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(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2013

OR

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

Commission File Number: 000-22793

PRICESMART, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

33-0628530

(State of other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

9740 SCRANTON RD, SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(Address of principal executive offices, Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 404-8800

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

Common Stock, \$0.0001 Par Value

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports); and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

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

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and post such files). Yes No

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

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

The aggregate market value of the Registrant's voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the Registrant as of the last day of the Registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter was \$1,515,946,254 based on the last reported sale price of \$74.15 per share on the NASDAQ Global Select Market on February 28, 2013.

As of October 18, 2013, 30,233,507 shares of Common Stock were outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Company's Annual Report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2013 are incorporated by reference into Part II of this Form 10-K.

Portions of the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on January 22, 2014 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

PRICESMART, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2013

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PART I

Item 1. Business

General

This Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements concerning PriceSmart, Inc.'s ("PriceSmart" or the "Company") anticipated future revenues and earnings, adequacy of future cash flow, projected warehouse club openings, the Company's performance relative to competitors and related matters. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements containing the words "expect," "believe," "will," "may," "should," "project," "estimate," "anticipated," "scheduled" and like expressions, and the negative thereof. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the statements, including foreign exchange risks, political or economic instability of host countries, and competition, as well as those risks described in the Company's U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission reports, including the risk factors referenced in this Form 10-K. See Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors."

PriceSmart's business consists primarily of international membership shopping warehouse clubs similar to, but smaller in size than, warehouse clubs in the United States. The Company's ownership in all subsidiaries as of August 31, 2013 is 100%, and they are presented on a consolidated basis as wholly owned subsidiaries. The number of warehouse clubs in operation, as of August 31, 2013, for each country or territory are as follows:

Country/Territory	Number of Warehouse Clubs in Operation as of August 31, 2013	Number of Warehouse Clubs in Operation as of August 31, 2012	Anticipated warehouse club openings in fiscal year 2014
Colombia	3	1	—
Panama	4	4	—
Costa Rica	5	5	1
Dominican Republic	3	3	—
Guatemala	3	3	—
El Salvador	2	2	—
Honduras	2	2	1
Trinidad	4	4	—
Aruba	1	1	—
Barbados	1	1	—
U.S. Virgin Islands	1	1	—
Jamaica	1	1	—
Nicaragua	1	1	—
Totals	31	29	2

During fiscal 2013, the Company opened its second and third clubs in Colombia. These clubs are in south and north Cali and opened in October 2012 and May 2013, respectively. Additionally, in February 2013, the Company acquired property located in La Union, Cartago, Costa Rica, upon which it opened its sixth membership warehouse club in Costa Rica on October 18, 2013. Finally, in February 2013, the Company acquired land in Tegucigalpa, Honduras upon which it anticipates opening its third warehouse club in Honduras in the spring of 2014.

No new warehouse clubs were opened during fiscal year 2012. During fiscal year 2011, the Company opened a new warehouse club in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (“Arroyo Hondo”) on November 5, 2010 and a new membership warehouse club in Barranquilla, Colombia on August 19, 2011.

International Warehouse Club Business

The Company owns and operates U.S.-style membership shopping warehouse clubs through wholly owned subsidiaries operating in Latin America and the Caribbean using the trade name “PriceSmart.” The warehouse clubs sell basic high quality consumer goods at low prices to individuals and businesses. Sales are typically comprised of approximately 52% U.S. and other internationally sourced merchandise and approximately 48% locally sourced merchandise. By offering low prices on high quality brand name and private label merchandise to PriceSmart members, the warehouse clubs seek to generate sufficient sales volumes to operate profitably at relatively low gross profit margins.

The Company ships its U.S. and other internationally sourced merchandise directly to its warehouse clubs or to the Company’s consolidation points (“distribution centers”). The goods are allocated for container-based shipment via ocean freight from the distribution centers to the Company’s warehouse clubs, thereby maximizing freight volume per shipment in order to lower supply chain costs. Additionally, the Company is adding regional distribution centers in some of its markets (currently Costa Rica and Panama) to improve merchandise flow and reduce costs, the benefit of which can be passed on to our members in the form of lower merchandise prices.

The typical no-frills warehouse club-type buildings range in size from 48,000 to 87,000 square feet and are located primarily in urban areas to take advantage of dense populations and relatively higher levels of disposable income. Product selection includes perishable foods and basic consumer products. Ancillary services include food courts in all clubs and tire and photo centers in some clubs. Substantially all shoppers pay an annual membership fee.

Business Strategy

The Company's business strategy is to efficiently operate U.S.-style membership warehouse clubs in selected Latin American and Caribbean markets, selling high quality merchandise to businesses and families. The Company offers a limited number of stock keeping units (SKU's) covering a wide range of products. The Company charges an annual membership fee to its customers. These fees combined with warehouse and distribution operating efficiencies and volume purchasing enable PriceSmart to operate its business on lower merchandise margins than conventional retail stores and wholesalers. The combination of annual membership fees, operating efficiencies and low margins enable PriceSmart to offer its members high quality merchandise at very competitive prices which, in turn, enhances the value of the PriceSmart membership. The Company also seeks to provide fair wages and benefits to PriceSmart employees, as well as a fair return to PriceSmart stockholders.

Generally, the Company's earnings and cash flow from operations improve as sales increase. Higher sales provide greater purchasing power and often result in lower product prices from the Company's suppliers. As the Company's and individual PriceSmart locations' sales volumes increase, operating efficiencies are often realized through the leveraging of fixed costs and by the introduction of more efficient operating processes. Further, increased sales permit the Company to leverage its selling, general and administrative expenses. Sales growth in our existing locations (comparable warehouse club sales) creates the highest degree of cost leverage due to the operating efficiencies within our warehouse club format. The Company seeks to increase sales by adding new PriceSmart locations both in existing markets and new markets where management believes new locations will provide long-range value to both our members and our stockholders. From time to time the Company expands existing locations and makes other improvements to existing locations in order to enhance the value of our members' shopping experience. The Company prioritizes initiatives that it expects will have the greatest impact on increasing sales.

Membership Policy

PriceSmart believes that membership reinforces customer loyalty while enabling PriceSmart to offer its high quality merchandise at low prices, thereby providing value to its members. Membership fees provide a continuing source of revenue, which is passed on to its members in the form of lower prices on merchandise. PriceSmart has three types of members: Business, Diamond (individual), and Platinum (individual).

Effective June 1, 2012, the Company raised the annual membership fee by approximately \$5.00 in most markets. The annual fee for a Diamond membership in these markets is now approximately \$35.00 (entitling members to two cards). With this membership fee increase, PriceSmart believes it will be able to offer continued value to its members in their future purchases.

Businesses qualify for Business membership. The Company promotes business membership through its marketing programs and by offering certain merchandise targeted primarily to businesses such as restaurants, hotels, convenience stores, offices and institutions. Business members pay an annual membership fee of approximately the equivalent of \$30 for a primary and secondary membership card and approximately \$10 for additional add-on membership cards.

In October 2012, the Company launched the Platinum membership account in Costa Rica. Platinum members pay an annual membership fee of approximately \$75.00 for a primary membership card for which they receive an annual 2% rebate of their purchases on most items, up to a maximum annual rebate of \$500.00. The Platinum membership program is currently being evaluated to determine if Platinum membership should be offered in other of the Company's markets.

The average membership fee per membership account sold during fiscal year 2013 increased to \$33.86 from \$30.39.

The Company recognizes membership income over the 12-month term of the membership. Deferred membership income is presented separately on the consolidated balance sheet and totaled \$16.5 million and \$13.7 million as of August 31, 2013 and August 31, 2012, respectively. PriceSmart's membership agreements provide that PriceSmart members may cancel their membership and may receive a refund of the prorated share of their remaining membership fee if they so request. The Company's historical rate of membership fee refunds has been approximately 0.5% of membership income.

Expansion Plans

The Company focuses significant management attention on improving the operations of its existing locations, not only through improvements in operational efficiencies, but also improvements in buildings and equipment, all targeted at improving sales and profits. Improvements include building expansion and the replacement of fixtures and equipment to reduce repair expenses, improve energy efficiency and display merchandise more effectively. During fiscal year 2013, the Company invested approximately \$19.3 million in improvements to existing clubs.

The Company continues to explore and evaluate potential options for new sites in several of the countries in which it has already established a strong market presence and in Colombia. During fiscal 2013, the Company opened its second and third clubs in Colombia. These clubs are in south and north Cali and opened in October 2012 and May 2013, respectively. Additionally, in February 2013, the Company acquired property located in La Union, Cartago, Costa Rica, upon which it opened its sixth membership warehouse club in Costa Rica on October 18, 2013. Finally, in February 2013, the Company acquired land in Tegucigalpa, Honduras upon which it anticipates opening its third warehouse club in Honduras in the spring of 2014.

Intellectual Property Rights

It is the Company's policy to obtain appropriate proprietary rights protection for trademarks by filing applications for registration of eligible trademarks with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and in certain foreign countries. The Company relies on copyright and trade secret laws to protect its proprietary rights. The Company attempts to protect its trade secrets and other proprietary information through agreements with its employees, consultants and suppliers and other similar measures. There can be no assurance, however, that the Company will be successful in protecting its proprietary rights. While management believes that the Company's trademarks, copyrights and other proprietary know-how have significant value, changing technology and the competitive marketplace make the Company's future success dependent principally upon its employees' technical competence and creative skills for continuing innovation.

In August 1999, the Company and Associated Wholesale Grocers, Inc. ("AWG") entered into an agreement regarding the trademark "PriceSmart" and related marks containing the name "PriceSmart." The Company agreed not to use the "PriceSmart" mark or any related marks containing the name "PriceSmart" in connection with the sale or offer for sale of any goods or services within AWG's territory of operations, including the following ten states: Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Iowa, Texas, Illinois, Tennessee and Kentucky. The Company, however, may use the mark "PriceSmart" or any mark containing the name "PriceSmart" on the internet or any other global computer network whether within or outside such territory, and in any national advertising campaign that cannot reasonably exclude the

territory, and the Company may use the mark in connection with various travel services. AWG has agreed not to oppose any trademark applications filed by the Company for registration of the mark “PriceSmart” or related marks containing the name “PriceSmart,” and AWG has further agreed not to bring any action for trademark infringement against the Company based upon the Company's use outside the territory (or with respect to the permitted uses inside the territory) of the mark “PriceSmart” or related marks containing the name “PriceSmart.”

Competition

The Company's international merchandising business competes with a wide range of international, regional, national and local retailers and wholesalers. The Company's industry is highly competitive, based on factors such as price, merchandise quality and selection, warehouse location and member service. Some of the Company's competitors may have greater resources, buying power and name recognition. In the countries in which the Company operates, the Company does not currently face direct competition from U.S. membership warehouse club operators. However, it does face competition from various retail formats such as hypermarkets, supermarkets, cash and carry, and specialty stores, including those within Latin America that are owned and operated by a large U.S. based retailer. The Company has competed effectively in these markets in the past and expects to continue to do so in the future due to the unique nature of the membership warehouse club format. The Company has noted that certain retailers are making investments in upgrading their locations within the Company's markets. These actions may result in increased competition within the Company's markets. Further, it is possible that additional U.S. warehouse club operators may decide to enter the Company's markets and compete more directly with PriceSmart in a similar warehouse club format.

Employees

As of August 31, 2013, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries had a total of 6,371 employees. Approximately 95% of the Company's employees were employed outside of the United States, and approximately 1,165 employees in certain of the Company's subsidiaries are represented by Unions. All remaining employees are non-union. The Company considers its employee relations to be very good.

Seasonality

Historically, the Company's merchandising businesses have experienced holiday retail seasonality in their markets. In addition to seasonal fluctuations, the Company's operating results fluctuate quarter-to-quarter as a result of economic and political events in markets served by the Company, the timing of holidays, weather, the timing of shipments, product mix, and currency effects on the cost of U.S.-sourced products which may make these products more or less expensive in local currencies and therefore more or less affordable. Because of such fluctuations, the results of operations of any quarter are not indicative of the results that may be achieved for a full fiscal year or any future quarter. In addition, there can be no assurance that the Company's future results will be consistent with past results or the projections of securities analysts.

Working Capital Practices

Information about the Company's working capital practices is incorporated herein by reference to Part II, Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations-Liquidity and Capital Resources."

Financial Information about Segments and Geographic Areas

Financial information about segments and geographic areas is incorporated herein by reference to Part II, Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations-Net Warehouse Club Sales by Segments" and Part II, Item 8 "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Segment: Notes to Financial Statements, Note 15-Segments."

Other Information

PriceSmart, Inc. was incorporated in the State of Delaware in 1994. The Company's principal executive offices are located at 9740 Scranton Road, San Diego, California 92121. The Company's telephone number is (858)

404-8800. The Company's website home page on the Internet is www.pricemart.com. The Company makes its website content available for information purposes only. It should not be relied upon for investment purposes, nor is it incorporated by reference into this Form 10-K.

Available Information

The PriceSmart, Inc. website or internet address is www.pricemart.com. On this website the Company makes available, free of charge, its annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and any amendments to those reports, and the annual report to the stockholders as soon as reasonably practicable after electronically filing such material with or furnishing it to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The Company's SEC reports can be accessed through the investor relations section of its website under "SEC Filings." All of the Company's filings with the SEC may also be obtained at the SEC's Public Reference Room at Room 1580, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549. For information regarding the

operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room, please contact the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Additionally, the SEC maintains an internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC at www.sec.gov. The Company will make available its annual report on Form 10-K and its annual Proxy Statement for the fiscal year 2013 at the internet address <http://materials.proxyvote.com/741511> as soon as reasonably practicable after electronically filing such material with or furnishing it to the SEC.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

In evaluating the Company's business, you should consider the following discussion of risk factors, in addition to other information contained in this report as well as the Company's other public filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Company's financial performance is dependent on international operations, which exposes it to various risks. The Company's international operations account for nearly all of the Company's total revenues. The Company's financial performance is subject to risks inherent in operating and expanding the Company's international membership warehouse club business, which include: (i) changes in and interpretation of tariff and tax laws and regulations, as well as inconsistent enforcement of laws and regulations; (ii) the imposition of foreign and domestic governmental controls; (iii) trade restrictions; (iv) difficulty and costs associated with international sales and the administration of an international merchandising business; (v) thefts, and the general level of crime or concern over security; (vi) product registration, permitting and regulatory compliance; (vii) volatility in foreign currency exchange rates; and (viii) general political as well as economic and business conditions. Circumstances relating to these risks may arise, which may then result in disruption to the Company's sales, banking transactions, operations, merchandise shipments, and currency exchange rates, any of which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations.

Any failure by the Company to manage its widely dispersed operations could adversely affect the Company's business. As of August 31, 2013, the Company had in operation 31 warehouse clubs in 12 countries and one U.S. territory (five in Costa Rica; four each in Panama and Trinidad; three each in Guatemala, the Dominican Republic and in Colombia; two each in El Salvador and Honduras; and one each in Aruba, Barbados, Jamaica, Nicaragua and the United States Virgin Islands). The Company will need to continually evaluate the adequacy of the Company's existing infrastructure, systems and procedures, including warehouse management, financial controls, inventory controls and safety controls within the operation of a warehouse environment. Moreover, the Company will be required to continually analyze the sufficiency of the Company's inventory distribution channels and systems and may require additional or expanded facilities in order to support the Company's operations. The Company may not adequately anticipate all the changing demands that will be imposed on these systems. Any inability or failure to retain effective personnel or to update the Company's internal systems or procedures as required could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

The Company faces significant competition. The Company's international merchandising businesses compete with exporters, wholesalers, local retailers and trading companies in various international markets. Some of the Company's competitors have greater resources, buying power and name recognition. In the countries in which the Company operates, the Company does not currently face direct competition from U.S. membership warehouse club operators. However it does face competition from various retail formats such as hypermarkets, supermarkets, cash and carry, home improvement centers, electronic retailers and specialty stores, including those within Latin America that are owned and operated by a large U.S. based retailer. The Company has noted that certain retailers are making investments in upgrading their locations which may result in increased competition. Further, it is possible that current U.S. warehouse club operators may decide to enter the Company's markets and compete more directly with PriceSmart in a similar warehouse club format. The Company may be required to implement price reductions in order to remain

competitive should any of the Company's competitors reduce prices in any of the Company's markets. Moreover, the Company's ability to operate profitably in its markets, particularly small markets, may be adversely affected by the existence or entry of competing warehouse clubs or discount retailers.

Future sales growth depends, in part, on the Company's ability to successfully open new warehouse clubs. As the growth rate of the existing warehouse clubs is impacted by, among other things, the physical limitations of the warehouse clubs, as well as the amount of merchandise that can be safely stored and displayed in the warehouse clubs and also the number of members that can be accommodated during business hours, future sales growth would depend, in part, upon the Company's acquiring suitable sites for additional warehouse clubs. Land for purchase or lease, or buildings to be leased, in the size, and locations in those markets that would be suitable for new PriceSmart warehouse clubs may be limited in number or not be available or financially feasible. In this regard, the Company competes with other retailers and businesses for suitable locations. Additionally, local land use and other regulations restricting the construction and operation of the Company's warehouse clubs and environmental regulations may impact its ability to find suitable locations, and increase the cost of constructing, leasing and operating its warehouse

clubs. Limitations on the availability of appropriate sites for new warehouse clubs in the areas targeted by the Company could have a material adverse effect on the future growth of the Company.

In some cases, the Company has more than one warehouse club in a single metropolitan area, and the Company intends to continue to open new warehouse clubs in areas where it already has warehouse clubs. A new warehouse club in an area already served by existing warehouse clubs may draw members away from existing warehouse clubs and adversely affect comparable warehouse club sales performance.

The Company also intends to open warehouse clubs in new markets. The risks associated with entering a new market include potential difficulties in attracting members due to a lack of familiarity with PriceSmart and the Company's lack of familiarity with local member preferences. In addition, entry into new markets may bring the Company into competition with new competitors or with existing competitors with a large, established market presence. As a result, the Company's new warehouse clubs might not be successful in new markets.

The Company might not identify in a timely manner or effectively respond to changes in consumer trends and changes in consumer preferences for merchandise and shopping modalities, which could adversely affect its relationship with members, demand for its products and market share. The Company's success depends, in part, on its ability to identify and respond to trends in demographics and changes in consumer preferences for merchandise and shopping modalities. It is difficult to consistently and successfully predict the products and services the Company's members will demand. Failure to timely identify or effectively respond to changing consumer tastes, preferences and spending patterns could adversely affect the Company's relationship with its members, the demand for its products and its market share. If the Company is not successful at predicting sales trends and adjusting purchases accordingly, the Company might have excess inventory which could result in additional markdowns and have an adverse effect on margins (net sales less merchandise costs) and operating income.

The Company faces difficulties in the shipment of, and inherent risks in the importation of, merchandise to its warehouse clubs. The Company's warehouse clubs typically import nearly half or more of the merchandise that they sell, which originates from various countries and is transported over long distances, typically over water, which results in: (i) substantial lead times needed between the procurement and delivery of product, thus complicating merchandising and inventory control methods; (ii) the possible loss of product due to theft or potential damage to, or destruction of, ships or containers delivering goods; (iii) product markdowns as a result of it being cost prohibitive to return merchandise upon importation; (iv) product registration, tariffs, customs and shipping regulation issues in the locations the Company ships to and from; and (v) ocean freight and duty costs. Moreover, each country in which the Company operates has different governmental rules and regulations regarding the importation of foreign products. Changes to the rules and regulations governing the importation of merchandise may result in additional delays, costs or barriers in the Company's deliveries of products to its warehouse clubs or may affect the type of products it selects to import. In addition, only a limited number of transportation companies service the Company's regions. The inability or failure of one or more key transportation companies to provide transportation services to the Company, any collusion among the transportation companies regarding shipping prices or terms, changes in the regulations that govern shipping tariffs or the importation of products, or any other disruption in the Company's ability to transport the Company's merchandise could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations.

The Company is exposed to weather and other natural disaster risks. The Company's operations are subject to volatile weather conditions and natural disasters, such as earthquakes and hurricanes, which are encountered in the regions in which the Company's warehouse clubs are located and which could result in significant damage to, destruction of, or temporary closure of, the Company's warehouse clubs. Warehouse club closures associated with heavy rains, local flooding and government advisories to stay off the roads during a natural disaster, such as a hurricane, could result in many days of lost sales. Similar risks could negatively affect the Company's business if they were to arise in any of various points on its international merchandise distribution chain, in particular the Company's distribution centers or ports of origin or destination. Losses from business interruption may not be adequately compensated by insurance and

could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

General economic conditions could adversely impact the Company's business in various respects. A slowdown in the U.S. and international economies or other economic conditions affecting discretionary consumer spending, such as employment rates, business conditions, inflation, fuel and energy costs, consumer debt levels, lack of available credit, interest rates, tax rates, consumer spending patterns, customer preferences and other economic factors in each of the Company's foreign markets may adversely affect its business by reducing overall consumer purchasing power and could negatively impact the Company's growth, sales and profitability. In addition, a significant decline in the economies of the countries in which the Company's warehouse clubs are located may lead to increased governmental ownership or regulation of the economy, higher interest rates, increased barriers to entry such as higher tariffs and taxes, and reduced demand for goods manufactured in the United States. Factors such as declining expatriate remittances, reduced tourism, and less foreign investment could negatively impact the economies of Latin America and

the Caribbean. The potential for economic instability, the impact of a global recession and its duration, the potential for failures or realignments of financial institutions and the related impact on available consumer credit could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

The Company is subject to changes in relationships and agreements with third parties with which the Company does business and/or from which the Company acquires merchandise. The Company has important ongoing relationships with various third-party suppliers of services and merchandise. These include, but are not limited to, local and regional merchandise suppliers, information technology suppliers, warehouse facilities and equipment suppliers, financial institutions, credit card issuers and processors, and lessors. Significant changes in those relationships or the agreements which govern the terms through which business is conducted including the Company's ability to purchase merchandise in sufficient quantities and at competitive prices, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operation. In this regard, the manner in which the Company acquires merchandise, either directly from the parent company or through a local subsidiary or distributor, is subject to change from time to time based on changes initiated by the supplier and for reasons beyond the control of the Company. Significant changes or disruptions in how the Company acquires merchandise from these suppliers could negatively affect the Company's access to such merchandise, as well as the cost of merchandise to the Company and hence its members, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations.

The Company relies extensively on computer systems to process transactions, summarize results and manage its business. Failure to adequately maintain the Company's systems and disruptions in its systems could harm its business and adversely affect its results of operations. Given the number of individual transactions the Company has each year, the Company seeks to maintain uninterrupted operation of its business-critical computer systems. The Company's computer systems, including back-up systems, are subject to damage or interruption from power outages, computer and telecommunications failures, computer viruses, internal or external security breaches, catastrophic events such as fires, earthquakes, tornadoes and hurricanes, and errors by its employees. If the Company's computer systems and back-up systems are damaged or cease to function properly, the Company may have to make significant investments to fix or replace them, and it may suffer interruptions in its operations in the interim. Any material interruption in the Company's computer systems could have a material adverse effect on its business or results of operations.

The Company could be subject to additional tax liabilities. The Company is required to file federal and state tax returns in the United States and various other tax returns in foreign jurisdictions. The preparation of these tax returns requires the Company to interpret the applicable tax laws and regulations in effect in such jurisdictions, which affects the amount of tax paid by the Company. The Company, in consultation with its tax advisors, bases its tax returns on interpretations that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The tax returns, however, are subject to routine reviews by the various taxing authorities in the jurisdictions in which the Company files its returns. As part of these reviews, a taxing authority may disagree with respect to the interpretations the Company used to calculate its tax liability and therefore require the Company to pay additional taxes. In addition, the Company computes its income tax provision based on enacted tax rates in the countries in which it operates. As the tax rates vary among countries, a change in earnings attributable to the various jurisdictions in which the Company operates could result in an unfavorable change in our overall tax provision. Reviews, interpretations and changes in earnings within jurisdictions could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

A few of the Company's stockholders own approximately 29.7% of the Company's voting stock as of August 31, 2013, which may make it difficult to complete some corporate transactions without their support and may impede a change in control. Robert E. Price, the Company's Chairman of the Board, and affiliates of Mr. Price, including Price Charities, The Price Group, LLC and various trusts, collectively beneficially own approximately 29.7% of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock. The percentage of stock controlled by these entities decreased from 29.8% to 29.7% during fiscal year 2013 as a result of various public and private sales of the Company's stock by these stockholders and the increase in common stock outstanding. As a result of their beneficial ownership, these stockholders have the ability to significantly affect the outcome of all matters submitted to the Company's

stockholders for approval, including the election of directors. In addition, this ownership could discourage the acquisition of the Company's common stock by potential investors and could have an anti-takeover effect, possibly depressing the trading price of the Company's common stock.

The loss of key personnel could harm the Company's business. The Company depends to a large extent on the performance of its senior management team and other key employees, such as U.S. expatriates in certain locations where the Company operates. The loss of the services of any members of the Company's senior management or other key employees could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. The Company does not maintain key- man life insurance on any executive.

The Company is subject to volatility in foreign currency exchange rates. The Company conducts operations in Latin America and the Caribbean, and as such is subject to both economic and political instabilities that can cause volatility in foreign currency exchange rates or weak economic conditions. As of August 31, 2013, the Company had a total of 31 warehouse clubs

operating in 12 foreign countries and one U.S. territory, 24 of which operate under currencies other than the U.S. dollar. For fiscal year 2013, approximately 79% of the Company's net warehouse club sales were in foreign currencies. The Company may enter into additional foreign countries in the future or open additional locations in existing countries, which may increase the percentage of net warehouse sales denominated in foreign currencies. Volatility and uncertainties regarding the currencies in the Company's countries could have a material impact on the Company's operations in future periods.

The Company faces the risk of exposure to product liability claims, a product recall and adverse publicity. The Company markets and distributes products purchased from third-party suppliers and products prepared by the Company for resale, including meat, dairy and other food products which exposes the Company to the risk of product liability claims, a product recall and adverse publicity. The Company may inadvertently redistribute food products or prepare food products that are contaminated, which may result in illness, injury or death if the contaminants are not eliminated by processing at the food service or consumer level. The Company generally seeks contractual indemnification and insurance coverage from its major suppliers for product purchased from third-party suppliers and carries product liability insurance for product prepared by the Company. However, if the Company does not have adequate insurance or contractual indemnification available, product liability claims relating to products that are contaminated or otherwise harmful could have a material adverse effect on the Company's ability to successfully market its products and on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, even if a product liability claim is not successful or is not fully pursued, the negative publicity surrounding a product recall or any assertion that the Company's products caused illness or injury could have a material adverse effect on the Company's reputation with existing and potential customers and on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Potential future impairments of long lived assets could adversely affect the Company's future results of operations and financial position. Long-lived assets are assessed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. An impairment loss would be measured and recognized if the sum of the expected future undiscounted cash flows is less than the carrying amount of the asset. If the carrying amount of the asset were determined to be impaired, an impairment loss to write-down the carrying value of the asset to fair value by using quoted market prices, when available, would be required. When a quoted market price is not available, an estimated fair value would be determined through other valuation techniques. The Company has used projected cash flows to reflect the expected commercial, competitive and other factors related to its long-lived assets. These future tests may result in a determination that these assets have been impaired. If at any time the Company determines that an impairment has occurred, it will be required to reflect the impaired value as a charge, resulting in a reduction in earnings in the quarter such impairment is identified and a corresponding reduction in the Company's net asset value. A material reduction in earnings resulting from such a charge could cause the Company to fail to be profitable in the period in which the charge is taken or otherwise to fail to meet the expectations of investors and securities analysts, which could cause the price of the Company's stock to decline.

Write-offs of goodwill and other intangible assets could adversely affect the Company's future results of operations and financial position. Goodwill and intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives are not amortized but instead are subject to annual assessments and, if deemed necessary, goodwill impairment tests. As of August 31, 2013, the Company had goodwill of approximately \$36.4 million. The Company performed assessments and, if deemed necessary, impairment tests on goodwill as of August 31, 2013. The Company's assessment and testing of reported goodwill was performed at the entity level for fiscal year 2013 and fiscal year 2012. The Company's assessments or impairment testing found no significant change in those reporting units' assets and liabilities since fiscal year 2010; with each reporting unit's fair value determination substantially exceeding its carrying amount in fiscal year 2010 or impairment testing of the carrying amount of goodwill of reporting unit goodwill did not exceed the implied fair value of that goodwill. Accordingly no impairment losses were recorded in fiscal years 2013 and 2012. In the future, the Company will perform similar reviews for reporting entities where goodwill has been recorded. If at any time the Company determines that an impairment has occurred, the Company will be required to reflect the impaired value as a

part of operating income, resulting in a reduction in earnings in the period such impairment is identified and a corresponding reduction in the Company's net asset value. A material reduction in earnings resulting from such a charge could cause the Company to fail to be profitable or increase the amount of its net loss in the period in which the charge is taken or otherwise fail to meet the expectations of investors and securities analysts, which could cause the price of the Company's stock to decline.

The Company faces increased public company compliance risks and compliance risks related to the Company's international operations. In the United States and within the international markets where the Company operates there are multiple laws and regulations that relate to the Company's business and operations. These laws and regulations are subject to change and any failure by the Company to effectively manage its operations and reporting obligations as required by the various laws and regulations can result in the Company incurring significant legal costs, fines as well as disruptions to the Company's business and operations. Such failure could also result in investor loss of confidence in the Company, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's stock price.

The Company faces increased compliance risks associated with compliance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Section 404 requires management of public companies to evaluate, and the independent auditors to attest to, the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. The Company's internal controls over financial reporting are designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and include those policies and procedures that: (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the Company's transactions and the dispositions of its assets; (2) provide reasonable assurance that the Company's transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with appropriate authorizations; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on its financial statements. Any failure to effectively implement necessary or appropriate new or improved internal controls, to resolve difficulties encountered in their implementation or remediate identified material weaknesses could harm the Company's operating results, cause it to fail to meet reporting obligations, result in management being required to give a qualified assessment of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting or the Company's independent auditors providing an adverse opinion regarding their attestation of the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting. Any such result could cause investors to lose confidence in the Company's reported financial information, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's stock price.

If remediation costs or hazardous substance contamination levels at certain properties for which the Company maintains financial responsibility exceed management's current expectations, the Company's financial condition and results of operations could be adversely impacted. In connection with its spin-off from Price Enterprises, Inc., or PEI, in 1997, the Company agreed to indemnify PEI for all of PEI's liabilities (including indemnification obligations for environmental liabilities) arising out of PEI's prior ownership of certain properties. The Company's ownership of real properties and its agreement to indemnify PEI could subject it to certain environmental liabilities. Certain of these properties are located in areas of current or former industrial activity, where environmental contamination may have occurred. The Company monitors the soil and groundwater at these locations as may be required by law. If the Company were to incur costs for remediating contamination at these sites which exceed management's current expectations, the Company's financial condition and results of operations could be adversely impacted.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

Item 2. Properties

At August 31, 2013, PriceSmart operated 31 membership warehouse clubs, as detailed below:

Location	Own land and building	Lease land and/or building
LATIN AMERICA SEGMENT		
Colombia ⁽¹⁾	3	—
Panama	3	1
Guatemala	1	2
Costa Rica ⁽²⁾	5	—
El Salvador	2	—
Honduras ⁽³⁾	1	1
Nicaragua	1	—
CARIBBEAN SEGMENT		
Dominican Republic	3	—
Aruba	—	1
Barbados	1	—
Trinidad	3	1
U.S. Virgin Islands	—	1
Jamaica	1	—
Total	24	7

During fiscal 2013, the Company opened its second and third clubs in Colombia. These clubs are in south and north Cali and opened in October 2012 and May 2013, respectively. The Company continues to explore other potential sites for future warehouse clubs in other major cities in Colombia.

⁽²⁾ In February 2013, the Company acquired property located in La Union, Cartago, Costa Rica, upon which the Company opened its sixth membership warehouse club in Costa Rica on October 18, 2013.

⁽³⁾ In February 2013, the Company acquired land in Tegucigalpa, Honduras upon which it anticipates opening its third warehouse club in Honduras in the spring of 2014.

As of August 31, 2013, the Company's warehouse club buildings occupied a total of approximately 2,104,480 square feet of which 420,647 square feet were on leased property.

The following is a summary of other leased facilities:

Location	Facility Type	Own land and building	Lease land and/or building
LATIN AMERICA SEGMENT			
Bogota, Colombia	Central Offices	—	1
Panama	Storage and Distribution Facility	—	1
Costa Rica	Storage and Distribution Facility	—	1
CARIBBEAN SEGMENT			
Barbados	Storage Facility	—	1
Chaguanas, Trinidad	Employee Parking	—	1
Chaguanas, Trinidad	Container Parking	—	1
Jamaica	Storage Facility	—	1
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	Central Offices	—	1
U.S. SEGMENT			
San Diego, CA	Corporate Headquarters	—	1
Miami, FL	Distribution Facility	—	1
Total		—	10

The following is a summary of the warehouse clubs and Company facilities located on leased property:

Location	Facility Type	Date Opened	Approximate Square Footage	Current Lease Expiration Date	Remaining Option(s) to Extend
Via Brazil, Panama	Warehouse Club	December 4, 1997	68,696	October 31, 2026	10 years
Miraflores, Guatemala	Warehouse Club	April 8, 1999	66,059	December 31, 2020	5 years
Pradera, Guatemala	Warehouse Club	May 29, 2001	48,438	May 28, 2021	none
Tegucigalpa, Honduras	Warehouse Club	May 31, 2000	64,735	May 30, 2020	none
Oranjestad, Aruba	Warehouse Club	March 23, 2001	64,627	March 23, 2021	10 years
Port of Spain, Trinidad	Warehouse Club	December 5, 2001	54,046	July 5, 2031	none
St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.	Warehouse Club	May 4, 2001	54,046	February 28, 2020	10 years
Barbados	Storage Facility	December 1, 2012	12,517	November 30, 2015	3 years
Chaguanas, Trinidad	Employee Parking	May 1, 2009	4,944	April 30, 2024	none
Chaguanas, Trinidad	Container Parking	April 1, 2010	65,340	March 31, 2015	none
Jamaica	Storage Facility	September 1, 2012	17,000	February 28, 2014	3 years
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	Central Offices	June 1, 2010	2,002	May 31, 2015	1 year
Bogota, Colombia	Central Offices	October 21, 2010	4,100	December 20, 2014	none
San Diego, CA	Corporate Headquarters	April 1, 2004	39,225	August 31, 2015	5 years
Miami, FL	Distribution Facility	March 1, 2008	274,652	July 31, 2021	10 years
Panama	Storage and Distribution Facility	August 15, 2012	25,690	August 15, 2015	mutual agreement
Costa Rica	Storage and Distribution Facility	January 28, 2013	37,674	January 27, 2014	3 years

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

We are often involved in claims arising in the ordinary course of business seeking monetary damages and other relief. Based upon information currently available to us, none of these claims is expected to have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

PART II

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

The information required by Item 5 is incorporated herein by reference to PriceSmart's Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2013 under the heading "Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities."

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The information required by Item 6 is incorporated herein by reference to PriceSmart's Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2013 under the heading "Selected Financial Data."

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

The information required by Item 7 is incorporated herein by reference to PriceSmart's Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2013 under the heading "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

The information required by Item 7A is incorporated herein by reference to PriceSmart's Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2013 under the heading "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk."

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The information required by Item 8 is incorporated herein by reference to PriceSmart's Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2013 under the heading "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

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

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.

As of August 31, 2013, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, the Company carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e). These disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by the Company in its periodic reports with the SEC is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC's rules and forms, and that the information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The design of any disclosure controls and procedures also is based in part on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

Based upon their evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(b) Management's report on internal control over financial reporting

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

Internal control over financial reporting cannot provide absolute assurance of achieving financial reporting objectives because of its inherent limitations. Internal control over financial reporting is a process that involves human diligence and compliance and is subject to lapses in judgment and breakdowns resulting from human failures. Internal control over financial reporting also can be circumvented by collusion or improper management override. Because of such limitations, there is a risk that material misstatements may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by internal control over financial reporting. However, these inherent limitations are known features of the financial reporting process. Therefore, it is possible to design into the process safeguards to reduce, though not eliminate, this risk.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over the Company's financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act. Under the supervision, and with the participation, of the Company's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, the Company conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting. Management has used the framework set forth in the report entitled "Internal Control-Integrated Framework" published by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission to evaluate the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting. Based on its evaluation, management has concluded that the Company's

internal control over financial reporting was effective as of August 31, 2013, the end of its most recent fiscal year.

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Ernst & Young LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of August 31, 2013, as stated in their report which is included herein.

(c) Changes in internal control over financial reporting.

There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) or 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act), during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2013, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

The certifications required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are filed as Exhibit 31.1 and 31.2 to this report.

Item 9B. Other Information

Not applicable.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of PriceSmart, Inc.

We have audited PriceSmart, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of August 31, 2013, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (1992 Framework) (the COSO criteria). PriceSmart, Inc.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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

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

In our opinion, PriceSmart, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of August 31, 2013, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the 2013 consolidated financial statements of PriceSmart, Inc. and our report dated October 30, 2013 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

San Diego, California
October 30, 2013

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

PriceSmart has adopted a code of ethics that applies to its principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, controller, and to all of its other officers, directors, employees and agents. The code of ethics is available on PriceSmart's web site at <http://pricesmart.com/Investor/Corporate-Governance/Conduct.aspx>. PriceSmart intends to disclose on its website future amendments to, or waivers from, certain provisions of its code of ethics within four business days following the date of such amendment or waiver.

The additional information required by Item 10 is incorporated herein by reference from PriceSmart's definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders under the headings "Election of Directors," "Information Regarding Directors," "Information Regarding the Board," "Executive Officers of the Company" and "Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act."

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required by Item 11 is incorporated herein by reference from PriceSmart's definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders under the heading "Compensation Discussion and Analysis."

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

The information required by Item 12 is incorporated herein by reference from PriceSmart's definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders under the headings "Securities Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" and "Equity Compensation Plan Information."

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

The information required by Item 13 is incorporated herein by reference from PriceSmart's definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders under the headings "Certain Transactions" and "Information Regarding Directors."

Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services

The information required by Item 14 is incorporated herein by reference from PriceSmart's definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders under the heading "Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm."

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules

(a) The documents listed in the following table, which are included in its Annual Report to Stockholders, are incorporated herein by reference to the portions of this Annual Report on Form 10-K filed as Exhibit 13.1 hereto.

(1) and (2) Financial Statements

Index to Consolidated Financial Statements

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Consolidated Balance Sheets

Consolidated Statements of Income

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Schedules not included herein have been omitted because they are not applicable or the required information is included in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto.

(3) The following exhibits are filed as part of this Form 10-K and this list includes the Exhibit Index.

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1(1)	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company.
3.2(19)	Certificate of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company.
3.3(18)	Certificate of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company.
3.4(1)	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company.
3.5(20)	Amendment to Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company.
4.1(22)	Specimen of Common Stock certificate.
10.1(a)(48)	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Grant Notice and Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the 2002 Equity Participation Plan of PriceSmart, Inc.
10.1(b)*	Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement (Director Option) under the 2001 Equity Participation Plan of PriceSmart, Inc.

- 10.1(c)* Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement (Director Option) under the 2002 Equity Participation Plan of PriceSmart, Inc.
- 10.2(a)(32) International Loan Swap Agreement with Citibank, N.A. dated as of February 13, 2008.
- 10.2(b)(37) Loan Facility Agreement between PriceSmart (Trinidad) Limited and First Caribbean International Bank (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited dated February 19, 2009.
- 10.2(c)(39) Loan Agreement dated August 13, 2009 between PriceSmart, SA. and the Bank of Nova Scotia.
- 10.3(a)(2)** Employment Agreement between Price Enterprises, Inc. and Robert M. Gans, dated September 20, 1994.

- 10.3(b)(3)** Third Amendment to Employment Agreement between Price Enterprises, Inc. and Robert M. Gans, dated April 28, 1997.
- 10.3(c)(1)** Fourth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of September 2, 1997.
- 10.3(d)(4)** Fifth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of March 31, 1999.
- 10.3(e)(5)** Sixth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of November 22, 1999.
- 10.3(f)(5)** Seventh Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of July 18, 2000.
- 10.3(g)(6)** Eighth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of September 26, 2001.
- 10.3(h)(6)** Amendment of Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of October 16, 2001.
- 10.3(i)(7)** Ninth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of November 19, 2002.
- 10.3(j)(8)** Tenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of January 22, 2003.
- 10.3(k)(9)** Eleventh Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of July 24, 2003.
- 10.3(l)(30)** Twelfth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of September 24, 2004.
- 10.3(m)(23)** Thirteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of February 10, 2005.
- 10.3(n)(25)** Fourteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of September 26, 2005.
- 10.3(o)(27)** Fifteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of March 1, 2006.
- 10.3(p)(31)** Sixteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of September 25, 2006.
- 10.3(q)(28)** Seventeenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of January 1, 2007.
- 10.3(r)(34)** Eighteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of October 1, 2007.

- 10.3(s)(32)** Nineteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of January 1, 2008.
- 10.3(t)(35)** Twentieth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of October 1, 2008.
- 10.3(u)(36)** Twenty-First Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of November 13, 2008.
- 10.3(v)(37)** Twenty-Second Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of January 1, 2009.
- 10.3(w)(40)** Twenty-Third Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of October 1, 2009.
- 10.3(x)(41)** Twenty-Fourth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of January 1, 2010.
- 10.3(y)(44)** Twenty-Fifth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of October 6, 2010.

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- 10.3(z)(45)** Twenty-Sixth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of January 10, 2011.
- 10.3(aa)(46)** Twenty-Seventh Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of April 1, 2011.
- 10.3(ab)(47)** Twenty-Eighth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of October 1, 2011.
- 10.3(ac)(47)** Twenty-Ninth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of October 1, 2011.
- 10.3(ad)(49)** Thirtieth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of October 1, 2012.
- 10.3(ae)(50)** Thirty-First Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert M. Gans, dated as of January 1, 2013.
- 10.4(a)(45)** Employment Agreement between the Company and John M. Heffner, dated January 31, 2011.
- 10.4(b)(46)** First Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and John M. Heffner, dated April 1, 2011.
- 10.4(c)(47)** Second Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and John M. Heffner, dated November 18, 2011.
- 10.4(d)(50)** Third Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and John M. Heffner, dated January 1, 2013.
- 10.5(10) Form of Indemnity Agreement.
- 10.8(a)(13)** Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas D. Martin, dated March 31, 1998.
- 10.8(b)(4)** First Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas D. Martin, dated March 31, 1999.
- 10.8(c)(5)** Second Amendment of Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas D. Martin, dated November 22, 1999.
- 10.8(d)(11)** Third Amendment of Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated January 11, 2000.
- 10.8(e)(14)** Fourth Amendment of Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated January 24, 2001.
- 10.8(f)(6)** Amendment of Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated October 16, 2001.
- 10.8(g)(12)** Fifth Amendment of Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin, dated January 16, 2002.

- 10.8(h)(9)** Sixth Amendment of Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin, dated January 22, 2003.
- 10.8(i)(20)** Seventh Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin, dated March 15, 2004.
- 10.8(j)(24)** Eighth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin, dated March 3, 2005.
- 10.8(k)(27)** Ninth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated March 1, 2006.
- 10.8(l)(28)** Tenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated January 1, 2007.
- 10.8(m)(29)** Eleventh Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated March 1, 2007.
- 10.8(n)(32)** Twelfth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated January 1, 2008.

- 10.8(o)(33)** Thirteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated March 1, 2008.
- 10.8(p)(36)** Fourteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated November 13, 2008.
- 10.8(q)(37)** Fifteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated January 1, 2009.
- 10.8(r)(38)** Sixteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated March 1, 2009.
- 10.8(s)(41)** Seventeenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated January 1, 2010.
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- 10.8(u)(42)** Nineteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated March 15, 2010.
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- 10.8(w)(46)** Twenty-First Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated March 1, 2011.
- 10.8(x)(46)** Twenty-Second Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated April 1, 2011.
- 10.8(y)(47)** Twenty-Third Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated November 18, 2011.
- 10.8(z)(48)** Twenty-Fourth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated March 1, 2012.
- 10.8(aa)(50)** Twenty-Fifth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated January 1, 2013.
- 10.8(ab)(51)** Twenty-Sixth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas Martin dated March 1, 2013.
- 10.10(36) Letter Agreement between RBTT Bank Ltd. and PriceSmart (Trinidad) Limited dated November 20, 2008.
- 10.11(36) Shareholders' Agreement between Pricsmarlandco, S.A. and JB Enterprises Inc. dated September 29, 2008.
- 10.12(36) Shareholder Agreement between Fundacion Tempus Fugit and PriceSmart Panama, S.A. dated September 24, 2008.

- 10.13(15) Trademark Agreement between the Company and Associated Wholesale Grocers, Inc., dated August 1, 1999.
- 10.14(14) Master Agreement between the Company and Payless ShoeSource Holdings, Ltd., dated November 27, 2000.
- 10.15(a)(12)** Employment Agreement between the Company and William Naylor, dated January 16, 2002.
- 10.15(b)(8)** First Amendment of Employment Agreement between the Company and William J. Naylor, dated January 22, 2003.
- 10.15(c)(19)** Second Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and William Naylor, dated February 1, 2004.
- 10.15(d)(23)** Third Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and William Naylor, dated as of February 16, 2005.
- 10.15(e)(26)** Fourth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and William Naylor, dated as of January 11, 2006.

- 10.15(f)(27)** Fifth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and William Naylor, dated as of March 1, 2006.
- 10.15(g)(28)** Sixth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and William Naylor, dated as of January 1, 2007.
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- 10.15(n)(47)** Thirteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and William Naylor, dated as of November 18, 2011.
- 10.15(m)(50)** Fourteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and William Naylor, dated as of January 1, 2013.
- 10.16(a)(6)** Employment Agreement between the Company and John D. Hildebrandt, dated as of June 1, 2001.
- 10.16(b)(6)** Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and John Hildebrandt, dated as of October 16, 2001.
- 10.16(c)(12)** First Amendment of Employment Agreement between the Company and John Hildebrandt, dated January 16, 2002.
- 10.16(d)(9)** Second Amendment of Employment Agreement between the Company and John Hildebrandt, dated January 22, 2003.
- 10.16(e)(20)** Third Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and John Hildebrandt, dated March 15, 2004.
- 10.16(f)(24)** Fourth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and John Hildebrandt, dated March 9, 2005.
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- 10.16(o)(38)** Thirteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and John Hildebrandt, dated April 1, 2009.
- 10.16(p)(41)** Fourteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and John Hildebrandt, dated January 1, 2010.
- 10.16(q)(41)** Fifteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and John Hildebrandt, dated February 1, 2010.
- 10.16(r)(42)** Sixteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and John Hildebrandt, dated March 15, 2010.
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- 10.16(y)(51)** Twenty-Third Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and John Hildebrandt, dated March 1, 2013.
- 10.17(16)** 2001 Equity Participation Plan of PriceSmart, Inc.
- 10.18(a)(7)** Employment Agreement between the Company and Brud Drachman, dated as of January 11, 2000.
- 10.18(b)(7)** First Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Brud Drachman, dated January 24, 2001.
- 10.18(c)(7)** Second Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Brud Drachman, dated June 1, 2001.
- 10.18(d)(7)** Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Brud Drachman, dated October 16, 2001.
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- 10.18(f)(9)**

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Fourth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Brud Drachman, dated November 19, 2002.

- 10.18(g)(9)** Fifth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Brud Drachman, dated January 22, 2003.
- 10.18(h)(20)** Sixth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Brud Drachman, dated March 15, 2004.
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- 10.18(y)(50)** Twenty-Third Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Brud Drachman, dated January 1, 2013.
- 10.18(z)(51)** Twenty-Fourth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Brud Drachman, dated March 1, 2013.
- 10.19(17)** 2002 Equity Participation Plan of PriceSmart, Inc.
- 10.20(a)(21)** Employment Agreement by and between the Company and Jose Luis Laparte, dated as of June 3, 2004.
- 10.20(b)(21)** First Amendment to Employment Agreement by and between the Company and Jose Luis Laparte, dated as of August 2, 2004.
- 10.20(c)(25)** Second Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Jose Luis Laparte, dated as of September 26, 2005.

- 10.20(d)(27)** Third Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Jose Luis Laparte, dated as of March 1, 2006.
- 10.20(e)(31)** Fourth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Jose Luis Laparte dated as of September 25, 2006.
- 10.20(f)(28)** Fifth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Jose Luis Laparte dated as of January 1, 2007.
- 10.20(g)(34)** Sixth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Jose Luis Laparte dated as of October 1, 2007.
- 10.20(h)(34)** Seventh Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Jose Luis Laparte dated as of October 31, 2007.
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- 10.20(n)(41)** Thirteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Jose Luis Laparte dated as of January 1, 2010.
- 10.20(o)* Fourteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Jose Luis Laparte dated as of July 15, 2010.
- 10.20(p)(44)** Fifteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Jose Luis Laparte dated as of October 6, 2010.
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- 10.20(v)(50)** Twenty-First Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Company and Jose Luis Laparte dated as of January 1, 2013.
- 10.21(a)(32) Promissory Note entered into between PSMT Barbados and Citibank, N.A. dated November 15, 2007.
- 10.22(a)(40) Loan Agreement entered into between PriceSmart and ScotiaBank El Salvador dated September 1, 2009.
- 10.23(41) Loan Agreement entered into between PriceSmart Honduras, S.A. de C.V. and ScotiaBank El Salvador S.A., dated January 12, 2010.
- 10.24(42) Loan Agreement entered into between PriceSmart Honduras, a subsidiary of PriceSmart Inc., and Banco del Pais, S.A. dated March 16, 2010.
- 10.25(42) PriceSmart Honduras S.A. de C.V. Certificate of Deposit, as security in favor of Banco del Pais, S.A. dated March 16, 2010.

- 10.26(43) Commercial Mortgage Loan Agreement dated August 31, 2010 between PriceSmart Panama, S.A. and Metrobank, S.A.
- 10.27(44) Loan Agreement between PriceSmart Colombia, S.A.S. and Citibank, N.A., dated as of November 1, 2010.
- 10.28(44) Deposit Agreement between PriceSmart, Inc. and Citibank, N.A., New York, dated as of November 24, 2010.
- 10.29(44) Purchase Agreement between PriceSmart Colombia S.A.S. and Cementos Argos S.A., dated as of May 16, 2010.
- 10.29(a)(44) Addenda No. 1 to Purchase Agreement between PriceSmart Colombia S.A.S. and Cementos Argos S.A., dated as of July 26, 2010.
- 10.29(b)(44) Addenda No. 2 to Purchase Agreement between Colombia S.A.S. and Cementos Argos S.A., dated as of October 22, 2010.
- 10.30(46) Loan Agreement between PriceSmart Colombia, S.A.S. and Scotiabank & Trust (Cayman) Ltd., dated March 14, 2011.
- 10.30(49) Loan Agreement between PSMT (Barbados Inc. and Citicorp Merchant Bank Limited, dated August 30, 2012.

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10.31**	Form of Restricted Stock Award Grant Notice and Restricted Stock Award Agreement under the 2002 Equity Participation Plan of PriceSmart, Inc.
10.32(52)**	2013 Equity Incentive Award Plan of PriceSmart, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the definitive Proxy Statement for the Company's 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed with the Commission on December 5, 2012)
10.33(52)**	Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement under the 2013 Equity Incentive Award Plan of PriceSmart, Inc.
10.34(52)**	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement under the 2013 Equity Incentive Award Plan of PriceSmart, Inc. for Employees of Foreign Subsidiaries.
10.35(52)**	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for Non-Employee Directors under the 2013 Equity Incentive Award Plan of PriceSmart, Inc.
13.1*	Portions of the Company's Annual Report to Stockholders for the year ended August 31, 2013.
21.1*	Subsidiaries of the Company.
23.1*	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
31.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1*#	Certifications Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2*#	Certifications Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

* Filed herewith as an exhibit.

** Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement required to be filed as an exhibit to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

These certifications are being furnished solely to accompany this Report pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, and are not being filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and are not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of PriceSmart, Inc. whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

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- (1) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 1997 filed with the Commission on November 26, 1997.
- (2) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 of Price Enterprises, Inc. filed with the Commission on November 3, 1994.
- (3) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Price Enterprises, Inc. for the quarter ended June 8, 1997 filed with the Commission on July 17, 1997.
- (4) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 31, 1999 filed with the Commission on July 15, 1999.
- (5) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2000 filed with the Commission on November 29, 2000.
- (6) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2001 filed with the Commission on November 29, 2001.
- (7) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2002 filed with the Commission on November 29, 2002.
- (8) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 28, 2003 filed with the Commission on April 14, 2003.

- (9) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2003 filed with the Commission on December 16, 2003.
- (10) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 10 filed with the Commission on August 1, 1997.
- (11) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 29, 2000 filed with the Commission on April 11, 2000.
- (12) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 31, 2002 filed with the Commission on July 15, 2002.
- (13) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 1998 filed with the Commission on November 25, 1998.
- (14) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 28, 2001 filed with the Commission on April 16, 2001.
- (15) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 1999 filed with the Commission on November 29, 1999.
- (16) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to the definitive Proxy Statement dated December 7, 2001 for the Company's 2002 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed with the Commission on December 10, 2001.
- (17) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to the definitive Proxy Statement dated December 11, 2002 for the Company's 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed with the Commission on December 11, 2002.
- (18) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2004 filed with the Commission on November 24, 2004.
- (19) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 29, 2004 filed with the Commission on April 14, 2004.
- (20) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 31, 2004 filed with the Commission on July 15, 2004.
- (21) Incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on October 8, 2004.
- (22) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed with the Commission on December 2, 2004.
- (23) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 28, 2005 filed with the Commission on April 14, 2005.
- (24) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 31, 2005 filed with the Commission on June 15, 2005.
- (25) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 30, 2005 filed with the Commission on January 17, 2006.
- (26) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 28, 2006 filed with the Commission on April 14, 2006.
- (27) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 31, 2006 filed with the Commission on July 14, 2006.
- (28) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 28, 2007 filed with the Commission on April 9, 2007.
- (29) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 31, 2007 filed with the Commission on July 3, 2007.
- (30) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 30, 2004 filed with Commission on January 14, 2005.
- (31) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2006 filed with the Commission on November 13, 2006.
- (32) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 29, 2008 filed with the Commission on April 9, 2008.
- (33) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 31, 2008 filed with the Commission on July 10, 2008.
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Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A amendment 2 for the year ended August 31, 2007 filed with the Commission on July 11, 2008.

- (35) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2008 filed with the Commission on November 12, 2008.
- (36) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A for the quarter ended November 30, 2008 filed with the Commission on January 14, 2009.
- (37) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 28, 2009 filed with the Commission on April 9, 2009.
- (38) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 31, 2009 filed with the Commission on July 10, 2009.

- (39) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2009 filed with the Commission on November 9, 2009.
- (40) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 30, 2009 filed with the Commission on January 8, 2010.
- (41) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 28, 2010 filed with the Commission on April 9, 2010.
- (42) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 31, 2010 filed with the Commission on July 9, 2010.
- (43) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2010 filed with the Commission on November 9, 2010.
- (44) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 30, 2010 filed with the Commission on January 7, 2011.
- (45) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 28, 2011 filed with the Commission on April 7, 2011.
- (46) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 31, 2011 filed with the Commission on July 8, 2011.
- (47) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 30, 2011 filed with the Commission on January 9, 2012.
- (48) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 31, 2012 filed with the Commission on July 9, 2012.
- (49) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 30, 2012 filed with the Commission on January 9, 2013.
- (50) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 29, 2013 filed with the Commission on April 9, 2013.
- (51) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 31, 2013 filed with the Commission on July 10, 2013.
- (52) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed April 4, 2013.

Schedules not included herein have been omitted because they are not applicable or the required information is included in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto.

(b) Financial Statement Schedules

- 1) Schedule II – Valuation and Qualifying Accounts for each of the three years in the period ended August 31, 2013.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of PriceSmart, Inc.

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of PriceSmart, Inc. as of August 31, 2013 and 2012, and for each of the three years in the period ended August 31, 2013, and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2013 (incorporated herein by reference). Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in Item 15(b)1. This schedule is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this schedule based on our audits.

In our opinion, the financial statement schedule referred to above, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

San Diego, California
October 30, 2013

SCHEDULE II

PRICESMART, INC.

VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

(amounts in thousands)

	Balance at Beginning of Period	Charged to Costs and Expenses	Deductions	Balance at End of Period
Allowance for doubtful accounts:				
Year ended August 31, 2011	\$ 15	\$(12) \$2	\$5
Year ended August 31, 2012	\$5	\$8	\$(12) \$1
Year ended August 31, 2013	\$1	\$64	\$(65) \$—

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Annual Report on Form 10-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 30, 2013

PRICESMART, INC.

By: /s/ JOSE LUIS LAPARTE
 Jose Luis Laparte
 Director, Chief Executive Officer and President
 (Principal Executive Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Annual Report on Form 10-K has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ JOSE LUIS LAPARTE Jose Luis Laparte	Director, Chief Executive Officer and President (Principal Executive Officer)	October 30, 2013
/s/ JOHN M. HEFFNER John M. Heffner	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	October 30, 2013
/s/ ROBERT E. PRICE Robert E. Price	Chairman of the Board	October 30, 2013
/s/ SHERRY S. BAHRAMBEGUI Sherry S. Bahrambeygui	Director	October 30, 2013
/s/ MITCHELL G. LYNN Mitchell G. Lynn	Director	October 30, 2013
/s/ GONZALO BARRUTIETA Gonzalo Barrutieta	Director	October 30, 2013
/s/ KATHERINE L. HENSLEY Katherine L. Hensley	Director	October 30, 2013
/s/ LEON C. JANKS Leon C. Janks	Director	October 30, 2013
/s/ EDGAR ZURCHER Edgar Zurcher	Director	October 30, 2013

Exhibit 13.1

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SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The selected consolidated financial data presented below is derived from the Company's consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. This selected financial data should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes thereto included elsewhere in this report.

	Years Ended August 31,				
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	(in thousands, except income (loss) per common share)				
OPERATING RESULTS DATA:					
Net warehouse club sales ⁽¹⁾	\$2,239,266	\$1,999,364	\$1,674,788	\$1,365,537	\$1,224,123
Export sales	23,059	15,320	8,831	4,139	3,679
Membership income	33,820	26,957	22,817	19,742	17,903
Other income ⁽¹⁾	3,667	3,522	3,585	3,290	3,378
Total revenues	2,299,812	2,045,163	1,710,021	1,392,708	1,249,083
Total cost of goods sold ⁽¹⁾	1,929,428	1,715,981	1,431,025	1,160,247	1,045,381
Total selling, general and administrative ⁽¹⁾	240,924	220,639	189,032	157,960	144,528
Preopening expenses	1,525	617	1,408	1,123	515
Asset impairment and closure costs (gains)	—	—	—	18	(249)
Operating income	127,935	107,926	88,556	73,360	58,908
Total other income (expense)	(4,724)	(5,212)	800	(1,120)	(1,782)
Income from continuing operations before provision for income taxes, losses of unconsolidated affiliates and net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	123,211	102,714	89,356	72,240	55,702
Provision for income taxes	(38,942)	(35,053)	(27,468)	(22,787)	(13,069)
Losses of unconsolidated affiliates	(4)	(15)	(52)	(22)	(21)
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	(132)	(265)
Net income from continuing operations attributable to PriceSmart	84,265	67,646	61,836	49,299	42,347
Discontinued operations income (loss), net of tax	—	(25)	(86)	16	(28)
Net income attributable to PriceSmart	\$84,265	\$67,621	\$61,750	\$49,315	\$42,319
INCOME PER COMMON SHARE					
-BASIC:⁽²⁾					
Income from continuing operations attributable to PriceSmart	\$2.78	\$2.24	\$2.07	\$1.66	\$1.43
Discontinued operations, net of tax	—	—	—	—	—
Basic net income per common share attributable to PriceSmart	\$2.78	\$2.24	\$2.07	\$1.66	\$1.43
INCOME PER COMMON SHARE					
-DILUTED:⁽²⁾					
Income from continuing operations attributable to PriceSmart	\$2.78	\$2.24	\$2.07	\$1.65	\$1.43
Discontinued operations, net of tax	—	—	—	—	—
Diluted net income per common share attributable to PriceSmart	\$2.78	\$2.24	\$2.07	\$1.65	\$1.43

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Weighted average common shares - basic	29,647	29,554	29,441	29,254	28,959
Weighted average common shares - diluted	29,681	29,582	29,457	29,281	29,058

The Company receives cash consideration from its vendors for product demonstrations. Prior to fiscal year 2013, (1) the Company recorded this consideration as Other income. However, cash or equity consideration received from a vendor is

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presumed to be a reduction of cost of sales when it is recognized in the income statement. Additionally, reimbursements of costs incurred by the customer to sell the vendor's products are treated as a reduction of the related cost when recognized in the income statement. Therefore, the Company has accordingly recorded such consideration as a reduction to cost of sales and a reduction to related costs incurred to sell the vendor's products starting in fiscal year 2013. The Company has made reclassifications to the consolidated statements of income for fiscal years reported prior to 2013 to conform to the presentation in fiscal year 2013. These reclassifications did not impact consolidated operating income or net income.

The following table summarizes the impact of these reclassifications (in thousands):

	Years Ended August 31,			
	2012	2011	2010	2009
Revenues:				
Net warehouse club sales-as previously reported	\$ 2,000,046	\$ 1,675,247	\$ 1,365,801	\$ 1,224,331
Reclassifications	(682)	(459)	(264)	(208)
Net warehouse club sales-as currently reported	\$ 1,999,364	\$ 1,674,788	\$ 1,365,537	\$ 1,224,123
Other income-as previously reported				
Reclassifications	(4,900)	(3,767)	(2,919)	(2,337)
Other income-as currently reported	\$ 3,522	\$ 3,585	\$ 3,290	\$ 3,378
Cost of goods sold:				
Total cost of goods sold-as previously reported	1,718,780	1,433,028	1,161,797	1,046,614
Reclassifications	(2,799)	(2,003)	(1,550)	(1,234)
Total cost of goods sold reported	\$ 1,715,981	\$ 1,431,025	\$ 1,160,247	\$ 1,045,380
Selling, general and administrative:				
Total selling, general and administrative-as previously reported	223,422	191,255	159,593	145,839
Reclassifications	(2,783)	(2,223)	(1,633)	(1,311)
Total selling, general and administrative-as currently reported	\$ 220,639	\$ 189,032	\$ 157,960	\$ 144,528
Net effect on operating income	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—

Effective September 1, 2009 (fiscal year 2010), the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board guidance that addresses whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions are participating securities and, therefore, have a potential dilutive effect on earnings per share ("EPS"). This guidance was applied⁽²⁾ retrospectively to fiscal year 2009. Fiscal year 2009 previously reported diluted net income per share using the treasury stock method to calculate the dilutive common shares outstanding during the period. The prior method resulted in diluted income per share from continuing operations attributable to PriceSmart, Inc. of \$1.45 for the fiscal years 2009.

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SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA- (Continued)

	As of August 31,				
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	(in thousands)				
BALANCE SHEET DATA:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$121,874	\$91,248	\$76,817	\$73,346	\$44,193
Short-term restricted cash	\$5,984	\$1,241	\$1,240	\$1,240	\$10
Total assets	\$826,039	\$735,712	\$664,328	\$572,565	\$487,373
Long-term debt, net of current portion	\$60,263	\$71,422	\$60,451	\$53,005	\$37,120
Total PriceSmart stockholders' equity	\$481,049	\$418,914	\$375,838	\$336,043	\$300,398
Dividends paid on common stock ⁽³⁾	\$18,133	\$18,120	\$17,934	\$14,895	\$19,551

(3) On November 27, 2012, January 25, 2012, January 19, 2011, January 27, 2010, and January 29, 2009, the Company declared a cash dividend on its common stock.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

This annual report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements concerning the Company's anticipated future revenues and earnings, adequacy of future cash flow, proposed warehouse club openings, the Company's performance relative to competitors and related matters. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements containing the words "expect," "believe," "will," "may," "should," "project," "estimate," "anticipated," "scheduled," expressions, and the negative thereof. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially, including the following risks: the Company's financial performance is dependent on international operations, which exposes the Company to various risks; any failure by the Company to manage its widely dispersed operations could adversely affect its business; the Company faces significant competition; future sales growth depends, in part, on the Company's ability to successfully open new warehouse clubs; the Company might not identify in a timely manner or effectively respond to changes in consumer trends and changes in consumer preferences for merchandise and shopping modalities, which could adversely affect its relationship with members, demand for its products and market share; the Company faces difficulties in the shipment of, and risks inherent in the importation of, merchandise to its warehouse clubs; the Company is exposed to weather and other natural disaster risks; general economic conditions could adversely impact the Company's business in various respects; the Company is subject to changes in relationships and agreements with third parties with which the Company does business and/or from which the Company acquires merchandise; the Company relies extensively on computer systems to process transactions, summarize results and manage its business. Failure to adequately maintain the Company's systems and disruptions in its systems could harm its business and adversely affect its results of operations; the Company could be subject to additional tax liabilities; a few of the Company's stockholders own approximately 29.7% of the Company's voting stock, which may make it difficult to complete some corporate transactions without their support and may impede a change in control; the loss of key personnel could harm the Company's business; the Company is subject to volatility in foreign currency exchange rates; the Company faces the risk of exposure to product liability claims, a product recall and adverse publicity; potential future impairments of long lived assets could adversely affect the Company's future results of operations and financial position; write-offs of goodwill and other intangible assets could adversely affect the Company's future results of operations and financial position; the Company faces increased public company compliance risks and compliance risks related to the Company's international operations; the Company faces increased compliance risks associated with compliance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002; if remediation costs or hazardous substance contamination levels at certain properties for which the Company maintains financial responsibility exceed management's current expectations, the Company's financial condition and results of operations could be adversely impacted. The risks described above as well as the other risks detailed in the Company's U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") reports, including the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2013 filed on October 30, 2013 pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. See "Part II - Item 1A - Risk Factors," could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. These risks are not the only risks that the Company faces. The Company could also be affected by additional factors that apply to all companies operating globally and in the U.S., as well as other risks that are not presently known to the Company or that the Company currently considers to be immaterial.

PriceSmart's business consists primarily of operating international membership shopping warehouse clubs similar to, but smaller in size than, warehouse clubs in the United States. The Company's ownership in all subsidiaries as of August 31, 2013 is 100% and they are presented on a consolidated basis as wholly owned subsidiaries. The number of warehouse clubs in operation as of August 31, 2013, for each country or territory are as follows:

Country/Territory	Number of Warehouse Clubs in Operation as of August 31, 2013	Number of Warehouse Clubs in Operation as of August 31, 2012	Anticipated warehouse club openings in fiscal year 2014
Colombia	3	1	—
Panama	4	4	—
Costa Rica	5	5	1
Dominican Republic	3	3	—
Guatemala	3	3	—
El Salvador	2	2	—
Honduras	2	2	1
Trinidad	4	4	—
Aruba	1	1	—
Barbados	1	1	—
U.S. Virgin Islands	1	1	—
Jamaica	1	1	—
Nicaragua	1	1	—
Totals	31	29	2

During fiscal 2013, the Company opened its second and third clubs in Colombia. These clubs are in south and north Cali and opened in October 2012 and May 2013, respectively. Additionally, in February 2013, the Company acquired property located in La Union, Cartago, Costa Rica, upon which it opened its sixth membership warehouse club in Costa Rica on October 18, 2013. Finally, in February 2013, the Company acquired land in Tegucigalpa, Honduras upon which it anticipates opening its third warehouse club in Honduras in the spring of 2014.

The Company's warehouse clubs are located in Latin America and the Caribbean, and its corporate headquarters, U.S. buying operations and distribution centers are located primarily in the United States. The Company's reportable segments are based on management's organization of these locations into operating segments by general geographic location. The Company's operating segments are the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean.

General Economic Factors

The economies in the major PriceSmart markets, such as Panama, Costa Rica and Trinidad, continue to experience moderate to strong year-over-year growth. Specific events in some of the smaller countries in which the Company has warehouse clubs, such as increases in value-added taxes, reduced economic activity, currency devaluations and other factors, are contributing to a more challenging retail environment in those markets, adversely impacting sales growth.

The Company does not currently face direct competition from U.S. branded membership warehouse club operators. However, it does face competition from various retail formats such as hypermarkets, supermarkets, cash and carry, home improvement centers, electronic retailers and specialty stores, including those within Central America that are owned and operated by a large U.S. based retailer. The Company has competed effectively in these markets in the past and expects to continue to do so in the future due to the unique nature of the membership warehouse club format. The Company has noted that certain retailers are making investments in upgrading their stores and adding new locations within the Company's markets resulting in increased competition. For example, Cost-U-Less, a cash and carry, low price operator with which the Company competes in St. Thomas, recently opened a location in Barbados. Further, it is possible that U.S. warehouse club operators may decide to enter the Company's markets and compete more directly with PriceSmart in a similar warehouse club format.

Many PriceSmart markets are susceptible to foreign currency exchange rate volatility. Currency exchange rate changes either increase or decrease the cost to the Company's subsidiaries of imported products purchased in U.S. dollars and priced in local currency. Approximately 52% of the Company's net warehouse sales are comprised of products purchased in U.S. dollars and imported into the markets where PriceSmart warehouse clubs are located, but approximately 79% of the Company's net warehouse sales are in foreign currencies.

Currency exchange rate fluctuations affect affect the Company's consolidated sales as local currency denominated sales are translated to U.S. dollars. Also, as a result of local currency fluctuations, the Company revalues all U.S. dollar-denominated monetary assets and liabilities within the Company's markets that do not use the U.S. dollar as their functional currency. These monetary assets and liabilities include, but are not limited to, excess cash permanently reinvested offshore, U.S. dollar-denominated long-term debt used to finance land acquisition and the construction of warehouse clubs, and U.S. dollar-denominated accounts payable related to the purchase of merchandise.

The Company seeks to manage its foreign exchange risk by (1) adjusting selling prices from time to time; (2) obtaining local currency loans from banks within certain markets where it is economical to do so and where management believes the risk of devaluation and the level of U.S. dollar denominated liabilities warrants this action; (3) reducing the time between the acquisition of product in U.S. dollars and the settlement of that purchase in local currency; and (4) by entering into cross-currency interest rate swaps and forward currency derivatives. The Company has local currency-denominated long-term loans in Honduras and Guatemala; has cross-currency interest rate swaps and forward currency derivatives in Colombia and has forward currency derivatives in Costa Rica. Turbulence in the currency markets can have a significant impact on the value of the foreign currencies within the countries in which the Company operates. For example, in the first quarter of fiscal year 2012, concerns related to European sovereign debt contributed to a 9.3% devaluation of the Colombian peso against the U.S. dollar, resulting in the Company's Colombian subsidiary recording approximately \$1.5 million in currency losses upon the translation of U.S. dollar denominated liabilities. Future volatility and uncertainties regarding the currencies in the Company's countries could have a material impact on the Company's operations in future periods. However, there is no way to accurately forecast how currencies may trade in the future and, as a result, the Company cannot accurately project the impact of the change in rates on the Company's future demand for imported products, reported sales, or financial results.

Business Strategy

The Company's business strategy is to offer for sale to businesses and families a limited number of stock keeping units (SKU's) covering a wide range of products at the lowest possible prices. The Company charges an annual membership fee to its customers. These fees combined with warehouse and distribution operating efficiencies and volume purchasing enable PriceSmart to operate its business on lower merchandise margins than conventional retail stores. The combination of annual membership fees, operating efficiencies and low margins enable PriceSmart to offer its members high quality merchandise at very competitive prices which, in turn, enhances the value of the PriceSmart membership.

Current and Future Management Actions

Generally, the Company's operating efficiencies, earnings and cash flow from operations improve as sales increase. Higher sales provide greater purchasing power and often result in lower product prices from the Company's suppliers. Further, increased sales permit the Company to leverage its selling, general and administrative expenses. Sales growth in our existing locations (comparable warehouse club sales) creates the highest degree of expense leverage. Therefore, the Company prioritizes initiatives that it expects will have the greatest impact on increasing sales, particularly within our existing locations. Looking forward to the next several quarters, the following items are likely to have an impact on the Company's business and the results of operations.

The Company seeks to increase sales by attracting new members and growing sales with existing members in its warehouse clubs and by adding new PriceSmart warehouse clubs. During fiscal 2013, the Company opened its second and third clubs in Colombia. These clubs are in south and north Cali and opened in October 2012 and May 2013, respectively. Additionally, in February 2013, the Company acquired property located in La Union, Cartago, Costa Rica, upon which it anticipates opening its sixth membership warehouse club in Costa Rica in the fall of 2013. Finally, in February 2013, the Company acquired land in Tegucigalpa, Honduras upon which it anticipates opening its third warehouse club in Honduras in the spring of 2014. The Company continues to explore other potential sites for future warehouse clubs in its markets. The Company's continued focus on initiatives to increase comparable warehouse club sales within existing warehouse clubs locations allowed the Company to increase comparable warehouse club sales for the 52-week period ended September 1, 2013 9.0% compared to the same 52-week period the prior year. In addition the Company increased the number of member accounts 13.5% over the prior year.

Effective June 1, 2012, the Company raised the annual membership fee by approximately \$5.00 in most markets. The annual fee for a Diamond membership in these markets is now approximately \$35.00 (entitling members to two cards). A membership fee helps PriceSmart offer high quality merchandise at low prices, providing value to its members. In October 2012, the Company launched the Platinum membership account in Costa Rica. Platinum members pay an annual membership fee of approximately \$75.00 for a primary membership card for which they receive an annual 2% rebate of their purchases on most items, up to a maximum annual rebate of \$500.00. The Platinum membership program is currently being evaluated to determine if Platinum membership should be offered in other of the Company's markets.

Logistics and distribution operations are an important part of what allows PriceSmart to deliver high quality merchandise at low prices to our members. The Company continues to explore areas to improve efficiency, lower costs and ensure a good flow of merchandise to our warehouse clubs. The Company is adding regional distribution centers in some of its markets (currently Costa Rica and Panama) to improve merchandise flow and lower operating costs, the benefit of which can be passed on to our members in the form of lower merchandise prices.

Purchasing land and constructing warehouse clubs is the Company's single largest capital investment. Securing land for warehouse club locations is challenging within the Company's markets, especially in Colombia, because suitable

sites at a price that would provide a rate of return on the Company's investment that would make the development of a warehouse club economically feasible are difficult to find. Although the Company has entered into real estate leases in the past and will likely do so in the future, the Company's preference is to own rather than lease real estate. Real estate ownership provides a number of advantages as compared to leasing, including lower operating expenses, flexibility to expand or otherwise enhance PriceSmart buildings, long-term control over the use of the property and the residual value that the real estate may have in future years. In order to secure warehouse club locations, the Company occasionally has to purchase more land than is actually needed for the warehouse club facility. To the extent that the Company acquires property in excess of what is needed for a particular warehouse club, the Company generally plans to either sell or develop the excess property. The excess land at Alajuela and Brisas is being held for development by the joint ventures, which commenced in fiscal year 2011. A similar development strategy is being employed for the Company's excess land at the San Fernando, Trinidad and Arroyo Hondo, Dominican Republic locations where the properties are fully owned by the Company. The profitable sale or development of real estate is highly dependent on real estate market conditions.

Financial highlights for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2013 included:

Net warehouse club sales increased 13.9% over the comparable prior year period. The Company had two additional warehouse clubs in the quarter (both in Cali, Colombia) compared to the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012. Comparable warehouse club sales (that is, sales in the warehouse clubs that have been open for greater than 13 1/2 calendar months) for the 13 weeks ended September 1, 2013 grew 9.3%.

Membership income for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2013 increased 24.1% to \$9.0 million.

Warehouse sales gross profits (net warehouse club sales less associated cost of goods sold) in the quarter increased 2.0% over the prior year period, and warehouse sales gross profits as a percent of net warehouse sales were 15.1%, a reduction of 25 basis points from the same period last year.

Selling, general and administrative expenses, including pre-opening expenses decreased 37 basis points as a percentage of sales compared to the fourth quarter of last year.

Operating income for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2013 was \$33.0 million, an increase of \$5.1 million over the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2012.

Net income for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2013 was \$20.8 million, or \$0.69 per diluted share, compared to \$17.7 million, or \$0.58 per diluted share, in the comparable prior year period.

Financial highlights for fiscal year 2013 included:

Net warehouse club sales increased 12.0% to \$2.2 billion for fiscal year 2013 compared to fiscal year 2012 and reflected the sales of two additional clubs for a portion of the year.

Membership income for fiscal year 2013 was \$33.8 million, an increase of 25.5% compared to fiscal year 2012. The number of membership accounts at year end was 1,095,513.

Gross profits (net warehouse sales less associated cost of goods sold) increased 11.3%. Gross profits as a percent of net warehouse sales were 14.8% for the full year, a decrease of 10 basis points (0.10%) from fiscal year 2012.

Selling, general and administrative expenses, including pre-opening expenses, improved 24 basis points as a percent of sales (0.24%).

Operating income for fiscal year 2013 was \$127.9 million, an increase of 18.5% from the prior year.

Foreign exchange transactions resulted in a net loss of \$954,000 for the fiscal year 2013 compared to a net loss in fiscal year 2012 of \$525,000.

Net income for fiscal year 2013 was \$84.3 million, or \$2.78 per diluted share, compared to \$67.6 million, or \$2.24 per diluted share, in the prior year.

Comparison of Fiscal Year 2013 to 2012 and Fiscal Year 2012 to 2011

The following discussion and analysis compares the results of operations for each of the three fiscal years ended August 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included elsewhere in this report.

Certain percentages presented are calculated using actual results prior to rounding. The Company's fiscal year ends on August 31. Unless otherwise noted, all tables present dollar amounts in thousands.

Net Warehouse Club Sales

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31,		2012 ⁽¹⁾		2011 ⁽¹⁾
	2013	% Change	Amount	% Change	Amount
Net Warehouse Club Sales	\$2,239,266	12.0	% \$1,999,364	19.4	% \$1,674,788

(1) The Company has made reclassifications to the consolidated statements of income for fiscal years reported prior to 2013 to conform to the presentation in fiscal year 2013; see "Selected Financial Data" for further detail.

Comparison of 2013 to 2012

Net warehouse club sales grew 12.0% in fiscal year 2013 compared to fiscal year 2012 with the Company recording positive sales growth in all countries. Colombia, in particular, experienced strong sales growth with the addition of two warehouse clubs in fiscal year 2013 (North and South Cali, Colombia). Overall sales growth was predominantly driven by transaction growth of 8.8%. The average value of each transaction grew 2.9%.

Comparison of 2012 to 2011

Net warehouse club sales grew 19.4% in fiscal year 2012 compared to fiscal year 2011. The sales growth in the year reflected sales from one additional warehouse club in fiscal year 2012 (Barranquilla, Colombia) compared to fiscal year 2011. Overall sales growth was predominantly driven by transaction growth of 17.7%. The average value of each transaction grew 1.4%.

Comparable Sales

The Company reports comparable warehouse club sales on a "same week" basis with 13 weeks in each quarter beginning on a Monday and ending on a Sunday. The periods are established at the beginning of the fiscal year to provide as close a match as possible to the calendar month and quarter that is used for financial reporting purposes. This approach equalizes the number of weekend days and weekdays in each period for improved sales comparison, as the Company experiences higher warehouse club sales on the weekends. Further, each of the warehouse clubs used in the calculations was open for at least 13 1/2 calendar months before its results for the current period were compared with its results for the prior period. For example, the sales related to the warehouse club opened in Cali, Colombia ("Canas Gordas") on October 19, 2012 will not be used in the calculation of comparable warehouse club sales until January 2014. In addition, sales related to the warehouse club opened in Cali, Colombia ("Menga") on May 3, 2013 will not be used in the calculation of comparable warehouse club sales until July 2014.

Comparison of 2013 to 2012

Comparable warehouse club sales for the 52-week period ended September 1, 2013 increased 9.0% compared to the same 52-week period last year.

Comparison of 2012 to 2011

Comparable warehouse club sales for the 52-week period ended September 2, 2012 increased 14.5% compared to the same 52-week period last year.

Net Warehouse Club Sales by Segments

The following tables indicate the net warehouse club sales and the percentage growth in net warehouse club sales during fiscal years 2013, 2012 and 2011 in the segments in which the Company operates.

The first warehouse club in Colombia opened on August 19, 2011. During fiscal 2013, the Company opened its second and third clubs in Colombia. These clubs are in south and north Cali and opened in October 2012 and May 2013, respectively.

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2013		2012 ⁽¹⁾		2011 ⁽¹⁾		
	Amount	% of net revenue	Amount	% of net revenue	Amount	% of net revenue	
Latin America	\$1,515,211	67.7	% \$1,315,917	65.8	% \$1,060,379	63.3	%
Caribbean	724,055	32.3	% 683,447	34.2	% 614,409	36.7	%
Net Warehouse Club Sales	\$2,239,266	100.0	% \$1,999,364	100.0	% \$1,674,788	100.0	%

⁽¹⁾ The Company has made reclassifications to the consolidated statements of income for fiscal years reported prior to 2013 to conform to the presentation in fiscal year 2013; see "Selected Financial Data" for further detail.

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2013		2012		
	Year-over-year increase	% change	Year-over-year increase	% change	
Latin America	\$199,294	15.1	% \$255,538	24.1	%
Caribbean	40,608	5.9	% 69,038	11.2	%
Net Warehouse Club Sales	\$239,902	12.0	% \$324,576	19.4	%

Comparison of 2013 to 2012

The higher net warehouse club sales growth in Latin America compared to the Caribbean reflects the sales associated with two additional warehouse clubs in this segment in fiscal year 2013 compared to fiscal year 2012 (North and South Cali, Colombia) and improved economic conditions in those larger and more diversified markets, particularly Panama and Costa Rica. Within the Caribbean segment, the Company saw small positive growth in the single club island markets, with stronger growth in Trinidad. There was no change in the number of warehouse clubs in the Caribbean segment between fiscal year 2012 and fiscal year 2013. We expect Latin America sales growth to continue to outpace Caribbean sales growth as the next two warehouse clubs we expect to open are located in Costa Rica and Honduras.

Comparison of 2012 to 2011

The higher net warehouse club sales growth in Latin America compared to the Caribbean reflects the sales associated with an additional warehouse club in this segment in fiscal year 2012 compared to fiscal year 2011 (Barranquilla, Colombia) and improved economic conditions in those larger and more diversified markets. There was no change in the number of warehouse clubs in the Caribbean segment between fiscal year 2011 and fiscal year 2012.

Net Warehouse Club Sales by Category

The following table indicates the approximate percentage of net sales accounted for by each major category of items sold by the Company during the fiscal years ended August 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011.

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31,			
	2013	2012	2011	
Sundries (including health and beauty aids, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, cleaning and paper products and pet supplies)	26	% 26	% 26	%
Food (including candy, snack foods, dry and fresh foods)	53	% 53	% 52	%
Hardlines (including major appliances, small appliances, electronics, hardware, office supplies, garden and patio, sporting goods, business machines and automotive supplies)	13	% 13	% 14	%
Softlines (including apparel, domestics, cameras, jewelry, housewares, media, toys and home furnishings)	6	% 6	% 6	%
Other (including one-hour photo and food court)	2	% 2	% 2	%
	100	% 100	% 100	%

Comparison of 2013 to 2012

There was no change in the mix of major category sales between fiscal year 2013 and 2012.

Comparison of 2012 to 2011

The slight trend toward a higher mix of food continued in fiscal year 2012 was driven by growth in grocery and bakery.

Export Sales

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2013			2012			2011
	Amount	Increase from prior year	% Change	Amount	Increase from prior year	% Change	Amount
Export sales	\$23,059	7,739	50.5	% \$15,320	\$6,489	73.5	% \$8,831

The increases in export sales in both years were due to increased direct sales to a single institutional customer (retailer) in the Philippines consistent with each of the past two fiscal years for which the Company earns an approximately 5% margin.

Membership Income

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2013			2012			2011
	Amount	Increase from prior year	% Change	Amount	Increase from prior year	% Change	Amount

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Membership Income	\$33,820	\$6,863	25.5	%	\$26,957	\$4,140	18.1	%	\$22,817
Membership income % to net warehouse club sales	1.5	%			1.3	%			1.4
Number of total accounts	1,095,513	129,912	13.5	%	965,601	133,101	16.0	%	832,500

Comparison of 2013 to 2012

The Company ended the fiscal year with 1,095,513 membership accounts. Membership income, which is recognized ratably over the one-year life of the membership, grew 25.5% for the twelve months ended August 31, 2013 compared to same period in the prior year. The average membership fee per membership account sold during fiscal year 2013 increased to \$33.86 from \$30.39. The increase in the annual fee in most markets which took effect in June 2012 along with the Platinum membership introduced in Costa Rica in November 2012 contributed 10.1% to the increased membership income recognized in the quarter compared to the same period a year ago. The membership renewal rate for the 12-month period ended August 31, 2013 was 85%.

Comparison of 2012 to 2011

The Company ended fiscal year 2012 with 965,601 membership accounts. Membership income grew 18.1% for the twelve months ended August 31, 2012 compared to same period in the prior year. The average membership fee per membership account sold during fiscal year 2012 increased to \$30.39 from \$29.41 in the prior year primarily because of an increase in the fee charged for membership beginning on June 1 in selected markets. The membership renewal rate for the 12-month periods ended August 31, 2012 and 2011 was 88%.

Other Income

Other income consists of rental income, advertising revenue, and other miscellaneous revenue.

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2013			2012 ⁽¹⁾			2011 ⁽¹⁾
	Amount	Increase from prior year	% Change	Amount	Increase from prior year	% Change	Amount
Other income	\$3,667	\$145	4.1	% \$3,522	\$(63	) (1.8	)% \$3,585

(1) The Company has made reclassifications to the consolidated statement of income for fiscal years reported prior to 2013 to conform to the presentation in fiscal year 2013; see selected financial data for further detail.

Comparison of 2013 to 2012

The increase in Other income for fiscal year 2013 compared to fiscal year 2012 resulted primarily from growth in rental income.

Comparison of 2012 to 2011

For fiscal year 2012 compared to fiscal year 2011, rental income decreased \$159,000. The decrease in rental income was a result of the sale in the third quarter of fiscal year 2011 of the former warehouse club in Los Pueblos, Panama, for which the Company had received \$281,000 of rental income in that fiscal year and a decrease in third-party royalties and construction services of approximately \$168,000. This was offset by new tenant leases within the San Fernando, Trinidad location.

Gross Margin

Warehouse Sales Gross Profit and Gross Margin

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2013			2012 ⁽¹⁾			2011 ⁽¹⁾		
	Amount	Increase from prior year	% to sales	Amount	Increase from prior year	% to sales	Amount	Increase from prior year	% to sales
Warehouse club sales	\$2,239,266	\$239,902	100.0 %	\$1,999,364	\$324,576	100.0 %	\$1,674,788		
Less associated cost of goods	1,907,632	206,300	85.2 %	1,701,332	278,679	85.1 %	1,422,653		
Warehouse gross profit margin	\$331,634	\$33,602	14.8 %	\$298,032	\$45,897	14.9 %	\$252,135		

⁽¹⁾ The Company has made reclassifications to the consolidated statements of income for fiscal years reported prior to 2013 to conform to the presentation in fiscal year 2013; see "Selected Financial Data" for further detail.

Comparison of 2013 to 2012

For fiscal year 2013, warehouse gross profit increased due to higher sales, but gross margins as a percent of warehouse club sales were lower than fiscal year 2012 by 10 basis points. This margin reduction resulted from price reductions across nearly all merchandise categories and countries implemented throughout the year, reflecting the Company's efforts to provide value to our members through on-going price reductions. The decrease in overall warehouse gross profit margins due to price reductions was partially offset by changes in merchandise mix within the major categories that had a small positive increase on warehouse gross profit margins as a percent of sales.

Comparison of 2012 to 2011

For the fiscal year 2012, warehouse gross profit increased due to higher sales, but gross margins as a percent of warehouse club sales were lower than fiscal year 2011 by 14 basis points. Price reductions across most merchandise categories and geographies and higher importation costs on the initial investment in merchandise to supply the Barranquilla warehouse club during the first six months of operations, which adversely affected full year 2011 warehouse gross profit margins, combined to account for a 14 basis point (0.14%) reduction in warehouse gross profit margin as a percent of sales in the fiscal year.

Export Sales Gross Profit Margin

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2013			2012			2011		
	Amount	Increase from prior year	% to sales	Amount	Increase from prior year	% to sales	Amount	Increase from prior year	% to sales
Export sales	\$23,059	\$7,739	100.0 %	\$15,320	\$6,489	100.0 %	\$8,831		
Less associated cost of goods sold	21,796	7,147	94.5 %	14,649	6,277	95.6 %	8,372		
	\$1,263	\$592	5.5 %	\$671	\$212	4.4 %	\$459		

Export sales
gross profit
margin

The increase in export sales gross margin dollars in each fiscal year was due to increased direct sales to an institutional customer (retailer) in the Philippines for which the Company generally earns lower margins than those obtained through its warehouse club sales.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Warehouse Club Operations

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2013				2012 ⁽¹⁾				2011 ⁽¹⁾			
	Amount	% to warehouse club sales	Increase from prior year	% Change	Amount	% to warehouse club sales	Increase from prior year	% Change	Amount	% to warehouse club sales	Increase from prior year	% Change
Warehouse club operations expense	\$194,140	8.7	% \$14,522	8.1	% \$179,618	9.0	% \$27,022	17.7	% \$152,596	9.1	%	

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Comparison of 2013 to 2012

Warehouse club operations expense decreased 31 basis points (0.31%) as a percent of net warehouse sales in fiscal year 2013 compared to fiscal year 2012, despite the additional expenses associated with the Canas Gordas (Cali South) Colombia warehouse club and the Menga (Cali North) Colombia for portions of the year. The Company experienced positive expense leverage in nearly all its major operating cost categories. In addition, the year-over-year comparison benefited from a \$777,000 charge taken last year associated with past debit card fees.

Comparison of 2012 to 2011

Warehouse club operations expense as a percent of net warehouse sales decreased 12 basis points (0.12%) in fiscal year 2012 compared to fiscal year 2011. A reduction in depreciation expense contributed 13 basis points (0.13%) of improvement primarily because of the \$2.3 million charge taken in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2011 to correct errors in the calculation of depreciation expense in prior periods. Offsetting the reduced depreciation expenses was an increase in credit card expense, which added 8 basis points (0.08%) of cost largely related to increased transaction fees for certain debit cards in some countries, including a \$777,000 charge taken in fiscal year 2012 for past debit card transaction fees that had not been previously charged to the Company by its third-party processor. Expenses related to payroll, utilities and repair and maintenance all decreased as a percent of sales.

General and Administrative Expenses

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2013				2012				2011			
	Amount	% to warehouse club sales	Increase from prior year	% Change	Amount	% to warehouse club sales	Increase from prior year	% Change	Amount	% to warehouse club sales	Increase from prior year	% Change
General and Administrative Expenses	\$46,784	2.1	% \$5,763	14.0	% \$41,021	2.1	% \$4,585	12.6	% \$36,436	2.2	%	

Comparison of 2013 to 2012

The expenses associated with the Company's corporate and U.S. buying operations grew 14.0% in fiscal year 2013 compared to the year earlier period, largely driven by increased salaries and benefits including stock compensation expense. However, as a percentage of sales, general and administrative expenses were basically flat.

Comparison of 2012 to 2011

Increased salaries and benefits for the Company's corporate and U.S. buying operations, including stock compensation expense resulting from restricted stock granted in January 2012 for approximately \$1.6 million, accounted for most of the increase in general and administrative expenses for fiscal year 2012 compared to fiscal year 2011. The decrease in general and administrative expenses as a percentage of warehouse club sales was due to sales increasing at a greater rate than general and administrative expenses.

Pre-Opening Expenses

Expenses incurred before a warehouse club is in operation are captured in pre-opening expenses.

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2013			2012			2011		
	Amount	Increase from prior year	% Change	Amount	Increase from prior year	% Change	Amount	Increase from prior year	% Change
Pre-opening expenses	\$1,525	\$908	147.2	% \$617	\$(791)	(56.2)	% \$1,408		

Comparison of 2013 to 2012

The majority of pre-opening expenses incurred in fiscal year 2013 were related to the activities of the Canas Gordas and Menga, Colombia warehouse clubs which opened during the year. In addition a small amount of pre-opening expenses were incurred in conjunction with the warehouse clubs planned to be opened in fiscal year 2014 in Cartago, Costa Rica and Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Comparison of 2012 to 2011

The majority of pre-opening expenses incurred in fiscal year 2012 were related to the activities of the Canas Gordas (Cali South) Colombia warehouse club which opened on October 19, 2012. In the prior year, pre-opening expenses were related to the Barranquilla, Colombia warehouse club and the Arroyo Hondo warehouse club which opened in Colombia in August 2011 and in the Dominican Republic in November 2010, respectively.

Operating Income

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2013			2012 ⁽¹⁾			2011 ⁽¹⁾		
	Amount	% to warehouse club sales	Increase/ (decrease) from prior year %	Amount	% to warehouse club sales	Increase/ (decrease) from prior year %	Amount	% to warehouse club sales	Increase/ (decrease) from prior year %
Operating income	\$127,935	5.7	% 20,009 18.5	% \$107,926	5.4	% \$19,370 21.9	% \$88,556	5.3	%

⁽¹⁾ The Company has made reclassifications to the consolidated statements of income for fiscal years reported prior to 2013 to conform to the presentation in fiscal year 2013; see "Selected Financial Data" for further detail.

Comparison of 2013 to 2012 and 2012 to 2011

Operating income improved by \$20.0 million compared to the prior year period, resulting from higher sales and membership income, an increase in warehouse margins and the leveraging of selling, general and administrative costs, all of which were partially offset by an increase in pre-opening expenses.

Interest Expense

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31,					
	2013		2012		2011	
	Amount	Change from prior year	Amount	Change from prior year	Amount	
Interest expense on loans	\$3,748	\$(429)	\$4,177	\$(165)	4,342)
Interest expense related to hedging activity	1,821	465	1,356	906	450	
Capitalized interest	(1,353)	(1,103)	(250)	626	(876))
Net interest expense	\$4,216	\$(1,067)	\$5,283	\$1,367	\$3,916	

Comparison of 2013 to 2012 and 2012 to 2011

Interest expense reflects borrowings by the Company's wholly owned foreign subsidiaries to finance new warehouse club construction and land acquisition and ongoing working capital requirements. The decrease in net interest expense for the fiscal year 2013 is primarily due to higher level of capitalized interest associated with the construction of warehouse clubs in Colombia and Costa Rica. Additionally, there is a slight increase in net interest expense incurred related to third-party loans and hedging activity.

The increase in interest expense for fiscal year 2012 is due to an increase in debt incurred by the Company, primarily to finance its initial investment in Colombia, including the cost of land and warehouse club construction. For fiscal year 2012, the capitalized interest is related to the final construction activities for the Barranquilla, Colombia warehouse club, the build out of the excess land in San Fernando, Trinidad and the commencement of construction activities for the Cañas Gordas, Colombia warehouse club. For the same period in fiscal year 2011, the capitalized interest is related to the final construction activities for the Arroyo Hondo, Dominican Republic warehouse club and the construction for the Barranquilla, Colombia warehouse club.

Other Income (Expense), net

Other income consists of gain or loss on sale of assets and currency gain or loss.

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31,						
	2013			2012			2011
	Amount	Change from prior year	% Change	Amount	Change from prior year	% Change	Amount
Gain or (Loss) on sale of assets	(889)	(577)	184.9	(312)	(1,075)	(140.9)	763
Currency Gain or (Loss)	(954)	(429)	81.7	(525)	(3,626)	(116.9)	3,101
Total other income (expense)	\$(1,843)	\$(1,006)	120.2	%(837)	\$(4,701)	(121.7)	)% \$3,864

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the respective entity (primarily U.S. Dollars) are revalued to the functional currency using the exchange rate on the balance sheet date. These foreign exchange transaction gain (losses), including repatriation of funds, are recorded as currency gain or losses.

Comparison of 2013 to 2012

The currency loss in fiscal year 2013 was driven by losses resulting from currency devaluations in Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras and Jamaica, offset by gains recognized in Costa Rica.

Comparison of 2012 to 2011

The currency loss in fiscal year 2012 was driven by a \$1.5 million net loss in Colombia resulting from a peso devaluation in the first quarter of the fiscal year, offset by net foreign exchange gains in other countries. In the prior fiscal year, the Company's \$3.1 million net gain included a \$646,000 net gain in Colombia.

A summary of asset disposal activity for fiscal years 2013, 2012 and 2011 is as follows (in thousands):

	Historical Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Other Costs	Proceeds from disposal	Gain/(Loss) recognized
Fiscal Year 2013 ⁽¹⁾	5,282	4,129	—	264	(889)
Fiscal Year 2012 ⁽¹⁾	4,700	4,250	—	138	(312)
Fiscal Year 2011 ⁽²⁾	\$ 17,965	\$ 11,328	\$(188)	\$ 7,588	\$ 763

⁽¹⁾ Asset disposal activity consisted mainly of normally scheduled asset replacement and upgrades.

⁽²⁾ On April 9, 2010, the Company relocated one of its three warehouse clubs in Panama City, Panama ("Los Pueblos") to the recently completed new warehouse club ("Brisas"). The Company leased the Los Pueblos site to Juan Diaz Properties, S.A./ Ace International Hardware Corporation ("ACE") under a lease agreement with an option to purchase. ACE exercised its option to purchase the property and on March 23, 2011 the Company's Panama subsidiary entered into a land sale agreement with ACE. The sales price of the property was approximately \$5.3 million. Additionally, on March 23, 2011, the Company's Panama subsidiary entered into a land sale agreement with OD Panama S.A. (an affiliate of Office Depot, Mexico) for the sale of approximately 28,322 square feet of undeveloped land located adjacent to the Panama, Via Brasil location for approximately \$2.1 million. Gonzalo Barrutieta, who has served as a member of the Company's board of directors since February 2008, is a board member of Office Depot, Mexico.

Provision for Income Taxes

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31,		2012		2011	
	2013	Increase/(decrease) from prior year	Amount	Increase/(decrease) from prior year	Amount	
Current tax expense	\$ 36,268	\$ 2,350	\$ 33,918	\$ 7,843	\$ 26,075	
Net deferred tax provision (benefit)	\$ 2,674	\$ 1,539	\$ 1,135	\$ (258)	\$ 1,393	
Provision for income taxes	\$ 38,942	\$ 3,889	\$ 35,053	\$ 7,585	\$ 27,468	
Effective tax rate	31.6	%	34.1	%	30.7	%

Comparison of 2013 to 2012

For fiscal year 2013, the decrease in the effective rate versus the prior year was primarily attributable to the following factors: (i) 0.6% of the decrease results from changes in the valuation allowance against net operating losses of the Company's Colombia affiliate; (ii) 0.7% of the decrease results from a valuation allowance recorded in fiscal year 2012 against California net operating loss (NOL) due to adoption of single sales factor apportionment; (iii) 0.3% of the decrease results from prior period credit card processing fees recorded in fiscal year 2012 for which the Company did not recognize a tax benefit.

Comparison of 2012 to 2011

For fiscal year 2012, the increase in the effective rate versus the prior year was primarily attributable to the following factors: (i) during fiscal year 2012, the Company recorded a valuation allowance of \$697,000 against its California net operating loss (NOL) because it does not anticipate being able to utilize the NOL (the Company elected single sales factor election apportionment in its fiscal year 2012 tax return and intends to do the same in subsequent years; such election significantly reduces the California apportionment factor and, therefore, California taxable income); (ii) in

fiscal year 2011, the Company recorded a \$3.1 million decrease in tax expense due to the correction of an error identified in the Company's reconciliations of net deferred tax assets related to net operating and capital loss carryforwards to its tax returns.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Financial Position and Cash Flow

The Company requires cash to fund its operating expenses and working capital requirements, including the investment in merchandise inventories, acquisition of land and construction of new warehouse clubs, expansion of existing warehouse clubs and distribution centers, acquisitions of fixtures and equipment, routine upgrades and maintenance of fixtures and equipment within existing warehouse clubs, investments in joint ventures in Panama and Costa Rica to own and operate commercial retail centers located adjacent to the new warehouse clubs, the purchase of treasury stock upon the vesting of restricted stock awards and payment of dividends to stockholders. The Company's primary sources for funding these requirements are cash and cash equivalents on hand and cash generated from operations. The Company evaluates on a regular basis whether it may need to borrow additional funds to cover any shortfall in the Company's ability to generate sufficient cash from operations to meet its operating and capital requirements. As such, the Company may enter into or obtain additional loans and/or credit facilities to provide additional liquidity when necessary.

The following table summarizes the cash and cash equivalents held by foreign subsidiaries of the Company (in thousands). Repatriation of such cash and cash equivalents held by foreign subsidiaries may require the Company to accrue and pay taxes. However, management believes that its U.S. current asset position is sufficient to meet its U.S. liquidity requirements. The Company has no plans at this time to repatriate cash and cash equivalents through the payment of cash dividends by the foreign subsidiaries to the Company and, therefore, has not accrued taxes that would be due from repatriation.

	August 31, 2013	August 31, 2012
Cash and Cash Equivalents held by foreign subsidiaries	\$75,108	\$59,868
Cash and Cash Equivalents held domestically	46,766	31,380
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$121,874	\$91,248

The Company's cash flows are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	Fiscal Years Ended	
	August 31,	
	2013	2012
Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operating activities	\$130,633	\$89,490
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations	—	399
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(71,812)	(52,567)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(21,806)	(25,082)
Effect of exchange rates	(6,389)	2,191
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$30,626	\$14,431

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The Company's operating activities provided cash for all periods presented as summarized below.

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31,			Increase/(Decrease)	
	2013	2012	2011	2013 to 2012	2012 to 2011
Net Income	\$84,265	\$67,621	\$61,750	\$16,644	\$5,871
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided from operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization	24,444	23,739	21,154	705	2,585
Loss /(Gain) on sale of assets	889	312	486	577	(174)
Gain on sale of excess real estate In Panama	—	—	(1,249)	—	1,249
Asset impairment and Closure costs	—	—	—	—	—
Deferred income taxes	3,049	2,128	642	921	1,486
Stock-based compensation expenses	4,966	4,031	3,285	935	746
Other non-cash operating activities	3	36	128	(33)	(92)
Net non-cash related expenses	33,351	30,246	24,446	3,105	5,800
Net Income from operating activities reconciled for non-cash operating activities	117,616	97,867	86,196	19,749	11,671
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities not including Merchandise Inventories					
Changes in Merchandise Inventories	(16,370)	(23,811)	(46,043)	7,441	22,232
Net cash provided by discontinued operating activities	—	399	73	(399)	326
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	130,633	\$89,889	75,599	40,744	14,290

The 24.6% increase in Net Income from Operating Activities for fiscal year 2013 compared to fiscal year 2012 was primarily due to year-over-year increases in warehouse sales of 12.0%. Net non-cash related expenses increased for fiscal year 2013 compared to fiscal year 2012 primarily due to an increase in depreciation expenses (reflective of the continuing investment activities in warehouse clubs), an increase in deferred income taxes, an increase in the loss on sales of assets primarily related to normal asset replacement activity and an increase in the amortization of stock-based compensation year over year. The Company's merchandise inventories increased by \$16.4 million in fiscal year 2013, reflecting a 12% growth in sales. In the previous fiscal year, merchandise inventories increased \$23.8 million, reflecting a 19% growth in sales. In fiscal year 2013, the Company acquired inventory for two additional clubs as the Company opened its second and third clubs in South and North Cali, Colombia in October 2012 and May 2013, respectively.

The 9.5% increase in Net Income from Operating Activities for fiscal year 2012 compared to fiscal year 2011 was primarily due to increases in year-over-year warehouse sales of 19.4%. Net non-cash related expenses increased for fiscal year 2012 compared to fiscal year 2011 primarily due to an increase in depreciation expenses (reflective of the continuing investment activities in warehouse clubs) and an increase in deferred income taxes for approximately \$1.5 million, offset by the gain on sales of assets primarily related to the sale of former "Los Pueblos" warehouse club in Panama City that was relocated to another location in Panama City, Panama during fiscal year 2011 for approximately \$1.2 million. The decrease in cash used for inventory in fiscal year 2012 compared to fiscal year 2011 resulted primarily from the fact that fiscal year 2011 included the recording of inventory acquired for the addition of two new

warehouse clubs Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (November 5, 2010) and Barranquilla, Colombia (August 19, 2011).

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The Company's use of cash in investing activities for the period presented is summarized below:

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31,			Increase/(Decrease)	
	2013	2012	2011	2013 to 2012	2012 to 2011
Land acquisitions	\$12,794	\$10,943	\$6,814	\$1,851	\$4,129
Warehouse club expansion, construction, and land improvements	37,855	25,998	24,859	11,857	1,139
Acquisition of fixtures and equipment	19,278	15,764	15,360	3,514	404
Increase in capital contributions to joint ventures	550	—	—	550	—
Proceeds on sale of excess real estate in Panama	—	—	(7,406)	) —	7,406
Deposits for land purchase option	1,599	—	—	1,599	—
Proceeds from disposals of property and equipment	(264)	) (138)	) (182)	) (126)	) 44
Net cash flows (provided by) used in investing activities	\$71,812	\$52,567	\$39,445	\$19,245	\$13,122

Net cash used in investing activities was higher in fiscal year 2013 compared to fiscal year 2012 by approximately \$19.2 million primarily due to the increase in the number of land acquisitions and land deposits and an increase in warehouse club construction and expansion activity in fiscal year 2013 compared to fiscal year 2012.

Net cash used in investing activities was higher in fiscal year 2012 compared to fiscal year 2011 by approximately \$13.1 million primarily due to a increase in the number of land acquisitions and an increase in warehouse club construction and expansion activity in fiscal year 2012 compared to fiscal year 2011. In addition, the Company recorded proceeds from the sales of real estate in Panama in fiscal year 2011 of approximately \$7.4 million that offset the use of cash used in investing activities in fiscal year 2011.

Net cash used in financing activities for the period presented is summarized below:

	Fiscal Years Ended August 31,			Decrease/(Increase)	
	2013	2012	2011	2013 to 2012	2012 to 2011
New bank loans, offset by establishment of certificates of deposit held against loans and payments on existing bank loans	\$(1,667)	) \$(5,335)	) \$(10,891)	) \$3,668	\$5,556
Cash dividend payments	(18,133)	) (18,120)	) (17,934)	) (13)	) (186)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options, restricted stock awards and unit vestings and the tax benefit related to these transactions	1,461	1,527	896	(66)	) 631
Purchase of treasury stock related to vesting of restricted stock	(3,467)	) (3,154)	) (2,711)	) (313)	) (443)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	\$(21,806)	) \$(25,082)	) \$(30,640)	) \$3,276	\$5,558

Net cash used in financing activities decreased in fiscal year 2013 over fiscal year 2012 primarily due to the reduction in the amounts of certificates of deposits held against loans in fiscal year 2013 of approximately \$2.0 million and the

reduction of short-term loan pay downs of approximately \$2.3 million, offset by normally scheduled payments in fiscal year 2013. In addition, cash used for the purchase of treasury stock in connection with the vesting of restricted stock increased, primarily as a result of increases in the Company's stock price.

Net cash used in financing activities increased in fiscal year 2012 over fiscal year 2011 primarily due to a decrease in net borrowings resulting from normally scheduled loan payments. Loans obtained in fiscal year 2012 were primarily offset by

certificates of deposit established as collateral for those loans. The increase in dividend payments reflected the increase in the number outstanding shares available for dividends as the dividend declared remained flat for fiscal year 2012. In addition, cash used for the purchase of treasury stock in connection with the vesting of restricted stock increased as a result of increases in the Company's stock price.

The following table summarizes the dividends declared and paid during fiscal years 2013, 2012 and 2011.

Declared	Amount	First Payment		Amount	Second Payment		
		Record Date	Date Paid		Record Date	Date Paid	Amount
11/27/12	\$0.60	12/10/12	12/21/12	\$0.30	8/15/13	8/30/13	\$0.30
1/25/12	0.60	2/15/12	2/29/12	0.30	8/15/12	8/31/12	0.30
1/19/11	0.60	2/15/11	2/28/11	0.30	8/15/11	8/31/11	0.30

The Company anticipates the ongoing payment of semi-annual dividends in subsequent periods, although the actual declaration of future dividends, the amount of such dividends, and the establishment of record and payment dates is subject to final determination by the Board of Directors at its discretion after its review of the Company's financial performance and anticipated capital requirements.

Financing Activities

On August 30, 2012 the Company's Barbados subsidiary entered into a loan agreement with Citicorp Merchant Bank Limited. The agreement established a credit facility for BDS\$8.0 million (Barbados Dollars), equivalent to approximately USD \$4.0 million. The interest rate is set at the Barbados Prime Lending Rate less 2.0%. The loan term is seven years with interest and principal payments due quarterly. This loan is secured by assets of the Company's Barbados subsidiary. On October 3, 2012, the Company obtained the proceeds from the BDS\$8.0 million loan.

On January 13, 2012, the Company's Guatemala subsidiary paid off its local currency-loan to Banco Industrial, S.A., for approximately \$5.2 million.

On December 22, 2011, the Company's Guatemala subsidiary entered into a loan agreement based in Quetzales with Banco Industrial, S.A., for the equivalent amount of \$8.9 million to be paid over ten years. A portion of the proceeds of this loan was used to pay off the \$5.2 million local-currency loan described above. The loan has a variable interest rate, which will be fixed for the first three years to an interest rate of 8% per year. Thereafter, the interest rate will be negotiable according to market conditions.

On March 14, 2011, the Company's Colombia subsidiary entered into a loan agreement with Scotiabank & Trust (Cayman) Ltd. The agreement establishes a credit facility for \$16.0 million to be disbursed in several tranches. The interest rate is set at the three-month LIBOR rate plus 0.7%. The loan term is five years with interest only payments and a balloon payment at maturity. This loan is secured by a time deposit of \$16.0 million pledged by the Company's Costa Rican subsidiary. The deposit will earn interest at a rate equal to three-month LIBOR. The first tranche of \$8.0 million was funded on April 1, 2011, and the Company secured this portion of the loan with an \$8.0 million secured time deposit. The second tranche of \$2.0 million was funded on July 28, 2011, and the Company secured this portion of the loan with a \$2.0 million secured time deposit. The Company drew down the third and final tranche of \$6.0 million on September 30, 2011, and the Company secured this portion of the loan with a \$6.0 million secured time deposit. On January 31, 2012 the Company's Colombia subsidiary and Scotiabank & Trust (Cayman) Ltd., amended and restated the March 14, 2011 loan agreement. The amendment increased the credit facility by \$16.0 million; as a result the total credit facility with Scotiabank & Trust (Cayman) Ltd. is for \$32.0 million. The interest rate on the incremental amount of the facility as the tranches are drawn is three-month LIBOR rate plus 0.6%. The loan term continues to be five years with interest only payments and a balloon payment at maturity. The deposits will earn

interest at a rate equal to three-month LIBOR. The first tranche of \$8.0 million from the incremental \$16.0 million of the credit facility was funded on February 21, 2012, and the Company secured this portion of the loan with an \$8.0 million secured time deposit pledged by the Company's Costa Rica subsidiary.

On November 25, 2010, the Company's Barbados subsidiary paid off its Barbados local currency loan to Citicorp Merchant Bank Limited for approximately \$3.3 million.

On November 1, 2010, the Company's Colombia subsidiary entered into a loan agreement with Citibank, N.A. in New York. The agreement establishes a credit facility for \$16.0 million to be disbursed in two tranches of \$8.0 million each. The interest rate is set at the six-month LIBOR rate plus 2.4%. The loan term is five years with interest only payments and a balloon payment at maturity. The credit facility is renewable for an additional five-year period at the option of the Company's Colombia subsidiary. This loan is secured by a time deposit pledged by the Company equal to the amount outstanding on the loan. The deposit will earn interest at a rate of six month LIBOR plus 1.6%. The Company received the first of the two tranches of \$8.0 million and made a restricted deposit of \$8.0 million during November 2010.

Derivatives

The Company is exposed to certain risks relating to its ongoing business operations. One risk managed by the Company using derivative instruments is interest rate risk. To manage interest rate exposure, the Company enters into hedge transactions (interest rate swaps) using derivative financial instruments. The objective of entering into interest rate swaps is to eliminate the variability of cash flows in the LIBOR interest payments associated with variable-rate loans over the life of the loans. As changes in interest rates impact the future cash flow of interest payments, the hedges provide a synthetic offset to interest rate movements.

In addition, the Company is exposed to foreign currency and interest rate cash flow exposure related to a non-functional currency long-term debt of one of its wholly owned subsidiaries. To manage this foreign currency and interest rate cash flow exposure, the Company's subsidiary entered into a cross currency interest rate swap that converts its foreign currency denominated floating interest payments to functional currency fixed interest payments during the life of the hedging instrument. As changes in foreign exchange and interest rates impact the future cash flow of interest payments, the hedge is intended to offset changes in cash flows attributable to interest rate and foreign exchange movements.

The Company is also exposed to foreign-currency exchange-rate fluctuations on U.S. dollar denominated liabilities within its international subsidiaries whose functional currency is other than the U.S. dollar. The Company manages these fluctuations, in part, through the use of non-deliverable forward foreign-exchange contracts that are intended to offset changes in cash flow attributable to currency exchange movements. The contracts are intended primarily to economically address exposure to U.S. dollar merchandise inventory expenditures made by the Company's international subsidiaries whose functional currency is other than the U.S. dollar. Currently, these contracts do not qualify for derivative hedge accounting. The Company seeks to mitigate foreign-currency exchange-rate risk with the use of these contracts and does not intend to engage in speculative transactions. These contracts do not contain any credit-risk-related contingent features. The forward currency hedges are not effective cash flow hedges because the notional amount and maturity date of the forward contract does not coincide with the accounts payable balance and due dates. The hedge ineffectiveness is measured by use of the "hypothetical derivative method," and the Company records the changes in the fair value of the forward contract related to the re-measurement of the payable at spot exchange rates as exchange rate gains or losses. The implied interest rate included within the forward contract is reflected in earnings as interest expense.

For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges, the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative is reported as a component of other comprehensive income (loss) and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction is determined to be ineffective. None of the derivative instruments designated and qualified as cash flow hedges were determined to be ineffective for the periods reported herein.

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The following table summarizes agreements for which the Company has recorded cash flow hedge accounting transactions during the twelve months ended August 31, 2013:

Subsidiary	Date entered into	Derivative Financial Counter-party	Derivative Financial Instruments	Initial US Notional Amount (in thousands)	Bank US loan Held with	Floating Leg (swap counter-party)	Fixed Rate for PSMT Subsidiary	Settlement Reset Date	Effective Period of Swap
Colombia	11-Dec-12	Bank of Nova Scotia ("Scotiabank")	Cross currency interest rate swap	\$8,000	Bank of Nova Scotia	Variable rate 3-month Libor plus 0.7%	4.79%	March, June, September and December, beginning on March 5, 2013	December 5, 2012 - December 5, 2014
Colombia	21-Feb-12	Bank of Nova Scotia ("Scotiabank")	Cross currency interest rate swap	\$8,000	Bank of Nova Scotia	Variable rate 3-month Libor plus 0.6%	6.02%	February, May, August and November beginning on May 22, 2012	February 21, 2012 - February 21, 2017
Colombia	17-Nov-11	Bank of Nova Scotia ("Scotiabank")	Cross currency interest rate swap	\$8,000	Citibank, N.A.	Variable rate 6-month Eurodollar Libor plus 2.4%	5.85%	May 3, 2012 and semi-annually thereafter	November 3, 2011 - November 3, 2013
Colombia	21-Oct-11	Bank of Nova Scotia ("Scotiabank")	Cross currency interest rate swap	\$2,000	Bank of Nova Scotia	Variable rate 3-month Libor plus 0.7%	5.30%	January, April, July and October, beginning on October 29, 2011	July 29, 2011 - April 1, 2016
Colombia	21-Oct-11	Bank of Nova Scotia ("Scotiabank")	Cross currency interest rate swap	\$6,000	Bank of Nova Scotia	Variable rate 3-month Libor plus 0.7%	5.45%	March, June, September and December, beginning on October 29, 2011	September 29, 2011 - April 1, 2016
Colombia	5-May-11	Bank of Nova Scotia ("Scotiabank")	Cross currency interest rate swap	\$8,000	Bank of Nova Scotia	Variable rate 3-month Libor plus 0.7%	6.09%	January, April, July and October, beginning on July 5, 2011	April 1, 2011 - April 1, 2016
Trinidad	20-Nov-08	Royal Bank of Trinidad & Tobago	Interest rate swaps	\$8,900	Royal Bank of Trinidad & Tobago	Variable rate 1-year Libor plus 2.75%	7.05%	Annually on August 26	September 25, 2008 - September 26, 2013
Barbados	13-Feb-08	Citibank, N.A.	Interest rate swaps	\$4,500	Citibank, N.A.	Variable rate 9-month Libor plus 1.5%	5.22%	Semi-annually on November 15 and May 15	November 15, 2007 - November 14, 2012

The Company measures the fair value for all financial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis during the reporting period. The Company has designated the interest rate swaps and cross-currency interest rate swap agreements as hedging instruments and has accounted for them under hedge accounting rules. The following table summarizes the fair value of interest rate swaps and cross-currency interest rate swaps that qualify for derivative hedge accounting (in thousands, except footnote data):

	Liability Derivatives as of August 31,			
	2013		2012	
Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Cross currency interest rate swaps ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Other non-current assets	\$ 1,505	Other non-current assets	\$ —
Interest rate swaps ⁽³⁾	Other long-term liabilities	\$(14	Other long-term liabilities	\$(216)
Cross currency interest rate swap ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	Other long-term liabilities	—	Other long-term liabilities	(983)
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments ⁽⁵⁾		\$ 1,491		\$(1,199)

⁽¹⁾ The effective portion of the cross-currency interest rate swap was recorded as income or a loss to Accumulated other comprehensive (income)/loss for \$(1.0) million and \$983,000 as of August 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

The Company has recorded a deferred tax liability amount with an offset to other comprehensive income - tax of \$(497,000) as of August 31, 2013 related to Other non-current assets for the cross-currency interest rate swap. The Company did not record a deferred tax liability amount with an offset to other comprehensive income - tax as of August 31, 2012.

⁽²⁾ The effective portion of the interest rate swaps was recorded as income or a loss to Accumulated other comprehensive (income)/loss for \$10,000 and \$162,000 net of tax, as of August 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The Company has recorded a deferred tax asset amount with an offset to other comprehensive income - tax of \$4,000 and \$54,000 as of August 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

⁽³⁾ The Company has recorded a deferred tax asset amount with an offset to the tax valuation allowance of \$325,000 as of August 31, 2012 related to Other long-term liabilities for the cross-currency interest rate swaps. The Company did not record a deferred tax asset amount with an offset to the tax valuation allowance as of August 31, 2013.

⁽⁴⁾ Derivatives listed on the above table were designated as cash flow hedging instruments.

The Company did not have any open forward foreign exchange contracts outstanding as of August 31, 2013.

The following table summarizes the fair value of foreign currency forward contracts that do not qualify for derivative hedge accounting (in thousands):

	August 31, 2013		August 31, 2012	
	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Derivatives designated as fair value hedging instruments				
Foreign currency forward contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ —	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 27
Foreign currency forward contracts	Other accrued expenses	—	Other accrued expenses	(3)
Net fair value of derivatives designated as hedging instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting		\$ —		\$ 24

Short-Term Borrowings and Long-Term Debt

Short-term borrowings consist of lines of credit which are secured by certain assets of the Company and its subsidiaries. The short-term borrowing facilities are summarized below (in thousands):

	Total Amount of Facilities	Facilities Used Short-term Borrowings	Letters of Credit	Facilities Available	Weighted average interest rate of loans outstanding
August 31, 2013	\$35,863	\$—	\$588	\$35,275	N/A
August 31, 2012	\$36,967	\$—	\$774	\$36,193	N/A

As of August 31, 2013, the Company had approximately \$25.0 million of short-term facilities available in the U.S. that require the Company to comply with certain quarterly financial covenants, which include debt service and leverage ratios. As of August 31, 2013 and August 31, 2012, the Company was in compliance with respect to these covenants.

As of August 31, 2013 and August 31, 2012, the Company, together with its wholly owned subsidiaries, had \$73.0 million and \$78.7 million, respectively, outstanding in long-term borrowings. The decrease during the current period primarily relates to normally scheduled payments of principal of approximately \$7.6 million offset by the addition of long-term loans of approximately \$4.0 million. Translation adjustment gains also decreased long-term debt, primarily due to the translation of foreign denominated debt of subsidiaries whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar for approximately \$2.0 million. These foreign currency translation adjustments are recorded within Other Comprehensive Income. The carrying amount of the non-cash assets assigned as collateral for long-term debt was \$55.2 million and \$59.6 million as of August 31, 2013 and August 31, 2012, respectively. The carrying amount of the cash assets assigned as collateral for long-term debt was \$33.8 million and \$36.9 million as of August 31, 2013 and August 31, 2012, respectively.

As of August 31, 2013 and August 31, 2012, the Company had approximately \$55.9 million and \$58.0 million, respectively, of long-term loans in Trinidad, Barbados, Panama, El Salvador, Honduras and Colombia that require these subsidiaries to comply with certain annual or quarterly financial covenants, which include debt service and leverage ratios. During the fourth quarter, the Company detected that it was not in compliance with the covenants described in the underlying contract in the Barbados subsidiary. The Company obtained a written waiver from the bank with respect to any non-compliance for fiscal year 2013. As of August 31, 2013 and August 31, 2012, the Company was in compliance with all covenants, amended covenants or had received a written waiver from the bank with respect to any non-compliance.

Contractual Obligations

As of August 31, 2013, the Company's commitments to make future payments under long-term contractual obligations were as follows (in thousands):

Contractual obligations	Payments due in:				Total
	Less than 1 Year	1 to 3 Years	4 to 5 Years	After 5 Years	
Long-term debt and interest ⁽¹⁾	\$16,873	\$48,893	\$13,957	\$4,162	\$83,885
Operating leases ⁽²⁾	7,362	13,600	13,872	29,792	\$64,626
Additional capital contribution commitments to joint ventures ⁽³⁾	3,113	—	—	—	\$3,113
Data recovery services ⁽⁴⁾	40	—	—	—	\$40
Distribution center services ⁽⁵⁾	125	41	—	—	\$166
Warehouse club construction commitments ⁽⁶⁾	3,027	—	—	—	\$3,027
Total	\$30,540	\$62,534	\$27,829	\$33,954	\$154,857

(1) Long-term debt includes debt with both fixed and variable interest rates. The Company has used variable rates as of August 31, 2013 to calculate future estimated payments related to the variable rate items. For the portion of the loans subject to interest rate swaps and cross currency interest rate swap, the Company has used the fixed interest rates as set by the interest rate swaps.

(2) Operating lease obligations have been reduced by approximately \$749,000 to reflect the amounts net of sublease income.

(3) Amounts shown are the contractual capital contribution requirements for the Company's investment in the joint ventures that the Company has agreed to make; however, the parties intend to seek alternate financing for these projects. On September 26, 2012, the Company contributed an additional \$300,000 to Price Plaza Alajuela, S.A. and maintained its 50% interest in the joint venture. On October 26, 2012, the Company contributed an additional \$250,000 to Golf Park Plaza S.A. and maintained its 50% interest in the joint venture. The contributions were a portion of the Company's required additional future contributions under the joint venture agreement.

(4) Amounts shown are the minimum payments under contract for the Company's offsite data recovery services agreement.

(5) Amounts shown are the minimum payments under contractual distribution center services agreements for Mexico City.

(6) The amounts shown represent contractual obligations for construction services not yet rendered.

Income Tax Liabilities

The Company has as of August 31, 2013 approximately \$1.3 million in net liabilities for income taxes associated with uncertain tax benefits for which the timing of future of payment is uncertain.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements that have had, or are reasonably likely to have, a material current or future effect on its financial condition or consolidated financial statements.

Repurchase of Equity Securities and Re-issuance of Treasury Shares

At the vesting dates for restricted stock awards to Company employees, the Company repurchases a portion of the shares that have vested at the prior day's closing price per share, with the funds used to pay the employees' minimum statutory tax withholding requirements related to the vesting of restricted stock awards. The Company does not have a stock repurchase program.

Shares of common stock repurchased by the Company are recorded at cost as treasury stock and result in the reduction of stockholders' equity in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company may reissue these treasury shares. When treasury shares are reissued, the Company uses the first in/first out ("FIFO") cost method for determining cost of the reissued shares. If the issuance price is higher than the cost, the excess of the issuance price over the cost is credited to additional paid-in capital ("APIC"). If the issuance price is lower than the cost, the difference is first charged against any credit balance in APIC from treasury stock and the balance is charged to retained earnings.

The following table summarizes the shares repurchased during fiscal years 2013 and 2012:

Period	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share
	2013	2013	2012	2012
1 st quarter ended November 30,	—	\$—	—	\$—
2 nd quarter ended February 28 or February 29,	41,774	77.43	41,910	67.82
3 rd quarter ended May 31,	660	77.83	2,418	71.80
4 th quarter ended August 31,	2,026	89.40	2,045	68.89
Total fiscal year	44,460	\$81.55	46,373	\$68.07

The following table summarizes the shares re-issued during fiscal years 2013 and 2012:

Period	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
	Total Number of Shares Re-issued	Average Cost Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Re-issued	Average Cost Paid Per Share
	2013	2013	2012	2012
1 st quarter ended November 30,	—	\$—	—	\$—
2 nd quarter ended February 28 or February 29,	—	—	196,850	25.16
3 rd quarter ended May 31,	—	—	—	—
4 th quarter ended August 31,	—	—	—	—
Total fiscal year	—	\$—	196,850	\$25.16

Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements requires that management make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Some of the Company's accounting policies require management to make difficult and subjective judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates of matters that are inherently uncertain. Management continues to review its accounting policies and evaluate its estimates, including those related to contingencies and litigation, deferred taxes, merchandise inventories, and long-lived assets. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and on other assumptions that management believes to be reasonable under the present circumstances. Using different estimates could have a material impact on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

Contingencies and Litigation: In the ordinary course of business, the Company is periodically named as a defendant in various lawsuits, claims and pending actions and is exposed to tax risks (other than income tax). The principal risks that the Company insures against are workers' compensation, general liability, vehicle liability, property damage, employment practices, errors and omissions, fiduciary liability and fidelity losses. If a potential loss arising from these lawsuits, claims, actions and non-income tax issues is probable and reasonably estimable, the Company records the estimated liability based on circumstances and assumptions existing at the time. The estimates affecting the Company's litigation reserves can be affected by new claims filed after the balance sheet date with respect to events occurring prior to the balance sheet date and developments in pending litigation that may affect the outcome of the litigation. While the Company believes the recorded liabilities are adequate, there are inherent limitations in projecting the outcome of litigation and in evaluating the probable additional tax associated with various non-income tax filing positions. As such, the Company is unable to make a reasonable estimate of the sensitivity to change of estimates affecting its recorded liabilities. As additional information becomes available, the Company assesses the potential liability and revises its estimates as appropriate.

Income Taxes: The Company accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability method. Under the asset and liability method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences and carry-forwards are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to amounts expected to be realized. As of August 31, 2013, the Company evaluated its deferred tax assets and liabilities and determined that a valuation allowance is necessary for certain foreign deferred tax asset balances, primarily because of the existence of significant negative objective evidence, such as the fact that certain subsidiaries are in a cumulative loss position for the past three years, indicating that certain net operating loss carry-forward periods are not sufficient to realize the related deferred tax assets.

The Company had U.S. federal and state tax net operating loss carry-forwards, or NOLs, at August 31, 2013 of approximately \$19.2 million and \$8.0 million, respectively. In calculating the tax provision, and assessing the likelihood that the Company will be able to utilize the federal deferred tax assets, the Company considered and weighed all of the evidence, both positive and negative, and both objective and subjective. The Company factored into its analysis the inherent risk of forecasting revenue and expenses over an extended period of time and also considered the potential risks associated with its business. Because of the Company's U.S. income from continuing operations and based on projections of future taxable income in the United States, the Company was able to determine that there was sufficient positive evidence to support the conclusion that it was more likely than not that the Company would be able to realize all of its U.S. federal NOLs by generating sufficient taxable income during the carry-forward period. However, if the Company does not achieve its projections of future taxable income in the United States, the Company

could be required to take a charge to earnings related to the recoverability of these deferred tax assets. Due to the deemed change of ownership (as defined in Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code) in October 2004, there are annual limitations in the amount of U.S. taxable income that may be offset by NOLs. The NOLs generated prior to the deemed ownership change date are limited on an annual basis. The Company made a single sales factor election on its California tax return for fiscal year 2012 and intends to do the same for fiscal year 2013, after which time application is mandatory. Application of the single sales factor significantly reduced the California apportionment factor and, therefore, California taxable income. As a result, the Company maintains a valuation allowance on substantially all of its California NOLs. The Company had net foreign deferred tax assets of \$9.8 million and \$8.7 million as of August 31, 2013 and August 31, 2012, respectively.

The Company and its subsidiaries are required to file federal and state income tax returns in the United States and various other tax returns in foreign jurisdictions. The preparation of these tax returns requires the Company to interpret the applicable tax laws and regulations in effect in such jurisdictions, which could affect the amount of tax paid by the Company. The Company, in consultation with its tax advisors, bases its tax returns on interpretations that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The tax returns, however, are subject to routine reviews by the various federal, state and foreign taxing authorities in the jurisdictions in which the Company or one of its subsidiaries file tax returns. As part of these reviews, a taxing authority may disagree with respect to the income tax positions taken by the Company (“uncertain tax positions”) and, therefore, require the Company or one of its subsidiaries to pay additional taxes.

The Company accrues an amount for its estimate of probable additional income tax liability. In certain cases, the impact of an uncertain income tax position on the income tax return must be recognized at the largest amount that is more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon audit by the relevant tax authority. An uncertain income tax position will not be recognized if it has less than 50% likelihood of being sustained. This requires significant judgment, the use of estimates, and the interpretation and application of complex tax laws. When facts and circumstances change, the Company reassesses these probabilities and records any changes in the consolidated financial statements as appropriate. There were no material changes in the Company's uncertain income tax positions for the periods ended on August 31, 2013 and 2012. The Company has not provided for U.S. deferred taxes on cumulative non-U.S. undistributed earnings as such earnings are deemed by the Company to be indefinitely reinvested. It is not practicable to determine the U.S. federal income tax liability that would be associated with such earnings because of the complexity of the computation.

Value-Added Tax Receivable – The Company within the course of its normal business pays Value Added Tax (“VAT”) or similar taxes (“input VAT”) in most of the countries it operates in on merchandise and/or services it acquires. The Company also collects VAT or similar taxes on behalf of the government (“output taxes”) for merchandise and/or services it sells. If the output VAT exceeds the input VAT, then the difference is remitted to the government, usually on a monthly basis. If the input VAT exceeds the output VAT, this creates a VAT receivable. The Company either requests a refund of this VAT receivable or applies the balance to expected future VAT payables. In some countries where the Company operates, the governments have implemented additional collection procedures, such as requiring credit card processor to remit a portion of sales processed via credit card directly to the government, converting this amount into a VAT receivable. These procedures alter the natural offset of input and output VAT and force the Company to process significant refund claims on a recurring basis. These refund processes can take anywhere from several months to several years to complete. In most countries where the Company operates, the VAT refund process is defined and structured with regular refunds or offsets. However, in one country the government has alleged that there is no defined process in the law to allow them to refund this VAT receivable. The Company together with its tax and legal advisers is currently appealing this interpretation in court and, further reinforced by recent favorable jurisprudence on this matter, expects to prevail. Therefore, the Company has not placed an allowance on the amounts of VAT receivable. The balance of the VAT receivable in this country was \$4.3 million and \$3.7 million as of August 31, 2013 and August 31, 2012, respectively.

The Company's policy for classification and presentation of VAT receivables is as follows:

- Short-term VAT receivables, recorded as Other current assets: This classification is used for any countries where the Company's subsidiary has generally demonstrated the ability to use the VAT receivable within one year. The Company also classifies as short-term any approved refunds or credit notes to the extent that the Company expects to receive the refund or use the credit notes within one year.
- Long-term VAT receivables, recorded as Other non-current assets: This classification is used for amounts not approved for refund or credit in countries where the Company's subsidiary has not demonstrated the ability to obtain refunds within one year and/or for amounts or countries which are subject to outstanding disputes.

Long-lived Assets: The Company periodically evaluates its long-lived assets for indicators of impairment. Indicators that an asset may be impaired are:

- the asset's inability to continue to generate income from operations and positive cash flow in future periods;
- loss of legal ownership or title to the asset;
- significant changes in its strategic business objectives and utilization of the asset(s); and
- the impact of significant negative industry or economic trends.

Management's judgments are based on market and operational conditions at the time of the evaluation and can include management's best estimate of future business activity, which in turn drives estimates of future cash flows from these assets. These periodic evaluations could cause management to conclude that impairment factors exist, requiring an adjustment of these assets to their then-current fair market value. Future business conditions and/or activity could differ materially from the projections made by management causing the need for additional impairment charges. No impairment charges have been recorded during fiscal year 2013.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

FASB ASC 405 ASU 2013-04 - Obligations resulting from joint and several liability arrangements.

In February 2013, the FASB issued amendments providing guidance for the recognition, measurement, and disclosure of obligations resulting from joint and several liability arrangements for which the total amount of the obligation within the scope of this update is fixed at the reporting date, except for obligations addressed within existing guidance in U.S. GAAP. The guidance requires an entity to measure those obligations as the sum of the amount the reporting entity agreed to pay on the basis of its arrangement among its co-obligors and any additional amount the reporting entity expects to pay on behalf of its co-obligors. The guidance in this update also requires an entity to disclose the nature and amount of the obligation as well as other information about those obligations. The amendment was retrospectively effective for the Company as of September 1, 2013. Adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

FASB ASC 220 ASU 2013-02 - Reporting of amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income.

In February 2013, the FASB issued amended guidance for the presentation requirements for reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income. The amendment requires the Company to provide additional information about reclassifications of accumulated other comprehensive income. The amendment was effective as of March 1, 2013. The Company adopted this guidance on March 1, 2013. Adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

FASB ASC 220 ASU 2011-05 - Presentation of comprehensive income.

In June 2011, the FASB issued guidance to amend the presentation of comprehensive income to allow an entity the option 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. In both choices, an entity is required to present each component of net income along with total net income, each component of other comprehensive income along with a total for other comprehensive income, and a total amount for comprehensive income. The guidance eliminates the option to present the components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity. The amended guidance was effective for annual and interim periods within those years beginning after December 15, 2011 and was to be applied retrospectively. The Company adopted this guidance on September 1, 2012. Adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

FASB ASC 350 ASU 2010-28 - When to perform step 2 of the Goodwill impairment test.

In December 2010, the FASB issued amended guidance concerning testing for impairment of goodwill where an entity has one or more reporting units whose carrying value is zero or negative. The amended guidance requires the entity to perform a test to measure the amount, if any, of impairment to goodwill by comparing the implied fair value of the reporting unit goodwill with the carrying amount of that goodwill. The Company was required to adopt this amended guidance for fiscal years or interim periods within those years after December 15, 2011. The Company adopted this guidance on September 1, 2012. The adoption of the amended guidance did not have an impact on the

Company's consolidated financial statements or disclosures to those financial statements.

Seasonality

Historically, the Company's merchandising businesses have experienced holiday retail seasonality in their markets. In addition to seasonal fluctuations, the Company's operating results fluctuate quarter-to-quarter as a result of economic and political events in markets served by the Company, the timing of holidays, weather, the timing of shipments, product mix, and currency effects on the cost of U.S.-sourced products which may make these products more or less expensive in local currencies and therefore more or less affordable. Because of such fluctuations, the results of operations of any quarter are not indicative of the results that may be achieved for a full fiscal year or any future quarter. In addition, there can be no assurance that the Company's future results will be consistent with past results or the projections of securities analysts.

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Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

The Company is exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates and commodity price risk. These market risks arise in the normal course of business, and the Company does not engage in speculative trading activities. To manage the risk arising from these exposures, the Company utilizes interest rate swaps, cross-currency interest rate swaps, non-deliverable foreign currency forward contracts and loans denominated in foreign currencies. For a discussion of the Company's accounting policies for derivative instruments and further disclosures, please see Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 12 - Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities.

Interest Rate Risk

The Company is exposed to changes in interest rates as a result of its short-term borrowings and long-term debt borrowings. The Company has mitigated a portion of its interest rate risk by managing the mix of fixed and variable rate debt and by entering into interest rate swaps and cross-currency interest rate swaps to hedge interest rate risk. The notional amount, interest payment and maturity dates of the swap match the terms of the associated debt.

The table below provides information about the Company's financial instruments that are sensitive to changes in interest rates. For debt obligations, the table represents the principal cash flows and related weighted-average interest rates by expected maturity dates. For interest rate swaps, including cross-currency interest rate swaps, the table represents the contractual cash flows and weighted-average interest rates by the contractual maturity date, unless otherwise noted. The notional amounts are used to calculate contractual cash flows to be exchanged under the contracts. The weighted-average variable rates are based upon prevailing market interest rates and the outstanding balances as of August 31, 2013.

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	Expected Fiscal Year Maturity (Amounts in thousands)						Total
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Thereafter	
Long-Term Debt:							
Long-term debt with fixed interest rate	9,729	12,146	4,204	879	879	3,003	30,840
Weighted-average interest rate	6.33 %	6.53 %	7.47 %	8.00 %	8.00 %	8.00 %	6.96 %
Long-term debt with variable interest rate	3,028	2,566	24,927	9,256	1,693	710	42,180
Weighted-average interest rate	2.56 %	2.56 %	2.11 %	2.70 %	3.98 %	5.85 %	2.62 %
Total Long-Term Debt	12,757	14,711	29,131	10,135	2,572	3,714	73,020
Derivatives:							
Interest Rate Swaps:							
Variable to fixed interest	4,500	—	—	—	—	—	4,500
Weighted-average pay rate	7.05 %	— %	— %	— %	— %	— %	7.05 %
Weighted-average receive rate	3.43 %	— %	— %	— %	— %	— %	3.43 %
Cross-Currency Interest Rate Swaps:							
Variable to fixed interest	8,000	8,000	16,000	8,000	—	—	40,000
Weighted-average pay rate	5.85 %	4.79 %	5.75 %	6.02 %	— %	— %	4.67 %
Weighted-average receive rate	2.83 %	0.98 %	0.97 %	0.86 %	— %	— %	1.13 %

The Company carries investments in cash-equivalent debt instruments, which accrue income at variable rates of interest. The following table provides information about these cash-equivalent debt instruments that are sensitive to changes in interest rates.

	Expected Fiscal Year Maturity (Amount in thousands)					Total
	2014	2015	2016	2017	Thereafter	
Certificates of Deposit	—	24,000	8,000	—	—	32,000
Certificates of Deposit with variable interest rate	—	24,000	8,000	—	—	32,000
Weighted-average interest rate	— %	0.32 %	0.26 %	— %	— %	0.31 %

Foreign Currency Risk

The Company has foreign currency risks related to its sales, operating expenses and financing transactions in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. As of August 31, 2013, the Company had a total of 31 consolidated warehouse clubs operating in 12 foreign countries and one U.S. territory, 24 of which operate under currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Approximately 52% of the Company's net warehouse sales are comprised of products purchased in U.S. dollars and imported into the markets where PriceSmart warehouse clubs are located, but approximately 79% of the Company's net warehouse sales are in foreign currencies. The Company may enter into additional foreign countries in the future or open additional locations in existing countries, which may increase the percentage of net warehouse sales denominated in foreign currencies.

Currency exchange rate changes either increase or decrease the cost of imported products that the Company purchases in U.S. dollars and prices in local currency. Price changes can impact the demand for those products in the market. Currency exchange rates also affect the reported sales of the consolidated company when local currency-denominated sales are translated to U.S. dollars. In addition, the Company revalues all U.S. dollar denominated assets and liabilities within those markets that do not use the U.S. dollar as its functional currency. These assets and liabilities include, but are not limited to, excess cash permanently reinvested offshore and the value of items shipped from the U.S. to the Company's foreign markets. The gain or loss associated with this revaluation, net of reserves, is recorded in other income (expense).

Foreign currencies in most of the countries where the Company operates have historically devalued against the U.S. dollar and are expected to continue to devalue. The following tables summarize by country, for those countries with functional currencies other than the U.S. dollar, the weakening of the countries' currency against the U.S. dollar (devaluation) or the strengthening of their currencies (revaluation):

Country	Revaluation/(Devaluation)	
	Twelve Months Ended August 31,	
	2013	2012
	% Change	% Change
Colombia	(6.15)%