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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended August 3, 2013

OR

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

Commission File Number 000-51315

CITI TRENDS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

52-2150697
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

104 Coleman Boulevard
Savannah, Georgia
(Address of principal executive offices)

31408
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(912) 236-1561**

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 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer

Smaller Reporting Company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class
Common Stock, \$.01 par value

Outstanding as of August 19, 2013
15,463,172 shares

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	August 3, 2013	February 2, 2013
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 61,242	\$ 37,263
Short-term investment securities	15,847	12,771
Inventory	120,402	141,473
Prepaid and other current assets	13,527	10,648
Income tax receivable	699	1,134
Deferred tax asset	4,405	6,088
Assets held for sale	1,415	1,415
Total current assets	217,537	210,792
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$153,147 and \$142,770 as of August 3, 2013 and February 2, 2013, respectively	65,213	70,995
Long-term investment securities	8,353	5,754
Deferred tax asset	5,586	3,863
Other assets	716	741
Total assets	\$ 297,405	\$ 292,145
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 64,292	\$ 62,690
Accrued expenses	16,041	14,435
Accrued compensation	8,951	8,129
Layaway deposits	1,903	660
Total current liabilities	91,187	85,914
Other long-term liabilities	8,743	10,260
Total liabilities	99,930	96,174
Stockholders equity:		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value. Authorized 32,000,000 shares; 15,626,497 shares issued as of August 3, 2013 and 15,295,780 shares issued as of February 2, 2013; 15,460,747 shares outstanding as of August 3, 2013 and 15,130,030 outstanding as of February 2, 2013	150	149
Paid-in-capital	81,212	80,380
Retained earnings	116,278	115,607
Treasury stock, at cost; 165,750 shares as of August 3, 2013 and February 2, 2013	(165)	(165)
Total stockholders equity	197,475	195,971
Commitments and contingencies (note 10)		

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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	297,405	\$	292,145
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See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

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	Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 3, 2013	July 28, 2012
Net sales	\$ 319,649	\$ 330,012
Cost of sales	202,804	210,931
Gross profit	116,845	119,081
Selling, general and administrative expenses	103,828	103,601
Depreciation and amortization	11,262	12,183
Asset impairment	681	
Income from operations	1,074	3,297
Interest income	135	128
Interest expense	(96)	(113)
Income before income tax expense	1,113	3,312
Income tax expense	442	1,133
Net income	\$ 671	\$ 2,179
Basic net income per common share	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.15
Diluted net income per common share	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.15
Weighted average number of shares outstanding		
Basic	14,776	14,654
Diluted	14,778	14,656

Citi Trends, Inc.**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations****Thirteen Weeks Ended August 3, 2013 and July 28, 2012****(Unaudited)****(in thousands, except per share data)**

	Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	August 3, 2013	July 28, 2012
Net sales	\$ 137,821	\$ 132,318
Cost of sales	88,299	87,903

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Gross profit	49,522	44,415
Selling, general and administrative expenses	51,920	50,932
Depreciation and amortization	5,667	6,038
Asset impairment	654	
Loss from operations	(8,719)	(12,555)
Interest income	67	66
Interest expense	(49)	(64)
Loss before income tax benefit	(8,701)	(12,553)
Income tax benefit	(3,208)	(4,628)
Net loss	\$ (5,493)	\$ (7,925)
Basic net loss per common share	\$ (0.37)	\$ (0.54)
Diluted net loss per common share	\$ (0.37)	\$ (0.54)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding		
Basic	14,801	14,673
Diluted	14,801	14,673

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Twenty-Six Weeks Ended August 3, 2013 and July 28, 2012

(Unaudited)

(in thousands)

	Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 3, 2013	July 28, 2012
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 671	\$ 2,179
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	11,262	12,183
Asset impairment	681	
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	1	10
Deferred income taxes	(40)	(852)
Noncash stock-based compensation expense	1,772	1,227
Excess tax benefits from stock-based payment arrangements	356	432
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Inventory	21,071	(2,247)
Prepaid and other current assets	(2,879)	391
Other assets	25	24
Accounts payable	1,602	(6,982)
Accrued expenses and other long-term liabilities	(236)	1,365
Accrued compensation	822	447
Income tax receivable	79	4,454
Layaway deposits	1,243	1,392
Net cash provided by operating activities	36,430	14,023
Investing activities:		
Sales/redemptions of investment securities	2,715	34
Purchases of investment securities	(8,390)	
Purchases of property and equipment	(5,837)	(3,526)
Net cash used in investing activities	(11,512)	(3,492)
Financing activities:		
Excess tax benefits from stock-based payment arrangements	(356)	(432)
Shares acquired to settle withholding taxes on the vesting of nonvested restricted stock	(583)	(355)
Net cash used in financing activities	(939)	(787)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	23,979	9,744
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning of period	37,263	41,986
End of period	\$ 61,242	\$ 51,730
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 63	\$ 77
Cash payments (refunds) of income taxes	\$ 403	\$ (2,469)
Supplemental disclosures of noncash investing activities:		
Increase (decrease) in accrual for purchases of property and equipment	\$ 325	\$ (884)

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

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Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)

August 3, 2013

1. Basis of Presentation

Citi Trends, Inc. and its subsidiary (the Company) operate as a value-priced retailer of urban fashion apparel and accessories for the entire family. As of August 3, 2013, the Company operated 506 stores in 29 states.

The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of August 3, 2013, the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the twenty-six and thirteen week periods ended August 3, 2013 and July 28, 2012, and the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the twenty-six week periods ended August 3, 2013 and July 28, 2012 have been prepared by the Company without audit. The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of February 2, 2013 has been derived from the audited financial statements as of that date, but does not include all required year-end disclosures. In the opinion of management, such statements include all adjustments considered necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position as of August 3, 2013 and February 2, 2013, and its results of operations and cash flows for all periods presented. It is suggested that these condensed consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's latest Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended February 2, 2013.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements. Operating results for the interim periods ended August 3, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending February 1, 2014.

The following contains references to years 2013 and 2012, which represent fiscal years ending or ended on February 1, 2014 and February 2, 2013, respectively. Fiscal 2013 has a 52-week accounting period and fiscal 2012 had a 53-week accounting period.

2. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and use assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The most significant estimates made by management include those used in the valuation of inventory, property and equipment, self-insurance liabilities, leases and income taxes. Management periodically evaluates estimates used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements for continued reasonableness. Appropriate adjustments, if any, to the estimates used are made prospectively based on such periodic evaluations.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents/Concentration of Credit Risk

For purposes of the condensed consolidated balance sheets and condensed consolidated statements of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid investments with maturities at date of purchase of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to a concentration of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents. The Company places its cash and cash equivalents in what it believes to be high credit quality banks and institutional money market funds. The Company maintains cash accounts that exceed federally insured limits.

4. Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per common share amounts are calculated using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per common share amounts are calculated using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus the additional dilution for all potentially dilutive securities, such as nonvested restricted stock and stock options. During loss periods, diluted loss per share amounts are based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding, because the inclusion of common stock equivalents would be antidilutive.

The dilutive effect of stock-based compensation arrangements is accounted for using the treasury stock method. This method assumes that the proceeds the Company receives from the exercise of stock options are used to repurchase common shares in the market. The Company includes as assumed proceeds the amount of compensation cost attributed to future services and not yet recognized, and the amount of tax benefits, if any, that would be credited to additional paid-in capital assuming exercise of outstanding options and vesting of nonvested restricted stock. For the twenty-six weeks ended August 3, 2013 and July 28, 2012, there were 46,000 and 45,000 stock options, respectively, and 609,000 and 351,000 shares of nonvested restricted stock, respectively, excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share because of antidilution. For the thirteen weeks ended August 3, 2013 and July 28, 2012, there were 46,000 and 40,000 stock options, respectively, and 657,000 and 414,000 shares of nonvested restricted stock, respectively, excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share because of antidilution.

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The following table provides a reconciliation of the average number of common shares outstanding used to calculate basic earnings per share to the number of common shares and common stock equivalents outstanding used in calculating diluted earnings per share for the twenty-six and thirteen week periods ended August 3, 2013 and July 28, 2012:

	Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 3, 2013	July 28, 2012
Average number of common shares outstanding	14,776,427	14,654,456
Incremental shares from assumed exercises of stock options	1,517	1,548
Incremental shares from assumed vesting of nonvested restricted stock		
Average number of common shares and common stock equivalents outstanding	14,777,944	14,656,004

	Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	August 3, 2013	July 28, 2012
Average number of common shares outstanding	14,801,217	14,673,403
Incremental shares from assumed exercises of stock options		
Incremental shares from assumed vesting of nonvested restricted stock		
Average number of common shares and common stock equivalents outstanding	14,801,217	14,673,403

5. Fair Value Measurement

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the principal or most advantageous market at the measurement date. Fair value is established according to a hierarchy that prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value into three broad levels, which are described below:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for assets or liabilities. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs.

Level 2: Observable prices that are based on inputs not quoted on active markets, but corroborated by market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs are used when little or no market data is available. Level 3 inputs are given the lowest priority in the fair value hierarchy.

As of August 3, 2013, the Company's investment securities are classified as held-to-maturity since the Company has the intent and ability to hold the investments to maturity. Such securities are carried at amortized cost plus accrued interest and consist of the following (in thousands):

Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Market Value
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Short-term:

Obligations of states and municipalities (Level 2)	\$	1,444	\$	4	\$	1,448
Obligations of the U. S. Treasury (Level 1)		4,997		19		5,016
Bank certificates of deposit (Level 2)		9,406				9,406
	\$	15,847	\$	23	\$	15,870

Long-term:

Obligations of the U. S. Treasury (Level 1)	\$	5,205	\$		(7)	\$	5,198
Bank certificates of deposit (Level 2)		3,148					3,148
	\$	8,353	\$		(7)	\$	8,346

The amortized cost and fair market value of investment securities as of August 3, 2013 by contractual maturity are as follows (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost		Fair Market Value	
Mature in one year or less	\$	15,847	\$	15,870
Mature after one year through five years		8,353		8,346
	\$	24,200	\$	24,216

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As of February 2, 2013, the Company's investment securities were classified as held-to-maturity and consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Market Value
Short-term:				
Obligations of the U. S. Treasury (Level 1)	\$ 4,993	\$ 39		\$ 5,032
Obligations of states and municipalities (Level 2)	1,731	9		1,740
Bank certificates of deposit (Level 2)	6,047			6,047
	\$ 12,771	\$ 48		\$ 12,819
Long-term:				
Bank certificates of deposit (Level 2)	\$ 5,754	\$ 6		\$ 5,760

The amortized cost and fair market value of investment securities as of February 2, 2013 by contractual maturity were as follows (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost	Fair Market Value
Mature in one year or less	\$ 12,771	\$ 12,819
Mature after one year through five years	5,754	5,760
	\$ 18,525	\$ 18,579

There were no changes among the levels in the twenty-six weeks ended August 3, 2013.

Fair market values of Level 2 investments are determined by management with the assistance of a third party pricing service. Because quoted prices in active markets for identical assets are not available, these prices are determined by the third party pricing service using observable market information such as quotes from less active markets and quoted prices of similar securities.

6. Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

If facts and circumstances indicate that a long-lived asset may be impaired, the carrying value is reviewed. If this review indicates that the carrying value of the asset will not be recovered as determined based on projected undiscounted cash flows related to the asset over its remaining life, the carrying value of the asset is reduced to its estimated fair value. Non-cash impairment expense related to leasehold improvements and fixtures and equipment at underperforming stores totaled \$0.7 million in the twenty-six and thirteen week periods ended August 3, 2013. There was no impairment expense in the twenty-six weeks ended July 28, 2012.

7. Revolving Line of Credit

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On October 27, 2011, the Company entered into a five-year, \$50 million credit facility with Bank of America to replace its prior \$20 million credit facility. The facility includes a \$25 million uncommitted accordion feature that under certain circumstances could allow the Company to increase the size of the facility to \$75 million. Borrowings, if any, under the facility will bear interest (a) for LIBOR Rate Loans, at LIBOR plus 1.5%, or (b) for Base Rate Loans, at a rate equal to the highest of (i) the prime rate plus 0.5%, (ii) the Federal Funds Rate plus 1.0%, or (iii) LIBOR plus 1.5%. The facility is secured by the Company's inventory, accounts receivable and related assets, but not its real estate, fixtures and equipment, and it contains one financial covenant, a fixed charge coverage ratio, which is applicable and tested only in certain circumstances. The facility has an unused commitment fee of 0.25% and permits the payment of cash dividends subject to certain limitations, including a requirement that there were no borrowings outstanding in the 30 days prior to the dividend payment and no borrowings are expected in the 30 days subsequent to the payment. The Company has had no borrowings under either the existing or prior facility.

8. Income Taxes

Income taxes are accounted for 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 and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. 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. In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

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For the twenty-six weeks ended August 3, 2013, the Company has utilized the discrete effective tax rate method, as allowed by ASC 740-270, Income Taxes - Interim Reporting, to calculate income taxes. Under the discrete method, the Company determines its tax expense based upon actual results as if the interim period were an annual period. ASC 740 requires companies to apply their estimated full-year tax rate on a year-to-date basis in each interim period unless the estimated full-year tax rate is not reliably predictable. For the twenty-six-week period ended August 3, 2013, the Company concluded that the use of the discrete method was more appropriate than the annual effective tax rate method, because the annual rate method would not be reliable due to its sensitivity to minimal changes in forecasted annual pre-tax earnings.

9. Other Long-Term Liabilities

The components of other long-term liabilities as of August 3, 2013 and February 2, 2013 are as follows (in thousands):

	August 3, 2013	February 2, 2013
Deferred rent	\$ 2,719	\$ 3,342
Tenant improvement allowances	4,458	5,384
Other	1,566	1,534
	\$ 8,743	\$ 10,260

10. Commitments and Contingencies

On August 12, 2011, the Company received a letter of determination from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (the EEOC) commencing a conciliation process regarding alleged discrimination against males by the Company in its hiring and promotion practices during the years 2004 through 2006. In its letter of determination, the EEOC sought recovery in the amount of \$0.2 million on behalf of a former male employee and in the additional amount of \$3.8 million in a settlement fund for a class of unidentified males who sought or considered seeking manager or assistant manager positions in the Company's stores. The EEOC also seeks certain undertakings by the Company with regard to its employment policies and procedures and a reporting obligation to the EEOC with respect to the Company's compliance with these undertakings.

The Company has not received full documentation or information from the EEOC in support of its letter of determination, but has undertaken its own internal analysis of the EEOC's claims and defenses to such claims and has had discussions with the EEOC in that regard. Following discussions with the EEOC regarding possible settlement, the EEOC has proposed a settlement amount to be paid by the Company of \$2.5 million, with any unclaimed funds following efforts to identify and compensate claimants to be directed to one or more charities. In the interest of reaching a satisfactory conciliation agreement with the EEOC, the Company has proposed a total economic settlement offer of \$1.0 million to cover all claims and the expenses of administering and complying with the settlement (excluding professional fees), with no reversion of unclaimed funds back to the Company. The Company continues to await the EEOC's response to the Company's most recent proposal regarding settlement. The Company is also evaluating other aspects of the conciliation process established by the EEOC.

On February 24, 2012, a suit was filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Middle Division, by certain individuals as a purported collective action on behalf of current and former employees of the Company holding store managerial positions. The plaintiffs allege that store managers have been improperly classified as exempt from the obligation to pay overtime in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act. The Company intends to vigorously defend the claims that have been asserted in this lawsuit. The trial court conditionally certified a class of store managers and ruled that the store managers are not subject to arbitration. The size and scope of the class remains

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undetermined, however, and the decision on arbitration is expected to be subject to appellate review. Also, notwithstanding the initial actions by the trial court, the conditional class may be subject to decertification at the close of discovery. Because no discovery has been conducted to date, the Company is unable to determine the probability of any particular outcome and it is not reasonably possible to estimate a range of loss with respect to this matter. Accordingly, no accrual for costs has been recorded, and the potential impact of this matter on the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows cannot be determined at this time.

The Company from time to time is also involved in various other legal proceedings incidental to the conduct of its business, including claims by customers, employees or former employees. Once it becomes probable that the Company will incur costs in connection with a legal proceeding and such costs can be reasonably estimated, it establishes appropriate reserves. While legal proceedings are subject to uncertainties and the outcome of any such matter is not predictable, the Company is not aware of any other legal proceedings pending or threatened against it that it expects to have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

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

Forward-Looking Statements

Except for specific historical information, many of the matters discussed in this Form 10-Q may express or imply projections of revenues or expenditures, statements of plans and objectives for future operations, growth or initiatives, statements of future economic performance, or statements regarding the outcome or impact of pending or threatened litigation. These, and similar statements, are forward-looking statements concerning matters that involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual performance of the Company to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these statements. All forward-looking information should be evaluated in the context of these risks, uncertainties and other factors. The words believe, anticipate, project, plan, expect, estimate, objective, forecast, goal, intend, or will continue and similar words and expressions generally identify forward-looking statements. The Company believes the assumptions underlying these forward-looking statements are reasonable; however, any of the assumptions could be inaccurate, and therefore, actual results may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements.

The factors that may result in actual results differing from such forward-looking information include, but are not limited to: transportation and distribution delays or interruptions; changes in freight rates; the Company's ability to negotiate effectively the cost and purchase of merchandise; inventory risks due to shifts in market demand; the Company's ability to gauge fashion trends and changing consumer preferences; changes in consumer spending on apparel; changes in product mix; interruptions in suppliers' businesses; a deterioration in general economic conditions caused by acts of war or terrorism or other factors; temporary changes in demand due to weather patterns; seasonality of the Company's business; delays associated with building, opening and operating new stores; delays associated with building, opening or expanding new or existing distribution centers; and other factors described in the section titled Item 1A. Risk Factors and elsewhere in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 2, 2013 and in Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors and elsewhere in the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and any amendments thereto and in the other documents the Company files with the SEC, including reports on Form 8-K.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Form 10-Q. Except as may be required by law, the Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this Form 10-Q or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Readers are advised, however, to read any further disclosures the Company may make on related subjects in its public disclosures or documents filed with the SEC, including reports on Form 8-K.

Overview

We are a value-priced retailer of urban fashion apparel and accessories for the entire family. Our merchandise offerings are designed to appeal to the preferences of fashion conscious consumers, particularly African-Americans. We operated 506 stores in both urban and rural markets in 29 states as of August 3, 2013.

We measure performance using key operating statistics. One of the main performance measures we use is comparable store sales growth. We define a comparable store as a store that has been opened for an entire fiscal year. Therefore, a store will not be considered a comparable store until its 13th month of operation at the earliest or until its 24th month at the latest. As an example, stores opened in fiscal 2012 and fiscal 2013

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are not considered comparable stores in fiscal 2013. Relocated and expanded stores are included in the comparable store sales results. We also use other operating statistics, most notably average sales per store, to measure our performance. As we typically occupy existing space in established shopping centers rather than sites built specifically for our stores, store square footage (and therefore sales per square foot) varies by store. We focus on overall store sales volume as the critical driver of profitability.

In addition to sales, we measure gross profit as a percentage of sales and store operating expenses, with a particular focus on labor, as a percentage of sales. These results translate into store level contribution, which we use to evaluate overall performance of each individual store. Finally, we monitor corporate expenses against budgeted amounts. All of the statistics discussed above are critical components of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) and Adjusted EBITDA (comprised of EBITDA plus non-cash asset impairment expense), which are considered our most important operating statistics. Although EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA provide useful information on an operating cash flow basis, they are limited measures in that they exclude the impact of cash requirements for capital expenditures, income taxes and interest expense. Therefore, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA should be used as supplements to results of operations and cash flows as reported under U.S. GAAP and should not be used as a singular measure of operating performance or as a substitute for U.S. GAAP results. Provided below is a reconciliation of net income to EBITDA and to Adjusted EBITDA for the twenty-six and thirteen week periods ended August 3, 2013 and July 28, 2012:

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	Twenty-Six Weeks Ended		Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	August 3, 2013	July 28, 2012	August 3, 2013	July 28, 2012
Net income (loss)	\$ 671	\$ 2,179	\$ (5,493)	\$ (7,925)
Plus:				
Interest expense	96	113	49	64
Income tax expense	442	1,133		
Depreciation and amortization	11,262	12,183	5,667	6,038
Less:				
Interest income	(135)	(128)	(67)	(66)
Income tax benefit			(3,208)	(4,628)
EBITDA	12,336	15,480	(3,052)	(6,517)
Asset impairment	681		654	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 13,017	\$ 15,480	\$ (2,398)	\$ (6,517)

Accounting Periods

The following discussion contains references to fiscal years 2013 and 2012, which represent fiscal years ending or ended on February 1, 2014 and February 2, 2013, respectively. Fiscal 2013 has a 52-week accounting period and fiscal 2012 had a 53-week accounting period. This discussion and analysis should be read with the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto.

Results of Operations

The following discussion of the Company's financial performance is based on the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements set forth herein. The nature of the Company's business is seasonal. Historically, sales in the first and fourth quarters have been higher than sales achieved in the second and third quarters of the fiscal year. Expenses and, to a greater extent, operating income, vary by quarter. Results of a period shorter than a full year may not be indicative of results expected for the entire year. Furthermore, the seasonal nature of the Company's business may affect comparisons between periods.

Twenty-Six Weeks Ended August 3, 2013 and July 28, 2012

Net Sales. Net sales decreased \$10.4 million, or 3.1%, to \$319.6 million in the first half of 2013 from \$330.0 million in the first half of 2012. The sales comparison to the prior year for the first half of fiscal 2013 is affected by the calendar shift created by fiscal 2012 having 53 weeks. The first half of fiscal 2013 began and ended one week later on the calendar than the first half of fiscal 2012. This calendar shift had a significant impact on the first half sales comparison because the beginning and ending weeks of the period affected by the shift had varying levels of sales volume. In the first half of fiscal 2013, the comparison of sales to last year's fiscal first half was adversely affected by \$5.5 million due to the difference in the sales levels of such beginning and ending weeks. In addition to the effect of the calendar shift, sales declined \$5.3 million due to a 1.7% decrease in comparable store sales on a comparable weeks basis. This sales decrease in the 501 comparable stores was reflected in an average unit sale that was 10% lower, partially offset by a 4% increase in the number of customer transactions and a 4% increase

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in the average number of items per transaction. Comparable store sales changes by major merchandise class were as follows in the first half of 2013: Accessories +15%; Home +15%; Kids -1%; Men's -6%; and Ladies -12%. Lastly, the five new stores opened in 2012 and 2013, net of ten closed stores, accounted for an increase of \$0.4 million in sales, partially offsetting the sales decreases discussed above.

Gross Profit. Gross profit decreased \$2.3 million, or 1.9%, to \$116.8 million in the first half of 2013 from \$119.1 million in last year's first half. The decrease in gross profit is a result of the decrease in sales discussed above, partially offset by an increase in the gross margin to 36.6% from 36.1% in last year's first half. The higher gross margin was due entirely to an increase in the core merchandise margin (initial mark-up, net of markdowns) as a result of the need for a higher level of markdowns in last year's more challenging sales environment.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$0.2 million, or 0.2%, to \$103.8 million in the first half of 2013 from \$103.6 million in last year's first half. As a percentage of sales, selling, general and administrative expenses increased to 32.5% in the first half of fiscal 2013 from 31.4% in the first half of fiscal 2012, due primarily to the deleveraging effect associated with the \$10.4 million decline in sales discussed above. In particular, the calendar shift that adversely impacted the sales comparison by \$5.5 million had very little effect on expenses, resulting in expense deleverage of approximately 60 basis points.

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Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization expense decreased \$0.9 million, or 7.6%, to \$11.3 million in the first half of 2013 from \$12.2 million in the first half of 2012 due to the slowing of our store opening pace in 2012 and 2013 in relation to previous years.

Asset Impairment. Impairment charges for property and equipment at certain underperforming stores totaled \$0.7 million in the first half of 2013. No such charges were required in the first half of 2012.

Income Tax Expense. Income tax expense decreased \$0.7 million to \$0.4 million in this year's first half from \$1.1 million in the first half of 2012 due to a reduction in pretax income, partially offset by an increase in the effective income tax rate to 39.7% from 34.2%. The income tax rate for the first half of 2013 was higher than the rate for last year's first half, because a valuation allowance was established in the second quarter of 2013 when the Company concluded that its ability to utilize certain tax credits in one state was no longer more likely than not. The effect of the 2013 valuation allowance was to increase income tax expense by \$0.4 million; however, such effect was almost entirely offset by a benefit from Work Opportunity Tax Credits (WOTC). In 2012, Congress did not extend WOTC legislation until after the second quarter, therefore, no benefit from such credits was recorded in the first half of that year.

Net Income. Net income decreased to \$0.7 million in the first half of 2013 from \$2.2 million in the first half of 2012 due to the factors discussed above.

Thirteen Weeks Ended August 3, 2013 and July 28, 2012

Net Sales. Net sales increased \$5.5 million, or 4.2%, to \$137.8 million in the second quarter of 2013 from \$132.3 million in the second quarter of 2012. Sales comparisons to the prior year for each quarter of 2013 are affected by the calendar shift created by fiscal 2012 having 53 weeks. Each of the first three quarters in 2013 begins and ends one week later on the calendar than the same quarter of 2012. This calendar shift can have a significant impact on quarterly sales comparisons if the beginning and ending weeks of the period affected by the shift have varying levels of sales volume. In the second quarter of 2013, the comparison of sales to last year's second quarter benefited by \$3.6 million due to the difference in the sales levels of such beginning and ending weeks. In addition to the effect of the calendar shift, sales improved \$2.3 million due to a 1.7% increase in comparable store sales on a comparable weeks basis. This sales increase in the 501 comparable stores was reflected in a 6% increase in the number of customer transactions and a 1% increase in the average number of items per transaction, partially offset by an average unit sale that was approximately 5% lower. Comparable store sales changes by major merchandise class were as follows in the second quarter of 2013: Accessories +17%; Home +9%; Kids +1%; Men's -5%; and Ladies -7%. Lastly, the ten stores closed in 2012 and 2013, net of five new stores, accounted for a decrease of \$0.4 million in sales, partially offsetting the sales increases discussed above.

Gross Profit. Gross profit increased \$5.1 million, or 11.5%, to \$49.5 million in the second quarter of 2013 from \$44.4 million in last year's second quarter. The increase in gross profit is a result of the increase in sales discussed above and an improvement in the gross margin to 35.9% from 33.6% in last year's second quarter. The higher gross margin was due primarily to an increase in the core merchandise margin (initial mark-up, net of markdowns) of 180 basis points as a result of the need for a higher level of markdowns in last year's more challenging sales environment. The remainder of the gross margin improvement was due to lower freight costs.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$1.0 million, or 1.9%, to \$51.9 million in the second quarter of 2013 from \$50.9 million in last year's second quarter. As a percentage of sales, selling, general and administrative

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expenses decreased to 37.7% in the second quarter of 2013 from 38.5% in the second quarter of 2012, due to the leveraging effect associated with the \$5.5 million increase in sales discussed above. In particular, the calendar shift that favorably impacted the sales comparison by \$3.6 million had very little effect on expenses, resulting in expense leverage of approximately 100 basis points.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization expense decreased \$0.3 million, or 6.1%, to \$5.7 million in the second quarter of 2013 from \$6.0 million in the second quarter of 2012, due to the slowing of our store opening pace in 2012 and 2013 in relation to previous years.

Asset Impairment. Impairment charges for property and equipment at certain underperforming stores totaled \$0.7 million in the second quarter of 2013. No such charges were required in the second quarter of 2012.

Income Tax Benefit. Income tax benefit decreased \$1.4 million to \$3.2 million in this year's second quarter from \$4.6 million in the second quarter of 2012 due to a decrease in pretax income. The effective income tax rate of 36.9% in the second quarter of 2013 was the same as last year's second quarter. The second quarter of 2013 included a valuation allowance to recognize that the Company concluded that its ability to utilize certain tax credits in one state was no longer more likely than not. However, the effect of the allowance (increase in income tax expense of \$0.4 million) was almost entirely offset by a benefit from Work Opportunity Tax Credits (WOTC). In 2012, Congress did not extend WOTC legislation until after the second quarter, therefore, no benefit from such credits was recorded in the second quarter of that year.

Net Loss. Net loss decreased to \$5.5 million in the second quarter of 2013 from \$7.9 million in the second quarter of 2012 due to the factors discussed above.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our cash requirements are primarily for working capital, opening of new stores, remodeling of our existing stores and the improvement of our information systems. In recent years, we have met these cash requirements using cash flow from operations and short-term trade credit. We expect to be able to meet future cash requirements with cash flow from operations, short-term trade credit, existing balances of cash and investment securities and, if necessary, borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

Current Financial Condition. As of August 3, 2013, we had total cash and cash equivalents of \$61.2 million compared to \$37.3 million as of February 2, 2013. Additionally, we had \$15.8 million and \$8.4 million of short-term and long-term investment securities, respectively, as of August 3, 2013, compared to \$12.8 million and \$5.8 million, respectively, as of February 2, 2013. These securities are comprised of bank certificates of deposit and obligations of the U.S. Treasury, states and municipalities. Inventory represented 40.5% of our total assets as of August 3, 2013. Management's ability to manage our inventory can have a significant impact on our cash flows from operations during a given interim period or fiscal year. In addition, inventory purchases can be seasonal in nature, such as the purchase of warm-weather or Christmas-related merchandise.

Cash Flows From Operating Activities. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$36.4 million in the first half of 2013 compared to \$14.0 million in the same period of 2012. Sources of cash provided during the first half of 2013 included net income adjusted for noncash expenses such as depreciation and amortization, asset impairment, loss on disposal of property and equipment, deferred income taxes and stock-based compensation expense, totaling \$14.3 million (compared to \$14.7 million in the first half of 2012). The other significant source of cash in the first half of 2013 was a \$21.1 million decrease in inventory (compared to an increase of \$2.2 million in the first half of 2012) due to (a) an effort to reduce inventory levels as a result of the challenging sales environment, and (b) an effort to reduce inventory levels at the beginning of the third quarter in relation to the beginning of the first quarter since sales are traditionally lower in the third quarter than they are in the first quarter due to seasonality.

Accounts payable typically fluctuates at a similar rate as inventory due to the natural relationship between the two accounts; however, that did not occur in the first half of 2013, as accounts payable increased \$1.6 million while inventory was decreasing. This relationship between payables and inventory occurred because much of the decrease in inventory was accomplished by reducing merchandise purchases in March and April. As a result, purchases in the second quarter of 2013 did not have to be reduced significantly from the prior year second quarter in order to reach our inventory reduction goal, resulting in an accounts payable balance at August 3, 2013 that was similar as a percentage of inventory to the second quarter of 2012.

Cash Flows From Investing Activities. Cash used in investing activities was \$11.5 million in the first half of 2013 compared to \$3.5 million in the first half of 2012. Cash used for purchases of property and equipment totaled \$5.8 million and \$3.5 million in the first half of 2013 and 2012, respectively. Purchases of investment securities, net of sales/redemptions, used cash of \$5.7 million in the first half of 2013.

Cash Flows From Financing Activities. Cash flows from financing activities were insignificant in the first twenty-six weeks of both 2013 and 2012.

Cash Requirements

Our principal sources of liquidity consist of: (i) cash and cash equivalents (which equaled \$61.2 million as of August 3, 2013); (ii) short-term and long-term investment securities (which equaled \$15.8 million and \$8.4 million, respectively, as of August 3, 2013); (iii) short-term trade credit; (iv) cash generated from operations on an ongoing basis as we sell our merchandise inventory; and (v) a \$50 million revolving credit facility. Trade credit represents a significant source of financing for inventory purchases and arises from customary payment terms and trade practices with our vendors. Historically, our principal liquidity requirements have been for working capital and capital expenditure needs.

We believe that our existing sources of liquidity will be sufficient to fund our operations and anticipated capital expenditures for at least the next 12 months.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of our condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. There have been no material changes to the Critical Accounting Policies outlined in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended February 2, 2013.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

There have been no material changes in our market risk during the twenty-six weeks ended August 3, 2013 compared to the disclosures in Part II, Item 7A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended February 2, 2013.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

We have carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of August 3, 2013 pursuant to Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 of the Exchange Act. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer each concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information has been accumulated and communicated to our management, including the officers who certify our financial reports, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding the required disclosures.

Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the controls and procedures will meet their objectives. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal quarter ended August 3, 2013 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

On August 12, 2011, we received a letter of determination from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (the EEOC) commencing a conciliation process regarding alleged discrimination against males by us in our hiring and promotion practices during the years 2004 through 2006. In its letter of determination, the EEOC sought recovery in the amount of \$0.2 million on behalf of a former male employee and in the additional amount of \$3.8 million in a settlement fund for a class of unidentified males who sought or considered seeking manager or assistant manager positions in our stores. The EEOC also seeks certain undertakings by us with regard to our employment policies and procedures and a reporting obligation to the EEOC with respect to our compliance with these undertakings.

We have not received full documentation or information from the EEOC in support of its letter of determination, but have undertaken our own internal analysis of the EEOC's claims and defenses to such claims and have had discussions with the EEOC in that regard. Following discussions with the EEOC regarding possible settlement, the EEOC has proposed a settlement amount to be paid by us of \$2.5 million, with any unclaimed funds following efforts to identify and compensate claimants to be directed to one or more charities. In the interest of reaching a satisfactory conciliation agreement with the EEOC, we have proposed a total economic settlement offer of \$1.0 million to cover all claims and the expenses of administering and complying with the settlement (excluding professional fees), with no reversion of unclaimed funds back to us. We continue to await the EEOC's response to our most recent proposal regarding settlement. We are also evaluating other aspects of the conciliation process established by the EEOC.

On February 24, 2012, a suit was filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Middle Division, by certain individuals as a purported collective action on behalf of current and former employees of the Company holding store managerial positions. The plaintiffs allege that store managers have been improperly classified as exempt from the obligation to pay overtime in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act. We intend to vigorously defend the claims that have been asserted in this lawsuit. The trial court conditionally certified a class of store managers and ruled that the store managers are not subject to arbitration. The size and scope of the class remains undetermined, however, and the decision on arbitration is expected to be subject to appellate review. Also, notwithstanding the initial actions by the trial court, the conditional class may be subject to decertification at the close of discovery. Because no discovery has been conducted to date, we are unable to determine the probability of any particular outcome and it is not reasonably possible to estimate a range of loss with respect to this matter. Accordingly, no accrual for costs has been recorded, and the potential impact of this matter on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows cannot be determined at this time.

We are from time to time also involved in various other legal proceedings incidental to the conduct of our business, including claims by customers, employees or former employees. Once it becomes probable that we will incur costs in connection with a legal proceeding and such costs can be reasonably estimated, we establish appropriate reserves. While legal proceedings are subject to uncertainties and the outcome of any such matter is not predictable, we are not aware of any other legal proceedings pending or threatened against us that we expect to have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

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There are no material changes to the Risk Factors described under the section ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 2, 2013.

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

Not applicable.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information.

Not applicable.

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Item 6. Exhibits.

- 10.1 Employment Non-Compete, Non-Solicit and Confidentiality Agreement between the Company and Bruce D. Smith dated May 1, 2013.*
- 10.2 Employment Non-Compete, Non-Solicit and Confidentiality Agreement between the Company and Ivy D. Council dated May 1, 2013.*
- 10.3 Employment Non-Compete, Non-Solicit and Confidentiality Agreement between the Company and James A. Dunn dated May 1, 2013.*
- 10.4 Employment Non-Compete, Non-Solicit and Confidentiality Agreement between the Company and Charles D. Crowell dated May 1, 2013.*
- 10.5 Severance Agreement between the Company and Bruce D. Smith dated May 1, 2013.*
- 10.6 Severance Agreement between the Company and Ivy D. Council dated May 1, 2013.*
- 10.7 Severance Agreement between the Company and James A. Dunn dated May 1, 2013.*
- 10.8 Severance Agreement between the Company and Charles D. Crowell dated May 1, 2013.*
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.*
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.*
- 32.1 Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.*
- 101 The following financial information from Citi Trends, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 3, 2013, formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of August 3, 2013 and February 2, 2013, (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the twenty-six and thirteen-week periods ended August 3, 2013 and July 28, 2012, (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the twenty-six week periods ended August 3, 2013 and July 28, 2012, and (iv) Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.^

* Filed herewith.

Pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Release No. 33-8238, this certification will be treated as accompanying this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and not filed as part of such report for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liability of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and this certification will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates it by reference.

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^ In accordance with Regulation S-T, the XBRL-related information in Exhibit 101 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q shall be deemed furnished and not filed .

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, and the undersigned also has signed this report in his capacity as the Registrant's Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer).

CITI TRENDS, INC.

Date: September 4, 2013

By:	/s/ Bruce D. Smith
Name:	Bruce D. Smith
Title:	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary