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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 March 25, 2018

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

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

Commission File Number: 1-9444

CEDAR FAIR, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE 34-1560655  
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer  
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)  
One Cedar Point Drive, Sandusky, Ohio 44870-5259  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)  
(419) 626-0830  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 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, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

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

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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



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Title of Class	Units Outstanding as of April 30, 2018
Units Representing Limited Partner Interests	56,416,016

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## PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## CEDAR FAIR, L.P.

## UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands)

	3/25/2018	12/31/2017	3/26/2017
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$42,888	\$166,245	\$34,242
Receivables	30,795	37,722	28,585
Inventories	40,303	29,719	37,938
Prepaid advertising	25,590	3,031	20,046
Other current assets	14,408	10,266	10,423
	153,984	246,983	131,234
Property and Equipment:			
Land	269,253	271,021	266,433
Land improvements	423,425	421,593	403,830
Buildings	694,029	693,899	664,936
Rides and equipment	1,751,051	1,740,653	1,649,934
Construction in progress	94,602	72,847	97,920
	3,232,360	3,200,013	3,083,053
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,611,261 )	(1,614,241 )	(1,494,405 )
	1,621,099	1,585,772	1,588,648
Goodwill	182,291	183,830	179,899
Other Intangibles, net	37,710	38,064	37,724
Other Assets	9,507	9,510	20,774
	\$2,004,591	\$2,064,159	\$1,958,279
<b>LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' EQUITY</b>			
Current Liabilities:			
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$—	\$—	\$4,350
Accounts payable	39,812	24,621	44,715
Deferred revenue	124,513	86,131	116,132
Accrued interest	21,119	8,124	11,013
Accrued taxes	10,176	43,975	8,536
Accrued salaries, wages and benefits	14,513	18,740	14,427
Self-insurance reserves	24,811	25,107	25,833
Other accrued liabilities	18,236	18,796	11,619
	253,180	225,494	236,625
Deferred Tax Liability	87,459	74,798	122,007
Derivative Liability	2,730	8,722	15,658
Other Liabilities	11,403	11,684	12,923
Long-Term Debt:			
Revolving credit loans	40,000	—	85,000
Term debt	723,525	723,788	593,197
Notes	937,257	936,727	940,421
	1,700,782	1,660,515	1,618,618

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Partners' Equity:			
Special L.P. interests	5,290	5,290	5,290
General partner	(1 )	—	(1 )
Limited partners, 56,416, 56,359 and 56,236 units outstanding at March 25, 2018, December 31, 2017 and March 26, 2017, respectively	(58,550 )	81,589	(57,116 )
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	2,298	(3,933 )	4,275
	(50,963 )	82,946	(47,552 )
	\$2,004,591	\$2,064,159	\$1,958,279

The accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

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## UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(In thousands, except per unit amounts)

	Three months ended	
	3/25/2018	3/26/2017
Net revenues:		
Admissions	\$26,721	\$22,563
Food, merchandise and games	21,055	18,208
Accommodations, extra-charge products and other	6,951	7,547
	54,727	48,318
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of food, merchandise, and games revenues	6,003	5,480
Operating expenses	88,828	84,289
Selling, general and administrative	28,682	27,619
Depreciation and amortization	5,521	5,365
Loss on impairment / retirement of fixed assets, net	1,340	1,526
	130,374	124,279
Operating loss	(75,647 )	(75,961 )
Interest expense	19,762	18,914
Net effect of swaps	(3,628 )	301
Loss on early debt extinguishment	1,073	—
(Gain) loss on foreign currency	10,094	(2,671 )
Other income	(349 )	(32 )
Loss before taxes	(102,599 )	(92,473 )
Benefit for taxes	(19,199 )	(27,719 )
Net loss	(83,400 )	(64,754 )
Net loss allocated to general partner	(1 )	(1 )
Net loss allocated to limited partners	\$(83,399)	\$(64,753)
Net loss	\$(83,400)	\$(64,754)
Other comprehensive income, (net of tax):		
Foreign currency translation adjustment	4,604	(660 )
Unrealized gain on cash flow hedging derivatives	2,018	1,994
Other comprehensive income, (net of tax)	6,622	1,334
Total comprehensive loss	\$(76,778)	\$(63,420)
Basic loss per limited partner unit:		
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding	56,150	56,008
Net loss per limited partner unit	\$(1.49 )	\$(1.16 )
Diluted loss per limited partner unit:		
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding	56,150	56,008
Net loss per limited partner unit	\$(1.49 )	\$(1.16 )

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## UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PARTNERS' EQUITY

(In thousands)

	Three months ended	
	3/25/2018	3/26/2017
Limited Partnership Units Outstanding		
Beginning balance	56,359	56,201
Limited partnership unit options exercised	6	10
Limited partnership unit forfeitures	(1	) (2
Issuance of limited partnership units as compensation	52	27
	56,416	56,236
Limited Partners' Equity		
Beginning balance	\$81,589	\$52,288
Net loss	(83,399	) (64,753
Partnership distribution declared (\$0.890 and \$0.855 per limited partnership unit)	(50,266	) (48,135
Reclassification of stranded tax effect	391	—
Expense recognized for limited partnership unit options	125	—
Tax effect of units involved in treasury unit transactions	(3,039	) (1,369
Issuance of limited partnership units as compensation	(3,951	) 4,853
	(58,550	) (57,116
General Partner's Equity		
Beginning balance	—	—
Net loss	(1	) (1
Partnership distribution declared	—	—
	(1	) (1
Special L.P. Interests	5,290	5,290
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income		
Foreign currency translation adjustment:		
Beginning balance	4,042	18,891
Period activity, net of tax \$1,145 and \$0	4,604	(660
	8,646	18,231
Unrealized loss on cash flow hedging derivatives:		
Beginning balance	(7,975	) (15,950
Period activity, net of tax (\$347) and (\$371)	2,018	1,994
Reclassification of stranded tax effect	(391	) —
	(6,348	) (13,956
	2,298	4,275
Total Partners' Equity	\$ (50,963)	\$ (47,552)

The accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

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## UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

	Three months ended	
	3/25/2018	3/26/2017
<b>CASH FLOWS FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net loss	\$(83,400)	\$(64,754)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash for operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	5,521	5,365
Loss on early debt extinguishment	1,073	—
Non-cash foreign currency (gain) loss on debt	10,924	(2,010 )
Other non-cash expenses	13,112	21,379
Net change in working capital	(2,170 )	(33,738 )
Net change in other assets/liabilities	(278 )	(226 )
Net cash for operating activities	(55,218 )	(73,984 )
<b>CASH FLOWS FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Capital expenditures	(44,792 )	(48,465 )
Net cash for investing activities	(44,792 )	(48,465 )
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM (FOR) FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net borrowings on revolving credit loans	40,000	85,000
Distributions paid to partners	(50,266 )	(48,135 )
Payment of debt issuance costs and original issue discount	(1,840 )	—
Exercise of limited partnership unit options	125	—
Tax effect of units involved in treasury unit transactions	(3,039 )	(1,369 )
Payments related to tax withholding for equity compensation	(6,919 )	(1,904 )
Net cash from (for) financing activities	(21,939 )	33,592
<b>EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	(1,408 )	383
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Net decrease for the period	(123,357 )	(88,474 )
Balance, beginning of period	166,245	122,716
Balance, end of period	\$42,888	\$34,242
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION</b>		
Cash payments for interest expense	\$6,779	\$17,978
Interest capitalized	939	1,047
Cash payments for income taxes, net of refunds	4,715	8,084
Capital expenditures in accounts payable	6,182	11,898
The accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.		

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIODS ENDED MARCH 25, 2018 AND MARCH 26, 2017

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared from the financial records of Cedar Fair, L.P. (the Partnership) without audit and reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to fairly present the results of the interim periods covered in this report. Due to the seasonal nature of the Partnership's amusement and water park operations, the results for any interim period may not be indicative of the results expected for the full fiscal year.

(1) Significant Accounting and Reporting Policies:

Except for the changes described below, the Partnership's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the periods ended March 25, 2018 and March 26, 2017 included in this Form 10-Q report have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2017, which were included in the Form 10-K filed on February 23, 2018. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission). These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Form 10-K referred to above.

The Partnership adopted Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("ASU 2014-09") effective January 1, 2018 using the modified retrospective method. The adoption of the standard did not have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements. The Partnership's accounting policy as a result of adopting ASU 2014-09 is discussed below:

Revenue Recognition and related receivables and contract liabilities

As disclosed within the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income, revenues are generated from sales of (1) admission to the Partnership's amusement parks and water parks, (2) food, merchandise and games both inside and outside the parks, and (3) accommodations, extra-charge products, and other revenue sources. Admission revenues include amounts paid to gain admission into the Partnership's parks, including parking fees. Revenues related to extra-charge products, including premium benefit offerings such as front-of-line products, and online advanced purchase transaction fees charged to customers are included in "Accommodations, extra-charge products and other". Due to the Partnership's highly seasonal operations, a substantial portion of the Partnership's revenues are generated during an approximate 130- to 140-day operating season. Most revenues are recognized on a daily basis based on actual guest spend at the properties. Revenues from multi-use products, including season-long products for admission, dining, beverage and other products, are recognized over the estimated number of uses expected for each type of product. The estimated number of uses is reviewed and may be updated periodically during the operating season prior to the ticket or product expiration, which generally occurs no later than the close of the operating season. The number of uses is estimated based on historical usage adjusted for current period trends. For any bundled products that include multiple performance obligations, revenue is allocated using the retail price of each distinct performance obligation and any inherent discounts are allocated based on the gross margin and expected redemption of each performance obligation. The Partnership does not typically provide for refunds or returns.

In some instances, the Partnership arranges with outside parties ("concessionaires") to provide goods to guests, typically food and merchandise, and the Partnership acts as an agent, resulting in net revenue recorded within the income statement. Concessionaire arrangement revenues are recognized over the operating season and are variable. Sponsorship revenues and marina revenues, which are classified as "Accommodations, extra-charge products and other" within the income statement, are recognized over the park operating season which represents the period in which the performance obligations are satisfied. Sponsorship revenues are typically fixed. However, some sponsorship revenues are variable based on achievement of specified operating metrics. The Partnership estimates

variable revenues and performs a constraint analysis using both historical information and current trends to determine the amount of revenue that is not probable of a significant reversal.

Many products, including season-long products, are sold to customers in advance, resulting in a contract liability ("deferred revenue"). Deferred revenue is at its highest immediately prior to the peak summer season, and at its lowest in the fall after the peak summer season and at the beginning of the selling season for the next year's products. Season-long products represent the majority of the deferred revenue balance in any given period.

Of the \$86.1 million of deferred revenue recorded as of January 1, 2018, 88% was related to season-long products. The remainder was related to deferred online advanced purchase transaction fees charged to customers, advanced ticket sales, marina deposits, advanced resort reservations, and other deferred revenue. Most deferred revenue outstanding as of January 1, 2018 will be recognized by December 31, 2018 with the exception of an immaterial amount of deferred revenue for prepaid products such as

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gift cards and prepaid games cards. During the quarter ended March 25, 2018, approximately \$4.2 million of the deferred revenue balance as of January 1, 2018 was recognized. The difference in the opening and closing balances of the Partnership's deferred revenue balance in the current period is attributable to additional sales for the current year's operating season offset by revenue recognized during the quarter.

Payment is due immediately on the transaction date for most products. The Partnership's receivable balance includes outstanding amounts on installment purchase plans which are offered for season-long products (and other select products for specific time periods), and includes sales to retailers, group sales and catering activities which are billed. Installment purchase plans include three month, four month, six month and nine month plans. Payment terms for billings are typically net 30 days. Receivables are highest in the peak summer months and the lowest in the winter months. The Partnership is not exposed to a significant concentration of customer credit risk.

Most deferred revenue from contracts with customers is classified as current within the balance sheet. However, a portion of deferred revenue from contracts with customers is classified as long-term during the third quarter related to season-long products sold in the current season for use in the subsequent season. Season-long products are sold beginning in August of the year preceding the operating season. Season-long products may be recognized 12 to 16 months after purchase depending on the date of sale. The Partnership estimates the number of uses expected outside of the next twelve months for each type of product and classifies the related deferred revenue as long-term.

With the exception of the long-term deferred revenue described above, the Partnership's contracts with customers have an original duration of one year or less. For these short-term contracts, the Partnership uses the practical expedient, a relief provided in the standard to simplify compliance, applicable to such contracts and has not disclosed the transaction price for the remaining performance obligations as of the end of each reporting period or when the Company expects to recognize this revenue. Further, the Partnership has elected to recognize incremental costs of obtaining a contract as an expense when incurred as the amortization period of the asset would be less than one year. Lastly, the Partnership has elected not to adjust consideration for the effects of significant financing components in the form of installment purchase plans as the period between when the entity transfers the promised service to the customer and when the customer pays for that service does not exceed one year.

### Reclassifications

Certain prior year supplies inventory amounts of \$1.4 million have been reclassified to other current assets in the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet for the period ended March 26, 2017 to conform with fiscal 2018 presentation. The change in deferred tax liabilities of \$16.8 million has been reclassified from the net change in other assets/liabilities to other non-cash expenses in the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the period ended March 26, 2017.

### New Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-02, Leases ("ASU 2016-02"). The ASU requires the recognition of lease assets and lease liabilities within the balance sheet by lessees for operating leases, as well as requires additional disclosures in the consolidated financial statements regarding the amount, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. The ASU does not significantly change the recognition, measurement, and presentation of expenses and cash flows arising from a lease by a lessee, nor does the ASU change the accounting applied by a lessor. ASU 2016-02 is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2018. The ASU can be adopted using either the modified retrospective approach, which requires application of the new standard at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented, or the alternative approach, which requires application of the new standard at the beginning of the standard's effective date. The Partnership expects to adopt this standard in the first quarter of 2019. While the Partnership is still in the process of evaluating the effect this standard will have on the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures, the Partnership anticipates recognizing a right-of-use asset and corresponding lease liability on the consolidated balance sheet for the Santa Clara land lease, as well as other operating leases, upon adoption.

In February 2018, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2018-02, Reclassification of Certain Tax Effects from Accumulated Comprehensive Income ("ASU 2018-02"). The ASU allows a reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income to retained earnings of stranded tax effects resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. ASU 2018-02 is effective for fiscal years after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in any interim period, and the amendments can be applied either in the period of adoption or retrospectively to each period in which the effect of the change in the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is recognized. The Partnership elected to adopt ASU 2018-02 in the first quarter of 2018. The amendment was applied in the period of adoption and resulted in a \$0.4 million reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income to limited partners' equity for the quarter ended March 25, 2018.

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(2) Interim Reporting:

The Partnership owns and operates eleven amusement parks, two separately gated outdoor water parks, one indoor water park and four hotels. The Partnership's seasonal amusement parks are generally open during weekends beginning in April or May, and then daily from Memorial Day until Labor Day, after which they are open during weekends in September and, in most cases, October for Halloween events. The two separately gated outdoor water parks also operate seasonally, generally from Memorial Day to Labor Day, plus some additional weekends before and after this period. As a result, a substantial portion of the Partnership's revenues from these parks are generated during an approximate 130- to 140-day operating season with the major portion concentrated in the third quarter during the peak vacation months of July and August. Five of the seasonal properties are open approximately 20 to 25 days to include WinterFest, a holiday event operating during November and December showcasing holiday shows and festivities. Knott's Berry Farm continues to be open daily on a year-round basis. Castaway Bay is generally open daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day with an additional limited daily schedule for the balance of the year.

To assure that these highly seasonal operations will not result in misleading comparisons of current and subsequent interim periods, the Partnership has adopted the following accounting and reporting procedures for its seasonal parks:

- (a) revenues from multi-use products are recognized over the estimated number of uses expected for each type of product; and the estimated number of uses is reviewed and may be updated periodically during the operating season prior to the ticket or product expiration, which generally occurs no later than the close of the operating season;
- (b) depreciation, certain advertising and certain seasonal operating costs are expensed over each park's operating season, including some costs incurred prior to the season, which are deferred and amortized over the season; and
- (c) all other costs are expensed as incurred or ratably over the entire year.

(3) Long-Lived Assets:

Long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment upon the occurrence of events or changes in circumstances that would indicate that the carrying value of the assets may not be recoverable. In order to determine if an asset has been impaired, assets are grouped and tested at the lowest level for which identifiable, independent cash flows are available. A significant amount of judgment is involved in determining if an indicator of impairment has occurred. Such indicators may include, among others: a significant decline in expected future cash flows; a sustained, significant decline in equity price and market capitalization; a significant adverse change in legal factors or in the business climate; unanticipated competition; and slower growth rates. Any adverse change in these factors could have a significant impact on the recoverability of these assets and could have a material impact on the Partnership's consolidated financial statements.

Non-operating assets are evaluated for impairment based on changes in market conditions. When changes in market conditions are observed, impairment is estimated using a market-based approach. If the estimated fair value of the non-operating assets is less than their carrying value, an impairment charge is recorded for the difference.

During the third quarter of 2016, the Partnership ceased operations of one of its separately gated outdoor water parks, Wildwater Kingdom, located near Cleveland in Aurora, Ohio. At the date that Wildwater Kingdom ceased operations, the only remaining long-lived asset was the approximate 670 acres of land owned by the Partnership. This land had an associated carrying value of \$17.1 million. The Partnership assessed the remaining asset and concluded there was no impairment during the third quarter of 2016. In the fourth quarter of 2017, the Partnership recorded a \$7.6 million impairment charge based on information from ongoing marketing activities. The amount was recorded in "Loss on impairment / retirement of fixed assets, net" in the consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income. The remaining Wildwater Kingdom acreage, reduced by acreage sold, is classified as assets held-for-sale within "Other Assets" in the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet (\$9.0 million as of March 25, 2018, \$9.0 million as of December 31, 2017 and \$17.0 million as of March 26, 2017).



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## (4) Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets:

Goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets, including trade-names, are reviewed for impairment annually, or more frequently if indicators of impairment exist. As of March 25, 2018, there were no indicators of impairment. The Partnership's annual testing date is the first day of the fourth quarter. There were no impairments for any period presented.

A summary of changes in the Partnership's carrying value of goodwill for the three months ended March 25, 2018 and March 26, 2017 is as follows:

(In thousands)	Goodwill (gross)	Accumulated Impairment Losses	Goodwill (net)
Balance at December 31, 2017	\$263,698	\$ (79,868 )	\$ 183,830
Foreign currency translation	(1,539 )	—	(1,539 )
Balance at March 25, 2018	\$262,159	\$ (79,868 )	\$ 182,291
Balance at December 31, 2016	\$259,528	\$ (79,868 )	\$ 179,660
Foreign currency translation	239	—	239
Balance at March 26, 2017	\$259,767	\$ (79,868 )	\$ 179,899

As of March 25, 2018, December 31, 2017, and March 26, 2017, the Partnership's other intangible assets consisted of the following:

(In thousands)	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Value
March 25, 2018			
Other intangible assets:			
Trade names	\$36,188	\$ —	\$36,188
License / franchise agreements	3,364	(1,842 )	1,522
Total other intangible assets	\$39,552	\$ (1,842 )	\$37,710
December 31, 2017			
Other intangible assets:			
Trade names	\$36,531	\$ —	\$36,531
License / franchise agreements	3,360	(1,827 )	1,533
Total other intangible assets	\$39,891	\$ (1,827 )	\$38,064
March 26, 2017			
Other intangible assets:			
Trade names	\$35,656	\$ —	\$35,656
License / franchise agreements	3,301	(1,233 )	2,068
Total other intangible assets	\$38,957	\$ (1,233 )	\$37,724

Amortization expense of other intangible assets is expected to continue to be immaterial going forward.

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## (5) Long-Term Debt:

Long-term debt as of March 25, 2018, December 31, 2017, and March 26, 2017 consisted of the following:

(In thousands)	March 25, 2018	December 31, 2017	March 26, 2017
Revolving credit facility (due 2022)	\$40,000	\$—	\$—
Revolving credit facility (due 2018)	—	—	85,000
Term debt <sup>(1)</sup>			
April 2017 U.S. term loan averaging 3.51% (due 2017-2024)	735,000	735,000	—
March 2013 U.S. term loan averaging 3.25% (due 2013-2020)	—	—	602,850
Notes			
April 2017 U.S. fixed rate notes at 5.375% (due 2027)	500,000	500,000	—
June 2014 U.S. fixed rate notes at 5.375% (due 2024)	450,000	450,000	450,000
March 2013 U.S. fixed rate notes at 5.25% (due 2021)	—	—	500,000
	1,725,000	1,685,000	1,637,850
Less current portion	—	—	(4,350 )
	1,725,000	1,685,000	1,633,500
Less debt issuance costs and original issue discount	(24,218 )	(24,485 )	(14,882 )
	\$1,700,782	\$1,660,515	\$1,618,618

(1) The average interest rate is calculated over the life of the instrument and does not reflect the effect of interest rate swap agreements (see Note 6).

In April 2017, the Partnership issued \$500 million of 5.375% senior unsecured notes ("April 2017 notes"), maturing in 2027. The net proceeds from the offering of the April 2017 notes, together with borrowings under the 2017 Credit Agreement (defined below), were used to redeem all of the Partnership's 5.25% senior unsecured notes due 2021 ("March 2013 notes"), and pay accrued interest and transaction fees and expenses, to repay in full all amounts outstanding under its existing credit facilities and for general corporate purposes. The redemption of the March 2013 notes and repayments of the amounts outstanding under the existing credit facilities resulted in the write-off of debt issuance costs of \$7.7 million and debt premium payments of \$15.5 million. Accordingly, the Partnership recorded a loss on early debt extinguishment of \$23.1 million during 2017.

Concurrently with the April 2017 notes issuance, the Partnership amended and restated its existing \$885 million credit agreement (the "2013 Credit Agreement"), which included a \$630 million senior secured term loan facility and a \$255 million senior secured revolving credit facility. The \$1,025 million amended and restated credit agreement (the "2017 Credit Agreement") includes a \$750 million senior secured term loan facility and a \$275 million senior secured revolving credit facility. The 2017 Credit Agreement was amended on March 14, 2018 (subsequently referred to as the "Amended 2017 Credit Agreement"). Specifically, the interest rate was amended to London InterBank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus 175 basis points (bps). The pricing terms for the amendment reflected \$0.9 million of Original Issue Discount ("OID") and resulted in the write-off of debt issuance costs of \$1.1 million which was recorded as a loss on early debt extinguishment during the first quarter of 2018. The senior secured term loan facility matures April 15, 2024 and amortizes at \$7.5 million annually. The facilities provided under the Amended 2017 Credit Agreement are collateralized by substantially all of the assets of the Partnership.

The senior secured revolving credit facility under the Amended 2017 Credit Agreement has a combined limit of \$275 million with a Canadian sub-limit of \$15 million. Borrowings under the senior secured revolving credit facility bear interest at LIBOR or Canadian Dollar Offered Rate ("CDOR") plus 200 bps. The revolving credit facility is scheduled to mature in April 2022 and also provides for the issuance of documentary and standby letters of credit. The Amended 2017 Credit Agreement requires the payment of a 37.5 bps commitment fee per annum on the unused portion of the credit facilities.

The April 2017 notes pay interest semi-annually in April and October, with the principal due in full on April 15, 2027. Prior to April 15, 2020, up to 35% of the notes may be redeemed with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings at a price equal to 105.375% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any. The notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at any time prior to April 15, 2022 at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes redeemed plus a "make-whole" premium together with accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any, to the redemption date. Thereafter, the notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at various prices depending on the date redeemed.

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In June 2014, the Partnership issued \$450 million of 5.375% senior unsecured notes ("June 2014 notes"). The June 2014 notes pay interest semi-annually in June and December, with the principal due in full on June 1, 2024. The notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at any time prior to June 1, 2019 at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes redeemed together plus a "make-whole" premium together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date. Thereafter, the notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at various prices depending on the date redeemed.

The Amended 2017 Credit Agreement includes a Consolidated Leverage Ratio, which if breached for any reason and not cured could result in an event of default. The ratio is set at a maximum of 5.50x Consolidated Total Debt-to-Consolidated EBITDA. As of March 25, 2018, the Partnership was in compliance with this financial condition covenant and all other financial covenants under the Amended 2017 Credit Agreement.

The Partnership's long-term debt agreements include Restricted Payment provisions. Pursuant to the terms of the indenture governing the Partnership's June 2014 notes, which includes the most restrictive of these Restricted Payments provisions, the Partnership can make Restricted Payments of \$60 million annually so long as no default or event of default has occurred and is continuing; and the Partnership can make additional Restricted Payments if the Partnership's pro forma Total-Indebtedness-to-Consolidated-Cash-Flow Ratio is less than or equal to 5.00x.

As market conditions warrant, the Partnership may from time to time repurchase debt securities issued by the Partnership, in privately negotiated or open market transactions, by tender offer, exchange offer or otherwise.

**(6) Derivative Financial Instruments:**

Derivative financial instruments are used within the Partnership's overall risk management program to manage certain interest rate and foreign currency risks. By utilizing a derivative instrument to hedge exposure to LIBOR rate changes, the Partnership is exposed to counterparty credit risk, in particular the failure of the counterparty to perform under the terms of the derivative contract. To mitigate this risk, hedging instruments are placed with a counterparty that the Partnership believes poses minimal credit risk. The Partnership does not use derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

In the first quarter of 2016, the Partnership amended each of its four interest rate swap agreements to extend each of the maturities to December 31, 2020 and effectively convert \$500 million of variable-rate debt to a rate of 2.64%. The amended interest rate swap agreements are not designated as hedging instruments. The fair market value of the Partnership's swap portfolio was recorded within "Derivative Liability" on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets as of March 25, 2018, December 31, 2017, and March 26, 2017 as follows:

(In thousands)	March 25, 2018	December 31, 2017	March 26, 2017
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Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:

Interest rate swaps	\$(2,730 )	\$ (8,722 )	\$(15,658)
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Instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting or were de-designated are prospectively adjusted to fair value each reporting period through "Net effect of swaps" in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income. The amounts that were previously recorded as a component of AOCI prior to the de-designation are reclassified to earnings, and a corresponding realized gain or loss will be recognized when the forecasted cash flow occurs. As a result of the first quarter 2016 amendments, the previously existing interest rate swap agreements were de-designated, and the amounts previously recorded in AOCI are being amortized into earnings through the original December 31, 2018 maturity. As of March 25, 2018, approximately \$7.1 million of losses remain in AOCI related to the effective cash flow hedge contracts prior to de-designation, all of which will be reclassified to earnings within the next twelve months.

During the quarter ended March 25, 2018, the Partnership recognized \$6.0 million of gains on the derivatives not designated as cash flow hedges and \$2.4 million of expense representing the regular amortization of amounts in AOCI. The effect of these amounts resulted in a benefit to earnings of \$3.6 million recorded in "Net effect of swaps".

During the quarter ended March 26, 2017, the Partnership recognized \$2.1 million of gains on the derivatives not designated as cash flow hedges and \$2.4 million of expense representing the amortization of amounts in AOCI. The effect of these amounts resulted in a charge to earnings of \$0.3 million recorded in "Net effect of swaps".

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## (7) Fair Value Measurements:

The FASB's Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820 - Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement that should be determined based on assumptions (inputs) that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. Inputs may be observable or unobservable, and valuation techniques used to measure fair value should maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Accordingly, FASB ASC 820 establishes a hierarchal disclosure framework that ranks the quality and reliability of information used to determine fair values. The hierarchy is associated with the level of pricing observability utilized in measuring fair value and defines three levels of inputs to the fair value measurement process. Quoted prices are the most reliable valuation inputs, whereas model values that include inputs based on unobservable data are the least reliable. Each fair value measurement must be assigned to a level corresponding to the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

The three broad levels of inputs defined by the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 – inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 – inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3 – inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The table below presents the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value as of March 25, 2018, December 31, 2017, and March 26, 2017 on a recurring basis as well as the fair values of other financial instruments:

(In thousands)	Unaudited		March 25, 2018		December 31, 2017		March 26, 2017	
	Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value Hierarchy Level	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value
Financial assets (liabilities) measured on a recurring basis:								
Short-term investments	Other current assets	Level 1	\$901	\$901	\$736	\$736	—	—
Interest rate swap agreements not designated as cash flow hedges	Derivative Liability	Level 2	\$(2,730)	\$(2,730)	\$(8,722)	\$(8,722)	\$(15,658)	\$(15,658)
Other financial assets (liabilities):								
March 2013 term debt	Long-Term Debt <sup>(1)</sup>	Level 2	—	—	—	—	\$(598,500)	\$(601,493)
April 2017 term debt	Long-Term Debt <sup>(1)</sup>	Level 2	\$(735,000)	\$(740,513)	\$(735,000)	\$(742,350)	—	—
March 2013 notes	Long-Term Debt <sup>(1)</sup>	Level 1	—	—	—	—	\$(500,000)	\$(513,125)
June 2014 notes	Long-Term Debt <sup>(1)</sup>	Level 1	\$(450,000)	\$(455,625)	\$(450,000)	\$(469,125)	\$(450,000)	\$(462,375)
April 2017 notes	Long-Term Debt <sup>(1)</sup>	Level 2	\$(500,000)	\$(494,375)	\$(500,000)	\$(525,000)	—	—

Carrying values of long-term debt balances are before reductions for debt issuance costs and original issue discount (1) of \$24.2 million, \$24.5 million, and \$14.9 million as of March 25, 2018, December 31, 2017, and March 26, 2017, respectively.

Fair values of the interest rate swap agreements are determined using significant inputs, including the LIBOR forward curves, which are considered Level 2 observable market inputs.

As of December 31, 2017, the Partnership measured the remaining land at Wildwater Kingdom, one of the Partnership's separately gated outdoor water parks which ceased operations in 2016, at fair value less cost to sell based on Level 3 unobservable market input. In the fourth quarter of 2017, the Partnership recorded a \$7.6 million impairment charge based on information from ongoing marketing activities. This amount was recorded in "Loss on impairment / retirement of fixed assets, net" in the consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income.

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, revolving credit loans, accounts receivable, current portion of term debt, accounts payable, and accrued liabilities approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments. There were no assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis as of March 25, 2018 or March 26, 2017.

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## (8) Earnings per Unit:

Net loss per limited partner unit is calculated based on the following unit amounts:

	Three months ended 3/25/2018/26/2017 (In thousands, except per unit amounts)	
Basic weighted average units outstanding	56,150	56,008
Diluted weighted average units outstanding	56,150	56,008
Net loss per unit - basic	\$(1.49)	\$ (1.16 )
Net loss per unit - diluted	\$(1.49)	\$ (1.16 )

## (9) Income and Partnership Taxes:

Under the applicable accounting rules, income taxes are recognized for the amount of taxes payable by the Partnership's corporate subsidiaries for the current year and for the impact of deferred tax assets and liabilities, which represent future tax consequences of events that have been recognized differently in the financial statements than for tax purposes. The income tax provision (benefit) for interim periods is determined by applying an estimated annual effective tax rate to the quarterly income (loss) of the Partnership's corporate subsidiaries. In addition to income taxes on its corporate subsidiaries, the Partnership is subject to a publicly traded partnership tax (PTP tax) on partnership-level gross income (net revenues less cost of food, merchandise and games). As such, the Partnership's total provision (benefit) for taxes includes amounts for both the PTP tax and for income taxes on its subsidiaries.

As of the end of the first quarter of 2018, the Partnership has recorded \$0.7 million of unrecognized tax benefits including interest and/or penalties related to state and local tax filing positions. The Partnership recognizes interest and/or penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in the income tax provision. The Partnership does not anticipate that the balance of the unrecognized tax benefit will change significantly over the next 12 months.

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Act"), was signed into law. The Act includes numerous tax law changes, including a reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%. The change in tax rates necessitated the remeasurement of deferred tax balances that are expected to reverse following enactment using the applicable tax rates. As a result of the remeasurement of the net deferred tax liability, the Partnership realized a \$49.2 million deferred tax benefit during the fourth quarter of 2017. The amounts recorded to reflect the effects of the Act were and remain provisional and are subject to change in accordance with SAB 118. The Partnership expects to complete these calculations and record the final effects of the Act before the end of the fourth quarter of 2018.

## (10) Contingencies:

The Partnership is a party to a number of lawsuits arising in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, none of these matters are expected to have a material effect in the aggregate on the Partnership's financial statements.

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(11) Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income by Component:

The following tables reflect the changes in accumulated other comprehensive income related to limited partners' equity for the three months ended March 25, 2018 and March 26, 2017:

Changes in Accumulated Other  
Comprehensive Income by  
Component

Gains and Losses (In thousands)	Foreign Currency Translation	Total
Flow Hedges		
Balance at December 31, 2017	\$ 4,042	\$(3,933)

Other comprehensive income before reclassification net of tax	4,604	4,604
\$1,145		

Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax		2,018
(\$347)		

Net other comprehensive income	4,604	6,622
2018		

Reclassification of stranded		(391 )
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tax  
effect

Balance  
at

March 25, 2018  

(\$6,348)	\$ 8,646	\$2,298
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Changes in Accumulated Other  
Comprehensive Income by  
Component

Gains and Losses on Foreign Cash Flow Hedges	Currency Translation	Total
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Balance  
at

December 31, 2016  

(\$7,050)	\$ 18,891	\$2,941
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Other  
comprehensive  
income before  
reclassifications  

(660)	)	(660 )
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Amounts  
reclassified  
from  
accumulated  
other  
comprehensive  
income,  
net  
of  
tax  
(\$371)

1,994	-	1,994
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Net  
other  
comprehensive  
income  

1,994	(660)	) 1,334
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Balance  
at

March 26, 2017  

(\$3,956)	\$ 18,231	\$4,275
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Reclassifications Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

Details about Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components	Amount	Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Affected Line Item in the Statement Where Net Income is Presented
Three months ended 3/25/2018	Three months ended 3/26/2017		
Interest rate contracts	\$2,365	\$ 2,365	Net effect of swaps
Provision for taxes	(347 )	(371 )	Benefit for taxes
Losses on cash flow hedges	\$2,018	\$ 1,994	Net of tax

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(12) Consolidating Financial Information of Guarantors and Issuers of June 2014 Notes:

Cedar Fair, L.P., Canada's Wonderland Company ("Cedar Canada"), and Magnum Management Corporation ("Magnum") are the co-issuers of the Partnership's June 2014 Notes (see Note 5). The notes have been fully and unconditionally guaranteed, on a joint and several basis, by each 100% owned subsidiary of Cedar Fair (other than Cedar Canada and Magnum) that guarantees the Partnership's senior secured credit facilities. There are no non-guarantor subsidiaries.

The following consolidating schedules present condensed financial information for Cedar Fair, L.P., Cedar Canada, and Magnum, the co-issuers, and each 100% owned subsidiary of Cedar Fair (other than Cedar Canada and Magnum), the guarantors (on a combined basis), as of March 25, 2018, December 31, 2017, and March 26, 2017 and for the three-month periods ended March 25, 2018 and March 26, 2017. In lieu of providing separate unaudited financial statements for the guarantor subsidiaries, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidating financial statements have been included.

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CEDAR FAIR, L.P.

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

March 25, 2018

(In thousands)

	Cedar Fair L.P. (Parent)	Co-Issuer Subsidiary (Magnum)	Co-Issuer Subsidiary (Cedar Canada)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Current Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$—	\$—	\$ 25,073	\$ 22,114	\$(4,299 )	\$42,888
Receivables	—	1,232	74,787	785,879	(831,103 )	30,795
Inventories	—	—	2,493	37,810	—	40,303
Other current assets	69	1,922	2,459	35,895	(347 )	39,998
	69	3,154	104,812	881,698	(835,749 )	153,984
Property and Equipment, net	—	827	180,303	1,439,969	—	1,621,099
Investment in Park	485,489	967,791	234,220	203,857	(1,891,357 )	—
Goodwill	674	—	62,012	119,605	—	182,291
Other Intangibles, net	—	—	13,834	23,876	—	37,710
Deferred Tax Asset	—	7,150	—	—	(7,150 )	—
Other Assets	—	—	39	9,468	—	9,507
	\$486,232	\$ 978,922	\$ 595,220	\$ 2,678,473	\$(2,734,256)	\$2,004,591
<b>LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' EQUITY</b>						
Current Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 531,176	\$ 302,858	\$ 1,806	\$ 39,374	\$(835,402 )	\$39,812
Deferred revenue	—	—	8,033	116,480	—	124,513
Accrued interest	215	143	7,634	13,127	—	21,119
Accrued taxes	883	—	463	9,177	(347 )	10,176
Accrued salaries, wages and benefits	—	13,777	736	—	—	14,513
Self-insurance reserves	—	10,438	1,543	12,830	—	24,811
Other accrued liabilities	3,283	5,249	268	9,436	—	18,236
	535,557	332,465	20,483	200,424	(835,749 )	253,180
Deferred Tax Liability	—	—	12,664	81,945	(7,150 )	87,459
Derivative Liability	1,638	1,092	—	—	—	2,730
Other Liabilities	—	705	—	10,698	—	11,403
Long-Term Debt:						
Revolving credit loans	—	—	—	40,000	—	40,000
Term debt	—	127,350	—	596,175	—	723,525
Notes	—	—	445,458	491,799	—	937,257
	—	127,350	445,458	1,127,974	—	1,700,782
Equity	(50,963 )	517,310	116,615	1,257,432	(1,891,357 )	(50,963 )
	\$486,232	\$ 978,922	\$ 595,220	\$ 2,678,473	\$(2,734,256)	\$2,004,591

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CEDAR FAIR, L.P.

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2017

(In thousands)

	Cedar Fair L.P. (Parent)	Co-Issuer Subsidiary (Magnum)	Co-Issuer Subsidiary (Cedar Canada)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Current Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$—	\$—	\$ 85,758	\$ 81,582	\$(1,095 )	\$ 166,245
Receivables	—	1,184	15,574	857,205	(836,241 )	37,722
Inventories	—	—	1,891	27,828	—	29,719
Other current assets	164	28,297	3,454	10,983	(29,601 )	13,297
	164	29,481	106,677	977,598	(866,937 )	246,983
Property and Equipment, net	—	835	181,673	1,403,264	—	1,585,772
Investment in Park	588,684	1,045,640	238,132	234,238	(2,106,694 )	—
Goodwill	674	—	63,551	119,605	—	183,830
Other Intangibles, net	—	—	14,177	23,887	—	38,064
Deferred Tax Asset	—	20,956	—	—	(20,956 )	—
Other Assets	—	—	40	9,470	—	9,510
	\$589,522	\$1,096,912	\$ 604,250	\$ 2,768,062	\$(2,994,587)	\$ 2,064,159
<b>LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' EQUITY</b>						
Current Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$497,558	\$344,410	\$ 1,379	\$ 18,610	\$(837,336 )	\$ 24,621
Deferred revenue	—	—	6,237	79,894	—	86,131
Accrued interest	27	18	2,055	6,024	—	8,124
Accrued taxes	352	—	—	73,224	(29,601 )	43,975
Accrued salaries, wages and benefits	—	17,498	1,242	—	—	18,740
Self-insurance reserves	—	10,947	1,618	12,542	—	25,107
Other accrued liabilities	3,406	5,094	157	10,139	—	18,796
	501,343	377,967	12,688	200,433	(866,937 )	225,494
Deferred Tax Liability	—	—	13,809	81,945	(20,956 )	74,798
Derivative Liability	5,233	3,489	—	—	—	8,722
Other Liabilities	—	873	—	10,811	—	11,684
Long-Term Debt:						
Term debt	—	127,437	—	596,351	—	723,788
Notes	—	—	445,156	491,571	—	936,727
	—	127,437	445,156	1,087,922	—	1,660,515
Equity	82,946	587,146	132,597	1,386,951	(2,106,694 )	82,946
	\$589,522	\$1,096,912	\$ 604,250	\$ 2,768,062	\$(2,994,587)	\$ 2,064,159

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CEDAR FAIR, L.P.

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

March 26, 2017

(In thousands)

	Cedar Fair L.P. (Parent)	Co-Issuer Subsidiary (Magnum)	Co-Issuer Subsidiary (Cedar Canada)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Current Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	—\$	—\$ 29,590	\$ 4,652	\$	—\$34,242
Receivables						