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REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

CDW CORPORATION*

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

5961
(Primary Standard Industrial
Classification Number)

26-0273989
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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* The co-registrants listed on the next page are also included in this Form S-4 Registration Statement as additional registrants.

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale of the securities to the public: The exchange will occur as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

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Exchange Act Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer) "

Exchange Act Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer) "

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities	Amount	Proposed	Proposed	Amount of
		Maximum	Maximum	
to be Registered	to be Registered	Offering Price	Aggregate	Registration Fee
8.5% Senior Notes due 2019, Series B	\$130,000,000	Per Unit (1) 100%	Offering Price \$130,000,000	\$14,898.00(1)
Guarantees on 8.5% Senior Notes due 2019, Series B	\$130,000,000			(2)

(1) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(2) Pursuant to Rule 457(n), no separate fee is payable with respect to the guarantees being registered hereby.

The registrants hereby amend this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrants shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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Exact Name of	Primary Standard Industrial Classification Number	Jurisdiction of Formation	I.R.S. Employer Identification No.
Additional Registrants*			
CDW LLC	5961	Illinois	36-3310735
CDW Finance Corporation	5961	Delaware	90-0600013
CDW Technologies, Inc.	5961	Wisconsin	39-1768725
CDW Direct, LLC	5961	Illinois	36-4530079
CDW Government LLC	5961	Illinois	36-4230110
CDW Logistics, Inc.	5961	Illinois	38-3679518

* The address for each of the additional registrants is CDW Corporation, 200 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061. The name, address and telephone number of the agent for service for each of the additional registrants is Christine A. Leahy, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of CDW Corporation, 200 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061, telephone: (847) 465-6000.

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the SEC is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell nor is it an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION,

DATED APRIL 13, 2012

PROSPECTUS

CDW LLC

CDW Finance Corporation

Exchange Offer for

8.5% Senior Notes due 2019

We are offering to exchange, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus and the accompanying letter of transmittal, up to \$130,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of our new 8.5% Senior Notes due 2019, Series B (the **Exchange Notes**), which has been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the **Securities Act**), for any and all of our outstanding 8.5% Senior Notes due 2019 that were issued on February 17, 2012 (the **Outstanding Notes**, and such transaction, the **Exchange Offer**). Upon completion of the Exchange Offer, the Exchange Notes will trade fungibly with \$1,141,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of our existing 8.5% Senior Notes due 2019, Series B (the **Existing Exchange Notes**), that we exchanged in December 2011 as part of a similar exchange offer for any and all of the then-outstanding \$1,175,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of 8.5% Senior Notes due 2019.

We are conducting the Exchange Offer in order to provide you with an opportunity to exchange the unregistered notes you hold for freely tradable notes that have been registered under the Securities Act.

The principal features of the Exchange Offer are as follows:

The terms of the Exchange Notes to be issued in the Exchange Offer are substantially identical to the Outstanding Notes, except that the transfer restrictions, registration rights and additional interest provisions relating to the Outstanding Notes will not apply to the Exchange Notes.

You may withdraw your tender of Outstanding Notes at any time before the expiration of the Exchange Offer. We will exchange all of the Outstanding Notes that are validly tendered and not withdrawn.

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Based upon interpretations by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), we believe that subject to some exceptions, the Exchange Notes may be offered for resale, resold and otherwise transferred by you without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act, provided you are not an affiliate of ours.

The Exchange Offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on _____, 2012, unless extended.

The exchange of notes will not be a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

We will not receive any proceeds from the Exchange Offer.

There is no existing public market for the Outstanding Notes. We have not listed the Existing Exchange Notes on any securities exchange and we do not intend to list the Exchange Notes on any securities exchange.

Except in very limited circumstances, current and future holders of Outstanding Notes who do not participate in the Exchange Offer will not be entitled to any future registration rights, and will not be permitted to transfer their Outstanding Notes absent an available exemption from registration.

For a discussion of certain factors that you should consider before participating in the Exchange Offer, see Risk Factors beginning on page 18 of this prospectus.

Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved the Exchange Notes to be distributed in the Exchange Offer, nor have any of these organizations determined that this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. The prospectus may be used only for the purposes for which it has been published. We have not authorized anyone to provide any information not contained herein. If you receive any other information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted.

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This prospectus contains summaries of the terms of several material documents. These summaries include the terms we believe to be material, but we urge you to review these documents in their entirety. We will provide without charge to each person to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request of that person, a copy of any and all of these documents. Requests for copies should be directed to: CDW Corporation, 200 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061; Attention: Investor Relations (telephone (847) 465-6000).

MARKET, RANKING AND OTHER INDUSTRY DATA

This prospectus includes industry and trade association data, forecasts and information that we have prepared based, in part, upon data, forecasts and information obtained from independent trade associations, industry publications and surveys and other information available to us. Some data is also based on our good faith estimates, which are derived from management's knowledge of the industry and independent sources. Industry publications and surveys and forecasts generally state that the information contained therein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but there can be no assurance as to the accuracy or completeness of included information. We have not independently verified any of the data from third-party sources nor have we ascertained the underlying economic assumptions relied upon therein. Statements as to our market position are based on market data currently available to us. While we are not aware of any misstatements regarding the industry data presented herein, our estimates involve risks and uncertainties and are subject to change based on various factors, including those discussed under the

heading "Risk Factors" in this prospectus. Similarly, we believe our internal research is reliable, even though such research has not been verified by any independent sources.

TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS

This prospectus includes our trademarks such as "CDW," which are protected under applicable intellectual property laws and are the property of CDW Corporation or its subsidiaries. This prospectus also contains trademarks, service marks, trade names and copyrights of other companies, which are the property of their respective owners. Solely for convenience, trademarks and trade names referred to in this prospectus may appear without the ® or ™ symbols, but such references are not intended to indicate, in any way, that we will not assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, our rights or the right of the applicable licensor to these trademarks and trade names.

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This summary highlights selected information contained in greater detail elsewhere in this prospectus. You should carefully read the entire prospectus, including the section entitled Risk Factors and the consolidated financial statements and notes related to those statements included elsewhere in this prospectus, before deciding whether to participate in the Exchange Offer. On October 12, 2007, CDW Corporation, an Illinois corporation (Target), was acquired by CDW Corporation, a Delaware corporation formerly known as VH Holdings, Inc. (Parent), a then-newly formed entity indirectly controlled by investment funds affiliated with Madison Dearborn Partners, LLC (Madison Dearborn) and Providence Equity Partners L.L.C. (Providence Equity), in a transaction valued at approximately \$7.4 billion, including fees and expenses (the Acquisition). For financial reporting purposes, we refer to Target and its subsidiaries prior to the Acquisition as the Predecessor and we refer to Parent and its subsidiaries (including Target) following the Acquisition as the Successor. On December 31, 2009, Target merged into CDWC LLC, a limited liability company wholly owned by Parent, with CDWC LLC as the surviving company in the merger (the CDW LLC Merger). On December 31, 2009, CDWC LLC was renamed CDW LLC and on August 17, 2010, VH Holdings, Inc. was renamed CDW Corporation. Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, the terms we, us, the Company, our, CDW and other similar terms refer to the business of Parent and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Our Business**Overview**

CDW is a leading multi-brand technology solutions provider to business, government, education and healthcare customers in the U.S. and Canada. We provide comprehensive and integrated solutions for our customers technology needs through our extensive hardware, software and value-added service offerings. We serve over 250,000 customers through our experienced and dedicated sales force of more than 3,600 coworkers. We offer over 100,000 products from over 1,000 brands and a multitude of advanced technology solutions. Our broad range of technology products includes leading brands such as Hewlett-Packard, Microsoft, Cisco, Lenovo, EMC, IBM, Apple and VMware. Our offerings range from discrete hardware and software products to complex technology solutions such as virtualization, collaboration, security, mobility, data center optimization and cloud computing. Our sales and operating results have been driven by the combination of our large and knowledgeable selling organization, highly skilled technology specialists and engineers, extensive range of product offerings, strong vendor partner relationships, and fulfillment and logistics capabilities. For the year ended December 31, 2011, our net sales, net income and Adjusted EBITDA were \$9,602.4 million, \$17.1 million and \$717.3 million, respectively. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. See Summary Historical Financial Data for the definition of Adjusted EBITDA, the reasons for its inclusion and a reconciliation to net income.

We have two reportable segments:

Corporate. Our Corporate segment customers are primarily in the small and medium business category, which we define as customers with up to 1,000 employees at a single location. We also serve larger customers, including FORTUNE 1000 companies, that value our broad offerings, brand selection and flexible delivery model. We have over 200,000 active accounts, well diversified across numerous industries. Our Corporate segment is divided into a small business customer channel, primarily serving customers with up to 100 employees, and a medium-large business customer channel, primarily serving customers with more than 100 employees. Our Corporate segment sales team is primarily organized by geography and customer size. We believe this enables us to better understand and serve customer needs, optimize sales resource coverage, and strengthen relationships with vendor partners to create more sales opportunities. Our Corporate segment generated net sales of \$5,334.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Public. Our Public segment is divided into government, education and healthcare customer channels. The government channel serves federal as well as state and local governments. Our education channel serves higher education and K-12 customers. The healthcare channel serves customers across the healthcare provider industry. We have built sizable businesses in each of our three Public customer channels as annual net sales for the year ended December 31, 2011 exceeded \$1 billion for each customer channel. Our Public segment sales teams are organized by customer channel, and within each customer channel, they are generally organized by geography, except our federal government sales teams, which are organized by agency. We believe this enables our sales teams to address the specific needs of their customer channel while promoting strong customer relationships. Our Public segment generated net sales of \$3,757.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Other. We also have two other operating segments, CDW Advanced Services and Canada, which do not meet the reportable segment quantitative thresholds and, accordingly, are combined together as Other. The CDW Advanced Services business is comprised of customized engineering services, delivered by CDW professional engineers, as well as managed

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services, including hosting and data center services. Certain other services, such as custom configuration and third-party services, are included in our Corporate and Public segment net sales and not in Other. Advanced services provided by CDW professional engineers are recorded in CDW Advanced Services. Our CDW Advanced Services and Canada business segments generated net sales of \$510.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

For further information on our segments, including financial results, see Note 18 to our Audited Financial Statements.

History

CDW was founded in 1984. In 2003, we purchased selected U.S. assets and the Canadian operations of Micro Warehouse, which extended our growth platform into Canada. In 2006, we acquired Berbee Information Networks Corporation, a provider of technology products, solutions and customized engineering services in advanced technologies primarily across Cisco, IBM and Microsoft portfolios. This acquisition increased our capabilities in customized engineering services and managed services. In 2007, we were acquired by Parent. For a description of the acquisition, see The Acquisition Transactions and Related Financing Events.

Industry Overview

According to International Data Corporation (IDC), the overall U.S. technology market generated approximately \$601 billion in sales in 2011, including \$216 billion in hardware sales, \$158 billion in software sales and \$227 billion in services sales. The channels through which these products and services are delivered are highly fragmented and served by a multitude of participants. These participants include original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), software publishers, wholesale distributors and resellers. Wholesale distributors, such as Ingram Micro Inc., Tech Data Corporation and SYNEX Corporation, act as intermediaries between OEMs and software publishers, on the one hand, and resellers, on the other hand, providing logistics management and supply-chain services. Resellers, which include direct marketers, value-added resellers, e-tailers and retailers, sell products and/or services directly to the end-user customer, sourcing products sold to their customers directly from OEMs and software publishers or from wholesale distributors. CDW is a technology solutions provider with both direct marketer and value-added reseller capabilities.

Two key customer groups within our addressable market are the small and medium business market and the public sector market. The small and medium business market is highly fragmented and is generally characterized by companies that employ fewer than 1,000 employees. The public sector market is also fragmented and is generally divided into market verticals, each with specialized needs that require an adaptive and flexible sales, services and logistics model to meet customer needs. We believe that many vendors rely heavily on channel partners like CDW to efficiently serve small and medium business and public sector customers.

Our Competitive Strengths

We believe the following strengths have contributed to our success and enabled us to become an important strategic partner for both our customers and our vendor partners:

Significant Scale and Scope

We are a leading multi-brand technology solutions provider in the U.S. and Canada. Based upon publicly available information, we believe that our net sales are significantly larger than any other multi-brand direct marketer or value-added reseller in the U.S. Our significant scale and scope create competitive advantages through:

Breadth of solutions for our customers. The breadth and depth of knowledge that our direct selling organization, specialists and engineers have across multiple industries and technologies position us well to anticipate and meet our customers' needs. Our size allows us to provide our customers with a broad selection of over 100,000 technology products from over 1,000 brands and a multitude of advanced technology solutions at competitive prices. We have leveraged our scale to provide a high level of customer service and a breadth of technology options, making it easy for customers to do business with us.

Broad market access for our vendor partners. We believe we are an attractive route to market for our vendor partners in part because we provide them with access to a cost-effective and highly knowledgeable sales and marketing organization that

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reaches over 250,000 customers. Our vendor partners recognize that, in addition to providing broad customer reach, our scale and scope enables us to sell, deliver and implement their products and services to customers with a high level of knowledge and consistency.

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Operational cost efficiencies and productivity. Our large scale provides us with operational cost efficiencies across our organization, including purchasing, operations, IT, sales, marketing and other support functions. We leverage these advantages through our two modern distribution centers, our efficient business processes and constant focus on productivity improvements, and our proprietary information systems, which has enabled us to provide cost-efficient service to our customers.

Coworker Culture

Our steadfast focus on serving customers and investing in coworkers has fostered a strong, “get it done” culture at CDW. Since our founding, we have adhered to a core philosophy known as the Circle of Service, which places the customer at the center of all of our actions. We have consistently and cost effectively invested in our coworkers by providing broad and deep coworker training, supplying resources that contribute to their success, and offering them broad career development opportunities. This constant focus on customers and coworkers has created a customer-centric, highly engaged coworker base, which ultimately benefits our customers and fosters customer loyalty.

Large and Knowledgeable Direct Selling Organization

We have a large and experienced sales force, consisting of more than 3,600 coworkers, including almost 2,900 account managers and field account executives. We believe our success is due, in part, to the strength of our account managers’ dedicated relationships with customers that are developed by calling on existing and new customers, providing advice on products, responding to customer inquiries and developing solutions to our customers’ complex technology needs. The deep industry knowledge of our dedicated sales, marketing and support resources within each of our customer channels allows us to understand and solve the unique challenges and evolving technology needs of our customers. Multiple customer surveys administered by independent parties consistently show that customers view CDW as a leader in customer service compared to other multi-brand resellers and solution providers.

Highly Skilled Technology Specialists and Engineers

Our direct selling organization is supported by a team of almost 800 technology specialists and almost 600 service delivery engineers with more than 3,400 industry-recognized certifications who bring deep product and solution knowledge and experience to the technology challenges of our customers. We believe our technology specialists, who work with customers and our direct selling organization to design solutions and provide recommendations in the selection and procurement process, are an important resource and differentiator for us as we seek to expand our offerings of value-added services and solutions.

Large and Established Customer Channels

We have grown our customer channels within the Corporate and Public segments to sizeable businesses. Our government, education, healthcare and small business channels each has net sales that exceed \$1 billion. Our scale allows us to create specialized sales resources across multiple customer markets, which enables us to better understand and meet our customers’ evolving IT requirements. Our scale also provides us diversification benefits. For instance, our Public segment, which is comprised of our government, education and healthcare channels, has historically been less correlated to economic cycles, as evidenced by its 5% net sales growth in 2009 while overall technology spending declined in the U.S. market, according to IDC.

Strong, Established Vendor Partner Relationships

We believe that our strong vendor partner relationships differentiate us from other multi-brand technology solutions providers. In addition to providing a cost-effective route to market for vendor partners, we believe that many of our competitive strengths enhance our value proposition to our vendor partners. We believe we are an important extension of our vendor partners’ sales and marketing capabilities as we are the largest U.S. reseller for many of our vendor partners, including Hewlett-Packard. We have three vendor partners with whom we have annual \$1 billion-plus relationships, and we have 14 vendor partners with whom we have relationships exceeding \$100 million a year. As such, we are able to provide technology resources and insights to our customers that might otherwise be difficult for them to access independently or through other technology providers. Our direct selling organization, technology specialists and large customer channels allow us to develop intimate knowledge of our customers’ environments and their specific needs. Frequently, vendor partners will select CDW as a partner to develop and grow new customer solutions. We are regularly recognized with top awards from our vendor partners. In 2011, we were named Microsoft’s Volume Licensing Partner of the Year and received eight Cisco Partner of the Year awards.

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Our Business Strategies

Our goal is to continue to strengthen our position as a leading multi-brand national provider of technology products and solutions by growing our revenues and driving profitability. We plan to achieve this objective by capitalizing on our competitive strengths and pursuing the following strategies:

Focus on Customer Requirements and Market Segmentation

We have grown our revenues faster than the market, which we attribute in large part to our focus on customer requirements and market segmentation. We believe our customer intimacy enables us to better understand our customers' needs and to better identify profitable growth opportunities. We intend to maintain this focus with a goal of continuing to outpace our competitors in revenue growth in the markets we serve through increased share of wallet from existing customers, sales to new customers and expanded IT services offerings to both new and existing customers. We believe our efforts in these areas will be augmented as we improve our sales coverage and further segment our customer base, further leverage our knowledge of our customers' environments and continue to help our customers adopt proven technologies that meet their needs and make the most of their IT investments.

Leverage our Superior Sales and Marketing Model

We intend to continue to leverage our large, highly productive sales and marketing organization to serve existing customer requirements, effectively target new customer prospects, improve our product and solutions offerings, maximize sales resource coverage, strategically deploy internal sales teams, technology specialists and field sales account executives, and strengthen vendor partner relationships, all with the end goal of creating profitable sales opportunities. Some of the initiatives we have implemented within the last few years, including our realignment of our medium and large corporate account managers into geographic regions, our addition of selling resources to our healthcare customer channel and our addition of more technology specialists to facilitate sales of newer and more complex technology solutions, have contributed to an increase in our annualized net sales per coworker from \$1.364 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007 to \$1.476 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2011. We plan to continue to identify and pursue opportunities that further enhance productivity. Recently, we have added sales operations supervisors to handle administrative tasks for our direct sales force coworkers, which we believe will further enhance their productivity, and we have continued to align our compensation programs to drive profitable revenue growth.

Meet our Customers' Changing Needs through Expanded Service Offerings and Solutions

We intend to continue to expand the range of technology solutions we offer to continue to keep pace with the technology marketplace. As customers increasingly demand more elaborate services and solutions in addition to traditional hardware and software products, we believe that expanding the range of technology solutions that we offer will enhance our value proposition to our customers and help us to maximize our revenue and profit growth potential. We have added almost 600 technology specialists since mid-2004 and almost 500 services delivery engineers since mid-2006. CDW currently has almost 800 technology specialists, organized around core solutions and aligned with our selling organization. CDW is growing its presence in geographic markets across the U.S. with coworkers focused on delivering customized engineering solutions. We plan to continue to invest in resources and training for our technology specialists and services delivery coworkers to provide our customers with the expert advice and experience they need to make the most of their technology expenditures.

Leverage Relationships with Leading Vendor Partners

We intend to continue to leverage our long-standing relationships with major vendor partners to support the growth and profitability of our business. We plan to use our vendor partner relationships to ensure that our sales organization remains well-positioned and well-trained to market new and emerging technologies to end users. As one example, we are currently working with several large vendor partners to assist them in the sales of cloud computing solutions to the small and medium business marketplace. We believe our strong vendor partner relationships will also provide collaborative opportunities for our sales organization and vendor field sales representatives to identify and fulfill additional customer requirements, creating increased sales to both new and existing customers. In addition, we plan to leverage our significant scale to maximize the benefits from volume discounts, purchase or sales rebates, vendor incentive programs and marketing development funds.

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Risk Factors

Our business is subject to a number of risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, the following:

General economic conditions could negatively affect technology spending by our customers and put downward pressure on prices, which may have an adverse impact on our business, results of operations or cash flows.

Our financial performance could be adversely affected by decreases in spending on technology products and services by our Public segment customers.

Our business depends on our vendor partner relationships and the availability of their products.

Our sales are dependent on continued innovations in hardware, software and services offerings by our vendor partners and the competitiveness of their offerings.

Substantial competition could reduce our market share and significantly harm our financial performance.

Our substantial indebtedness could limit our operating flexibility, place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our less leveraged competitors and increase our vulnerability to both general and industry-specific adverse economic conditions.

If these or any of the other risks described in the section entitled "Risk Factors" were to occur, the trading price of the Exchange Notes would likely decline and we may become unable to make payments of interest and principal on the Exchange Notes, as a result of which you may lose all or part of your original investment.

The Acquisition Transactions and Related Financing Events

On October 12, 2007, Parent acquired Target in the Acquisition, a transaction having an aggregate value of approximately \$7.4 billion, including fees and expenses. Parent is owned directly by CDW Holdings LLC ("CDW Holdings"), a company controlled by investment funds affiliated with Madison Dearborn and Providence Equity (collectively, the "Equity Sponsors"). The Acquisition was effected through the merger of VH MergerSub, Inc. ("MergerSub"), a newly formed, wholly owned subsidiary of Parent, with and into Target, which was the surviving corporation. Immediately following the merger, Target became a wholly owned direct subsidiary of Parent.

Substantially all of the equity interests of CDW Holdings are owned by investment funds affiliated with the Equity Sponsors, certain other co-investors and certain members of our management (the "Management Investors," and together with the Equity Sponsors and certain other co-investors, the "Equity Investors").

In order to fund the Acquisition, on October 12, 2007, MergerSub entered into an \$800.0 million senior secured revolving credit facility (as in effect at the time of the Acquisition and as subsequently refinanced, the "ABL Facility"), a \$2,200.0 million senior secured term loan facility (as in effect at the time of the Acquisition and as subsequently amended, the "Term Loan Facility," and together with the ABL Facility, the "Senior Credit Facilities"), a \$1,040.0 million senior bridge loan agreement (the "Senior Bridge Loans") and a \$940.0 million senior subordinated bridge loan agreement (the "Senior Subordinated Bridge Loans," and together with the Senior Bridge Loans, the "Bridge Loans"). CDW has subsequently assumed this indebtedness as successor in interest to MergerSub. We were required to pay cash interest on \$520.0 million of the outstanding principal of the Senior Bridge Loans (the "Senior Cash Pay Loans") and could elect to pay cash or PIK interest on the remaining \$520.0 million of the outstanding principal amount (the "Senior PIK Election Loans"). In 2008, we amended and restated the Term Loan Facility and in 2009, we entered into an additional amendment. In 2010, we entered into a further amendment of the Term Loan Facility to, among other things, extend the final maturity of a portion of the Term Loan Facility (the "Extended Loans") and reduce the principal amounts outstanding thereunder, and in connection with this amendment, we issued \$500.0 million of 8.0% senior secured notes due 2018 (the "Senior Secured Notes") and used the proceeds to prepay a portion of indebtedness under the Term Loan Facility. For a summary of the material terms of the Term Loan Facility, see

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Description of Certain Indebtedness. In 2008, we amended and restated the Bridge Loans to, among other things, change the principal amounts outstanding thereunder, and in connection with these amendments, we prepaid a portion of our Senior Subordinated Bridge Loans. Under the terms of the Bridge Loans, holders were entitled to request the conversion of their Bridge Loans into notes. At the request of these holders, we issued \$890.0 million of 11.00% senior cash pay exchange notes due 2015 (the Existing Senior Cash Pay Notes), \$317.0 million of 11.50%/12.25% senior PIK election exchange notes due 2015 (the Existing Senior PIK Election Notes, and together with the Existing Senior Cash Pay Notes, the Existing Senior Notes) and \$721.5 million of 12.535% senior subordinated exchange notes due 2017 (the Existing Senior Subordinated Notes) in exchange for all of our outstanding Bridge Loans, a process we completed on October 14, 2010. For a summary of the material terms of our Existing Senior Subordinated Notes, see Description of Certain Indebtedness.

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On April 13, 2011, we completed a tender offer to purchase a total of \$665.1 million in aggregate principal amount of the Existing Senior Notes. In connection with the tender offer, CDW Escrow Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent (the Original Escrow Issuer), issued \$725.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 8.5% senior notes due 2019 (the April 2011 Senior Notes) in order to pay the consideration in the tender offer. On May 20, 2011, we completed a tender offer to purchase a total of \$412.8 million in aggregate principal amount of the Existing Senior Notes. In connection with this tender offer, CDW Escrow Corporation, a newly formed, wholly owned subsidiary of Parent (the New Escrow Issuer, and together with the Original Escrow Issuer, the Escrow Issuers), issued an additional \$450.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 8.5% Senior Notes due 2019 (the May 2011 Senior Notes) in order to pay the consideration in the tender offer. Following each issuance, CDW LLC and CDW Finance Corporation (CDW Finance) assumed the Escrow Issuers' respective obligations thereunder. We subsequently registered \$1,141,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes for a like principal amount of new 8.5% Senior Notes due 2019, Series B, which we sometimes refer to in this prospectus as the Existing Exchange Notes.)

On June 24, 2011, we refinanced the ABL Facility, which, among other things, extended the final maturity of the ABL Facility from 2012 to 2016 and increased the size of the facility from \$800.0 million to \$900.0 million (the ABL Facility Refinancing). For a summary of the material terms of the ABL Facility, see Description of Certain Indebtedness.

On February 17, 2012, we accepted for purchase \$120.6 million in aggregate principal amount of the Existing Senior Notes that were tendered in a tender offer and consent solicitation by February 16, 2012. On March 5, 2012, we accepted for purchase an additional \$0.1 million in aggregate principal amount of the Existing Senior Notes that were tendered prior to the expiration of the tender offer on March 2, 2012. On March 19, 2012, we redeemed the remaining \$8.3 million in aggregate principal amount of Existing Senior Notes that were not tendered in the tender offer and consent solicitation. As of the date of this prospectus, there are no Existing Senior Notes outstanding. In connection with the tender offer and consent solicitation and subsequent redemption, CDW LLC and CDW Finance issued an additional \$130.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 8.5% Senior Notes due 2019 (the Outstanding Notes or the February 2012 Senior Notes) in order to pay the consideration in the tender offer and consent solicitation and subsequent redemption. The tender offer and consent solicitation and the purchase of Existing Senior Notes pursuant thereto, the redemption of Existing Senior Notes not tendered in the tender offer and consent solicitation, and the issuance of the February 2012 Senior Notes are collectively referred to herein as the 2012 Refinancing Transactions. The April 2011 Senior Notes, the May 2011 Senior Notes and the February 2012 Senior Notes are collectively referred to herein as the Senior Notes. The indentures governing the Existing Senior Subordinated Notes, the Senior Secured Notes and the Senior Notes are collectively referred to herein as the Indentures.

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Corporate Structure

The following chart summarizes our current corporate structure and our indebtedness as of December 31, 2011, on an as adjusted basis after giving effect to the 2012 Refinancing Transactions.

- (1) Investment funds affiliated with Madison Dearborn and Providence Equity, along with two limited partnerships created by the Equity Sponsors to facilitate an investment in CDW Holdings, own approximately 94.1% of the outstanding voting interests of CDW Holdings as of December 31, 2011.
- (2) After giving effect to the 2012 Refinancing Transactions, as of December 31, 2011, we would have had no outstanding indebtedness, \$1.7 million of issued and undrawn letters of credit and \$219.0 million of floorplan reserves under our \$900.0 million ABL Facility and could have borrowed an additional \$679.3 million under this facility.
- (3) Represents the Senior Notes issued in April 2011, May 2011 and February 2012 and gives effect to the repurchase of all of our remaining Existing Senior Notes in a tender offer and consent solicitation in February 2012 and subsequent redemption in March 2012 using the gross proceeds from the Senior Notes issued in February 2012.
- (4) Formed in 2010 for the sole purpose of serving as a corporate co-issuer, CDW Finance is a co-issuer of the Senior Secured Notes, the Senior Notes and the Existing Senior Subordinated Notes and will be a co-issuer of the Exchange Notes offered hereby. CDW Finance does not hold any material assets or engage in any business activities or operations.
- (5) Our non-guarantor subsidiary, CDW Canada, Inc., held approximately 1.9% of our total assets as of December 31, 2011 and generated approximately 4.0% of our net sales and approximately 2.6% of our Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure (as defined below in Summary Historical Financial Data), for the year ended December 31, 2011.

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Corporate Information

CDW LLC is an Illinois limited liability company and a subsidiary of CDW Corporation, a Delaware corporation. CDW Finance is a Delaware corporation and a subsidiary of CDW Corporation.

Our principal executive offices are located at 200 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061, and our telephone number at that address is (847) 465-6000. Our website is located at <http://www.cdw.com>. The information on our website is not part of this prospectus.

Equity Sponsors

Madison Dearborn, based in Chicago, is one of the most experienced and successful private equity investment firms in the United States. Madison Dearborn has raised over \$18 billion of capital since its formation in 1992 and has invested in more than 100 companies. Madison Dearborn-affiliated investment funds invest in businesses across a broad spectrum of industries, including basic industries, consumer, financial services, health care and telecom, media and technology services.

Providence Equity is a leading global private equity firm focused on media, communications, information and education investments. Providence Equity has \$23 billion of equity under management and has invested in more than 100 companies over its 20-year history. Providence Equity is headquartered in Providence, Rhode Island and has offices in New York, Los Angeles, London, Hong Kong and New Delhi.

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Summary of the Exchange Offer

The Initial Offering of Outstanding Notes

We sold \$130,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes on February 17, 2012 to Barclays Capital Inc. We refer to the initial purchaser of the Outstanding Notes in this prospectus as the initial purchaser. The initial purchaser subsequently resold the Outstanding Notes to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Registration Rights Agreement

Simultaneously with the initial sale of the Outstanding Notes, we entered into a registration rights agreement (the Registration Rights Agreement), pursuant to which we have agreed, among other things, to use commercially reasonable efforts to file with the SEC and cause to become effective a registration statement relating to an offer to exchange the Outstanding Notes for SEC-registered notes with terms identical to the Outstanding Notes. The Exchange Offer is intended to satisfy your rights under the Registration Rights Agreement. After the Exchange Offer is complete, you will, subject to only limited exceptions in limited circumstances, no longer be entitled to any exchange or registration rights with respect to your Outstanding Notes.

The Exchange Offer

We are offering to exchange up to \$130,000,000 aggregate principal amount of our new 8.5% Senior Notes due 2019, Series B, which have been registered under the Securities Act (Exchange Notes), for any and all of our February 2012 Senior Notes. Upon completion of the Exchange Offer, the Exchange Notes will trade fungibly with \$1,141,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Existing Exchange Notes that we exchanged in December 2011 as part of a similar exchange offer for any and all of the then-outstanding \$1,175,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of 8.5% Senior Notes due 2019.

In order to be exchanged, an Outstanding Note must be properly tendered and accepted. All Outstanding Notes that are validly tendered and not validly withdrawn will be exchanged. We will issue Exchange Notes promptly after the expiration of the Exchange Offer.

Interest on the Outstanding Notes accepted for exchange in the Exchange Offer will cease to accrue upon the issuance of the Exchange Notes. The Exchange Notes will bear interest from the date of issuance, and such interest will be payable, together with accrued and unpaid interest on the Outstanding Notes accepted for exchange, on the first interest payment date following the closing of the Exchange Offer. Interest will continue to accrue on any Outstanding Notes that are not exchanged for Exchange Notes in the Exchange Offer.

Resales

Based on an interpretation by the staff of the SEC set forth in no-action letters issued to third parties, we believe that the

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Exchange Notes issued to you in the Exchange Offer may be offered for resale, resold and otherwise transferred by you without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act provided that:

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the Exchange Notes are being acquired by you in the ordinary course of your business;

you are not participating, do not intend to participate, and have no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate, in the distribution of the Exchange Notes issued to you in the Exchange Offer; and

you are not an affiliate of ours.

If any of these conditions are not satisfied and you transfer any Exchange Notes issued to you in the Exchange Offer without delivering a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act or without an exemption from registration of your Exchange Notes from these requirements, you may incur liability under the Securities Act. We will not assume, nor will we indemnify you against, any such liability.

Each broker-dealer that is issued Exchange Notes in the Exchange Offer for its own account in exchange for Outstanding Notes that were acquired by that broker-dealer as a result of market-making or other trading activities must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale of the Exchange Notes. A broker-dealer may use this prospectus for an offer to resell, resale or other retransfer of the Exchange Notes issued to it in the Exchange Offer.

Expiration Date

The Exchange Offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on _____, 2012, unless we decide to extend the expiration date.

Conditions to the Exchange Offer

The Exchange Offer is subject to customary conditions, which we may waive. See Exchange Offer Conditions.

Procedures for Tendering Outstanding Notes

If you wish to tender your Outstanding Notes for exchange in the Exchange Offer, you must transmit to the exchange agent on or before the expiration date either:

an original or a facsimile of a properly completed and duly executed copy of the letter of transmittal, which accompanies this prospectus, together with your Outstanding Notes and any other documentation required by the letter of transmittal, at the address provided on the cover page of the letter of transmittal; or

if the Outstanding Notes you own are held of record by The Depository Trust Company (DTC) in book-entry form and you are making delivery by book-entry transfer, a computer-generated message transmitted by means of the Automated Tender Offer Program System of DTC (ATOP), in which you acknowledge and agree to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal and

which, when received by the exchange agent, forms a part of a confirmation of book-entry transfer. As part of the book-entry transfer, DTC will facilitate the exchange of your Outstanding Notes and update your account to reflect the issuance of the Exchange Notes to you. ATOP allows you to electronically transmit your acceptance of the Exchange Offer to DTC instead of physically completing and delivering a letter of transmittal to the exchange agent.

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	<p>In addition, you must deliver to the exchange agent on or before the expiration date:</p> <p>a timely confirmation of book-entry transfer of your Outstanding Notes into the account of the exchange agent at DTC if you are effecting delivery of book-entry transfer, or</p> <p>if necessary, the documents required for compliance with the guaranteed delivery procedures.</p>
Special Procedures for Beneficial Owners	<p>If you are the beneficial owner of book-entry interests and your name does not appear on a security position listing of DTC as the holder of the book-entry interests or if you are a beneficial owner of Outstanding Notes that are registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and you wish to tender the book-entry interest or Outstanding Notes in the Exchange Offer, you should contact the person in whose name your book-entry interests or Outstanding Notes are registered promptly and instruct that person to tender on your behalf.</p>
Withdrawal Rights	<p>You may withdraw the tender of your Outstanding Notes at any time prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on _____, 2012.</p>
Effect of Not Tendering in the Exchange Offer	<p>Any notes now outstanding that are not tendered or that are tendered but not accepted will remain subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth in the Outstanding Notes and the Indenture under which they were issued. Since the Outstanding Notes have not been registered under the federal securities laws, they may bear a legend restricting their transfer absent registration or the availability of a specific exemption from registration. Upon completion of the Exchange Offer, we will have no further obligation to register, and currently we do not anticipate that we will register, the Outstanding Notes under the Securities Act except in limited circumstances with respect to specific types of holders of Outstanding Notes.</p>
Federal Income Tax Considerations	<p>The exchange of Outstanding Notes will not be a taxable event for United States federal income tax purposes.</p>
Use of Proceeds	<p>We will not receive any proceeds from the issuance of Exchange Notes pursuant to the Exchange Offer. We will pay all of our expenses incident to the Exchange Offer.</p>
Exchange Agent	<p>U.S. Bank National Association is serving as the exchange agent in connection with the Exchange Offer.</p>

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Summary of Terms of the Exchange Notes

The form and terms of the Exchange Notes are the same as the form and terms of the Outstanding Notes, except that the Exchange Notes will be registered under the Securities Act. As a result, the Exchange Notes will not bear legends restricting their transfer and will not contain the registration rights and liquidated damage provisions contained in the Outstanding Notes. The Exchange Notes represent the same debt as the Outstanding Notes. Both the Outstanding Notes and the Exchange Notes are governed by the same indenture. Unless the context otherwise requires, we use the term "notes" in this prospectus to collectively refer to the Outstanding Notes and the Exchange Notes.

Issuers	CDW LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, and CDW Finance Corporation, a Delaware corporation, as co-issuers.
Securities	Up to \$130,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Exchange Notes.
Maturity	The Exchange Notes will mature on April 1, 2019.
Interest	The Exchange Notes will bear interest at 8.5% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1 of each year until maturity, beginning on .
Optional Redemption	<p>We may redeem all or part of the Exchange Notes at any time prior to April 1, 2015 at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date and a "make-whole" premium, as described under Description of Exchange Notes Optional Redemption.</p> <p>We may redeem all or part of the Exchange Notes at any time on or after April 1, 2015 at the redemption prices specified in Description of Exchange Notes Optional Redemption.</p>
Mandatory Offers to Purchase	<p>In addition at any time prior to April 1, 2014, we may redeem up to 40% of the aggregate principal amount of the Exchange Notes at a redemption price equal to 108.5% of the face amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds that we raise in one or more equity offerings.</p> <p>Upon the occurrence of specific kinds of changes of control, you will have the right, as holders of the notes, to cause us to repurchase some or all of your notes at 101% of their face amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the repurchase date.</p>
Guarantees	<p>If we sell assets following the issue date, under certain circumstances, we will be required to use the net proceeds to make an offer to purchase the notes at an offer price in cash in an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the repurchase date.</p> <p>On the issue date, our obligations under the Exchange Notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a joint and several and senior unsecured basis by Parent and each of our direct and indirect</p>

wholly owned domestic subsidiaries that guarantees our existing indebtedness or the existing indebtedness of the guarantors. If we fail to make payments on any series of the notes, our guarantors must make the payments instead. Each person that guarantees our obligations under the notes and the indenture is referred to as a Guarantor.

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Ranking	<p>Our non-guarantor subsidiaries represented approximately 1.9% of our total assets and less than 1% of our total liabilities as of December 31, 2011. In addition, for the year ended December 31, 2011, our non-guarantor subsidiaries generated approximately 4.0% of our net sales and 2.6% of our Adjusted EBITDA.</p> <p>The Exchange Notes and the guarantees thereof will be our and the Guarantors' senior unsecured obligations and will:</p> <p>be effectively subordinated to all of our and the Guarantors' existing and future secured debt, including our Senior Secured Notes, our ABL Facility and our Term Loan Facility, and to our inventory financing agreements we have entered into with certain financial institutions in order to facilitate the purchase of certain inventory, in each case to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt or other obligations;</p> <p>be structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of the issuers' non-guarantor subsidiaries;</p> <p>rank equal in right of payment with all of our and the Guarantors' existing and future unsecured senior debt, including the April 2011 Senior Notes, the May 2011 Senior Notes and the related guarantees; and</p> <p>rank senior in right of payment to all of our and the Guarantors' existing and future subordinated debt, including our Existing Senior Subordinated Notes and the related guarantees.</p> <p>In addition, the Exchange Notes and the guarantees of our obligations under the Exchange Notes will be effectively subordinated to all of the existing and future liabilities and obligations (including trade payables, but excluding intercompany liabilities) of each of our non-guarantor subsidiaries.</p>
Covenants	<p>The indenture under which the Outstanding Notes were issued will govern the Exchange Notes. The indenture contains certain covenants that, among other things, limit our ability to:</p>

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incur or guarantee additional indebtedness, or issue disqualified stock or preferred stock;

pay dividends on or make other distributions in respect of our membership interests or capital stock or make other restricted payments;

create liens on certain assets to secure debt;

make certain investments;

sell certain assets;

place restrictions on the ability of restricted subsidiaries to make payments to us;

consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets;

enter into transactions with our affiliates; and

designate our subsidiaries as unrestricted subsidiaries.

These covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications. For more details, see Description of Exchange Notes.

If the Exchange Notes are assigned an investment grade rating by Standard & Poor's Rating Services (Standard & Poor's) and Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Moody's) and no default has occurred or is continuing, certain covenants will be suspended. If either rating on the Exchange Notes should subsequently decline to below investment grade, the suspended covenants will be reinstated.

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The following table sets forth our summary historical financial data for the periods ended and as of dates indicated below. We have derived the summary historical financial data presented below as of December 31, 2009, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011 and for the years ended December 31, 2009, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011 from our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes, which are included elsewhere in this prospectus. Our summary historical financial data may not be a reliable indicator of future results of operations.

The summary historical financial data set forth below is only a summary and should be read in conjunction with Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data, Risk Factors, Use of Proceeds, Capitalization, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and our historical consolidated financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus.

(in millions)	Year Ended December 31,		
	2009	2010	2011
Statement of Operations Data:			
Net sales	\$ 7,162.6	\$ 8,801.2	\$ 9,602.4
Cost of sales	6,029.7	7,410.4	8,015.0
Gross profit	1,132.9	1,390.8	1,587.4
Selling and administrative expenses	821.1	932.1	994.0
Advertising expense	101.9	106.0	122.7
Goodwill impairment	241.8		
(Loss) income from operations	(31.9)	352.7	470.7
Interest expense, net	(431.7)	(391.9)	(324.2)
Net gain (loss) on extinguishments of long-term debt		2.0	(118.9)
Other income, net	2.4	0.2	0.7
(Loss) income before income taxes	(461.2)	(37.0)	28.3
Income tax benefit (expense)	87.8	7.8	(11.2)
Net (loss) income	\$ (373.4)	\$ (29.2)	\$ 17.1
Balance Sheet Data (at period end):			
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$ 88.0	\$ 36.6	\$ 99.9
Working capital	923.2	675.4	538.2
Total assets	5,976.0	5,943.8	5,949.6
Total secured debt (1)	2,681.9	2,361.5	2,040.5
Total debt and capitalized lease obligations (1)	4,621.9	4,290.0	4,066.0
Total shareholders' deficit	(44.7)	(43.5)	(7.3)
Other Financial Data:			
Capital expenditures	\$ 15.6	\$ 41.5	\$ 45.7
Depreciation and amortization	218.2	209.4	204.9
Gross profit as a percentage of net sales	15.8%	15.8%	16.5%
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges (2)	(a)	(a)	1:1
EBITDA (3)	188.7	564.3	557.4
Adjusted EBITDA (3)	465.4	601.8	717.3
Statement of Cash Flows Data:			
Net cash provided by (used in):			
Operating activities (4)	\$ 107.6	\$ 423.7	\$ 214.7
Investing activities	(82.6)	(125.4)	(56.0)

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Financing activities (4)	(31.9)	(350.1)	(95.4)
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- (1) Excludes borrowings of \$25.0 million, \$28.2 million and \$278.7 million, as of December 31, 2009, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011, respectively, under our inventory financing agreements. We do not include these borrowings in total debt because we have not in the past incurred, and in the future do not expect to incur, any interest expense or late fees under these agreements. For more information, see Description of Certain Indebtedness.
- (2) For purposes of calculating the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of earnings before income taxes minus income from equity investees plus fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expensed and the portion of rental expense we believe is representative of the interest component of rental expense.
- (a) For the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2010, earnings available for fixed charges were inadequate to cover fixed charges by \$461.2 million and \$37.0 million, respectively.

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- (3) EBITDA is defined as consolidated net income (loss) before interest income (expense), income tax benefit (expense), depreciation, and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA, which is a measure defined in our Senior Credit Facilities, is calculated by adjusting EBITDA for certain items of income and expense including (but not limited to) the following: (a) non-cash equity-based compensation; (b) goodwill impairment charges; (c) sponsor fees; (d) certain consulting fees; (e) debt-related legal and accounting costs; (f) equity investment income and losses; (g) certain severance and retention costs; (h) gains and losses from the early extinguishment of debt; (i) gains and losses from asset dispositions outside the ordinary course of business; (j) Acquisition-related costs; (k) equity compensation payroll taxes; and (l) non-recurring, extraordinary or unusual gains or losses or expenses.

We have included a reconciliation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA in the table below. Both EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are considered non-GAAP financial measures. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's performance, financial position or cash flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally included or excluded in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. We believe that EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA provide helpful information with respect to our operating performance and cash flows including our ability to meet our future debt service, capital expenditures and working capital requirements. Adjusted EBITDA also provides helpful information as it is the primary measure used in certain financial covenants contained in our Senior Credit Facilities.

The following unaudited table sets forth reconciliations of net income (loss) to EBITDA and EBITDA to Adjusted EBITDA for the periods presented:

(in millions)	Year Ended December 31,		
	2009	2010	2011
Net (loss) income	\$ (373.4)	\$ (29.2)	\$ 17.1
Depreciation and amortization	218.2	209.4	204.9
Income tax (benefit) expense	(87.8)	(7.8)	11.2
Interest expense, net	431.7	391.9	324.2
EBITDA	188.7	564.3	557.4
Non-cash equity-based compensation	15.9	11.5	19.5
Sponsor fees	5.0	5.0	5.0
Consulting and debt-related professional fees	14.1	15.1	5.1
Goodwill impairment	241.8		
Net (gain) loss on extinguishments of long-term debt		(2.0)	118.9
Other adjustments ⁽ⁱ⁾	(0.1)	7.9	11.4
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 465.4	\$ 601.8	\$ 717.3

- (i) Other adjustments include certain severance and retention costs, equity investment income and the gain related to the sale of Informacast software and equipment in 2009.

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The following unaudited table sets forth a reconciliation of EBITDA to net cash provided by operating activities for the periods presented:

(in millions)	Year Ended December 31,		
	2009	2010	2011
EBITDA	\$ 188.7	\$ 564.3	\$ 557.4
Depreciation and amortization	(218.2)	(209.4)	(204.9)
Income tax benefit (expense)	87.8	7.8	(11.2)
Interest expense, net	(431.7)	(391.9)	(324.2)
Net (loss) income	(373.4)	(29.2)	17.1
Depreciation and amortization	218.2	209.4	204.9
Goodwill impairment	241.8		
Equity-based compensation expense	15.9	11.5	19.5
Amortization of deferred financing costs	16.2	18.0	15.7
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(0.2)	(1.3)	0.4
Deferred income taxes	(94.4)	(4.3)	(10.2)
Realized loss on interest rate swap agreements	103.2	51.5	2.8
Mark to market loss on interest rate derivatives		4.7	4.2
Net (gain) loss on extinguishment of long-term debt		(2.0)	118.9
Net (gain) loss on sale and disposals of assets	(1.7)	0.7	0.3
Changes in assets and liabilities	(18.0)	165.3	(158.3)
Other		(0.6)	(0.6)
Net cash provided by operating activities (4)	\$ 107.6	\$ 423.7	\$ 214.7

- (4) Amounts have been revised. For further information and a summary of the revisions for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2010, see Notes 1 and 20 to the Audited Financial Statements included in this prospectus.

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RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider each of the following risk factors and all of the other information set forth in this prospectus prior to participating in the Exchange Offer. Any of the following risks could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. They are not, however, the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently believe not to be material may also adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. If that were to occur, the trading price of the notes would likely decline and we may not be able to make payments of interest and principal on the notes, and you may lose all or part of your original investment.

Risks Relating to the Exchange Offer

Your Outstanding Notes will not be accepted for exchange if you fail to follow the exchange offer procedures and, as a result, your Outstanding Notes will continue to be subject to existing transfer restrictions and you may not be able to sell your Outstanding Notes.

We will not accept your Outstanding Notes for exchange if you do not follow the proper exchange offer procedures. We will issue Exchange Notes as part of the Exchange Offer only after a timely receipt of your Outstanding Notes, a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal and all other required documents. Therefore, if you want to tender your Outstanding Notes, please allow sufficient time to ensure timely delivery. If we do not receive your Outstanding Notes, letter of transmittal and other required documents by the expiration date of the Exchange Offer, we will not accept your Outstanding Notes for exchange. We are under no duty to give notification of defects or irregularities with respect to the tenders of Outstanding Notes for exchange. If there are defects or irregularities with respect to your tender of Outstanding Notes, we may not accept your Outstanding Notes for exchange. Any holder of Outstanding Notes who tenders in the Exchange Offer for the purpose of participating in a distribution of the Exchange Notes may be deemed to have received restricted securities, and if so, will be required to comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale transaction. For more information, see Exchange Offer Procedures for Tendering.

If you do not exchange your Outstanding Notes, your Outstanding Notes will continue to be subject to the existing transfer restrictions and you may not be able to sell your Outstanding Notes.

We did not register the Outstanding Notes, nor do we intend to do so following the Exchange Offer, except in the case of Outstanding Notes held by any of our affiliates. Outstanding Notes that are not tendered will therefore continue to be subject to the existing transfer restrictions and may be transferred only in limited circumstances under the securities laws. If you do not exchange your Outstanding Notes, you will lose your right to have your Outstanding Notes exchanged for Exchange Notes registered under the federal securities laws. As a result, if you hold Outstanding Notes after the Exchange Offer, you may not be able to sell your Outstanding Notes.

Risks Relating to the Exchange Notes

Our substantial indebtedness could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and our business and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations under the notes.

We are a highly leveraged company, and our substantial level of indebtedness increases the risk that we may be unable to generate sufficient cash to pay amounts due in respect of our indebtedness. As of December 31, 2011, after giving effect to the 2012 Refinancing Transactions, we would have had \$4.1 billion of total long-term debt outstanding, as defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), and \$278.7 million of obligations outstanding under our inventory financing agreements and the ability to borrow an additional \$679.3 million under our ABL Facility. Subject to the limits contained in our Senior Credit Facilities and the Indentures, we may be able to incur additional debt from time to time, including drawing on our ABL Facility, to finance working capital, capital expenditures, investments or acquisitions, or for other purposes. If we do so, the risks related to our business associated with our high level of debt could intensify. Specifically, our high level of debt could have important consequences to the holders of the notes, including the following:

making it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to the notes and our other debt;

requiring us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to debt service payments on our and our subsidiaries debt, which reduces the funds available for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes;

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requiring us to comply with restrictive covenants in our Senior Credit Facilities and Indentures, which limit the manner in which we conduct our business;

making it more difficult for us to obtain vendor financing from our vendor partners;

limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in the industry in which we operate;

placing us at a competitive disadvantage compared to any of our less leveraged competitors;

increasing our vulnerability to both general and industry-specific adverse economic conditions; and

limiting our ability to obtain additional debt or equity financing to fund future working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions or other general corporate requirements and increasing our cost of borrowing.

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our indebtedness, including the notes, and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness, which may not be successful.

We have a substantial amount of indebtedness. As of December 31, 2011, we had \$4.1 billion of total long-term debt outstanding. Our ability to make scheduled payments on or to refinance our debt obligations depends on our financial and operating performance, which is subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and to certain financial, business and other factors beyond our control. Our outstanding long-term debt will impose significant cash interest payment obligations on us in 2012 and subsequent years and, accordingly, we will have to generate significant cash flow from operating activities to fund our debt service obligations. We cannot assure you that we will maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities sufficient to permit us to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources.

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to reduce or delay capital expenditures, sell assets or operations, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our indebtedness, including the notes. We cannot assure you that we would be able to take any of these actions, that these actions would be successful and permit us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations or that these actions would be permitted under the terms of our existing or future debt agreements, including the Senior Credit Facilities or the Indentures. In the absence of such operating results and resources, we could face substantial liquidity problems and might be required to dispose of material assets or operations to meet our debt service and other obligations. The Senior Credit Facilities and the Indentures restrict our ability to dispose of assets and use the proceeds from the disposition. We may not be able to consummate those dispositions or to obtain the proceeds which we could realize from them and these proceeds may not be adequate to meet any debt service obligations then due. See Description of Certain Indebtedness and Description of Exchange Notes.

If we cannot make scheduled payments on our debt, we will be in default and, as a result:

our debt holders could declare all outstanding principal and interest to be due and payable;

the lenders under our Senior Credit Facilities could terminate their commitments to lend us money and foreclose against the assets securing our borrowings from them; and

we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation, which could result in holders of notes losing their investment in the notes.

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Despite our indebtedness levels, we and our subsidiaries may still be able to incur substantially more debt, including secured debt. This could further increase the risks associated with our leverage.

We and our subsidiaries may be able to incur substantial additional indebtedness in the future. The terms of our Senior Credit Facilities and the Indentures do not fully prohibit us or our subsidiaries from doing so. To the extent that we incur additional indebtedness or such other obligations, the risks associated with our substantial indebtedness described above, including our possible inability to service our debt, will increase. As of December 31, 2011, after giving effect to the 2012 Refinancing Transactions, we would have had approximately \$679.3 million available for additional borrowing under our ABL Facility after taking into account borrowing base limitations (net of \$1.7 million of issued and undrawn letters of credit and \$219.0 million of reserves related to our floorplan sub-facility). See Description of Certain Indebtedness.

Restrictive covenants under our Senior Credit Facilities and the Indentures may adversely affect our operations and liquidity.

Our Senior Credit Facilities and the Indentures contain, and any future indebtedness of ours may contain, various covenants that limit our ability to, among other things:

incur or guarantee additional debt;

incur debt that is junior to senior indebtedness and senior to our Existing Senior Subordinated Notes;

pay dividends or make distributions to holders of our capital stock or to make certain other restricted payments or investments;

repurchase or redeem capital stock;

make loans, capital expenditures or investments or acquisitions;

incur restrictions on the ability of certain of our subsidiaries to pay dividends or to make other payments to us;

enter into transactions with affiliates;

create liens;

merge or consolidate with other companies or transfer all or substantially all of our assets;

transfer or sell assets, including capital stock of subsidiaries; and

prepay, redeem or repurchase debt that is junior in right of payment to the notes.

As a result of these covenants, we are limited in the manner in which we conduct our business and we may be unable to engage in favorable business activities or finance future operations or capital needs. In addition, the restrictive covenants in our Term Loan Facility require us to maintain a specified senior secured leverage ratio. A breach of any of these covenants or any of the other restrictive covenants would result in a default under our Senior Credit Facilities. Upon the occurrence of an event of default under our Senior Credit Facilities, the lenders:

will not be required to lend any additional amounts to us;

could elect to declare all borrowings outstanding thereunder, together with accrued and unpaid interest and fees, to be due and payable;

could require us to apply all of our available cash to repay these borrowings; or

could prevent us from making payments on our Existing Senior Subordinated Notes;

any of which could result in an event of default under the notes.

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If we were unable to repay those amounts, the lenders under our Senior Credit Facilities could proceed against the collateral granted to them to secure our borrowings thereunder. We have pledged a significant portion of our assets as collateral under our Senior Credit Facilities and our Senior Secured Notes. If the lenders under our Senior Credit Facilities or our Senior Secured Notes accelerate the repayment of borrowings, we cannot assure you that we will have sufficient assets to repay our Senior Credit Facilities and our other indebtedness, including the notes, or borrow sufficient funds to refinance such indebtedness. Even if we were able to obtain new financing, it may not be on commercially reasonable terms, or terms that are acceptable to us. See Description of Certain Indebtedness.

In addition, under our ABL Facility we are permitted to borrow an aggregate amount of up to \$900 million; however, our ability to borrow thereunder is limited by a borrowing base, which at any time will equal the sum of up to 85% of our and our subsidiary guarantors' eligible accounts receivable (net of accounts reserves) (up to 30% of such eligible accounts receivable which can consist of federal government accounts receivable) plus the lesser of (i) 70% of our and our subsidiary guarantors' eligible inventory (valued at cost and net of inventory reserves) and (ii) the product of 85% multiplied by the net orderly liquidation value percentage multiplied by eligible inventory (valued at cost and net of inventory reserves), less reserves (other than accounts reserves and inventory reserves).

After giving effect to the 2012 Refinancing Transactions, our borrowing base in effect as of December 31, 2011 would have been \$1,072.1 million. Our ability to borrow under this facility is limited by a minimum liquidity condition, which provides that, if excess availability is less than the lesser of (i) \$90 million or (ii) the greater of (A) ten percent (10%) of the borrowing base or (B) \$60 million for more than five business days, the lenders are not required to lend any additional amounts under the ABL Facility (i) unless our pro forma consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio (as defined in the credit agreement for our ABL Facility) is at least 1.0 to 1.0 or (ii) until the availability exceeds the lesser of (i) \$90 million or (ii) the greater of (A) ten percent (10%) of the borrowing base or (B) \$60 million for 30 consecutive business days. Moreover, our ABL Facility provides discretion to the agent bank acting on behalf of the lenders to impose additional availability reserves, which could materially impair the amount of borrowings that would otherwise be available to us. We cannot assure you that the agent bank will not impose such reserves or, were it to do so, that the resulting impact of this action would not materially and adversely impair our liquidity.

The Exchange Notes will be unsecured and will be effectively subordinated to our and the Guarantors' secured debt and indebtedness of non-guarantor subsidiaries.

Our obligations under the Exchange Notes and the Guarantors' obligations under the guarantees of the Exchange Notes will not be secured by any of our or our subsidiaries' assets. Borrowings under our ABL Facility, our Term Loan Facility and our Senior Secured Notes are secured by a security interest in substantially all of our assets and the assets of the Guarantors. In addition, the Indentures permit us and our subsidiaries to incur additional secured debt. As a result, the Exchange Notes and the guarantees will be effectively subordinated to all of our and the Guarantors' secured debt and other obligations to the extent of the value of the assets securing such obligations. As of December 31, 2011, after giving effect to the 2012 Refinancing Transactions, we would have had \$2,040.5 million of secured debt outstanding under our ABL Facility after taking into account borrowing base limitations (net of \$1.7 million of issued and undrawn letters of credit and \$219.0 million of reserves related to our floorplan sub-facility), our Term Loan Facility and our Senior Secured Notes, and an additional \$679.3 million of availability under our ABL Facility. If we and the Guarantors were to become insolvent or otherwise fail to make payments on the notes, holders of our and the Guarantors' secured obligations would be paid first and would receive payments from the assets securing such obligations before the holders of the Exchange Notes would receive any payments. You may therefore not be fully repaid in the event we become insolvent or otherwise fail to make payments on the notes.

The Exchange Notes may not be guaranteed by all of our subsidiaries. For example, our immaterial subsidiaries are not required to guarantee the Exchange Notes. Accordingly, claims of holders of the Exchange Notes will be structurally subordinate to the claims of creditors of these non-guarantor subsidiaries, including trade creditors. All obligations of our non-guarantor subsidiaries will have to be satisfied before any of the assets of such subsidiaries would be available for distribution, upon a liquidation or otherwise, to us or a Guarantor of the Exchange Notes.

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Variable rate indebtedness subjects us to interest rate risk, which could cause our debt service obligations to increase significantly.

Certain of our borrowings, primarily borrowings under our Senior Credit Facilities, are at variable rates of interest and expose us to interest rate risk. As of December 31, 2011, after giving effect to the 2012 Refinancing Transactions, we would have had \$1,540.5 million of variable rate debt outstanding. If interest rates increase, our debt service obligations on the variable rate indebtedness would increase even though the amount borrowed remained the same, and our net income would decrease. Although we have entered into interest rate cap agreements on our Term Loan Facility to reduce interest rate volatility, we cannot assure you we will be able to do so in the future on acceptable terms or that such caps or the caps we have in place now will be effective.

The notes are structurally subordinated to all indebtedness of our existing or future subsidiaries that are not or do not become Guarantors of the notes.

Holders of the notes do not have any claim as a creditor against any of our existing subsidiaries that are not Guarantors of the notes or against any of our future subsidiaries that do not become Guarantors of the notes. Indebtedness and other liabilities, including trade payables of those subsidiaries, are structurally senior to claims of holders of the notes against those subsidiaries. As of December 31, 2011, our non-guarantor subsidiary had approximately \$33.2 million of total liabilities, all of which were effectively senior to the notes.

The notes are not guaranteed by our foreign subsidiary and will not be guaranteed by any future foreign subsidiaries. Our non-guarantor subsidiary is a separate and distinct legal entity and has no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay any amounts due under the notes, or to make any funds available therefor, whether by dividends, loans, distributions or other payments.

In the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation, reorganization or other winding up of this non-guarantor subsidiary or any future subsidiary that is not a Guarantor of the notes, these non-guarantor subsidiaries will pay the holders of their debts, holders of preferred equity interests and their trade creditors before they will be able to distribute any of their assets to us (except to the extent we have a claim as a creditor of such non-guarantor subsidiary). Any right that we or the subsidiary Guarantors have to receive any assets of any non-guarantor subsidiaries upon the bankruptcy, liquidation, reorganization or other winding up of those subsidiaries, and the consequent rights of holders of notes to realize proceeds from the sale of any of those subsidiaries' assets, will be effectively subordinated to the claims of those subsidiaries' creditors, including trade creditors and holders of preferred equity interests of those subsidiaries.

As of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, our non-guarantor subsidiary represented approximately 1.9% of our total assets, less than 1% of our total liabilities, including trade payables, 4.0% of our net sales, 22.2% of our net income and 2.6% of our Adjusted EBITDA, respectively, in each case after intercompany eliminations. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure.

In addition, the Indentures, subject to some limitations, permit these subsidiaries to incur additional indebtedness and do not contain any limitation on the amount of certain other liabilities, such as trade payables, that may be incurred by these subsidiaries.

Our ability to service our debt and meet our cash requirements depends on many factors, some of which are beyond our control.

Our ability to satisfy our obligations and meet our cash requirements for the foreseeable future will depend on our future operating performance and financial results, which will be subject, in part, to factors beyond our control, including interest rates and general economic, financial and business conditions. See Risk Factors Risks Relating to our Business. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow to service our debt, we may be required to:

refinance all or a portion of our debt, including the notes;

obtain additional financing;

sell some of our assets or operations;

reduce or delay capital expenditures and/or acquisitions; or

revise or delay our strategic plan.

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If we are required to take any of these actions, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, we cannot assure you that we would be able to take any of these actions, that these actions would enable us to continue to satisfy our capital requirements or that these actions would be permitted under the terms of our various debt instruments, including our Senior Credit Facilities and the Indentures. In addition, our Senior Credit Facilities and the Indentures restrict our ability to sell assets and to use the proceeds from the sales. We may not be able to sell assets quickly enough or for sufficient amounts to enable us to meet our obligations, including our obligations on the notes. Furthermore, the Equity Sponsors have no obligation to provide us with debt or equity financing. Therefore, it may be difficult for us to make required payments on the notes in the event of an acceleration of the maturity of the notes.

Our ability to make payments on the notes depends on our ability to receive dividends and other distributions from our subsidiaries.

Our principal assets are the equity interests that we hold in our operating subsidiaries. As a result, we are dependent on dividends and other distributions from our subsidiaries to generate the funds necessary to meet our financial obligations, including the payment of principal and interest on our outstanding debt. Our subsidiaries may not generate sufficient cash from operations to enable us to make principal and interest payments on our indebtedness, including the notes. In addition, any payment of dividends, distributions, loans or advances to us by our subsidiaries could be subject to restrictions on dividends or, in the case of foreign subsidiaries, restrictions on repatriation of earnings under applicable local law and monetary transfer restrictions in the jurisdictions in which our subsidiaries operate. In addition, payments to us by our subsidiaries will be contingent upon our subsidiaries' earnings. Our subsidiaries are permitted under the terms of our indebtedness, including the Indentures, to incur additional indebtedness that may restrict payments from those subsidiaries to us. We cannot assure you that agreements governing current and future indebtedness of our subsidiaries will permit those subsidiaries to provide us with sufficient cash to fund payments on the notes when due.

Our subsidiaries are legally distinct from us and, except for our existing and future subsidiaries that will be Guarantors of the notes, have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay amounts due on our debt or to make funds available to us for such payment.

If we default on our obligations to pay our indebtedness, we may not be able to make payments on the notes.

Any default under the agreements governing our indebtedness, including a default under our Senior Credit Facilities that is not waived by the required lenders, and the remedies sought by the holders of such indebtedness, could make us unable to pay principal, premium, if any, and interest on the notes and substantially decrease the value of the notes. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow and are otherwise unable to obtain funds necessary to meet required payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness, or if we otherwise fail to comply with the various covenants, including financial and operating covenants, in the instruments governing our indebtedness (including covenants in the Indentures and our Senior Credit Facilities), we could be in default under the terms of the agreements governing such indebtedness, including our Senior Credit Facilities and the Indentures. In the event of such default, the holders of such indebtedness could elect to declare all the funds borrowed thereunder to be due and payable, together with accrued and unpaid interest, the lenders under our Senior Credit Facilities could elect to terminate their commitments thereunder and cease making further loans and lenders under our Senior Credit Facilities and holders of our Senior Secured Notes could institute foreclosure proceedings against our assets and we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation. If our operating performance declines, we may in the future need to obtain waivers from the required lenders under our Senior Credit Facilities to avoid being in default. If we breach our covenants under our Senior Credit Facilities and seek a waiver, we may not be able to obtain a waiver from the required lenders. If this occurs, we would be in default under our Senior Credit Facilities, the lenders could exercise their rights, as described above, and we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation. See Description of Certain Indebtedness and Description of Exchange Notes.

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We may be unable to purchase the notes upon a change of control which would result in a default in the Indentures and would adversely affect our business.

Upon a change of control, as defined in the Indentures, we are required to offer to purchase all of the notes then outstanding for cash at 101% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued and unpaid interest. If a change of control occurs under the Indentures, we may not have sufficient funds to pay the change of control purchase price, and we may be required to secure third party financing to do so. We may not be able to obtain this financing on commercially reasonable terms, or on terms acceptable to us, or at all. Further, we may be contractually restricted under the terms of our Senior Credit Facilities from repurchasing all of the notes tendered by holders of the notes upon a change of control. Accordingly, we may not be able to satisfy our obligations to purchase the notes unless we are able to refinance or obtain waivers under our Senior Credit Facilities. Our failure to repurchase the notes upon a change of control would cause a default under the Indentures and a cross-default under the Senior Credit Facilities and the Indentures. Our Senior Credit Facilities and the Indentures also provide that a change of control, as defined in such agreements, will be a default that permits lenders to accelerate the maturity of borrowings thereunder and, in the case of our Senior Credit Facilities and our Senior Secured Exchange Notes, if such debt is not paid, to enforce security interests in the collateral securing such debt, thereby limiting our ability to raise cash to purchase the notes.

The change of control provisions in the Indentures may not protect holders of the notes in the event we consummate a highly leveraged transaction, reorganization, restructuring, merger or other similar transaction, unless such transaction constitutes a change of control under the Indentures. Such a transaction may not involve a change in voting power or beneficial ownership or, even if it does, may not involve a change in the magnitude required under the definition of change of control in the Indentures to trigger our obligation to repurchase the notes. Except as otherwise described above, the Indentures do not contain provisions that permit the holders of the notes to require us to repurchase or redeem the notes in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or similar transaction. If an event occurs that does not constitute a Change of Control as defined in the Indentures, we will not be required to make an offer to repurchase the notes and holders may be required to continue to hold notes despite the event. See [Description of Certain Indebtedness](#) and [Description of Exchange Notes](#) [Repurchase at the Option of Holders](#).

Federal and state statutes allow courts, under specific circumstances, to void notes and adversely affect the validity and enforceability of the guarantees and require noteholders to return payments received.

The issuance of, and payments made under, the notes and the guarantees may be subject to review under federal and state fraudulent transfer and conveyance statutes. While the relevant laws may vary from state to state, generally under such laws the incurrence of an obligation (such as under the notes or guarantees) or the making of a payment or other transfer will be a fraudulent conveyance if (1) we or any of our Guarantors, as applicable, incurred such obligation or made such payment with the intent of hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors or (2) we or any of our Guarantors, as applicable, received less than reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration in return for incurring such obligation or making such payment and, in the case of (2) only, one of the following is also true:

we or the applicable Guarantor were insolvent at the time of or rendered insolvent by reason of the incurrence of the obligation or the making of such payment; or

the incurrence of the obligation or the making of such payment of the consideration left us or the applicable Guarantor with an unreasonably small amount of capital to carry on our or its business; or

we or the applicable Guarantor intended to, or believed that we or it would, incur debts beyond our or its ability to pay them as they mature.

If a court were to find that the issuance of the notes or guarantees, or a payment made under the notes or guarantees, was a fraudulent conveyance, the court could void the payment obligations under the notes or such guarantees or subordinate the notes or such guarantees to presently existing and future indebtedness of ours or any such Guarantor, and require the holders of the notes to repay particular amounts or any amounts received with respect to the notes or such guarantees. In the event of a finding that a fraudulent conveyance occurred, you may not receive any repayment on the notes. Further, the voiding of the notes or the guarantees could result in an event of default with respect to our other debt and that of our Guarantors that could result in acceleration of such debt.

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The measures of insolvency for purposes of these fraudulent transfer laws will vary depending upon the law applied in any proceeding to determine whether a fraudulent transfer has occurred. In general, however, a court would consider an issuer or a Guarantor insolvent if:

the sum of its debts, including contingent and unliquidated liabilities, was greater than all of its property, at a fair valuation;

the present fair saleable value of its assets was less than the amount that would be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts, including contingent unliquidated liabilities, as they become absolute and matured; or

it could not pay its debts as they became due.

We cannot be certain as to the standards a court would use to determine whether or not we or the Guarantors were solvent at the relevant time, or regardless of the standard that a court uses, that the notes and the guarantees would not be subordinated to our or any Guarantor's other debt.

If the guarantees were legally challenged, any guarantee could also be subject to the claim that, since the guarantee was incurred for our benefit, and only indirectly for the benefit of the Guarantor, the obligations of the applicable Guarantor were incurred for less than reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration. A court could thus void the obligations under the guarantees, subordinate them to the applicable Guarantor's other debt or take other action detrimental to the holders of the notes.

Each guarantee contains a provision intended to limit the Guarantor's liability to the maximum amount that it could incur without causing the inurrence of obligations under its guarantee to be a fraudulent transfer. This provision may not be effective to protect the guarantees from being voided under fraudulent transfer law, or may reduce or eliminate the Guarantor's obligation to an amount that effectively makes the guarantee worthless. A recent Florida bankruptcy court decision found that this kind of provision was ineffective to protect the guarantees.

We are controlled by the Equity Sponsors who will be able to make important decisions about our business and capital structure; their interests may differ from the interests of noteholders.

Substantially all of the common stock of Parent is held indirectly by investment funds affiliated with, or co-investment vehicles controlled by, the Equity Sponsors. As a result, the Equity Sponsors control us and have the power to elect all of the members of Parent's board of directors and approve any action requiring the approval of the holders of Parent's stock, including approving acquisitions or sales of all or substantially all of our assets. The directors appointed by the Equity Sponsors have the ability to control decisions affecting our capital structure, including the issuance of additional debt and capital stock, the declaration of dividends, and to appoint new management. The interests of the Equity Sponsors and our other equity holders may not be aligned with those of the holders of the notes. If we encounter financial difficulties, or we are unable to pay our debts as they mature, the interests of the Equity Sponsors and our other equity holders might conflict with those of the holders of the notes. In that situation, for example, the holders of the notes might want us to raise additional equity from the Equity Sponsors or other investors to reduce our leverage and pay our debts, while the Equity Sponsors might not want to increase their investment in us or have their ownership diluted and instead choose to take other actions, such as selling our assets. The Equity Sponsors may have an interest in pursuing acquisitions, divestitures, financings or other transactions that, in their judgment, could enhance their equity investments, even though such transactions might involve risks to you as a holder of the notes. Additionally, the Equity Sponsors are in the business of investing in companies and may, from time to time, acquire and hold interests in businesses that compete directly or indirectly with us. The Equity Sponsors may also separately pursue acquisition opportunities that may be complementary to our business and, as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to us. Since our equity securities, which are not registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), are not listed on any U.S. securities exchange, we are not subject to any of the corporate governance requirements of any U.S. securities exchange.

The trading prices for the notes will be directly affected by many factors, including our credit rating.

Credit rating agencies continually revise their ratings for companies they follow or discontinue rating companies, including us. Any ratings downgrade or decisions by a credit rating agency to discontinue rating us could adversely affect the trading price of the notes, or the trading market for the notes, to the extent a trading market for the notes develops. The condition of the financial and credit markets and prevailing interest rates have fluctuated in the past and are likely to fluctuate in the future and any fluctuation may impact the trading price of the notes.

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Risks Relating to our Business

General economic conditions could negatively affect technology spending by our customers and put downward pressure on prices, which may have an adverse impact on our business, results of operations or cash flows.

Weak economic conditions generally, sustained uncertainty about global economic conditions or a prolonged or further tightening of credit markets could cause our customers and potential customers to postpone or reduce spending on technology products or services or put downward pressure on prices, which could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations or cash flows. For example, during the economic downturn at the end of 2008 and in 2009, due to a number of factors, including declines in the availability of credit, weakening consumer and business confidence and increased unemployment, we experienced significantly reduced revenue and gross margins when our customers and potential customers reduced their spending on technology and put downward pressure on prices.

Our financial performance could be adversely affected by decreases in spending on technology products and services by our Public segment customers.

Our sales to our Public segment customers are impacted by government spending policies, budget priorities and revenue levels. Although our sales to the federal government are diversified across multiple agencies and departments, they collectively accounted for approximately 10% of 2011 net sales. An adverse change in government spending policies, budget priorities or revenue levels could cause our Public segment customers to reduce their purchases or to terminate or not renew their contracts with us, which could adversely affect our business, results of operations or cash flows.

Our business depends on our vendor partner relationships and the availability of their products.

We purchase products for resale from vendor partners, which include OEMs and software publishers, and wholesale distributors. For the year ended December 31, 2011, we purchased approximately 52% of the products we sold directly from vendor partners and the remaining amount from wholesale distributors. We are authorized by vendor partners to sell all or some of their products via direct marketing activities. Our authorization with each vendor partner is subject to specific terms and conditions regarding such things as sales channel restrictions, product return privileges, price protection policies, purchase discounts and vendor partner programs and funding, including purchase rebates, sales volume rebates, purchasing incentives and cooperative advertising reimbursements. However, we do not have any long-term contracts with our vendor partners and many of these arrangements are terminable upon notice by either party. A reduction in vendor partner programs or funding or our failure to timely react to changes in vendor partner programs or funding could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations or cash flows. In addition, a reduction in the amount of credit granted to us by our vendor partners could increase our need for, and the cost of, working capital and could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations or cash flows.

From time to time, vendor partners may terminate or limit our right to sell some or all of their products or change the terms and conditions or reduce or discontinue the incentives that they offer us. For example, there is no assurance that, as our vendor partners continue to sell directly to end users and through resellers, they will not limit or curtail the availability of their products to resellers like us. Any such termination or limitation or the implementation of such changes could have a negative impact on our business, results of operations or cash flows.

Although we purchase from a diverse vendor base, in 2011, products we purchased from distributors Ingram Micro, Tech Data and SYNEX represented 11%, 10% and 9%, respectively, of our total purchases. In addition, sales of Apple, Cisco, Hewlett-Packard, Lenovo and Microsoft products comprise a substantial portion of our sales, representing approximately 53% of net sales in 2011. Sales of products manufactured by Hewlett-Packard represented approximately 24% of our 2011 net sales. The loss of, or change in business relationship with, any of these or any other key vendor partners, the diminished availability of their products, or backlogs for their products leading to manufacturer allocation, could reduce the supply and increase the cost of products we sell and negatively impact our competitive position. Additionally, the relocation of key distributors utilized in our purchasing model could increase

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our need for, and the cost of, working capital and have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations or cash flows. Further, the sale, spin-off or combination of any of our vendor partners and/or certain of their business units, including any such sale to or combination with a vendor with whom we do not currently have a commercial relationship or whose products we do not sell, could have an adverse impact on our business, results of operations or cash flows.

Our sales are dependent on continued innovations in hardware, software and services offerings by our vendor partners and the competitiveness of their offerings.

The technology industry is characterized by rapid innovation and the frequent introduction of new and enhanced hardware, software and services offerings. We have been and will continue to be dependent on innovations in hardware, software and services offerings, as well as the acceptance of those innovations by customers. A decrease in the rate of innovation, or the lack of acceptance of innovations by customers, could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations or cash flows.

In addition, if we are unable to keep up with changes in technology and new hardware, software and services offerings, for example by providing the appropriate training to our account managers, sales technology specialists and engineers to enable them to effectively sell such new offerings to customers, our business, results of operations or cash flows could be adversely affected.

We also are dependent upon our vendor partners for the development and marketing of hardware, software and services to compete effectively with hardware, software and services of vendors whose products and services we do not currently offer or that we are not authorized to offer in one or more customer channels. To the extent that a vendor's offering that is highly in demand is not available to us for resale in one or more customer channels, and there is not a competitive offering from another vendor that we are authorized to sell in such customer channels, our business, results of operations or cash flows could be adversely impacted.

Substantial competition could reduce our market share and significantly harm our financial performance.

Our current competition includes:

direct marketers such as Insight Enterprises, PC Connection, PC Mall, Softchoice and GTSI;

value-added resellers, including larger ones such as Logicalis, Agilysis, Sirius and many regional and local value-added resellers;

manufacturers, such as Dell, Hewlett-Packard and Apple, who sell directly to customers;

e-tailers, such as Tiger Direct, Buy.com, Amazon and Newegg;

large service providers and system integrators, such as IBM, Accenture, Hewlett-Packard and Dell; and

retailers, such as Best Buy, Office Depot, Office Max, Staples, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club and Costco.

We expect the competitive landscape in which we compete to continue to change as new technologies are developed. While innovation can help our business as it creates new offerings for us to sell, it can also disrupt our business model and create new and stronger competitors.

Some of our hardware and software vendor partners sell, and could intensify their efforts to sell, their products directly to our customers. In addition, traditional OEMs are increasing their services capabilities through mergers and acquisitions with service providers, which could potentially increase competition in the market to provide comprehensive technology solutions to customers. Moreover, newer, potentially disruptive technologies exist and are being developed that deliver technology solutions as a service, for example, software as a service (SaaS) and hardware as a service (HaaS). These technologies could increase the amount of sales directly to customers rather than through resellers like

us, or could lead to a reduction in our profitability. If any of these trends becomes more prevalent, it could adversely affect our business, results of operations or cash flows.

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We focus on offering a high level of service to gain new customers and retain existing customers. To the extent we face increased competition to gain and retain customers, we may be required to reduce prices, increase advertising expenditures or take other actions which could adversely affect our business, results of operations or cash flows. Additionally, some of our competitors may reduce their prices in an attempt to stimulate sales, which may require us to reduce prices. This would require us to sell a greater number of products to achieve the same level of net sales and gross profit. If such a reduction in prices occurs and we are unable to attract new customers and sell increased quantities of products, our sales growth and profitability could be adversely affected.

The success of our business depends on the continuing development, maintenance and operation of our information technology systems.

Our success is dependent on the accuracy, proper utilization and continuing development of our information technology systems, including our business systems, Web servers and voice and data networks. The quality and our utilization of the information generated by our information technology systems, and our success in implementing new systems and upgrades, affects, among other things, our ability to:

conduct business with our customers;

manage our inventory and accounts receivable;

purchase, sell, ship and invoice our hardware and software products and provide and invoice our services efficiently and on a timely basis; and

maintain our cost-efficient operating model.

The integrity of our information technology systems is vulnerable to disruption due to forces beyond our control. While we have taken steps to protect our information technology systems from a variety of threats, including computer viruses and malicious hackers, there can be no guarantee that those steps will be effective. Furthermore, although we have redundant systems at a separate location to back up our primary systems, there can be no assurance that these redundant systems will operate properly if and when required. Any disruption to or infiltration of our information technology systems could significantly harm our business and results of operations.

Breaches of data security could impact our business.

Our business involves the storage and transmission of proprietary information and sensitive or confidential data, including personal information of coworkers, customers and others. In addition, we operate three customer data centers which may store and transmit both business-critical data and confidential information of our customers. In connection with our services business, our coworkers also have access to our customers confidential data and other information. We have privacy and data security policies in place that are designed to prevent security breaches; however, breaches in security could expose us, our customers or other individuals to a risk of public disclosure, loss or misuse of this information, resulting in legal claims or proceedings, liability or regulatory penalties under laws protecting the privacy of personal information, as well as the loss of existing or potential customers and damage to our brand and reputation. In addition, the cost and operational consequences of implementing further data protection measures could be significant. Such breaches, costs and consequences could adversely affect our business, results of operations or cash flows.

The failure to comply with our Public segment contracts or applicable laws and regulations could result in, among other things, fines or other liabilities, and changes in procurement regulations could adversely impact our business, results of operations or cash flows.

Revenues from our Public segment customers are derived from sales to governmental departments and agencies, educational institutions and healthcare customers, through various contracts and open market sales. Sales to Public segment customers are highly regulated. Noncompliance with contract provisions, government procurement regulations or other applicable laws or regulations (including but not limited to the False Claims Act and the Medicare and Medicaid Anti-Kickback Statute) could result in civil, criminal and administrative liability, including substantial monetary fines or damages, termination of government contracts or other Public segment customer contracts, and suspension, debarment or ineligibility from doing business with the government and other customers in the Public

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segment. In addition, generally contracts in the Public segment are terminable at any time for convenience of the contracting agency or group purchasing organization or upon default. The effect of any of these possible actions could adversely affect our business, results of operations or cash flows. In addition, the adoption of new or modified procurement regulations and other requirements may increase our compliance costs and reduce our gross margins, which could have a negative effect on our business, results of operations or cash flows.

If we fail to provide high-quality services to our customers, or if our third-party service providers fail to provide high-quality services to our customers, our reputation, business, results of operations or cash flows could be adversely affected.

Our service offerings include field services, managed services, warranties, configuration services and partner services. Additionally, we deliver and manage mission critical software, systems and network solutions for our customers. Finally, we also offer certain services, such as implementation and installation services and repair services, to our customers through various third-party service providers engaged to perform these services on our behalf. If we or our third-party service providers fail to provide high quality services to our customers or such services result in a disruption of our customers' businesses, our reputation with our customers and our business, results of operations or cash flows could be adversely affected.

If we lose any of our key personnel, or are unable to attract and retain the talent required for our business, our business could be disrupted and our financial performance could suffer.

Our success is heavily dependent upon our ability to attract, develop and retain key personnel to manage and grow our business, including our key executive, management, sales, services and technical coworkers.

Our future success will depend to a significant extent on the efforts of Thomas E. Richards, our newly appointed Chief Executive Officer effective October 1, 2011, as well as the continued service and support of John A. Edwardson, our retired Chief Executive Officer who is expected to remain as Chairman of our Board through 2012, and our other executive officers. Our future success also will depend on our ability to retain our customer-facing coworkers, who have been given critical CDW knowledge regarding, and the opportunity to develop strong relationships with, many of our customers. In addition, as we seek to expand our offerings of value-added services and solutions, our success will even more heavily depend on attracting and retaining highly skilled technology specialists and engineers, for whom the market is extremely competitive.

Our inability to attract, develop and retain key personnel could have an adverse effect on our relationships with our vendor partners and customers and adversely affect our ability to expand our offerings of value-added services and solutions. Moreover, our inability to train our sales, services and technical personnel effectively to meet the rapidly changing technology needs of our customers could cause a decrease in the overall quality and efficiency of such personnel. Such consequences could adversely affect our business, results of operations or cash flows.

The interruption of the flow of products from suppliers could disrupt our supply chain.

A significant portion of the products we sell are manufactured or purchased by our vendor partners outside of the U.S., primarily in Asia. Political, social or economic instability in Asia, or in other regions in which our vendor partners purchase or manufacture the products we sell, could cause disruptions in trade, including exports to the U.S. Other events that could also cause disruptions to our supply chain include:

the imposition of additional trade law provisions or regulations;

the imposition of additional duties, tariffs and other charges on imports and exports;

foreign currency fluctuations;

natural disasters or other adverse occurrences at any of our suppliers' facilities;

restrictions on the transfer of funds;

the financial instability or bankruptcy of manufacturers; and

significant labor disputes, such as strikes.

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We cannot predict whether the countries in which the products we sell are purchased or manufactured, or may be purchased or manufactured in the future, will be subject to new or additional trade restrictions or sanctions imposed by the U.S. or foreign governments, including the likelihood, type or effect of any such restrictions. Trade restrictions, including new or increased tariffs or quotas, embargos, sanctions, safeguards and customs restrictions against the products we sell, as well as foreign labor strikes and work stoppages or boycotts, could increase the cost or reduce the supply of product available to us and adversely affect our business, results of operations or cash flows.

A natural disaster or other adverse occurrence at one of our primary facilities or customer data centers could damage our business.

Substantially all of our corporate, warehouse and distribution functions are located at our Vernon Hills, Illinois facilities and our second distribution center in North Las Vegas, Nevada. If the warehouse and distribution equipment at one of our distribution centers were to be seriously damaged by a natural disaster or other adverse occurrence, we could utilize the other distribution center or third-party distributors to ship products to our customers. However, this may not be sufficient to avoid interruptions in our service and may not enable us to meet all of the needs of our customers and would cause us to incur incremental operating costs. In addition, we operate three customer data centers and numerous sales offices which may contain both business-critical data and confidential information of our customers. A natural disaster or other adverse occurrence at any of the customer data centers or at any of our major sales offices could negatively impact our business, results of operations or cash flows.

We are heavily dependent on commercial delivery services.

We generally ship hardware products to our customers by FedEx, United Parcel Service and other commercial delivery services and invoice customers for delivery charges. If we are unable to pass on to our customers future increases in the cost of commercial delivery services, our profitability could be adversely affected. Additionally, strikes or other service interruptions by such shippers could adversely affect our ability to deliver products on a timely basis.

We are exposed to accounts receivable and inventory risks.

We extend credit to our customers for a significant portion of our net sales, typically on 30-day payment terms. We are subject to the risk that our customers may not pay for the products they have purchased, or may pay at a slower rate than we have historically experienced, the risk of which is heightened during periods of economic downturn or, in the case of Public segment customers, during periods of budget constraints.

We are also exposed to inventory risks as a result of the rapid technological changes that affect the market and pricing for the products we sell. We seek to minimize our inventory exposure through a variety of inventory management procedures and policies, including our rapid-turn inventory model, as well as vendor price protection and product return programs. However, if we were unable to maintain our rapid-turn inventory model, if there were unforeseen product developments that created more rapid obsolescence or if our vendor partners were to change their terms and conditions, our inventory risks could increase. We also periodically take advantage of cost savings associated with certain opportunistic bulk inventory purchases offered by our vendor partners or we may decide to carry high inventory levels of certain products that have limited or no return privileges due to customer demand. These bulk purchases could increase our exposure to inventory obsolescence.

We could be exposed to additional risks if we make acquisitions or enter into alliances.

We may pursue transactions, including acquisitions or alliances, in an effort to extend or complement our existing business. These types of transactions involve numerous risks, including finding suitable transaction partners and negotiating terms that are acceptable to us, the diversion of management's attention from other business concerns, extending our product or service offerings into areas in which we have limited experience, entering into new geographic markets, the potential loss of key coworkers or business relationships and successfully integrating acquired businesses, any of which could adversely affect our operations.

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Our future operating results may fluctuate significantly.

We may experience significant variations in our future quarterly results of operations. These fluctuations may result from many factors, including the condition of the technology industry in general, shifts in demand and pricing for hardware, software and services and the introduction of new products or upgrades.

Our operating results are also highly dependent on our level of gross profit as a percentage of net sales. Our gross profit percentage fluctuates due to numerous factors, some of which may be outside of our control, including pricing pressures; changes in product costs from our vendor partners; the availability of price protection, purchase discounts and incentive programs from our vendor partners; changes in product, order size and customer mix; the risk of some items in our inventory becoming obsolete; increases in delivery costs that we cannot pass on to customers; and general market and competitive conditions.

In addition, our cost structure is based, in part, on anticipated sales and gross margins. Therefore, we may not be able to adjust our cost structure quickly enough to compensate for any unexpected sales or gross margin shortfall, and any such inability could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations or cash flows.

We are exposed to risks from legal proceedings and audits.

We are party to various legal proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of our business, which include commercial, employment, tort and other litigation.

We are subject to intellectual property infringement claims against us in the ordinary course of our business, either because of the over 100,000 products we sell or the business systems we use to sell such products, in the form of cease-and-desist letters, licensing inquiries, lawsuits and other communications and demands. In our industry, such intellectual property claims have become more frequent as the complexity of technological products and the intensity of competition in our industry have increased. Increasingly, many of these assertions are brought by non-practicing entities whose principal business model is to secure patent licensing revenue.

Because of our significant sales to governmental entities, we also are subject to audits by federal, state and local authorities. We also are subject to audits by various vendor partners and large customers, including government agencies, relating to purchases and sales under various contracts. In addition, we are subject to indemnification claims under various contracts.

Current and future litigation, infringement claims, governmental proceedings, audits or indemnification claims that we face may result in substantial costs and expenses and significantly divert the attention of our management regardless of the outcome. In addition, current and future litigation, infringement claims, governmental proceedings, audits or indemnification claims could lead to increased costs or interruptions of our normal business operations. Litigation, infringement claims, governmental proceedings, audits or indemnification claims involve uncertainties and the eventual outcome of any litigation, infringement claim, governmental proceeding, audit or indemnification claim could adversely affect our business, results of operations or cash flows.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this prospectus are forward-looking statements. These statements relate to analyses and other information, which are based on forecasts of future results and estimates of amounts not yet determinable. These statements also relate to our future prospects, developments and business strategies.

These forward-looking statements are identified by the use of terms and phrases such as anticipate, believe, could, estimate, expect, intend, plan, predict, project, will and similar terms and phrases, including references to assumptions. However, these words are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. These statements are contained in many sections of this prospectus, including those entitled Summary, Business and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. Although we believe that our plans, intentions and expectations reflected in or suggested by such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot assure you that we will achieve those plans, intentions or expectations. All forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those that we expected.

Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations, or cautionary statements, are disclosed under the sections entitled Risk Factors and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in this prospectus. All written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us, or persons acting on our behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained in this prospectus under the heading Risk Factors, as well as other cautionary statements that are made from time to time in our other SEC filings and public communications. You should evaluate all forward-looking statements made in this prospectus in the context of these risks and uncertainties.

We caution you that the important factors referenced above may not contain all of the factors that are important to you. In addition, we cannot assure you that we will realize the results or developments we expect or anticipate or, even if substantially realized, that they will result in the consequences or affect us or our operations in the way we expect. The forward-looking statements included in this prospectus are made only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as otherwise required by law.

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EXCHANGE OFFER

Purpose and Effect of the Exchange Offer

We and the Guarantors entered into a registration rights agreement in connection with the issuance of the February 2012 Senior Notes on February 17, 2012 (the Registration Rights Agreement). Under the Registration Rights Agreement, we have agreed that we will:

use our commercially reasonable efforts to file with the SEC and cause to become effective a registration statement relating to offer to exchange the Outstanding Notes for an issue of SEC-registered notes with terms identical to the Outstanding Notes (except that the Exchange Notes will not be subject to restrictions on transfer or to any increase in annual interest rate as described below);

keep the Exchange Offer open for at least 20 business days after the date we mail notice of the Exchange Offer to holders; and

file and use our reasonable best efforts to cause to become effective a shelf registration statement for the resale of Outstanding Notes in certain circumstances.

We will pay additional interest on the Outstanding Notes for the periods described below if the Exchange Offer with respect to such February 2012 Senior Notes is not completed on or before December 13, 2012. Where there is a registration default, the annual interest rate borne by the Outstanding Notes will be increased by 0.25% per annum for the first 90-day period immediately following such date and by a maximum increase of 0.50% per annum thereafter until the Exchange Offer are completed or the shelf registration statement is declared effective.

Terms of the Exchange Offer

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus and in the letter of transmittal, we will accept any and all Outstanding Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date of the Exchange Offer. We will issue \$1,000 principal amount of Exchange Notes in exchange for each \$1,000 principal amount of Outstanding Notes accepted in the Exchange Offer. Any holder may tender some or all of its Outstanding Notes pursuant to the Exchange Offer. However, Outstanding Notes may be tendered only in integral multiples of \$1,000.

The form and terms of the Exchange Notes are the same as the form and terms of the Outstanding Notes except that:

the Exchange Notes bear a Series B designation and a different CUSIP Number from the Outstanding Notes;

the Exchange Notes have been registered under the Securities Act and hence will not bear legends restricting the transfer thereof; and

the holders of the Exchange Notes will not be entitled to certain rights under the Registration Rights Agreement, including the provisions providing for an increase in the interest rate on the Outstanding Notes in certain circumstances relating to the timing of the Exchange Offer, all of which rights will terminate when the Exchange Offer to which this prospectus relates are terminated.

The Exchange Notes will evidence the same debt as the Outstanding Notes and will be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture relating to the Outstanding Notes.

As of the date of this prospectus, \$130.0 million in aggregate principal amount of February 2012 Senior Notes are outstanding. This prospectus and the letter of transmittal are being sent to all registered holders of Outstanding Notes. There will be no fixed record date for determining

registered holders of Outstanding Notes entitled to participate in the Exchange Offer.

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Holders of Outstanding Notes do not have any appraisal or dissenters' rights under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware or the Indentures in connection with the Exchange Offer. We intend to conduct the Exchange Offer in accordance with the applicable requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder.

We will be deemed to have accepted validly tendered Outstanding Notes when, as and if we have given oral or written notice thereof to the exchange agent. The exchange agent will act as agent for the tendering holders for the purpose of receiving the Exchange Notes from us.

If any tendered Outstanding Notes are not accepted for exchange because of an invalid tender, the occurrence of specified other events set forth in this prospectus or otherwise, the certificates for any unaccepted Outstanding Notes will be returned, without expense, to the tendering holder thereof promptly following the expiration date of the Exchange Offer.

Holders who tender Outstanding Notes in the Exchange Offer will not be required to pay brokerage commissions or fees or, subject to the instructions in the letter of transmittal, transfer taxes with respect to the exchange of Outstanding Notes pursuant to the Exchange Offer. We will pay all charges and expenses, other than transfer taxes in certain circumstances, in connection with the Exchange Offer. See Fees and Expenses.

Expiration Date; Extensions; Amendments

The term "expiration date" means 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on _____, 2012, unless we, in our sole discretion, extend the Exchange Offer, in which case the term "expiration date" will mean the latest date and time to which the Exchange Offer is extended.

In order to extend the Exchange Offer, we will promptly make a press release or other public announcement and notify the exchange agent of any extension by oral or written notice, prior to 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled expiration date.

We reserve the right, in our sole discretion, (1) to delay accepting any Outstanding Notes, to extend the Exchange Offer or to terminate the Exchange Offer if any of the conditions set forth below under "Conditions" have not been satisfied, by giving oral or written notice of any delay, extension or termination to the exchange agent or (2) to amend the terms of the Exchange Offer in any manner. In the event of a material change in the Exchange Offer, including the waiver of a material condition to the Exchange Offer, we will extend the Exchange Offer, if necessary, so that a period of at least five business days remains in the Exchange Offer following notice of a material change. Such decision will also be communicated in a press release or other public announcement prior to 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day following such decision. Any announcement of delay in acceptance, extension, termination or amendment will be followed promptly by oral or written notice thereof to the registered holders.

Interest on the Exchange Notes

The Exchange Notes will bear interest from their date of issuance. Holders of Outstanding Notes that are accepted for exchange will receive accrued interest thereon to, but not including, the date of issuance of the Exchange Notes. Such interest will be paid with the first interest payment on the Exchange Notes on _____, 2012. Interest on the Outstanding Notes accepted for exchange will cease to accrue upon issuance of the Exchange Notes.

Interest on the Exchange Notes is payable semi-annually on each April 1 and October 1, commencing on _____, 2012.

Procedures for Tendering

Only a holder of Outstanding Notes may tender Outstanding Notes in the Exchange Offer. To tender in the Exchange Offer, a holder must complete, sign and date the letter of transmittal, or a facsimile thereof, have the signatures thereon guaranteed if required by the letter of transmittal or transmit an agent's message in connection with a book-entry transfer, and mail or otherwise deliver the letter of transmittal or the facsimile, together with the Outstanding Notes and any other required documents, to the exchange agent prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time,

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on the expiration date. To be tendered effectively, the Outstanding Notes, letter of transmittal or an agent's message and other required documents must be completed and received by the exchange agent at the address set forth below under "Exchange Agent" prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date. Delivery of the Outstanding Notes may be made by book-entry transfer in accordance with the procedures described below. Confirmation of the book-entry transfer must be received by the exchange agent prior to the expiration date.

The term "agent's message" means a message, transmitted by a book-entry transfer facility to, and received by, the exchange agent forming a part of a confirmation of a book-entry, which states that the book-entry transfer facility has received an express acknowledgment from the participant in the book-entry transfer facility tendering the Outstanding Notes that the participant has received and agrees: (1) to participate in ATOP; (2) to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal; and (3) that we may enforce the agreement against the participant.

To participate in the Exchange Offer, each holder will be required to make the following representations to us:

Any Exchange Notes to be received by the holder will be acquired in the ordinary course of its business.

At the time of the commencement of the Exchange Offer, the holder has no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution, within the meaning of Securities Act, of the Exchange Notes in violation of the Securities Act.

The holder is not our affiliate as defined in Rule 405 promulgated under the Securities Act.

If the holder is not a broker-dealer, it is not engaged in, and does not intend to engage in, the distribution of Exchange Notes.

If the holder is a broker-dealer that will receive Exchange Notes for its own account in exchange for Outstanding Notes that were acquired as a result of market-making or other trading activities, the holder will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of the Exchange Notes. We refer to these broker-dealers as participating broker-dealers.

The holder is not a broker-dealer tendering Outstanding Notes directly acquired from us for its own account.

The holder is not acting on behalf of any person or entity that could not truthfully make these representations.

The tender by a holder and our acceptance thereof will constitute an agreement between the holder and us in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus and in the letter of transmittal or agent's message.

The method of delivery of Outstanding Notes and the letter of transmittal or agent's message and all other required documents to the exchange agent is at the election and sole risk of the holder. As an alternative to delivery by mail, holders may wish to consider overnight or hand delivery service. In all cases, sufficient time should be allowed to assure delivery to the exchange agent before the expiration date. No letter of transmittal or Outstanding Notes should be sent to us. Holders may request their respective brokers, dealers, commercial banks, trust companies or nominees to effect the above transactions for them.

Any beneficial owner whose Outstanding Notes are registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and who wishes to tender should contact the registered holder promptly and instruct the registered holder to tender on the beneficial owner's behalf. See "Instructions to Registered Holder and/or Book-Entry Transfer Facility Participant from Beneficial Owner" included with the letter of transmittal.

Signatures on a letter of transmittal or a notice of withdrawal, as the case may be, must be guaranteed by a member of the Medallion System unless the Outstanding Notes tendered pursuant to the letter of transmittal are tendered (1) by a registered holder who has not completed the box entitled "Special Registration Instructions" or "Special Delivery Instructions" on the letter of transmittal or (2) for the account of a member firm of the Medallion System. In the event that signatures on a letter of transmittal or a notice of withdrawal, as the case may be, are required to be

guaranteed, the guarantee must be by a member firm of the Medallion System.

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If the letter of transmittal is signed by a person other than the registered holder of any Outstanding Notes listed in this prospectus, the Outstanding Notes must be endorsed or accompanied by a properly completed bond power, signed by the registered holder as the registered holder's name appears on the Outstanding Notes with the signature thereon guaranteed by a member firm of the Medallion System.

If the letter of transmittal or any Outstanding Notes or bond powers are signed by trustees, executors, administrators, guardians, attorneys-in-fact, officers of corporations or others acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, the person signing should so indicate when signing, and evidence satisfactory to us of its authority to so act must be submitted with the letter of transmittal.

We understand that the exchange agent will make a request promptly after the date of this prospectus to establish accounts with respect to the Outstanding Notes at DTC for the purpose of facilitating the Exchange Offer, and subject to the establishment thereof, any financial institution that is a participant in DTC's system may make book-entry delivery of Outstanding Notes by causing DTC to transfer the Outstanding Notes into the exchange agent's account with respect to the Outstanding Notes in accordance with DTC's procedures for the transfer. Although delivery of the Outstanding Notes may be effected through book-entry transfer into the exchange agent's account at DTC, unless an agent's message is received by the exchange agent in compliance with ATOP, an appropriate letter of transmittal properly completed and duly executed with any required signature guarantee and all other required documents must in each case be transmitted to and received or confirmed by the exchange agent at its address set forth in this prospectus on or prior to the expiration date, or, if the guaranteed delivery procedures described below are complied with, within the time period provided under the procedures. Delivery of documents to DTC does not constitute delivery to the exchange agent.

All questions as to the validity, form, eligibility, including time of receipt, acceptance of tendered Outstanding Notes and withdrawal of tendered Outstanding Notes will be determined by us in our sole discretion, which determination will be final and binding. We reserve the absolute right to reject any and all Outstanding Notes not properly tendered or any Outstanding Notes our acceptance of which would, in the opinion of our counsel, be unlawful. We also reserve the right in our sole discretion to waive any defects, irregularities or conditions of tender as to particular Outstanding Notes, provided however that, to the extent such waiver includes any condition to tender, we will waive such condition as to all tendering holders. Our interpretation of the terms and conditions of the Exchange Offer, including the instructions in the letter of transmittal, will be final and binding on all parties. Unless waived, any defects or irregularities in connection with tenders of Outstanding Notes must be cured within the time we determine. Although we intend to notify holders of defects or irregularities with respect to tenders of Outstanding Notes, neither we, the exchange agent nor any other person will incur any liability for failure to give the notification. Tenderees of Outstanding Notes will not be deemed to have been made until the defects or irregularities have been cured or waived. Any Outstanding Notes received by the exchange agent that are not properly tendered and as to which the defects or irregularities have not been cured or waived will be returned by the exchange agent to the tendering holders, unless otherwise provided in the letter of transmittal, promptly following the expiration date.

Guaranteed Delivery Procedures

Holders who wish to tender their Outstanding Notes and (1) whose Outstanding Notes are not immediately available, (2) who cannot deliver their Outstanding Notes, the letter of transmittal or any other required documents to the exchange agent or (3) who cannot complete the procedures for book-entry transfer, prior to the expiration date, may effect a tender if:

1. the tender is made through a member firm of the Medallion System;
2. prior to the expiration date, the exchange agent receives from a member firm of the Medallion System a properly completed and duly executed Notice of Guaranteed Delivery by facsimile transmission, mail or hand delivery setting forth the name and address of the holder, the certificate number(s) of the Outstanding Notes and the principal amount of Outstanding Notes tendered, stating that the tender is being made thereby and guaranteeing that, within three New York Stock Exchange trading days after the expiration date, the letter of transmittal or facsimile thereof together with the certificate(s) representing the Outstanding Notes or a confirmation of book-entry transfer of the Outstanding Notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC, and any other documents required by the letter of transmittal will be deposited by the member firm of the Medallion System with the exchange agent; and

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3. the properly completed and executed letter of transmittal of facsimile thereof, as well as the certificate(s) representing all tendered Outstanding Notes in proper form for transfer or a confirmation of book-entry transfer of the Outstanding Notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC, and all other documents required by the letter of transmittal are received by the exchange agent within three New York Stock Exchange trading days after the expiration date.

Upon request to the exchange agent, a Notice of Guaranteed Delivery will be sent to holders who wish to tender their Outstanding Notes according to the guaranteed delivery procedures set forth above.

Withdrawal of Tenders

Except as otherwise provided in this prospectus, tenders of Outstanding Notes may be withdrawn at any time prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

To withdraw a tender of Outstanding Notes in the Exchange Offer, either a notice of withdrawal must be received by the exchange agent at its address set forth in this prospectus or you must comply with the appropriate withdrawal procedures of DTC's ATOP. Any notice of withdrawal must be in writing and:

1. specify the name of the person having deposited the Outstanding Notes to be withdrawn;
2. identify the Outstanding Notes to be withdrawn, including the certificate number(s) and principal amount of the Outstanding Notes, or, in the case of Outstanding Notes transferred by book-entry transfer, the name and number of the account at DTC to be credited;
3. be signed by the holder in the same manner as the original signature on the letter of transmittal by which the Outstanding Notes were tendered, including any required signature guarantees, or be accompanied by documents of transfer sufficient to have the trustee with respect to the Outstanding Notes register the transfer of the Outstanding Notes into the name of the person withdrawing the tender; and
4. specify the name in which any Outstanding Notes are to be registered, if different from that of the person depositing the Outstanding Notes to be withdrawn.

All questions as to the validity, form and eligibility, including time of receipt, of the notices will be determined by us, which determination will be final and binding on all parties. Any Outstanding Notes so withdrawn will be deemed not to have been validly tendered for purposes of the Exchange Offer and no Exchange Notes will be issued with respect thereto unless the Outstanding Notes so withdrawn are validly retendered. Any Outstanding Notes which have been tendered but which are not accepted for exchange will be returned to the holder thereof without cost to the holder promptly after withdrawal, rejection of tender or termination of the Exchange Offer. Properly withdrawn Outstanding Notes may be retendered by following one of the procedures described above under Procedures for Tendering at any time prior to the expiration date.

Conditions

Notwithstanding any other term of the Exchange Offer, we will not be required to accept for exchange, or Exchange Notes for, any Outstanding Notes, and may terminate or amend the Exchange Offer as provided in this prospectus prior to the expiration of the Exchange Offer, if:

1. any action or proceeding is instituted or threatened in any court or by or before any governmental agency with respect to the Exchange Offer which might materially impair our ability to proceed with the Exchange Offer; or

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2. any material adverse development has occurred with respect to us or any of our subsidiaries which might materially impair our ability to proceed with the Exchange Offer; or
3. any law, statute, rule, regulation or interpretation by the staff of the SEC is proposed, adopted or enacted, which might materially impair our ability to proceed with the Exchange Offer or materially impair the contemplated benefits of the Exchange Offer to us; or
4. any governmental approval has not been obtained, which approval is necessary for the consummation of the Exchange Offer as contemplated by this prospectus.

If we determine in our reasonable discretion that any of the conditions are not satisfied, we may (1) refuse to accept any Outstanding Notes and return all tendered Outstanding Notes to the tendering holders, (2) extend the Exchange Offer and retain all Outstanding Notes tendered prior to the expiration of the Exchange Offer, subject, however, to the rights of holders to withdraw the Outstanding Notes (see Withdrawal of Tenders) or (3) waive the unsatisfied conditions with respect to the Exchange Offer and accept all properly tendered Outstanding Notes which have not been withdrawn. All conditions to the Exchange Offer, other than those dependent upon receipt of necessary governmental approvals, must be satisfied or waived by us at or prior to the expiration of the Exchange Offer.

Exchange Agent

U.S. Bank National Association has been appointed as exchange agent for the Exchange Offer. Questions and requests for assistance, requests for additional copies of this prospectus or of the letter of transmittal and requests for Notice of Guaranteed Delivery should be directed to the exchange agent addressed as follows:

By Overnight Courier or Registered/Certified Mail:

U.S. Bank National Association
Corporate Trust Services
60 Livingston Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55107
Attention: Specialized Finance Department

Delivery to an address other than set forth above will not constitute a valid delivery.

Facsimile Transmission:

(651) 495-8145

For information or to confirm receipt of facsimile by telephone (call toll-free):

(800) 934-6802

Fees and Expenses

We will bear the expenses of soliciting tenders. The principal solicitation is being made by mail; however, additional solicitation may be made by telephone, in person or by other means by our and our affiliates' officers and regular employees.

We have not retained any dealer-manager in connection with the Exchange Offer and will not make any payments to brokers, dealers or others soliciting acceptances of the Exchange Offer. We will, however, pay the exchange agent reasonable and customary fees for its services and will reimburse it for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with these services.

We will pay the cash expenses to be incurred by us in connection with the Exchange Offer. Such expenses include fees and expenses of the exchange agent and trustee, accounting and legal fees and printing costs, among others.

Accounting Treatment

The Exchange Notes will be recorded at the same carrying value as the Outstanding Notes, which is face value, as reflected in our accounting records on the date of exchange. Accordingly, we will not recognize any gain or loss for accounting purposes as a result of the Exchange Offer.

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Consequences of Failure to Exchange

The Outstanding Notes that are not exchanged for Exchange Notes pursuant to the Exchange Offer will remain restricted securities. Accordingly, the Outstanding Notes may be resold only:

1. to us upon redemption thereof or otherwise;
2. so long as the Outstanding Notes are eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A, to a person inside the United States whom the seller reasonably believes is a qualified institutional buyer within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A, in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act, or pursuant to another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, which other exemption is based upon an opinion of counsel reasonably acceptable to us;
3. outside the United States to a foreign person in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 904 under the Securities Act; or
4. pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, in each case in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States.

After completion of the Exchange Offer, we will have no further obligation to provide for the registration under the Securities Act of any Outstanding Notes except in limited circumstances with respect to specific types of holders of Outstanding Notes and we do not intend to register any remaining Outstanding Notes under the Securities Act.

Resale of the Exchange Notes

With respect to resales of Exchange Notes, based on interpretations by the staff of the SEC set forth in no-action letters issued to third parties, we believe that a holder or other person who receives Exchange Notes, other than a person that is our affiliate within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act, in exchange for Outstanding Notes in the ordinary course of business and who is not participating, does not intend to participate, and has no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate, in the distribution of the Exchange Notes, will be allowed to resell the Exchange Notes to the public without further registration under the Securities Act and without delivering to the purchasers of the Exchange Notes a prospectus that satisfies the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act. However, if any holder of Outstanding Notes acquires Exchange Notes in the Exchange Offer for the purpose of distributing or participating in a distribution of the Exchange Notes, the holder cannot rely on the position of the staff of the SEC expressed in the no-action letters or any similar interpretive letters, and must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale transaction, unless an exemption from registration is otherwise available. Further, each broker-dealer that receives Exchange Notes for its own account in exchange for Outstanding Notes, where the Outstanding Notes were acquired by the broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of the Exchange Notes.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

This Exchange Offer is intended to satisfy certain of our obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement. We will not receive any cash proceeds from the issuance of the Exchange Notes. In consideration for issuing the Exchange Notes contemplated by this prospectus, we will receive Outstanding Notes in like principal amount, the form and terms of which are the same as the form and terms of the Exchange Notes, except as otherwise described in this prospectus.

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The following table sets forth our consolidated cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of December 31, 2011 on an actual basis and as adjusted to give effect to the 2012 Refinancing Transactions. This information should be read in conjunction with Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the historical consolidated financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus.

(in millions)	As of December 31, 2011	
	Actual	As Adjusted
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 99.9	\$ 91.8
Total debt (including current portion):		
ABL Facility (1)	\$	\$
Term Loan Facility	1,540.5	1,540.5
Senior Secured Notes	500.0	500.0
Senior Notes (2)	1,175.0	1,305.0
Existing Senior Notes (3)	129.0	
Existing Senior Subordinated Notes	721.5	721.5
Capital Leases		
Total debt (including current portion) (4)	4,066.0	4,067.0
Shareholders' deficit	(7.3)	(7.3)
Total capitalization	\$ 4,058.7	\$ 4,059.7

- (1) In connection with the Acquisition, we entered into the ABL Facility, which originally consisted of a five-year senior secured revolving credit facility maturing on October 12, 2012 providing for borrowings and issuances of letters of credit of up to \$800.0 million, subject to borrowing base limitations. On June 24, 2011, we refinanced the ABL Facility to provide for borrowings and issuances of letters of credit of up to \$900.0 million, subject to borrowing base limitations. As of December 31, 2011, after giving effect to the 2012 Refinancing Transactions, we would have had approximately \$679.3 million available for additional borrowing under our ABL Facility after taking into account borrowing base limitations (net of \$1.7 million of issued and undrawn letters of credit and \$219.0 million of reserves related to our floorplan subfacility).
- (2) As adjusted figure gives effect to the issuance of \$130.0 million of additional Senior Notes on February 17, 2012.
- (3) As adjusted figure gives effect to the repurchase and redemption of \$129.0 million of Existing Senior Notes in February and March 2012 pursuant to a tender offer and consent solicitation and subsequent redemption.
- (4) This amount does not include any of the \$278.7 million in obligations outstanding under our inventory financing agreements as of December 31, 2011. We include these obligations in current liabilities and not in total debt because we have not in the past incurred, and in the future do not expect to incur, any interest expense or late fees under these agreements. For more information, see Description of Certain Indebtedness.

Table of Contents**SELECTED HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA**

The following table sets forth our selected historical consolidated financial and operating data for the periods ended and as of the dates indicated below. The application of purchase accounting in connection with the Acquisition resulted in a new entity for financial reporting purposes. We refer to Target and its subsidiaries prior to the Acquisition as the Predecessor. We refer to Parent and its subsidiaries (including Target) following the Acquisition as the Successor. We have derived the selected historical consolidated financial and operating data presented below as of December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011 and for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011 from our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes, which are included elsewhere in this prospectus. The selected historical consolidated financial and operating data as of December 31, 2007, December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2009 and for the year ended December 31, 2008 and the period October 12, 2007 through December 31, 2007 have been derived from Successor's audited consolidated financial statements as of and for those periods, which are not included in this prospectus. The selected historical consolidated financial and operating data as of October 11, 2007 and for the period January 1, 2007 through October 11, 2007 have been derived from Predecessor's audited consolidated financial statements as of and for those periods, which are not included in this prospectus. As part of the Acquisition on October 12, 2007, we entered into various financing arrangements and, as a result, we now have a different capital structure than we had prior to the Acquisition. Accordingly, the results of operations for periods subsequent to the Acquisition will not necessarily be comparable to prior periods.

The selected historical consolidated financial and operating data set forth below are not necessarily indicative of the results of future operations and should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Risk Factors, Use of Proceeds, Capitalization and our historical financial statements and the related notes and other information included elsewhere in this prospectus.

The following are some of the items affecting comparability of the selected historical consolidated financial and operating data for the periods presented:

In connection with the Acquisition, the purchase price of Predecessor was allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair market values on October 12, 2007. This purchase price allocation resulted in significant changes to certain balance sheet items, including deferred income tax assets and liabilities, property and equipment, intangible assets and goodwill.

In connection with the Acquisition, we entered into various financing arrangements on October 12, 2007, of which \$4,640.0 million was funded at closing of the Acquisition. This resulted in significantly increased interest expense for all periods subsequent to the Acquisition. See Summary The Acquisition Transactions and Related Financing Events.

In connection with the Acquisition, we recorded customer relationships, trade names, internally developed software and other intangible assets with an estimated fair value of \$2,323.8 million. These assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives which range from five to twenty years. This resulted in significantly increased amortization expense for all periods subsequent to the Acquisition.

In connection with the Acquisition, we incurred certain Acquisition-related costs. This included investment banking, legal and other third-party costs, along with non-cash equity-based compensation expense resulting from the accelerated vesting of stock options and restricted stock units in connection with the Acquisition. During the periods January 1, 2007 to October 11, 2007, and October 12, 2007 to December 31, 2007 we incurred \$144.4 million and \$26.7 million, respectively, of these Acquisition-related costs.

During the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009, we recorded goodwill impairment charges of \$1,712.0 million and \$241.8 million, respectively. These impairments were primarily attributable to deterioration in macroeconomic conditions and overall declines in net sales.

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During the year ended December 31, 2011, we recorded a net loss on extinguishments of long-term debt of \$118.9 million. The loss represented the difference between the amount paid upon extinguishment, including call premiums and expenses paid to the debt holders and agents, and the net carrying amount of the extinguished debt, adjusted for a portion of the unamortized deferred financing costs.

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	xxxxxx Predecessor	xxxxxx Period from	xxxxxx	xxxxxx Successor	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
	Period from January 1, 2007 to October 11, 2007	October 12, 2007 to December 31, 2007	2008	Year Ended December 31, 2009	2010	2011
(in millions)						
Statement of Operations Data:						
Net sales	\$ 6,344.3	\$ 1,800.2	\$ 8,071.2	\$ 7,162.6	\$ 8,801.2	\$ 9,602.4
Cost of sales	5,320.8	1,505.8	6,710.2	6,029.7	7,410.4	8,015.0
Gross profit	1,023.5	294.4	1,361.0	1,132.9	1,390.8	1,587.4
Selling and administrative expenses	656.0	221.8	894.8	821.1	932.1	994.0
Advertising expense	97.3	27.0	141.3	101.9	106.0	122.7
Goodwill impairment			1,712.0	241.8		
Income (loss) from operations	270.2	45.6	(1,387.1)	(31.9)	352.7	470.7
Interest income (expense), net	16.8	(104.6)	(390.3)	(431.7)	(391.9)	(324.2)
Net gain (loss) on extinguishments of long-term debt					2.0	(118.9)
Other (expense) income, net	(0.6)	0.2	0.2	2.4	0.2	0.7
Income (loss) before income taxes	286.4	(58.8)	(1,777.2)	(461.2)	(37.0)	28.3
Income tax (expense) benefit	(112.1)	18.5	12.1	87.8	7.8	(11.2)
Net income (loss)	\$ 174.3	\$ (40.3)	\$ (1,765.1)	\$ (373.4)	\$ (29.2)	\$ 17.1
Balance Sheet Data (at period end):						
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$ 664.3	\$ 15.6	\$ 94.4	\$ 88.0	\$ 36.6	\$ 99.9
Working capital	1,418.3	836.0	877.6	923.2	675.4	538.2
Total assets	2,615.2	8,296.4	6,276.3	5,976.0	5,943.8	5,949.6
Total debt and capitalized lease obligations (1)	0.3	4,617.7	4,633.5	4,621.9	4,290.0	4,066.0
Total shareholders' equity (deficit)	1,737.4	2,068.9	262.2	(44.7)	(43.5)	(7.3)
Other Financial Data:						
Capital expenditures	\$ 38.7	\$ 8.0	\$ 41.1	\$ 15.6	\$ 41.5	\$ 45.7
Depreciation and amortization	33.7	46.3	218.4	218.2	209.4	204.9
Gross profit as a percentage of net sales	16.1%	16.4%	16.9%	15.8%	15.8%	16.5%
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges (2)	63:1	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	1:1
EBITDA (3)	303.3	92.1	(1,168.5)	188.7	564.3	557.4
Adjusted EBITDA (3)	456.9	125.0	570.6	465.4	601.8	717.3
Statement of Cash Flows Data:						
Net cash provided by (used in):						
Operating activities (4)	\$ 198.8	\$ (123.7)	\$ 215.4	\$ 107.6	\$ 423.7	\$ 214.7
Investing activities	200.0	(6,399.6)	(60.3)	(82.6)	(125.4)	(56.0)
Financing activities (4)	115.9	6,539.0	(75.8)	(31.9)	(350.1)	(95.4)

(1) Excludes borrowings of \$122.8 million, \$75.3 million, \$34.1 million, \$25.0 million, \$28.2 million and \$278.7 million, as of October 11, 2007, December 31, 2007, December 31, 2008, December 31, 2009, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011, respectively, under our

inventory financing agreements. We do not include these borrowings in total debt because we have not in the past incurred, and in the future do not expect to incur, any interest expense or late fees under these agreements. For more information, see Description of Certain Indebtedness.

- (2) For purposes of calculating the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of earnings before income taxes minus income from equity investees plus fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expensed and the portion of rental expense we believe is representative of the interest component of rental expense.
 - (a) For the period October 12, 2007 to December 31, 2007 and the years ended December 31, 2008, 2009 and 2010, earnings available for fixed charges were inadequate to cover fixed charges by \$58.8 million, \$1,777.2 million, \$461.2 million and \$37.0 million, respectively.

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- (3) EBITDA is defined as consolidated net income (loss) before interest income (expense), income tax benefit (expense), depreciation, and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA, which is a measure defined in our Senior Credit Facilities, is calculated by adjusting EBITDA for certain items of income and expense including (but not limited to) the following: (a) non-cash equity-based compensation; (b) goodwill impairment charges; (c) sponsor fees; (d) certain consulting fees; (e) debt-related legal and accounting costs; (f) equity investment income and losses; (g) certain severance and retention costs; (h) gains and losses from the early extinguishment of debt; (i) gains and losses from asset dispositions outside the ordinary course of business; (j) Acquisition-related costs; (k) equity compensation payroll taxes; and (l) non-recurring, extraordinary or unusual gains or losses or expenses.

We have included a reconciliation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA in the table below. Both EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are considered non-GAAP financial measures. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's performance, financial position, or cash flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally included or excluded in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. We believe that EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA provide helpful information with respect to our operating performance and cash flows including our ability to meet our future debt service, capital expenditures, and working capital requirements. Adjusted EBITDA also provides helpful information as it is the primary measure used in certain financial covenants contained in our Senior Credit Facilities.

The following unaudited table sets forth reconciliations of GAAP net income (loss) to EBITDA and EBITDA to Adjusted EBITDA for the periods presented:

(in millions)	Predecessor		Successor			
	Period from	Period from	Year Ended December 31,			
	January 1, 2007 to October 11, 2007	October 12, 2007 to December 31, 2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Net income (loss)	\$ 174.3	\$ (40.3)	\$ (1,765.1)	\$ (373.4)	\$ (29.2)	\$ 17.1
Depreciation and amortization	33.7	46.3	218.4	218.2	209.4	204.9
Income tax expense (benefit)	112.1	(18.5)	(12.1)	(87.8)	(7.8)	11.2
Interest (income) expense, net	(16.8)	104.6	390.3	431.7	391.9	324.2
EBITDA	303.3	92.1	(1,168.5)	188.7	564.3	557.4
Non-cash equity-based compensation	7.5	4.2	17.8	15.9	11.5	19.5
Acquisition-related costs (i)	144.4	26.7				
Sponsor fees		2.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Goodwill impairment			1,712.0	241.8		
Consulting and debt-related professional fees			4.3	14.1	15.1	5.1
Net (gain) loss on extinguishments of long-term debt					(2.0)	118.9
Other adjustments (ii)	1.7			(0.1)	7.9	11.4
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 456.9	\$ 125.0	\$ 570.6	\$ 465.4	\$ 601.8	\$ 717.3

(i) Non-cash equity-based compensation expense of \$25.3 million related to the Acquisition is included in Acquisition-related costs in the Predecessor period from January 1, 2007 to October 11, 2007.

(ii) Includes certain severance and retention costs, equity investment income and the gain related to the sale of the Informacast software and equipment for periods subsequent to the Acquisition. Includes equity compensation payroll taxes for the period prior to the Acquisition.

The following unaudited table sets forth a reconciliation of EBITDA to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities for the periods presented:

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(in millions)	Predecessor		Successor			
	Period from January 1, 2007 to October 11, 2007	Period from October 12, 2007 to December 31, 2007	2008	Year Ended December 31,		
	2007	31, 2007	2009	2010	2011	
EBITDA	\$ 303.3	\$ 92.1	\$ (1,168.5)	\$ 188.7	\$ 564.3	\$ 557.4
Depreciation and amortization	(33.7)	(46.3)	(218.4)	(218.2)	(209.4)	(204.9)
Income tax benefit (expense)	(112.1)	18.5	12.1	87.8	7.8	(11.2)
Interest income (expense), net	16.8	(104.6)	(390.3)	(431.7)	(391.9)	(324.2)
Net income (loss)	174.3	(40.3)	(1,765.1)	(373.4)	(29.2)	17.1
Depreciation and amortization	33.7	46.3	218.4	218.2	209.4	204.9
Goodwill impairment			1,712.0	241.8		
Equity-based compensation expense	32.8	4.2	17.8	15.9	11.5	19.5
Amortization of deferred financing costs		13.4	38.6	16.2	18.0	15.7
Deferred income taxes	(24.1)	(12.6)	(39.9)	(94.4)	(4.3)	(10.2)
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(3.9)		0.4	(0.2)	(1.3)	0.4
Realized loss on interest rate swap agreements			18.6	103.2	51.5	2.8
Mark to market loss on interest rate derivatives					4.7	4.2
Net (gain) loss on extinguishments of long-term debt					(2.0)	118.9
Gross excess tax benefits from equity-based compensation	(73.6)					
Net loss (gain) on sale and disposals of assets	0.6		0.5	(1.7)	0.7	0.3
Changes in assets and liabilities	59.0	(134.8)	14.1	(18.0)	165.3	(158.3)
Other non-cash items		0.1			(0.6)	(0.6)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (4)	\$ 198.8	\$ (123.7)	\$ 215.4	\$ 107.6	\$ 423.7	\$ 214.7

- (4) Amounts have been revised. For further information and a summary of the revisions for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2010, see Note 1 to the Audited Financial Statements included in this prospectus. The revision for the period from January 1, 2007 to October 11, 2007 resulted in a decrease to cash flows from operating activities of \$14.7 million with an equal and offsetting increase to cash flows from financing activities. The revision for the period from October 12, 2007 to December 31, 2007 resulted in an increase to cash flows from operating activities of \$47.5 million with an equal and offsetting decrease to cash flows from financing activities. The revision for the year ended December 31, 2008 resulted in an increase to cash flows from operating activities of \$41.2 million with an equal and offsetting decrease to cash flows from financing activities.

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**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 the section entitled "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data" and our historical audited consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to those described in the section entitled "Risk Factors." Actual results may differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

Overview

We are a leading multi-brand technology solutions provider to business, government, education and healthcare customers in the U.S. and Canada. We provide comprehensive and integrated solutions for our customers' technology needs through our extensive hardware, software and value-added service offerings. Our breadth of offerings allows our customers to streamline their procurement processes by partnering with us as a complete technology solutions provider. Our hardware offerings include products with leading brands across multiple categories such as network communications, notebooks/mobile devices (including tablets), data storage, video monitors, printers, desktops and servers, among others. Our software offerings include licensing, licensing management and software solutions and services that help our customers to optimize their software investments. We offer a full suite of value-added services, which typically are delivered as part of a technology solution, to help our customers meet their specific needs. Our solutions range from configuration services for computer devices to fully integrated solutions such as virtualization, collaboration, security, mobility, data center optimization and cloud computing. We also offer complementary services including installations, sales of warranties and managed services such as remote network and data center monitoring. We believe both software and service offerings will be important growth areas for us in the future.

We have two reportable segments: Corporate, which is comprised primarily of business customers, and Public, which is comprised of government entities and education and healthcare institutions. Our Corporate segment is divided into a medium-large business customer channel, primarily serving customers with more than 100 employees, and a small business customer channel, primarily serving customers with up to 100 employees. We also have two other operating segments, CDW Advanced Services and Canada, which do not meet the reportable segment quantitative thresholds and, accordingly, are combined together as Other. The CDW Advanced Services business consists primarily of customized engineering services delivered by CDW professional engineers and managed services, including hosting and data center services. Revenues from the sale of hardware, software, custom configuration and third-party provided services are recorded within our Corporate and Public segments.

Our business is well-diversified across customers, product and service offerings and vendors from whom we purchase products and software for resale. We have aligned our sales and marketing functions around customer channels to retain and increase our sales to existing customers and to acquire new customers. We have an experienced and dedicated direct selling organization consisting of account managers who provide inside sales coverage, and field account executives who work within an assigned territory and interact with customers in person. Our direct selling organization is supported by a team of technology specialists who design solutions and provide recommendations in the selection and procurement processes. We purchase products for resale from OEMs and distributors. We believe that effective purchasing from a diverse vendor base is a key element of our business strategy. We are authorized by OEMs to sell via direct marketing all or selected products offered by the manufacturer. We also operate as a reseller for major software publishers that allows the end-user customer to acquire packaged software or licensed products and services. Our authorization with each OEM or software publisher may include one or more of the following: product return privileges, price protection policies, purchase discounts and vendor incentive programs, such as volume rebates and cooperative advertising reimbursements.

We market the CDW brand on a national basis through a variety of public and community relations and corporate communications efforts, and through brand advertising that includes the use of print, broadcast, online, social and other media. We also market to current and prospective customers through integrated marketing programs that include print and online media, events and sponsorships. As a result of our relationships with our vendors, a substantial portion of our advertising and marketing expenses are reimbursed through cooperative advertising reimbursement programs. Such programs are at the discretion of our vendors and are typically tied to sales or purchasing volumes or other commitments to be met by us within a specified period of time.

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An important factor affecting our ability to generate sales and achieve our targeted operating results is the impact of general economic conditions on our customers' willingness to spend on information technology. During the economic downturn beginning in late 2008 and into 2009, we experienced significantly lower net sales and gross profit as our customers generally reduced spending on information technology products and services. Net sales and gross profit declined 11.3% and 16.8%, respectively, in 2009 compared to 2008. During 2010, we experienced significant increases in net sales, gross profit and operating income compared to 2009, partially driven by general growth and higher demand in the information technology industry overall. Net sales, gross profit and operating income increased 22.9%, 22.8% and 1,205.3%, respectively, in 2010 compared to 2009. During 2011, we continued to experience year-over-year increases in net sales, gross profit and operating income at a more moderate level compared to the higher growth rates we experienced in 2010. Net sales, gross profit and operating income increased 9.1%, 14.1% and 33.5%, respectively, in 2011 compared to 2010. While the U.S. economy did not grow as rapidly in 2011 as it did in 2010, our results benefited from higher demand in the information technology industry overall, as well as our focus on growing market share. Our Corporate segment grew net sales by 10.4% driven by hardware unit volume growth, and our Public segment grew net sales by 5.5% driven by 22.7% growth in the healthcare customer channel. Government and education net sales declined 1.8% and 0.2%, respectively, primarily due to budget pressures in these customer channels. Gross profit increased 70 basis points as a percentage of net sales to 16.5%, driven by favorable price/mix changes within product margin and a higher mix of commission and net service contract revenue. Operating income increased by 33.5% driven by sales growth, gross margin expansion and our continued focus on cost management.

While general economic conditions and our recent operating results have generally improved, competitive pricing pressures continue in the market. Downturns in the global economy, declines in the availability of credit, weakening consumer and business confidence or increased unemployment could result in reduced spending by our customers on information technology products and services and increased competitive pricing pressures. Our Public segment sales are impacted by government spending policies, budget priorities and revenue levels. Although our sales to the federal government are diversified across multiple agencies and departments, they collectively accounted for approximately 10% of our net sales in 2011. Further, our sales to state and local governments accounted for approximately 4% of our net sales in 2011. An adverse change in any of these factors could cause our Public segment customers to reduce their purchases or to terminate or not renew contracts with us, which could adversely affect our business, results of operations or cash flows. See **Risk Factors** **Risks Relating to our Business** for further discussion.

Our management monitors a number of financial and non-financial measures and ratios on a regular basis in order to track the progress of our business and make adjustments as necessary. We believe that the most important of these measures and ratios include average daily sales, gross margin, operating margin, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, cash and cash equivalents, net working capital, cash conversion cycle (defined to be days of sales outstanding in accounts receivable plus days of supply in inventory minus days of purchases outstanding in accounts payable), debt levels including available credit and leverage ratios, sales per coworker and coworker turnover. These measures and ratios are compared to standards or objectives set by management, so that actions can be taken, as necessary, in order to achieve the standards and objectives. Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure, also provides helpful information as it is the primary measure used in certain financial covenants contained in our Senior Credit Facilities. In addition to net sales, gross profit and operating income discussed above, the following key measures improved in 2011 compared to 2010:

Average daily sales increased 8.7% to \$37.7 million;

Adjusted EBITDA increased 19.2% to \$717.3 million;

The cash conversion cycle decreased from 32 days to 27 days;

Availability under the ABL Facility at the end of the year increased from \$548 million to \$679 million; and

The senior secured leverage ratio decreased from 3.9 to 2.7.

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Background and Basis of Presentation

Corporate and Capital Structure

On October 12, 2007, Parent completed the Acquisition pursuant to which it acquired Target. For financial reporting purposes, we refer to Target and its subsidiaries prior to the Acquisition as the Predecessor and we refer to Parent and its subsidiaries (including Target) following the Acquisition as the Successor.

Upon completion of the Acquisition, the outstanding common stock of Target was converted into the right to receive cash, the common stock was delisted and deregistered and Target became a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent. Parent is owned directly by CDW Holdings. CDW Holdings is controlled by investment funds affiliated with the Equity Sponsors, certain other co-investors and the Management Investors. On December 31, 2009, Target merged into CDWC LLC, a limited liability company wholly owned by Parent with CDWC LLC as the surviving company in the merger. This change had no impact on operations or management. On December 31, 2009, CDWC LLC was renamed CDW LLC. On August 17, 2010, Parent was renamed CDW Corporation.

Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, the terms we, us, the Company, our, CDW and similar terms refer to Parent and its wholly owned subsidiaries.

Accompanying Financial Statements

Throughout Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, data for all periods are derived from our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus, which include the audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 (the Audited Financial Statements).

Results of Operations

Year Ended December 31, 2011 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2010

The following table presents our results of operations, in dollars and as a percentage of net sales, for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010:

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	Year Ended December 31, 2011		Year Ended December 31, 2010	
	Dollars in Millions	Percentage of Net Sales	Dollars in Millions	Percentage of Net Sales
Net sales	\$ 9,602.4	100.0%	\$ 8,801.2	100.0%
Cost of sales	8,015.0	83.5	7,410.4	84.2
Gross profit	1,587.4	16.5	1,390.8	15.8
Selling and administrative expenses	994.0	10.3	932.1	10.6
Advertising expense	122.7	1.3	106.0	1.2
Income from operations	470.7	4.9	352.7	4.0
Interest expense, net	(324.2)	(3.4)	(391.9)	(4.4)
Net (loss) gain on extinguishments of long-term debt	(118.9)	(1.2)	2.0	
Other income, net	0.7		0.2	
Income (loss) before income taxes	28.3	0.3	(37.0)	(0.4)
Income tax (expense) benefit	(11.2)	(0.1)	7.8	0.1
Net income (loss)	\$ 17.1	0.2%	\$ (29.2)	(0.3)%

Net sales

The following table presents our net sales by segment, in dollars and as a percentage of total net sales, and the year-over-year dollar and percentage change in net sales for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010:

	Year Ended December 31, 2011		Year Ended December 31, 2010		Dollar Change	Percent Change (1)
	Dollars in Millions	Percentage of Net Sales	Dollars in Millions	Percentage of Net Sales		
Corporate	\$ 5,334.4	55.6%	\$ 4,833.6	54.9%	\$ 500.8	10.4%
Public	3,757.2	39.1	3,560.6	40.5	196.6	5.5
Other	510.8	5.3	407.0	4.6	103.8	25.5
Total net sales	\$ 9,602.4	100.0%	\$ 8,801.2	100.0%	\$ 801.2	9.1%

(1) There were 255 and 254 selling days in the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. On an average daily basis, total net sales increased 8.7%.

The following table presents our net sales by customer channel for our Corporate and Public segments and the year-over-year dollar and percentage change in net sales for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010:

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(in millions)	Years Ended December 31,		Dollar Change	Percent Change
	2011	2010		
Corporate:				
Medium / Large	\$ 4,287.1	\$ 3,867.3	\$ 419.8	10.9%
Small Business	1,047.3	966.3	81.0	8.4
Total Corporate	\$ 5,334.4	\$ 4,833.6	\$ 500.8	10.4%
Public:				
Government	\$ 1,343.5	\$ 1,368.6	\$ (25.1)	(1.8)%
Education	1,197.7	1,200.6	(2.9)	(0.2)
Healthcare	1,216.0	991.4	224.6	22.7
Total Public	\$ 3,757.2	\$ 3,560.6	\$ 196.6	5.5%

Total net sales in 2011 increased \$801.2 million, or 9.1%, to \$9,602.4 million, compared to \$8,801.2 million in 2010. There were 255 and 254 selling days in the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. On an average daily basis, total net sales increased 8.7%. The increase in total net sales was the result of general volume growth and increased demand in the information technology industry overall, in addition to our focus on growing market share. The most significant drivers of sales growth in 2011 were hardware unit volume growth in notebook/mobile devices, desktop computers and netcomm products, along with growth in software products.

Corporate segment net sales in 2011 increased \$500.8 million, or 10.4%, compared to 2010. Within our Corporate segment, net sales to medium / large customers increased 10.9% between years, and net sales to small business customers increased 8.4% between years. These increases were primarily a result of hardware unit volume growth, most notably in notebook/mobile devices and netcomm products, and growth in software products as we continued to benefit from increased demand from our Corporate customers. Public segment net sales in 2011 increased \$196.6 million, or 5.5%, between years as growth in the healthcare customer channel more than offset slight declines in the government and education customer channels. Net sales to healthcare customers increased \$224.6 million, or 22.7%, between years, primarily driven by hardware unit volume increases in desktop computers, notebook/mobile devices and netcomm products, growth in software products and additional sales from an expanded relationship with a group purchasing organization. Net sales to government customers decreased \$25.1 million, or 1.8%, in 2011 compared to 2010 driven by a 10.2% decline between years for the first nine months of 2011, partially offset by net sales growth of 22.8% between years for the fourth quarter of 2011. Although government spending was impacted negatively throughout 2011 as a result of budget constraints and uncertainty, net sales to federal government customers drove the fourth quarter increase of 22.8% in the government customer channel. The fourth quarter of 2011 benefited from increased orders placed late in the third quarter, the end of the federal government's fiscal year, that shipped during the fourth quarter, compared to the same period of the prior year. Net sales to education customers decreased \$2.9 million, or 0.2%, between years, due to continuing budget pressures.

Gross profit

Gross profit increased \$196.5 million, or 14.1%, to \$1,587.4 million in 2011, compared to \$1,390.8 million in 2010. As a percentage of total net sales, gross profit was 16.5% in 2011, up from 15.8% in 2010. Gross profit margin increased 70 basis points between years, primarily due to favorable price/mix changes within product margin across most product categories of 30 basis points, and a higher mix of commission and net service contract revenue of 20 basis points. Commission revenue, including agency fees earned on sales of software licenses and software assurance under enterprise agreements, has a positive impact on our gross profit margin as we record the fee or commission as a component of net sales when earned and there is no corresponding cost of sales amount. Net service contract revenue, including items such as third-party services and warranties, also has a positive impact on gross profit margin as our cost paid to the vendor or third-party service provider is recorded as a reduction to sales, resulting in net sales being equal to the gross profit on the transaction.

The gross profit margin may fluctuate based on various factors, including vendor incentive and inventory price protection programs, cooperative advertising funds classified as a reduction of cost of sales, product mix, net service contract revenue, commission revenue, pricing strategies, market conditions, and other factors, any of which could result in changes in gross profit margins.

Table of Contents*Selling and administrative expenses*

Selling and administrative expenses increased \$61.9 million, or 6.6%, to \$994.0 million in 2011, compared to \$932.1 million in 2010. The increase was primarily due to higher payroll costs of \$62.1 million driven by increased sales commissions and other variable compensation costs consistent with higher sales and gross profit and an increase in the number of coworkers in 2011. Our sales force increased to 3,636 coworkers at December 31, 2011, compared to 3,405 coworkers at December 31, 2010, while total coworker count increased to 6,745 coworkers at December 31, 2011, compared to 6,268 coworkers at December 31, 2010. We also had increases in profit sharing/401(k) expense of \$4.9 million, travel and entertainment expense of \$3.7 million and bad debt expense of \$2.7 million. These increases were partially offset by lower consulting and debt-related professional fees of \$10.0 million, lower depreciation and amortization expense of \$4.2 million, lower healthcare benefits expense of \$3.6 million and lower sales and use tax expense of \$3.3 million.

Advertising expense

Advertising expense increased \$16.7 million, or 15.7%, to \$122.7 million in 2011, compared to \$106.0 million in 2010. Higher expenses were due to increased spending on web-based advertising, TV advertising and customer-focused marketing events. As a percentage of net sales, advertising expense was 1.3% in 2011, compared to 1.2% in 2010.

Income (loss) from operations

The following table presents income (loss) from operations by segment, in dollars and as a percentage of net sales, and the year-over-year percentage change in income (loss) from operations for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010:

	Year Ended December 31, 2011		Year Ended December 31, 2010		Percent Change in Income (Loss) from Operations
	Dollars in Millions	Operating Margin Percentage	Dollars in Millions	Operating Margin Percentage	
Segments: (1)					
Corporate	\$ 331.6	6.2%	\$ 256.2	5.3%	29.4%
Public	233.3	6.2	193.0	5.4	20.9
Other	17.5	3.4	14.3	3.5	22.3
Headquarters (2)	(111.7)	nm	(110.8)	nm	(0.8)
Total income (loss) from operations	\$ 470.7	4.9%	\$ 352.7	4.0%	33.5%

(1) Segment income (loss) from operations includes the segment's direct operating income (loss) and allocations for Headquarters' costs, allocations for logistics services, certain inventory adjustments, and volume rebates and cooperative advertising from vendors.

(2) Includes Headquarters' function costs that are not allocated to the segments.

Income from operations was \$470.7 million in 2011, an increase of \$118.0 million, or 33.5%, compared to \$352.7 million in 2010. This increase was driven by higher net sales and gross profit, partially offset by higher advertising expense and selling and administrative expenses.

Corporate segment income from operations was \$331.6 million in 2011, an increase of \$75.4 million, or 29.4%, compared to \$256.2 million in 2010. The increase in Corporate segment income from operations was primarily driven by higher net sales and gross profit margin, partially offset by higher selling and administrative costs, resulting in a net increase before allocations of \$49.6 million in 2011 compared to 2010. In addition, Corporate segment income from operations benefited from an increase of \$28.3 million in income allocations from our logistics operations in 2011 compared to 2010. The improved profitability of our logistics operations was driven by stronger operating leverage given higher purchase volumes while support structure costs remained flat. Partially offsetting the above items was an increase in Headquarters' expense allocations to the Corporate segment of \$2.5 million.

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Public segment income from operations was \$233.3 million in 2011, an increase of \$40.3 million, or 20.9%, compared to \$193.0 million in 2010. The increase reflected higher operating income before allocations of \$25.9 million as a result of higher net sales and gross profit margin, partially offset by higher selling and administrative costs. In addition, Public segment income from operations benefited from an increase of \$15.1 million in income allocations from our logistics operations in 2011 compared to 2010.

The loss from operations for our Headquarters function of \$111.7 million in 2011 was flat compared to the loss from operations of \$110.8 million in 2010.

Interest expense, net

At December 31, 2011, our outstanding long-term debt, excluding capital leases, totaled \$4,066.0 million. Net interest expense in 2011 was \$324.2 million, a decrease of \$67.7 million compared to \$391.9 million in 2010. Interest expense was reduced by \$19.4 million in 2011 due to a decrease in the long-term accrued interest liability associated with the extinguishment of \$1,078.0 million of Existing Senior Notes. The long-term accrued interest liability represents the difference between interest expense previously recognized under the effective interest method and actual interest paid. The remaining decrease of \$48.3 million was primarily due to lower effective interest rates in 2011 resulting from the termination of our interest rate swaps in January 2011 and the debt refinancing activities completed during the first half of 2011, partially offset by non-cash gains on hedge ineffectiveness recorded to interest expense in the prior year.

Net (loss) gain on extinguishments of long-term debt

During 2011, we recorded a net loss on extinguishments of long-term debt of \$118.9 million in 2011 compared to a net gain on extinguishments of long-term debt of \$2.0 million in 2010.

In March 2011, we amended our Term Loan Facility and recorded a loss on extinguishment of long-term debt of \$3.2 million, representing a write-off of a portion of the unamortized deferred financing costs on this facility.

In April and May 2011, we purchased \$1,078.0 million of Existing Senior Notes, funded with the issuance of \$1,175.0 million of Senior Notes. As a result, we recorded a loss on extinguishment of long-term debt of \$114.1 million, representing the difference between the purchase price of the Existing Senior Notes at 109% of par value and the net carrying amount of the purchased debt, adjusted for a portion of the unamortized deferred financing costs.

In June 2011, we entered into a new \$900.0 million ABL Facility, replacing the existing \$800.0 million ABL Facility. As a result, we recorded a loss on extinguishment of long-term debt of \$1.6 million representing a write-off of a portion of the unamortized deferred financing costs related to the previous facility.

During 2010, we recorded a net gain of \$2.0 million on the extinguishments of long-term debt resulting from two transactions. In March 2010, we repurchased \$28.5 million of principal amount of Senior Subordinated Bridge Loans for a purchase price of \$18.6 million. We recorded a gain of \$9.2 million representing the difference between the purchase price, including expenses paid to the debt holders and agent, and the net carrying amount of the purchased debt, adjusted for a portion of the unamortized deferred financing costs. The \$28.5 million in principal amount of Senior Subordinated Bridge Loans that was repurchased was exchanged for increasing rate notes and subsequently surrendered to the indenture trustee for cancellation. In December 2010, we extinguished \$500.0 million of the outstanding principal balance of our Term Loan Facility funded by proceeds from the issuance of Senior Secured Notes. We recorded a loss of \$7.2 million on the extinguishment of the Term Loan Facility, representing a write-off of a portion of the unamortized deferred financing costs. There was no additional gain or loss resulting from the paydown of the debt balance, as the cash paid equaled the principal amount of the debt extinguished.

Income tax (expense) benefit

Income tax expense was \$11.2 million in 2011, compared to an income tax benefit of \$7.8 million in 2010. The effective income tax rate, expressed as a percentage of income before income taxes, was 39.7% in 2011. An effective tax rate of 21.1% was recognized in 2010, reflecting the impact of permanent items in relation to a relatively small pre-tax loss.

Table of Contents*Net income (loss)*

Net income was \$17.1 million in 2011, compared to a net loss of \$29.2 million in 2010.

Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA was \$717.3 million in 2011, an increase of \$115.4 million, or 19.2%, compared to \$601.8 million in 2010. As a percentage of net sales, Adjusted EBITDA was 7.5% and 6.8% in 2011 and 2010, respectively.

We have included a reconciliation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA for 2011 and 2010 in the table below. EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA, which is a measure defined in our Senior Credit Facilities, means EBITDA adjusted for certain items which are described in the table below. Both EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are considered non-GAAP financial measures. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's performance, financial position, or cash flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally included or excluded in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. We believe that EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA provide helpful information with respect to our operating performance and cash flows including our ability to meet our future debt service, capital expenditures, and working capital requirements. Adjusted EBITDA also provides helpful information as it is the primary measure used in certain financial covenants contained in our Senior Credit Facilities. See [Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data](#) for a reconciliation of EBITDA to cash flows from operating activities.

(in millions)	Year Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010
Net income (loss)	\$ 17.1	\$ (29.2)
Depreciation and amortization	204.9	209.4
Income tax expense (benefit)	11.2	(7.8)
Interest expense, net	324.2	391.9
EBITDA	557.4	564.3
Adjustments:		
Non-cash equity-based compensation	19.5	11.5
Sponsor fee	5.0	5.0
Consulting and debt-related professional fees	5.1	15.1
Net loss (gain) on extinguishments of long-term debt	118.9	(2.0)
Other adjustments (1)	11.4	7.9
Total adjustments	159.9	37.5
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 717.3	\$ 601.8

(1) Other adjustments include certain retention costs and equity investment income.

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The following table presents our results of operations, in dollars and as a percentage of net sales, for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009:

	Year Ended December 31, 2010		Year Ended December 31, 2009	
	Dollars in Millions	Percentage of Net Sales	Dollars in Millions	Percentage of Net Sales
Net sales	\$ 8,801.2	100.0%	\$ 7,162.6	100.0%
Cost of sales	7,410.4	84.2	6,029.7	84.2
Gross profit	1,390.8	15.8	1,132.9	15.8
Selling and administrative expenses	932.1	10.6	821.1	11.4
Advertising expense	106.0	1.2	101.9	1.4
Goodwill impairment			241.8	3.4
Income (loss) from operations	352.7	4.0	(31.9)	(0.4)
Interest expense, net	(391.9)	(4.4)	(431.7)	(6.0)
Net gain on extinguishments of long-term debt	2.0			
Other income, net	0.2		2.4	
Loss before income taxes	(37.0)	(0.4)	(461.2)	(6.4)
Income tax benefit	7.8	0.1	87.8	1.2
Net loss	\$ (29.2)	(0.3)%	\$ (373.4)	(5.2)%

Net sales

The following table presents our net sales by segment, in dollars and as a percentage of total net sales, and the year-over-year dollar and percentage change in net sales for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009:

	Year Ended December 31, 2010		Year Ended December 31, 2009		Dollar Change	Percent Change (1)
	Dollars in Millions	Percentage of Net Sales	Dollars in Millions	Percentage of Net Sales		
Corporate	\$ 4,833.6	54.9%	\$ 3,818.2	53.3%	\$ 1,015.4	26.6%
Public	3,560.6	40.5	3,035.5	42.4	525.1	17.3
Other	407.0	4.6	308.9	4.3	98.0	31.8
Total net sales	\$ 8,801.2	100.0%	\$ 7,162.6	100.0%	\$ 1,638.5	22.9%

(1) There were 254 selling days in both the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009.

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The following table presents our net sales by customer channel for our Corporate and Public segments and the dollar and percentage change between periods in net sales for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009:

(in millions)	Years Ended December 31,		Dollar Change	Percent Change
	2010	2009		
Corporate:				
Medium / Large	\$ 3,867.3	\$ 3,014.8	\$ 852.5	28.3%
Small Business	966.3	803.4	162.9	20.3
Total Corporate	\$ 4,833.6	\$ 3,818.2	\$ 1,015.4	26.6%
Public:				
Government	\$ 1,368.6	\$ 1,270.7	\$ 97.9	7.7%
Education	1,200.6	1,040.5	160.1	15.4
Healthcare	991.4	724.3	267.1	36.9
Total Public	\$ 3,560.6	\$ 3,035.5	\$ 525.1	17.3%

Total net sales in 2010 increased \$1,638.5 million, or 22.9%, to \$8,801.2 million, compared to \$7,162.6 million in 2009. There were 254 selling days in both 2010 and 2009. The increase in total net sales was the result of general growth and increased demand in the information technology industry overall, in addition to our focus on growing our market share. The most significant driver of sales growth in 2010 was the rebound by our Corporate segment, which was significantly impacted by the economic downturn in the U.S. that began in late 2008 and continued through 2009.

Corporate segment net sales in 2010 increased \$1,015.4 million, or 26.6%, compared to 2009. Within our Corporate segment, net sales to medium / large customers increased 28.3% between years, while net sales to small business customers increased 20.3%. These increases were driven by hardware unit volume growth, most notably in notebook/mobile devices and desktop computers, as we benefited from increased demand during 2010 from our Corporate segment customers who had generally postponed spending on information technology in 2009 as a result of the economic downturn. Public segment net sales in 2010 increased \$525.1 million, or 17.3%, between years driven by growth across all customer channels. Within our Public segment, sales to government customers increased 7.7% between years, but at a lesser rate than other channels, as Federal sales in 2009 included a relatively high volume of large one-time orders. Net sales to healthcare customers increased \$267.1 million, or 36.9%, between years driven by volume increases and additional sales resulting from an expanded relationship with a group purchasing organization beginning in the fourth quarter of 2009.

Gross profit

Gross profit increased \$258.0 million, or 22.8%, to \$1,390.8 million in 2010, compared to \$1,132.9 million in 2009, which reflected increased sales across our hardware, software and services categories. The increase in gross profit dollars was driven primarily by unit growth and favorable price/mix within the hardware sales category. Consolidated product margin remained relatively flat between years, as sustained competitive pressures in the marketplace continued to impact average selling prices. As a percentage of total net sales, gross profit was 15.8% in both 2010 and 2009. Vendor funding, including purchase discounts, volume rebates and cooperative advertising, increased in 2010, but was relatively flat as a percentage of net sales between years. Gross margin was favorably impacted by higher volume rebates both in terms of dollars and as a percentage of sales, largely offset by the impact of lower cooperative advertising income as a percentage of sales. Following the first quarter of 2010, gross profit margin by quarter improved on a year-over-year basis, as general economic conditions improved.

The gross profit margin may fluctuate based on various factors, including vendor incentive and inventory price protection programs, cooperative advertising funds classified as a reduction of cost of sales, product mix, net service contract revenue, commission revenue, pricing strategies, market conditions and other factors, any of which could result in changes in gross profit margins.

Selling and administrative expenses

Selling and administrative expenses increased \$111.0 million, or 13.5%, to \$932.1 million in 2010, compared to \$821.1 million in 2009. The increase was primarily due to higher payroll costs of \$100.6 million as a result of higher sales compensation and increases in other variable compensation costs such as incentive bonuses consistent with higher sales and gross profit. In addition, coworker-related costs increased \$15.5

million in 2010 compared to 2009,

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primarily due to an increase of \$11.9 million in profit sharing/401(k) costs, while travel and entertainment expense increased \$2.5 million and sales and use tax expense increased \$2.1 million. These increases were partially offset by lower depreciation expense of \$8.2 million and lower bad debt expense of \$3.0 million in 2010 compared to 2009. Throughout 2010, we continued to cautiously make selective investments in our coworkers as our outlook improved. Our sales force increased to 3,405 coworkers at December 31, 2010, compared to 3,307 coworkers at December 31, 2009, and total coworker count also increased to 6,268 coworkers at December 31, 2010, compared to 6,173 coworkers at December 31, 2009.

Advertising expense

Advertising expense increased \$4.0 million, or 4.0%, to \$106.0 million in 2010, compared to \$101.9 million in 2009. Increased expenses related to the production of a new advertising campaign, e-commerce support and customer-focused marketing events were partially offset by decreased spending in catalog production and circulation. As a percentage of net sales, advertising expense was 1.2% in 2010, compared to 1.4% in 2009.

Goodwill impairment

We did not record any goodwill impairment charges in 2010, as we performed and passed the annual evaluation of goodwill as of December 1, 2010. The goodwill balances at December 31, 2010 for our Corporate, Public and Other segments were \$1,223.0 million, \$907.3 million and \$78.8 million, respectively.

We recorded goodwill impairment charges of \$241.8 million in 2009. Continued deterioration in macroeconomic conditions and the overall decline in our net sales during the first half of 2009 indicated that it was more likely than not that the fair value of certain of our reporting units was reduced to below the respective carrying amount. We considered this a triggering event under GAAP and performed an interim evaluation of goodwill as of June 1, 2009. As a result of that goodwill impairment evaluation, we recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$235.0 million in the second quarter of 2009. This charge was comprised of \$207.0 million for our Corporate segment, or 14% of the total goodwill for that segment, and \$28.0 million for the CDW Advanced Services business, or 38% of the total goodwill for that operating segment. In addition to the goodwill evaluation noted above, we recorded \$6.8 million of goodwill in the fourth quarter of 2009 for certain trade credits for periods prior to the Acquisition which was immediately impaired upon recognition.

Income (loss) from operations

The following table presents income (loss) from operations by segment, in dollars and as a percentage of net sales, and the year-over-year percentage change in income (loss) from operations for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009:

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	Year Ended December 31, 2010		Year Ended December 31, 2009		Percent Change in Income (Loss) from Operations
	Dollars in Millions	Operating Margin Percentage	Dollars in Millions	Operating Margin Percentage	
Segments: (1)					
Corporate	\$ 256.2	5.3%	\$ (56.7)	(1.5)%	551.8%
Public	193.0	5.4	150.7	5.0	28.0
Other	14.3	3.5	(23.2)	(7.5)	161.6
Headquarters (2)	(110.8)	nm	(102.7)	nm	(7.8)
Total income (loss) from operations	\$ 352.7	4.0%	\$ (31.9)	(0.4)%	1,205.3%
Goodwill impairment included in loss from operations:					
Corporate	\$	%	\$ (212.4)	(5.6)%	nm
Public			(1.1)		nm
Other			(28.3)	(9.2)	nm
Total goodwill impairment	\$	%	\$ (241.8)	(3.4)%	nm

(1) Segment income (loss) from operations includes the segment's direct operating income (loss) and allocations for Headquarters' costs, allocations for logistics services, certain inventory adjustments and volume rebates and cooperative advertising from vendors.

(2) Includes Headquarters' function costs that are not allocated to the segments.

Income from operations was \$352.7 million in 2010, an increase of \$384.6 million compared to a loss from operations of \$31.9 million in 2009. This increase was primarily due to the prior period containing the previously discussed goodwill impairment charge of \$241.8 million.

Excluding the goodwill impairment charge, operating income increased \$142.9 million, or 68.1% in 2010, compared to 2009. This increase was driven by higher net sales and gross profit dollars, partially offset by higher selling and administrative expenses, although we continued to contain our selling and administrative expenses through tight cost control.

Corporate segment income from operations was \$256.2 million in 2010, an increase of \$313.0 million compared to a loss from operations of \$56.7 million in 2009. The operating loss in 2009 was due to the goodwill impairment charge of \$212.4 million. Excluding the goodwill impairment charge, Corporate segment income from operations increased \$100.6 million, or 64.6%, between years. The most significant driver of our Corporate segment's increase in operating income between years was the rebound in net sales, which increased 26.6% in 2010 compared to 2009 following the economic downturn. The combination of the increased net sales and the associated gross profit dollars along with continued control of selling and administrative costs increased operating income by \$60.8 million. Selling and administrative expenses were lower as a percentage of net sales in 2010 compared to 2009 despite the increased investment in coworkers discussed above. In addition, our Corporate segment income from operations benefited in 2010 from an increase of \$46.0 million in income allocations from our logistics operations compared to 2009. The improved profitability of our logistics operations was driven by increased operating leverage given higher purchase volumes in 2010 while support structure costs decreased between years. Partially offsetting the above items was an increase in Headquarters' allocations of \$6.2 million.

Public segment income from operations was \$193.0 million in 2010, an increase of \$42.3 million, or 28.0%, compared to \$150.7 million in 2009. This increase reflected higher operating income of \$20.4 million as a result of higher net sales and gross profit dollars, while continuing to control selling and administrative costs. Selling and administrative expenses were lower as a percentage of net sales in 2010 compared to 2009 despite the increased investment in coworkers discussed above. In addition, our Public segment income from operations benefited in 2010 from an increase of \$28.9 million in income allocations from our logistics operations compared to 2009. Partially offsetting the above items was an increase in Headquarters' allocations of \$7.0 million.

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The income from operations within our Other segment was \$14.3 million in 2010, compared to a loss from operations of \$23.2 million in 2009. The operating loss for 2009 was a result of the goodwill impairment charge of \$28.3 million for the CDW Advanced Services business.

The loss from operations for our Headquarters function of \$110.8 million was \$8.1 million higher than the loss of \$102.7 million in 2009. The incremental loss of \$8.1 million in 2010 reflected an increase in costs of \$23.0 million, partially offset by higher intercompany allocations to the operating segments of \$14.9 million. The \$23.0 million cost increase in 2010 was driven by additional investments in coworkers primarily related to incentive compensation and profit sharing/401(k).

Interest expense, net

At December 31, 2010, our outstanding long-term debt, excluding capital leases, totaled \$4,289.1 million. Net interest expense was \$391.9 million in 2010, compared to \$431.7 million in 2009. The decrease in interest expense was primarily due to the year-over-year change in the net non-cash impact of hedge ineffectiveness recorded in interest expense on the interest rate swap agreements which resulted in a gain of \$25.8 million in 2010, compared to a loss of \$28.7 million in 2009. Also contributing to the decrease were lower average outstanding debt balances during 2010 compared to 2009. Partially offsetting these items was a higher interest rate on the Term Loan Facility as a result of the November 2009 amendment to this facility and increased expense due to changes in the fair value of the interest rate cap agreements.

Net gain on extinguishments of long-term debt

We recorded a net gain of \$2.0 million on the extinguishment of long-term debt resulting from two transactions during 2010.

In March 2010, we repurchased \$28.5 million of principal amount of Senior Subordinated Bridge Loans for a purchase price of \$18.6 million. We recorded a gain of \$9.2 million on the extinguishment of this debt in our consolidated statement of operations during the first quarter of 2010. The gain represents the difference between the purchase price, including expenses paid to the debt holders and agent, and the net carrying amount of the purchased debt, adjusted for a portion of the unamortized deferred financing costs. The \$28.5 million in principal amount of loans was exchanged for increasing rate notes and subsequently surrendered to the indenture trustee for cancellation.

In December 2010, we extinguished \$500.0 million of the outstanding principal balance of our Term Loan Facility funded by proceeds from the issuance of Senior Secured Notes. We recorded a loss of \$7.2 million on the extinguishment of this debt in our consolidated statement of operations during the fourth quarter of 2010. This loss represents a write-off of a portion of the unamortized deferred financing costs on the Term Loan Facility. There was no additional gain or loss resulting from the paydown of the debt balance, as the cash paid equaled the principal amount of the debt extinguished.

Income tax benefit

The income tax benefit was \$7.8 million in 2010, compared to \$87.8 million in 2009. The effective income tax rate, expressed by calculating the income tax benefit as a percentage of loss before income taxes, was 21.1% in 2010, compared to 19.0% in 2009. The change in the effective rate from 2009 to 2010 was due to the nondeductible goodwill charge in 2009 and a relatively higher impact on the effective tax rate of permanent items in 2010 due to the relatively small pre-tax loss. In addition, state taxes in 2010 were higher due to changes in state rates and apportionment.

Net loss

The net loss was \$29.2 million in 2010, compared to a net loss of \$373.4 million in 2009. The year-over-year change was primarily due to the impairment charges discussed above.

Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA was \$601.8 million in 2010, an increase of \$136.5 million, or 29.3%, compared to \$465.4 million in 2009. As a percentage of net sales, Adjusted EBITDA was 6.8% in 2010, compared to 6.5% in 2009.

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We have included a reconciliation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA for 2010 and 2009 in the table below. EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA, which is a measure defined in our Senior Credit Facilities, means EBITDA adjusted for certain items which are described in the table below. Both EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are considered non-GAAP financial measures. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's performance, financial position or cash flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally included or excluded in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. We believe that EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA provide helpful information with respect to our operating performance and cash flows including our ability to meet our future debt service, capital expenditures and working capital requirements. Adjusted EBITDA also provides helpful information as it is the primary measure used in certain financial covenants contained in our Senior Credit Facilities. See Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data for a reconciliation of EBITDA to cash flows from operating activities.

(in millions)	Year Ended December 31,	
	2010	2009
Net loss	\$ (29.2)	\$ (373.4)
Depreciation and amortization	209.4	218.2
Income tax benefit	(7.8)	(87.8)
Interest expense, net	391.9	431.7
EBITDA	564.3	188.7
Adjustments:		
Goodwill impairment		241.8
Non-cash equity-based compensation	11.5	15.9
Sponsor fee	5.0	5.0
Consulting and debt-related professional fees	15.1	14.1
Net gain on extinguishments of long-term debt	(2.0)	
Other adjustments (1)	7.9	(0.1)
Total adjustments	37.5	276.7
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 601.8	\$ 465.4

- (1) Other adjustments include certain severance and retention costs, equity investment income and the gain related to the sale of Informacast software and equipment in 2009.

Seasonality

While we have not historically experienced significant seasonality throughout the year, sales in our Corporate segment, which primarily serves business customers, are typically higher in the fourth quarter than in other quarters due to customers spending their remaining technology budget dollars at the end of the year. Additionally, sales in our Public segment have historically been higher in the third quarter than in other quarters primarily due to the buying patterns of the federal government.

Liquidity and Capital Resources**Overview**

We finance our operations and capital expenditures through a combination of internally generated cash from operations and from borrowings under our ABL Facility. We believe that our current sources of funds will be sufficient to fund our cash operating requirements for the next year. In addition, we believe that, in spite of the uncertainty of future macroeconomic conditions, we have adequate sources of liquidity and funding available to meet our longer-term needs. However, there are a number of factors that may negatively impact our available sources of funds. The amount of cash generated from operations will be dependent upon factors such as the successful execution of our business plan and general economic conditions.

Table of Contents**Cash Flows**

We have revised our consolidated statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. See Notes 1 and 20 to the Audited Financial Statements included in this prospectus for further information.

Cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities were as follows:

(in millions)	Years Ended		
	2011	December 31, 2010	2009
Net cash provided by (used in):			
Operating activities	\$ 214.7	\$ 423.7	\$ 107.6
Investing activities	(56.0)	(125.4)	(82.6)
Financing activities	(95.4)	(350.1)	(31.9)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		0.4	0.5
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 63.3	\$ (51.4)	\$ (6.4)

Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities for 2011 decreased \$209.0 million compared to 2010. The decrease was primarily driven by the changes in assets and liabilities, resulting in a \$323.6 million reduction in cash between years. For 2011, the changes in assets and liabilities, excluding cash and cash equivalents, reduced cash by \$158.3 million compared to a cash contribution of \$165.3 million in 2010. The most significant driver of the cash contribution in 2010 was an increase in accounts payable-trade of \$269.3 million as we reduced the amount of accelerated payments we made in exchange for early pay discounts at December 31, 2010 compared to the prior year. Accounts payable-trade decreased \$19.8 million in 2011 compared to 2010, resulting in a relatively small reduction in cash. Cash flow from operating activities was further reduced by \$83.7 million in 2011 compared to 2010 following an increase in accounts receivable between years driven by higher fourth quarter net sales in 2011. During 2011, we collected \$53.3 million in cash tax refunds which reduced other assets between years, resulting in an increase in cash flow from operating activities. Net income, including the impact of non-cash items such as gains and losses on extinguishment of long-term debt, increased \$114.6 million between years reflecting our improved operating results in 2011.

Net cash provided by operating activities for 2010 increased \$316.1 million compared to 2009. This increase was primarily driven by the changes in assets and liabilities between years. For 2010, the changes in assets and liabilities, excluding cash and cash equivalents, contributed \$165.3 million to cash compared to changes in assets and liabilities for 2009 that decreased cash by \$18.0 million. The changes in assets and liabilities were primarily due to an increase in accounts payable-trade as we reduced the amount of accelerated payments we made in exchange for early pay discounts at December 31, 2010 compared to the prior year. Accounts payable-trade also increased more significantly in 2010 compared to the prior year to support the growth of the business and increased inventory levels. Net income, including the impact of non-cash items, also increased \$132.8 million between years given the improved operating performance in 2010.

In order to manage our working capital and operating cash needs, we monitor our cash conversion cycle, defined as days of sales outstanding in accounts receivable plus days of supply in inventory, less days of purchases outstanding in accounts payable. The following table presents the components of our cash conversion cycle:

	December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Days of sales outstanding (DSO) (1)	44	43	46
Days of supply in inventory (DIO) (2)	15	15	15
Days of purchases outstanding (DPO) (3)	(32)	(26)	(20)
Cash conversion cycle	27	32	41

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- (1) Represents the rolling three month average of the balance of trade accounts receivable, net at the end of the period divided by average daily net sales. Also incorporates components of other miscellaneous receivables.
- (2) Represents the rolling three month average of the balance of inventory at the end of the period divided by average daily cost of goods sold.
- (3) Represents the rolling three month average of the combined balance of accounts payable-trade, excluding cash overdrafts, and accounts payable-inventory financing at the end of the period divided by average daily cost of goods sold.

The cash conversion cycle decreased to 27 days at December 31, 2011 compared to 32 days at December 31, 2010, driven by a six-day increase in DPO. The increase in DPO reflects a higher combined balance of accounts payable-trade and accounts payable-inventory financing at December 31, 2011 compared to December 31, 2010 as purchase volumes increased to support higher net sales and we received more favorable payment terms for payables related to certain vendors. The one-day increase in DSO primarily reflects our overall sales growth and a higher proportion of government sales in the fourth quarter of 2011 compared to the same period in 2010.

The cash conversion cycle decreased to 32 days at December 31, 2010 compared to 41 days at December 31, 2009. This decrease was primarily due to a six-day increase in DPO reflecting a higher accounts payable balance as we reduced the amount of accelerated payments we made in exchange for early pay discounts at December 31, 2010 compared to the prior year end. A three-day decrease in DSO, due primarily to lower federal government sales within the Public segment, also contributed to the decrease in the cash conversion cycle.

For tax purposes, we were deemed to have paid a redemption premium in connection with the amendment to the Term Loan Facility in December 2010 that, in addition to certain expenses, we deducted in determining taxable income. As a result, we incurred a net operating loss for tax purposes that resulted in a receivable of \$53.3 million for refunds of previously paid income taxes. As of December 31, 2011, we had received the full amount of the refunds.

Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities in 2011 decreased \$69.4 million compared to 2010. This decline was primarily due to a reduction in cash payments between years of \$71.5 million under our interest rate swap agreements, as the \$6.6 million paid in 2011 reflected the final payment upon termination of the swap agreements on January 14, 2011. Capital expenditures were \$45.7 million for 2011 and \$41.5 million for 2010, primarily for improvements to our information technology systems during both years. During 2011 and 2010, we paid \$3.7 million and \$5.9 million, respectively, for new interest rate cap agreements.

Net cash used in investing activities in 2010 increased \$42.8 million compared to 2009. This was primarily due to an increase of \$25.9 million in capital expenditures in 2010 compared to 2009. Capital expenditures in 2010 consisted mainly of improvements to our information technology systems. In addition, cash payments under our interest rate swap agreements in 2010 increased \$6.0 million, as a result of increases in the spread between the variable rate of the underlying debt and the fixed rate of the swap agreements. We made premium payments totaling \$5.9 million during 2010 for four forward-starting interest rate cap agreements. During 2009, we received cash proceeds of \$5.2 million from the sale of the Informacast assets.

Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities decreased \$254.7 million in 2011 compared to 2010, primarily driven by higher cash contributions of \$247.3 million from accounts payable-inventory financing. As discussed below under the caption *Inventory Financing Arrangements*, in June 2011 we entered into a new inventory financing agreement with a financial intermediary to facilitate the purchase of inventory from a certain vendor. Inventory purchases from this vendor under the new agreement are included in accounts payable-inventory financing and reported as cash flows from financing activities. A combination of the increase in overall purchase volume under inventory financing agreements to support higher net sales in 2011 along with more favorable payment terms under the new inventory financing agreement drove the majority of the increase in cash flows from financing activities during 2011 compared to 2010. The net impact of our debt transactions resulted in cash outflows of \$346.4 million during 2011 compared to cash outflows of \$352.7 million during 2010.

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Net cash used in financing activities increased \$318.2 million for 2010 compared to 2009. This change was primarily due to net repayments of \$303.3 million that reduced our outstanding balance under our ABL Facility. We did not make any repayments under that facility in 2009.

Long-Term Debt and Financing Arrangements

Long-term debt, excluding capital leases, was as follows:

(in millions)	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
ABL Facility	\$	\$ 188.1
Term Loan Facility	1,540.5	1,672.5
Senior Secured Notes	500.0	500.0
Senior Notes	1,175.0	
Senior Bridge Loans and Existing Senior Notes	129.0	1,207.0
Senior Subordinated Bridge Loans and Existing Senior Subordinated Notes	721.5	721.5
Total long-term debt	4,066.0	4,289.1
Less current maturities of long-term debt	(201.0)	(132.0)
Long-term debt, excluding current maturities	\$ 3,865.0	\$ 4,157.1

As of December 31, 2011, we were in compliance with the covenants under our various credit facilities, which are described below.

ABL Facility

At December 31, 2011, we had no outstanding borrowings under the ABL Facility, \$1.7 million of undrawn letters of credit and \$219.0 million reserved related to the floorplan sub-facility.

On June 24, 2011, we entered into the ABL Facility, a new five-year \$900.0 million senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility, with the facility being available to us for borrowings, issuance of letters of credit and floorplan financing for certain vendor products. The ABL Facility matures on June 24, 2016, subject to an acceleration provision discussed below. The ABL Facility replaced our previous revolving loan credit facility that was to mature on October 12, 2012. The ABL Facility (i) increased the overall revolving credit facility capacity available to us from \$800.0 million to \$900.0 million, (ii) increased the maximum aggregate amount of increases that may be made to the ABL Facility from \$100.0 million to \$200.0 million, (iii) added a maturity acceleration provision based upon excess cash availability whereby the ABL Facility may mature 45 days prior to both the maturity of the non-extended portion of our Term Loan Facility and the maturity of our Existing Senior Notes, if excess cash availability does not exceed the outstanding borrowings of the subject maturing debt at the time of the test plus \$150 million, (iv) increased the fee on the unused portion of the ABL Facility from 25 basis points to either 37.5 or 50 basis points, depending on the amount of utilization, (v) increased the applicable interest rate margin, and (vi) incorporated a \$300.0 million floorplan sub-facility, which was increased to \$400.0 million on August 2, 2011. In connection with the termination of the previous facility, we recorded a loss on extinguishment of long-term debt of \$1.6 million in the consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2011, representing a write-off of a portion of unamortized deferred financing costs. Fees of \$7.2 million related to the ABL Facility were capitalized as deferred financing costs and are being amortized over the term of the facility on a straight-line basis.

As described in Note 5 to the Audited Financial Statements, in connection with the floorplan sub-facility, we entered into an inventory financing agreement on an unsecured basis with a financial intermediary to facilitate the purchase of inventory from this vendor (the ABL Facility financing agreement). Amounts outstanding under the

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ABL Facility financing agreement are unsecured and non-interest bearing. We will either pay the outstanding ABL Facility financing agreement amounts when they become due, or the ABL Facility's administrative agent will automatically initiate an advance on the ABL Facility and use the proceeds to pay the balance on the due date. As of December 31, 2011, we owed the financial intermediary \$212.2 million under the ABL Facility financing agreement, which excludes \$6.8 million in reserves for open orders that reduce the availability under the ABL Facility. The total amount reported on the consolidated balance sheet as accounts payable—inventory financing related to the ABL Facility financing agreement includes \$212.2 million owed to the financial intermediary and \$28.5 million accrued for product in transit. Changes in cash flows from the ABL Facility financing agreement are reported in financing activities on our consolidated statement of cash flows.

Borrowings under the ABL Facility bear interest at a variable interest rate plus an applicable margin. The variable interest rate is based on one of two indices, either (i) LIBOR, or (ii) the Alternate Base Rate (ABR) with the ABR being the greatest of (a) the prime rate, (b) the federal funds effective rate plus 50 basis points or (c) the one-month LIBOR plus 1.00%. The applicable margin varies (2.00% to 2.50% for LIBOR borrowings and 1.00% to 1.50% for ABR borrowings) depending upon our average daily excess cash availability under the agreement and after September 30, 2011 is subject to a reduction of 0.25% if, and for as long as, the senior secured leverage ratio is less than 3.0. The senior secured leverage ratio is defined as the ratio of senior secured debt (including amounts owed under certain inventory floorplan arrangements and capital leases) less cash and cash equivalents, to Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP measure, for the four most recently ended fiscal quarters. The margins on the previous revolving loan credit facility varied from 1.00% to 1.75% for LIBOR borrowings and 0.00% to 0.75% for ABR borrowings.

Availability under the ABL Facility is limited to (a) the lesser of the revolving commitment of \$900.0 million and the amount of the borrowing base less (b) outstanding borrowings, letters of credit, and amounts outstanding under the ABL Facility financing agreement plus a reserve of 15% of open orders. The borrowing base is (a) the sum of the products of the applicable advance rates on eligible accounts receivable and on eligible inventory as defined in the agreement less (b) any reserves. At December 31, 2011, the borrowing base was \$1,072.1 million as supported by eligible inventory and accounts receivable balances as of November 30, 2011. We could have borrowed up to an additional \$679.3 million under the ABL Facility at December 31, 2011.

CDW LLC is the borrower under the ABL Facility. All obligations under the ABL Facility are guaranteed by Parent and each of CDW LLC's direct and indirect, wholly owned, domestic subsidiaries. Borrowings under the ABL Facility are collateralized by a first priority interest in inventory (excluding inventory collateralized under the inventory floorplan arrangements as described in Note 5 to the Audited Financial Statements), deposits, and accounts receivable, and a second priority interest in substantially all other assets. The ABL Facility contains negative covenants that, among other things, place restrictions and limitations on the ability of Parent and each of CDW LLC's direct and indirect, wholly owned, domestic subsidiaries to dispose of assets, incur additional indebtedness, incur guarantee obligations, prepay other indebtedness, make distributions or other restricted payments, create liens, make equity or debt investments, make acquisitions, engage in mergers or consolidations, or engage in certain transactions with affiliates. The ABL Facility also includes maintenance of a minimum average daily excess cash availability requirement. Should we fall below the minimum average daily excess cash availability requirement for five consecutive business days, we become subject to a fixed charge coverage ratio until such time as the daily excess cash availability requirement is met for 30 consecutive business days.

Term Loan Facility

At December 31, 2011, the outstanding principal amount of our Term Loan Facility was \$1,540.5 million, with \$484.5 million of non-extended loans and \$1,056.0 million of Extended Loans. The effective weighted-average interest rate on Term Loan Facility principal amounts outstanding on December 31, 2011 was 3.98% per annum. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the effective weighted-average interest rate without giving effect to the interest rate swap agreements (see Note 8 to the Audited Financial Statements) was 4.34% per annum, and the effective weighted-average interest rate including the effect of the interest rate swap agreements was 4.51% per annum. The interest rate swap agreements terminated on January 14, 2011.

Borrowings under the Term Loan Facility bear interest at either (a) the ABR plus a margin; or (b) LIBOR plus a margin. The margin is based on our senior secured leverage ratio, as defined in the amended agreement evidencing the Term Loan Facility. Effective with the March 2011 amendment discussed below, the margins were

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reduced on Extended Loans. For ABR borrowings, the applicable margin varies within a range of 2.50% to 3.00% for non-extended loans and 1.75% to 2.25% for Extended Loans. For LIBOR borrowings, the applicable margin varies within a range of 3.50% to 4.00% for non-extended loans and 2.75% to 3.25% for Extended Loans. The non-extended loans under the Term Loan Facility mature on October 10, 2014. The Extended Loans mature on July 15, 2017. The maturity of the Extended Loans was subject to acceleration to July 15, 2015 if, as of July 14, 2015, (i) the senior secured leverage ratio is greater than or equal to 3.00 to 1.00 and (ii) the outstanding principal amount of Existing Senior Notes with a maturity date of October 12, 2015 is greater than or equal to \$500.0 million. We completed a cash tender offer and follow-on cash tender offer in 2011 (described below) and, as a result of the reduction in the outstanding balances of the Existing Senior Notes, the maturity of the Extended Loans will not be accelerated by reason of this provision.

On March 11, 2011, we entered into an amendment to the Term Loan Facility, which became effective on March 14, 2011. This amendment, among other things: (i) reduced the margins with respect to Extended Loans, (ii) established a LIBOR floor of 1.25% and an ABR floor of 2.25% with respect to Extended Loans, (iii) reset the start date for accumulating restricted payments that count against the general limit of \$25.0 million and (iv) provided a 1% prepayment premium for certain repayments or repricings of any Extended Loans for the six-month period following the effective date of the amendment. In connection with this amendment, we recorded a loss on extinguishment of long-term debt of \$3.2 million in our consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2011. This loss represents a write-off of a portion of the unamortized deferred financing costs related to the Term Loan Facility.

The Term Loan Facility requires us to make certain mandatory prepayments of principal amounts under certain circumstances, including (i) a prepayment in an amount equal to 50% of our excess cash flow for a fiscal year (the percentage rate of which can decrease based upon the total net leverage ratio as defined in the governing agreement), and (ii) the net cash proceeds from the incurrence of certain additional indebtedness by us or our subsidiaries. Excess cash flow is defined as Adjusted EBITDA, plus items such as reductions in working capital, less items such as increases in working capital, certain taxes paid in cash, interest that will be paid in cash, capital expenditures and repayment of long-term indebtedness. On March 16, 2011, we made a mandatory prepayment of \$132.0 million with respect to the year ended December 31, 2010 under the excess cash flow provision, and on March 14, 2012, we made another mandatory prepayment of \$21.0 million with respect to the year ended December 31, 2011 under the excess cash flow provision. On February 2, 2012, we made an optional prepayment of \$120.0 million aggregate principal amount, and on February 14, 2012, we made an additional optional prepayment of \$60.0 million aggregate principal amount. The prepayments were allocated on a pro rata basis between the Extended Loans and non-extended loans. The optional prepayments reduced the amount of the required excess cash flow payment on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

CDW LLC is the borrower under the Term Loan Facility. All obligations under the Term Loan Facility are guaranteed by Parent and each of CDW LLC's direct and indirect, wholly owned, domestic subsidiaries. The Term Loan Facility is collateralized by a second priority interest in substantially all inventory (excluding inventory collateralized under the inventory floorplan arrangements as described in Note 5 to the Audited Financial Statements), deposits, and accounts receivable, and by a first priority interest in substantially all other assets. The Term Loan Facility contains negative covenants that, among other things, place restrictions and limitations on the ability of Parent and each of CDW LLC's direct and indirect, wholly owned, domestic subsidiaries to dispose of assets, incur additional indebtedness, incur guarantee obligations, prepay other indebtedness, make distributions or other restricted payments, create liens, make equity or debt investments, make acquisitions, engage in mergers or consolidations, or engage in certain transactions with affiliates.

The Term Loan Facility also includes a senior secured leverage ratio requirement. The senior secured leverage ratio is required to be maintained on a quarterly basis and is defined as the ratio of senior secured debt (including amounts owed under certain inventory floorplan arrangements and capital leases) less cash and cash equivalents, to Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure, for the most recently ended four fiscal quarters. Compliance may be determined after giving effect to a designated equity contribution to the Company to be included in the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA. The senior secured leverage ratio for the four quarters ended December 31, 2011 was required to be at or below 7.25. For the four quarters ended December 31, 2011, the senior secured leverage ratio was 2.7. The senior secured leverage ratio is a material component of the Term Loan Facility. Non-compliance with the senior secured leverage ratio requirement would result in a default under the credit agreement governing the Term Loan Facility and could prevent us from borrowing under our ABL Facility. If there were an event of default

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under the credit agreement governing the Term Loan Facility that was not cured or waived, the lenders under the Term Loan Facility could cause all amounts outstanding under the Term Loan Facility to be due and payable immediately, which would have a material adverse effect on our financial position and cash flows. For a discussion of net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, investing activities and financing activities, see *Liquidity and Capital Resources* Cash Flows. For a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, see *Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data*.

We are required to maintain an interest rate hedge to fix or cap the interest rate on at least 50% of the outstanding principal amount of the Term Loan Facility through maturity, subject to certain limitations currently in effect. With the interest rate cap agreements in effect at December 31, 2011 as described in Note 8 to the Audited Financial Statements, we expect to be in compliance with this requirement through January 14, 2013.

Senior Secured Notes

The Senior Secured Notes were issued on December 17, 2010 and will mature on December 15, 2018. At December 31, 2011, the outstanding principal amount of the Senior Secured Notes was \$500.0 million.

CDW LLC and CDW Finance are the co-issuers of the Senior Secured Notes and the obligations under the notes are guaranteed by Parent and each of CDW LLC's direct and indirect, wholly owned, domestic subsidiaries. The Senior Secured Notes are secured on a pari passu basis with the Term Loan Facility by a second priority interest in substantially all inventory (excluding inventory collateralized under the inventory floorplan arrangements as described in Note 5 to the Audited Financial Statements), deposits, and accounts receivable, and by a first priority interest in substantially all other assets. The indenture governing our Senior Secured Notes contains negative covenants that, among other things, place restrictions and limitations on the ability of Parent and each of CDW LLC's direct and indirect, wholly owned, domestic subsidiaries to dispose of assets, incur additional indebtedness, incur guarantee obligations, prepay other indebtedness, make distributions or other restricted payments, create liens, make equity or debt investments, make acquisitions, engage in mergers or consolidations, or engage in certain transactions with affiliates. The indenture governing our Senior Secured Notes does not contain any financial covenants.

Existing Senior Notes

At December 31, 2011, the outstanding principal amount of our Existing Senior Notes was \$129.0 million. The Existing Senior Notes have a maturity date of October 12, 2015. The Existing Senior Notes are comprised of \$49.3 million of Existing Senior Cash Pay Notes and \$79.7 million of Existing Senior PIK Election Notes. We are required to pay cash interest on the outstanding principal of the Existing Senior Cash Pay Notes. For Existing Senior PIK Election Notes, we paid cash interest for the interest period April 15, 2011 through October 15, 2011 and are required to pay cash interest on the outstanding principal of the Existing Senior PIK Election Notes for the remaining interest periods through maturity.

On April 13, 2011, we completed a cash tender offer (the *Existing Senior Notes Tender Offer*) and purchased \$665.1 million aggregate principal amount of the Existing Senior Notes comprised of \$519.2 million of the Existing Senior Cash Pay Notes and \$145.9 million of the Existing Senior PIK Election Notes. We concurrently issued \$725.0 million in aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes. The proceeds from this offering, together with cash on hand and borrowings under the then-outstanding ABL Facility, were used to fund the purchase of the tendered Existing Senior Notes, including \$665.1 million aggregate principal amount of Existing Senior Notes, \$59.9 million in tender offer premium and \$36.5 million of accrued and unpaid interest, along with transaction fees and expenses.

On May 20, 2011, we completed a follow-on cash tender offer (the *Follow-on Existing Senior Notes Tender Offer*, and together with the Existing Senior Notes Tender Offer, the *Existing Senior Notes Tender Offers*) and purchased an additional \$412.8 million aggregate principal amount of Existing Senior Notes comprised of \$321.4 million of the Existing Senior Cash Pay Notes and \$91.4 million of the Existing Senior PIK Election Notes. We concurrently issued \$450.0 million in aggregate principal amount of additional Senior Notes. The proceeds from this offering, together with cash on hand and borrowings under the then-outstanding ABL Facility, were used to fund the purchase of the tendered Existing Senior Notes, including \$412.8 million aggregate principal amount of Existing Senior Notes, \$37.2 million in tender offer premium and \$4.5 million of accrued and unpaid interest, along with transaction fees and expenses. The aggregate principal amount of Existing Senior Notes outstanding following the Existing Senior Notes Tender Offers is \$129.0 million. As a result, the maturity of Extended Loans under the Term Loan Facility will not be subject to acceleration on July 15, 2015 as described above.

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In connection with the Existing Senior Notes Tender Offers, we recorded a loss on extinguishment of long-term debt of \$114.1 million in the consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2011. This loss represents \$97.0 million in tender offer premiums and \$17.1 million for the write-off of a portion of the unamortized deferred financing costs related to the Existing Senior Notes. In connection with the issuance of Senior Notes, fees of \$19.1 million were capitalized as deferred financing costs and are being amortized over the term of the notes using the effective interest method.

CDW LLC and CDW Finance are the co-issuers of the Existing Senior Notes. Obligations under the Existing Senior Notes are guaranteed on an unsecured senior basis by Parent and each of CDW LLC's direct and indirect, wholly owned, domestic subsidiaries that is a Guarantor under the Senior Credit Facilities. The indenture governing the Existing Senior Notes contains negative covenants that, among other things, place restrictions and limitations on the ability of Parent and each of CDW LLC's direct and indirect, wholly owned, domestic subsidiaries to dispose of assets, incur additional indebtedness, incur guarantee obligations, prepay other indebtedness, make distributions or other restricted payments, create liens, make equity or debt investments, make acquisitions, engage in mergers or consolidations, or engage in certain transactions with affiliates. The indentures governing the Existing Senior Notes do not contain any financial covenants.

On February 2, 2012, we commenced a tender offer to purchase any and all of the remaining \$129.0 million aggregate principal amount of Existing Senior Notes. On February 17, 2012, we accepted for purchase \$120.6 million aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Existing Senior Notes that were tendered. On March 5, 2012, we accepted for purchase an additional \$0.1 million aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Existing Senior Notes that were tendered prior to the expiration of the tender offer on March 2, 2012. We also called for redemption and, on March 19, 2012, redeemed the remaining \$8.3 million aggregate principal amount of Existing Senior Notes that were not tendered. As of the date of this prospectus, there are no Existing Senior Notes outstanding. These transactions are described in further detail in "Subsequent Events" below.

Senior Notes

As discussed above, on April 13, 2011, we issued \$725.0 million aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes and on May 20, 2011, we issued an additional \$450.0 million aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes. The proceeds from these issuances together with cash on hand and borrowings under the then-outstanding ABL Facility were used to fund the Existing Senior Notes Tender Offers described above. The Senior Notes will mature on April 1, 2019. At December 31, 2011, the outstanding principal amount of the Senior Notes was \$1,175.0 million.

CDW LLC and CDW Finance are the co-issuers of the Senior Notes. Obligations under the Senior Notes are guaranteed on an unsecured senior basis by Parent and each of CDW LLC's direct and indirect, wholly owned, domestic subsidiaries. The indenture governing our Senior Notes contains negative covenants that, among other things, place restrictions and limitations on the ability of Parent and each of CDW LLC's direct and indirect, wholly owned, domestic subsidiaries to dispose of assets, incur additional indebtedness, incur guarantee obligations, prepay other indebtedness, make distributions or other restricted payments, create liens, make equity or debt investments, make acquisitions, engage in mergers or consolidations, or engage in certain transactions with affiliates. The indenture governing our Senior Notes does not contain any financial covenants.

On February 17, 2012, we issued an additional \$130.0 million aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes at an issue price of 104.375% of par, as described in "Subsequent Events" below.

Existing Senior Subordinated Notes

At December 31, 2011, the outstanding principal amount of our Existing Senior Subordinated Notes was \$721.5 million. The Existing Senior Subordinated Notes have a maturity date of October 12, 2017. On March 10, 2010, one of our wholly owned subsidiaries purchased \$28.5 million of principal amount of Senior Subordinated Bridge Loans for a purchase price of \$18.6 million. We recorded a gain on the extinguishment of long-term debt of \$9.2 million on the consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2010 related to this repurchase. In May 2010, the \$28.5 million in principal amount of loans that were repurchased were exchanged for increasing rate notes and subsequently surrendered to the indenture trustee for cancellation.

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CDW LLC and CDW Finance are the co-issuers of the Existing Senior Subordinated Notes. Obligations under the Existing Senior Subordinated Notes are guaranteed on an unsecured senior basis by Parent and each of CDW LLC's direct and indirect, wholly owned, domestic subsidiaries. The indenture governing our Existing Senior Subordinated Notes contains negative covenants that, among other things, place restrictions and limitations on the ability of Parent and each of CDW LLC's direct and indirect, wholly owned, domestic subsidiaries to dispose of assets, incur additional indebtedness, incur guarantee obligations, prepay other indebtedness, make distributions or other restricted payments, create liens, make equity or debt investments, make acquisitions, engage in mergers or consolidations, or engage in certain transactions with affiliates. The indenture governing our Existing Senior Subordinated Notes does not contain any financial covenants.

Inventory Financing Agreements

We have entered into agreements with certain financial intermediaries to facilitate the purchase of inventory from various suppliers under certain terms and conditions, as described below. At December 31, 2011 and 2010, we owed a total of \$278.7 million and \$28.2 million, respectively, under these agreements. These amounts are classified separately as accounts payable inventory financing on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

In June 2011, we entered into the new ABL Facility, which incorporates a \$400.0 million floorplan sub-facility to facilitate the purchase of inventory from a certain vendor. In connection with the floorplan sub-facility, we entered the ABL Facility financing agreement. Amounts outstanding under the ABL Facility financing agreement are unsecured and non-interest bearing. At December 31, 2011, we owed \$240.7 million under this agreement, including \$28.5 million accrued for product in transit.

From time to time, we may enter into an agreement with a financial intermediary relating to the purchase of inventory from a supplier who has factored its receivables to the financial intermediary. Our obligations under these agreements are not collateralized. We do not incur any interest expense associated with these agreements as balances are paid when they are due. At December 31, 2011 and 2010, we owed a financial intermediary \$30.3 million and \$18.6 million, respectively, under such an agreement.

At December 31, 2011, we had inventory floorplan arrangements in place allowing for a maximum credit line of \$11.0 million collateralized by the inventory purchases under these floorplan arrangements financed by the financial intermediaries and a second lien on the related accounts receivable. We do not incur any interest expense associated with these agreements as balances are paid when they are due. At December 31, 2011 and 2010, we owed the financial intermediaries \$7.7 million and \$9.6 million, respectively, under these inventory floorplan arrangements.

Contractual Obligations

We have future obligations under various contracts relating to debt and interest payments, operating leases and asset retirement obligations. The following table presents our estimated future payments under contractual obligations that existed as of December 31, 2011, based on undiscounted amounts.

(in millions)	Total	Payments Due by Period			
		< 1 year	1-3 years	4-5 years	> 5 years
ABL Facility (1)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Term Loan Facility (2)	1,795.1	255.4	525.2	74.6	939.9
Senior Secured Notes (3)	780.0	40.0	80.0	80.0	580.0
Existing Senior Notes (3)	187.2	14.6	29.2	143.4	
Senior Notes (3)	1,924.1	99.9	199.8	199.8	1,424.6
Existing Senior Subordinated Notes (3)	1,263.4	90.4	180.9	180.9	811.2
Operating leases (4)	118.5	17.5	35.1	29.2	36.7
Asset retirement obligations (5)	0.5			0.5	
Total	\$ 6,068.8	\$ 517.8	\$ 1,050.2	\$ 708.4	\$ 3,792.4

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- (1) Includes only principal payments. Excludes interest payments and fees related to the ABL Facility because of variability with respect to the timing of advances and repayments.
- (2) Includes future principal and cash interest payments on long-term borrowings through scheduled maturity dates. Interest payments for the variable rate debt were calculated using interest rates as of December 31, 2011. Excluded from these amounts are the amortization of debt issuance and other costs related to indebtedness.
- (3) Includes future principal and cash interest payments on long-term borrowings through scheduled maturity dates. Interest on our Senior Secured Notes, Existing Senior Notes, Senior Notes and Existing Senior Subordinated Notes is calculated using the stated interest rate. Excluded from these amounts are the amortization of debt issuance and other costs related to indebtedness. See [Subsequent Events](#) for a description of refinancing transactions entered into in 2012.
- (4) Includes the minimum lease payments for non-cancelable leases for properties and equipment used in our operations.
- (5) Represent commitments to return property subject to operating leases to original condition upon lease termination.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a material current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

Commitments and Contingencies

We are party to legal proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of our business, including various pending litigation matters. We are also subject to audit by federal, state and local authorities, by various customers, including government agencies, relating to sales under certain contracts and by vendors. In addition, from time to time, certain of our customers file voluntary petitions for reorganization or liquidation under the U.S. bankruptcy laws. In such cases, certain pre-petition payments received by us could be considered preference items and subject to return to the bankruptcy administrator.

As of December 31, 2011, we do not believe that there is a reasonable possibility that any material loss exceeding the amounts already recognized for these proceedings and matters, if any, has been incurred. However, the ultimate resolutions of these proceedings and matters are inherently unpredictable. As such, our financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected in any particular period by the unfavorable resolution of one or more of these proceedings or matters.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make use of certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reported periods. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

In Note 1 to the Audited Financial Statements, we include a discussion of the significant accounting policies used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements. We believe the following are the most critical accounting policies and estimates that include significant judgments used in the preparation of our financial statements. We consider an accounting policy or estimate to be critical if it requires assumptions to be made that were uncertain at the time they were made, and if changes in these assumptions could have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

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We are a primary distribution channel for a large group of vendors and suppliers, including OEMs, software publishers and wholesale distributors. We record revenue from sales transactions when title and risk of loss are passed to our customer, there is persuasive evidence of an arrangement for sale, delivery has occurred and/or services have been rendered, the sales price is fixed or determinable, and collectability is reasonably assured. Our shipping terms typically specify F.O.B. destination, at which time title and risk of loss have passed to the customer.

Revenues from the sales of hardware products or software products and licenses are generally recognized on a gross basis with the selling price to the customer recorded as sales and the acquisition cost of the product recorded as cost of sales. These items can be delivered to customers in a variety of ways, including (i) as physical product shipped from our warehouse, (ii) via drop-shipment by the vendor, or (iii) via electronic delivery for software licenses. At the time of sale, we record an estimate for sales returns and allowances based on historical experience. Our vendor OEMs warrant most of the products we sell.

We leverage drop-ship arrangements with many of our vendors and suppliers to deliver products to our customers without having to physically hold the inventory at our warehouses, thereby increasing efficiency and reducing costs. We recognize revenue for drop-ship arrangements on a gross basis upon delivery to the customer with contract terms that typically specify F.O.B. destination. We recognize revenue on a gross basis as the principal in the transaction because we are the primary obligor in the arrangement, we assume inventory risk if the product is returned by the customer, we set the price of the product charged to the customer, we assume credit risk for the amounts invoiced, and we work closely with our customers to determine their hardware and software specifications. These arrangements generally represent approximately 20% to 30% of total net sales.

Revenue from professional services is either recognized as incurred for services billed at an hourly rate or recognized using the percentage of completion method for services provided at a fixed fee. Revenue for data center services, including internet connectivity, web hosting, server co-location and managed services, is recognized over the period service is provided.

We also sell certain products for which we act as an agent. Products in this category include the sale of third-party services, warranties or software assurance (SA). SA is an insurance or maintenance product that allows customers to upgrade, at no additional cost, to the latest technology if new applications are introduced during the period that the SA is in effect. These sales do not meet the criteria for gross sales recognition, and thus are recognized on a net basis at the time of sale. Under net sales recognition, the cost paid to the vendor or third-party service provider is recorded as a reduction to sales, resulting in net sales being equal to the gross profit on the transaction.

Our larger customers are offered the opportunity by certain of our vendors to purchase software licenses and SA under enterprise agreements (EAs). Under EAs, customers are considered to be compliant with applicable license requirements for the ensuing year, regardless of changes to their employee base. Customers are charged an annual true-up fee for changes in the number of users over the year. With most EAs, our vendors will transfer the license and bill the customer directly, paying resellers such as us an agency fee or commission on these sales. We record these fees as a component of net sales as earned and there is no corresponding cost of sales amount. In certain instances, we bill the customer directly under an EA and account for the individual items sold based on the nature of the item. Our vendors typically dictate how the EA will be sold to the customer.

From time to time, we sell some of our products and services as part of bundled contract arrangements containing multiple deliverables, which may include a combination of the products and services. For each deliverable that represents a separate unit of accounting, revenue is allocated based upon the relative selling prices of each element as determined by our selling price for the deliverable when it is sold on a stand-alone basis.

We record freight billed to our customers as net sales and the related freight costs as a cost of sales. Vendor rebates are recorded over the period earned as a reduction of cost of sales. Price protection is recorded when earned as a reduction to cost of sales or merchandise inventory, as applicable.

Deferred revenue includes (1) payments received from customers in advance of providing the product or performing services, and (2) amounts deferred if other conditions of revenue recognition have not been met.

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We perform an analysis of the estimated number of days of sales in-transit to customers at the end of each period based on a weighted-average analysis of commercial delivery terms that includes drop-ship arrangements. This analysis is the basis upon which we estimate the amount of sales in-transit at the end of the period and adjust revenue and the related costs to reflect only what has been received by the customer. Changes in delivery patterns may result in a different number of business days used in making this adjustment and could have a material impact on our revenue recognition for the period.

Inventory Valuation

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market value. Cost is determined using a weighted-average cost method. We decrease the value of inventory for estimated obsolescence equal to the difference between the cost of inventory and the estimated market value, based upon an aging analysis of the inventory on hand, specifically known inventory-related risks, and assumptions about future demand and market conditions. If future demand or actual market conditions are less favorable than those projected by management, additional inventory write-downs may be required.

Vendor Programs

We receive incentives from certain of our vendors related to cooperative advertising allowances, volume rebates, bid programs, price protection and other programs. These incentives generally relate to written agreements with specified performance requirements with the vendors and are recorded as adjustments to cost of sales or advertising expense, as appropriate. Vendors may change the terms of some or all of these programs, which could have an impact on our results of operations.

We record receivables from vendors related to these programs when the amounts are probable and reasonably estimable. Some programs are based on the achievement of specific targets, and we base our estimates on information provided by our vendors and internal information to assess our progress toward achieving those targets. If actual performance does not match our estimates, we may be required to adjust our receivables. We record reserves for vendor receivables for estimated losses due to vendors' inability to pay or rejections by vendors of claims; however, if actual collections differ from our estimates, we may incur additional losses that could have a material impact on gross margin and operating income.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill is not amortized but is subject to periodic testing for impairment at the reporting unit level. Our reporting units used to assess potential goodwill impairment are the same as our operating segments. We are required to perform an evaluation of goodwill on an annual basis or more frequently if circumstances indicate a potential impairment. The annual test for impairment is conducted as of December 1. Testing for impairment of goodwill is a two-step process. The first step compares the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount, including goodwill. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step compares the implied fair value of reporting unit goodwill with the carrying amount of that goodwill to determine the amount of impairment loss. Fair value of a reporting unit is determined by using a weighted combination of an income approach and a market approach, as this combination is considered the most indicative of the reporting units' fair value in an orderly transaction between market participants. Under the income approach, we determine fair value based on estimated future cash flows of a reporting unit, discounted by an estimated weighted-average cost of capital, which reflects the overall level of inherent risk of a reporting unit and the rate of return an outside investor would expect to earn. Under the market approach, we utilize valuation multiples derived from publicly available information for peer group companies to provide an indication of how much a knowledgeable investor in the marketplace would be willing to pay for a company. We have weighted the income approach and the market approach at 75% and 25%, respectively.

Determining the fair value of a reporting unit (and the allocation of that fair value to individual assets and liabilities within the reporting unit to determine the implied fair value of goodwill in the event a step two analysis is required) is judgmental in nature and requires the use of significant estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions include primarily, but are not limited to, discount rate, terminal growth rate, selection of appropriate peer group companies and control premium applied, and forecasts of revenue growth rates, gross margins, operating margins, and working capital requirements. The allocation requires analysis to determine the fair value of assets and liabilities including, among others, customer relationships, trade names, and property and equipment. Any changes in the judgments, estimates, or assumptions used could produce significantly different results. Although we believe our assumptions are reasonable, actual results may vary significantly and may expose us to material impairment charges in the future.

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Intangible assets include customer relationships, trade names, internally developed software and other intangibles. Intangible assets with determinable lives are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The cost of software developed or obtained for internal use is capitalized and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the software. These intangible assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. Determination of recoverability is based on an estimate of undiscounted future cash flows resulting from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future undiscounted cash flows, an impairment loss is recorded for the excess of the asset's carrying amount over its fair value.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

We record an allowance for doubtful accounts related to trade accounts receivable for estimated losses resulting from the inability of our customers to make required payments. We take into consideration historical loss experience, the overall quality of the receivable portfolio and specifically identified customer risks. If actual collections of customer receivables differ from our estimates, additional allowances may be required which could have an impact on our results of operations.

Income Taxes

Deferred income taxes are provided to reflect the differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their reported amounts in the consolidated financial statements using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. We perform an evaluation of the realizability of our deferred tax assets on a quarterly basis. This evaluation requires us to use estimates and make assumptions and considers all positive and negative evidence and factors, such as the scheduled reversal of temporary differences, the mix of earnings in the jurisdictions in which we operate, and prudent and feasible tax planning strategies.

We account for unrecognized tax benefits based upon our assessment of whether a tax benefit is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by tax authorities. We report a liability for unrecognized tax benefits resulting from unrecognized tax benefits taken or expected to be taken in a tax return and recognize interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Testing Goodwill for Impairment

In September 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2011-08 which is intended to reduce the cost and complexity of the annual goodwill impairment test by providing entities an option to perform a qualitative assessment to determine whether further impairment testing is necessary. If an entity concludes that it is more likely than not that a reporting unit's fair value is equal to or greater than its carrying amount using the qualitative assessment, the entity would not be required to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test for that reporting unit. This update is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011 with early adoption permitted. We plan to adopt the guidance on January 1, 2012 and do not expect the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

Presentation of Comprehensive Income

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-05 which amends current guidance on the presentation of comprehensive income. The new guidance eliminates the option to present the components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of shareholders' equity. It requires an entity to present the total of comprehensive income, the components of net income, and the components of other comprehensive income either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. The guidance does not change the items which must be reported in other comprehensive income, how such items are measured or when they must be reclassified to net income.

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In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-12 which defers certain provisions of ASU 2011-05, including the requirement within ASU 2011-05 to present reclassification adjustments from accumulated other comprehensive income to net income on the face of the financial statements.

The amendments in ASU 2011-05 and ASU 2011-12 are to be applied retrospectively and are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011. As this guidance impacts presentation only, we do not expect the adoption of this guidance will have an impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Fair Value Measurements

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-04. The new guidance results in common principles and requirements for measuring fair value and for disclosing information about fair value measurements in accordance with GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The new guidance does not extend the use of fair value accounting, but provides guidance on how it should be applied where its use is already required or permitted by other standards within GAAP or IFRS. This update is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011, with early adoption prohibited for public entities. As this guidance only requires additional disclosure, we do not expect the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In January 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-06 to amend and expand the disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. The guidance requires new disclosures about transfers in and transfers out of Levels 1 and 2 fair value measurements and presentation of the activities within Level 3 fair value measurements (presented gross in a roll forward of activity). The guidance also clarifies existing disclosures about the level of disaggregation of fair value for each class of assets and liabilities and about inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value. Except for the disclosures in the roll forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements, ASU 2010-06 was effective for us as of January 1, 2010. The disclosures in the roll forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements became effective for us as of January 1, 2011. As this guidance only required additional disclosure and we did not have any Level 3 fair value measurements, the adoption of ASU 2010-06 did not have an impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Revenue Arrangements

In October 2009, the FASB issued two ASUs to authoritative guidance on revenue arrangements. ASU 2009-13 modifies the criteria for separating consideration in multiple-deliverable arrangements, establishes a selling price hierarchy for determining the relative selling price of a deliverable, eliminates the residual method of allocation and expands the disclosures related to multiple-deliverable revenue arrangements. From time to time, we sell some of our products and services as part of bundled contract arrangements containing multiple deliverables, which may include a combination of products and services. For each deliverable that represents a separate unit of accounting, revenue is allocated based upon the relative selling prices of each element as determined by our selling price for the deliverable when it is sold on a stand-alone basis. We adopted the amended guidance in ASU 2009-13 on a prospective basis as of January 1, 2011. This adoption did not significantly change our units of accounting or the method we use to allocate revenue to separate units of accounting and consequently did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

ASU 2009-14 modifies the scope of authoritative guidance for revenue arrangements that include both tangible products and software elements to exclude from its requirements (1) non-software components of tangible products, and (2) software components of tangible products that are sold, licensed or leased with tangible products when the software components and non-software components of the tangible product function together to deliver the tangible product's essential functionality. We adopted the amended guidance in ASU 2009-14 on a prospective basis as of January 1, 2011. The adoption of ASU 2009-14 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

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Subsequent Events

On February 2, 2012 we announced that we had commenced a tender offer (the Third Existing Senior Notes Tender Offer) to purchase any and all of the outstanding \$129.0 million aggregate principal amount of Existing Senior Notes, which expired on March 2, 2012. Concurrently, we announced that we had priced an offering of \$130.0 million aggregate principal amount of additional Senior Notes at an issue price of 104.375% of par, which closed on February 17, 2012.

On February 17, 2012, we announced that we had accepted for purchase \$120.6 million principal amount of the outstanding Existing Senior Notes, representing approximately 93.5% of the outstanding Existing Senior Notes, that were tendered by February 16, 2012. On March 5, 2012, we accepted for purchase an additional \$0.1 million principal amount of the outstanding Existing Senior Notes that were tendered prior to the expiration of the Third Existing Senior Notes Tender Offer on March 2, 2012. We called for redemption and, on March 19, 2012, redeemed the remaining \$8.3 million principal amount of Existing Senior Notes that were not tendered. As of the date of this prospectus, there are no Existing Senior Notes outstanding.

The proceeds from the issuance of the additional Senior Notes, together with cash on hand and borrowings under the ABL Facility, were used to fund the purchase of the Existing Senior Notes tendered pursuant to the Third Existing Senior Notes Tender Offer, including the payment of tender and consent consideration, accrued and unpaid interest and transaction fees and expenses, and the payment of the redemption price and accrued and unpaid interest of the Existing Senior Notes called for redemption.

In connection with the purchase of the Existing Senior Notes under the Third Existing Senior Notes Tender Offer and the call for redemption, we expect to record a loss on extinguishment of long-term debt of approximately \$9 million in our consolidated statement of operations in the first quarter of 2012. The loss represents tender offer consideration, redemption price payments and the write-off of unamortized deferred financing costs related to the Existing Senior Notes.

On February 2, 2012, we made an optional prepayment of \$120.0 million aggregate principal amount of the Term Loan Facility. On February 14, 2012, we made an additional optional prepayment of \$60.0 million. The prepayments were allocated on a pro rata basis between the Extended Loans and non-extended loans. The optional prepayments reduced the amount of the required mandatory prepayment due in 2012 under the excess cash flow provision of the Term Loan Facility on a dollar-for-dollar basis with respect to the year ended December 31, 2011. On March 14, 2012, we paid the balance of the mandatory prepayment of \$21.0 million aggregate principal amount of the Term Loan Facility with respect to the year ended December 31, 2011 under the excess cash flow provision.

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures of Market Risks

Our market risks relate primarily to changes in interest rates. The interest rates on borrowings under our ABL Facility and our Term Loan Facility are floating and, therefore, are subject to fluctuations. In order to manage the risk associated with changes in interest rates on borrowings under our Term Loan Facility, we have entered into interest rate derivative agreements to hedge a portion of the cash flows associated with the facility. Our objectives in using interest rate derivatives are to add stability to interest expense and to manage our exposure to interest rate fluctuations.

We utilize interest rate caps for the purpose of limiting current and future exposure to interest rate risk on our floating-rate debt under the Term Loan Facility.

In April 2010, we entered into four interest rate cap agreements with a combined \$1,100.0 million notional amount. Under these agreements, we made premium payments totaling \$5.9 million to the counterparties in exchange for the right to receive payments from them of the amount, if any, by which three-month LIBOR exceeds 3.5% during the agreement period. These cap agreements are effective from January 14, 2011 through January 14, 2013.

During 2011, we entered into four interest rate cap agreements with a combined \$500.0 million notional amount. Under the agreements, we made premium payments totaling \$3.7 million to the counterparties in exchange for the right to receive payments from them of the amount, if any, by which three-month LIBOR exceeds 3.5% during the agreement period. The cap agreements are effective from January 14, 2013 through January 14, 2015.

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The interest rate cap agreements have not been designated as cash flow hedges of interest rate risk for accounting purposes. Instead, these agreements are recorded at fair value on our consolidated balance sheet, with changes in fair value recorded directly to interest expense, net in our consolidated statements of operations each period.

See [Liquidity and Capital Resources](#) [Contractual Obligations](#) for information on cash flows, interest rates and maturity dates of our debt obligations.

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CDW is a leading multi-brand technology solutions provider to business, government, education and healthcare customers in the U.S. and Canada. We provide comprehensive and integrated solutions for our customers' technology needs through our extensive hardware, software and value-added service offerings. We serve over 250,000 customers through our experienced and dedicated sales force of more than 3,600 coworkers. We offer over 100,000 products from over 1,000 brands and a multitude of advanced technology solutions. Our broad range of technology products includes leading brands such as Hewlett-Packard, Microsoft, Cisco, Lenovo, EMC, IBM, Apple and VMware. Our offerings range from discrete hardware and software products to complex technology solutions such as virtualization, collaboration, security, mobility, data center optimization and cloud computing. Our sales and operating results have been driven by the combination of our large and knowledgeable selling organization, highly skilled technology specialists and engineers, extensive range of product offerings, strong vendor partner relationships, and fulfillment and logistics capabilities. For the year ended December 31, 2011, our net sales, net income and Adjusted EBITDA were \$9,602.4 million, \$17.1 million and \$717.3 million, respectively. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. See [Summary Historical Financial Data](#) for the definition of Adjusted EBITDA, the reasons for its inclusion and a reconciliation to net income.

We have two reportable segments:

Corporate. Our Corporate segment customers are primarily in the small and medium business category, which we define as customers with up to 1,000 employees at a single location. We also serve larger customers, including FORTUNE 1000 companies, that value our broad offerings, brand selection and flexible delivery model. We have over 200,000 active accounts, well diversified across numerous industries. Our Corporate segment is divided into a small business customer channel, primarily serving customers with up to 100 employees, and a medium-large business customer channel, primarily serving customers with more than 100 employees. Our Corporate segment sales team is primarily organized by geography and customer size. We believe this enables us to better understand and serve customer needs, optimize sales resource coverage, and strengthen relationships with vendor partners to create more sales opportunities. Our Corporate segment generated net sales of \$5,334.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Public. Our Public segment is divided into government, education and healthcare customer channels. The government channel serves federal as well as state and local governments. The education channel serves higher education and K-12 customers. The healthcare channel serves customers across the healthcare provider industry. We have built sizable businesses in each of our three Public customer channels as annual net sales for the year ended December 31, 2011 exceeded \$1 billion for each customer channel. Our Public segment sales teams are organized by customer channel, and within each customer channel, they are generally organized by geography, except our federal government sales teams, which are organized by agency. We believe this enables our sales teams to address the specific needs of their customer channel while promoting strong customer relationships. Our Public segment generated net sales of \$3,757.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Other. We also have two other operating segments, CDW Advanced Services and Canada, which do not meet the reportable segment quantitative thresholds and, accordingly, are combined together as Other. The CDW Advanced Services business is comprised of customized engineering services delivered by CDW professional engineers, as well as managed services, including hosting and data center services. Certain other services, such as custom configuration and third-party services, are included in our Corporate and Public segment net sales and not in

Other. Advanced services provided by CDW professional engineers are recorded in CDW Advanced Services. Our CDW Advanced Services and Canada business segments generated net sales of \$510.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

For further information on our segments, including financial results, see Note 18 to our Audited Financial Statements.

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History

CDW was founded in 1984. In 2003, we purchased selected U.S. assets and the Canadian operations of Micro Warehouse, which extended our growth platform into Canada. In 2006, we acquired Berbee Information Networks Corporation, a provider of technology products, solutions and customized engineering services in advanced technologies primarily across Cisco, IBM and Microsoft portfolios. This acquisition increased our capabilities in customized engineering services and managed services. In 2007, we were acquired by Parent. For a description of the acquisition, see Summary The Acquisition Transactions and Related Financing Events.

Industry Overview

According to IDC, the overall U.S. technology market generated approximately \$601 billion in sales in 2011, including \$216 billion in hardware sales, \$158 billion in software sales and \$227 billion in services sales. The channels through which these products and services are delivered are highly fragmented and served by a multitude of participants. These participants include OEMs, software publishers, wholesale distributors and resellers. Wholesale distributors, such as Ingram Micro Inc., Tech Data Corporation and SYNEX Corporation, act as intermediaries between OEMs and software publishers, on the one hand, and resellers, on the other hand, providing logistics management and supply-chain services. Resellers, which include direct marketers, value-added resellers, e-tailers and retailers, sell products and/or services directly to the end-user customer, sourcing products sold to their customers directly from OEMs and software publishers or from wholesale distributors. CDW is a technology solutions provider with both direct marketer and value-added reseller capabilities.

Two key customer groups within our addressable market are the small and medium business market and the public sector market. The small and medium business market is highly fragmented and is generally characterized by companies that employ fewer than 1,000 employees. The public sector market is also fragmented and is generally divided into market verticals, each with specialized needs that require an adaptive and flexible sales, services and logistics model to meet customer needs. We believe that many vendors rely heavily on channel partners like CDW to efficiently serve small and medium business and public sector customers.

Our Competitive Strengths

We believe the following strengths have contributed to our success and enabled us to become an important strategic partner for both our customers and our vendor partners: *Significant Scale and Scope*

We are a leading multi-brand technology solutions provider in the U.S. and Canada. Based upon publicly available information, we believe that our net sales are significantly larger than any other multi-brand direct marketer or value-added reseller in the U.S. Our significant scale and scope create competitive advantages through:

Breadth of solutions for our customers. The breadth and depth of knowledge that our direct selling organization, specialists and engineers have across multiple industries and technologies position us well to anticipate and meet our customers' needs. Our size allows us to provide our customers with a broad selection of over 100,000 technology products from over 1,000 brands and a multitude of advanced technology solutions at competitive prices. We have leveraged our scale to provide a high level of customer service and a breadth of technology options, making it easy for customers to do business with us.

Broad market access for our vendor partners. We believe we are an attractive route to market for our vendor partners in part because we provide them with access to a cost-effective and highly knowledgeable sales and marketing organization that reaches over 250,000 customers. Our vendor partners recognize that, in addition to providing broad customer reach, our scale and scope enables us to sell, deliver and implement their products and services to customers with a high level of knowledge and consistency.

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Operational cost efficiencies and productivity. Our large scale provides us with operational cost efficiencies across our organization, including purchasing, operations, IT, sales, marketing and other support functions. We leverage these advantages through our two modern distribution centers, our efficient business processes and constant focus on productivity improvements, and our proprietary information systems, which has enabled us to provide cost-efficient service to our customers.

Coworker Culture

Our steadfast focus on serving customers and investing in coworkers has fostered a strong, “get it done” culture at CDW. Since our founding, we have adhered to a core philosophy known as the Circle of Service, which places the customer at the center of all of our actions. We have consistently and cost effectively invested in our coworkers by providing broad and deep coworker training, supplying resources that contribute to their success and offering them broad career development opportunities. This constant focus on customers and coworkers has created a customer-centric, highly engaged coworker base, which ultimately benefits our customers and fosters customer loyalty.

Large and Knowledgeable Direct Selling Organization

We have a large and experienced sales force, consisting of more than 3,600 coworkers, including almost 2,900 account managers and field account executives. We believe our success is due, in part, to the strength of our account managers’ dedicated relationships with customers that are developed by calling on existing and new customers, providing advice on products, responding to customer inquiries and developing solutions to our customers’ complex technology needs. The deep industry knowledge of our dedicated sales, marketing and support resources within each of our customer channels allows us to understand and solve the unique challenges and evolving technology needs of our customers. Multiple customer surveys administered by independent parties consistently show that customers view CDW as a leader in customer service compared to other multi-brand resellers and solution providers.

Highly Skilled Technology Specialists and Engineers

Our direct selling organization is supported by a team of almost 800 technology specialists and almost 600 service delivery engineers with more than 3,400 industry-recognized certifications who bring deep product and solution knowledge and experience to the technology challenges of our customers. We believe our technology specialists, who work with customers and our direct selling organization to design solutions and provide recommendations in the selection and procurement process, are an important resource and differentiator for us as we seek to expand our offerings of value-added services and solutions.

Large and Established Customer Channels

We have grown our customer channels within the Corporate and Public segments to sizeable businesses. Our government, education, healthcare and small business channels each has net sales that exceed \$1 billion. Our scale allows us to create specialized sales resources across multiple customer markets, which enables us to better understand and meet our customers’ evolving IT requirements. Our scale also provides us diversification benefits. For instance, our Public segment, which is comprised of our government, education and healthcare channels, has historically been less correlated to economic cycles, as evidenced by its 5% net sales growth in 2009 while overall technology spending declined in the U.S. market, according to IDC.

Strong, Established Vendor Partner Relationships

We believe that our strong vendor partner relationships differentiate us from other multi-brand technology solutions providers. In addition to providing a cost-effective route to market for vendor partners, we believe that many of our competitive strengths enhance our value proposition to our vendor partners. We believe we are an important extension of our vendor partners’ sales and marketing capabilities as we are the largest U.S. reseller for many of our vendor partners, including Hewlett-Packard. We have three vendor partners with whom we have annual \$1 billion-plus relationships, and we have 14 vendor partners with whom we have relationships exceeding \$100 million a year. As such, we are able to provide technology resources and insights to our customers that might otherwise be difficult for them to access independently or through other technology providers. Our direct selling organization, technology specialists and large customer channels allow us to develop intimate knowledge of our customers’ environments and their specific needs. Frequently, vendor partners will select CDW as a partner to develop and grow new customer solutions. We are regularly recognized with top awards from our vendor partners. In 2011, we were named Microsoft’s Volume Licensing Partner of the Year and received eight Cisco Partner of the Year awards.

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Our goal is to continue to strengthen our position as a leading multi-brand national provider of technology products and solutions by growing our revenues and driving profitability. We plan to achieve this objective by capitalizing on our competitive strengths and pursuing the following strategies:

Focus on Customer Requirements and Market Segmentation

We have grown our revenues faster than the market, which we attribute in large part to our focus on customer requirements and market segmentation. We believe our customer intimacy enables us to better understand our customers' needs and to better identify profitable growth opportunities. We intend to maintain this focus with a goal of continuing to outpace our competitors in revenue growth in the markets we serve through increased share of wallet from existing customers, sales to new customers and expanded IT services offerings to both new and existing customers. We believe our efforts in these areas will be augmented as we improve our sales coverage and further segment our customer base, further leverage our knowledge of our customers' environments and continue to help our customers adopt proven technologies that meet their needs and make the most of their IT investments.

Leverage our Superior Sales and Marketing Model

We intend to continue to leverage our large, highly productive sales and marketing organization to serve existing customer requirements, effectively target new customer prospects, improve our product and solutions offerings, maximize sales resource coverage, strategically deploy internal sales teams, technology specialists and field sales account executives, and strengthen vendor partner relationships, all with the end goal of creating profitable sales opportunities. Some of the initiatives we have implemented within the last few years, including our realignment of our medium and large corporate account managers into geographic regions, our addition of selling resources to our healthcare customer channel and our addition of more technology specialists to facilitate sales of newer and more complex technology solutions, have contributed to an increase in our annualized net sales per coworker from \$1.364 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007 to \$1.476 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2011. We plan to continue to identify and pursue opportunities that further enhance productivity. Recently, we have added sales operations supervisors to handle administrative tasks for our direct sales force coworkers, which we believe will further enhance their productivity, and we have continued to align our compensation programs to drive profitable revenue growth.

Meet our Customers' Changing Needs through Expanded Service Offerings and Solutions

We intend to continue to expand the range of technology solutions we offer to continue to keep pace with the technology marketplace. As customers increasingly demand more elaborate services and solutions in addition to traditional hardware and software products, we believe that expanding the range of technology solutions that we offer will enhance our value proposition to our customers and help us to maximize our revenue and profit growth potential. We have added almost 600 technology specialists since mid-2004 and almost 500 services delivery engineers since mid-2006. CDW currently has almost 800 technology specialists, organized around core solutions and aligned with our selling organization. CDW is growing its presence in geographic markets across the U.S. with coworkers focused on delivering customized engineering solutions. We plan to continue to invest in resources and training for our technology specialists and services delivery coworkers to provide our customers with the expert advice and experience they need to make the most of their technology expenditures.

Leverage Relationships with Leading Vendor Partners

We intend to continue to leverage our long-standing relationships with major vendor partners to support the growth and profitability of our business. We plan to use our vendor partner relationships to ensure that our sales organization remains well-positioned and well-trained to market new and emerging technologies to end users. As one example, we are currently working with several large vendor partners to assist them in the sales of cloud computing solutions to the small and medium business marketplace. We believe our strong vendor partner relationships will also provide collaborative opportunities for our sales organization and vendor field sales representatives to identify and fulfill additional customer requirements, creating increased sales to both new and existing customers. In addition, we plan to leverage our significant scale to maximize the benefits from volume discounts, purchase or sales rebates, vendor incentive programs and marketing development funds.

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Risk Factors

Our business is subject to a number of risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, the following:

General economic conditions could negatively affect technology spending by our customers and put downward pressure on prices, which may have an adverse impact on our business, results of operations or cash flows.

Our financial performance could be adversely affected by decreases in spending on technology products and services by our Public segment customers.

Our business depends on our vendor partner relationships and the availability of their products.

Our sales are dependent on continued innovations in hardware, software and services offerings by our vendor partners and the competitiveness of their offerings.

Substantial competition could reduce our market share and significantly harm our financial performance.

Our substantial indebtedness could limit our operating flexibility, place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our less leveraged competitors and increase our vulnerability to both general and industry-specific adverse economic conditions.

If these or any of the other risks described in the section entitled "Risk Factors" were to occur, the trading price of the Exchange Notes would likely decline and we may become unable to make payments of interest and principal on the Exchange Notes, as a result of which you may lose all or part of your original investment.

Hardware, Software and Value-Added Service Offerings

Our broad offering of multi-brand products and services includes over 100,000 discrete hardware and software products as well as comprehensive solutions. Solutions generally have hardware, software and/or service components to them. For example, a virtualization solution could include assessment and design advice, sales of servers, storage, desktops and virtualization software, a services implementation and ongoing support. While we believe customers increasingly view certain technology purchases as solutions rather than product categories, the following table sets forth our net sales by major category, based upon our internal category definitions, as this presentation is more consistent with how industry sources and competitors generally categorize technology sales. Amounts for the year ended December 31, 2010 have been reclassified for certain changes in individual product classifications to conform to the presentation for the year ended December 31, 2011.

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	Year ended December 31, 2011		Year ended December 31, 2010	
	Dollars in millions	Percentage of net sales	Dollars in millions	Percentage of net sales
Hardware:				
Notebook/Mobile Devices	\$ 1,340.0	14.0%	\$ 1,142.5	13.0%
NetComm Products	1,246.4	13.0	1,149.9	13.1
Data Storage/Drives	925.6	9.6	838.5	9.5
Other Hardware	4,061.9	42.3	3,793.0	43.1
Total Hardware	\$ 7,573.9	78.9%	\$ 6,923.9	78.7%
Software	1,757.1	18.3	1,608.5	18.3
Services	256.8	2.7	217.0	2.4
Other(1)	14.6	0.1	51.8	0.6
Total net sales	\$ 9,602.4	100.0%	\$ 8,801.2	100.0%

(1) Includes items such as delivery charges to customers and certain commission revenue.

Hardware

Through our broad portfolio of hardware products and strong relationships with industry leading vendor partners, we are able to provide our customers with multi-brand solutions across multiple product categories. We currently offer our customers a comprehensive selection of hardware from leading brands such as Hewlett-Packard, Cisco, Lenovo, EMC, IBM and Apple. Our hardware offerings include products across multiple categories such as network communications, notebooks/mobile devices (including tablets), data storage, video monitors, printers, desktops and servers, among others. Our multi-brand approach enables our sales force to identify the right products or combination of products to best address each customer's specific organizational challenges, without being constrained by a particular brand. Key advantages of this strategy include the ability to satisfy customer-specific preferences and requirements, to meet compatibility needs of a customer's existing technology infrastructure, and to offer best pricing and product availability options. In addition, our scale, strong vendor partner relationships and highly efficient sales and delivery model enable us to consistently offer competitive prices. Our strategically located distribution facilities allow us to meet even the most challenging customer requests. We also leverage drop-ship arrangements with many of our OEMs and distributors that allow us to offer even greater selection to our customers without our having to physically hold the inventory.

Software

CDW helps customers maximize their software investment by supporting them through the complexities of the entire software lifecycle. We offer software solutions from the largest and category-leading software publishers, including Microsoft, Adobe, Symantec, Oracle, VMware and IBM. Our software lifecycle services include assessment and validation, procurement, deployment and contract management. We work closely with our customers to evaluate their software needs, navigate them through various complex licensing options, and procure the best software arrangements for their business. We help customers optimize software license procurement by consolidating vendors and recommending the most appropriate licensing contracts. In addition to deployment and migration services, we assist our customers in realizing the value of their purchases through ongoing contract management to ensure they maximize their contract benefits and renew on a timely basis. For example, our customers may purchase maintenance contracts which allow them to receive new versions, upgrades or updates of software products released during the maintenance period.

Value-Added Services and Solutions

We believe customers are increasingly looking for solutions from their technology providers in order to optimize their technology investments and best achieve their business objectives. CDW offers a full suite of value-added services, which typically are delivered as part of a technology solution, to help our customers meet their specific needs. CDW solutions can range from the expert configuration and delivery of 100 laptops overnight; to the

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custom configuration and staggered deployment of 25,000 notebooks to over 12 locations nationally; to specialized technical advice and product procurement, including associated warranties, for an enterprise network; to very complex, fully integrated technology solutions such as virtualization, collaboration, security, mobility, data center optimization and cloud computing. We also offer a complementary set of services, including installations, sales of warranties and managed services, such as remote network and data center monitoring.

We offer our value-added services and solutions primarily through a team of technology specialists and engineers with more than 3,400 industry-recognized certifications, who bring deep product and solution knowledge and capabilities to the technology challenges of our customers. Our technology specialists work with customers and our direct selling organization to design solutions and provide recommendations in the selection and procurement process. We have almost 800 highly qualified and certified specialists, supporting numerous solutions and product categories, including unified communication, security, networking, wireless, server/storage, virtualization, mobility, power and cooling, desktop, notebook, point-of-sale, managed print services, digital signage and software. Our team of engineers, project managers, consultants and technicians in geographic markets across the U.S. support design, implementation and long-term solution management. These coworkers are continually developing and implementing customized solutions which are leveraged so that multiple customers can benefit from our implementation innovation and experience.

Customers

We serve over 250,000 customers in the U.S. and Canada. Excluding sales to the federal government, which are diversified across multiple agencies and departments and collectively accounted for approximately 10% of 2011 net sales, we are not reliant on any one customer as our next five largest customers comprised less than 2% of net sales in 2011.

Inventory Management/Distribution

We utilize our information technology systems to manage our inventory in a cost-efficient manner, resulting in a rapid-turn inventory model. We generally only stock items that have attained a minimum sales volume.

Our distribution process is highly automated. Once a customer order is received and credit approved, orders are automatically routed to one of our distribution centers for picking and shipping as well as configuration and imaging services. We operate two distribution centers: an approximately 450,000 square foot facility in Vernon Hills, Illinois, and an approximately 513,000 square foot facility in North Las Vegas, Nevada. We ship over 35 million units annually on an aggregate basis from our two distribution centers. We believe that the location of our distribution centers allows us to efficiently ship products throughout the U.S. and provide timely access to our principal distributors. Our locations enable us to obtain and ship non-stocked items quickly and efficiently. We believe that competitive sources of supply are available in substantially all of the product categories we offer. We continue to improve the productivity of our distribution centers as measured by key performance indicators such as units shipped per hour worked and bin accuracy.

Information Technology Systems

Our proprietary information technology systems are a key element in our ability to be a leading multi-brand technology solutions provider. Our customized information technology and unified communication systems enhance our ability to provide prompt, efficient and expert service to our customers. In addition, these systems enable centralized management of key functions, including purchasing, inventory management, and billing, collection of accounts receivable, sales and distribution. Our systems provide us with thorough, detailed and real-time information regarding key aspects of our business, enabling us to continuously enhance productivity, ship customer orders quickly and efficiently, respond appropriately to industry changes and provide high levels of customer service. Our websites, which provide electronic order processing and many advanced tools, such as order tracking, reporting and asset management, make it easy for customers to transact business with us and ultimately enhance our customer relationships.

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Sales and Customer Service

We have almost 2,900 coworkers in our direct selling organization, consisting of account managers and field account executives. Including almost 800 additional customer-facing coworkers, such as our technology specialists, our total sales force exceeds 3,600. Account managers provide inside sales coverage to customers, including developing customer relationships by calling existing and potential customers, providing advice on products and services and partnering with specialists to develop and sell more complex solutions. Field account executives work within an assigned territory and interact with customers in-person, usually focusing on solutions that require a face-to-face interaction to sell to customers. Together, account managers and field account executives help us combine the benefits of a national technology solutions provider with a local presence.

Our goals are to simplify the complexities of technology across design, selection, procurement, integration and ongoing management and to be viewed as an indispensable extension of our customers' IT staffs, regardless of their size. We achieve this objective by providing superior service, industry-specific knowledge and technical expertise with experienced sales people. The scale of our business allows us to segment our sales teams into customer channels so that we better understand the unique needs of customers and to provide extensive, targeted technical training to our direct selling organization.

Purchasing, Vendor Partner and Distributor Relationships

We purchase products for resale from vendor partners, which include OEMs and software publishers, and wholesale distributors. For the year ended December 31, 2011, we purchased approximately 52% of the products we sold directly from vendor partners and the remaining amount from wholesale distributors. Purchases from wholesale distributors Ingram Micro, Tech Data and SYNEX represented approximately 11%, 10% and 9%, respectively, of our total purchases. Sales of products manufactured by Hewlett-Packard comprised approximately 24% of our 2011 net sales. We are authorized by OEMs to sell via direct marketing all or selected products offered by the manufacturer. Our authorization with each OEM provides for certain terms and conditions, which may include one or more of the following: product return privileges, price protection policies, purchase discounts and vendor incentive programs, such as purchase or sales rebates and cooperative advertising reimbursements. We also operate as a reseller for major software publishers that allows the end-user customer to acquire packaged software or licensed products and services. Vendor incentive programs are at the discretion of our vendor partners and usually require the achievement of a specified sales volume or growth rate within a specified period of time to qualify for all, or some, of the incentive programs.

Competition

The market for technology products and services is highly competitive. Competition is based on the ability to tailor specific solutions to customer needs, quality and breadth of product and service offerings, knowledge and expertise of sales force, customer service, price, product availability, speed of delivery and credit availability. Our competition includes:

direct marketers such as Insight Enterprises, PC Connection, PC Mall, Softchoice and GTSI;

value-added resellers, including larger ones such as Logicalis, Agilysis, Sirius, and many regional and local value-added resellers;

manufacturers such as Dell, Hewlett-Packard and Apple, who sell directly to customers;

e-tailers such as Tiger Direct, Buy.com, Amazon and Newegg;

large service providers and system integrators such as IBM, Accenture, Hewlett-Packard and Dell;

retailers such as Best Buy, Office Depot, Office Max, Staples, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club and Costco.

We expect the competitive landscape in which we compete to continue to change as new technologies are developed. While innovation can help our business as it creates new offerings for us to sell, it can also disrupt our business model and create new and stronger competitors. For a discussion of the risks associated with competition, see [Risk Factors](#) [Risks Relating to our Business](#). Substantial competition could reduce our market share and significantly harm our financial performance.

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Coworkers

As of December 31, 2011, we employed more than 6,700 coworkers, none of whom is covered by collective bargaining agreements. We consider our coworker relations to be good.

Properties

As of December 31, 2011, we owned or leased a total of approximately 2.1 million square feet of space throughout the U.S. and Canada. We own two properties: a combined office and an approximately 450,000 square foot distribution center in Vernon Hills, Illinois, and an approximately 513,000 square foot distribution center in North Las Vegas, Nevada. In addition, we conduct sales, services and administrative activities in various leased locations throughout North America, including data centers in Madison, Wisconsin and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

We believe that our facilities are well maintained, suitable for our business and occupy sufficient space to meet our operating needs. As part of our normal business, we regularly evaluate sales center performance and site suitability.

Intellectual Property

The CDW trademark and certain variations thereon are registered or subject to pending trademark applications. We believe our trademarks have significant value and are important factors in our marketing programs. In addition, we own domain names, including cdw.com and cdwg.com, for our primary trademarks. Finally, we have unregistered copyrights in our website content.

Legal Proceedings

We are party to legal proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of our business, including various pending litigation matters. We are also subject to audit by federal, state and local authorities, by various customers, including government agencies, relating to sales under certain contracts and by vendors. In addition, from time to time, certain of our customers file voluntary petitions for reorganization or liquidation under the U.S. bankruptcy laws. In such cases, certain pre-petition payments received by us could be considered preference items and subject to return to the bankruptcy administrator.

As of December 31, 2011, we do not believe that there is a reasonable possibility that any material loss exceeding the amounts already recognized for these proceedings and matters, if any, has been incurred. However, the ultimate resolutions of these proceedings and matters are inherently unpredictable. As such, our financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected in any particular period by the unfavorable resolution of one or more of these proceedings or matters.

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The directors of Parent, the managers of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC and our executive officers are set forth below:

Name	Age	Position
Thomas E. Richards	57	President and Chief Executive Officer, Manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC, and Director of Parent
John A. Edwardson	62	Chairman of the Boards of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC
Dennis G. Berger	47	Senior Vice President and Chief Coworker Services Officer
Neal J. Campbell	50	Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer
Christina M. Corley	44	Senior Vice President Corporate Sales
Douglas E. Eckrote	47	Senior Vice President Strategic Solutions and Services
Christine A. Leahy	47	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Christina V. Rother	48	Senior Vice President Public and Advanced Technology Sales
Jonathan J. Stevens	42	Senior Vice President Operations and Chief Information Officer
Matthew A. Troka	41	Senior Vice President Product and Partner Management
Ann E. Ziegler	53	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Steven W. Alesio	58	Manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC
Barry K. Allen	63	Manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC
Benjamin D. Chereskin	53	Manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC
Glenn M. Creamer	50	Manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC
Michael J. Dominguez	42	Manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC and Director of Parent
Paul J. Finnegan	59	Manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC and Director of Parent
Robin P. Selati	46	Manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC
Donna F. Zarcone	54	Manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC

Thomas E. Richards serves as our President and Chief Executive Officer, as a manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC and as a director of Parent. Mr. Richards has served as our Chief Executive Officer since October 2011. From September 2009 to October 2011, Mr. Richards served as our President and Chief Operating Officer. Prior to joining CDW, Mr. Richards held leadership positions with Qwest Communications, a telecommunications carrier. From 2008 to 2009, he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, where he was responsible for the day-to-day operation and performance of Qwest Communications, and before assuming that role, was the Executive Vice President of the Business Markets Group from 2005 to 2008. Mr. Richards also has served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Clear Communications Corporation and as Executive Vice President of Ameritech Corporation. He currently serves as a board member of Junior Achievement of Chicago, Rush University Medical Center and the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Richards is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh where he earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he earned a Master of Science in Management as a Sloan Fellow. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Richards possesses particular knowledge and experience in technology industries, strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations that strengthen the board's collective qualifications, skills and experience.

John A. Edwardson serves as our Chairman and as a manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC. Mr. Edwardson has served as our Chairman since 2001. From 2001 until October 2011, Mr. Edwardson served as our Chief Executive Officer. Prior to joining CDW in 2001, Mr. Edwardson served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Burns International Services Corporation from 1999 until 2000. Mr. Edwardson previously served as a Director and President from 1994 to 1998 and Chief Operating Officer from 1995 to 1998 of UAL Corporation and United Airlines. He currently serves on the board of directors of FedEx Corporation, and as a board member of Advance Illinois, Ravinia Festival, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, The Art Institute of Chicago and Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Mr. Edwardson is a graduate of Purdue University where he earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate of the University of Chicago where he earned a Master of Business Administration. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Edwardson possesses particular knowledge and experience in strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations and board practices of other major corporations that strengthen the board's collective qualifications, skills and experience.

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Dennis G. Berger serves as our Senior Vice President and Chief Coworker Services Officer. Mr. Berger joined CDW in September 2005 as Vice President-Coworker Services. In January 2007, he was named Senior Vice President and Chief Coworker Services Officer. Mr. Berger is responsible for leading CDW's programs in coworker learning and development, benefits, compensation, performance management, coworker relations and talent acquisition. Prior to joining CDW, he served as Vice President of Human Resources at PepsiAmericas, a beverage company, from 2002 to 2005. Mr. Berger has also held human resources positions of increasing responsibility at Pepsi Bottling Group, Inc., PepsiCo, Inc. and GTE Corporation. Mr. Berger serves on the board of directors of Glenwood School for Boys and Girls, America Chicago SCORES and Anti-Defamation League of Chicago. Mr. Berger is a graduate of Northeastern University where he earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis where he earned a Master of Business Administration.

Neal J. Campbell serves as our Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer. Mr. Campbell joined CDW in January 2011, and is responsible for the strategy and development of CDW's advertising, public relations, channel marketing, marketing intelligence and research, merchandising, microsites, creative services and direct marketing content, along with relationship marketing, corporate communications and e-commerce initiatives including content development, online marketing and e-procurement. Prior to joining CDW, Mr. Campbell served as Chief Executive Officer of TrafficCast, a provider of real-time and predictive traffic information to Google, Yahoo and others from 2008 to 2011. From 2006 to 2008, he served as Executive Vice President and General Manager Strategic Marketing and Next Generation Products for ISCO International, a manufacturer of wireless telecommunications components. Mr. Campbell also spent 17 years with Motorola, most recently as Vice President and General Manager, GSM Portfolio Marketing and Planning for the company's mobile device business. He currently serves as a board member of TrafficCast and Junior Achievement of Chicago, and is on the Executive Advisory Council of Bradley University. Mr. Campbell is a graduate of Bradley University where he earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate of Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management where he earned a Master of Business Administration.

Christina M. Corley serves as our Senior Vice President of Corporate Sales and is responsible for managing all aspects of our corporate sales force, including sales force strategy, structure, goals, operations, revenue generation and training and development. Prior to joining CDW in September 2011, Ms. Corley served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Zones, Inc., a provider of IT products and solutions, from 2006 to 2011. She served as Executive Vice President of Purchasing and Operations for Zones, Inc. from April 2005 to October 2006. She served as President of Corporate PC Source (CPCS), a wholly owned subsidiary of Zones, Inc., from March 2003 to April 2005. Prior to its acquisition by Zones, Inc., Ms. Corley served as Chief Executive Officer of CPCS from 1999 to 2003. Ms. Corley began her career in sales and marketing, holding various positions at IBM, Dataflex and VisionTek. Ms. Corley is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate of Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management where she earned a Master of Business Administration in management and strategy.

Douglas E. Eckrote serves as our Senior Vice President of Strategic Solutions and Services and is responsible for our technology specialist teams focusing on servers and storage, unified communications, security, wireless, power and cooling, networking, software licensing and mobility solutions. He also holds responsibility for CDW Canada, Inc. Mr. Eckrote joined CDW in 1989 as an account manager. Mr. Eckrote was appointed Director of Operations in 1996, Vice President of Operations in 1999 and Senior Vice President of Purchasing in April 2001. In October 2001, he was named Senior Vice President of Purchasing and Operations. He was named Senior Vice President of Operations, Services and Canada in 2006 and assumed his current role in 2009. Prior to joining CDW, Eckrote worked in outside sales for Arrow Electronics and Cintas Uniform Company. From 2003 to 2009, Mr. Eckrote served on the board of directors of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois, completing the last two years as board chair, and currently serves on the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America National Chapter Performance Committee. Mr. Eckrote also served on the board of directors of the Center for Enriched Living from 2002-2011, serving as Vice President from 2004-2005, President from 2006-2008, board emeritus from 2009-2011 and currently serves as a trustee. Mr. Eckrote is a graduate of Purdue University where he earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate of Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management where he earned an Executive Master of Business Administration.

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Christine A. Leahy serves as our Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary and is responsible for our legal, corporate governance, enterprise risk management and compliance functions. Ms. Leahy joined CDW in January 2002 as Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. In January of 2007, she was named Senior Vice President. Before joining CDW, Ms. Leahy served as a corporate partner in the Chicago office of Sidley Austin LLP where she specialized in corporate governance, securities law, mergers and acquisitions and strategic counseling. Ms. Leahy serves on the board of trustees of Children's Home and Aid. Ms. Leahy is a graduate of Brown University where she earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate of Boston College Law School where she earned her Juris Doctor. She also completed the CEO Perspective and Women's Director Development Programs at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

Christina V. Rother serves as our Senior Vice President of Public and Advanced Technology Sales and is responsible for managing all aspects of our public sector and advanced technology sales forces, including sales force strategy, structure, goals, operations, revenue generation and training and development. Ms. Rother joined CDW in 1991 as an account manager. In 2002, she was appointed Vice President for Education and State and Local Sales. In 2005, she was chosen to lead our newly formed healthcare sales team. Beginning in 2006, Ms. Rother has held various positions ranging from Group Vice President of CDW Government LLC, President of CDW Government LLC and Senior Vice President of Sales. In September 2011, Ms. Rother assumed her current role as Senior Vice President of Public and Advanced Technology Sales. Prior to joining CDW, Ms. Rother held a number of sales positions with technology companies including Laser Computers and Price Electronics. Ms. Rother serves on the board of directors of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois, where she also is a member of the Executive Committee and serves as corporate document officer. Ms. Rother is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago where she earned a bachelor's degree.

Jonathan J. Stevens serves as our Senior Vice President of Operations and Chief Information Officer. Mr. Stevens joined CDW in June 2001 as Vice President-Information Technology, was named Chief Information Officer in January 2002 and Vice President-International and Chief Information Officer from 2005 until December 2006. In January 2007, he was named Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer and assumed his current role in November 2009. Mr. Stevens is responsible for the strategic direction of our information technology. Additionally, he holds responsibility for our distribution centers, transportation, facilities, customer relations, operational excellence and the business technology center. Prior to joining CDW, Mr. Stevens served as regional technology director for Avanade, an international technology integration company formed through a joint venture between Microsoft and Accenture from 2000 to 2001. Prior to that, Mr. Stevens was a principal with Microsoft Consulting Services and led an information technology group for a corporate division of AT&T/NCR. He currently serves on the board of directors of SingleWire Software, LLC and Northeast Illinois Council: Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Stevens is a graduate of the University of Dayton where he earned a bachelor's degree.

Matthew A. Troka serves as our Senior Vice President of Product and Partner Management. Mr. Troka is responsible for managing our relationships with all of our vendor partners. In addition, he directs the day-to-day operations of our purchasing department. Mr. Troka joined CDW in 1992 as an account manager and became a sales manager in 1995. From 1998 to 2001, he served as Corporate Sales Director. From 2001 to 2004, Mr. Troka was Senior Director of Purchasing. From 2004 to 2006, Mr. Troka served as Vice President of Purchasing. From 2006 to 2011, Mr. Troka was Vice President of Product and Partner Management. On March 3, 2011, Mr. Troka was elected Senior Vice President of Product and Partner Management. He also is Chairman of the CDW Supplier Diversity Advisory Council. Mr. Troka serves as a member of the board of directors of Rainbows for All Children. Mr. Troka is a graduate of the University of Illinois where he earned a bachelor's degree.

Ann E. Ziegler joined CDW in April 2008 as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to joining CDW, Ms. Ziegler spent 15 years at Sara Lee Corporation (Sara Lee), a global consumer goods company, in a number of executive roles including finance, mergers and acquisitions, strategy and general management positions in both U.S. and international businesses. Most recently, from 2005 until April 2008, Ms. Ziegler served as Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President of Administration for Sara Lee Food and Beverage. Prior to joining Sara Lee, Ms. Ziegler was a corporate attorney at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. Ms. Ziegler serves on the board of directors of Hanesbrands, Inc. and The Chicago Shakespeare Theatre. During the previous five years, Ms. Ziegler also served on the board of directors of Unitrin, Inc. Ms. Ziegler is a graduate of The College of William and Mary where she earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School where she earned her Juris Doctor.

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Steven W. Alesio serves as a manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC. Mr. Alesio serves as a Senior Advisor at Providence Equity. Prior to joining Providence Equity in December 2010, Mr. Alesio was most recently Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Dun & Bradstreet Corporation (D&B), a provider of credit information on businesses and corporations. After joining D&B in January 2001 as Senior Vice President, Mr. Alesio served in various senior leadership positions. In May 2002, Mr. Alesio was named President and Chief Operating Officer, and was elected to the board of directors. In January 2005, Mr. Alesio was chosen to be the Chief Executive Officer, and in May of 2005, he became Chairman of the Board, a position he held until his departure in June 2010. Prior to joining D&B, Mr. Alesio spent 19 years with the American Express Company, where he served in marketing and then general management roles. Mr. Alesio serves on the board of directors of Altegrity, Ascend Learning, Blackboard, Study Group and Genworth Financial, Inc. Mr. Alesio is the founding sponsor and Senior Advisor for the non-profit All Stars Project of New Jersey, which provides outside-of-school leadership development and performance-based education programming to thousands of inner-city young people in Newark and its surrounding communities. Mr. Alesio is a graduate of St. Francis College where he earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate of University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School where he earned a Master of Business Administration. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Alesio possesses particular knowledge and experience in strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations and board practices of other major corporations that strengthen the board's collective qualifications, skills and experience.

Barry K. Allen serves as a manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC. Mr. Allen serves as Senior Advisor at Providence Equity. Prior to joining Providence Equity in 2007, Mr. Allen was Executive Vice President of Operations at Qwest Communications International, a telecommunications carrier. Before his retirement from Qwest in June 2007, Mr. Allen was responsible for the company's network and information technology operations. Prior to being named Executive Vice President of Operations in March 2004, he served as Qwest's Executive Vice President of Operations and Chief Human Resources Officer. Before joining Qwest in August 2002, Mr. Allen was President of Allen Enterprises, a private equity investment and management company he founded in 2000. Previously, he served as President of Chicago-based Ameritech Corp., where he began his career in 1974 and held a variety of executive appointments including President and Chief Executive Officer of Wisconsin Bell and President and Chief Executive Officer of Illinois Bell. Before starting at Ameritech, Mr. Allen served in the U.S. Army where he reached the rank of Captain. Mr. Allen serves on the board of directors of Harley-Davidson, Inc. (chairman from 2009-2012), Bell Canada Enterprises, the Fiduciary Management family of mutual funds and World Triathlon Corporation. During the past five years, Mr. Allen also served as a director of Telcordia Technologies, Inc. He also has served as a board member of many civic organizations, including the Greater Milwaukee Committee, and currently serves as a board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Milwaukee, Junior Achievement of Wisconsin, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and United Way in Milwaukee. Mr. Allen is a graduate of the University of Kentucky where he earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate of Boston University where he earned a Master of Business Administration, with honors. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Allen possesses particular knowledge and experience in technology industries, strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations, and board practices of other major corporations that strengthen the board's collective qualifications, skills and experience.

Benjamin D. Chereskin serves as a manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC. Mr. Chereskin is President of Profile Capital Management LLC (Profile Capital), an investment management firm. Prior to founding Profile Capital, Mr. Chereskin was a Managing Director of Madison Dearborn, having co-founded the firm in 1993. Prior to the founding of Madison Dearborn, Mr. Chereskin was with First Chicago Venture Capital for nine years. Mr. Chereskin currently serves on the board of directors of BF Bolthouse Holdco LLC, Cinemark, Inc., University of Chicago Laboratory School and KIPP-Chicago and on the board of trustees of University of Chicago Medical School. During the previous five years, Mr. Chereskin also served as a director of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. and Tuesday Morning Corporation. Mr. Chereskin is a graduate of Harvard College where he earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration where he earned a Master of Business Administration. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Chereskin possesses particular knowledge and experience in accounting, finance and capital market transactions, strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations, and board practices of other major corporations that strengthen the board's collective qualifications, skills and experience.

Glenn M. Creamer serves as a manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC. Mr. Creamer is a Senior Managing Director of Providence Equity. Prior to the founding of Providence Equity in 1989, Mr. Creamer was a Vice President of Narragansett Capital, which he joined in 1988. Mr. Creamer also has worked in investment banking at

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Merrill Lynch and JPMorgan. Mr. Creamer serves as a director of various non-profit boards, including Catholic Relief Services, Mustard Seed Communities USA and the Rhode Island School of Design Museum. During the previous five years, Mr. Creamer also served as a director of Medical Media Holdings and Telcordia Technologies, Inc. Mr. Creamer is a graduate of Brown University where he earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate of Harvard Business School where he earned a Master of Business Administration. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Creamer possesses particular knowledge and experience in accounting, finance and capital market transactions, strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations, and board practices of other major corporations that strengthen the board's collective qualifications, skills and experience.

Michael J. Dominguez serves as a manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC and a director of Parent. Mr. Dominguez is a Managing Director of Providence Equity. Prior to joining Providence Equity in 1998, Mr. Dominguez worked for Salomon Smith Barney in corporate finance. Previously, Mr. Dominguez held positions with Morgan Stanley and was a senior consultant at Andersen Consulting. Currently, Mr. Dominguez also serves on the board of directors of AutoTrader.com, GLM Holdings and ZeniMax Media Inc. During the past five years, Mr. Dominguez also served as a director of Bresnan Communications, Freedom Communications and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. Mr. Dominguez is a graduate of Bucknell University where he earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate of Harvard Business School where he earned a Master of Business Administration. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Dominguez possesses particular knowledge and experience in accounting, finance and capital market transactions, strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations, and board practices of other major corporations that strengthen the board's collective qualifications, skills and experience.

Paul J. Finnegan serves as a manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC and a director of Parent. Mr. Finnegan is the Co-CEO of Madison Dearborn and co-founded the firm in 1992. Prior to co-founding Madison Dearborn, Mr. Finnegan was with First Chicago Venture Capital for ten years. Previously, he held a variety of marketing positions in the publishing industry, both in the United States and in Southeast Asia. Mr. Finnegan has more than 29 years of experience in private equity investing with a particular focus on investments in the communications industry. Mr. Finnegan is a member of the board of overseers of Harvard College and past President of the Harvard Alumni Association. He also is a member of the Board of Dean's Advisors at the Harvard Business School and of the Leadership Council of the Harvard School of Public Health. Mr. Finnegan is a member of the board of directors of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. He is the Chairman of Teach For America in Chicago, a member of Teach For America's National Board, and the Chairman of the Community Works Advisory Committee of the Evanston Community Foundation. During the previous five years, Mr. Finnegan also has served as a director for iPlan, LLC, Rural Cellular Corporation, Council Tree Hispanic Broadcasters, LLC and PAETEC Communications, Inc. Mr. Finnegan is a graduate of Harvard College where he earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate of Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration where he earned a Master of Business Administration. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Finnegan possesses particular knowledge and experience in accounting, finance and capital market transactions, strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations and board practices of other major corporations that strengthen the board's collective qualifications, skills and experience.

Robin P. Selati serves as a manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC. Mr. Selati is a Managing Director of Madison Dearborn and joined the firm in 1993. Before 1993, Mr. Selati was with Alex. Brown & Sons Incorporated. Mr. Selati currently serves on the board of directors of BF Bolthouse Holdco LLC, Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc. and The Yankee Candle Company, Inc. During the previous five years, Mr. Selati also served as a director of Tuesday Morning Corporation, Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., Pierre Holding Corp., Family Christian Stores, Inc., NWL Holdings, Inc. and Cinemark, Inc. Mr. Selati is a graduate of Yale University where he earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate of the Stanford University Graduate School of Business where he earned a Master of Business Administration. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Selati possesses particular knowledge and experience in accounting, finance and capital market transactions, strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations, and board practices of other major corporations that strengthen the board's collective qualifications, skills and experience.

Donna F. Zarcone serves as a manager of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC. Ms. Zarcone is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Club of Chicago, a position she has held since February 2012. From January 2007 to February 2012, she served as the President, CEO and founder of D. F. Zarcone & Associates LLC, a strategy advisory firm. Prior to founding D. F. Zarcone & Associates, Ms. Zarcone was President and Chief Operating Officer of Harley-Davidson Financial Services, Inc., a provider of wholesale and retail financing, credit card and insurance

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services for dealers and customers of Harley-Davidson. After joining Harley-Davidson Financial Services, Inc. in June 1994 as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Zarcone was named President and Chief Operating Officer in August 1998. Prior to joining Harley-Davidson Financial Services, Inc., Ms. Zarcone served as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Chrysler Systems Leasing, Inc. from November 1982 through June 1994 and in various management roles at KPMG/Peat Marwick from May 1979 through November 1982. Ms. Zarcone serves on the board of directors of Cigna Corporation, The Jones Group Inc. (retiring in May 2012) and The Duchossois Group. During the previous five years, Ms. Zarcone also served as a director for Wrightwood Capital. She also serves as a board member of various civic and professional organizations, including the National Association of Corporate Directors Chicago Chapter, University of Chicago Booth School of Business Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Hyde Park Angels. Ms. Zarcone is a graduate of Illinois State University where she earned a bachelor's degree and a graduate of University of Chicago Booth School of Business where she earned a Masters of Business Administration. Ms. Zarcone also is a certified public accountant. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Ms. Zarcone possesses particular knowledge and experience in accounting, finance, strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations, and board practices of other major corporations that strengthen the board's collective qualifications, skills and experience.

Boards of Managers and Directors

The board of managers of each of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC is currently composed of ten managers. The board of directors of Parent is currently composed of three directors. Because affiliates of Madison Dearborn and Providence Equity own approximately 94.1% of the voting common units of CDW Holdings, we would be a controlled company within the meaning of Rule 5615 of the Nasdaq Marketplace Rules, which would qualify us for exemptions from certain corporate governance rules of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc., including the requirement that the board of directors be composed of a majority of independent directors.

Audit Committee

Our audit committee currently consists of Messrs. Dominguez and Selati and Ms. Zarcone. Our audit committee has responsibility for, among other things, the quality of our financial reporting and internal control processes, our independent auditor's performance and qualification and the performance of our internal audit function.

Compensation Committee

Our compensation committee currently consists of Messrs. Alesio, Allen, Chereskin, Creamer, Dominguez and Selati. Our compensation committee has responsibility for, among other things, review and approval of executive compensation, review and approval of equity compensation and review of trends in management compensation.

Corporate Governance Committee

Our corporate governance committee currently consists of Messrs. Dominguez and Selati. Our corporate governance committee has responsibility for, among other things, review and approval of the size of our Board, review of corporate governance guidelines, and oversight of programs for our managers.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

None of our executive officers has served as a member of the board of directors or compensation committee of another entity that had one or more of its executive officers serving as a member of any of our boards of managers or boards of directors.

Director Compensation

See Executive Compensation Director Compensation.

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EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Introduction

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis provides an overview of the Company's executive compensation philosophy and the material elements of compensation earned by our named executive officers with respect to 2011.

Our named executive officers consist of our current Chief Executive Officer, our Chairman and former Chief Executive Officer, our Chief Financial Officer and our three other most highly compensated executive officers (Named Executive Officers). On October 1, 2011, as part of the Company's planned succession, Mr. Edwardson retired from the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Company and agreed to continue to serve as Chairman of the Board of Managers of CDW Holdings and CDW LLC through the end of 2012 and Mr. Richards, the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer, was elected to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

For 2011, the Named Executive Officers were:

Thomas E. Richards, President and Chief Executive Officer

John A. Edwardson, Chairman and Former Chief Executive Officer

Ann E. Ziegler, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Douglas E. Eckrote, Senior Vice President, Strategic Solutions and Services

Neal J. Campbell, Senior Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer

Christina M. Corley, Senior Vice President, Corporate Sales

On October 12, 2007, we were acquired by a company controlled by investment funds affiliated with the Equity Sponsors (the Acquisition). Following the Acquisition, the Compensation Committees of CDW Holdings (our ultimate parent company) and CDW LLC collectively have responsibility for determining the compensation of our Named Executive Officers. The two Compensation Committees are comprised of the same members, each of whom was appointed by the Equity Sponsors. For purposes of this Compensation Discussion and Analysis, these two Compensation Committees are collectively referred to as the Committee.

Establishing and Evaluating Executive Compensation

Executive Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

The Committee believes that the Company's executive compensation programs should reward actions and behaviors that drive long-term, profitable revenue growth at above-market rates while also rewarding the achievement of short-term performance goals. The following objectives are grounded in a pay-for-performance philosophy and provide a framework for the Company's executive compensation programs:

Attract, retain and motivate high performing talent;

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Directly align executive compensation elements with both short-term and long-term Company performance; and

Align the interests of our executives with those of our stakeholders.

Consistent with the Company's pay-for-performance philosophy and executive compensation program objectives, adjustments to executive compensation levels have historically been based on individual and Company performance with reference to the compensation levels paid to similarly situated executive officers at the Company, and market data has been used by the Committee to provide a perspective on executive compensation.

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Market Comparisons

The Committee considers relevant market pay practices when establishing and evaluating executive compensation, which are based on peer group data and compensation survey data. Each of the companies in the Company's peer group meet one or more of the following criteria: (i) operated in the same line of business as the Company; (ii) operated close to the Company's line of business; (iii) operated in a business-to-business distribution environment; or (iv) competed with the Company for talent. The 2011 peer group consisted of the following companies:

Anixter International, Inc.	Office Depot, Inc.
Arrow Electronics, Inc.	OfficeMax Incorporated
Avaya Inc.	PC Connection Inc.
Best Buy Co., Inc.	RadioShack Corporation
C. R. Bard, Inc.	Staples, Inc.
GTSI Corp.	Tech Data Corporation
Illinois Tool Works Inc.	United Stationers Inc.
Ingram Micro Inc.	W.W. Grainger, Inc.
Insight Enterprises, Inc.	Wesco International, Inc.
NCR Corporation	

Utilizing the Company's peer group, Aon Hewitt compiles compensation data from its general industry compensation survey. In compiling compensation data, Aon Hewitt may supplement the peer group data with data from other companies included in its general industry compensation survey if Aon Hewitt determines that a particular executive position is not sufficiently represented in the peer group. Aon Hewitt statistically adjusts the compensation data provided to the Committee on the basis of revenue to allow the Committee to review the data on a size-adjusted basis.

In reviewing the compensation paid to each Named Executive Officer, the Committee supplements the Aon Hewitt peer group data with data taken from technology industry surveys prepared by Radford, a leading provider of compensation market data. While the Radford surveys include information regarding over 1,000 companies, the Committee's use of the surveys was limited to a review of U.S. compensation data derived from technology companies in the surveys that, for purposes of decisions made prior to March 2011, had annual revenues in excess of \$1.0 billion. For the Committee's review of possible merit salary increases in March 2011 and actions thereafter, the Committee used data derived from technology companies in the surveys that had annual revenues in excess of \$3.0 billion, which was a newly available survey data cut provided by Radford. The Committee reviewed, depending on the availability of data within the survey for the position being considered, market data derived from between 12 and 82 of the technology companies included in the survey, which companies had median annual revenues of between \$3.080 billion and \$11.570 billion.

For Mr. Edwardson and Mr. Richards' mid-year compensation changes related to the planned CEO succession, the Committee reviewed peer group data. For the other Named Executive Officers, the Committee reviewed blended market data, with the peer group data and compensation survey data weighted equally. For purposes of this Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the peer group data and compensation survey data are collectively referred to as market data.

In order to evaluate the competitiveness and reasonableness of the Company's executive compensation program, the Committee compares base salary to the market 50th percentile, and total target cash compensation and total compensation, including long-term incentive opportunity, to a market range of the 50th to 75th percentile. The total cash compensation opportunity for an executive is generally set to provide above market median total cash compensation for performance above market growth rate expectations. In conjunction with market data, the Committee also considers the executive's overall responsibilities, individual performance against Company goals and leadership impact when establishing appropriate compensation levels.

Independent Compensation Consultant

Frederic W. Cook & Co. (the Compensation Consultant) was retained by the Committee to advise on compensation matters relating to the appointment of Mr. Richards to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer and the retirement of Mr. Edwardson. The Compensation Consultant did not provide any additional services to the Company in 2011.

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Role of Executive Officers

The Committee is responsible for all compensation decisions for our Named Executive Officers. Mr. Edwardson, while serving as the Company's Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the performance of each executive officer and, based on these reviews, made recommendations to the Committee with respect to 2011 compensation.

Elements of Compensation

The Company's executive compensation program consists of the following principal elements:

Base salary;

Annual cash incentive awards (the Senior Management Incentive Plan);

Long-term incentive awards; and

Severance benefits.

Base Salary

The Committee generally sets base salaries for executives, including the Named Executive Officers, below the market median of salaries for executives in similar positions and with similar responsibilities at companies included in the market data. Aligned with our compensation philosophy, a large proportion of executives' total target cash compensation is non-fixed, or variable, to provide a strong connection between pay and performance. Accordingly, in 2011, Mr. Richards' base salary was 40% of his total target cash compensation, Mr. Edwardson's base salary was 39% of his total target cash compensation, and the base salaries for the other Named Executive Officers ranged from 28% to 50% of their total target cash compensation.

Based on the advice of the Compensation Consultant and the Committee's review of market data, Mr. Richards' base salary increased from \$700,000 to \$775,000 when he assumed the position of Chief Executive Officer in October 2011. In connection with Mr. Edwardson's retirement as Chief Executive Officer and continuation as Chairman, Mr. Edwardson and the Company entered into an amended employment agreement that provided for reductions in Mr. Edwardson's base salary over the duration of such agreement. Although market data supported the continuation of Mr. Edwardson's current base salary level for the duration of his employment agreement, Mr. Edwardson recommended to the Committee that his base salary be reduced over the term of his agreement. Accordingly, Mr. Edwardson's base salary will be reduced as follows:

Period	Base Salary (Per Annum)
10/1/2011 through 3/31/2012	\$ 825,000
4/1/2012 through 6/30/2012	\$ 618,750
7/1/2012 through 9/30/2012	\$ 412,500
10/1/2012 through 12/31/2012	\$ 206,250

With respect to Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley, the Committee set their base salaries when they joined the Company in 2011. In determining each executive's base salary level, the Committee considered market data and the base salaries paid to similarly situated executive officers of the Company.

Annual Cash Incentive Awards (Senior Management Incentive Plan)

CDW provides its senior management with short-term incentive compensation through its annual cash bonus program, the Senior Management Incentive Plan (SMIP). Short-term compensation under SMIP is a significant component of an executive's total target cash compensation opportunity in a given year.

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As noted above, the Committee generally assesses an executive's total target cash compensation for competitiveness and reasonableness against the market data. The total cash compensation opportunity for an executive is generally set to provide above market median total cash compensation for performance above market growth rate expectations. Because the Named Executive Officer base salary levels historically have been below the 50th percentile of market data, the Committee has long relied on SMIP to provide a significant component of the Named Executive Officer's total target cash compensation. For 2011, Mr. Richards' SMIP target award represented 60% of his total target cash compensation, Mr. Edwardson's SMIP target award represented 61% of his total target cash compensation, and the SMIP target awards for our other Named Executive Officers ranged from 50% to 72% of their respective total target cash compensation.

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When Mr. Richards assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer, the Committee set Mr. Richards' annual SMIP target at 150% of base salary, which resulted in Mr. Richards' 2011 SMIP target increasing from \$1,050,000 to \$1,162,500. The increased target was prorated to apply to the portion of 2011 during which he served as Chief Executive Officer. In determining Mr. Richards' SMIP target, the Committee considered the advice of the Compensation Consultant as well as market data. With respect to Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley, the Committee set their annual SMIP targets when they joined the Company in 2011 at \$275,000. Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley's 2011 SMIP targets were prorated to reflect the portion of the year in which each Named Executive Officer was employed by the Company. In determining Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley's SMIP targets, the Committee considered market data and the SMIP targets for similarly situated executive officers at the Company.

In establishing annual performance goals under SMIP, the Committee undertakes a rigorous review and analysis to ensure that the performance goals correlate to above market performance. Factors considered by the Committee in establishing the performance goals include market growth rate expectations and Company market share gain expectations, as well as assumptions regarding the Company's productivity gains and investments.

The Committee believed that a combination of Adjusted EBITDA and market share performance was the most meaningful measure of the Company's 2011 performance for its stakeholders because together they take into account not only the Company's absolute performance but also performance relative to the market. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for further information regarding the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA.

For 2011, the Committee set the annual Adjusted EBITDA performance goal at \$659 million. Additionally, the threshold payout level was set so as to require the Company to meet or exceed prior year Adjusted EBITDA results for any incentive payments to be made to senior management under SMIP. Consistent with the 2010 SMIP design, the Committee also included a market share factor as a mechanism to adjust payments under SMIP. This design feature adjusts SMIP awards based on the Company's financial and operational success relative to market.

In operation, therefore, payment of awards under SMIP for performance during 2011 was guided by three principles:

Target payout requires growth above market growth rate expectations;

Threshold payout requires performance at or above prior year level; and

The market share governor adjusts payouts if the Company underperforms the market.

The SMIP payout curve had a payout range from 0% to 200% of each participant's target SMIP award for performance between 91.3% and 115% of the Adjusted EBITDA goal, with different levels of payout for increased or constant/decreased market share, and no payout if the Company failed to achieve 2010 Adjusted EBITDA performance. The threshold, target and maximum payout opportunities under the SMIP payout curve are set forth below:

	XXXXX Adjusted EBITDA Performance Goal (% of attainment of performance goal)	XXXXX Market Share Governor (2) Grow (% of target bonus)	XXXXX Flat/Decline (% of target bonus)
Payout Opportunity (1)			
Maximum	115.0%	200%	180%
Adjusted EBITDA Performance Goal	100.0%	100%	90%
Minimum Performance Threshold	91.3%	25%	15%

(1) Payouts were determined under a grid based on various performance achievement levels for Adjusted EBITDA and market share changes.

(2)

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Market share changes were measured internally based on data from seven industry surveys and reports as well as financial information regarding four publicly traded resellers and four publicly traded technology distributors and/or manufacturers.

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In 2011, the Committee determined that the Company had achieved 109% of its Adjusted EBITDA performance goal and, after assessing the data described in footnote (2) above, determined that the Company's market share grew, resulting in a payout percentage of 160% of each Named Executive Officer's bonus target. The table below sets forth the SMIP payouts to each of the Named Executive Officers based upon 2011 performance:

Named Executive Officer	SMIP Bonus Target	Calculated SMIP Payout
Thomas E. Richards (1)	\$ 1,078,356	\$ 1,725,370
John A. Edwardson	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 2,080,000
Ann E. Ziegler	\$ 700,000	\$ 1,120,000
Douglas E. Eckrote	\$ 700,000	\$ 1,120,000
Neal J. Campbell (2)	\$ 257,671	\$ 412,274
Christina M. Corley (2)	\$ 73,082	\$ 116,932

- (1) The SMIP Bonus Target reported for Mr. Richards is prorated to reflect his SMIP Bonus Target in effect until September 30, 2011 and his increased SMIP Bonus Target in effect from October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.
- (2) Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley each commenced employment with the Company during 2011 and each received a prorated bonus opportunity reflecting the portion of the year in which each Named Executive Officer was employed by the Company.

Long-Term Incentive Program

The Equity Sponsors believe that members of senior management should hold a personally significant interest in the equity of the Company to align their interests and the interests of our stakeholders. As described below, the Equity Sponsors implemented their management investment philosophy by requiring members of senior management to invest in the Company and by establishing a profits-interest program. Profits-interest programs are common practice in portfolio companies of private equity firms and allow participants to share in increases in the equity value of the Company.

A Units

The Equity Sponsors' investment in the Company is held in the form of Class A Common Units of CDW Holdings (A Units). Mr. Richards, Ms. Ziegler and each of our current Named Executive Officers who were with the Company at the time of the Acquisition were required to invest in A Units of CDW Holdings.

B Unit Program

The Company granted Class B Common Units of CDW Holdings (B Units) in 2007 to each of our current Named Executive Officers who was with the Company at the time of the Acquisition. The Committee has the authority to grant B Units to new members of senior management and additional B Units to current members of senior management. A Units and B Units each represent an equity interest in CDW Holdings; however, the B Unit grants have what is called a participation threshold set based on the value assigned to an A Unit at the time of the B Unit grant. The B Units only share in equity appreciation above the participation threshold. This places the B Unit grants in a secondary position to the A Units in that in any event in which the equity is valued and paid out, holders of the B Unit grants are paid only if an amount at least equal to the participation threshold has first been allocated to the A Units. The A Units and the B Unit grants share equally in valuation amounts, if any, above the participation threshold.

In connection with the commencement of their employment in 2011, the Committee granted to Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley 4,783 B Units and 5,245.5 B Units, respectively. In determining the size of the awards, the Committee considered the Company's historical grant practices with respect to similarly situated executive officers at the Company. In 2011, other than the new hire grants to Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley, the Committee did not authorize the grant of any additional B Units to any of the Named Executive Officers.

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On June 30, 2011, the Board approved the terms of a Class B Common Unit Grant Agreement modification letter with Mr. Edwardson. The modification letter provides that Mr. Edwardson's unvested B Units will continue to vest in accordance with the vesting schedule set forth in his grant agreement (through 2014); provided, that Mr. Edwardson continues to perform services through December 31, 2012 or experiences a qualifying termination of employment (Mr. Edwardson is terminated without cause or resigns with good reason) prior to that date. In connection with his Class B Common Unit Grant Agreement modification letter, Mr. Edwardson agreed to extend the term of his noncompetition covenant through December 31, 2016.

For additional information about the B Units granted to the Named Executive Officers in 2011 as well as the modification to Mr. Edwardson's Class B Unit Grant Agreement, see the narrative accompanying the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table, the table entitled 2011 Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End and the 2011 Units Vested Table below.

RDU Plan

In 2010, the Board adopted the Restricted Debt Unit Plan (the RDU Plan) which was designed to retain key leaders and focus them on driving the long-term success of the Company. The RDU Plan is an unfunded nonqualified deferred compensation plan. Participants in the RDU Plan receive Restricted Debt Units (RDUs) that entitle the participant to a proportionate share of payments under the RDU Plan, determined by dividing the number of RDUs held by the participant by 28,500, which is the total number of RDUs available under the RDU Plan. Each RDU represents \$1,000 of face value of the Senior Subordinated Notes.

The RDUs are designed to track two components of the Senior Subordinated Notes, a principal component and an interest component. However, the participants have no rights to the underlying debt. The total amount of compensation available under the RDU Plan is based on these two components. The principal component credits the RDU Plan with an amount equal to \$28.5 million face value of the Senior Subordinated Notes (the debt pool). Payment of the principal component under the RDU Plan will be made to participants on October 12, 2017, unless accelerated due to a sale of the Company. The interest component credits the RDU Plan with amounts equal to the interest that would have been earned on the debt pool from March 10, 2010 (or the date of hire, if later) through maturity (October 12, 2017). These amounts will be paid to participants on the interest payment dates, except that amounts for 2010 and 2011 are deferred until 2012.

In connection with the commencement of their employment in 2011, Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley each received 400 RDUs. The Committee set the size of Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley's awards at levels that maintained the Company's compensation practice of providing a significant portion of each executive's compensation in the form of at-risk, variable compensation while also delivering a competitive compensation package to the executive. In 2011, other than the new hire grants to Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley, the Committee did not authorize the grant of any additional RDUs to any of the Named Executive Officers.

For additional information regarding the operation of the RDU Plan and the RDUs granted to the Named Executive Officers, see the narrative accompanying the 2011 Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation table and the 2011 Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control section.

Severance Benefits

The Company's employment arrangements with each of the Named Executive Officers provide for payments and other benefits in connection with certain qualifying terminations of employment with the Company. The Committee believes that these severance benefits: (i) help secure the continued employment and dedication of the Named Executive Officers; (ii) enhance the Company's value to a potential acquirer because the Named Executive Officers have noncompetition, nonsolicitation and confidentiality provisions that apply after any termination of employment, including after a change in control of the Company; and (iii) are important as a recruitment and retention device, as many of the companies with which we compete for executive talent have similar agreements in place for their senior management.

Additional information regarding the employment arrangements with each of the Named Executive Officers, including a quantification of benefits that would have been received by each Named Executive Officer had his or her employment terminated on December 30, 2011 (the last business day in 2011), is provided under 2011 Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control.

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Our Named Executive Officers participate in the Company's corporate-wide benefit programs. Our Named Executive Officers are offered benefits that are commensurate with the benefits provided to all full-time CDW coworkers, which includes participation in the Company's qualified defined contribution plan. Consistent with the Company's performance-based culture, the Company does not offer a service-based defined benefit pension plan or other similar benefits to its coworkers. Similarly, the Company does not provide nonqualified retirement programs or perquisites that are often provided at other companies to the Named Executive Officers.

2011 Summary Compensation Table

The following table provides information regarding the compensation earned during the last three fiscal years by our current Chief Executive Officer, our Chairman and former Chief Executive Officer, our Chief Financial Officer and our three other most highly compensated executive officers, whom we collectively refer to as our Named Executive Officers.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$ (1))	Bonus (\$ (2))	Stock Awards (\$ (3))	Option Awards (\$ (4))	Non-Equity	Non-qualified	All Other Compensation (\$ (6))	Total (\$)
						Incentive Plan Compensation (\$ (5))	Deferred Earnings (\$ (5))		
Thomas E. Richards									
<i>President and Chief</i>									
<i>Executive Officer</i>	2011	715,865				1,725,370	374,747	5,180	2,821,162
	2010	700,000		2,238,960		1,995,000	296,561	5,130,000	10,360,521
	2009	175,000	1,208,896					30,274	1,414,170
John A. Edwardson									
<i>Chairman and Former Chief</i>									
<i>Executive Officer</i>	2011	825,000		8,220,865		2,080,000		5,180	11,131,045
	2010	825,000		4,191,657		2,470,000			7,486,657
	2009	564,205	250			683,800		3,193	1,251,448
Ann E. Ziegler									
<i>Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer</i>									
	2011	320,000				1,120,000	229,012	5,180	1,674,192
	2010	320,000		628,429		1,340,000	181,232	3,135,000	5,604,661
	2009	317,538	100			331,380		3,193	652,211
Douglas E. Eckrote									
<i>Senior Vice</i>									
<i>President,</i>									
<i>Strategic Solutions</i>									
<i>and Services</i>	2011	275,000				1,120,000	187,373	5,180	1,587,553
	2010	275,000		514,867		1,340,000	148,281	2,565,000	4,843,148
	2009	272,885	350			368,200		3,193	644,628
Neal J. Campbell									
<i>Senior Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer</i>									
	2011	248,558		695,783		412,274	27,353	400,000	1,783,968
Christina M. Corley									
	2011	69,153	78,400	797,316		116,932	7,711	400,000	1,469,512

Senior Vice

President,

Corporate Sales

- (1) Salary. Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley each joined the Company during 2011.
- (2) Bonus. The amounts reported in this column for Mr. Richards and Ms. Corley represent bonuses paid in connection with Mr. Richards and Ms. Corley joining the Company.
- (3) Stock Awards. The amounts reported represent the grant date fair value of B Units calculated in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Compensation-Stock Compensation (FASB ASC Topic 718). The amounts reported in 2011 for Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley represent the aggregate grant date fair value of B Units granted in 2011. Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley s B Units

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vest daily on a pro rata basis commencing on the date of grant and continuing through the five-year anniversary of the date of grant. The amount reported in 2011 for Mr. Edwardson represents the incremental fair value associated with the modification to Mr. Edwardson's outstanding B Unit awards in 2011 and does not reflect a new B Unit grant to Mr. Edwardson. As noted in the following narrative, in 2011, the vesting terms of Mr. Edwardson's B Units were modified in connection with his retirement as Chief Executive Officer to provide that Mr. Edwardson's outstanding B Units will continue to vest in accordance with the vesting schedule set forth in his original grant agreement (through 2014); provided, that Mr. Edwardson continues to perform services through December 31, 2012 or experiences a qualifying termination of employment prior to that date. For 2010, the amounts reported represent the aggregate grant date fair value of B Units granted in 2010 and the incremental fair value associated with the 2010 modification of the B Unit program. See Note 12 to the Audited Financial Statements for a discussion of the relevant assumptions used in calculating these amounts. Please see the Compensation Discussion and Analysis for further information regarding the 2011 B Unit grants to Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley and the 2011 modification of Mr. Edwardson's outstanding B Units.

- (4) Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation. For 2011, the amounts reported represent cash awards to the Named Executive Officers under the SMIP. Please see the Compensation Discussion and Analysis for further information regarding the 2011 SMIP.
- (5) Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings. Pursuant to SEC disclosure rules, the amounts reported represent the portion of the interest credited under the RDU Plan that exceeds 120% of the applicable federal long-term rate. As noted in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the payment of interest earned during 2010 and 2011 under the RDU Plan was deferred until 2012. Please see the Compensation Discussion and Analysis for further information regarding the RDU Plan.
- (6) All Other Compensation. For 2011, All Other Compensation consists of (i) the value of RDUs that Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley received during 2011 and (ii) profit sharing contributions to the 401(k) accounts of Messrs. Richards, Edwardson, and Eckrote and Ms. Ziegler. For 2010, All Other Compensation for Messrs. Richards and Eckrote and Ms. Ziegler consists of the value of RDUs that each received during 2010. The RDU value reported is calculated by multiplying the number of RDUs received by \$1,000, the face amount of an RDU. Because the amounts reported represent the face amount of the unvested RDUs, these amounts may not correspond to the actual value that will be recognized by the Named Executive Officer. Participants in the RDU Plan vest in this principal component on a pro rata basis over the three-year period commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014, subject to earlier vesting in the event of certain qualifying terminations of employment or a sale of the Company.

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The following table provides information regarding the possible payouts to our Named Executive Officers in 2011 under the SMIP and the 2011 grant of B Units to Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley.

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards (1)			Estimated Possible Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Units (#)	All Other Securities Underlying Options (#)	All Other Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$)	Grant Date of Stock and Option Awards (\$ (4)
		Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)				
Thomas E. Richards		161,753	1,078,356	2,156,712							
John A. Edwardson		195,000	1,300,000	2,600,000							
	(2)							24,887		8,220,865	
Ann E. Ziegler		105,000	700,000	1,400,000							
Douglas E. Eckrote		105,000	700,000	1,400,000							
Neal J. Campbell		38,651	257,671	515,342							
	3/10/2011							4,783		695,783	
Christina M. Corley		10,962	73,082	146,164							
	11/4/2011							5,246		797,316	

- (1) These amounts represent threshold, target and maximum cash award levels set in 2011 under the SMIP. The SMIP bonus opportunities reported for Mr. Richards are prorated to reflect his SMIP bonus opportunities in effect until September 30, 2011 and his increased SMIP bonus opportunities in effect from October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley each commenced employment with the Company during 2011 and each received prorated bonus opportunities reflecting the portion of the year in which each Named Executive Officer was employed by the Company. The amount actually earned by each Named Executive Officer is reported as Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation in the 2011 Summary Compensation Table.
- (2) The amount reported for Mr. Edwardson represents the number of B Units that were impacted by the modification to Mr. Edwardson's outstanding B Unit awards in 2011 and does not reflect a new B Unit grant to Mr. Edwardson. As noted in the following narrative, in 2011, the vesting terms of Mr. Edwardson's B Units were modified in connection with his retirement as Chief Executive Officer to provide that Mr. Edwardson's outstanding B Units will continue to vest in accordance with the vesting schedule set forth in his original grant agreement (through 2014); provided, that Mr. Edwardson continues to perform services through December 31, 2012 or experiences a qualifying termination of employment prior to that date. Please see the following narrative for further information regarding the modification to Mr. Edwardson's outstanding B Units.
- (3) The amounts reported for Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley represent B Units granted in 2011 under the Company's 2007 Incentive Equity Plan. These B Units vest daily on a pro rata basis commencing on the date of grant and continuing through the five-year anniversary of the date of grant. The per unit participation thresholds for Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley's B Unit grants equal \$464.06 and \$592.00, respectively.
- (4) The amounts reported in this column represent the grant date fair value of the 2011 B Unit grants and the incremental fair value associated with the modification of Mr. Edwardson's B Units in 2011, each as computed in accordance with FASB ASC 718. See Note 12 to the Audited Financial Statements for a discussion of the relevant assumptions used in calculating these amounts.

Narrative to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table*Employment Agreements and Arrangements*

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In connection with Mr. Richards' election to the position of Chief Executive Officer, on June 30, 2011, the Board approved the terms of an amended and restated compensation protection agreement with Mr. Richards, which became effective October 1, 2011. Mr. Richards' amended compensation protection agreement provides for, among

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other items, (i) an annual base salary of \$775,000 subject to merit increases, (ii) an annual incentive bonus target of 150% of Mr. Richards annual base salary and (iii) severance benefits for qualifying terminations of employment. Please see the 2011 Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control section for a discussion of Mr. Richards' severance arrangements.

On October 12, 2007, in connection with the Acquisition, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Edwardson, pursuant to which Mr. Edwardson agreed to continue to serve as the Company's Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Edwardson's employment agreement provided for, among other items, (i) an annual base salary of \$760,000 subject to merit increases, (ii) an annual incentive bonus target of not less than \$1,000,000, and (iii) a one-time grant of approximately 54,500 B Units in 2007. The employment agreement also provided Mr. Edwardson with certain severance payments following a qualifying termination of employment. In connection with Mr. Edwardson's retirement as Chief Executive Officer of the Company and Mr. Edwardson's continued service as the Company's Chairman, the Board approved the terms of an amended and restated employment agreement (the Amended Employment Agreement). The Amended Employment Agreement with Mr. Edwardson became effective on October 1, 2011 and continues through December 31, 2012. Over the duration of the Amended Employment Agreement, Mr. Edwardson's base salary will be reduced from its current level as follows:

Period	Base Salary (Per Annum)
10/1/2011 through 3/31/2012	\$ 825,000
4/1/2012 through 6/30/2012	\$ 618,750
7/1/2012 through 9/30/2012	\$ 412,500
10/1/2012 through 12/31/2012	\$ 206,250

The other significant changes reflected in the Amended Employment Agreement are as follows:

If Mr. Edwardson's employment as Chairman is terminated by the Company without cause, by Mr. Edwardson for good reason, or due to disability, Mr. Edwardson will receive, in addition to the payments and benefits that he is already entitled to receive under his existing employment agreement, continuation of medical, dental and vision insurance until he becomes eligible for Medicare benefits, and full COBRA rights for his eligible dependents once he becomes eligible for Medicare benefits or, if earlier, upon his death.

Mr. Edwardson extended the term of his noncompetition covenant through December 31, 2016.

On June 30, 2011, the Board also approved the terms of a Class B Common Unit Grant Agreement modification letter with Mr. Edwardson. The modification letter provides that Mr. Edwardson's unvested B Units will continue to vest in accordance with the vesting schedule set forth in his grant agreement (through 2014); provided, that Mr. Edwardson continues to perform services through December 31, 2012 or experiences a qualifying termination of employment (Mr. Edwardson is terminated without cause or resigns with good reason) prior to that date.

The Company has severance arrangements with respect to each Named Executive Officer that provide for payments and other benefits upon a qualifying termination of the Named Executive Officer. The terms of the Company's severance arrangements are described in 2011 Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control.

SMIP

Please see the Compensation Discussion and Analysis for further information regarding the operation of the SMIP.

Class B Common Units

As noted in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, in connection with the commencement of their employment in 2011, the Committee granted to Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley 4,783 B Units and 5,245.5 B Units, respectively. The B Unit program is a profits-interest compensation program that was designed to permit holders of B Units to share in the increase in the equity value of the Company above a pre-defined value for the A Units. For the 2011 B Unit grants to Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley that per unit pre-defined value, or participation threshold, equals \$464.06 and \$592.00, respectively.

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The B Units vest daily on a pro rata basis between the date of grant and the fifth anniversary of the date of grant if, and only if, the executive is, and has been, continuously employed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, serving as a manager or director of the Company or its subsidiaries, or providing services to the Company or any of its subsidiaries as an advisor or consultant. Immediately prior to a sale of the Company, all unvested B Units shall immediately vest if the executive is, and has been, continuously employed by or providing services to the Company or its subsidiaries as of the date of the transaction.

Please see the Compensation Discussion and Analysis for further information regarding the 2011 B Unit grants to Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley.

RDU Plan

Please see the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation section for further information regarding the operation of the RDU Plan.

2011 Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table summarizes the number and market value of unvested equity awards held by each Named Executive Officer on December 31, 2011.

Name	Number of Units That Have Not Vested (1)	Market Value of Units That Have Not Vested (2)
Thomas E. Richards	11,203	\$ 9,623,239
John A. Edwardson	37,348	\$ 32,081,413
Ann E. Ziegler	5,229	\$ 4,491,399
Douglas E. Eckrote	5,152	\$ 4,425,880
Neal J. Campbell	4,006	\$ 1,582,088
Christina M. Corley	5,079	\$ 1,356,111

- Amounts reported in this column represent the number of unvested B Units held by each Named Executive Officer as of December 31, 2011. For each of the Named Executive Officers other than Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley, the B Units vest daily on a pro rata basis over a five year period commencing on January 1, 2010. For Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley, the B Units vest daily on a pro rata basis over a five year period commencing on March 10, 2011 and November 4, 2011, respectively.
- Following the Acquisition, the Company's equity ceased to be publicly traded and, therefore, there was no ascertainable public market value for the B Units as of December 31, 2011. The market value reported in this table is based upon a valuation analysis of the fair market value (as defined in our applicable equity documents) of total Company equity performed on a semi-annual basis.

2011 Units Vested Table

The following table summarizes the number and market value of equity awards held by each Named Executive Officer that vested during 2011.

Name	Number of Units Acquired on Vesting (1)	Value Realized on Vesting (2)
Thomas E. Richards	3,728	\$ 3,201,898
John A. Edwardson	12,427	\$ 10,674,308
Ann E. Ziegler	1,740	\$ 1,494,403
Douglas E. Eckrote	1,714	\$ 1,472,604
Neal J. Campbell	777	\$ 306,911
Christina M. Corley	166	\$ 44,438

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- (1) Amounts reported in this column represent the number of the Named Executive Officer's B Units that vested during 2011. These B Units remain subject to transfer restrictions pursuant to the terms of the B Unit agreements.

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- (2) Following the Acquisition, the Company's equity ceased to be publicly traded and, therefore, there was no ascertainable public market value for the B Units as of December 31, 2011. The market value reported in this table is based upon a valuation analysis of the fair market value (as defined in our applicable equity documents) of total Company equity performed on a semi-annual basis.

Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation

As noted in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the Company maintains the RDU Plan, an unfunded nonqualified deferred compensation plan that is designed to retain key leaders and focus them on driving the long-term success of the Company. Participants in the RDU Plan received RDUs that entitle the participant to a proportionate share of payments under the RDU Plan, determined by dividing the number of RDUs held by the participant by 28,500, which is the total number of RDUs available under the RDU Plan. Each RDU represents \$1,000 of face value of the Company's Senior Subordinated Notes.

The RDUs are designed to track two components of the Company's Senior Subordinated Notes, a principal component and an interest component. However, participants have no rights to the underlying debt. The total amount of compensation available under the RDU Plan is based on these two components. The principal component credits the RDU Plan with an amount equal to \$28.5 million face value of the Company's Senior Subordinated Notes (the debt pool). Payment of the principal component under the RDU Plan will be made to participants on October 12, 2017, unless accelerated as discussed in the 2011 Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control section. The interest component credits the RDU Plan with amounts equal to the interest that would have been earned on the debt pool from March 10, 2010 (or the date of hire, if later) through maturity (October 12, 2017). Payment of the interest component for the period from March 10, 2010 (or the date of hire, if later) through December 31, 2011 was made in January 2012, and payment of the interest component for periods on and after January 1, 2012 will be paid to participants semi-annually on April 15 and October 15, unless accelerated as discussed in the 2011 Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control section.

Participants vest daily in the principal component during employment on a pro rata basis over the three-year period commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014, unless accelerated as discussed in the 2011 Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control section. Participants became vested in the interest component that accrued for the period from March 10, 2010 (or the date of hire, if later) through December 31, 2011 on December 31, 2011 and vest in the interest component for periods on and after January 1, 2012 as discussed in the 2011 Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control section.

The principal and interest accrued on unallocated RDUs under the RDU Plan as of December 31, 2014 will be allocated to participants who are employed as of such date on a pro rata basis according to the number of RDUs held by each such participant compared to the total debt pool, unless accelerated as discussed in the 2011 Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control section. Any RDUs allocated to participants on December 31, 2014 will be fully vested. Such principal and interest components allocated to each participant shall be paid on October 12, 2017, unless accelerated as discussed in the 2011 Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control section.

See 2011 Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control below for a discussion of the treatment of the RDUs upon certain terminations of employment or a sale of the Company.

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The following table provides information regarding the RDU Plan.

Name	Executive Contributions In Last Fiscal Year (\$)	Registrant Company Contributions In Last Fiscal Year (\$)(1)	Aggregate Earnings in Last Fiscal Year (\$)(2)	Aggregate Withdrawals / Distributions (\$)	Aggregate Balance At Last Fiscal Year-End (\$)(3)
Thomas E. Richards			643,046		6,286,482
John A. Edwardson					
Ann E. Ziegler			392,972		3,841,739
Douglas E. Eckrote			321,523		3,143,241
Neal J. Campbell		400,000	46,937		446,937
Christina M. Corley		400,000	13,231		413,231

- (1) The amounts reported in this column represent the number of RDUs that Mr. Campbell and Ms. Corley received during 2011 multiplied by \$1,000, the face amount of an RDU. Please see the narrative above for a description of the principal component of the RDU Plan. These amounts are included in the All Other Compensation column in the 2011 Summary Compensation Table. Participants in the RDU Plan vest in the principal component on a pro rata basis over the three-year period commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014, subject to earlier vesting in the event of certain qualifying terminations of employment or a sale of the Company. Accordingly, none of the amounts reported in this column as of December 31, 2011 were vested.
- (2) The amounts reported in this column represent interest credited to each Named Executive Officer's RDU account in 2011. Please see the narrative above for a description of the interest component of the RDU Plan. (This is different than the portion of the interest credited that is above the applicable long-term federal rate, which is included in the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings column in the 2011 Summary Compensation Table.) Participants in the RDU Plan became vested in the interest payments that accrued under the RDU Plan from March 10, 2010 (or the date of hire, if later) through December 31, 2011 on December 31, 2011. Such accrued interest payments were paid to participants in January 2012.
- (3) The amounts reported in this column represent each Named Executive Officer's balance in the RDU Plan.

2011 Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control

Mr. Richards is a party to a compensation protection agreement that provides for certain severance benefits upon a qualifying termination of employment. As noted above, we have entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Edwardson, which also provides for certain severance benefits upon a qualifying termination of employment. In addition, in connection with the Acquisition, Ms. Ziegler and Mr. Eckrote entered into compensation protection agreements that set forth their severance arrangements (together, with Mr. Richards compensation protection agreement, the Compensation Protection Agreements). The remaining Named Executive Officers participate in a compensation protection plan that provides for severance benefits upon a qualifying termination of employment (Compensation Protection Plan). Each Named Executive Officer, other than Mr. Edwardson, is a participant in the RDU Plan and each Named Executive Officer is a participant in the Company's B Unit program, both of which provide for accelerated vesting of RDUs or B Units, as applicable, upon certain termination events or a sale of the Company.

A description of the material terms of each of the employment arrangements, the RDU Plan and B Unit program as well as estimates of the payments and benefits each Named Executive Officer would receive upon a termination of employment or sale of the Company, are set forth below. The estimates have been calculated assuming a termination date on December 30, 2011 (the last business day in 2011), an estimated market value of the Company's B Units based upon a valuation analysis of the fair market value (as defined in our applicable equity documents) of total Company equity performed on a semi-annual basis and the \$1,000 face amount of an RDU. The amounts reported below are only estimates and actual payments and benefits to be paid upon a termination of a Named Executive Officer's employment with the Company or sale of the Company under these arrangements can only be determined at the time of termination or sale of the Company.

All of the Named Executive Officers are bound by noncompetition agreements with the Company. Under his amended and restated employment agreement, Mr. Edwardson is bound by noncompetition and nonsolicitation provisions that apply through December 31, 2016 and confidentiality provisions that apply for an unlimited period of time following any termination of his employment. The remaining Named Executive Officers are bound by noncompetition and nonsolicitation provisions that apply for a period of twelve months (in the case of the Compensation

Protection Plan or for executives who are parties to Compensation Protection Agreements if such executive is not eligible to receive severance under the terms of such agreement) or eighteen months (if the Named

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Executive Officer is eligible for severance under the terms of a Compensation Protection Agreement) following any termination of employment and confidentiality provisions that apply for an unlimited period of time following any termination of employment. The noncompetition period under the B Unit agreements is 18 months for each executive who is a party to a Compensation Protection Agreement and 12 months for each executive who participates in the Compensation Protection Plan.

Employment Agreement with John A. Edwardson

We entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Edwardson on October 12, 2007 that provides for payments and other benefits in connection with the termination of his employment with the Company.

Under Mr. Edwardson's employment agreement, if Mr. Edwardson's employment is terminated due to Mr. Edwardson's death or disability, Mr. Edwardson or his estate, as applicable, is entitled to receive the following payments and benefits under the employment agreement: (1) accrued base salary through the date of termination of employment; (2) the amount of any SMIP bonus earned and payable, but not yet paid, for the fiscal year prior to the year in which Mr. Edwardson's termination of employment occurs; (3) any earned and unpaid portion of the SMIP bonus target determined as of the last day of the fiscal year in which Mr. Edwardson's termination of employment occurs, prorated from the first day in such fiscal year through the date of Mr. Edwardson's termination of employment; and (4) any employee benefits to which Mr. Edwardson is otherwise entitled. In addition, in the case of Mr. Edwardson's termination due to death or disability, Mr. Edwardson's Class B Common Unit Grant Agreement provides for the immediate vesting of the additional portion of his outstanding B Units that would vest over a period of one year from Mr. Edwardson's termination of employment. If Mr. Edwardson's employment is terminated by the Company for cause or by Mr. Edwardson without good reason, as defined in his employment agreement, Mr. Edwardson is entitled to receive the benefits described in (1), (2) and (4) above. If Mr. Edwardson's employment is terminated by the Company without cause or by Mr. Edwardson for good reason, Mr. Edwardson is entitled to receive the payments and benefits described in (1) through (4) above and a lump sum payment of two times the sum of his base salary plus his average annual incentive bonus for the last three full fiscal years.

As described above, on June 30, 2011, we amended and restated Mr. Edwardson's employment agreement in connection with his announced retirement and continued service to the Company as Chairman. The amended and restated agreement became effective October 1, 2011. Under the amended and restated agreement, if Mr. Edwardson's employment is terminated by the Company without cause, by Mr. Edwardson for good reason or due to disability, Mr. Edwardson will receive, in addition to the payments and benefits outlined in the previous paragraph, continuation of medical, dental and vision insurance until he becomes eligible for Medicare benefits, and full COBRA rights for his eligible dependents once he becomes eligible for Medicare benefits or, if earlier, upon his death.

Compensation Protection Arrangements

For purposes of determining severance benefits under the Named Executive Officers' compensation protection arrangements, a qualifying termination means termination of the Named Executive Officer's employment (1) by the Company other than (A) for cause, (B) the Named Executive Officer's death or (C) the Named Executive Officer's disability, or (2) for a Named Executive Officer who is a party to a Compensation Protection Agreement, by the Named Executive Officer for good reason.

If the employment of a Named Executive Officer other than Mr. Edwardson is terminated for any reason other than a qualifying termination of employment, the Named Executive Officer is entitled to receive his or her accrued obligations. Accrued obligations include the following: (1) accrued and unpaid base salary; (2) any SMIP bonus, deferred compensation and other cash compensation accrued by the Named Executive Officer to the extent not paid as of the date of termination; and (3) and vacation pay, expense reimbursements and other cash entitlements accrued by the Named Executive Officer to the extent not paid as of the date of termination.

If the employment of a Named Executive Officer other than Mr. Edwardson is terminated due to the Named Executive Officer's death or disability, the Named Executive Officer or his or her estate, as applicable, is entitled to receive the following payments under his or her compensation protection arrangement: (1) accrued obligations as defined above and (2) for executives who are parties to Compensation Protection Agreements, an annual incentive bonus (based on the target bonus under the Company's SMIP), prorated through the effective date of the Named Executive Officer's termination of employment.

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If the employment of a Named Executive Officer other than Mr. Edwardson is terminated due to a qualifying termination, the Named Executive Officer is entitled to receive the following payments and benefits under his or her compensation protection arrangement: (1) accrued obligations as defined above; (2) the portion of the unpaid SMIP bonus that the Named Executive Officer would have received had he or she remained employed by the Company for the full year in which the termination occurs, based on actual performance and prorated through the date of termination; (3) continuation in accordance with the Company's regular payroll practices of a multiple of the Named Executive Officer's base salary; (4) payment of a multiple of the Named Executive Officer's SMIP bonus that would have been earned had the Named Executive Officer remained employed by the Company for the full year in which the termination occurs, based on actual performance; (5) continuation of certain health and welfare benefits for the number of years specified in the Named Executive Officer's compensation protection arrangement or if earlier, the date that the Named Executive Officer became eligible for each such type of insurance coverage from a subsequent employer (provided, however, that if the Company is unable to provide such continuation benefits to the Named Executive Officer, the Company will reimburse and provide a tax-gross up for the cost associated with providing such benefits); and (6) outplacement services of up to \$20,000. The multiple to be applied in determining severance payments and health and welfare continuation coverage is one for Named Executive Officers who participate in the Compensation Protection Plan, two for Named Executive Officers who are parties to Compensation Protection Agreements or, in the case Mr. Richards resigns for good reason in certain circumstances following an acquisition of the Company on or before December 31, 2011, three for base salary and health and welfare benefits and 2.99 for SMIP bonus. The receipt of all of the payments and benefits above, except payment of accrued obligations, is conditioned upon the Named Executive Officer's execution of a general release agreement in which he or she waives all claims that he or she might have against the Company and certain associated individuals and entities.

If the payments and benefits to a Named Executive Officer under their respective employment agreement or Compensation Protection Agreement would subject the Named Executive Officer to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Named Executive Officer would be entitled to receive a gross-up payment, unless the Named Executive Officer's net after-tax benefit resulting from such gross-up payment, as compared to a reduction of such payments and benefits so that no excise tax is incurred, is less than \$100,000. The foregoing gross-up payment is applicable only in the case of the Company's first change in control following its initial public offering.

RDU Plan

As noted in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and narrative to the 2011 Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation table, the Company maintains the RDU Plan. Upon a qualifying termination of employment under a Compensation Protection Agreement, the participant will vest in the RDUs through the date of termination, determined as if the vesting schedule had been five year daily commencing on January 1, 2010. For participants in the RDU Plan, in the event of death or disability, the participant will vest in an additional 20% of the RDUs (i.e., one year of vesting on a five year daily vesting schedule). With respect to the interest component of the RDU Plan, upon a termination of employment, a participant receives interest payments, payable at the same time and same rate as other RDU participants, with respect to vested and unvested RDUs through the date of termination and with respect to vested RDUs thereafter.

All outstanding RDUs become vested upon a sale of the Company and participants will receive unpaid interest through the date of such sale of the Company. In addition, upon a sale of the Company, the Company is required to pay the same change in control payment, equal to 1% of the debt pool, as it would be required to pay noteholders under the indenture governing the Company's Senior Subordinated Notes. The change in control payment, as well as the principal and interest portion of the debt pool not yet allocated as of the date of the sale of the Company, will be allocated to participants who are employed as of such date on a pro rata basis according to the number of RDUs held by each participant compared to the total debt pool.

B Units

Except as described below with respect to Mr. Edwardson, there is no acceleration or continuation of vesting of the B Units for terminations other than on account of a Named Executive Officer's death or disability. In the case of termination due to the Named Executive Officer's death or disability, each Named Executive Officer's Class B Common Unit Grant Agreement provides for the immediate vesting of the additional portion of his or her outstanding B Units that would vest over a period of one year from such Named Executive Officer's termination of employment. All outstanding unvested B Units would immediately vest upon a sale of the Company under the Class B Common Unit Grant Agreements entered into with each Named Executive Officer.

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On June 30, 2011, the Board also approved the terms of a Class B Common Unit Grant Agreement modification letter with Mr. Edwardson. The modification letter provides that Mr. Edwardson's unvested B Units will continue to vest in accordance with the vesting schedule set forth in his grant agreement (through 2014); provided, that Mr. Edwardson continues to perform services through December 31, 2012 or experiences a qualifying termination of employment (Mr. Edwardson is terminated without cause or resigns with good reason) prior to that date.

For purposes of the RDU Plan and B Unit program, a sale of the Company means the acquisition by any person or group of (1) at least 51% of the equity securities of the Company entitled to vote to elect members of the Board or (2) all or substantially all of the Company's assets determined on a consolidated basis. An initial public offering does not constitute a sale of the Company.

Potential Payments upon a Qualifying Termination of Employment (1)

Name	Severance Payment \$(2)	Pro Rata Actual Bonus Payment \$(3)	Value of Class B Common Units \$(4)	Value of Accelerated RDUs \$(5)	Welfare Benefits \$(6)	Outplacement \$(7)	Aggregate Payments (\$)
Thomas E. Richards (2x Scenario)	5,000,740	1,725,370		3,208,482	17,502	20,000	9,972,094
Thomas E. Richards (3x Scenario)	7,483,856	1,725,370		3,208,482	26,253	20,000	12,463,961
John A. Edwardson	5,139,200	2,080,000	32,110,657		9,793		39,339,650
Ann E. Ziegler	2,880,000	1,120,000		1,960,739	11,549	20,000	5,992,288
Douglas E. Eckrote	2,790,000	1,120,000		1,604,241	17,406	20,000	5,551,647
Neal J. Campbell	715,000	412,274		46,937	8,215	20,000	1,202,426
Christina M. Corley	715,000	116,932		13,231	10,213	20,000	875,376

- (1) A qualifying termination means termination of the Named Executive Officer's employment (1) by the Company other than (A) for cause, (B) the Named Executive Officer's death or (C) the Named Executive Officer's disability, or (2) for a Named Executive Officer who is a party to a Compensation Protection Agreement, by the Named Executive Officer for good reason.
- (2) Except as otherwise noted, amounts reported in this column represent a multiple of the sum of (i) the Named Executive Officer's base salary and (ii) the Named Executive Officer's annual incentive bonus target for 2011 multiplied by the 2011 SMIP payout percentage of 160%. For Mr. Edwardson, the bonus component of his severance payment is determined under his employment agreement based upon the average of the annual incentive bonus amounts earned for the last three full fiscal years. The multiple is one times for the Named Executive Officers who participate in the Compensation Protection Plan, two times for Mr. Edwardson and the Named Executive Officers who are parties to Compensation Protection Agreements and three times for base salary and 2.99 times for SMIP bonus in the case Mr. Richards resigns for good reason in certain circumstances following an acquisition of the Company on or before December 31, 2011.
- (3) Under the Named Executive Officers' respective agreements, the Named Executive Officers are entitled to a pro rata bonus based on the Company's actual performance for the year in which termination occurs. The amount reported in this column represents the annual bonus earned by each Named Executive Officer during 2011. This amount is also reported in the 2011 Summary Compensation Table as 2011 compensation.
- (4) Pursuant to the terms of the B Unit agreements, the B Units do not accelerate upon a termination of employment other than a termination of employment due to the death or disability of the Named Executive Officer, as described below. Although Mr. Edwardson's unvested B Units do not accelerate upon a qualifying termination of employment, Mr. Edwardson's unvested B Units will continue to vest in accordance with the vesting schedule set forth in his grant agreement (through 2014) upon a qualifying termination of employment. The amount reported for Mr. Edwardson represents the value of the B Units that will continue to vest in the event Mr. Edwardson's employment with the Company is terminated without cause or Mr. Edwardson resigns with good reason before December 31, 2012. The B Unit value reported in this table is based upon a valuation analysis of the fair market value (as defined in our applicable equity documents) of total Company equity performed on a semi-annual basis.
- (5) Pursuant to the terms of the RDU Plan, upon a qualifying termination of employment under a Compensation Protection Agreement, the participant will vest in the RDUs through the date of termination, determined as if the vesting schedule had been five year daily commencing on January 1, 2010. The amounts reported in the table represent the sum of (i) the number of RDUs that would vest upon the qualifying termination of employment

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under a Compensation Protection Agreement multiplied by the \$1,000 face amount of an RDU and (ii) the interest earned in 2010 and 2011 that became vested on December 31, 2011 and was paid in January 2012. In addition, the Named Executive Officer will continue to receive interest earned subsequent to 2011 with respect to the RDUs that vested in connection with his or her qualifying termination of employment.

- (6) Represents the estimated value of continued welfare benefits that all Named Executive Officers would be entitled to receive upon a qualifying termination of employment.
- (7) Represents the maximum value of outplacement services that all Named Executive Officers, except for Mr. Edwardson, would be entitled to receive.

Potential Payments upon Death or Disability Table

Name	Severance Payment (\$)	Pro Rata Actual Bonus Payment (\$)(1)	Value of Accelerated Class B Common Units (\$)(2)	Value of Accelerated RDUs (\$)(3)	Aggregate Payments (\$)
Thomas E. Richards		1,725,370	3,205,407	2,182,482	7,113,259
John A. Edwardson		2,080,000	10,686,006		12,766,006
Ann E. Ziegler		1,120,000	1,496,041	1,333,739	3,949,780
Douglas E. Eckrote		1,120,000	1,474,218	1,091,241	3,685,459
Neal J. Campbell		412,274	377,800	126,937	917,011
Christina M. Corley		116,932	280,110	93,231	490,273

- (1) Under the Compensation Protection Agreements, the Named Executive Officers are entitled to a pro rata bonus based on target or, in the case of Mr. Edwardson, actual performance for the year in which termination occurs. The amount reported in this column represents the annual bonus earned by each Named Executive Officer during 2011. This amount is also reported in the 2011 Summary Compensation Table as 2011 compensation.
- (2) Represents the value of B Units, equal to the amount that would vest over a period of one year, in the event of a death or a termination following a disability on December 30, 2011. The B Unit value reported in this table is based upon a valuation analysis of the fair market value (as defined in our applicable equity documents) of total Company equity performed on a semi-annual basis.
- (3) Pursuant to the terms of the RDU Plan, in the event of the participant's death or disability, the participant will vest in an additional 20% of the RDUs (i.e., one year of vesting on a five year daily vesting schedule). The amounts reported in the table represent the sum of (i) the number of RDUs that would vest upon a termination due to death or disability multiplied by the \$1,000 face amount of an RDU and (ii) the interest earned in 2010 and 2011 that became vested on December 31, 2011 and was paid in January 2012. In addition, the Named Executive Officer will continue to receive interest earned subsequent to 2011 with respect to the RDUs that vested in connection with his or her termination of employment due to death or disability.

Potential Payments upon a Change in Control

Name	Severance Payment (\$)	Pro Rata Actual Bonus Payment (\$)	Value of Accelerated Class B Common Units (\$)(1)	Value of Accelerated RDUs (\$)(2)	Gross-Up (\$)(3)	Aggregate Payments (\$)(4)
Thomas E. Richards			9,632,012	7,143,831		16,775,843
John A. Edwardson			32,110,657			32,110,657
Ann E. Ziegler			4,495,493	4,365,681		8,861,174
Douglas E. Eckrote			4,429,915	3,571,921		8,001,836
Neal J. Campbell			1,583,121	513,790		2,096,911
Christina M. Corley			1,356,877	480,085		1,836,962

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- (1) Represents the value of all unvested B Units that would become vested immediately prior to a sale of the Company on December 30, 2011. The B Unit value reported in this table is based upon a valuation analysis of the fair market value (as defined in our applicable equity documents) of total Company equity performed on a semi-annual basis.
- (2) Represents the value of all unvested RDUs that would become vested upon a sale of the Company as well as the interest accrued in 2010 and 2011 on these RDUs, the allocation of the unallocated RDU debt pool (principal and any accrued interest) that each Named Executive Officer would have received if a sale of the Company occurred on December 30, 2011 and the change in control payment on the RDUs. The amounts are calculated based on the \$1,000 face amount of an RDU. Please see the 2011 Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation table for a description of the RDU Plan and the narrative above entitled RDU Plan for a description of the amounts to be received by participants in the RDU Plan upon a sale of the Company.
- (3) The tax gross-up calculations assumed a blended effective tax rate of approximately 39% and a 20% excise tax incurred on excess parachute payments, as calculated in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Sections 280G and 4999. For Mr. Richards, given that he commenced employment with the Company in 2009, the tax gross-up calculation is based on Mr. Richards' W-2 forms for 2009 and 2010 only, with 2009 compensation information based on an annualized salary amount. For Ms. Ziegler, given that she commenced employment in 2008, the tax gross-up calculation is based on Ms. Ziegler's W-2 forms for 2008, 2009 and 2010 only, with 2008 compensation information based on an annualized salary amount.
- (4) If the Named Executive Officer experiences a qualifying termination of employment in connection with a change in control, the Named Executive Officer would also be entitled to the amounts reported in the Potential Payments upon a Qualifying Termination of Employment table above, except that such Named Executive Officer would receive the value of the accelerated RDUs as set forth in this table rather than in the Potential Payments upon a Qualifying Termination of Employment table above. In addition, the 280G gross-up calculation would be increased to reflect the additional compensation received in connection with a qualifying termination of employment. In such case, Mr. Richards would receive a gross-up payment of \$2,316,136 for the 2x termination scenario and \$3,608,933 for the 3x termination scenario, and Ms. Ziegler would receive a gross-up payment of \$1,357,190.

Director Compensation

Our managers who (1) were appointed jointly by our Equity Sponsors and (2) were not also officers or employees of the Company or Managing Directors of our Equity Sponsors in 2011 were eligible to receive an annual retainer of \$175,000 in 2011, paid on a quarterly basis after completion of each quarter of service. Steven W. Alesio, Barry K. Allen, Benjamin D. Chereskin and Donna F. Zarcone were eligible to receive this retainer for their Board service in 2011. Our other non-employee managers, Glenn M. Creamer, Michael J. Dominguez, Paul J. Finnegan and Robin P. Selati, were Managing Directors of the Equity Sponsors in 2011 and therefore were not eligible to receive this retainer for their Board service in 2011.

The following table shows information concerning the retainer paid to eligible managers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011:

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash/ Total
Steven W. Alesio	\$ 175,000
Barry K. Allen	\$ 175,000
Benjamin D. Chereskin	\$ 175,000
Donna F. Zarcone	\$ 106,250 (1)

- (1) Consists of a pro rata portion of the \$175,000 annual retainer earned by Ms. Zarcone based upon length of Board service in 2011. Ms. Zarcone currently serves on the Board and commenced Board service on May 23, 2011.

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All of the equity interests of CDW LLC and CDW Finance Corporation are owned by Parent, which in turn is wholly owned by CDW Holdings. CDW Holdings was capitalized in connection with the Acquisition with approximately \$2,141.9 million of equity capital in the form of units. As of December 31, 2011, CDW Holdings had 2,165,617.47 A Units outstanding and 202,907.74 B Units outstanding, of which 75,461.18 were vested. The A Units and the vested B Units vote together as a single class of units. The following table sets forth certain information regarding the beneficial ownership of the units of CDW Holdings as of December 31, 2011 by:

each person who is the beneficial owner of more than 5% of its outstanding voting common equity;

each member of the board of managers of CDW Holdings and each of our Named Executive Officers; and

our managers and executive officers as a group.

To our knowledge, each such holder has sole voting and investment power as to the units shown unless otherwise noted. Beneficial ownership of the units listed in the table has been determined in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations promulgated under the Exchange Act.

	CDW Holdings LLC				
	Number of A Units Beneficially Owned	Percent of A Units Beneficially Owned	Number of B Units Beneficially Owned	Percent of B Units Beneficially Owned	Percent of All Units Beneficially Owned
Principal Unitholders:					
Madison Dearborn(1)	1,108,879.4	51.2			49.5
Providence Equity(2)	980,415.5	45.3			43.7
Managers and Executive Officers:					
John A. Edwardson(3)	26,000.0	1.2	26,895.9	34.7	2.4
Ann E. Ziegler(4)	1,000.0	*	3,765.4	5.0	*
Thomas E. Richards(5)	2,154.9	*	8,067.8	10.6	*
Douglas E. Eckrote(6)	4,000.0	*	3,710.5	4.9	*
Christina M. Corley(7)			338.6	*	*
Neal J. Campbell(8)			934.1	1.2	*
Steven W. Alesio					
Barry K. Allen					
Benjamin D. Chereskin					
Glenn M. Creamer					
Michael J. Dominguez					
Paul J. Finnegan					
Robin P. Selati					
Donna F. Zarcone					
All Managers and Executive Officers as a group (19 persons)	37,454.9	1.7	56,260.4	70.4	4.2

* Denotes less than one percent.

(1) Consists of 723,840.2 A Units held directly by Madison Dearborn Capital Partners V-A, L.P. (MDP A), 192,022.3 A Units held directly by Madison Dearborn Capital Partners V-C, L.P. (MDP C), 7,273.2 A Units held directly by Madison Dearborn Capital Partners V Executive-A, L.P. (MDP Exec) and 185,743.8 A Units held directly by MDCP Co-Investor (CDW), L.P. (MDP Co-Investor). The units held by MDP A, MDP C, MDP Exec and MDP Co-Investor may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Madison Dearborn Partners V

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A&C, L.P. (MDP V), and the general partner of MDP A, MDP C, MDP Exec and MDP Co-Investor. As the sole member of a limited partner committee of MDP V that has the power, acting by majority vote, to vote or dispose of the units directly held by MDP A, MDP C, MDP Exec and MDP Co-Investor, John A. Canning, Paul J. Finnegan and Samuel M. Mencoﬀ may be deemed to have shared voting and investment power over such units. MDP V, MDP A, MDP C, MDP Exec and MDP Co-Investor may be deemed to be a group for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, but expressly disclaim group attribution. Messrs. Canning, Finnegan and Mencoﬀ and MDP V hereby disclaim any beneficial ownership of any shares held by MDP A, MDP C, MDP Exec and MDP Co-Investor. The address for the Madison Dearborn entities and persons is Three First National Plaza, 70 W. Madison Street, Suite 4600, Chicago, Illinois, 60602.

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- (2) Consists of 621,184.7 A Units held directly by Providence Equity Partners VI, L.P. (PEP VI), 213,695.0 A Units held directly by Providence Equity Partners VI-A, L.P. (PEP VI-A) and 145,535.8 A Units held directly by PEP Co-Investors (CDW), L.P. (PEP Co-Investor). The units held by PEP VI, PEP VI-A and PEP Co-Investor may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Providence Equity GP VI, L.P. (PEP GP), the general partner of PEP VI, PEP VI-A and PEP Co-Investor and Providence Equity Partners VI, L.L.C. (PEP LLC), the general partner of PEP GP. PEP VI, PEP VI-A, PEP Co-Investor, PEP GP and PEP LLC may be deemed to be a group for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, but expressly disclaim group attribution. The address for the Providence Equity entities is 50 Kennedy Plaza, 18th Floor, Providence, Rhode Island 02903.
- (3) 8,775 A Units held by the Edwardson Family Foundation are deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. Edwardson. Includes beneficial ownership of 2,042.7 B Units held by Mr. Edwardson that may be acquired within 60 days of December 31, 2011.
- (4) 350 A Units held by the Mark A. Orloff Irrevocable Trust, the assets of which trust, including the 350 A Units, are pledged to secure a loan incurred by the trust, and 650 A Units held by the Ann E. Ziegler IRA Northern Trust Bank are deemed to be beneficially owned by Ms. Ziegler. Includes beneficial ownership of 286.0 B Units held by Ms. Ziegler that may be acquired within 60 days of December 31, 2011.
- (5) Includes beneficial ownership of 612.7 B Units held by Mr. Richards that may be acquired within 60 days of December 31, 2011.
- (6) Includes beneficial ownership of 281.8 B Units held by Mr. Eckrote that may be acquired within 60 days of December 31, 2011.
- (7) Includes beneficial ownership of 172.2 B Units held by Ms. Corley that may be acquired within 60 days of December 31, 2011.
- (8) Includes beneficial ownership of 157.0 B Units held by Mr. Campbell that may be acquired within 60 days of December 31, 2011.

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The Company is party to a management services agreement with affiliates of Madison Dearborn and Providence Equity pursuant to which they have agreed to provide us with management and consulting services and financial and other advisory services. Pursuant to such agreement, the Equity Sponsors earn an annual advisory fee of \$5 million, payment of which is subject to certain restrictions contained in our Term Loan Facility, and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the provision of such services. Additionally, the Equity Sponsors are entitled to certain fees based on the amount of any future equity or debt financing for us that is arranged by them. The management services agreement includes customary indemnification provisions in favor of the Equity Sponsors.

Management and Equity Sponsor Equity Arrangements

Certain members of the Company's senior management team have purchased A Units in CDW Holdings. As of December 31, 2011, executive officers owned 37,454.9 A Units (including deferred A Units), or approximately 1.7% of the outstanding A Units (including deferred A Units). The aggregate purchase price paid by the executive officers for these units (including deferred A Units) was approximately \$36.3 million.

The A Units are subject to restrictions on transfer, and also are subject to the right of CDW Holdings or, if not exercised by CDW Holdings, the right of the Equity Sponsors, to repurchase the units in certain circumstances, subject to certain exceptions. With respect to certain members of our executive committee, these circumstances include: (i) a termination of the executive's employment with the company for cause, (ii) a resignation (other than upon retirement or resignation due to disability or for good reason) within three years of the date of such equity purchase, (iii) a material violation of a restrictive covenant within three years after the executive's termination of employment with the company or (iv) the executive becoming employed by, performing services for or becoming associated with a competitor. With respect to all other management investors, these circumstances include: (i) a termination of the executive's employment with the company for any reason, (ii) a violation of a restrictive covenant, or (iii) the executive becoming employed by, performing services for or becoming associated with a competitor. If an executive's employment with us terminates for any reason other than for cause or violation of a restrictive covenant, the executive's units can be repurchased at fair market value. Upon a termination for cause or violation of a restrictive covenant, the executive's units can be repurchased at the lower of original cost or fair market value.

Certain members of senior management have purchased A units in CDW Holdings on a deferred basis by deferring certain future compensation into deferred A units. Holders of the deferred A Units are entitled to any distributions (whether in cash or property) on A Units as though each deferred unit held was one A Unit, though such distributions may not be made at the same time as distributions are made to holders of A Units, as more fully described in the applicable deferred unit purchase agreement. Deferred units cannot generally be transferred prior to the applicable settlement date and, if deferred units are settled in exchange for A Units, such A Units can only be transferred as provided by the agreements governing the A Units, including the limited liability company agreement and with respect to those parties to the unitholders agreement, to that agreement.

CDW Holdings, the Equity Sponsors, certain executive committee members and certain other co-investors have entered into a unitholders agreement. Under the unitholders agreement, if the Equity Sponsors (so long as the Equity Sponsors collectively continue to hold at least 51% of the Common Units (as defined in the CDW Holdings limited liability company agreement)) seek to sell all or substantially all of the company, these executives must consent to the sale and cooperate with the Equity Sponsors, which may include selling their securities to the buyer on the terms and at the price negotiated by the Equity Sponsors and signing whatever documents as are reasonably necessary to consummate the sale. Additionally, under the unitholders agreement, prior to an initial public offering, if the Equity Sponsors sell a significant portion of their ownership interest in CDW Holdings to a third party (disregarding sales in the public market, transfers to affiliates and certain other exceptions), these executives will have the option, but will not be required (except in the case of a sale of the entire company), to participate in the sale and sell alongside the Equity Sponsors on a pro rata basis. Prior to an initial public offering or a sale of all or substantially all of CDW Holdings, each executive will be required to vote his or her units in favor of a board of managers consisting of such representatives as the Equity Sponsors designate and our Chief Executive Officer. The right of each Equity Sponsor to designate such representatives is subject to certain percentage ownership requirements.

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CDW Holdings, the Company, the Equity Sponsors, certain executive committee members and certain other co-investors have entered into a registration rights agreement. Under the registration rights agreement, the Equity Sponsors were given the right to require the Company to register any or all of its securities under the Securities Act on Form S-1 or Form S-3, at the Company's expense. Additionally, these executives are entitled to request the inclusion of their registrable securities in any such registration statement at the Company's expense whenever the Company proposes to register any offering of its securities.

CDW Holdings, all senior management investors, the Equity Sponsors and certain other co-investors have entered into an amended and restated limited liability company agreement. The limited liability company agreement specifies the rights and obligations of the members of CDW Holdings and the rights of the various classes of limited liability company interests therein. Pursuant to the amended and restated limited liability company agreement, holders of A Units and B Units in CDW Holdings will share in future distributions on a pro rata basis, subject to certain participation thresholds for holders of B Units.

Transactions with Equity Sponsors

Madison Dearborn and Providence Equity are private equity firms that have investments in companies that purchase products or services from, or provide products or services to, the Company. We believe that such transactions are entered into in the ordinary course of business on terms no less favorable to us than terms that could have been reached with an unaffiliated third party.

Review and Approval of Transactions with Related Persons

The charter of the audit committee of CDW Holdings gives the audit committee the responsibility to review all transactions with related persons. According to the charter, no related person transaction may be entered into unless and until it has been approved by the audit committee. For these purposes, a related person transaction is considered to be any transaction that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404 of the SEC's Regulation S-K.

Potential related person transactions are identified based on information submitted by our officers and managers and then submitted to the audit committee for review. The audit committee takes into account all relevant considerations in deciding whether to approve the transaction. These considerations may, but need not, include:

the approximate dollar amount involved in the transaction, including the amount payable to or by the related person;

the nature of the interest of the related person in the transaction;

whether the transaction may involve a conflict of interest;

whether the transaction was entered into on terms no less favorable to us than terms that could have been reached with an unaffiliated third party; and

the purpose of the transaction and any potential benefits to us.

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DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS

Senior Credit Facilities

On October 12, 2007, in connection with the Acquisition, we entered into (1) the ABL Facility providing for a revolving loan in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$800 million and (2) the Term Loan Facility providing for a term loan in an aggregate principal amount of \$2,200 million.

On March 14, 2008, we amended and restated the Term Loan Facility to modify the leverage ratio which is used in calculating the interest rate on the term loan, to add a senior secured leverage ratio covenant and to modify certain existing covenants and prepayment provisions, each as more fully described below.

On November 4, 2009, we further amended the Term Loan Facility to revise the senior secured leverage ratio and to increase the applicable interest rate spread. We also amended certain other terms, including the placement of additional restrictions on our ability to incur additional indebtedness and the addition of a requirement that we maintain an interest rate hedge to fix or cap the interest rate on at least 50% of the outstanding principal amount of the Term Loan Facility through maturity, subject to certain limitations.

On December 2, 2010, we entered into an amendment to our Term Loan Facility. This amendment, among other things:

extended the final maturity of approximately \$1,146 million of our Term Loan Facility from October 10, 2014 to July 15, 2017 (subject to acceleration as of 90 days prior to the maturity date of our Existing Senior Notes if (i) our senior secured leverage ratio equals or exceeds 3.00 to 1.00 on the date that is 90 days prior to October 12, 2015 and (ii) the outstanding principal amount of our Existing Senior Notes with a maturity date of October 12, 2015 is greater than or equal to \$500,000,000);

increased the applicable margin for the interest rate with respect to the Extended Loans under our Term Loan Facility by 1.00%; and

permitted the issuance of the notes and the grant of security interests in the collateral for the notes.

On March 11, 2011, we entered into a further amendment to our Term Loan Facility, which became effective on March 14, 2011. This amendment, among other things: (i) reduced the margins with respect to the Extended Loans, (ii) established a LIBOR floor of 1.25% and an ABR floor of 2.25% with respect to the Extended Loans, (iii) reset the start date for accumulating restricted payments that count against the general limit of \$25.0 million and (iv) provided a 1% prepayment premium for certain repayments or repricings of any Extended Loans for the six month period following the effective date of the pricing change.

On June 24, 2011, we refinanced our ABL Facility. The ABL Facility Refinancing, among other things: (i) increased the overall revolving credit facility capacity available to us from \$800.0 million to \$900.0 million, (ii) increased the maximum aggregate amount of increases that may be made to the ABL Facility from \$100.0 million to \$200.0 million, (iii) added a maturity acceleration provision based upon excess cash availability whereby the ABL Facility may mature 45 days prior to both the maturity of the non-extended portion of our Term Loan Facility and the maturity of our Existing Senior Notes, if excess cash availability does not exceed the outstanding borrowings of the subject maturing debt at the time of the test plus \$150 million, (iv) increased the fee on the unused portion of the ABL Facility from 25 basis points to either 37.5 or 50 basis points, depending on the amount of utilization, (v) increased the applicable interest rate margin, and (vi) incorporated a \$300.0 million floorplan sub-facility, which was increased to \$400.0 million on August 2, 2011.

The following summary is a description of the principal terms of the Senior Credit Facilities and the related documents governing those facilities. In this section, we sometimes refer to CDW LLC as the borrower.

Maturity; Prepayments

The ABL Facility matures in 2016, subject to the springing maturity covenant described above.

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The non-extended portion of the Term Loan Facility matures in 2014. The Extended Loans mature in 2017. The Term Loan Facility requires us to make certain mandatory prepayments of principal amounts under certain circumstances, including (i) a prepayment in an amount equal to 50% of our excess cash flow for a fiscal year (the percentage rate of which can decrease based upon the total net leverage ratio as defined in the governing agreement),

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and (ii) the net cash proceeds from the incurrence of certain additional indebtedness by us or our subsidiaries. Excess cash flow is defined as Adjusted EBITDA, plus items such as reductions in working capital, less items such as increases in working capital, certain taxes paid in cash, interest that will be paid in cash, capital expenditures and repayment of long-term indebtedness. On March 16, 2011, we made a mandatory prepayment of \$132.0 million with respect to the year ended December 31, 2010 under the excess cash flow provision, and on March 14, 2012, we made another mandatory prepayment of \$21.0 million with respect to the year ended December 31, 2011 under the excess cash flow provision. On February 2, 2012, we made an optional prepayment of \$120.0 million aggregate principal amount, and on February 14, 2012, we made an additional optional prepayment of \$60.0 million aggregate principal amount. The prepayments were allocated on a pro rata basis between the Extended Loans and non-extended loans. The optional prepayments reduced the amount of the required excess cash flow payment on a dollar for dollar basis.

Security; Guarantees

Our obligations under the Senior Credit Facilities have been guaranteed on a senior secured basis by Parent and each of CDW LLC's wholly owned domestic direct and indirect subsidiaries. Our obligations under the Senior Credit Facilities and each Guarantor's obligations under its guarantee of the Senior Credit Facilities are secured by a security interest in substantially all of our assets and the assets of the Guarantors. Because our Senior Credit Facilities are secured obligations, if we fail to comply with the terms of the Senior Credit Facilities and those creditors accelerate the payment of all the funds borrowed thereunder and we are unable to repay such indebtedness, they could foreclose on substantially all of our assets and the assets of our Guarantors which serve as collateral.

The ABL Facility is secured by (1) a first priority lien on substantially all of the borrower's accounts, deposit accounts, eligible inventory and proceeds thereof and (2) a second priority lien on substantially all other assets. The Term Loan Facility is secured by (1) a first priority lien on all capital stock and substantially all assets (except cash, accounts, deposit accounts, inventory and proceeds thereof) of the borrower and its domestic subsidiaries and on 65% of the capital stock of the borrower's foreign subsidiaries and (2) a second priority lien on substantially all cash, accounts, deposit accounts, inventory and proceeds thereof.

Interest and Fees

Borrowings under the ABL Facility bear interest at a variable interest rate plus an applicable margin. The variable interest rate is based on one of two indices, either (i) LIBOR, or (ii) the Alternate Base Rate (ABR) with the ABR being the greatest of (a) the prime rate, (b) the federal funds effective rate plus 50 basis points or (c) the one-month LIBOR plus 1.00%. The applicable margin varies (2.00% to 2.50% for LIBOR borrowings and 1.00% to 1.50% for ABR borrowings) depending upon our average daily excess cash availability under the agreement and after September 30, 2011 is subject to a reduction of 0.25% if, and for as long as, the senior secured leverage ratio is less than 3.0. The senior secured leverage ratio is defined as the ratio of senior secured debt (including amounts owed under certain inventory floorplan arrangements and capital leases) less cash and cash equivalents, to Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP measure, for the four most recently ended fiscal quarters. The margins on the previous revolving loan credit facility varied from 1.00% to 1.75% for LIBOR borrowings and 0.00% to 0.75% for ABR borrowings.

Borrowings under the Term Loan Facility bear interest at either (a) the ABR plus a margin; or (b) LIBOR plus a margin. The margin is based on our senior secured leverage ratio, as defined in the amended agreement evidencing the Term Loan Facility. Effective with the March 2011 amendment discussed below, the margins were reduced on Extended Loans. For ABR borrowings, the applicable margin varies within a range of 2.50% to 3.00% for non-extended loans and 1.75% to 2.25% for Extended Loans. For LIBOR borrowings, the applicable rate spread varies within a range of 3.50% to 4.00% for non-extended loans and 2.75% to 3.25% for Extended Loans.

In addition to paying interest on outstanding principal under the Senior Credit Facilities, we are required to pay a commitment fee to the lenders under the ABL Facility in respect of the unutilized commitments thereunder at a rate equal to 0.375% or 0.50% per annum (depending on the amount of unutilized commitments). We also must pay customary letter of credit and agency fees.

Covenants

Our Senior Credit Facilities contain a number of covenants that, among other things, require us to maintain a senior secured leverage ratio, require us to maintain a fixed charges ratio (if our excess cash availability decreases below certain thresholds) and limit or restrict the ability of the borrower and the restricted subsidiaries to dispose of assets, incur additional indebtedness, incur guarantee obligations, prepay other indebtedness, make dividends and

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other restricted payments, create liens, make equity or debt investments, make acquisitions, engage in mergers or consolidations, or engage in certain transactions with affiliates. As part of the amendments on March 14, 2008, we added the financial covenant test with respect to the borrower's senior secured leverage ratio and modified other existing covenants in the Term Loan Facility. As part of the amendments on November 4, 2009, we amended the required levels of our senior secured leverage ratio.

Events of Default

Our Senior Credit Facilities contain customary events of default including non payment of principal, interest or fees, failure to comply with covenants, inaccuracy of representations or warranties in any material respect, cross-default to certain other indebtedness, loss of lien perfection or priority, material judgments, change of ownership or control, and certain bankruptcy or insolvency events.

Senior Secured Note Indenture

On December 17, 2010, in connection with an amendment to our Term Loan Facility, we issued \$500.0 million in aggregate principal amount of Senior Secured Notes.

Maturity

The Senior Secured Notes mature on December 15, 2018. Interest is payable on June 15 and December 15 of each year.

Interest

Our Senior Secured Notes bear interest at 8.00%. Interest on our Senior Secured Notes is payable in cash.

Guarantees

Our Senior Secured Notes are guaranteed on a secured senior basis by Parent and each of CDW LLC's domestic direct and indirect restricted subsidiaries that is a Guarantor under our Senior Credit Facilities. Subject to certain exceptions, any restricted subsidiary that in the future guarantees our indebtedness or the indebtedness of any other Guarantor will also guarantee our obligations under the Senior Secured Notes. Our obligations under the indenture governing our Senior Secured Notes and each Guarantor's obligations under its guarantee of the Senior Secured Notes are secured by a security interest in substantially all of our assets and the assets of the Guarantors. Because our Senior Secured Notes are secured obligations, if we fail to comply with the terms of the indenture governing our Senior Secured Notes and those holders accelerate the payment of all the funds borrowed thereunder and we are unable to repay such indebtedness, they could foreclose on substantially all of our assets and the assets of our Guarantors which serve as collateral.

Ranking

The Senior Secured Notes and the guarantees thereof:

rank senior in right of payment to any of our and our Guarantors' existing and future subordinated indebtedness, including our Existing Senior Subordinated Notes and the related guarantees;

rank equal in right of payment with all of our and our Guarantors' existing and future senior indebtedness, including our Term Loan Facility, ABL Facility and Senior Notes and the related guarantees;

are secured equally and ratably with indebtedness under our Term Loan Facility and effectively senior to all other indebtedness (other than our ABL Facility, our Term Loan Facility, and our inventory financing agreements we have entered into with certain financial institutions in order to facilitate the purchase of certain inventory) to the extent of the value of the collateral securing the Senior Secured Notes;

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are effectively subordinated to indebtedness under our ABL Facility to the extent of the value of the cash, accounts, deposit accounts, inventory and proceeds thereof securing such indebtedness on a first-priority basis and to obligations under our inventory financing agreements to the extent of the value of the inventory securing such arrangements on a first-priority basis; and

are structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of a subsidiary that is not a Guarantor.

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Covenants

The indenture governing our Senior Secured Notes contains a number of negative covenants and events of default that, among other things, limit or restrict the ability of the us and our restricted subsidiaries to dispose of assets, incur additional indebtedness, incur guarantee obligations, prepay other indebtedness, make dividends and other restricted payments, create liens, make equity or debt investments, make acquisitions, engage in mergers or consolidations, or engage in certain transactions with affiliates.

Senior Note Indenture

On April 13, 2011, we issued \$725.0 million principal amount of Senior Notes, on May 20, 2011, we issued an additional \$450.0 million principal amount of Senior Notes and on February 17, 2012, we issued an additional \$130.0 million principal amount of Senior Notes. The terms of the Senior Notes are identical, except that \$34.0 million in aggregate principal amount of the April 2011 Senior Notes and May 2011 Senior Notes, and all of the February 2012 Senior Notes, have not been registered under the Securities Act. For more information regarding the terms of the Senior Notes, see Description of Exchange Notes. As of the date of this prospectus, the outstanding principal amount of the Senior Notes is \$1,305.0 million.

Existing Senior Subordinated Note Indenture

In connection with the Acquisition, we entered into a Senior Subordinated Bridge Loan agreement providing for Senior Subordinated Bridge Loans aggregating \$940.0 million at closing with a syndicate of lenders with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent. In connection with certain amendments on March 14, 2008, we prepaid \$190.0 million of outstanding principal under the Senior Subordinated Bridge Loans, using funds from the additional \$150.0 million borrowed under the Senior Bridge Loans plus \$40.0 million of cash on hand, reducing the outstanding principal outstanding on the Senior Subordinated Bridge Loans to \$750.0 million.

All amounts outstanding under our Senior Subordinated Bridge Loans have subsequently been exchanged for outstanding notes under the indenture governing our Existing Senior Subordinated Notes and there are no remaining Bridge Loans outstanding.

Maturity

Our Existing Senior Subordinated Notes mature on October 12, 2017. Interest is payable on April 15 and October 15 of each year.

Interest

Our Existing Senior Subordinated Notes bear interest at 12.535%.

Guarantees

Our Existing Senior Subordinated Notes are guaranteed on a subordinated unsecured basis by Parent and each of CDW LLC's domestic direct and indirect restricted subsidiaries that is a Guarantor under our Senior Credit Facilities. Subject to certain exceptions, any restricted subsidiary that in the future guarantees our indebtedness or the indebtedness of any other Guarantor will also guarantee our obligations under the Existing Senior Subordinated Notes.

Ranking

The Existing Senior Subordinated Notes and the guarantees thereof:

are subordinated in right of payment to all of our and the Guarantors existing and future senior debt, including our Senior Credit Facilities, Senior Secured Notes, Senior Notes and the related guarantees, and our inventory financing agreements referenced above;

are structurally subordinated to any liability of a subsidiary that is not a Guarantor;

rank equal in right of payment with any of our and the Guarantors' future senior subordinated debt; and

rank senior in right of payment to all of our and the Guarantors' future debt that is by its terms subordinated to the Existing Senior Subordinated Notes.

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Covenants

The indenture governing our Existing Senior Subordinated Notes contains a number of negative covenants and events of default that, among other things, limit or restrict the ability of the us and our restricted subsidiaries to dispose of assets, incur additional indebtedness, incur guarantee obligations, prepay other indebtedness, make dividends and other restricted payments, create liens, make equity or debt investments, make acquisitions, engage in mergers or consolidations, or engage in certain transactions with affiliates.

Inventory Financing Agreements

We have entered into agreements with certain financial intermediaries to facilitate the purchase of inventory from various suppliers under certain terms and conditions, as described below. At December 31, 2011 and 2010, we owed a total of \$278.7 million and \$28.2 million, respectively, under these agreements. These amounts are classified separately as accounts payable-inventory financing on our consolidated balance sheets.

In June 2011, we entered into a new senior-secured asset-based revolving credit facility, as described above, which incorporates a \$400.0 million floorplan sub-facility to facilitate the purchase of inventory from a certain vendor. In connection with the floorplan sub-facility, we entered into the ABL Facility financing agreement on an unsecured basis with a financial intermediary to facilitate the purchase of inventory from this vendor. Amounts outstanding under the ABL Facility financing agreement are unsecured and non-interest bearing. At December 31, 2011, we owed \$240.7 million under this agreement, including \$28.5 million accrued for product in transit.

From time to time, we may enter into an agreement with a financial intermediary relating to the purchase of inventory from a supplier who has factored its receivables to the financial intermediary. Our obligations under these agreements are not collateralized. We do not incur any interest expense associated with these agreements as balances are paid when they are due. At December 31, 2011 and 2010, we owed a financial intermediary \$30.3 million and \$18.6 million, respectively, under such an agreement.

At December 31, 2011, we had inventory floorplan arrangements in place allowing for a maximum credit line of \$11.0 million collateralized by the inventory purchases under these floorplan arrangements financed by the financial intermediaries and a second lien on the related accounts receivable. We do not incur any interest expense associated with these agreements as balances are paid when they are due. At December 31, 2011 and 2010, we owed the financial intermediaries \$7.7 million and \$9.6 million, respectively, under these inventory floorplan arrangements.

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In this description, the term *Issuers* refers only to CDW LLC and CDW Finance Corporation and not to any of their Subsidiaries, the term *CDW* refers only to CDW LLC and not any of its Subsidiaries. CDW Finance Corporation was formed on August 6, 2010 for the sole purpose of acting as a co-Issuer of debt securities and does not have any material assets. For a description of restrictions on CDW Finance Corporation's activities, see *Certain Covenants* *Restrictions on Activities of CDW Finance Corporation*.

On February 17, 2012, the Issuers issued \$130.0 million of 8.5% Senior Notes due 2019 (the *February 2012 Senior Notes*) under the indenture dated as of April 13, 2011 (as supplemented through and including the New Issue Date, the *Indenture*) among CDW Escrow Corporation, CDW LLC, CDW Finance Corporation, the Guarantors and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the *Trustee*), in a private transaction that was not subject to the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the *Securities Act*). On April 13, 2011, CDW Escrow Corporation, a Delaware corporation that has since been dissolved, issued, and the Issuers subsequently assumed, \$725.0 million aggregate principal amount of 8.5% Senior Notes due 2019 (the *April 2011 Senior Notes*) under the Indenture in a private transaction that was not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act. On May 20, 2011, CDW Escrow Corporation, a newly formed Delaware corporation that has since been dissolved, issued, and the Issuers subsequently assumed, an additional \$450.0 million of 8.5% Senior Notes due April 1, 2019 (the *May 2011 Senior Notes*) under the Indenture in a private transaction that was not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act. The April 2011 Senior Notes and the May 2011 Senior Notes were subsequently registered pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Reg. No. 333-175597) (such registered notes, the *Existing Exchange Notes*). The Senior Notes due 2019, Series B, that have been registered under the Securities Act (the *Exchange Notes*) will also be issued by the Issuers under the Indenture. The Exchange Notes and the Existing Exchange Notes will have identical terms and will trade fungibly.

References to the *Notes* include February 2012 Senior Notes that remain outstanding after the completion of the exchange offer, together with the Existing Exchange Notes, the Exchange Notes, the April 2011 Senior Notes, the May 2011 Senior Notes and any additional Notes issued under the Indenture from time to time after this exchange offer, all of which will be treated as a single class of securities under the Indenture. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture and those expressly made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the *Trust Indenture Act*).

The following description is a summary of the material provisions of the Indenture, the Notes and the Guarantees. The following description does not restate these documents in their entirety. You are encouraged to read these documents because they, and not this description, define your rights as Holders of the Notes.

Certain defined terms used in this description but not defined below under *Certain Definitions* have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture. The term *Issue Date* means April 13, 2011, the date the April 2011 Senior Notes were issued.

The registered Holder of a Note is treated as the owner of it for all purposes. Only registered Holders have rights under the Indenture.

Brief Description of the Notes and the Guarantees

The Notes and the Guarantees thereof:

are general unsecured senior obligations of the Issuers and the Guarantors;

rank senior in right of payment to any existing and future Subordinated Indebtedness of the Issuers and Guarantors, including the Existing Senior Subordinated Notes;

rank equally in right of payment with all existing and future Senior Indebtedness of the Issuers and the Guarantors, including the Senior Secured Notes, the Senior Secured Term Loan and the ABL Facility;

are effectively subordinated to any existing and future Secured Indebtedness of the Issuers and the Guarantors to the extent of the value of the assets securing such Secured Indebtedness, including the Senior Secured Notes, Senior Secured Term Loan,

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the ABL Facility and the Existing Inventory Financing Agreements;

are structurally subordinated to any existing and future indebtedness and liabilities of non-guarantor Subsidiaries; and

are initially unconditionally guaranteed on a joint and several and senior basis by CDW Corporation (the *Parent*) and each Restricted Subsidiary that guarantees the Senior Secured Term Loan.

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Substantially all of the operations of CDW are conducted through its Subsidiaries, but not all of CDW's Subsidiaries Guarantee the Notes. Unless a Subsidiary is a Guarantor, claims of creditors of such Subsidiary, including trade creditors, and claims of preferred stockholders (if any) of such Subsidiary generally will have priority with respect to the assets and earnings of such Subsidiary over the claims of creditors of CDW, including Holders of the Notes. The Notes, therefore, are structurally subordinated to creditors (including trade creditors) and preferred stockholders (if any) of Subsidiaries of CDW that are not Guarantors. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the non-guarantor Subsidiaries generated approximately 4.0%, 22.2% and 2.6% of CDW's net sales, net income and Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure, respectively. In addition, as of December 31, 2011, the non-guarantor Subsidiaries held approximately 1.9% of CDW's consolidated total assets. See **Risk Factors** **Risks Relating to the Exchange Notes**. The notes are structurally subordinated to all indebtedness of our existing or future subsidiaries that are not or do not become Guarantors of the notes.

The Indebtedness evidenced by the Notes is unsecured Senior Indebtedness of the Issuers and the Guarantors, and as such, is effectively subordinated to any Secured Indebtedness of the Issuers and the Guarantors to the extent of the value of the assets securing such Secured Indebtedness. At December 31, 2011, CDW and its Subsidiaries had approximately \$2,040.5 million of Secured Indebtedness outstanding, including \$500.0 million under the Senior Secured Note Indenture and \$1,540.5 million under the Senior Secured Term Loan. See **Risk Factors** **Risks Relating to the Exchange Notes**. The Exchange Notes will be unsecured and will be effectively subordinated to our and our Guarantors' secured debt and indebtedness of non-guarantor subsidiaries.

Principal, Maturity and Interest

The Issuers will issue up to \$130.0 million in aggregate principal amount of Exchange Notes in this offering. The Issuers may issue additional Notes under the Indenture from time to time after this offering. Any issuance of additional Notes will be subject to all of the covenants in the Indenture, including the covenant described below under the caption **Certain Covenants** **Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock**. The Notes and any additional Notes contemporaneously or subsequently issued under the Indenture will be treated as a single class for all purposes under the Indenture, including, without limitation, waivers, amendments, redemptions and offers to purchase. It is possible, however, that the Original Senior Notes, the Additional Senior Notes and any such additional Notes will not be treated as part of the same issue for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Issuers will issue the Exchange Notes in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. The Notes will mature on April 1, 2019.

Interest on the Exchange Notes will accrue at the rate of 8.5% per annum from the date of issuance and will be payable, together with accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes for which they were exchanged, semiannually in arrears on April 1 and October 1, commencing on _____, 2012. The Issuers will make each interest payment to the Holders of record on the immediately preceding March 15 and September 15.

Interest is computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months. Interest accrues from the date it was most recently paid.

Paying Agent and Registrar for the Note