006 and the fiscal year ended February 3, 2007 and the selected balance sheet data as of January 28, 2006 and February 3, 2007 are derived from our audited financial statements, which are included elsewhere in this document. The selected statement of operations data for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002, the one month ended February 1, 2003 and the fiscal year ended January 31, 2004 and the selected balance sheet data as of December 31, 2002, February 1, 2003 and January 31, 2004 are derived from our audited financial statements not included in this document.

|  | Fiscal <br> Year Ended <br> December 31, <br> 2002 |  | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { One Month } \\ \text { Ended } \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} \text { February 1, } \\ 2003 \end{array} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | Fiscal Year Ended |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | ${ }_{2004}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { uary } 29, \\ & 2005 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { luary 28, } \\ & 2006 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ruary 3, } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | (In thousands, except share and per share data) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Statement of Operations Data: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net sales . | \$ | 101,391 |  |  | \$ | 6,392 | \$ | 117,857 | , | 153,583 | \$ | 205,589 | \$ | 298,177 |
| Cost of goods sold. |  | 71,017 |  | 4,575 |  | 81,320 |  | 103,152 |  | 132,811 |  | 189,609 |
| Gross margin. . . . . . . . . . . . .c <br> 30,374 <br> 1,817 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses |  | 23,404 |  | 2,013 |  | 29,076 |  | 38,422 |  | 52,730 |  | 76,124 |
| Operating profit (loss) |  | 6,970 |  | (196) |  | 7,461 |  | 12,009 |  | 20,048 |  | 32,444 |
| Interest income (expense). |  | (317) |  | (12) |  | (293) |  | (250) |  | 648 |  | 1,178 |
| Other income (expense) |  | 148 |  | - |  | 8 |  | 8 |  | (1) |  | (16) |
| Earnings (loss) before income taxes . . . |  | 6,801 |  | (208) |  | 7,176 |  | 11,767 |  | 20,695 |  | 33,606 |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes(1). . |  | 1,096 |  | (39) |  | 2,701 |  | 4,500 |  | 7,844 |  | 12,750 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | 5,705 | \$ | (169) | \$ | 4,475 | \$ | 7,267 | \$ | $\underline{\text { 12,851 }}$ | \$ | $\xrightarrow{20,856}$ |
| Net income (loss) per share |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic(2). | \$ | 0.25 | \$ | (0.01) |  | 0.20 | , | 0.32 | \$ | 0.50 | \$ | 0.76 |
| Diluted(2) . | \$ | 0.21 | \$ | (0.01) | \$ | 0.17 | \$ | 0.28 | \$ | 0.47 | \$ | 0.73 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding(2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic . |  | ,094,024 |  | 10,522 |  | ,610,522 |  | 610,522 |  | ,879,675 |  | ,542,891 |
| Diluted |  | ,163,158 |  | 10,522 |  | ,623,710 |  | 877,716 |  | 7,376,684 |  | ,703,037 |

[^0](2) All periods other than fiscal 2006 are restated to reflect the 2 for 1 stock split that occurred during fiscal 2006.

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { December 31, } \\ 2002 \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{2003}{\text { February } 1,}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 31, } \\ \hline 2004 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 29, } \\ \hline 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { January } 28, \\ 2006 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { February 3, } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (Dollars in thousands) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance Sheet Data: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities | \$ 7,722 | \$ 482 | \$ 578 | \$ 1,026 | \$ 43,001 | \$ 51,977 |
| Working capital. | (556) | (455) | 2,975 | 4,756 | 47,357 | 54,929 |
| Total assets . | 42,608 | 36,003 | 41,558 | 54,811 | 114,411 | 167,294 |
| Total long term obligations. | 1,955 | 1,935 | 2,613 | 5,576 | 9,129 | 12,910 |
| Total shareholders' equity. | 14,136 | 13,967 | 18,438 | 25,799 | 73,684 | 104,812 |


|  | Fiscal <br> Year Ended <br> December 31, <br> 2002${ }^{2}+$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \substack{\text { One Month } \\ \text { Ended }} \\ \hline \text { February 1, } \\ 2003 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { One Month } \\ \text { Ended } \end{array} \\ \hline \text { January 31, } \\ 2004 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | Fiscal Year Ended |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { anuary } 29, \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { nuary } 28, \\ & 2006 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { ebruary 3, } \\ & 2007 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | (Dollars in thousands except $\overline{\text { net sales per }}$ square foot) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Financial Data: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross margin percentage(1) |  | 30.0\% |  | 28.4\% |  | 31.0\% |  | 32.8\% |  | 35.4\% |  | 36.4\% |
| Capital expenditures. | \$ | 7,186 | \$ | 42 | \$ | 5,937 | \$ | 11,060 | \$ | 13,386 |  | 17,896 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | \$ | 3,571 | \$ | 332 | \$ | 4,185 | \$ | 5,857 | \$ | 7,535 |  | 10,499 |
| Store Data: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of stores open at end of period.. Comparable store sales increase |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net sales per store(3)(4) | \$ | 1,105 | \$ | 65 | \$ | 1,131 | \$ | 1,195 | \$ | 1,314 | \$ | 1,403 |
| Total square footage at end of period(5) . |  | 247,476 |  | 7,476 |  | 288,784 |  | 371,864 |  | 475,646 |  | 667,337 |
| Average square footage per store at end of period(6) |  | 2,500 |  | 2,500 |  | 2,556 |  | 2,656 |  | 2,718 |  | 2,828 |
| Net sales per square foot(3)(7) | \$ | 443 | \$ | 26 | \$ | 448 | \$ | 457 | \$ | 488 | \$ | 504 |

(1) Gross margin percentage represents gross margin divided by net sales.
(2) Comparable store sales percentage changes are calculated by comparing comparable store sales for the applicable fiscal year to comparable store sales for the prior fiscal year or, in the case of the one month ended February 1, 2003 by comparison to comparable store sales for the one month ended February 2, 2002. Comparable store sales are based on net sales, and stores are considered comparable beginning on the first anniversary of their first day of operation. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations-General" for more information about how we compute comparable store sales. Comparable stores sales for fiscal years ended February 3, 2007 and January 28, 2006 consisted of 53 weeks and 52 weeks respectively.
(3) Comparable store sales, net sales per store and net sales per square foot include our in-store sales and our internet sales. Our internet sales represented less than $1 \%$ of our total net sales in each of the periods presented.
(4) Net sales per store represents net sales for the period divided by the average number of stores open during the period. For purposes of this calculation, the average number of stores open during the period is equal to the sum of the number of stores open as of the end of each month during the period divided by the number of months in the period.
(5) Total square footage at end of period includes retail selling, storage and back office space.
(6) Average square footage per store at end of period is calculated on the basis of the total square footage at end of period, including retail selling, storage and back office space, of all stores open at the end of the period.
(7) Net sales per square foot represents net sales for the period divided by the average square footage of stores open during the period. For purposes of this calculation, the average square footage of stores open during the period is equal to the sum of the total square footage of the stores open as of the end of each month during the period divided by the number of months in the period.

## Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this document. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including those discussed in "Item 1A Risk Factors". See the cautionary note regarding forward-looking statements set forth at the beginning of Part I of the Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## Overview

We are a mall based specialty retailer of action sports related apparel, footwear, equipment and accessories operating under the Zumiez brand name. As of February 3, 2007 we operated 235 stores primarily located in shopping malls, giving us a presence in 23 states. We were founded in 1978 by Thomas D. Campion, our Chairman. Our current President and Chief Executive Officer, Richard M. Brooks, joined us as Chief Financial Officer in 1993. Our stores cater to young men and women between the ages of 12 and 24 who seek popular brands representing a lifestyle centered on activities that include skateboarding, surfing, snowboarding, BMX and motocross. We support the action sports lifestyle and promote our brand through a multi-faceted marketing approach that is designed to integrate our brand image with our customers' activities and interests. This approach, combined with our differentiated merchandising strategy, store design, comprehensive training programs and passionate employees, allows us to provide an experience for our customers that we believe is consistent with their attitudes, fashion tastes and identities and is otherwise unavailable in most malls.

Our net sales increased from approximately $\$ 84.7$ million in fiscal 2001 to approximately $\$ 298.2$ million in fiscal 2006, a compound annual growth rate of $28.6 \%$. Net sales for fiscal 2006 increased by $\$ 92.6$ million, or $45.0 \%$, over net sales for fiscal 2005. Over the past five fiscal years ended February 3, 2007 we increased our store base from 80 to 235 and our comparable store net sales increased an average of $10.3 \%$ per fiscal year. As of February 3, 2007 we operated 235 stores that averaged approximately 2,800 square feet per store.

We intend to expand our presence as a leading action sports lifestyle retailer by opening new stores and continuing to generate sales growth through improved store level productivity. We have successfully and consistently implemented our store concept across a variety of mall classifications and geographic locations, and our strategy is to continue to open stores in both new and existing markets. We plan to open 50 new stores in fiscal 2007 and to continue to open a significant number of new stores in future years. Through our merchandising and marketing efforts, we have generally been successful in increasing the level of net sales in our existing stores and we will seek to continue such increases going forward.

We believe that we have developed an economically compelling store model. Our new stores opened during fiscal 2005 generated average net sales of approximately $\$ 1.3$ million during their first full year of operations. On average, our net investment to open these stores was approximately $\$ 372,000$, which includes capital expenditures, net of landlord contributions, and initial inventory, net of payables. However, net sales and other operating results for stores that we open or have opened subsequent to the end of fiscal 2005, as well as our net investment to open those stores, may differ substantially from net sales and other operating results and our net investment for stores we opened in fiscal 2005. See "BusinessStores."

In any given period, our overall gross margin may be impacted by changes in the margins of the various products we offer as well as changes in the relative mix of revenues from the different categories of apparel and hardgood products that we sell. We believe our ability to effectively manage our gross margin despite these factors is evidenced by the relative stability of our gross margin as a percentage of net sales over the last five fiscal years. Over the past five fiscal years, our annual gross margin as a percentage of our
net sales has ranged from a low of $30.0 \%$ to a high of $36.4 \%$. We achieved these results while continuing to adjust our merchandise mix to respond to changing consumer preferences and market conditions. A number of other factors may also positively or negatively impact our gross margins and results of operations, including, but not limited to:

- the timing of new store openings and the relative proportion of our new stores to mature stores;
- fashion trends and changes in consumer preferences;
- calendar shifts of holiday or seasonal periods;
- timing of promotional events;
- general economic conditions and, in particular, the retail sales environment;
- actions by competitors or mall anchor tenants;
- weather conditions;
- the level of pre-opening expenses associated with our new stores; and
- inventory shrinkage beyond our historical average rates.

One of our ongoing goals is to leverage our expenses, particularly general corporate overhead and fixed costs such as non-variable occupancy costs, through increases in both comparable store sales and total net sales. At the store level, our strategy is to increase comparable store sales in an effort to improve operating results by spreading our store level fixed costs over increased net sales per comparable store. We also seek to increase our total net sales, both through increases in comparable store sales and by opening new stores, in an effort to better leverage our corporate level expenses and decrease our general and administrative expenses as a percentage of our net sales.

## General

Net sales constitute gross sales net of returns. Net sales include our in-store sales and our internet sales and, accordingly, information herein with respect to comparable store sales, net sales per store and net sales per square foot includes our internet sales. For fiscal 2001 through fiscal 2006, internet sales represented less than $1 \%$ of our annual net sales. We record the sale of gift cards as a current liability and recognize a sale when a customer redeems a gift card. The amount of the gift card liability is determined taking into account our estimate of the portion of gift cards that will not be redeemed or recovered ("gift card breakage"). Gift Card Breakage is recognized as revenue after 24 months, at which time the likelihood of redemption is considered remote based on our historical redemption data.

We report "comparable store sales" based on net sales, and stores are included in our comparable store sales beginning on the first anniversary of their first day of operation. Changes in our comparable store sales between two periods are based on net sales of stores which were in operation during both of the two periods being compared and, if a store is included in the calculation of comparable store sales for only a portion of one of the two periods being compared, then that store is included in the calculation for only the comparable portion of the other period. When additional square footage is added to a store that is included in comparable store sales, that store remains in comparable store sales. There may be variations in the way in which some of our competitors and other apparel retailers calculate comparable or same store sales. As a result, data herein regarding our comparable store sales may not be comparable to similar data made available by our competitors or other retailers.

Cost of goods sold consists of the cost of merchandise sold to customers, inbound shipping costs, distribution costs, depreciation on leasehold improvements at our distribution center, buying and merchandising costs and store occupancy costs. This may not be comparable to the way in which our competitors or other retailers compute their cost of goods sold.

In early February 2005 we completed our move from the 49,000 square foot combined home office and distribution center we had leased since 1994 to a newly leased 87,350 square foot combined home office and distribution center. In October, 2006 we entered into a new lease agreement whereby we agreed to expand our existing lease of 87,350 square feet of home office and distribution center space by 37,350 square feet, bringing the aggregate square footage leased to 124,700 square feet. The effective date of the new lease was January 1, 2007. The new Lease Agreement terminated and replaced the original February 2005 lease with the Landlord. The new Lease Agreement provides for an initial lease term of 126 months within which we have an option to extend the lease term for an additional period of five years. As a result, we experienced a slight increase in our distribution and warehousing costs, which are included as a component of our costs of goods sold, in fiscal 2006. We expect to leverage this facility in fiscal 2007 due to added capacity and did leverage overall distribution and facility costs in fiscal 2006.

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist primarily of store personnel wages and benefits, administrative staff and infrastructure expenses, store supplies, depreciation on leasehold improvements at our home office and stores, facility expenses, and training, advertising and marketing costs. Credit card fees, insurance, public company expenses, Sarbanes Oxley compliance expenses, stock based compensation and other miscellaneous operating costs are also included in selling, general and administrative expenses. This may not be comparable to the way in which our competitors or other retailers compute their selling, general and administrative expenses. We expect that our selling, general and administrative expenses will, as described below, increase in future periods due in part to increased expenses associated with opening new stores.

We recognized stock-based compensation expense of approximately $\$ 165,000$ in fiscal 2005 and $\$ 2.1$ million in fiscal 2006. As a result of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R, "ShareBased Payment (Revised 2004)," which became effective for us beginning with the first quarter of fiscal 2006, share-based payments granted in future periods will increase compensation expense that would otherwise have been recognized in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting For Stock Issued To Employees," and outstanding unvested options will result in additional compensation expense that otherwise would only have been recognized on a pro-forma basis. For more information regarding the implementation of SFAS 123R, see "-Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements" below.

Our success is largely dependent upon our ability to anticipate, identify and respond to the fashion tastes of our customers and to provide merchandise that satisfies customer demands. Any inability to provide appropriate merchandise in sufficient quantities in a timely manner could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results and financial condition.

We have and will continue to incur significant additional legal, accounting, insurance and other expenses as a result of being a public company, which will adversely affect our results of operations, perhaps materially. Among other things, we expect that compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and related rules and regulations will result in significant legal and accounting costs in the future. See "Item 1A Risk Factors-We have incurred and will continue to incur significant expenses as a result of being a public company, which will negatively impact our financial performance" and "-Failure to maintain adequate financial and management processes and controls could lead to errors in our financial reporting and could harm our ability to manage our expenses."

We may take steps, such as increased promotional activities, to increase the percentage of net sales of private label merchandise in the future, although there can be no assurance that we will be able to achieve increases in private label merchandise sales as a percentage of net sales. Because our private label merchandise generally carries higher gross margins than other merchandise, our failure to anticipate, identify and react in a timely manner to fashion trends with our private label merchandise, particularly if the percentage of net sales derived from private label merchandise increases, may have a material adverse
effect on our comparable store sales, financial condition and results of operations. Please refer to "Item 1A Risk Factors-Our failure to adequately anticipate a correct mix of private label merchandise may have a material adverse effect on our business."

## Results of Operations

The following table presents, for the periods indicated, selected items in the consolidated statements of operations as a percent of net sales:

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fiscal Year } \\ & \text { Ended } \\ & \text { January } \\ & \text { 2000 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Fiscal Year } \\ \text { Ended } \\ \text { January } 28, \\ 2006 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Fiscal Year } \\ \text { Ended } \\ \text { February } 3, \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% |
| Cost of goods sold | 67.2 | 64.6 | 63.6 |
| Gross margin | 32.8 | 35.4 | 36.4 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 25.0 | 25.6 | 25.5 |
| Operating profit. | 7.8 | 9.8 | 10.9 |
| Interest income (expense) | (0.1) | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Earnings before income taxes | 7.7 | 10.1 | 11.3 |
| Provision for income taxes. | 2.9 | 3.8 | 4.3 |
| Net income . | 4.8\% | 6.3\% | 7.0\% |

Fiscal Year Ended February 3, 2007 Compared with Fiscal Year Ended January 28, 2006
Net Sales
Net sales increased to \$ 298.2 million for fiscal 2006 from $\$ 205.6$ million for fiscal 2005, an increase of $\$ 92.6$ million, or $45.0 \%$. This increase in total net sales was due to an increase in comparable store net sales of approximately $\$ 27.2$ million and an increase in net sales from non-comparable stores of approximately $\$ 65.4$ million. We sometimes refer to stores that are not comparable stores as "non-comparable stores." For information as to how we define comparable stores, see "-General" above.

Comparable store net sales increased by $13.0 \%$ in fiscal 2006 compared to fiscal 2005. This increase was primarily due to higher net sales of men's apparel, accessories and footwear at our comparable stores. The increase in non-comparable store net sales was primarily due to the opening of 42 new stores subsequent to the end of fiscal 2005 and the acquisition of 20 new stores from Fast Forward.

## Gross Margin

Gross margin for fiscal 2006 was $\$ 108.6$ million compared with $\$ 72.8$ million for fiscal 2005, an increase of $\$ 35.8$ million, or $49.2 \%$. As a percentage of net sales, gross margin increased to $36.4 \%$ in fiscal 2006 from $35.4 \%$ in fiscal 2005. The increase in gross margin as a percentage of net sales was due primarily to the increase in net sales for fiscal 2006 compared to fiscal 2005, which allowed us to leverage certain fixed costs, over greater total net sales, improved pricing from some of our vendors due to our larger merchandise purchases and reduced freight costs, distribution costs and buying costs as a percentage of net sales.

## Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative, or "SG\&A," expenses in fiscal 2006 were $\$ 76.1$ million compared with $\$ 52.7$ million in fiscal 2005 , an increase of $\$ 23.4$ million, or $44.4 \%$. This increase was primarily the result of costs associated with operating new stores, increases in infrastructure and administrative staff to support our growth and the costs of being a public company, including Sarbanes-Oxley costs, accounting
fees, legal fees, and other related expenses. As a percentage of net sales, SG\&A expenses decreased to $25.5 \%$ in fiscal 2006 from $25.6 \%$ in fiscal 2005. The decrease in SG\&A expenses as a percentage of net sales was primarily a result of leveraging fixed operating costs offset by an increase in store payroll for new stores of $\$ 9.5$ million, additional depreciation of $\$ 3.0$ million, Sarbanes-Oxley costs of $\$ 1.0$ million, increased stock based compensation expense of $\$ 1.7$ million and to a lesser extent, additional infrastructure and administrative staff costs to support our growth. We expect that in fiscal 2007, our SG\&A expenses will continue to decline as a percentage of net sales.

## Operating Profit

As a result of the above factors, operating profit increased by $\$ 12.4$ million, or $61.8 \%$, to $\$ 32.4$ million in fiscal 2006 from $\$ 20.0$ million in fiscal 2005. As a percentage of net sales, operating profit was $10.9 \%$ in fiscal 2006 compared with $9.8 \%$ in fiscal 2005.

## Provision for Income Taxes

Provision for income taxes was $\$ 12.8$ million for fiscal 2006 compared with $\$ 7.8$ million for fiscal 2005. The effective tax rate was $37.9 \%$, the same as it was for fiscal 2005.

## Net Income

Net income increased by $\$ 8.0$ million, or $62.3 \%$, to $\$ 20.9$ million in fiscal 2006 from $\$ 12.9$ million in fiscal 2005. As a percentage of net sales, net income was $7.0 \%$ in fiscal 2006 compared with $6.3 \%$ in fiscal 2005.

## Fiscal Year Ended January 28, 2006 Compared with Fiscal Year Ended January 29, 2005

## Net Sales

Net sales increased to $\$ 205.6$ million for fiscal 2005 from $\$ 153.6$ million for fiscal 2004, an increase of $\$ 52.0$ million, or $33.9 \%$. This increase in total net sales was due to an increase in comparable store net sales of approximately $\$ 21.7$ million and an increase in net sales from non-comparable stores of approximately $\$ 30.3$ million. We sometimes refer to stores that are not comparable stores as "non-comparable stores." For information as to how we define comparable stores, see "-General" above.

Comparable store net sales increased by $14.2 \%$ in fiscal 2005 compared to fiscal 2004. This increase was primarily due to higher net sales of men's apparel, juniors' apparel and accessories at our comparable stores. The increase in non-comparable store net sales was primarily due to the opening of 35 new stores subsequent to the end of fiscal 2004.

## Gross Margin

Gross margin for fiscal 2005 was $\$ 72.8$ million compared with $\$ 50.4$ million for fiscal 2004, an increase of $\$ 22.4$ million, or $44.4 \%$. As a percentage of net sales, gross margin increased to $35.4 \%$ in fiscal 2005 from $32.8 \%$ in fiscal 2004. The increase in gross margin as a percentage of net sales was due primarily to the increase in net sales for fiscal 2005 compared fiscal 2004, which allowed us to leverage certain fixed costs, primarily non-variable occupancy costs, over greater overall net sales, improved pricing from some of our vendors due to our larger merchandise purchases and reduced freight and distribution costs as a percentage of net sales.

## Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative, or "SG\&A," expenses in fiscal 2005 were $\$ 52.7$ million compared with $\$ 38.4$ million in fiscal 2004, an increase of $\$ 14.3$ million, or $37.2 \%$. This increase was primarily the
result of costs associated with operating new stores, increases in infrastructure and administrative staff to support our growth and the costs of being a public company, including accounting fees, legal fees, printing expenses and other related expenses. As a percentage of net sales, SG\&A expenses increased to $25.6 \%$ in fiscal 2005 from $25.0 \%$ in fiscal 2004. The increase in SG\&A expenses as a percentage of net sales was primarily attributable to an increase in store payroll for new stores of $\$ 6.0$ million and additional depreciation of $\$ 1.5$ million and, public company costs of $\$ 2.0$ million, and to a lesser extent, additional infrastructure and administrative staff costs to support our growth. Our year over year costs, without the newly incurred public company costs would have resulted in a decrease in SG\&A expenses as a percentage of net sales.

## Operating Profit

As a result of the above factors, operating profit increased by $\$ 8.0$ million, or $66.9 \%$, to $\$ 20.0$ million in fiscal 2005 from $\$ 12.0$ million in fiscal 2004. As a percentage of net sales, operating profit was $9.8 \%$ in fiscal 2005 compared with $7.8 \%$ in fiscal 2004.

## Provision for Income Taxes

Provision for income taxes was $\$ 7.8$ million for fiscal 2005 compared with $\$ 4.5$ million for fiscal 2004. The effective tax rate was $37.9 \%$ for fiscal 2005 compared with $38.3 \%$ for fiscal 2004.

## Net Income

Net income increased by $\$ 5.6$ million, or $76.8 \%$, to $\$ 12.9$ million in fiscal 2005 from $\$ 7.3$ million in fiscal 2004. As a percentage of net sales, net income was $6.3 \%$ in fiscal 2005 compared with $4.8 \%$ in fiscal 2004.

## Seasonality and Quarterly Results

As is the case with many retailers of apparel and related merchandise, our business is subject to seasonal influences. As a result, we have historically experienced and expect to continue to experience seasonal and quarterly fluctuations in our comparable store sales and operating results. Our net sales and operating results are typically lower in the first and second quarters of our fiscal year, while the winter holiday and back-to-school periods historically have accounted for the largest percentage of our annual net sales. Quarterly results of operations may also fluctuate significantly as a result of a variety of factors, including the timing of store openings and the relative proportion of our new stores to mature stores, fashion trends and changes in consumer preferences, calendar shifts of holiday or seasonal periods, changes in merchandise mix, timing of promotional events, general economic conditions, competition and weather conditions.

The following table sets forth selected unaudited quarterly statement of operations data for the periods indicated. The unaudited quarterly information has been prepared on a basis consistent with the audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere herein and includes all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, which we consider necessary for a fair presentation of the information shown. This information should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto appearing elsewhere herein. The operating results for any fiscal quarter are not indicative of the operating results for a full fiscal year or for any future period and there can be no assurance that any trend reflected in such results will continue in the future.

|  | Fiscal Year Ended January 28, 2006 |  |  |  | Fiscal Year Ended February 3, 2007 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { First } \\ & \text { Quarter } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Second Quarter | Third Quarter | Fourth Quarter | First Quarter | Second Quarter | Third Quarter | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fourth } \\ & \text { Quarter } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
|  | (Dollars in thousands except per share data) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Statement of Operations <br> Data |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net sales. | \$33,369 | \$39,407 | \$57,412 | \$75,401 | \$47,785 | \$55,756 | \$82,258 | \$112,378 |
| Gross margin | \$ 9,847 | \$12,774 | \$21,413 | \$28,744 | \$15,266 | \$18,775 | \$30,264 | \$ 44,263 |
| Operating profit (loss) | \$ 17 | \$ 1,272 | \$ 8,215 | \$10,544 | \$ 1,470 | \$ 1,995 | \$10,921 | \$ 18,058 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (40) | \$ 848 | \$ 5,279 | \$ 6,764 | \$ 1,109 | \$ 1,642 | \$ 6,827 | \$ 11,278 |
| Basic net income (loss) per share. | (0.00) | 0.03 | 0.19 | 0.25 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.25 | 0.41 |
| Diluted net income (loss) per share. | (0.00) | 0.03 | 0.18 | 0.23 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.24 | 0.39 |
| Number of stores open at end of period | 146 | 150 | 164 | 174 | 179 | 221 | 233 | 235 |
| Comparable store sales increase | 12.1\% | 11.3\% | 9.8\% | 20.7\% | 19.7\% | 12.6\% | 10.7\% | 12.0\% |

Comparable store sales percentage changes are calculated by comparing comparable store sales for the applicable fiscal quarter to comparable store sales for the same fiscal quarter in the prior fiscal year. Comparable store sales are based on net sales and stores are considered comparable beginning on the first anniversary of the first day of operations. See "-General" above for more information about how we compute comparable store sales.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary capital requirements are for capital investments, inventory, store remodeling, store fixtures and ongoing infrastructure improvements such as technology enhancements and distribution capabilities. Historically, our main sources of liquidity have been cash flows from operations and borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

In May 2005, we completed an initial public offering of our common stock in which we sold $3,750,000$ shares and certain selling shareholders sold 3,437,500 shares. We received net proceeds from the offering of approximately $\$ 29.2$ million, after payment of underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses. Since the completion of the offering, we have used all of the net proceeds of the offering to pay down balances on our line of credit, to fund capital expenditures associated with opening new stores, and to fund the "Fast Forward" acquisition. We did not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock by the selling shareholders.

The significant components of our working capital are inventory and liquid assets such as cash, marketable securities and receivables, specifically credit card receivables, reduced by short-term debt, accounts payable and accrued expenses. Our working capital position benefits from the fact that we generally collect cash from sales to customers the same day or within several days of the related sale, while we typically have payment terms with our vendors.

Our capital requirements include construction and fixture costs related to the opening of new stores and for maintenance and remodeling expenditures for existing stores. Future capital requirements will depend on many factors, including the pace of new store openings, the availability of suitable locations for new stores, and the nature of arrangements negotiated with landlords. In that regard, our net investment to open a new store has varied significantly in the past due to a number of factors, including the geographic location and size of the new store, and is likely to vary significantly in the future. During fiscal 2007, we expect to spend approximately $\$ 24.4$ million on capital expenditures, a majority of which will relate to leasehold improvements and fixtures for the 50 new stores we plan to open in fiscal 2007, and a smaller amount will relate to equipment, systems and improvements for our distribution center and support infrastructure. However, there can be no assurance that the number of stores that we actually open in fiscal 2007 will not be different from the number of stores we plan to open, or that actual fiscal 2007 capital expenditures will not differ from this expected amount.

We expect cash flows from operations and available borrowings under our revolving credit facility will be sufficient to meet our foreseeable cash requirements for operations and planned capital expenditures for at least the next twelve months. Beyond this time frame, if cash flows from operations, borrowings under our revolving credit facility are not sufficient to meet our capital requirements, then we will be required to obtain additional equity or debt financing in the future. There can be no assurance that equity or debt financing will be available to us when we need it or, if available, that the terms will be satisfactory to us and not dilutive to our then-current shareholders.

Net cash provided by operating activities in fiscal 2006 was $\$ 29.9$ million, primarily related to income from operations. Net cash provided by operating activities in fiscal 2005 was $\$ 21.1$ million, primarily related to income from operations. Net cash provided by operating activities in fiscal 2004 was $\$ 16.4$ million, primarily related to income from operations, and an increase in accrued liabilities, partially offset by an increase in inventory levels.

Net cash used in investing activities was $\$ 40.1$ million in fiscal 2006 primarily related to capital expenditures for new store openings and existing store renovations of $\$ 17.9$ million, acquisition of the Fast Forward stores of $\$ 16.5$ million and net purchases of marketable securities of $\$ 5.7$ million. Net cash used in investing activities was $\$ 51.7$ million in fiscal 2005, primarily related to net purchases of marketable securities and capital expenditures for new store openings and existing store renovations and $\$ 11.1$ million in fiscal 2004, primarily related to capital expenditures for new store openings and existing store renovations.

Net cash provided from financing activities in the fiscal 2006 was $\$ 13.6$ million, primarily related to proceeds and related tax benefit of stock options exercised and short term use of bank funds. Net cash used in financing activities in fiscal 2005 was $\$ 34.3$ million, primarily related to proceeds from our initial public offering on May 5, 2005. Net cash used in financing activities in fiscal 2004 was $\$ 4.9$ million, primarily related to the decrease in our book overdraft. Our book overdraft represents checks that we have issued to pay accounts payable but that have not yet been presented for payment.

We have a secured revolving credit facility with Wells Fargo HSBC Trade Bank, N.A. The Credit Agreement provides us with a senior revolving credit facility through August 30, 2009 of up to $\$ 25.0$ million. This facility replaces our $\$ 20.0$ million secured revolving credit facility with Bank of America, N.A., which terminated effective August 31, 2006. The secured revolving credit facility provides for the issuance of Standby Commercial Letters of Credit in an amount not to exceed $\$ 5.0$ million outstanding at any time and with a term not to exceed 365 days, although the amount of borrowings available at any time under our revolving credit facility is reduced by the amount of Standby Letters of Credit outstanding at that time. There were no outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility at January 29, 2006 or February 3, 2007. The Company had open letters of credit of $\$ 374,000$ at January 29, 2006 and $\$ 711,049$ at February 3, 2007. The revolving credit facility bears interest at floating rates based on the lower of the prime rate $(8.25 \%$ at February 3, 2007) minus $0.50 \%$ or the LIBOR rate ( $5.44 \%$ at February 3, 2007), plus $1.00 \%$ for advances over $\$ 500,000$ for a minimum of 30 days and a maximum of 180 days. The new revolving credit facility also contains financial covenants that require us to meet certain specified financial ratios, including, minimum net income after taxes, total liabilities divided by tangible net worth and quick ratio. Our obligations under the revolving credit facility are secured by almost all of our personal property, including, among other things, our inventory, equipment and fixtures. We must also provide financial information and statements to our lender. We were in compliance with all such covenants at February 3, 2007.

## Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments

There was no material changes outside the ordinary course of business in our contractual obligations during the fiscal year ended February 3, 2007. Our operating lease obligations are not recognized as
liabilities in the financial statements. The following table summarizes the total amount of future payments due under certain of our contractual obligations and the amount of those payments due in future periods as of February 3, 2007:

| Contractual Obligations | Total | Less than 1 $\qquad$ | 1-3 Years | 3-5 Years | More than 5 Years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating Lease Obligations | \$153,798 | \$19,805 | \$38,980 | \$36,520 | \$58,493 |
| Purchase Obligations. | 70,470 | 70,470 |  |  |  |
| Letters of Credit. | 711 | 711 |  |  |  |
|  | $\underline{\$ 224,979}$ | \$90,986 | $\underline{\underline{\$ 38,980}}$ | \$36,520 | \$58,493 |

We occupy our retail stores and combined home office and distribution center under operating leases generally with terms of seven to ten years. Some of our leases have early cancellation clauses, which permit the lease to be terminated by us if certain sales levels are not met in specific periods. Some leases contain renewal options for periods ranging from one to five years under substantially the same terms and conditions as the original leases. In addition to future minimum lease payments, substantially all of our store leases provide for additional rental payments (or "percentage rent") if sales at the respective stores exceed specified levels, as well as the payment of common area maintenance charges and real estate taxes. Amounts in the above table do not include percentage rent, common area maintenance charges or real estate taxes. Most of our lease agreements have defined escalating rent provisions, which we have straightlined over the term of the lease, including any lease renewals deemed to be probable. For certain locations, we receive cash tenant allowances and we have reported these amounts as a deferred liability which is amortized to rent expense over the term of the lease, including any lease renewals deemed to be probable. Rent expense, including common area maintenance and other occupancy costs, was $\$ 17.1$ million, $\$ 22.2$ million and $\$ 31.9$ million for fiscal 2004, 2005, and 2006, respectively. At February 3, 2007, we had outstanding purchase orders to acquire merchandise from vendors for approximately $\$ 70$ million. We have an option to cancel these commitments with no notice prior to shipment. At February 3, 2007, we had approximately $\$ 711,000$ of letters of credit outstanding.

## Off-Balance Sheet Obligations

Our only off-balance sheet contractual obligations and commercial commitments as of February 3, 2007 related to operating lease obligations and letters of credit. We have excluded these items from our balance sheet in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"). We presently do not have any non-cancelable purchase commitments. At February 3, 2007 we had outstanding purchase orders to acquire merchandise from vendors for approximately $\$ 70$ million. These purchases are expected to be financed by cash flows from operations and borrowings under our revolving credit facility. We have an option to cancel these commitments with no notice prior to shipment. At February 3, 2007 we had approximately $\$ 711,000$ of letters of credit outstanding under our revolving credit facility.

## Impact of Inflation

We do not believe that inflation has had a material impact on our net sales or operating results for the past three fiscal years.

## Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

During different times of the year, due to the seasonality of our business, we have borrowed under our revolving credit facility. To the extent we borrow under our revolving credit facility, which bears interests at floating rates based either on the prime rate or LIBOR, we are exposed to market risk related to changes
in interest rates. At February 3, 2007 we had no borrowings outstanding under our credit facility. We are not a party to any derivative financial instruments.

## Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

In preparing financial statements in accordance with GAAP, we are required to make estimates and assumptions that have an impact on the assets, liabilities, revenue and expense amounts reported. These estimates can also affect supplemental information disclosed by us, including information about contingencies, risk, and financial condition. We believe, given current facts and circumstances that our estimates and assumptions are reasonable, adhere to GAAP, and are consistently applied. Inherent in the nature of an estimate or assumption is the fact that actual results may differ from estimates and estimates may vary as new facts and circumstances arise. In preparing the financial statements, we make routine estimates and judgments in determining the net realizable value of accounts receivable, inventory, fixed assets, and prepaid allowances. We believe our most critical accounting estimates and assumptions are in the following areas:

Valuation of merchandise inventories. We carry our merchandise inventories at the lower of cost or market. Merchandise inventories may include items that have been written down to our best estimate of their net realizable value. Our decisions to write-down our merchandise inventories are based on our current rate of sale, the age of the inventory and other factors. Actual final sales prices to our customers may be higher or lower than our estimated sales prices and could result in a fluctuation in gross margin. Historically, any additional write-downs have not been significant and we do not adjust the historical carrying value of merchandise inventories upwards based on actual sales experience.

Leasehold improvements and equipment. We review the carrying value of our leasehold improvements and equipment for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of such assets may not be recoverable. Measurement of the impairment loss is based on the fair value of the asset or group of assets. Generally, fair value will be determined using valuation techniques, such as the expected present value of future cash flows. The actual economic lives of these assets may be different than our estimated useful lives, thereby resulting in a different carrying value. These evaluations could result in a change in the depreciable lives of those assets and therefore our depreciation expense in future periods.

Revenue recognition and sales returns reserve. We recognize revenue upon purchase by customers at our retail store locations or upon shipment for orders placed through our website as both title and risk of loss have transferred. We offer a return policy of generally 30 days and we accrue for estimated sales returns based on our historical sales returns results. The amounts of these sales returns reserves vary during the year due to the seasonality of our business. Actual sales returns could be higher or lower than our estimated sales returns due to customer buying patterns that could differ from historical trends. We record the sale of gift cards as a current liability and recognize a sale when a customer redeems a gift card. The amount of the gift card liability is determined taking into account our estimate of the portion of gift cards that will not be redeemed or recovered ("gift card breakage"). Gift Card Breakage is recognized as revenue after 24 months, at which time the likelihood of redemption is considered remote based on our historical redemption data.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets. We account for long-lived assets in accordance with the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets." We review long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is determined by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to future undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered impaired,
the impairment recognized is measured by comparing projected individual store discounted cash flow to the asset carrying values. Declines in projected store cash flow could result in the impairment of assets.

Accounting for Income Taxes. As part of the process of preparing the financial statements, income taxes are estimated for each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. This process involves estimating actual current tax exposure together with assessing temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included within the balance sheet. The likelihood that deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income is assessed, recognizing that future taxable income may give rise to new deferred tax assets. To the extent that future recovery is not likely, a valuation allowance would be established. To the extent that a valuation allowance is established or increased, an expense will be included within the tax provision in the income statement. Significant management judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes, deferred tax assets and liabilities and any valuation allowance recorded against net deferred tax assets. Based on our history of operating earnings, no valuation allowance has been recorded as of February 3, 2007. In the event that actual results differ from these estimates, or these estimates are adjusted in future periods, a valuation allowance may need to be established, which could impact our financial position and results of operations. Provisions for income taxes are based on numerous factors that are subject to audit by the Internal Revenue Service and the tax authorities in the various jurisdictions in which we do business.

Stock-based compensation. Effective January 29, 2006 we adopted the fair value method of accounting for stock-based compensation arrangements in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statement No. 123(R), Share-Based Payment ("SFAS No. 123(R)"), using the modified prospective method of transition. Under the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R), the estimated fair value of share based awards granted under the 2005 Stock Incentive Plan is recognized as compensation expense over the vesting period. Using the modified prospective method, compensation expense is recognized beginning with the effective date of adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) for all share based payments (i) granted after the effective date of adoption and (ii) granted prior to the effective date of adoption and after our initial public offering on May 5, 2005.

Prior to January 29, 2006 we accounted for stock-based employee compensation plans using the intrinsic value method of accounting in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees ("APB 25"), and its related interpretations. Under the provisions of APB 25, no compensation expense was recognized when stock options were granted with exercise prices equal to or greater than market value on the date of grant. The fair value of stock options is determined using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, which is consistent with the valuation techniques previously utilized for options in footnote disclosures required under SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock Based Compensation. We recorded $\$ 2.1$ million of total stock-based compensation expense for the year ended February 3, 2007 of which $\$ 293$, 711 was attributable to the Board of Directors as required by the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R). The stock-based compensation expense is calculated on an accelerated method over the vesting periods of the related options. This charge had no impact on our reported cash flows. For the year ended January 28, 2006 we recorded $\$ 165,000$ in stock compensation expense pursuant to APB 25. Under the modified prospective method of transition under SFAS No. $123(\mathrm{R})$, we are not required to restate prior period financial statements to reflect expensing of sharebased compensation under SFAS No. 123(R). Therefore, the results as of February 3, 2007 are not directly comparable to the same period in the prior year.

At February 3, 2007 there was approximately $\$ 4.6$ million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested stock options of which approximately $\$ 543,000$ was attributable to the Board of Directors. This cost is expected to be recognized on a weighted-average basis over a period of approximately eight years.

We account for unvested stock-based employee compensation arrangements granted prior to the initial public offering on the intrinsic value method in accordance with the provisions of Accounting Principles Board Opinion ("APB") No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" and related amendments and interpretations. For these awards, we comply with the disclosure provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 ("SFAS 123"), "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation."

Business Acquisition. We completed the acquisition of $100 \%$ of the ownership of Action Concepts Fast Forward, Ltd. (a limited partnership) ("Fast Forward"), an apparel and accessory retail sales company which operated 20 stores ( 17 in Texas, 2 in Oklahoma and 1 in California). The transaction was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting and, accordingly, the purchased assets and assumed liabilities were recorded at their estimated fair values.

## Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2005, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 154, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections." This Statement requires retrospective application to prior periods' financial statements of changes in accounting principle. The provisions of this statement become effective for fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2005. The standard dictates that changes in accounting principle that are a result of a new pronouncement shall be subject to the reporting provisions of that pronouncement if they exist.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board has published FASB Interpretation No. 47, "Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligation," to clarify that an entity must recognize a liability for the fair value of a conditional asset retirement obligation when incurred if the liability's fair value can be reasonably estimated. FIN 47 also defines when an entity would have sufficient information to reasonably estimate the fair value of an asset retirement obligation. FIN 47 is intended to provide (a) more consistent recognition of liabilities relating to asset retirement obligations, (b) more information about expected future cash outflows associated with those obligations, and (c) more information about investments in long-lived assets, because it recognizes additional asset retirement costs as part of the assets' carrying amounts. FIN 47 is effective no later than the end of fiscal years ending after December 15, 2005. Historically, we have not had conditional asset retirement obligations, but future transactions will be accounted for under the standard. Our adoption of this statement has not had a material impact on our results of operations, financial position or cash flow.

In June 2005 EITF 05-6, "Determining the Amortization Period for Leasehold Improvements Purchased after Lease Inception or Acquired in a Business Combination", was ratified by the FASB. The EITF reached a consensus on two issues, that leasehold improvements acquired in a business combination should be amortized over the shorter of the useful life of the assets or a term that includes required lease periods and renewals that are deemed to be reasonably assured at the date of acquisition, and that leasehold improvements that are placed in service significantly after and not contemplated at or near the beginning of the lease term should be amortized over the shorter of the useful life of the assets or a term that includes required lease periods and renewals that are deemed to be reasonably assured at the date the leasehold improvements are purchased. The consensus should be applied to leasehold improvements that are purchased or acquired in reporting periods beginning after the FASB ratification on June 29, 2005. On September 28, 2005 the FASB ratified a modification to clarify that the application does not apply to preexisting leasehold improvements. The Company amortizes leasehold improvements per the guidance set forth in this consensus.

In June 2006, the FASB issued Interpretation ("FIN") No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes"-an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, and provides guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. FIN No. 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company adopted the policy in fiscal 2006. The adoption of FIN No. 48 did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations for fiscal 2006.

In September 2006 the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements." SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 157 to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In September 2006 The SEC released Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") No. 108, "Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements When Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements." SAB 108 provides guidance on how the effects of the carryover or reversal of prior year financial statement misstatements should be considered in quantifying a current year misstatement. The Company believes that SAB 108 will not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

## Risk Factors, Issues and Uncertainties

Please refer to the information set forth under Item 1A above for a discussion of risk factors, issues and uncertainties that our business faces.

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

We are susceptible to market value fluctuations with regard to our short-term investments. However, due to the relatively short maturity period of those investments and our intention and ability to hold those investments until maturity, the risk of material market value fluctuations is not expected to be significant.

During different times of the year, due to the seasonality of our business, we have borrowed under our revolving credit facility. To the extent we borrow under our revolving credit facility, which bears interests at floating rates based either on the prime rate or LIBOR, we are exposed to market risk related to changes in interest rates. At February 3,2007 we had no borrowings outstanding under our credit facility. We are not a party to any derivative financial instruments. Fluctuations in interest rates did not have a material effect on the results of operations in 2006. We do not believe that potential interest rate fluctuations will materially effect the fiscal 2007 results of operations.

## Item 8. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Information with respect to this item is set forth in "Index to the Consolidated Financial Statements."

## 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 carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)). Based on this evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that, as of February 3, 2007 our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f)) during the quarter ended February 3, 2007 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting is included in this Form 10-K under Part III, Item 15, "Exhibits and Consolidated Financial Statements."

## Item 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

## PART III

## Item 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY

Information regarding our directors and executive officers is presented under the headings "Election of Directors," "Corporate Governance," and "Executive Officers," in our definitive proxy statement for use in connection with our 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Proxy Statement") that will be filed within 120 days after our fiscal year ended February 3, 2007 and is incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

## Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Information concerning executive compensation is presented under the heading "Executive Compensation" in our Proxy Statement, and is incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

## Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED SHAREHOLDER MATTERS

Information with respect to security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management is set forth under the headings "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" and "Equity Compensation Plans" in our Proxy Statement, and is incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

## Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

Information regarding certain relationships and related transactions is presented under the heading "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" in our Proxy Statement, and is incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

## Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

Information concerning principal accounting fees and services is presented under the heading "Fees Paid to Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for Fiscal Year 2006 and 2005" in our Proxy Statement, and is incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

## PART IV

## Item 15. EXHIBITS AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

a) Exhibits and Consolidated Financial Statements

1. Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.
2. Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting.
3. Consolidated Financial Statements can be found under Item 8 of Part II of this Form 10-K.
4. Index to Consolidated Financial Statements.
5. Exhibits Index.

## MANAGEMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The management of Zumiez Inc. (the "Company") is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

This process includes policies and procedures that: (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions of the Company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements, and can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Furthermore, because of changes in conditions, the effectiveness of internal control may vary over time.

The Company's management, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of February 3, 2007. Management's assessment was based on criteria described in the Internal ControlIntegrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO"). Based on that assessment, the Company's management concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of February 3, 2007.

Management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of February 3, 2007 has been audited by Moss Adams LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm who audits the Company's consolidated financial statements. The attestation report of Moss Adams LLP, which report is included herein, expresses unqualified opinions on management's assessment and on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of February 3, 2007.

## 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.


## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Zumiez Inc.

We have audited management's assessment, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting that Zumiez Inc. and its subsidiary ("the Company") maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of February 3, 2007, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("the COSO criteria"). The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assessment and an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit 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 effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, evaluating management's assessment, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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

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

In our opinion, management's assessment that the Company maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of February 3, 2007 is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the COSO criteria. Also, in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of February 3, 2007 based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of February 3, 2007, and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for year then ended, and our report dated March 26, 2007 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.
/s/ Moss Adams LLP
Seattle, Washington
March 26, 2007

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Zumiez Inc.:
We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Zumiez Inc. and its subsidiary ("the Company") as of February 3, 2007 and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit 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. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall consolidated financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides 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 Company as of February 3, 2007 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Notes 2 and 6 to the consolidated financial statements, effective January 29, 2006, the Company changed its method of accounting for share-based payment arrangements to conform to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R), Share-Based Payment.

We also have audited the adjustments to the financial statements for the years ended January 29, 2005 and January 28, 2006 to retrospectively reflect the 2 for 1 common stock split, described in Note 1. In our opinion, such adjustments are appropriate and have been properly applied. We were not engaged to audit, review, or apply any procedures to the financial statements of the Company other than with respect to the adjustments and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the financial statements for the years ended January 29, 2005 and January 28, 2006 taken as a whole.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of February 3, 2007, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, and our report dated March 26, 2007 expressed an unqualified opinion on management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting and an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.
/s/ Moss Adams LLP
Seattle, Washington
March 26, 2007

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To Board of Directors and Shareholders of Zumiez Inc.:
In our opinion, the consolidated balance sheet as of January 28, 2006 and the related consolidated statements of operations, consolidated statements of changes in shareholders' equity and of cash flows for each of two years in the period ended January 28, 2006, before the effects of the adjustments to retroactively reflect the 2 for 1 common stock split described in Note 1, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Zumiez Inc and its subsidiary at January 28, 2006, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended January 28, 2006, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (the 2005 financial statements before the effects of the adjustments discussed in Note 1 are not presented herein). 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, before the effects of the adjustments described above, of these statements 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. An audit 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, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We were not engaged to audit, review, or apply any procedures to the adjustments to retrospectively reflect the 2 for 1 common stock split, described in Note 1 and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance about whether such adjustments are appropriate and have properly applied. Those adjustments were audited by other auditors.

## ZUMIEZ INC.

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

## (In thousands, except share amounts)

|  | $\underset{2006}{\text { January } 28,}$ | $\underset{2007}{\text { February } 3,}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets |  |  |
| Current assets |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 4,737 | \$ 8,161 |
| Marketable securities | 38,264 | 43,816 |
| Receivables | 3,746 | 5,223 |
| Inventory | 30,559 | 42,157 |
| Prepaid expenses and other | 711 | 3,593 |
| Deferred tax assets. | 938 | 1,551 |
| Total current assets | 78,955 | 104,501 |
| Leasehold improvements and equipment, net | 35,456 | 49,889 |
| Goodwill | - | 12,904 |
| Total long-term assets. | 35,456 | 62,793 |
| Total assets | \$114,411 | \$ 167,294 |
| Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity |  |  |
| Current liabilities |  |  |
| Trade accounts payable. | \$ 18,623 | \$ 24,164 |
| Book overdraft | - | 6,083 |
| Accrued payroll and payroll taxes | 4,388 | 4,784 |
| Income taxes payable. | 3,309 | 6,598 |
| Current portion of deferred rent and tenant allowances | 900 | 1,377 |
| Other accrued liabilities | 4,378 | 6,566 |
| Total current liabilities | 31,598 | 49,572 |
| Long-term deferred rent and tenant allowances, less current portion | 7,595 | 12,069 |
| Deferred tax liabilities. | 1,534 | 841 |
| Total liabilities | \$40,727 | \$ 62,482 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 8) |  |  |
| Shareholders' equity |  |  |
| Preferred stock, no par value, $40,000,000$ shares authorized; none issued and outstanding at January 28, 2006 and February 3, 2007 | \$ | \$ |
| Common stock, no par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized; 27,259,297 and |  |  |
| February 3, 2007, respectively .... | 34,770 | 45,311 |
| Employee stock options | 260 | - |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss. | (5) | (14) |
| Retained earnings | 38,659 | 59,515 |
| Total shareholders' equity | 73,684 | 104, 812 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity. | \$114,411 | \$ 167,294 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements

## ZUMIEZ INC. <br> CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

## (In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

|  | Fiscal Year Ended |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | January2005 |  | January 28,2006 |  | February 3,2007 |  |
| Net sales. | \$ | 153,583 | \$ | 205,589 | \$ | 298,177 |
| Cost of goods sold |  | 103,152 |  | 132,811 |  | 189,609 |
| Gross margin. |  | 50,431 |  | 72,778 |  | 108,568 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses. |  | 38,422 |  | 52,730 |  | 76,124 |
| Operating profit . |  | 12,009 |  | 20,048 |  | 32,444 |
| Interest income (expense) |  | (250) |  | 648 |  | 1,178 |
| Other income (expense) |  | 8 |  | (1) |  | (16) |
| Earnings before income taxes |  | 11,767 |  | 20,695 |  | 33,606 |
| Provision for income taxes |  | 4,500 |  | 7,844 |  | 12,750 |
| Net income | \$ | 7,267 | \$ | 12,851 | \$ | 20,856 |
| Basic net income per share. | \$ | 0.32 | \$ | 0.50 | \$ | 0.76 |
| Diluted net income per share. | \$ | 0.28 | \$ | 0.47 | \$ | 0.73 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic. |  | 22,610,522 |  | 25,879,675 |  | 7,542,891 |
| Diluted. |  | 25,877,716 |  | 27,376,684 |  | 8,703,037 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements

## ZUMIEZ INC. <br> CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

## (In thousands)

| Balance at January 31, 2004 | Common Stock |  | Employee Stock Options | $\begin{gathered} \text { Accumulated } \\ \text { Other } \\ \text { Comprehensive } \\ \text { Loss } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Retained Earnings | Receivable <br> from <br> Parent | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Shares | Amount |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 22,610 | \$ 44 | \$ - | \$ - | \$18,541 | \$(147) | \$ 18,438 |
| Stock based compensation. | - | - | 95 | - | - | - | 95 |
| Cost incurred on behalf of parent. . . | - | - | - | - | - | (1) | (1) |
| Net income | - | - | - | - | 7,267 | - | 7,267 |
| Balance at January 29, 2005 | $\underline{\text { 22,610 }}$ | \$ 44 | \$ 95 | \$ - | \$25,808 | \$(148) | \$ 25,799 |
| Common shares issued through initial public offering. | 3,750 | 29,191 | - | - | - | - | 29,191 |
| Exercise of common stock options, including tax benefit of $\$ 4,457$. . | 899 | 5,535 | - | - | - | - | 5,535 |
| Stock based compensation. | - | - | 165 | - | - | - | 165 |
| Cost incurred on behalf of parent. | - | - | - | - | - | (1) | (1) |
| Parent receivable forgiven. | - | - | - | - | - | 149 | 149 |
| Unrealized gains and losses, net . . . . | - | - | - | (5) | - | - | (5) |
| Net income | - | - | - | - | 12,851 | - | 12,851 |
| Balance at January 28, 2006 | $\underline{\underline{27,259}}$ | $\underline{\text { \$34,770 }}$ | \$260 | \$ (5) | \$38,659 | \$ - | \$ 73,684 |
| Exercise of common stock options, including tax benefit of $\$ 6,822$. . | 622 | 8,228 | - | - | - | - | 8,228 |
| Stock based compensation. | - | 2,313 | (260) | - | - | - | 2,053 |
| Unrealized gains and losses, net . . . . | - | - | - | (9) | - | - | (9) |
| Net income | - | - | - | - | 20,856 | - | 20,856 |
| Balance at February 3, 2007 | $\underline{\underline{27,881}}$ | $\underline{\underline{\$ 45,311}}$ | \$ - | $\underline{\underline{\$(14)}}$ | $\underline{\underline{\$ 9,515}}$ | \$ - | \$104,812 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements

## ZUMIEZ INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

## (In thousands)

|  | Fiscal Year Ended |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { January } 29, \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Janauary } 28, \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { February } \mathbf{3}, \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ |
| Cash flows from operating activities |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ 7,267 | \$ 12,851 |  | \$ 20,856 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and Amortization. | 5,857 | 7,535 |  | 10,499 |
| Deferred tax expense. | (16) | (56) |  | $(1,306)$ |
| Stock compensation expense | 95 | 165 |  | 2,053 |
| Excess tax benefit from stock options | - | - |  | $(6,822)$ |
| Loss on disposal of assets | 126 | 33 |  | 132 |
| Loss from sales of marketable securities, net |  | - |  | 17 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Receivables. | (872) | $(1,835)$ |  | $(1,309)$ |
| Inventory. | $(1,456)$ | $(6,307)$ |  | (198) |
| Prepaid expenses | (771) | 455 |  | $(2,713)$ |
| Trade accounts payable | 995 | 6,361 |  | $(3,371)$ |
| Accrued payroll and payroll taxes | 952 | 1,827 |  | 330 |
| Income taxes payable | 765 | 698 |  | 10,112 |
| Other accrued liabilities | 3,397 | $(1,024)$ |  | 1,506 |
| Deferred rent | 48 | 383 |  | 145 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 16,387 | \$ 21,086 |  | \$ 29,931 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Additions to leasehold improvements and equipment | \$ $(11,060)$ | \$(13,386) |  | \$ $(17,896)$ |
| Business acquisition, net of cash acquired. | - |  |  | $(16,542)$ |
| Purchases of marketable securities | - | $(72,651)$ |  | $(157,433)$ |
| Sales and maturities of marketable securities | - | 34,365 |  | 151,785 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | \$(11,060) | \$(51,672) |  | \$ $(40,086)$ |
| Cash flows from financing activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Change in book overdraft | \$ $(4,035)$ | \$ (429) |  | \$ 6,083 |
| Borrowings on revolving credit facility | 37,852 | 19,750 |  |  |
| Payments on revolving credit facility | $(38,152)$ | $(19,750)$ |  | (732) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | - | - |  | 1,406 |
| Proceeds from sale of stock | - | 34,726 |  |  |
| Excess tax benefit from stock options. | - | - |  | 6,822 |
| Principal payments on long-term debt | (544) | - |  | - |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | \$ (4,879) | \$ 34,297 |  | \$ 13,579 |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | \$ 448 | \$ 3,711 |  | 3,424 |
| Cash and cash equivalents |  |  |  |  |
| Beginning of period. | 578 | 1,026 |  | 4,737 |
| End of period. | \$ 1,026 | \$ 4,737 |  | 8 8,161 |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information |  |  |  |  |
| Cash paid during the period for interest | \$ 250 | \$ 61 | \$ | \$ - |
| Cash paid during the period for income taxes. | 3,812 | 2,746 |  | 4,027 |

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1. Nature and Ownership of Business and Basis of Presentation

Nature of Business-Zumiez Inc. (the "Company") is a leading specialty retailer of action sports related apparel, footwear, equipment and accessories operating under the Zumiez brand name. As of February 3, 2007 the Company operated 235 stores primarily located in shopping malls, giving the Company a presence in 23 states. The Company's stores cater to young men and women between the ages of 12 and 24 who seek popular brands representing a lifestyle centered on activities that include skateboarding, surfing, snowboarding, bicycle motocross (or "BMX") and motocross. The Company supports the action sports lifestyle and promotes its brand through a multi-faceted marketing approach that is designed to integrate its brand image with its customers' activities and interests. In addition, the Company operates a website which sells merchandise online and provides content and a community for its target customers. The Company, based in Everett, WA, was formed in August 1978 and operates within one reportable segment.

Fiscal Year-The Company uses a fiscal calendar widely used by the retail industry that results in a fiscal year consisting of a 52- or 53- week period ending on the Saturday closest to January 31. Each fiscal year consists of four 13-week quarters, with an extra week added to the fourth quarter every five or six years. Fiscal 2004 and fiscal 2005 were 52-week periods ended January 29, 2005 and January 28, 2006, respectively. Fiscal 2006 was a 53-week period ended February 3, 2007.

Stock Split—On April 14, 2005 the Company's Board of Directors and shareholders approved an amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to effect a 1 for 258.6485 split of the Company's common stock (the "Stock Split"). The Stock Split became effective on April 20, 2005. All reference to shares in the financial statements and the accompanying notes, including but not limited to the number of shares and per share amounts, unless otherwise noted, have been adjusted to reflect the Stock Split on a retroactive basis. Previously awarded stock options in the Company's common stock have been retroactively adjusted to reflect the Stock Split.

On March 15, 2006 the Company's Board of Directors approved a two for one stock split of the Company's common stock that was effected by a share dividend and became effective April 19, 2006. All reference to shares in the financial statements and the accompanying notes, including but not limited to the number of shares and per share amounts, unless otherwise noted, have been adjusted to reflect the stock split on a retroactive basis. Previously awarded stock options in the Company's common stock have been retroactively adjusted to reflect the stock split.

Reincorporation-On April 29, 2005 the Company reincorporated in the State of Washington from the State of Delaware. In connection with the reincorporation, the Company filed new articles of incorporation and adopted new bylaws. The new articles of incorporation changed the Company's common stock from $\$ 0.01$ par value per share to no par value per share and increased the Company's authorized capital stock.

Initial Public Offering—In May 2005 the Company completed an initial public offering of its common stock in which the Company sold 3,750,000 shares and the Company's selling shareholders sold 3,437,500 shares. Net proceeds from the offering received by the Company totaled approximately $\$ 29.2$ million, after payment of underwriters' commissions and offering expenses. The Company did not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of shares of its common stock by the selling shareholders. Prior to this initial public offering, the Company was a majority owned subsidiary of Zumiez Holdings LLC (the "Parent"), a holding company with no operating activities. The financial position and operating results of the Parent are not included in the Company's financial statements included in this quarterly report. The Parent was dissolved in connection with the Company's initial public offering.

Secondary Offering—In November 2005 a secondary offering of shares of the Company's common stock by certain of its shareholders was completed. The offering consisted of $5,462,500$ shares of common
stock, including 712,500 shares that were subject to the underwriters' over-allotment option. All of the shares were sold by shareholders of the Company and, as a result, the Company did not receive any of the proceeds from the offering.

Basis of Presentation-The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Zumiez Inc. and its subsidiary, Zumiez Nevada, LLC. All significant intercompany transactions and balances are eliminated in consolidation.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Use of Estimates-The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates can also affect supplemental information disclosed by the Company, including information about contingencies, risk, and financial condition. In preparing the financial statements, the Company makes routine estimates and judgments in determining the net realizable value of accounts receivable, inventory, fixed assets, and prepaid allowances. Some of the more significant estimates include the allowance for sales returns, the reserve for inventory valuation estimates, medical insurance reserve and the expected useful lives of fixed assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Concentration of Risk-The Company maintains its cash and cash equivalents in accounts with two major financial institution in the United States of America, in the form of demand deposits, certificates of deposits and money market accounts. Deposits in this bank may exceed the amounts of federal deposit insurance provided on such deposits. The Company has not experienced any losses on its deposits of cash and cash equivalents. The Company's accounts receivable are primarily derived from credit card purchases from customers and are typically settled within one to two days.

Cash and Cash Equivalents—The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Restricted Cash—At January 28, 2006 the Company had no restricted cash balances. At February 3, 2007 restricted cash consisted of $\$ 250,000$ held in escrow related to the Fast Forward acquisition.

Marketable Securities—At February 3, 2007, marketable securities, classified as available for sale, were $\$ 43.8$ million and consisted of municipal and U.S. agency debt instruments with original maturities over 90 days. The portfolio is carried at market value with net unrealized gains and losses recorded as other comprehensive income (loss).

Receivables-Consist primarily of tenant allowances and credit card transactions that remain outstanding at the end of the period. The Company does not extend credit to its customers, except through third-party credit cards.

Merchandise Inventories-Merchandise inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market. The cost of merchandise inventories are based upon an average cost methodology and inventory costs are removed on a first-in, first-out. Merchandise inventories may include items that have been written down to the Company's best estimate of their net realizable value. The Company's decisions to write-down its merchandise inventories are based on its current rate of sale, the age of the inventory and other factors. Actual final sales prices to customers may be higher or lower than the Company's estimated sales prices and could result in a fluctuation in gross profit. Historically, any additional write-downs have not been significant and the Company does not adjust the historical carrying value of merchandise inventories upwards based on actual sales experience. We have reserved for inventory shrinkage as of February 3, 2007 and January 28, 2006 in the amounts of approximately $\$ 1.9$ million and $\$ 1.4$ million, respectively.

Leasehold Improvements and Equipment—Leasehold improvements and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Amortization of leasehold improvements is computed on the straightline method over the lesser of an asset's estimated useful life or the lease term (generally 7-10 years), whichever is shorter. Depreciation on furniture, fixtures and equipment is computed on the straight-line method over 5 years. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. The cost and related accumulated depreciation or amortization of assets sold or otherwise disposed of is removed from the accounts and the related gain or loss is reported in the consolidated statement of operations.

Valuation of Long-Lived Assets-The Company has adopted SFAS 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets," and reviews the carrying value of long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of such assets may not be recoverable. Measurement of the impairment loss is based on the fair value of the asset, or group of assets. The company determined that there was no impairment loss for the year ended February 3, 2007. Generally, fair value will be determined using accepted valuation techniques, such as the present value of expected future cash flows. Asset retirements were not material for fiscal 2006,

Fair Value of Financial Instruments—Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 107 ("SFAS 107"), "Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments," requires management to disclose the estimated fair value of certain assets and liabilities defined by SFAS 107 as financial instruments. Financial instruments are generally defined by SFAS 107 as cash, evidence of ownership interest in an entity, or a contractual obligation that both conveys to one entity a right to receive cash or other financial instruments from another entity and imposes on the other entity the obligation to deliver cash or other financial instruments to the first entity. At January 28, 2006 and February 3, 2007 the carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, payables and other accrued liabilities approximated fair value because of the short maturity of these financial instruments. The carrying value of marketable securities, the long-term debt and the revolving credit facility approximate the fair value because these financial instruments have floating interest rates which reflect current market conditions.

Deferred Rent, Rent Expense and Tenant Allowances-The Company occupies its retail stores and combined home office and distribution center under operating leases generally with terms of seven to ten years. Some of these leases have early cancellation clauses, which permit the lease to be terminated if certain sales levels are not met in specific periods. Some leases contain renewal options for periods ranging from one to five years under substantially the same terms and conditions as the original leases. Most of the store leases require payment of a specified minimum rent, plus a contingent rent based on a percentage of the store's net sales in excess of a specified threshold. Most of the lease agreements have defined escalating rent provisions, which are straight-lined over the term of the related lease, including any lease renewals deemed to be probable. The Company straight-lines and recognizes its rent expense over the term of the lease, plus the construction period prior to occupancy of the retail location, using a mid-month convention. For certain locations, the Company receives cash tenant allowances and has reported these amounts as a deferred liability which is amortized to rent expense over the term of the lease. Also included in rent expense are payments of real estate taxes, insurance and certain common area and maintenance costs in addition to the future minimum operating lease payments. All other pre-opening costs are expensed as incurred.

Goodwill—In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, "Accounting for Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" ("SFAS No. 142"), the Company does not amortize goodwill derived from purchase business combinations. The Company evaluates the recoverability of goodwill at least annually based on a two-step impairment test. The first step compares the fair value of each reporting unit with its carrying amount, including goodwill. If the carrying amount exceeds fair value, then the second step of the impairment test is performed to measure the amount of any impairment loss. Additional impairment assessments may be performed on an interim basis if the Company encounters
events or changes in circumstances, that would indicate that, more likely than not, the book value of goodwill has been impaired. There was no impairment of Goodwill in the 2006 fiscal year.

Income Taxes-The provision for income taxes includes both current and deferred tax expenses. Current tax expense is the amount associated with current operating results. The Company follows the liability method of accounting for income taxes, which requires recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary difference between the carrying amounts and the tax bases of the assets and liabilities. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax asserts to the amount expected to be realized.

Comprehensive Income-Comprehensive income represents all changes in equity during a period except those resulting from investments by and distributions to shareholders. There was no difference between net income and comprehensive income for fiscal 2004. Comprehensive income for fiscal 2005 was $\$ 12,846,000$ comprised of $\$ 12,851,000$ of net income and $\$ 5,000$ of net unrealized losses on our available-for-sale securities. Comprehensive income for fiscal 2006 was $\$ 20,865,000$ comprised of $\$ 20,856,000$ of net income and $\$ 9,000$ of net unrealized losses on our available-for-sale securities.

Revenue Recognition-Sales are recognized upon purchase by customers at the Company's retail store locations or upon shipment for orders placed through the Company's website as both title and risk of loss have transferred. The Company records the sale of gift cards as a current liability and recognizes revenue when a customer redeems a gift card. The amount of the gift card liability is determined taking into account our estimate of the portion of gift cards that will not be redeemed or recovered ("gift card breakage"). Gift card breakage is recognized as revenue after 24 months, at which time the likelihood of redemption is considered remote based on our historical redemption data. The Company reports shipping revenues and costs within sales and cost of goods sold, respectively. The Company accrues for estimated sales returns by customers based on historical sales return results. Sales return reserves were insignificant for all periods presented. The Company offers a return policy of generally 30 days. The Company has the right to assess gift card dormancy fees, but has historically not done so.

The majority of sales are through credit cards, and accounts receivable are composed primarily of amounts due from financial institutions related to credit card sales.

The Company records a liability when gift cards are issued and recognizes revenue when gift cards are redeemed.

The Company operates exclusively in the retail apparel industry in which the Company distributes, designs and produces clothing, accessories and related products catering to the teenage/young adult demographic through primarily mall-based retail stores. The Company has identified one operating segment as defined by SFAS 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information." The company has accounted for its business operation as one reportable segment based on the similar nature of products sold, production, merchandising and distribution processes involved, target customers, and economic characteristics.

The Company presents its merchandise assortment as a percentage of net sales for the following categories: "Men's", which includes men's apparel; "Women's", which includes women's apparel; and "Accessories and Other", which includes all other merchandise (e.g., hardgoods, accessories, footwear, etc.). The percentage of net sales for each of the aforementioned categories for fiscal 2004, fiscal 2005 and fiscal 2006 was as follows:

|  | Fiscal Year Ended |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { January } 29 \\ \quad 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { January } 28 \\ & \quad 2006 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { February 03, } \\ \quad 2007 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Men's | 32.1\% | 30.0\% | 31.9\% |
| Women's | 16.0 | 17.0 | 15.4 |
| Accessories and Other | 51.9 | 53.0 | 52.7 |
| Total. | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% |

Cost of Goods Sold-Cost of goods sold consists of the cost of merchandise sold to customers, inbound shipping costs, distribution costs, depreciation on leasehold improvements at the distribution center, buying and merchandising costs and store occupancy costs. This may not be comparable to the way in which the Company's competitors or other retailers compute their cost of goods sold.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense-Selling, general and administrative expenses consist primarily of store personnel wages and benefits, administrative staff and infrastructure expenses, store supplies, depreciation on leasehold improvements at the home office and stores, facility expenses, and training, advertising and marketing costs. Credit card fees, insurance and other miscellaneous operating costs are also included in selling, general and administrative expenses. This may not be comparable to the way in which the Company's competitors or other retailers compute their selling, general and administrative expenses. The Company does receive insignificant amounts of cash consideration from vendors which have been reported as a reduction of expenses as the amounts are reimbursements of specific, incremental and identifiable costs of selling the vendors' products.

Advertising-The Company expenses advertising costs as incurred. Advertising expenses are net of sponsorships. Advertising expense was approximately $\$ 235,000, \$ 250,000$ and $\$ 650,500$ in fiscal 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

Stock Compensation-Effective January 29, 2006 the Company adopted the fair value method of accounting for stock-based compensation arrangements in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statement No. 123(R), Share-Based Payment ("SFAS No. 123(R)"), using the modified prospective method of transition. Under the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R), the estimated fair value of share based awards granted is recognized as compensation expense over the vesting period. Using the modified prospective method, compensation expense is recognized beginning with the effective date of adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) for all share based payments (i) granted after the effective date of adoption and (ii) granted prior to the effective date of adoption and after the Company's initial public offering on May 5, 2005. Prior to January 29, 2006, the Company accounted for stock-based employee compensation plans using the intrinsic value method of accounting in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees ("APB 25"), and its related interpretations. Under the provisions of APB 25, no compensation expense was recognized when stock options were granted with exercise prices equal to or greater than market value on the date of grant. The fair value of stock options is determined using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, which is consistent with the valuation techniques previously utilized for options in footnote disclosures required under SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock Based Compensation. The expected option term is estimated based upon historical industry data on employee exercises and management's expectation of exercise behavior. The expected volatility of the Company's stock price is based upon the historical volatility of similar entities whose share prices are publicly available. The risk-free interest rate is based upon the current yield on U.S. Treasury securities having a term similar to the expected option term. Dividend yield is estimated at zero because the Company does not anticipate paying dividends in the foreseeable future. The fair value of employee stock-based awards is amortized using the straight-line method over the vesting period.

The fair values of the options granted after the effective date were estimated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the assumptions from the table below:

|  | Year Ended February 3, 2007 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Dividend yield | -\% |
| Volatility rate. | 35.00\% |
| Forfeiture rate | 8.00\% |
| Average expected life (in years): |  |
| Expected lives-Eight years | 6.38 |
| Expected lives-Five years | 6.00 |
| Expected lives-Three years. | 6.00 |
| Average risk-free interest rate: | 4.77\% |

The Company recorded $\$ 2.1$ million of total stock-based compensation expense for fiscal year ended February 3, 2007 of which $\$ 293$, 711 was attributable to the Board of Directors as required by the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R). The stock-based compensation expense is calculated on an accelerated method over the vesting periods of the related options. This charge had no impact on the Company's reported cash flows. For the fiscal year ended January 28, 2006 the Company recorded $\$ 165,000$ in stock compensation expense pursuant to APB 25. Under the modified prospective method of transition under SFAS No. 123(R), the Company is not required to restate its prior period financial statements to reflect expensing of share-based compensation under SFAS No. 123(R). Therefore, the results as of February 3, 2007 are not directly comparable to the same period in the prior year. Stock based compensation expense is recorded in the consolidated income statement in cost of goods sold in the approximate amount of \$1.6 million and selling, general and administrative expense in the approximate of $\$ 473,000$.

At February 3, 2007 there was approximately $\$ 4.6$ million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested stock options of which approximately $\$ 543,000$ was attributable to the Board of Directors. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately eight years.

The Company accounts for unvested stock-based employee compensation arrangements granted prior to the initial public offering on the intrinsic value method in accordance with the provisions of Accounting Principles Board Opinion ("APB") No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" and related amendments and interpretations. For these awards, the Company complies with the disclosure provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 ("SFAS 123"), "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation." The Company only granted stock options in the year ended February 3, 2007. No stock appreciation rights or restricted stock grants in the year ended February 3, 2007.

Net Income per Share-Basic net income per common share is computed using the weighted average number of shares outstanding. Diluted net income per common share is computed, under the treasury stock method, using the weighted average number of shares outstanding adjusted for the incremental shares attributed to outstanding options to purchase common stock. Incremental shares of 3,267,194, 1,497,010 and 1,160,146 in fiscal 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively, were used in the calculation of diluted net income per common share.

If the computed fair values of the awards had been amortized to expense over the vesting period of the awards, pro forma net income and net income per share would have been reduced to the pro forma amounts indicated in the following table (in thousands, except per share data):


Merchandise Risk-The Company's success is largely dependent upon its ability to gauge the fashion tastes of its customers and provide merchandise that satisfies customer demand. Any inability to provide appropriate merchandise in sufficient quantities in a timely manner could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, operating results and financial condition.

## Recent accounting pronouncements

In May 2005 the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 154, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections." This Statement requires retrospective application to prior periods’ financial statements of changes in accounting principle. The provisions of this statement become effective for fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2005. The standard dictates that changes in accounting principle that are a result of a new pronouncement shall be subject to the reporting provisions of that pronouncement if they exist. The Company's adoption of this statement in fiscal 2006 did not have a material impact on our results of operations, financial position or cash flow.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board has published FASB Interpretation No. 47, "Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligation", to clarify that an entity must recognize a liability for the fair value of a conditional asset retirement obligation when incurred if the liability's fair value can be reasonably estimated. FIN 47 also defines when an entity would have sufficient information to reasonably estimate the fair value of an asset retirement obligation. FIN 47 is intended to provide (a) more consistent recognition of liabilities relating to asset retirement obligations, (b) more information about expected future cash outflows associated with those obligations, and (c) more information about investments in long-lived assets, because it recognizes additional asset retirement costs as part of the assets' carrying amounts. FIN 47 is effective no later than the end of fiscal years ending after December 15, 2005. Historically, the Company has not had conditional asset retirement obligations, but future transactions will be accounted for under the standard. The Company's adoption of this statement in fiscal 2005 did not have a material impact on our results of operations, financial position or cash flow.

In June 2005 EITF 05-6, "Determining the Amortization Period for Leasehold Improvements Purchased after Lease Inception or Acquired in a Business Combination", was ratified by the FASB. The EITF reached a consensus on two issues, that leasehold improvements acquired in a business combination should be
amortized over the shorter of the useful life of the assets or a term that includes required lease periods and renewals that are deemed to be reasonably assured at the date of acquisition, and that leasehold improvements that are placed in service significantly after and not contemplated at or near the beginning of the lease term should be amortized over the shorter of the useful life of the assets or a term that includes required lease periods and renewals that are deemed to be reasonably assured at the date the leasehold improvements are purchased. The consensus should be applied to leasehold improvements that are purchased or acquired in reporting periods beginning after the FASB ratification on June 29, 2005. On September 28, 2005 the FASB ratified a modification to clarify that the application does not apply to preexisting leasehold improvements. The Company amortizes leasehold improvements per the guidance set forth in this consensus. The Company acquired $\$ 1,651,700$ of leasehold improvements through acquisition of 20 store in the Fast Forward acquisition. The Company is amortizing the leasehold improvements acquired over the term of each respective lease life in accordance with EITF 05-6.

In June 2006, the FASB issued Interpretation ("FIN") No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes"-an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, and provides guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. FIN No. 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company adopted FIN No. 48 in fiscal 2006. The adoption of FIN No. 48 did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations in fiscal 2006.

In September 2006 the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements". SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 157 to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In September 2006 The SEC released Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") No. 108, "Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements When Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements". SAB 108 provides guidance on how the effects of the carryover or reversal of prior year financial statement misstatements should be considered in quantifying a current year misstatement. The Company adopted the guidance in SAB 108 beginning in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2006. The adoption of SAB 108 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or consolidated results of operations for fiscal 2006.

In June 2006 EITF 06-3 "How Taxes Collected from Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities Should Be Presented in the Income Statement", was ratified by the FASB. The EITF reached a consensus on how taxes assessed by a governmental authority should be presented on the income statement. The EITF reached a consensus that the disclosures required under this Issue should be applied retrospectively to interim and annual financial statements for all periods presented, if those amounts are significant. Other wise the consensuses in this issue should be applied to financial reports for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company believes that EITF 06-3 did not and will not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

## 3. Leasehold Improvements and Equipment

Leasehold improvements and equipment consist of the following:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 28, } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { February 3, } \\ 2007 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (In thousands) |  |
| Leasehold improvements and other equipment. | \$ 38,452 | \$ 52,773 |
| Computer equipment | 5,780 | 7,347 |
| Fixtures and other | 19,203 | 26,392 |
|  | 63,435 | 86,512 |
| Less accumulated depreciation. | $(27,979)$ | $(36,623)$ |
|  | \$ 35,456 | \$ 49,889 |

Depreciation expense on leasehold improvements and equipment was $\$ 5.9$ million, $\$ 7.5$ million and $\$ 10.4$ million for fiscal 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

## 4. Revolving Credit Facility

In September 2004 the Company entered into a loan modification agreement to the existing revolving credit facility. The loan modification agreement reduced certain applicable interest rates and extended the maturity date of the revolving credit facility to July 1, 2006. The borrowing capacity was increased to $\$ 25.0$ million if the Company had requested and if the Company was in compliance with certain provisions. There were no outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility at January 29, 2005. The Company had open letters of credit of $\$ 374,000$ at January 28, 2006. The revolving credit facility bore interest at floating rates based on the lower of the prime rate ( $7.25 \%$ at January 28,2006 ) minus a prime margin ranging from $0.75 \%$ to $0.10 \%$ or the LIBOR rate ( $4.54 \%$ at January 28, 2006) plus a LIBOR margin ranging from $1.40 \%$ to $2.15 \%$, in each case depending on the ratio of the Company's adjusted funded debt (as defined in the loan agreement, as amended) to EBITDAR (as defined in the loan agreement, as amended). The Company's obligations under the revolving credit facility was secured by almost all of its personal property, including, among other things, inventory, equipment and fixtures. The Company was required to reduce the amount of any outstanding advances under the revolving credit facility to no more than $\$ 5.0$ million for a period of at least 30 consecutive days each year. The revolving credit facility also contained financial covenants that required the Company to meet specified financial ratios, including a debt to earnings ratio, earnings to interest expense ratio and inventory to debt ratio. The Company was in compliance with all covenants at January 28, 2006 and for the year then ended. The facility was replaced in September 2006 with a new Wells Fargo HSBC Trade Bank, N.A. credit facility.

We have a secured revolving credit facility with Wells Fargo HSBC Trade Bank, N.A. The Credit Agreement provides us with a senior revolving credit facility through August 30, 2009 of up to $\$ 25.0$ million. This facility replaces our $\$ 20.0$ million secured revolving credit facility with Bank of America, N.A., which terminated effective August 31, 2006. The secured revolving credit facility provides for the issuance of Standby Commercial Letters of Credit in an amount not to exceed $\$ 5.0$ million outstanding at any time and with a term not to exceed 365 days, although the amount of borrowings available at any time under our revolving credit facility is reduced by the amount of Standby Letters of Credit outstanding at that time. There were no outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility at February 3, 2007. We had open letters of credit of approximately $\$ 711,000$ at February 3, 2007. The revolving credit facility bears interest at floating rates based on the lower of the prime rate ( $8.25 \%$ at February 3, 2007) minus $0.50 \%$ or the LIBOR rate ( $5.44 \%$ at February 3, 2007) plus $1.00 \%$ for advances over $\$ 500,000$ for a minimum of 30 days and a maximum of 180 days. The new facility also contains financial covenants that require us to meet certain specified financial ratios, including, minimum net income after taxes, total liabilities divided by tangible net worth and quick ratio. Our obligations under the revolving credit facility
are secured by almost all of our personal property, including, among other things, our inventory, equipment and fixtures. We must also provide financial information and statements to our lender. We were in compliance with all covenants at February 3, 2007.

## 5. Income Taxes

The components of deferred income taxes are:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January } 28, \\ 2006 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | February 2007 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (In thousands) |  |
| Deferred tax assets |  |  |
| Deferred rent | \$ 3,313 | \$ 5,184 |
| Inventory. | 989 | 1,507 |
| Employee benefits, including stock based compensation. . . | 281 | 1,088 |
| Total deferred tax assets. | 4,583 | 7,779 |
| Deferred tax liabilities |  |  |
| Property and equipment. | $(4,948)$ | $(6,422)$ |
| Goodwill | - | (444) |
| Prepaid expenses | (231) | (203) |
| Total deferred tax liabilities. | $(5,179)$ | $(7,069)$ |
| Net deferred tax asset. | \$ (596) | \$ 710 |

The components of the provision (Liability) for income taxes are:
$\left.\begin{array}{ccccc} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Fiscal Year } \\ \text { Ended } \\ \text { January 29, } \\ \mathbf{2 0 0 5}\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Fiscal Year } \\ \text { Ended } \\ \text { January 28, } \\ \text { 2006 }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Fiscal Year } \\ \text { Ended } \\ \text { February 3, } \\ \text { 2007 }\end{array} \\ \text { (In thousands) }\end{array}\right)$

The reconciliation of the income tax provision at the U.S. federal statutory rate to the Company's effective income tax rate is as follows for the fiscal year ended:

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fiscal Year } \\ & \text { Ended } \\ & \text { January } 28, \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fiscal Year } \\ & \text { Ended } \\ & \text { January } 28, \\ & 2006 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Fiscal Year } \\ \text { Ended } \\ \text { February } 3, \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Expected U.S. federal income taxes at statutory rates. | 34.0\% | 35.0\% | 35.0\% |
| State and local income taxes, net of federal effect | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.8 |
| Permanent differences | 0.5 | 0.6 | (0.7) |
| Other | (0.1) | (1.7) | (0.2) |
|  | 38.3\% | $\underline{\underline{37.9}}$ \% | $\underline{\underline{37.9} \%}$ |

## 6. Stock Options

During fiscal 1997 the Company adopted the 1993 Stock Option Plan (the "1993 Plan") to provide for the granting of nonqualified stock options to executive officers and key employees of the Company as determined by a committee of the Company's board of directors, the 1993 Plan Committee (the "Committee").

The date of grant, option price, vesting period and other terms specific to options granted under the 1993 Plan are determined by the Committee. All stock options granted under the 1993 Plan vest over a fixed period and expire no later than ten years from the date of grant. No additional awards may be made under the 1993 Plan. Prior to fiscal 2004, the option price for all options granted was equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock at the date of grant.

During fiscal 2004 the Company adopted the 2004 Stock Option Plan (the "2004 Plan") to provide for the granting of incentive stock options and nonqualified stock options to executive officers and key employees of the Company as determined by a committee of the Company's board of directors, the 2004 Plan Committee. The terms of the 2004 Plan are generally the same as the 1993 Plan. The Company has authorized $3,682,793$ shares of common stock for issuance under the 2004 Plan. The Company does not plan on making any new stock option grants under the 2004 Plan.

The Company adopted the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2005 Plan") on January 24, 2005 and the Company's shareholders approved it on April 27, 2005. Unless sooner terminated by the Board, the 2005 Plan will terminate on the day before the tenth anniversary of the date that the 2005 Plan was approved by the Company's shareholders. The 2005 Incentive Plan provides for the grant of incentive stock options, nonqualified stock options, stock bonuses, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units and stock appreciation rights, which may be granted to the Company's employees (including officers), directors and consultants.

The aggregate number of shares of common stock that may be issued pursuant to awards granted under the 2005 Plan will not exceed $2,925,000$ plus (1) the number of shares that are subject to awards under the 2005 Plan, the 1993 Plan or the 2004 Plan that have been forfeited or repurchased by us or that have otherwise expired or terminated, (2) at our option, the number of shares that were reserved for issuance under the 2004 Plan but that were not subject to a grant under such plan at the completion of the Company's initial public offering in May 2005, and (3) an annual increase on the first business day of each fiscal year such that the total number of shares available for issuance under the 2005 Plan shall equal $15 \%$ of the total number of shares of common stock outstanding on such business day; provided, that with respect to such annual increase, the Board may designate a lesser number of additional shares or no additional shares during such fiscal year. In no event, however, will the aggregate number of shares
available for award under the 2005 Plan exceed 4,387,500 shares. As a result of this limitation on the aggregate number of shares available for award under the 2005 Plan, of the 3,307,297 shares of the Company's common stock that were reserved for issuance under our 2004 Plan but that were not subject to grants under that plan at the completion of the initial public offering, up to $1,462,500$ shares may currently be added to the shares of common stock that may be issued pursuant to awards granted under the 2005 Plan pursuant to clause (2) of the first sentence of this paragraph; however, the Company does not currently intend to add any of those shares to the 2005 Plan.

During fiscal 2004 the Company issued stock options to certain employees with exercise prices below the fair market value of the Company's common stock at the date of grant. In accordance with the requirements of APB 25, the Company has recorded stock-based compensation for the difference between the exercise price of the stock options and the fair market value of the Company's stock at the grant date. During the fiscal 2005 and 2006, the Company recorded stock-based compensation of $\$ 165,000$ and $\$ 163,000$, respectively, related to these options. Stock-based compensation expense is currently recognized over the vesting period of the awards, generally five to eight years. Excluding the impact of the adoption of FAS 123R, future compensation expense to be recognized through fiscal 2012 associated with these grants will be $\$ 633,000$. No stock options were granted during fiscal 2005 . There were 517,600 stock options granted during fiscal year 2006.

As of January 28, 2006 no options to purchase shares of common stock were outstanding and no shares had been issued under the 2005 Plan. As of February 3, 2007 there were 484,600 options to purchase shares of common stock issued and outstanding under the 2005 Plan.

The following table summarizes stock option activity:

|  | Fiscal Year Ended |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | January 29, 2005 |  | January 28, 2006 |  | February 3, 2007 |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Options } \end{gathered}$ | WeightedAverage Exercise Price | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Options } \end{gathered}$ | WeightedAverage Exercise Price | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Options } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Weighted- } \\ \text { Average } \\ \text { Exercise } \\ \text { Price } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Options outstanding at beginning of fiscal year | 3,067,400 | \$ 1.24 | 3,710,794 | \$ 1.77 | 2,812,017 | \$ 1.95 |
| Options granted during the fiscal year. | 800,238 | 3.87 | - | - | 517,600 | 27.91 |
| Options exercised during the fiscal year | - | - | $(898,777)$ | (1.20) | $(610,929)$ | (1.37) |
| Options forfeited during the fiscal year | $(156,844)$ | (1.96) | - | - | $(43,424)$ | (23.13) |
| Options outstanding at end of fiscal year. | 3,710,794 | \$ 1.77 | $\underline{\underline{2,812,017}}$ | \$ 1.95 | 2,675,264 | \$ 6.76 |
| Weighted-average fair value of options granted during the |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| fiscal year. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  | \$ 2.27 |  | N/A |  | 12.21 |
| Options exercisable | 1,720,114 | \$ 1.01 | 1,321,822 | \$ 1.22 | 1,176,227 | \$ 1.59 |

The following table summarizes information concerning outstanding and exercisable options at February 3, 2007:

| Exercise Price | Options Outstanding |  | Options Exercisabl |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { Options } \end{aligned}$ |
| \$0.23 | 133,198 | 0.9 | 133,198 |
| 1.09 | 717,233 | 2.3 | 569,286 |
| 1.78 | 576,073 | 4.6 | 253,280 |
| 2.61 | 136,069 | 6.3 | 66,710 |
| 3.87 | 628,091 | 7.4 | 153,753 |
| 24.89 to 33.59 | 484,600 | 10.0 | - |
| Total | 2,675,264 |  | 1,176,227 |

## 7. Related Party Transactions

During fiscal 2004 the Company paid $\$ 1,000$ in fees on behalf of the Parent. At January 29, 2005 due to additional such payments by the Company, the Company had a balance of fees receivable from Parent of $\$ 148,000$. This amount is reported in shareholders' equity. During fiscal 2005, the Company paid $\$ 1,000$ in fees on behalf of its Parent, resulting in a balance of $\$ 149,000$, which was forgiven and the Parent was subsequently dissolved in connection with the Company's initial public offering. This amount was reported in shareholders' equity and expensed to selling, general and administrative expense.

In fiscal 2004 and 2005 the Company paid Brentwood Private Equity III, LLC a consulting fee of $\$ 200,000$ and $\$ 53,000$, respectively, under a Corporate Development and Administrative Services Agreement. This agreement was subsequently terminated in connection with the initial public offering.

The Company made charitable contributions to Zumiez Foundation in fiscal 2006 and fiscal 2005 in the amounts of $\$ 340,000$ and $\$ 266,000$, respectively.

## 8. Commitments and Contingencies

Leases-The Company is committed under operating leases for all of its retail store locations. In addition to minimum future lease payments, all store leases provide for additional rental payments based on sales, as well as common area maintenance charges. During fiscal 2004 the Company entered into a lease for a new combined home office and distribution center under a non-cancelable operating lease agreement that expires in July 2012 with two renewal options. For leases that have fixed escalation clauses, minimum rents are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. The Company expenses escalated percentage rent payments in the period they become known. In September 2006 we entered into a new lease agreement for an additional 37,000 square feet of warehouse space. The new lease agreement terminated and replaced the original fiscal 2004 lease with the Landlord. The new lease agreement provides for an initial lease term of 126 months within which we have an option to extend the lease term for an additional period of five years.

Rent expense, including common area maintenance and other occupancy costs, was $\$ 17.1$ million, $\$ 22.2$ million and $\$ 31.9$ million for fiscal 2004, 2005, and 2006, respectively.

Future minimum commitments (in thousands) on all leases at February 3, 2007 are as follows:

|  | Retail <br> Stores | Home Office | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fiscal 2007 | \$ 19,183 | \$ 622 | \$ 19,805 |
| Fiscal 2008 | 18,710 | 755 | 19,465 |
| Fiscal 2009 | 18,740 | 775 | 19,515 |
| Fiscal 2010 | 18,094 | 795 | 18,889 |
| Fiscal 2011 | 16,815 | 816 | 17,631 |
| Thereafter. | 53,632 | 4,861 | 58,493 |
|  | \$145,174 | \$8,624 | \$153,798 |

Purchase Commitments-The Company had outstanding purchase orders to acquire merchandise from vendors for approximately $\$ 38.9$ million and $\$ 70.5$ million at January 28, 2006 and February 3, 2007, respectively. These purchases are expected to be financed by cash flows from operations and the Company's revolving credit facility. The Company has an option to cancel such commitments with no notice prior to shipment.

Litigation-The Company is involved from time to time in litigation incidental to its business and, from time to time, the Company may make provisions for potential litigation losses. The Company follows SFAS 5, "Accounting for Contingencies" when assessing pending or potential litigation. Management believes, after considering a number of factors and the nature of the contingencies to which the Company is subject, that the outcome of these contingencies will not have a material adverse effect upon the results of operations or financial condition of the Company.

Insurance Reserves-The Company is responsible for medical insurance claims up to a specified aggregate amount. The Company maintains a reserve for estimated medical insurance claims based on historical claims experience and other estimated assumptions. The Company follows SFAS 5, "Accounting for Contingencies" when assessing pending or potential claims.

Employment Agreement-The Company has an employment agreement in place with a key employee. The agreement provides that if the Company terminates the employee's employment without cause or if he terminates his employment for good reason, the employee could be entitled to continue to receive his base salary up to a maximum commitment of $\$ 315,000$.

## 9. Goodwill

In connection with the acquisition of Fast Forward on June 24, 2006 the Company recorded goodwill in accordance with SFAS 141 "Business Combinations." The Company recorded $\$ 12.9$ million of goodwill as the excess of the purchase price of $\$ 15.3$ million over the fair value of the net amounts assigned to assets acquired and liabilities assumed. In accordance with SFAS 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets", the Company will continue to assess, in accordance with our "Goodwill" policy as stated in Note 2 , whether goodwill is impaired

## 10. Business Acquisition

During the quarter ended July 29, 2006 we completed the acquisition of $100 \%$ of the ownership of Action Concepts Fast Forward, Ltd. (a limited partnership) ("Fast Forward"), an apparel and accessory retail sales company which operated 20 stores (17 in Texas, 2 in Oklahoma and 1 in California). The ability to expand operations into Texas with a full complement of stores at one time was the primary reason for the acquisition. Total costs of the acquisition were $\$ 15.3$ million and were paid in cash plus assumption of liabilities. The Company completed an independent appraisal to determine the final
allocation of the purchase price. The following table summarizes the allocation of fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed (in thousands):

| Cash in Stores. | \$ 15 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Prepaid Expenses. | 143 |
| Other Current Assets | 168 |
| Merchandise Inventory. | 4,227 |
| Property \& Equipment . | 1,819 |
| Goodwill | 12,904 |
| Checks drawn in excess of bank balance | (608) |
| Accounts Payable. | $(1,712)$ |
| Short-term debt | (732) |
| Other current liabilities | (957) |
| Fair value of net assets acquired, including Goodwill | \$15,267 |

The fair value of net assets including goodwill and the goodwill amounts reported for the period ended July 29, 2006 was $\$ 13,998$ and $\$ 11,635$ respectively. The change in the amounts reported for the period ended February 3, 2007 is accounted for in the following table (in thousands):

|  | Balance July 29, 2006 | Cash <br> Payments | Adjustments to Estimates | $\begin{gathered} \text { Balance } \\ \text { February 3, } \\ 2007 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Long term debt. |  | \$ - | \$ 516 | \$ 516 |
| Transaction fees \& costs | 188 | 138 | 42 | 368 |
| Associate severance \& relocation | 638 | - | 25 | 663 |
| Inventory reserve for discontinued merchandise | 225 | - | 438 | 663 |
| Escrow reserve distribution | - | 110 | - | 110 |
| Total. | $\underline{\underline{\$ 1,051}}$ | \$248 | \$1,021 | \$2,320 |

The transaction was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting and, accordingly, the purchased assets and assumed liabilities were recorded at their estimated fair values. The preliminary purchase price allocation resulted in an excess of purchase price over net tangible assets acquired of $\$ 12.9$ million. All of the excess of purchase price over net tangible assets acquired was attributed to goodwill, which is not subject to amortization for book purposes. The Company will amortize the goodwill for tax purposes utilizing the 338(h)(10) Federal tax code election. At February 3, $2007 \$ 250,000$ was held in escrow and due for payment to either the Company or the ownership of Action Concepts Fast Forward, Ltd. dependent on future claims. This amount has not been reflected in the purchase price of the related acquisition, but will be reflected in the allocable cost of the acquisition at the time of determination of the contingencies and ultimate distribution to the sellers in accordance with Paragraph 46 of SFAS 141, Business Combinations.

The condensed consolidated statement of operations for the period ended February 3, 2007 includes the operating results of Fast Forward from June 24, 2006. The following summarized unaudited pro forma information (in thousands) assumes the acquisition of Fast Forward had occurred at the beginning of the period presented. The pro forma information does not purport to indicate what would have occurred had the acquisition been made at the beginning of the period presented, nor of the results which may occur in the future.


The Company incurred expenses of approximately $\$ 663,000$ related to the employee severance and transition expense of the acquisition. To date, this amount has been paid in full. In addition, the company has a remaining reserve of $\$ 117,000$ as of February 3, 2007 for the potential clearance of discontinued merchandise from Fast Forward locations and raw materials that may not be consumed. These costs were accounted for under Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) 95-3 "Recognition of Liabilities in Connection with a Purchase Business Combination".

## 11. Employee Benefit Plans

The Zumiez Investment Plan (Z.I.P.) is a qualified plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Employees that have been with the Company for a year, work an average of thirty hours a week and are twenty-one or older are eligible to participate in the Z.I.P. The Company's $401(\mathrm{k})$ matching and profitsharing contributions are discretionary and are determined annually by the Company. The Company contributed $\$ 125,000, \$ 225,000$, and $\$ 250,000$ to the plan during fiscal 2004,2005 and 2006 , respectively.

The Company offers an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP") for eligible employees to purchase the Company's common stock at a $15 \%$ discount of the lesser of fair market value of the stock on the first business day or the last business day of the offering period. The ESPP provides for six month offering periods commencing on October 1 and April 1 of each year. Employees can contribute up to $15 \%$ of their pay but may not exceed $\$ 25,000$ in a calendar year. The maximum number of shares an employee may purchase during an offering period is 2,000 shares. Employees are eligible to participate in the ESPP if they work at least 20 hours a week and at least five months in a calendar year.

## 12. Income Per Share

Basic net income per share is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted net income per share is based on the weighted average number of common shares and common share equivalents outstanding. Common share equivalents included in the computation represent shares issuable upon assumed exercise of outstanding stock options. Common stock options granted to the Board of Directors to purchase 40,000 shares of common stock for the year ended February 3, 2007 were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the option exercise price was greater than the average market price of the Company's common stock. There were no options considered to be anti-dilutive as of January 28, 2006.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net income per share (in thousands, except share and per share data):

|  | Fiscal Year Ended |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 29, } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 28, } \\ 2006 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { February 3, } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Net income | \$ | 7,267 | \$ | 12,851 | \$ | 20,856 |
| Weighted average common shares for basic net income per share. |  | 0,522 |  | 79,675 |  | 542,891 |
| Dilutive effect of stock options |  | 67,194 |  | 97,010 |  | 60,146 |
| Weighted average common shares for diluted net income per share. | 25,877,716 |  | 27,376,684 |  | 28,703,037 |  |
| Basic net income per share | \$ | 0.32 | \$ | 0.50 | \$ | 0.76 |
| Diluted net income per share | \$ | 0.28 | \$ | 0.47 | \$ | 0.73 |

## EXHIBIT INDEX

3.1 Articles of Incorporation. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (file No. 333-122865)]
3.2 Bylaws. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (file No. 333-122865)]
4.1 Form of Common Stock Certificate of Zumiez Inc. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (file No. 333-122865)]
10.1 Business Loan Agreement dated May 29, 2003 between Bank of America, N.A. and Zumiez Inc., as modified by Loan Modification Agreement dated September 30, 2004. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (file No. 333-122865)]
10.2 Lease Agreement between Merrill Creek Holdings, LLC and Zumiez Inc. dated August 2, 2004. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (file No. 333-122865)]
10.3 Executive Agreement, dated as of November 4, 2002 between Zumiez Inc. and Richard M. Brooks. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (file No. 333-122865)]
10.4 Carrier Agreement between United Parcel Service Inc. and Zumiez Inc. dated July 4, 2005. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended July 30, 2005 as filed on September 13, 2005]
10.5 Zumiez Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (file No. 333-122865)]
10.6 Zumiez Inc. 2004 Stock Option Plan. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (file No. 333-122865)]
10.7 Zumiez Inc. 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (file No. 333-122865)]
10.8 Zumiez Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (file No. 333-122865)]
10.9 Form of Indemnity Agreement between Zumiez Inc. and each of its officers and directors. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (file No. 333-122865)]
10.10 Limited Liability Company Agreement of Zumiez Holdings LLC. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (file No. 333-122865)]
10.11 Modification dated May 11, 2005 to Business Loan Agreement dated May 29, 2003 between Bank of America, N.A. and Zumiez Inc., as modified by Loan Modification Agreement dated September 30, 2004. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended July 30, 2005 as filed on September 13, 2005]
10.12 Equity Purchase Agreement with Gerald R. Anderson, Brandon C. Batton, AC Fast Forward LLC and AC Fast Forward Mgt., LLC dated May 16, 2006. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended July 29, 2006 as filed on September 12, 2006].
10.13 Lease Agreement between Merrill Creek Holdings, LLC and Zumiez Inc. dated October 2, 2006. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on October 4, 2006]
10.14 Credit Agreement with Wells Fargo HSBC Trade Bank, N.A. dated September 1, 2006. . [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended October 28, 2006 as filed on December 8, 2006].
21.1 Subsidiaries of the Company. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 21.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed on October 18, 2005 (file No. 333-129101)]
23.1 Consent of Moss Adams LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
23.2 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
31.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1 Certifications of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.

Copies of Exhibits may be obtained upon request directed to the attention of our Chief Financial Officer, 6300 Merrill Creek Parkway, Suite B, Everett, WA 98203, and many are available at the SEC's website found at www.sec.gov.


[^0]:    (1) For a portion of fiscal 2002 ended November 3, 2002, we were treated as a Subchapter S corporation for federal income tax purposes and, as a result, we were exempt from paying federal and state income taxes for those periods. As a result, our provision for income taxes for fiscal 2002 reflects a provision for only the last two months of fiscal 2002. Accordingly, our provision for income taxes and our total and per share net income for fiscal 2002 are not comparable to our provision for income taxes and our total and per share net income for the subsequent periods reflected in this table.

