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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 10-K**

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015

OR

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

Commission file number: 001-16109

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**CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**MARYLAND**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

62-1763875  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**10 BURTON HILLS BLVD., NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37215**  
(Address and zip code of principal executive office)

**REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (615) 263-3000**

**SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT:**

Title of each class  
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share

Name of each exchange on which registered  
New York Stock Exchange

**SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(g) OF THE ACT: NONE**

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

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T 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 if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

The aggregate market value of the shares of the registrant's Common Stock held by non-affiliates was approximately \$3,837,816,690 as of June 30, 2015 based on the closing price of such shares on the New York Stock Exchange on that day. The number of shares of the registrant's Common Stock outstanding on February 18, 2016 was 117,243,119.

#### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:**

Portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, currently scheduled to be held on May 12, 2016, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING  
FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains statements that are forward-looking statements as defined within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements give our current expectations of forecasts of future events. All statements other than statements of current or historical fact contained in this Annual Report, including statements regarding our future financial position, business strategy, budgets, projected costs, and plans, and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. The words “anticipate,” “believe,” “continue,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “could,” “may,” “plan,” “projects,” “will,” and similar expressions, as they relate to us, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on our current plans and actual future activities, and our results of operations may be materially different from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. In particular these include, among other things, statements relating to:

- general economic and market conditions, including the impact governmental budgets can have on our per diem rates and occupancy;
- fluctuations in our operating results because of, among other things, changes in occupancy levels, competition, increases in costs of operations, fluctuations in interest rates, and risks of operations;
- changes in the privatization of the corrections and detention industry and the public acceptance of our services;
- our ability to obtain and maintain correctional facility management contracts, including, but not limited to, sufficient governmental appropriations, contract compliance, effects of inmate disturbances, and the timing of the opening of new facilities and the commencement of new management contracts as well as our ability to utilize current available beds and new capacity as development and expansion projects are completed;
- increases in costs to develop or expand correctional facilities that exceed original estimates, or the inability to complete such projects on schedule as a result of various factors, many of which are beyond our control, such as weather, labor conditions, and material shortages, resulting in increased construction costs;
- changes in government policy and in legislation and regulation of the corrections and detention industry that affect our business, including, but not limited to, California’s utilization of out-of-state private correctional capacity and the continued utilization of the South Texas Family Residential Center by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, and the impact of any changes to immigration reform and sentencing laws (Our company does not, under longstanding policy, lobby for or against policies or legislation that would determine the basis for, or duration of, an individual’s incarceration or detention.);
- our ability to successfully integrate operations of Avalon Correctional Services, Inc., or Avalon, or future acquisitions and realize projected returns resulting therefrom;
- our ability to meet and maintain qualification for taxation as a real estate investment trust, or REIT; and
- the availability of debt and equity financing on terms that are favorable to us.

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Any or all of our forward-looking statements in this Annual Report may turn out to be inaccurate. We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe may affect our financial condition, results of operations, business strategy, and financial needs. They can be affected by inaccurate assumptions we might make or by known or unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including the risks, uncertainties and assumptions described in “Risk Factors.”

In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events and circumstances discussed in this Annual Report may not occur and actual results could differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements. When you consider these forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the risk factors and other cautionary statements in this Annual Report, including in “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and “Business.”

Our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained in this Annual Report.

**PART I.**

**ITEM 1. BUSINESS.**

**Overview**

We are the nation's largest owner of privatized correctional and detention facilities and one of the largest prison operators in the United States. As of December 31, 2015, we owned or controlled 66 correctional and detention facilities and managed an additional 11 facilities owned by our government partners, with a total design capacity of approximately 88,500 beds in 20 states and the District of Columbia.

We are a Real Estate Investment Trust, or REIT, specializing in owning, operating, and managing prisons and other correctional facilities and providing residential, community re-entry, and prisoner transportation services for governmental agencies. In addition to providing fundamental residential services, our facilities offer a variety of rehabilitation and educational programs, including basic education, faith-based services, life skills and employment training, and substance abuse treatment. These services are intended to help reduce recidivism and to prepare offenders for their successful re-entry into society upon their release. We also provide or make available to offenders certain health care (including medical, dental, and mental health services), food services, and work and recreational programs.

We are a Maryland corporation formed in 1983. Our principal executive offices are located at 10 Burton Hills Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee, 37215, and our telephone number at that location is (615) 263-3000. Our website address is [www.cca.com](http://www.cca.com). We make our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), available on our website, free of charge, as soon as reasonably practicable after these reports are filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. Information contained on our website is not part of this Annual Report.

We began operating as a REIT for federal income tax purposes effective January 1, 2013. Since that date, we have provided correctional services and conducted other operations through taxable REIT subsidiaries, or TRSs. A TRS is a subsidiary of a REIT that is subject to applicable corporate income tax and certain qualification requirements. Our use of TRSs enables us to comply with REIT qualification requirements while providing correctional services at facilities we own and at facilities owned by our government partners and to engage in certain other operations. A TRS is not subject to the distribution requirements applicable to REITs so it may retain income generated by its operations for reinvestment.

As a REIT, we generally are not subject to federal income taxes on our REIT taxable income and gains that we distribute to our stockholders, including the income derived from providing prison bed capacity and dividends we earn from our TRSs. However, our TRSs will be required to pay income taxes on their earnings at regular corporate income tax rates.

As a REIT, we generally are required to distribute annually to our stockholders at least 90% of our REIT taxable income (determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction and excluding net capital gains). Our REIT taxable income will not typically include income earned by our TRSs except to the extent our TRSs pay dividends to the REIT.

Our customers consist of federal, state, and local correctional and detention authorities. Federal correctional and detention authorities primarily consist of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, or the BOP, the United States Marshals Service, or the USMS, and ICE. Payments by federal correctional and detention authorities represented 51%, 44%, and 44% of our total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

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Our customer contracts typically have terms of three to five years and contain multiple renewal options. Most of our facility contracts also contain clauses that allow the government agency to terminate the contract at any time without cause, and our contracts are generally subject to annual or bi-annual legislative appropriations of funds.

We are compensated for providing prison bed capacity and correctional services at an inmate per diem rate based upon actual or minimum guaranteed occupancy levels. Occupancy rates for a particular facility are typically low when first opened or immediately following an expansion. However, beyond the start-up period, which typically ranges from 90 to 180 days, the occupancy rate tends to stabilize. We also lease facilities to governmental agencies and third-party operators. The average compensated occupancy of our facilities, based on rated capacity, exclusive of facilities that have been presented as discontinued operations, was as follows for the years 2015, 2014, and 2013:

	2015	2014	2013
Owned and managed facilities	80%	81%	82%
Managed-only facilities	94%	95%	97%
Total operating facilities	83%	84%	85%
Leased facilities	100%	100%	100%
Total	83%	84%	85%

The average compensated occupancy of our owned and managed facilities, excluding idled facilities, was 89% for each of the years 2015, 2014, and 2013.

### Operating Procedures

Pursuant to the terms of our customer contracts, we are responsible for the overall operations of our facilities, including staff recruitment, general administration of the facilities, facility maintenance, security, and supervision of the offenders. We are required by our customer contracts to maintain certain levels of insurance coverage for general liability, workers' compensation, vehicle liability, and property loss or damage. We are also required to indemnify our customers for claims and costs arising out of our operations and, in certain cases, to maintain performance bonds and other collateral requirements. Approximately 92% of the eligible facilities we operated at December 31, 2015, excluding our community corrections facilities, were accredited by the American Correctional Association Commission on Accreditation. The American Correctional Association, or ACA, is an independent organization comprised of corrections professionals that establishes accreditation standards for correctional and detention institutions.

We are committed to equipping offenders in our care with the services, support, and resources necessary to return to the community as productive, contributing members of society. To that end, we provide a wide range of evidence-based re-entry programs and activities at our facilities. At most of the facilities we manage, offenders have the opportunity to enhance their basic education from literacy through the acquisition of the high school equivalency diploma endorsed by the respective state and, in some cases, postsecondary educational achievements. In a number of our facilities, and in conjunction with the Mexican government, we offer an adult education curriculum recognized by a number of nations to which these offenders may return.

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In addition, we offer a broad spectrum of vocational/technical education opportunities to equip individuals with marketable job skills. Our trade programs are certified by the National Center for Construction Education and Research, or NCCER. NCCER establishes the curriculum and certification for over 4,000 construction and trade organizations. Graduates of these programs enter the job market with certified skills that significantly enhance employability. For those with assessed substance use disorder needs, we offer evidence-based treatment programs such as the Residential Drug Addictions Treatment Program, or RDAP, with proven clinical outcomes. Our Re-Entry and Life Skills programs prepare individuals for life after incarceration by teaching offenders how to successfully conduct a job search, how to manage their budget and financial matters, parenting skills, and relationship and family skills. Equally significant, we offer cognitive behavioral programs aimed at changing anti-social attitudes and behaviors of offenders, with a focus on altering the level of criminal thinking of offenders. Our Victim Impact Programs, available at a number of our facilities, seek to educate offenders on the negative effects upon others resulting from their criminal conduct. At a number of our facilities, we provide faith-based programs to those seeking spiritual growth and character development. Our facilities offer opportunities for religious worship and study for a variety of faith groups and belief systems. Across the country, these programs incorporate the use of thousands of volunteers, along with our staff, who assist in providing guidance, direction, and post-incarceration services to offenders. We believe that together these efforts help us achieve reductions in recidivism.

Through our community corrections facilities, we provide an array of services to defendants and offenders who are serving their full sentence, the last portion of their sentence, waiting to be sentenced, or awaiting trial while supervised in a community environment. We offer housing and programs, with a key focus on employment, job readiness, and life skills, in order to help offenders successfully re-enter the community and reduce the risk of recidivism. We also offer an alternative sentencing option to the courts which allows offenders who are gainfully employed to pay 100% of their cost of incarceration while serving their sentence in a community facility.

In addition, in some of our community corrections facilities, we offer housing and program services to parolees who have completed their sentence, but lack a viable home plan. Through a focus on employment and skill development, we provide a means for these parolees to successfully reintegrate into their communities.

Outside agency standards, such as those established by the ACA, provide us with the industry's most widely accepted operational guidelines. We have sought and received accreditation for 44 of the eligible facilities we operated as of December 31, 2015, excluding our community corrections facilities.

Beyond the standards provided by the ACA, our facilities are operated in accordance with a variety of company and facility-specific policies and procedures, as well as various contractual requirements. These policies and procedures reflect the high standards generated by a number of sources, including the ACA, The Joint Commission, the National Commission on Correctional Healthcare, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, federal, state, and local government codes and regulations, established correctional procedures, and company-wide policies and procedures that may exceed these guidelines.

Prison Rape Elimination Act, or PREA, regulations were published in June 2012 and became effective in August 2013. All confinement facilities covered under the PREA standards must be audited at least every three years to be considered compliant with the PREA standards, with one-third of each facility type operated by an agency, or private organization on behalf of an agency, audited each year. These include adult prisons and jails, juvenile facilities,



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lockups (housing detainees overnight), and community confinement facilities, whether operated by the Department of Justice or unit of a state, local, corporate, or nonprofit authority.

Our facilities operate under these established standards, policies, and procedures, and also are subject to audits by our Quality Assurance Division, or QAD, which works independent from Operations management under the auspices of, and reports directly to, our Office of General Counsel. We have devoted significant resources to meeting outside agency and accrediting organization standards and guidelines.

The QAD employs a team of full-time auditors, who are subject matter experts from all major disciplines within institutional operations. Annually, without advance notice, QAD auditors conduct on site evaluations of each facility we operate using specialized operational audit tools, often containing more than 1,000 audited items across all major operational areas. In most instances, these audit tools are tailored to facility and partner specific requirements. Audit teams are also made available to work with facilities in specific areas of need, such as meeting requirements of new partner contracts or providing detailed training of new departmental managers.

The QAD management team coordinates overall operational auditing and compliance efforts across all CCA facilities. In conjunction with subject matter experts and other stakeholders having risk management responsibilities, the QAD management team develops performance measurement tools used in facility audits. The QAD management team provides governance of the corporate plan of action process for issues identified through internal and external facility reviews. Our QAD also contracts with teams of ACA certified correctional auditors to evaluate compliance with ACA standards at accredited facilities. Similarly, the QAD coordinates the work of certified PREA auditors to help ensure that all facilities operate in compliance with these important regulations.

We currently provide transportation services to governmental agencies through our wholly-owned TRS, TransCor America, LLC, or TransCor. During the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, TransCor generated total revenue of \$4.1 million, \$4.4 million, and \$2.7 million, respectively, or approximately 0.2%, 0.3%, and 0.2% of our total consolidated revenue in 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. We believe TransCor provides a complementary service to our core business that enables us to respond quickly to our customers' transportation needs.

## 2015 Accomplishments

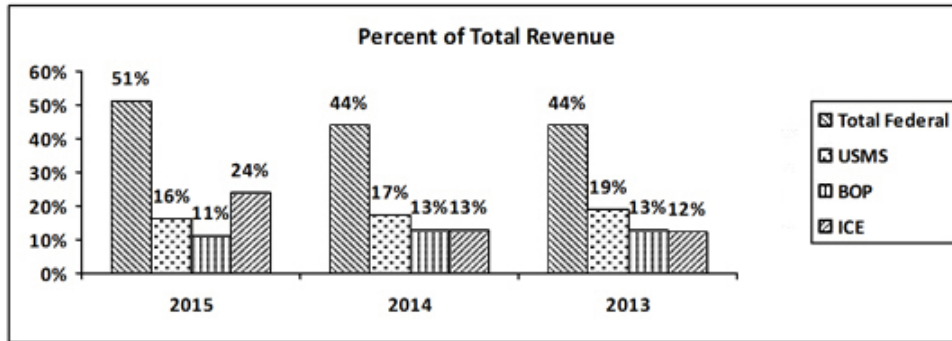
In 2015, we completed several significant transactions and milestones that we believe position us well to execute our business strategies, including the following:

- Completed construction of the 2,552-bed Trousdale Turner Correctional Center and successfully prepared the new facility for the intake of inmates in the first quarter of 2016.
- Completed construction of the 1,482-bed Otay Mesa Detention Center and successfully transitioned operations from the San Diego Correctional Facility to the new facility in the fourth quarter of 2015.
- Completed the activation of the 2,400-bed South Texas Family Residential Center for our contract to provide safe and humane residential housing, as well as educational opportunities, to women and children under the custody of ICE, who are awaiting their due process before immigration courts.
- Amended and restated our \$900.0 million revolving credit facility, or revolving credit facility, to, among other things, reduce by 0.25% the applicable margin of base rate and London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, loans, and extend the maturity from December 2017 to July 2020.
- Completed the offering of \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.0% senior notes due 2022, thereby reducing our exposure to variable rate debt, increasing the availability under our revolving credit facility, and extending our weighted average debt maturities.
- Obtained \$100.0 million under an incremental term loan, or Term Loan, under the “accordion” feature of our revolving credit facility with a maturity of July 2020 and, after the first two fiscal quarters following the closing of the loan, carrying the same interest rates as our revolving credit facility.
- Completed the acquisition of Avalon Correctional Services Inc., a privately held community corrections company that operates 11 community corrections facilities with approximately 3,000 beds in Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming.
- Completed the acquisition of four community corrections facilities in Pennsylvania with a capacity of approximately 600 beds that are leased to a third-party operator under triple net lease agreements.
- Announced in December 2015, an award from the Arizona Department of Corrections to house up to an additional 1,000 medium-security inmates at our Red Rock Correctional Center in Arizona. We expect to begin receiving inmates from Arizona under the new contract beginning late in the third quarter or early fourth quarter of 2016.

**Business Development**

We believe we own approximately 59% of all privately owned prison beds in the United States, manage nearly 42% of all privately managed prison beds in the United States, and are currently the second largest private owner and provider of community corrections services in the nation. Under the direction of our partnership development department, we market our facilities and services to government agencies responsible for federal, state, and local correctional and detention facilities in the United States. Under the direction of our strategic development department, we pursue asset acquisitions and business combination transactions that we believe will provide favorable investment returns and increase value to our stockholders.

As indicated by the following chart, business from our federal customers, including primarily the BOP, USMS, and ICE, continues to be a significant component of our business. The BOP, USMS, and ICE were the only federal partners that accounted for 10% or more of our total revenue during the last three years.



Certain of our contracts with federal partners contain clauses that guarantee the federal partner access to a minimum bed capacity in exchange for a fixed monthly payment.

Despite our increase in federal revenue, inmate populations in federal facilities, particularly within the BOP system nationwide, have declined over the past two years. Inmate populations in the BOP system declined in 2015 and are expected to decline further in 2016 due, in part, to the retroactive application of changes to sentencing guidelines applicable to federal drug trafficking offenses. However, we do not expect a significant impact on us because BOP inmate populations within our facilities are primarily criminal aliens incarcerated for immigration violations rather than drug trafficking offenses. Further, the public sector BOP correctional system remains overcrowded at approximately 119.5% at December 31, 2015. Nonetheless, increases in capacity within the federal system could result in a decline in BOP populations within our facilities, and could negatively impact the future demand for prison capacity.

Business from our state customers, which constituted 42%, 48%, and 49% of total revenue during the years 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively, decreased 4.4% from \$791.8 million during 2014 to \$756.9 million during 2015. The State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, or CDCR, accounted for 11%, 14%, and 12% of total revenue for 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively, including revenue generated under an operating lease that commenced December 1, 2013, at our California City facility. The CDCR was our only state partner that accounted for 10% or more of our total revenue during these years.

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Several of our state partners are projecting improvements in their budgets which has resulted in our ability to secure recent per diem increases at certain facilities. Further, several of our existing state partners, as well as state partners with which we do not currently do business, are experiencing growth in inmate populations and overcrowded conditions. Although we can provide no assurance that we will enter into any new contracts, we believe we are in a good position to not only provide them with needed bed capacity, but with the programming and re-entry services they are seeking.

We believe the long-term growth opportunities of our business remain attractive as governments consider efficiency, savings, and offender programming opportunities we can provide. Further, we expect our partners to continue to face challenges in maintaining old facilities, and developing new facilities and additional capacity which could result in future demand for the solutions that we provide.

We believe that we can further develop our business by, among other things:

- Maintaining and expanding our existing customer relationships and filling existing beds within our facilities, while maintaining an adequate inventory of available beds that we believe provides us with flexibility and a competitive advantage when bidding for new management contracts;
- Enhancing the terms of our existing contracts and expanding the services we provide under those contracts;
- Pursuing additional opportunities to purchase and manage existing government-owned facilities;
- Pursuing additional opportunities to lease our facilities to government and other third-party operators in need of correctional capacity;
- Pursuing other asset acquisitions and business combinations through transactions with non-government third parties;
- Maintaining and expanding our focus on community corrections and re-entry programming that align with the needs of our government partners; and
- Establishing relationships with new customers who have either previously not outsourced their correctional facility management needs or have utilized other private enterprises.

We generally receive inquiries from or on behalf of government agencies that are considering outsourcing the ownership and/or management of certain facilities or that have already decided to contract with a private enterprise. When we receive such an inquiry, we determine whether there is an existing need for our correctional facilities and/or services and whether the legal and political climate in which the inquiring party operates is conducive to serious consideration of outsourcing. Based on these findings, an initial cost analysis is conducted to further determine project feasibility.

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Frequently, government agencies responsible for correctional and detention facilities and services procure space and services through solicitations or competitive procurements. As part of our process of responding to such requests, members of our management team meet with the appropriate personnel from the agency making the request to best determine the agency's needs. If the project fits within our strategy, we submit a written response. A typical solicitation or competitive procurement requires bidders to provide detailed information, including, but not limited to, the space and services to be provided by the bidder, its experience and qualifications, and the price at which the bidder is willing to provide the facility and services (which services may include the purchase, renovation, improvement or expansion of an existing facility or the planning, design and construction of a new facility). The requesting agency selects a firm believed to be able to provide the requested bed capacity, if needed, and most qualified to provide the requested services and then negotiates the price and terms of the contract with that firm.

### **Facility Portfolio**

#### ***General***

Our facilities can generally be classified according to the level(s) of security at such facility. Minimum security facilities have open housing within an appropriately designed and patrolled institutional perimeter. Medium security facilities have either cells, rooms or dormitories, a secure perimeter, and some form of external patrol. Maximum security facilities have cells, a secure perimeter, and external patrol. Multi-security facilities have various areas encompassing minimum, medium or maximum security.

Our facilities can also be classified according to their primary function. The primary functional categories are:

- *Correctional Facilities.* Correctional facilities house and provide contractually agreed upon programs and services to sentenced adult prisoners, typically prisoners on whom a sentence in excess of one year has been imposed.
- *Detention Facilities.* Detention facilities house and provide contractually agreed upon programs and services to (i) prisoners being detained by ICE, (ii) prisoners who are awaiting trial who have been charged with violations of federal criminal law (and are therefore in the custody of the USMS) or state criminal law, and (iii) prisoners who have been convicted of crimes and on whom a sentence of one year or less has been imposed.
- *Community Corrections.* Community corrections facilities offer housing and programs to offenders who are serving the last portion of their sentence or who have been assigned to the facility in lieu of a jail or prison sentence, with a key focus on employment, job readiness, and life skills.

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- *Residential Facilities.* Residential facilities provide space and residential services in an open and safe environment to adults with children who illegally crossed the U.S. border and are awaiting the outcome of immigration hearings or the return to their home countries. As contractually agreed upon, residential facilities offer services including, but not limited to, educational programs, medical care, recreational activities, counseling, and access to religious and legal services.
- *Leased Facilities.* Leased facilities are facilities that we own but do not manage and that are leased to third-party operators. We currently lease two correctional facilities and four community corrections facilities to third-party operators.

### ***Facilities and Facility Management Contracts***

As of December 31, 2015, we owned or controlled 66 correctional and detention facilities in 18 states and the District of Columbia, six of which we leased to third-party operators. Additionally, we managed 11 correctional and detention facilities owned by government agencies. We also owned two corporate office buildings. Owned and managed facilities include facilities placed into service that we own or control via a lease and manage. Managed-only facilities include facilities we manage that are owned by a third party. The following table sets forth all of the facilities that, as of December 31, 2015, we (i) owned and managed, (ii) owned, but were leased to another operator, and (iii) managed but are owned by a government authority. The table includes certain information regarding each facility, including the term of the primary customer contract related to such facility, or, in the case of facilities we owned but leased to a third-party operator, the term of such lease.

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<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>Primary Customer</u>	<u>Design Capacity (A)</u>	<u>Security Level</u>	<u>Facility Type (B)</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Remaining Renewal Options (C)</u>
<b>Owned and Managed Facilities:</b>						
Central Arizona Detention Center Florence, Arizona	USMS	2,304	Multi	Detention	September 2018	(2) 5 year
Eloy Detention Center Eloy, Arizona	ICE	1,500	Medium	Detention	Indefinite	-
Florence Correctional Center Florence, Arizona	USMS	1,824	Multi	Detention	September 2018	(2) 5 year
La Palma Correctional Center Eloy, Arizona	State of California	3,060	Medium	Correctional	June 2019	Indefinite
Red Rock Correctional Center (D) Eloy, Arizona	State of Arizona	1,596	Medium	Correctional	January 2024	(2) 5 year
Saguaro Correctional Facility Eloy, Arizona	State of Hawaii	1,896	Medium	Correctional	June 2016	-
CAI Boston Avenue San Diego, California	BOP	120	-	Community Corrections	May 2016	-
CAI Ocean View San Diego, California	BOP	483	-	Community Corrections	May 2016	-
Leo Chesney Correctional Center Live Oak, California	-	240	-	-	-	-
Otay Mesa Detention Center (E) San Diego, California	ICE	1,482	Minimum/ Medium	Detention	June 2017	(2) 3 year
Bent County Correctional Facility Las Animas, Colorado	State of Colorado	1,420	Medium	Correctional	June 2016	-
Crowley County Correctional Facility Olney Springs, Colorado	State of Colorado	1,794	Medium	Correctional	June 2016	-
Huerfano County Correctional Center Walsenburg, Colorado	-	752	Medium	Correctional	-	-
Kit Carson Correctional Center Burlington, Colorado	State of Colorado	1,488	Medium	Correctional	June 2016	-
Coffee Correctional Facility (F) Nicholls, Georgia	State of Georgia	2,312	Medium	Correctional	June 2016	(18) 1 year
Jenkins Correctional Center (F) Millen, Georgia	State of Georgia	1,124	Medium	Correctional	June 2016	(19) 1 year
McRae Correctional Facility McRae, Georgia	BOP	1,978	Medium	Correctional	November 2016	(3) 2 year
Stewart Detention Center Lumpkin, Georgia	ICE	1,752	Medium	Detention	Indefinite	-
Wheeler Correctional Facility (F) Alamo, Georgia	State of Georgia	2,312	Medium	Correctional	June 2016	(18) 1 year
Leavenworth Detention Center Leavenworth, Kansas	USMS	1,033	Maximum	Detention	December 2016	(2) 5 year

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Lee Adjustment Center Beattyville, Kentucky	-	816	Minimum/ Medium	Correctional	-	-
Marion Adjustment Center St. Mary, Kentucky	-	826	Minimum/ Medium	Correctional	-	-
Otter Creek Correctional Center (G) Wheelwright, Kentucky	-	656	Minimum/ Medium	Correctional	-	-
Prairie Correctional Facility Appleton, Minnesota	-	1,600	Medium	Correctional	-	-
Adams County Correctional Center Adams County, Mississippi	BOP	2,232	Medium	Correctional	July 2017	(1) 2 year
Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility (H) Tutwiler, Mississippi	State of California	2,672	Medium	Correctional	June 2019	Indefinite
Crossroads Correctional Center (I) Shelby, Montana	State of Montana	664	Multi	Correctional	June 2017	(1) 2 year
Nevada Southern Detention Center Pahrump, Nevada	Office of the Federal Detention Trustee	1,072	Medium	Detention	September 2020	(2) 5 year
Elizabeth Detention Center Elizabeth, New Jersey	ICE	300	Minimum	Detention	August 2016	(5) 1 year
Cibola County Corrections Center Milan, New Mexico	BOP	1,129	Medium	Correctional	September 2016	(2) 2 year
New Mexico Women's Correctional Facility Grants, New Mexico	State of New Mexico	596	Multi	Correctional	June 2016	-
Torrance County Detention Facility Estancia, New Mexico	USMS	910	Multi	Detention	Indefinite	-
Lake Erie Correctional Institution (J) Conneaut, Ohio	State of Ohio	1,798	Medium	Correctional	June 2032	Indefinite
Northeast Ohio Correctional Center Youngstown, Ohio	USMS	2,016	Medium	Correctional	December 2016	(1) 2 year
Carver Transitional Center Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	State of Oklahoma	494	-	Community Corrections	June 2016	(2) 1 year
Cimarron Correctional Facility (K) Cushing, Oklahoma	State of Oklahoma	1,692	Medium	Correctional	June 2016	(3) 1 year
Davis Correctional Facility (K) Holdenville, Oklahoma	State of Oklahoma	1,670	Medium	Correctional	June 2016	(3) 1 year
Diamondback Correctional Facility Watonga, Oklahoma	-	2,160	Medium	Correctional	-	-
North Fork Correctional Facility (L) Sayre, Oklahoma	-	2,400	Medium	Correctional	-	-



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Tulsa Transitional Center Tulsa, Oklahoma	State of Oklahoma	390	-	Community Corrections	June 2016	(2) 1 year
Turley Residential Center Tulsa, Oklahoma	State of Oklahoma	289	-	Community Corrections	June 2016	(3) 1 year
Shelby Training Center Memphis, Tennessee	-	200	-	-	-	-
Trousdale Turner Correctional Center Hartsville, Tennessee	State of Tennessee	2,552	Multi	Correctional	December 2020	-
West Tennessee Detention Facility Mason, Tennessee	USMS	600	Multi	Detention	September 2016	(6) 2 year
Whiteville Correctional Facility (M) Whiteville, Tennessee	State of Tennessee	1,536	Medium	Correctional	June 2016	-
Austin Residential Re-entry Center Del Valle, Texas	BOP	116	-	Community Corrections	August 2016	(1) 1 year
Austin Transitional Center Del Valle, Texas	State of Texas	460	-	Community Corrections	August 2016	(4) 1 year
Corpus Christi Transitional Center Corpus Christi, Texas	State of Texas	160	-	Community Corrections	August 2017	(1) 2 year
Dallas Transitional Center Hutchins, Texas	State of Texas	300	-	Community Corrections	August 2016	(4) 1 year
Eden Detention Center Eden, Texas	BOP	1,422	Medium	Correctional	April 2017	-
El Paso Multi-Use Facility El Paso, Texas	State of Texas	360	-	Community Corrections	August 2016	(4) 1 year
El Paso Transitional Center El Paso, Texas	State of Texas	224	-	Community Corrections	August 2016	(4) 1 year
Fort Worth Transitional Center Fort Worth, Texas	State of Texas	248	-	Community Corrections	August 2016	(4) 1 year
Houston Processing Center Houston, Texas	ICE	1,000	Medium	Detention	March 2016	-
Laredo Processing Center Laredo, Texas	ICE	258	Minimum/ Medium	Detention	June 2018	-
South Texas Family Residential Center Dilley, Texas	ICE	2,400	-	Residential	September 2018	-
T. Don Hutto Residential Center Taylor, Texas	ICE	512	Medium	Detention	January 2020	Indefinite
Webb County Detention Center Laredo, Texas	USMS	480	Medium	Detention	November 2017	-
Cheyenne Transitional Center Cheyenne, Wyoming	State of Wyoming	116	-	Community Corrections	June 2016	Indefinite
D.C. Correctional Treatment Facility (N) Washington, D.C.	District of Columbia	1,500	Medium	Detention	March 2017	-

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<b><u>Managed Only Facilities:</u></b>						
Citrus County Detention Facility Lecanto, Florida	Citrus County, Florida	760	Multi	Detention	September 2020	Indefinite
Lake City Correctional Facility Lake City, Florida	State of Florida	893	Medium	Correctional	June 2016	Indefinite
Marion County Jail Indianapolis, Indiana	Marion County, Indiana	1,030	Multi	Detention	December 2017	(1) 10 year
Hardeman County Correctional Facility Whiteville, Tennessee	State of Tennessee	2,016	Medium	Correctional	May 2017	-
Metro-Davidson County Detention Facility Nashville, Tennessee	Davidson County, Tennessee	1,348	Multi	Detention	January 2020	-
Silverdale Facilities Chattanooga, Tennessee	Hamilton County, Tennessee	1,046	Multi	Detention	April 2016	-
South Central Correctional Center Clifton, Tennessee	State of Tennessee	1,676	Medium	Correctional	June 2016	(1) 2 year
Bartlett State Jail Bartlett, Texas	State of Texas	1,049	Minimum/ Medium	Correctional	August 2017	-
Bradshaw State Jail Henderson, Texas	State of Texas	1,980	Minimum/ Medium	Correctional	August 2017	-
Lindsey State Jail Jacksboro, Texas	State of Texas	1,031	Minimum/ Medium	Correctional	August 2017	-
Willacy State Jail Raymondville, Texas	State of Texas	1,069	Minimum/ Medium	Correctional	August 2017	-
<b><u>Leased Facilities:</u></b>						
California City Correctional Center California, City, California	CDCR	2,560	Medium	Owned/Leased	December 2016	Indefinite
Broad Street Residential Re-entry Center Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Community Education Centers	150	-	Owned/Leased	July 2019	(4) 5 year
Chester Residential Re-entry Center Chester, Pennsylvania	Community Education Centers	135	-	Owned/Leased	July 2019	(4) 5 year
Roth Hall Residential Re-entry Center Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Community Education Centers	160	-	Owned/Leased	July 2019	(4) 5 year
Walker Hall Residential Re-entry Center Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Community Education Centers	160	-	Owned/Leased	July 2019	(4) 5 year
Bridgeport Pre-Parole Transfer Facility Bridgeport, Texas	MTC	200	Medium	Owned/Leased	September 2017	-

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- (A) Design capacity measures the number of beds and, accordingly, the number of offenders each facility is designed to accommodate. Facilities housing detainees on a short term basis may exceed the original intended design capacity due to the lower level of services required by detainees in custody for a brief period. From time to time, we may evaluate the design capacity of our facilities based on customers using the facilities, and the ability to reconfigure space with minimal capital outlays. As a result, the design capacity of certain facilities may vary from the design capacity previously presented. We believe design capacity is an appropriate measure for evaluating prison operations, because the revenue generated by each facility is based on a per diem or monthly rate per inmate housed at the facility paid by the corresponding contracting governmental entity.
- (B) We manage numerous facilities that have more than a single function (e.g., housing both long-term sentenced adult prisoners and pre-trial detainees). The primary functional categories into which facility types are identified were determined by the relative size of inmate populations in a particular facility on December 31, 2015. If, for example, a 1,000-bed facility housed 900 adult inmates with sentences in excess of one year and 100 pre-trial detainees, the primary functional category to which it would be assigned would be that of correctional facilities and not detention facilities. It should be understood that the primary functional category to which multi-user facilities are assigned may change from time to time.
- (C) Remaining renewal options represents the number of renewal options, if applicable, and the term of each option renewal.
- (D) Pursuant to the terms of a contract awarded by the state of Arizona in September 2012, the state of Arizona has an option to purchase the Red Rock facility at any time during the term of the contract, including extension options, based on an amortization schedule starting with the fair market value and decreasing evenly to zero over the twenty year term.
- (E) We transitioned operations from the 1,154-bed San Diego Correctional Facility to the newly constructed 1,482-bed Otay Mesa Detention Center during the fourth quarter of 2015. The San Diego Correctional Facility was subject to a ground lease with the County of San Diego. Upon expiration of the lease on December 31, 2015, ownership of the facility automatically reverted to the County of San Diego.
- (F) These facilities are subject to purchase options held by the Georgia Department of Corrections, or GDOC, which grants the GDOC the right to purchase the facility for the lesser of the facility's depreciated book value, as defined, or fair market value at any time during the term of the contract between the GDOC and us.
- (G) The facility is subject to a deed of conveyance with the city of Wheelwright, Kentucky which includes provisions that allow assumption of ownership by the city of Wheelwright under the following occurrences: (1) we cease to operate the facility for more than two years, (2) our failure to maintain at least one employee for a period of sixty consecutive days, or (3) a conversion to a maximum security facility based upon classification by the Kentucky Corrections Cabinet. In December 2013, we entered into an agreement with the city of Wheelwright that extends the reversion by up to 30 months in exchange for \$20,000 per month or until we resume operations, as defined in the agreement.
- (H) The facility is subject to a purchase option held by the Tallahatchie County Correctional Authority which grants Tallahatchie County Correctional Authority the right to purchase the facility at any time during the contract at a price generally equal to the cost of the premises less an allowance for amortization originally over a 20-year period. The amortization period was extended through 2050 in connection with an expansion completed during the fourth quarter of 2007.
- (I) The state of Montana has an option to purchase the facility generally at any time during the term of the contract with us at fair market value less the sum of a pre-determined portion of per diem payments made to us by the state of Montana.
- (J) The state of Ohio has the irrevocable right to repurchase the facility before we may resell the facility to a third party, or if we become insolvent or are unable to meet our obligations under the management contract with the state of Ohio, at a price generally equal to the fair market value, as defined in the Real Estate Purchase Agreement.
- (K) These facilities are subject to purchase options held by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, or ODC, which grants the ODC the right to purchase the facility at its fair market value at any time during the term of the contract with ODC.
- (L) As a result of a decline in California inmate populations held in our program during 2015, this facility was idled during the fourth quarter of 2015. We will continue to market the facility to other customers.
- (M) The state of Tennessee has the option to purchase the facility in the event of our bankruptcy, or upon an operational or financial breach, as defined, at a price equal to the book value of the facility, as defined.
- (N) The District of Columbia has the right to purchase the facility at any time during the term of the contract at a price generally equal to the present value of the remaining lease payments for the premises. Upon expiration of the lease in 2017, ownership of the facility automatically reverts to the District of Columbia.

### ***Facilities Under Construction or Development***

As more fully described hereafter in “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, or MD&A, - Liquidity and Capital Resources”, we have one facility under construction or development. In connection with a new management contract with the Arizona Department of Corrections, our 1,596-bed Red Rock Correctional Center in Arizona is being expanded to a design capacity of 2,024 beds. We expect to complete construction and begin receiving up to an additional 1,000 inmates from Arizona under the new management contract beginning late in the third quarter or early fourth quarter of 2016.

### **Competitive Strengths**

We believe that we benefit from the following competitive strengths:

*The First and Largest Private Prison Owner.* Our recognition as the nation’s leading private prison owner and one of the largest prison operators in the United States provides us with significant credibility with our current and prospective clients. We believe we own approximately 59% of all privately owned prison beds in the United States and manage nearly 42% of all privately managed prison beds in the United States. We pioneered modern-day private prisons with a list of notable accomplishments, such as being the first company to design, build, and operate a private prison, the first company to manage a private maximum-security facility under a direct contract with the federal government, and the first company to purchase a government-owned correctional facility from a governmental agency in the United States and to manage the facility for the government agency. In addition to providing us with extensive experience and institutional knowledge, our size also helps us deliver value to our customers by providing purchasing power and allowing us to achieve certain economies of scale.

*Available Beds within Our Existing Facilities.* As of December 31, 2015, we had approximately 9,200 beds at seven core correctional and detention facilities that are vacant and immediately available to use. We consider our core facilities to be those that were designed for adult secure correctional purposes. We have staff throughout the organization actively engaged in marketing this available capacity to existing and prospective customers. Historically, we have been successful in substantially filling our inventory of available beds and the beds that we have constructed. Filling these available beds would provide substantial growth in revenues, cash flow, and earnings per share.

*One of the Largest Community Corrections Owners and Operators in the United States.* In the third quarter of 2015, we acquired four community corrections facilities from a privately held owner of community corrections facilities and other government leased assets. The four acquired community corrections facilities have a capacity of approximately 600 beds and are leased to Community Education Centers, Inc., or CEC, under triple net lease agreements that extend through July 2019 and include multiple five-year lease extension options. CEC separately contracts with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections and the Philadelphia Prison System to provide rehabilitative and re-entry services to residents and inmates at the leased facilities. We acquired the four facilities in the real estate-only transaction as a strategic investment that expands our investment in the residential re-entry market.

In the fourth quarter 2015, we closed on the acquisition of 100% of the stock of Avalon, along with two additional facilities operated by Avalon. Avalon, a privately held community corrections company that operates 11 community corrections facilities with approximately 3,000 beds in Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming, specializes in community correctional services, drug and alcohol treatment services, and residential re-entry services. Avalon

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provides these services for various federal, state, and local agencies, many with which we currently partner. We acquired Avalon as a strategic investment that continues to expand the re-entry assets owned and services we provide.

With the acquisitions of Avalon and the four community corrections facilities in Pennsylvania, we became one of the largest community corrections owners and operators in the United States. We believe this recognition provides us with a platform for growth. We also believe we have the opportunity to maximize utilization of available beds within our community corrections portfolio. The occupancy of the community corrections facilities that we acquired in the acquisition of Avalon was approximately 71% at the date of acquisition.

*Attractive REIT Profile.* Key characteristics of our business make us a highly attractive REIT. As of December 31, 2015, we owned or controlled 66 facilities containing approximately 15 million square feet which, for the year ended December 31, 2015, generated 98% of our net operating income, or our operating income before general and administrative expenses, asset impairments, depreciation, and amortization. Land and buildings comprise over 90% of our gross fixed assets. These valuable assets are located in areas with high barriers to entry, particularly due to the unique permitting and zoning requirements for these facilities. Further, the majority of our assets are constructed primarily of concrete and steel, generally requiring lower maintenance capital expenditures than other types of commercial properties.

Since our inception, we have constructed dozens of facilities, many of which we subsequently expanded. We provide space and services under contracts with federal, state, and local government agencies that generally have credit ratings of single-A or better. In addition, a majority of our contracts have terms between one and five years, and we have historically experienced customer retention of approximately 90%, which contributes to our relatively predictable and stable revenue base. This stream of revenue combined with our low maintenance capital expenditure requirement translates into steady predictable cash flow. We believe the REIT structure also provides us with greater access to capital and flexibility to pursue growth opportunities.

*Development and Expansion Opportunities.* The demand for capacity in the short-term has been affected by the budget challenges many of our government partners currently face. At the same time, these challenges impede our customers' ability to construct new prison beds of their own or update older facilities, which we believe could result in further need for private sector capacity solutions in the long-term. We intend to continue to pursue build-to-suit opportunities like our 2,552-bed Trousdale Turner Correctional Center recently constructed in Trousdale County, Tennessee, and alternative solutions like the 2,400-bed South Texas Family Residential Center whereby we identified a site and lessor to provide residential housing and administrative buildings for ICE. We also expect to continue to pursue investment opportunities like the acquisition of the residential re-entry facilities in Pennsylvania and other real estate assets used to provide mission critical governmental services primarily in the criminal justice sector, as well as business combination transactions like the acquisition of Avalon. In the long-term, however, we would like to see meaningful utilization of our available capacity and better visibility from our customers before we add any additional prison capacity on a speculative basis.

*Proven Senior Management Team.* Our senior management team has applied their prior experience and diverse industry expertise to improve our operations, related financial results, and capital structure. Under our senior management team's leadership, we have created new business opportunities with customers that have not previously utilized the private corrections sector, expanded relationships with existing customers, including all three federal correctional and detention agencies, converted to a REIT, completed several business

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combination transactions, and successfully completed numerous recapitalization and refinancing transactions, resulting in increases in profitability and enhancing stockholder value. Our senior management team has an average of 20 years of experience working in the corrections industry.

*Financial Flexibility.* As of December 31, 2015, we had cash on hand of \$65.3 million and \$446.5 million available under our revolving credit facility, with a total weighted average effective interest rate of 3.9% on all outstanding debt, while our total weighted average maturity on all outstanding debt was 5.6 years. For the year ended December 31, 2015, our fixed charge coverage ratio was 8.7x and our debt leverage was 3.5x. During the year ended December 31, 2015, we generated \$399.8 million in cash through operating activities, and as of December 31, 2015, we had net working capital of \$17.5 million.

### **Business Strategy**

Our primary business strategy is to provide prison bed capacity and quality corrections services, offer a compelling value, and increase occupancy and revenue, while maintaining our position as the leading owner, operator, and manager of privatized correctional and detention facilities. We may acquire additional correctional and re-entry facilities as well as other real estate assets used to provide mission critical governmental services primarily in the criminal justice sector, that we believe have favorable investment returns and increase value to our stockholders. We will also consider opportunities for growth, including, but not limited to, potential acquisitions of businesses within our line of business and those that provide complementary services, provided we believe such opportunities will broaden our market share and/or increase the services we can provide to our customers.

*Own and Operate High Quality Correctional and Detention Facilities.* We believe that our government partners choose an outsourced correctional service provider based primarily on availability of beds, price, and the quality of services provided. Approximately 92% of the eligible facilities we operated as of December 31, 2015, excluding our community corrections facilities, are accredited by the ACA, an independent organization of corrections industry professionals that establishes standards by which a correctional facility may gain accreditation. We believe that this percentage compares favorably to the percentage of government-operated adult prisons that are accredited by the ACA. We have experienced wardens and administrators managing our facilities, with an average of 26 years of corrections experience.

*Offer Compelling Value.* We believe that our government partners also seek a compelling value and service offering when selecting an outsourced correctional services provider. We believe that we offer a cost-effective alternative to our government partners by reducing their correctional services costs while allowing them to avoid long-term pension obligations for their employees and large capital investments in new prison beds. We attempt to improve operating performance and efficiency through the following key operating initiatives: (1) standardizing supply and service purchasing practices and usage; (2) implementing a standard approach to staffing and business practices in an effort to reduce our fixed expenses; (3) improving offender management, resource consumption, and reporting procedures through the utilization of numerous technological initiatives; (4) reconfiguring facility bed space to optimize capacity utilization; and (5) improving productivity and reducing employee turnover. Through ongoing company-wide initiatives, we continue to focus on efforts to contain costs and improve operating efficiencies, ensuring continuous delivery over the long-term.

Through our strong commitment to community corrections and re-entry programs, we offer our government partners additional compelling opportunities. Our evidence-based re-entry

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programs, including academic education, vocational training, substance abuse treatment, life skills training, and faith-based programming, are customizable based on partner needs and are applied utilizing best practices and/or industry standards. Through our efforts in community corrections and re-entry programs, we can provide consistency and common standards across facilities. We can also serve multiple levels of government on an as-needed basis, all toward reaching the goal we share with our government partners of providing offenders with the opportunity to succeed when they are released, making our communities safer, and, ultimately, reducing recidivism.

We also intend to continue to implement a wide variety of specialized services that address the unique needs of various segments of the offender population. Because the offenders in the facilities we operate differ with respect to security levels, ages, genders, and cultures, we focus on the particular needs of an offender population and tailor our services based on local conditions and our ability to provide services on a cost-effective basis.

*Increase Occupancy and Revenue.* Our industry benefits from significant economies of scale, resulting in lower operating costs per inmate as occupancy rates increase. We are pursuing a number of initiatives intended to increase our occupancy and revenue. Our competitive cost structure offers prospective government partners a compelling solution to incarceration. The unique budgetary challenges governments are facing may cause them to further rely on us to help reduce their costs, and also cause those states that have not previously utilized the private sector to turn to the private sector to help reduce their overall costs of incarceration. We are actively pursuing these opportunities. We are also focused on renewing and enhancing the terms of our existing contracts and expanding the services we provide under those contracts. We believe the long-term growth opportunities of our business remain very attractive as insufficient bed development by our government partners should result in future demand for additional bed capacity. Increases in occupancy could result in lower operating costs per inmate, resulting in higher operating margins, cash flow, and net income.

*Acquire Additional Community Corrections Facilities.* We believe there is an opportunity to increase the utilization of community corrections facilities in the United States. We believe the demand for the housing and programs that community corrections facilities offer will continue to grow as offenders are released from prison and due to an increased awareness of the important role these programs play in an offender's successful transition from prison to society. Community corrections facilities offer housing and programs, with a key focus on employment, job readiness, and life skills, in order to help offenders successfully re-enter the community and reduce the risk of recidivism. We are actively pursuing opportunities to acquire additional community corrections facilities in order to provide these services to parolees and defendants and offenders who are serving their full sentence, the last portion of their sentence, waiting to be sentenced, or awaiting trial while supervised in a community environment.

*Own and Lease Correctional and Community Corrections Facilities.* As an alternative to providing "turn-key" correctional bed space and services to our government partners, we also offer our customers an attractive portfolio of prison facilities that can be leased for various correctional needs. During the fourth quarter of 2013, we entered into an agreement to lease our California City Correctional Center to the CDCR. The lease agreement includes a three-year base term with unlimited two-year renewal options upon mutual agreement. The lease of this facility provided California an immediate solution to help reach its population capacity goals, and exemplified our ability to react quickly to our partners' needs with innovative and flexible solutions that make the best use of taxpayer dollars. In addition, in the third quarter of 2015, we acquired four community corrections facilities from a privately held owner of community corrections facilities and other government leased assets. The acquired facilities

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have a capacity of approximately 600 beds and are leased to a third-party operator under triple net lease agreements that extend through July 2019 and include multiple five-year lease extension options. We intend to pursue additional opportunities like the acquisition of the four community corrections facilities and those with the CDCR to lease prison facilities to government and other third-party operators in need of correctional capacity.

### **Capital Strategy**

As of December 31, 2015, we had cash on hand of \$65.3 million and \$446.5 million available under our revolving credit facility. We have no debt maturities until April 2020.

We completed several refinancing transactions during 2015, the result of which will increase our interest expense in the future, but reduced our exposure to variable rate debt, extended our weighted average maturity, and increased the availability under our revolving credit facility.

In July 2015, we amended and restated our revolving credit facility to reduce by 0.25% the applicable margin of base rate and LIBOR loans, incorporate a net debt concept for the consolidated secured leverage and consolidated total leverage ratios, extend the maturity from December 2017 to July 2020, and to increase the size of the “accordion” feature. Following the amendment, our revolving credit facility has an aggregate principal capacity of \$900.0 million and has an “accordion” feature that provides for uncommitted incremental extensions of credit in the form of increases in the revolving commitments or incremental term loans in an aggregate principal amount up to an additional \$350.0 million as requested by us, subject to bank approval. At our option, interest on outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility is based on either a base rate plus a margin ranging from 0.00% to 0.75% or at LIBOR plus a margin ranging from 1.00% to 1.75% based on our leverage ratio. Our revolving credit facility includes a \$30.0 million sublimit for swing line loans that enables us to borrow at the base rate from the Administrative Agent without advance notice.

On September 25, 2015, we completed the offering of \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.0% senior notes due October 15, 2022. We used net proceeds from the offering to pay down a portion of our revolving credit facility.

In October 2015, we obtained \$100.0 million under a Term Loan under the “accordion” feature of our revolving credit facility. Interest rates under the Term Loan are the same as the interest rates under our revolving credit facility, except that the interest rate on the Term Loan is at a base rate plus a margin of 0.50% or at LIBOR plus a margin of 1.75% during the first two fiscal quarters following closing of the Term Loan. We used net proceeds from the Term Loan to pay down a portion of our revolving credit facility. The Term Loan has a maturity of July 2020, with scheduled principal payments in years 2016 through 2020.

These refinancing transactions created additional flexibility to execute our business strategies and enhanced our position for future growth. We expect to continue to finance our capital requirements through a prudent mix of debt and equity capital while maintaining our existing policies around a conservative leverage ratio.

We reorganized our corporate structure to facilitate our qualification as a REIT for federal income tax purposes effective for our taxable year beginning January 1, 2013. To qualify and be taxed as a REIT, we generally are required to distribute annually to our stockholders at least 90% of our REIT taxable income (determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction and excluding net capital gains), and are subject to regular corporate income taxes to the extent we distribute less than 100% of our REIT taxable income (including capital gains) each year. The amount, timing and frequency of future distributions, however, will be



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at the sole discretion of our Board of Directors and will be declared based upon various factors, many of which are beyond our control, including our financial condition and operating cash flows, the amount required to maintain qualification and taxation as a REIT and reduce any income and excise taxes that we otherwise would be required to pay, limitations on distributions in our existing and future debt instruments, our ability to utilize net operating losses, or NOLs, to offset, in whole or in part, our REIT distribution requirements, limitations on our ability to fund distributions using cash generated through our TRSs and other factors that our Board of Directors may deem relevant. Because as a REIT we are required to distribute a substantial portion of our cash generated from operations to stockholders as a dividend, growth opportunities may require more external capital resources than were required prior to our conversion to a REIT. During 2015, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.54 in each quarter totaling \$254.8 million for the year, compared with a total of \$239.1 million during 2014 and \$221.2 million during 2013.

In addition to the cash on hand and availability under our revolving credit facility, we currently expect our REIT taxable income to be less than our operating cash flow, primarily due to the deductibility of non-cash expenses such as depreciation on our real estate assets. This liquidity provides us with the flexibility to (i) invest in additional facility acquisitions and developments, which could include acquisitions of facilities from government partners, third parties, or additional business combinations similar to the acquisition of Avalon, (ii) pay down debt, (iii) increase dividends to our stockholders, or (iv) repurchase our common stock. We also have the flexibility to issue debt or equity securities from time to time when we determine that market conditions and the opportunity to utilize the proceeds from the issuance of such securities are favorable. Such opportunities could include, but are not limited to, build-to-suit or additional acquisition opportunities that exceed our undistributed cash flow and that generate favorable investment returns.

## **Government Regulation**

### ***Business Regulations***

The industry in which we operate is subject to extensive federal, state, and local regulations, including educational, health care, and safety regulations, which are administered by many governmental and regulatory authorities. Some of the regulations are unique to the corrections industry. Facility management contracts typically include reporting requirements, supervision, and on-site monitoring by representatives of the contracting governmental agencies. Corrections officers are customarily required to meet certain training standards and, in some instances, facility personnel are required to be licensed and subject to background investigation. Certain jurisdictions also require us to award subcontracts on a competitive basis or to subcontract with businesses owned by members of minority groups. Our facilities are also subject to operational and financial audits by the governmental agencies with which we have contracts. Failure to comply with these regulations and contract requirements can result in material penalties or non-renewal or termination of facility management contracts.

***Environmental Matters***

Under various federal, state, and local environmental laws, ordinances and regulations, a current or previous owner or operator of real property may be liable for the costs of removal or remediation of hazardous or toxic substances on, under, or in such property. Such laws often impose liability whether or not the owner or operator knew of, or was responsible for, the presence of such hazardous or toxic substances. As an owner of correctional and detention facilities, we have been subject to these laws, ordinances, and regulations as the result of our operation and management of correctional and detention facilities. Phase I environmental assessments have been obtained on substantially all of the properties we currently own. We are not aware of any environmental matters that are expected to materially affect our financial condition or results of operations; however, if such matters are detected in the future, the costs of complying with environmental laws may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

***Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and Privacy and Security Requirements***

In 1996, Congress enacted the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, or HIPAA. HIPAA was designed to improve the portability and continuity of health insurance coverage, simplify the administration of health insurance, and protect the privacy and security of health-related information.

Privacy regulations promulgated under HIPAA regulate the use and disclosure of individually identifiable health information, whether communicated electronically, on paper, or orally. The regulations also provide patients with significant rights related to understanding and controlling how their health information is used or disclosed. Security regulations promulgated under HIPAA require that covered entities, including most health care providers, health clearinghouses, group health plans, and their business associates, implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to protect the security of individually identifiable health information that is maintained or transmitted electronically. These privacy and security regulations require the implementation of compliance training and awareness programs for our health care service providers and selected other employees primarily associated with our employee medical plans. Further, covered entities and their business associates must provide notification to affected individuals without unreasonable delay but not to exceed 60 days of discovery of a breach of unsecured protected health information. Notification must also be made to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or DHHS, and, in certain situations involving large breaches, to the media. In a final rule released in January 2013, DHHS modified the breach notification requirement by creating a presumption that all non-permitted uses or disclosures of unsecured protected health information are breaches unless the covered entity or business associate establishes that there is a low probability the information has been compromised.

Violations of the HIPAA privacy and security regulations could result in significant civil and criminal penalties, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, or ARRA, has strengthened the enforcement provisions of HIPAA. ARRA broadens the applicability of the criminal penalty provisions to employees of covered entities and requires DHHS to impose penalties for violations resulting from willful neglect. ARRA also increases the amount of the civil penalties, with penalties of up to \$50,000 per violation for a maximum civil penalty of \$1,500,000 in a calendar year for violations of the same requirement. Further, ARRA authorizes state attorneys general to bring civil actions for injunctions or damages in response to violations that threaten the privacy of state residents. In addition, under ARRA, DHHS is required to perform periodic HIPAA compliance audits of covered entities and their business associates.

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In addition, there are numerous legislative and regulatory initiatives at the federal and state levels addressing the privacy and security of patient health information and other identifying information. For example, federal and various state laws and regulations strictly regulate the disclosure of patient identifiable information related to substance abuse treatment. Further, various state laws and regulations require providers and other entities to notify affected individuals in the event of a data breach involving certain types of individually identifiable health or financial information, and these requirements may be more restrictive than the regulations issued under HIPAA and ARRA. These statutes vary and could impose additional penalties and compliance costs.

### ***Healthcare reform could have an impact on our business***

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (collectively, the “Health Reform Law”) were signed into law in the United States. Certain of the provisions that have increased our healthcare costs since 2010 include the removal of annual plan limits, the expansion of dependent child coverage up to age 26, the mandate that health plans provide 100% coverage on expanded preventive care, and, in 2014, the removal of pre-existing condition exclusions. In addition, beginning with the 2014 benefit year, we became subject to the three-year annual Transitional Reinsurance Fee, imposed in order to finance a temporary reinsurance fund established to stabilize individual premiums purchased through the federal and state insurance exchanges. Our healthcare costs may continue to be negatively affected in the future, depending upon regulatory guidance, elements of the law that are effective as of future dates, the impact the law could have on healthcare rates in general, and our response to these changes. While much of the added cost from the Health Reform Law has occurred, we anticipate added costs in the future due to provisions being phased in over time. Changes to our healthcare cost structure could have an impact on our business and operating costs.

Beginning in 2016, the Health Reform Law requires applicable large employers to report to the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, information regarding health coverage offered to full-time employees. Compliance with the Health Reform reporting rules increases the cost of complying with the Health Reform Law and could impact our operating costs.

### **Insurance**

We maintain general liability insurance for all the facilities we operate, as well as insurance in amounts we deem adequate to cover property and casualty risks, workers’ compensation, and directors and officers liability. In addition, each of our leases with third parties provides that the lessee will maintain insurance on each leased property under the lessee’s insurance policies providing for the following coverages: (i) fire, vandalism, and malicious mischief, extended coverage perils, and all physical loss perils; (ii) comprehensive general public liability (including personal injury and property damage); and (iii) workers’ compensation. Under each of these leases, we have the right to periodically review our lessees’ insurance coverage and provide input with respect thereto.

Each of our management contracts and the statutes of certain states require the maintenance of insurance. We maintain various insurance policies including employee health, workers’ compensation, automobile liability, and general liability insurance. Because we are significantly self-insured for employee health, workers’ compensation, automobile liability, and general liability insurance, the amount of our insurance expense is dependent on claims experience, and our ability to control our claims experience. Our insurance policies contain

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various deductibles and stop-loss amounts intended to limit our exposure for individually significant occurrences. However, the nature of our self-insurance policies provides little protection for deterioration in overall claims experience or an increase in medical costs. We are continually developing strategies to improve the management of our future loss claims but can provide no assurance that these strategies will be successful. However, unanticipated additional insurance expenses resulting from adverse claims experience or an increasing cost environment for general liability and other types of insurance could adversely impact our results of operations and cash flows.

### **Employees**

As of December 31, 2015, we employed approximately 14,055 employees. Of such employees, approximately 405 were employed at our corporate offices and approximately 13,650 were employed at our facilities and in our inmate transportation business. We employ personnel in the following areas: clerical and administrative, facility administrators/wardens, security, medical, quality assurance, transportation and scheduling, maintenance, teachers, counselors, chaplains, and other support services.

Each of the facilities we currently operate is managed as a separate operational unit by the facility administrator or warden. All of these facilities follow a standardized code of policies and procedures.

We have not experienced a strike or work stoppage at any of our facilities. Approximately 1,010 employees at five of our facilities are represented by labor unions. In the opinion of management, overall employee relations are good.

### **Competition**

The correctional and detention facilities we own, operate, or manage, as well as those facilities we own but are managed by other operators, are subject to competition for inmates from other private prison managers. We compete primarily on the basis of bed availability, cost, the quality and range of services offered, our experience in the design, construction, and management of correctional and detention facilities, and our reputation. We compete with government agencies that are responsible for correctional facilities and a number of privatized correctional service companies, including, but not limited to, The GEO Group, Inc. and Management and Training Corporation. We also compete in some markets with small local companies that may have a better knowledge of the local conditions and may be better able to gain political and public acceptance. Other potential competitors may in the future enter into businesses competitive with us without a substantial capital investment or prior experience. We may also compete in the future for acquisitions and new development projects with companies that have more financial resources than we have or those willing to accept lower returns than we are willing to accept. Competition by other companies may adversely affect the number of inmates at our facilities, which could have a material adverse effect on the operating revenue of our facilities. In addition, revenue derived from our facilities will be affected by a number of factors, including the demand for inmate beds, general economic conditions, and the age of the general population.

### **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.**

As the owner and operator of correctional and detention facilities, we are subject to certain risks and uncertainties associated with, among other things, the corrections and detention industry and pending or threatened litigation in which we are involved. In addition, we are also currently subject to risks associated with our indebtedness as well as our qualification as a REIT for federal income tax purposes effective for our taxable years beginning January 1,

2013. The risks and uncertainties set forth below could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking statements contained herein and elsewhere. The risks described below are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or those we currently deem to be immaterial may also materially and adversely affect our business operations. Any of the following risks could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, or results of operations.

### **Risks Related to Our Business and Industry**

***Our results of operations are dependent on revenues generated by our jails, prisons, detention, and residential facilities, which are subject to the following risks associated with the corrections and detention industry.***

*We are subject to fluctuations in occupancy levels, and a decrease in occupancy levels could cause a decrease in revenues and profitability. While a substantial portion of our cost structure is fixed, a substantial portion of our revenue is generated under facility ownership and management contracts that specify per diem payments based upon daily occupancy. We are dependent upon the governmental agencies with which we have contracts to provide inmates for our managed facilities. We cannot control occupancy levels at the facilities we operate. Under a per diem rate structure, a decrease in our occupancy rates could cause a decrease in revenue and profitability. For the years 2015, 2014, and 2013, the average compensated occupancy of our facilities, based on rated capacity, was 83%, 84%, and 85%, respectively, for all of the facilities we operated, exclusive of facilities that have been presented as discontinued operations and those that are leased to third-party operators where our revenue is generally not based on daily occupancy. Occupancy rates may, however, decrease below these levels in the future. When combined with relatively fixed costs for operating each facility, a decrease in occupancy levels could have a material adverse effect on our profitability.*

*We are dependent on government appropriations and our results of operations may be negatively affected by governmental budgetary challenges. Our cash flow is subject to the receipt of sufficient funding of, and timely payment by, contracting governmental entities. If the appropriate governmental agency does not receive sufficient appropriations to cover its contractual obligations, it may terminate our contract or delay or reduce payment to us. Any delays in payment, or the termination of a contract, could have an adverse effect on our cash flow and financial condition. In addition, federal, state and local governments are constantly under pressure to control additional spending or reduce current levels of spending. In prior years, these pressures have been compounded by economic downturns. Accordingly, we have been requested and may be requested in the future to reduce our existing per diem contract rates or forego prospective increases to those rates. Further, our government partners could reduce inmate population levels in facilities we own or manage to contain their correctional costs. In addition, it may become more difficult to renew our existing contracts on favorable terms or otherwise.*

*Competition may adversely affect the profitability of our business. We compete with government entities and other private operators on the basis of bed availability, cost, quality and range of services offered, experience in designing, constructing, and managing facilities, and reputation of management and personnel. While there are barriers to entering the market for the ownership and management of correctional and detention facilities, these barriers may not be sufficient to limit additional competition. In addition, our government customers may assume the management of a facility that they own and we currently manage for them upon the termination of the corresponding management contract or, if such customers have capacity at their facilities, may take inmates currently housed in our facilities and transfer them to government-run facilities. Since we are paid on a per diem basis with no minimum guaranteed occupancy under most of our contracts, the loss of such inmates and resulting decrease in occupancy would cause a decrease in our revenues and profitability.*

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*Resistance to privatization of correctional and detention facilities and escapes or inmate disturbances could result in our inability to obtain new contracts, the loss of existing contracts, or other unforeseen consequences.* The operation of correctional and detention facilities by private entities has not achieved complete acceptance by either governments or the public. The movement toward privatization of correctional and detention facilities has also encountered resistance from certain groups, such as labor unions and others that believe that correctional and detention facilities should only be operated by governmental agencies. Legislation has been proposed in the United States Congress to prohibit the federal government from entering into contracts with private prison operators, and to eliminate state and local contracts for privately run prisons. Such legislation runs contrary to our business purpose and, if passed, would have a material adverse impact on our business. Moreover, the belief or market perception that such legislation could be passed could have a negative impact on our stock price.

Further, negative publicity about an escape, riot or other disturbance or perceived poor operational performance, contract compliance, or other conditions at a privately managed facility may result in adverse publicity to us and the private corrections industry in general. Any of these occurrences or continued trends may make it more difficult for us to renew or maintain existing contracts or to obtain new contracts, which could have a material adverse effect on our business.

*We are subject to terminations, non-renewals, or competitive re-bids of our government contracts.* We typically enter into facility contracts with governmental entities for terms of up to five years, with additional renewal periods at the option of the contracting governmental agency. Notwithstanding any contractual renewal option of a contracting governmental agency, as of December 31, 2015, 34 of our facility contracts with the customers listed under “Business – Facility Portfolio – Facilities and Facility Management Contracts” are currently scheduled to expire on or before December 31, 2016 but have renewal options (24), or are currently scheduled to expire on or before December 31, 2016 and have no renewal options (10). Although we generally expect these customers to exercise renewal options or negotiate new contracts with us, one or more of these contracts may not be renewed by the corresponding governmental agency. In addition, these and any other contracting agencies may determine not to exercise renewal options with respect to any of our contracts in the future. Our government partners can also re-bid contracts in a competitive procurement process upon termination or non-renewal of our contract. Competitive re-bids may result from the expiration of the term of a contract, including the initial term and any renewal periods, or the early termination of a contract. Competitive re-bids are often required by applicable federal or state procurement laws periodically in order to further competitive pricing and other terms for the government agency. The aggregate revenue earned during the year ended December 31, 2015 for the 34 contracts with scheduled maturity dates, notwithstanding contractual renewal options, on or before December 31, 2016 was \$594.0 million, or 33% of total revenue.

During December 2014, the BOP announced that it elected not to renew its contract with us at our owned and operated 2,016-bed Northeast Ohio Correctional Center with a net carrying value of \$31.8 million as of December 31, 2015. The contract with the BOP at this facility expired on May 31, 2015. Facility net operating income decreased by \$11.8 million from the year ended December 31, 2014 to the year ended December 31, 2015 as a result of this reduction in inmate population. We expect to continue to house USMS detainees at this facility pursuant to a separate contract that expires December 31, 2016 with one two-year renewal option remaining, while we continue to market the space that became available.

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In April 2015, we provided notice to the state of Louisiana that we would cease management of the managed-only contract at the state-owned 1,538-bed Winn Correctional Center within 180 days, in accordance with the notice provisions of the contract. Management of the facility transitioned to another operator effective September 30, 2015. We generated facility net operating income at this facility of \$0.9 million and \$1.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. We incurred a facility net operating loss at the Winn Correctional Center of \$3.9 million during the time the facility was active in 2015. In anticipation of terminating the contract at this facility, we also recorded an asset impairment of \$1.0 million during the first quarter of 2015 for the write-off of goodwill associated with the Winn facility.

During May 2015, the state of Vermont announced that it elected to not renew the contract that would have allowed for Vermont's continued use of our owned and operated 816-bed Lee Adjustment Center. The contract expired on June 30, 2015. During the first six months of 2015, the offender population at the Lee Adjustment Center averaged 308 offenders, compared with 458 offenders during the same period in 2014. We generated facility net operating income at this facility of \$0.8 million and \$1.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. We incurred a facility net operating loss of \$1.2 million during the time the facility was active in 2015. We idled the facility upon transfer of the offender population in June 2015, but will continue to market the facility to other customers. The net carrying value of the Lee Adjustment Center was \$10.8 million as of December 31, 2015.

Our contract with the New Mexico Department of Corrections, or NMDOC at the New Mexico Women's Correctional Facility is currently scheduled to expire in June 2016. In November 2015, the NMDOC issued a Request For Proposal, or RFP, for up to 800 beds to house minimum, medium, and maximum security male inmates and to provide a male sex offender treatment program. We submitted a proposal to convert our New Mexico Women's Correctional Facility into a facility that would meet the requirements of the RFP, in the event the NMDOC prefers to utilize the facility for male sex offenders instead of a female population. In February 2016, the NMDOC cancelled the RFP and we expect a new RFP to be issued prior to the expiration of the existing contract. We can provide no assurance that we will either renew the existing contract to house female inmate populations or enter into a new contract to house male inmate populations. The net carrying value of the New Mexico Women's Correctional Facility was \$18.6 million as of December 31, 2015.

Based on information available at this filing, notwithstanding the contracts at facilities described above, we expect to renew all other material contracts that have expired or are scheduled to expire within the next twelve months. We believe our renewal rate on existing contracts remains high as a result of a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, the constrained supply of available beds within the U.S. correctional system, our ownership of the majority of the beds we operate, and the quality of our operations.

Governmental agencies typically may terminate a facility contract at any time without cause or use the possibility of termination to negotiate a lower per diem rate. In the event any of our contracts are terminated or are not renewed on favorable terms or otherwise, we may not be able to obtain additional replacement contracts. The non-renewal, termination, or competitive re-bid of any of our contracts with governmental agencies could materially adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations and liquidity, including our ability to secure new facility contracts from others.

*Our ability to secure new contracts to develop and manage correctional and detention facilities depends on many factors outside our control. Our growth is generally dependent upon our ability to obtain new contracts to develop and manage correctional and detention*

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facilities. This possible growth depends on a number of factors we cannot control, including crime rates and sentencing patterns in various jurisdictions, governmental budgetary constraints, and governmental and public acceptance of privatization. The demand for our facilities and services could be adversely affected by the relaxation of enforcement efforts, leniency in conviction or parole standards and sentencing practices or through the decriminalization of certain activities that are currently proscribed by criminal laws. For instance, any changes with respect to drugs and controlled substances or illegal immigration could affect the number of persons arrested, convicted, and sentenced, thereby potentially reducing demand for correctional facilities to house them. Immigration reform laws are currently a focus for legislators and politicians at the federal, state, and local level. Legislation has also been proposed in numerous jurisdictions that could lower minimum sentences for some non-violent crimes and make more inmates eligible for early release based on good behavior. Also, sentencing alternatives under consideration could put some offenders on probation with electronic monitoring who would otherwise be incarcerated. Similarly, reductions in crime rates or resources dedicated to prevent and enforce crime could lead to reductions in arrests, convictions and sentences requiring incarceration at correctional facilities. Our company does not, under longstanding policy, lobby for or against policies or legislation that would determine the basis for, or duration of, an individual's incarceration or detention.

Moreover, certain jurisdictions recently have required successful bidders to make a significant capital investment in connection with the financing of a particular project, a trend that will require us to have sufficient capital resources to compete effectively. We may compete for such projects with companies that have more financial resources than we have. Further, we may not be able to obtain the capital resources when needed. A prolonged downturn in the financial capital markets could make it more difficult to obtain capital resources at favorable rates of return or obtain capital resources at all.

*We may face community opposition to facility location, which may adversely affect our ability to obtain new contracts.* Our success in obtaining new awards and contracts sometimes depends, in part, upon our ability to locate land that can be leased or acquired, on economically favorable terms, by us or other entities working with us in conjunction with our proposal to construct and/or manage a facility. Some locations may be in or near populous areas and, therefore, may generate legal action or other forms of opposition from residents in areas surrounding a proposed site. When we select the intended project site, we attempt to conduct business in communities where local leaders and residents generally support the establishment of a privatized correctional or detention facility. Future efforts to find suitable host communities may not be successful. We may incur substantial costs in evaluating the feasibility of the development of a correctional or detention facility. As a result, we may report significant charges if we decide to abandon efforts to develop a correctional or detention facility on a particular site. In many cases, the site selection is made by the contracting governmental entity. In such cases, site selection may be made for reasons related to political and/or economic development interests and may lead to the selection of sites that have less favorable environments.

*Providing family residential services increases certain unique risks and difficulties compared to operating our other facilities.* In September 2014, we signed an amended agreement to provide safe and humane residential housing, as well as educational opportunities, to women and children under the custody of ICE, who are awaiting their due process before immigration courts. This is an important service to our federal government partner. At the same time, providing this type of residential service subjects us to unique risks such as unanticipated increased costs and litigation that could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, or results of operations. For instance, the contract mandates resident to staff ratios that are higher than our typical contract, requires services unique to this contract (e.g. child care and primary education services), and limits the use of security



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protocols and techniques typically utilized in correctional and detention settings. These operational risks and others associated with privately managing this type of residential facility could result in higher costs associated with staffing and lead to increased litigation.

In June 2015, ICE announced a policy change with regards to family detention that has shortened the duration of ICE detention for those who are awaiting further process before immigration courts. In addition, numerous lawsuits, to which we are not a party, have challenged the government's policy of detaining migrant families. In one such lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Central District of California regarding a settlement agreement between ICE and a plaintiffs' class consisting of detained minors, the court issued an order on August 21, 2015, enforcing the settlement agreement and requiring compliance by October 23, 2015. The court's order clarifies that the government has the flexibility to hold class members for longer periods of time during influxes of large numbers of undocumented migrant families via the southern U.S. border. After announcing its intention to comply fully with the court's order, the federal government appealed and was granted an expedited briefing schedule by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Any court decision or government action that impacts this contract could materially affect our cash flows, financial condition, and results of operations.

*We may incur significant start-up and operating costs on new contracts before receiving related revenues, which may impact our cash flows and not be recouped.* When we are awarded a contract to provide or manage a facility, we may incur significant start-up and operating expenses, including the cost of constructing the facility, purchasing equipment and staffing the facility, before we receive any payments under the contract. These expenditures could result in a significant reduction in our cash reserves and may make it more difficult for us to meet other cash obligations. In addition, a contract may be terminated prior to its scheduled expiration and as a result we may not recover these expenditures or realize any return on our investment.

*Failure to comply with facility contracts or with unique and increased governmental regulation could result in material penalties or non-renewal or termination of noncompliant contracts or our other contracts to provide or manage correctional and detention facilities.* The industry in which we operate is subject to extensive federal, state, and local regulations, including educational, health care, and safety regulations, which are administered by many regulatory authorities. Some of the regulations are unique to the corrections industry, some are unique to government contractors, and the combination of regulations we face is unique and complex. Facility contracts typically include reporting requirements, supervision, and on-site monitoring by representatives of the contracting governmental agencies. Corrections officers are customarily required to meet certain training standards and, in some instances, facility personnel are required to be licensed and subject to background investigation. Certain jurisdictions also require us to award subcontracts on a competitive basis or to subcontract with certain types of businesses, such as small businesses and businesses owned by members of minority groups. Our facilities are also subject to operational and financial audits by the governmental agencies with which we have contracts. Federal regulations also require federal government contractors like us to self-report evidence of certain forms of misconduct. We may not always successfully comply with these regulations and contract requirements, and failure to comply can result in material penalties, including financial penalties, non-renewal or termination of noncompliant contracts or our other facility contracts, and suspension or debarment from contracting with certain government entities.

In addition, private prison managers are subject to government legislation and regulation attempting to restrict the ability of private prison managers to house certain types of inmates, such as inmates from other jurisdictions or inmates at medium or higher security levels. Legislation has been enacted in several states, and has previously been proposed in the United States Congress, containing such restrictions. Such legislation may have an adverse effect on us.

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Our inmate transportation subsidiary, TransCor, is subject to regulations promulgated by the Departments of Transportation and Justice. TransCor must also comply with the Interstate Transportation of Dangerous Criminals Act of 2000, which covers operational aspects of transporting prisoners, including, but not limited to, background checks and drug testing of employees; employee training; employee hours; staff-to-inmate ratios; prisoner restraints; communication with local law enforcement; and standards to help ensure the safety of prisoners during transport. We are subject to changes in such regulations, which could result in an increase in the cost of our transportation operations.

On December 18, 2015, the Federal Communications Commission, or FCC, which regulates telecommunications, published an Order in the Federal Register which sets numerous rate caps on interstate and intrastate inmate calling services, or ICS. The Order applies directly to ICS providers who offer their services pursuant to contracts with correctional facilities, including those that we manage.

The vast majority of our facilities will be subject to the rate caps applicable to state and federal prisons. A separate tiered rate cap structure will apply at small jails we operate. The Order will become effective on March 17, 2016.

This Order, when effective, could reduce ICS-related revenue, as it expands coverage to intrastate ICS, but due to the unpredictability of call volume increases that may occur as a result of lower rates, the amount of impact cannot be anticipated at this time. Further, at least one ICS provider has appealed the Order in federal court, and has announced its intention of seeking an immediate stay of its enforcement, hence the Order's implementation may be delayed in whole or in part. Certain of our ICS providers continue to eliminate payments to correctional facilities that they believe might violate this Order or the prior Order.

The impact to our revenue is limited as a significant amount of commissions paid by our ICS providers are passed along to our customers or are reserved and used for the benefit of inmates in our care. Our failure to comply with, or changes to, existing regulations or adoption of new regulations in the areas discussed above could result in further increases to our costs or reductions in our revenue.

The FCC also issued a Third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, or TNPRM, on October 22, 2015, seeking comment on various topics including the development of international ICS rate caps; the potential regulation of rates associated with technology-based ICS alternatives, such as videoconferencing; and whether additional reforms are necessary for effective regulation of revenue sharing agreements. All of these reforms, if pursued, could impact revenue to correctional facility operators, both public and private.

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*Government agencies may investigate and audit our contracts and, if any improprieties are found, we may be required to cure those improprieties, refund revenues we have received, to forego anticipated revenues, and we may be subject to penalties and sanctions, including prohibitions on our bidding in response to RFPs.* Certain of the governmental agencies with which we contract have the authority to audit and investigate our contracts with them. As part of that process, government agencies may review our performance of the contract, our pricing practices, our cost structure and our compliance with applicable performance requirements, laws, regulations and standards. The regulatory and contractual environment in which we operate is complex and many aspects of our operations remain subject to manual processes and oversight that make compliance monitoring difficult and resource intensive. A governmental agency review could result in a request to cure a performance or compliance issue, and if we are unable to do so, the failure could lead to termination of the contract in question or other contracts that we have with that governmental agency. Similarly, for contracts that actually or effectively provide for certain reimbursement of expenses, if an agency determines that we have improperly allocated costs to a specific contract, we may not be reimbursed for those costs, and we could be required to refund the amount of any such costs that have been reimbursed. If a government audit asserts improper or illegal activities by us, we may be subject to civil and criminal penalties and administrative sanctions, including termination of contracts, forfeitures of profits, suspension of payments, fines and suspension or disqualification from doing business with certain government entities. In addition to the potential civil and criminal penalties and administrative sanctions, any adverse determination with respect to contractual or regulatory violations could negatively impact our ability to bid in response to RFPs in one or more jurisdictions.

*We depend on a limited number of governmental customers for a significant portion of our revenues.* We currently derive, and expect to continue to derive, a significant portion of our revenues from a limited number of governmental agencies. The loss of, or a significant decrease in, business from the BOP, ICE, USMS, or various state agencies could seriously harm our financial condition and results of operations. The three primary federal governmental agencies with correctional and detention responsibilities, the BOP, ICE, and USMS, accounted for 51% of our total revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 (\$911.8 million). ICE accounted for 24% of our total revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 (\$439.1 million), USMS accounted for 16% of our total revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 (\$282.7 million), and BOP accounted for 11% of our total revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 (\$190.0 million). Although the revenue generated from each of these agencies is derived from numerous management contracts, the loss of one or more of such contracts could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations. Revenue from our South Texas Family Residential Center was \$244.7 million in 2015. The loss of this contract would have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations. See “MD&A - Results of Operations” for a further discussion regarding our contract at the South Texas Family Residential Center. We expect to continue to depend upon these federal agencies and a relatively small group of other governmental customers for a significant percentage of our revenues.

The CDCR accounted for 11% of our total revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 (\$202.3 million), including the revenue we generated at our California City facility under a lease, a decrease from \$236.9 million, or 14%, of our total revenues in 2014, and \$204.9 million, or 12% of our total revenues in 2013. Our management and lease agreements with the CDCR, as well as the status of legal and legislative action contributing to the reduction in the state of California inmate populations, are more fully described hereafter in “MD&A - Results of Operations”.

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### ***We are dependent upon our senior management and our ability to attract and retain sufficient qualified personnel.***

The success of our business depends in large part on the ability and experience of our senior management. The unexpected loss of any of these persons could materially adversely affect our business and operations.

In addition, the services we provide are labor-intensive. When we are awarded a facility management contract or open a new facility, we must hire operating management, correctional officers, and other personnel. The success of our business requires that we attract, develop, and retain these personnel. Our inability to hire sufficient qualified personnel on a timely basis or the loss of significant numbers of personnel at existing facilities could adversely affect our business and operations. Under many of our contracts, we are subject to financial penalties for insufficient staffing.

### ***Adverse developments in our relationship with our employees could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.***

As of December 31, 2015, we employed approximately 14,055 employees. Approximately 1,010 of our employees at five of our facilities, or approximately 7% of our workforce, are represented by labor unions. We have not experienced a strike or work stoppage at any of our facilities and in the opinion of management overall employee relations are good. New executive orders, administrative rules and changes in National Labor Relations could increase organizational activity at locations where employees are currently not represented by a labor organization. Increases in organizational activity or any future work stoppages could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, or results of operations.

### ***Proposed changes to Federal wage regulations could have an impact on our future results of operations.***

As a labor-intensive business, changes in labor regulations can materially impact our business. In July 2015, the U.S. Department of Labor, or DOL, published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with revisions to the Fair Labor Standards Act's, or FLSA's, overtime exemptions. The proposed revisions increase the minimum salary needed to qualify for the FLSA's standard white collar employee exemptions and also propose to increase the threshold to qualify for the highly compensated employee exemption. Additionally, the proposed revisions would adjust (and likely increase) these salary thresholds on an annual basis. The DOL has not yet announced any final rule or when any final rule would be effective, so we cannot be certain as to the impact on our business in the future, but any such new regulations could result in higher payroll costs and negatively impact profitability.

### ***We are subject to necessary insurance costs.***

Workers' compensation, auto liability, employee health, and general liability insurance represent significant costs to us. Because we are significantly self-insured for workers' compensation, auto liability, employee health, and general liability risks, the amount of our insurance expense is dependent on claims experience, our ability to control our claims experience, and in the case of workers' compensation and employee health, rising health care costs in general. Unanticipated additional insurance costs could adversely impact our results of operations and cash flows, and the failure to obtain or maintain any necessary insurance coverage could have a material adverse effect on us.

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### ***We may be adversely affected by inflation.***

Many of our facility contracts provide for fixed fees or fees that increase by only small amounts during their terms. If, due to inflation or other causes, our operating expenses, such as wages and salaries of our employees, insurance, medical, and food costs, increase at rates faster than increases, if any, in our fees, then our profitability would be adversely affected. See “MD&A – Inflation.”

### ***We are subject to legal proceedings associated with owning and managing correctional and detention facilities.***

Our ownership and management of correctional and detention facilities, and the provision of inmate transportation services by a subsidiary, expose us to potential third-party claims or litigation by prisoners or other persons relating to personal injury or other damages resulting from contact with a facility, its managers, personnel or other prisoners, including damages arising from a prisoner’s escape from, or a disturbance or riot at, a facility we own or manage, or from the misconduct of our employees. To the extent the events serving as a basis for any potential claims are alleged or determined to constitute illegal or criminal activity, we could also be subject to criminal liability. Such liability could result in significant monetary fines and could affect our ability to bid on future contracts and retain our existing contracts. In addition, as an owner of real property, we may be subject to a variety of proceedings relating to personal injuries of persons at such facilities. The claims against our facilities may be significant and may not be covered by insurance. Even in cases covered by insurance, our deductible (or self-insured retention) may be significant.

### ***We are subject to risks associated with ownership of real estate.***

Our ownership of correctional and detention facilities subjects us to risks typically associated with investments in real estate. Investments in real estate and, in particular, correctional and detention facilities have limited or no alternative use and thus, are relatively illiquid. Therefore, our ability to divest ourselves of one or more of our facilities promptly in response to changed conditions is limited. Investments in correctional and detention facilities, in particular, subject us to risks involving potential exposure to environmental liability and uninsured loss. Our operating costs may be affected by the obligation to pay for the cost of complying with existing environmental laws, ordinances and regulations, as well as the cost of complying with future legislation. In addition, although we maintain insurance for many types of losses, there are certain types of losses, such as losses from earthquakes and acts of terrorism, which may be either uninsurable or for which it may not be economically feasible to obtain insurance coverage, in light of the substantial costs associated with such insurance. As a result, we could lose both our capital invested in, and anticipated profits from, one or more of the facilities we own. Further, it is possible to experience losses that may exceed the limits of insurance coverage.

In addition, facility development and expansion projects pose additional risks, including cost overruns caused by various factors, many of which are beyond our control, such as weather, labor conditions, and material shortages, resulting in increased construction costs. Further, if we are unable to utilize this new bed capacity, our financial results could deteriorate.

*Certain of our facilities are subject to options to purchase and reversions.* Eleven of our facilities are subject to an option to purchase by certain governmental agencies. Such options are exercisable by the corresponding contracting governmental entity generally at any time during the term of the respective facility contract. Certain of these purchase options are based on the depreciated book value of the facility, which essentially results in the transfer of

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ownership of the facility to the governmental agency at the end of the life used for accounting purposes. See “Business – Facility Portfolio – Facilities and Facility Management Contracts.” If any of these options are exercised, there exists the risk that we will be unable to invest the proceeds from the sale of the facility in one or more properties that yield as much cash flow as the property acquired by the government entity. In addition, in the event any of these options is exercised, there exists the risk that the contracting governmental agency will terminate the management contract associated with such facility. For the year ended December 31, 2015, the eleven facilities currently subject to these options generated \$358.7 million in revenue (20.0% of total revenue) and incurred \$266.3 million in operating expenses. Certain of the options to purchase are exercisable at prices below fair market value. See “Business – Facility Portfolio – Facilities and Facility Management Contracts.”

In addition, the ownership of one of our facilities will, upon the expiration of a ground lease in 2017, revert to the governmental agency contracting with us. This facility is also subject to an option to purchase by the governmental agency. See “Business – Facility Portfolio – Facilities and Facility Management Contracts.” At the time of such reversion, there exists the risk that the contracting governmental agency will terminate the contract associated with such facility. For the year ended December 31, 2015, the facility subject to reversion generated \$17.7 million in revenue (1.0% of total revenue) and incurred \$18.4 million in operating expenses.

*Risks related to facility construction and development activities may increase our costs related to such activities.* When we are engaged to perform construction and design services for a facility, we typically act as the primary contractor and subcontract with other companies who act as the general contractors. As primary contractor, we are subject to the various risks associated with construction (including, without limitation, shortages of labor and materials, work stoppages, labor disputes, and weather interference) which could cause construction delays. In addition, we are subject to the risk that the general contractor will be unable to complete construction at the budgeted costs or be unable to fund any excess construction costs, even though we require general contractors to post construction bonds and insurance. Under such contracts, we are ultimately liable for all late delivery penalties and cost overruns.

*We may be adversely affected by the rising cost and increased difficulty of obtaining adequate levels of surety credit on favorable terms.*

We are often required to post bid or performance bonds issued by a surety company as a condition to bidding on or being awarded a contract. Availability and pricing of these surety commitments are subject to general market and industry conditions, among other factors. Increases in surety costs could adversely affect our operating results if we are unable to effectively pass along such increases to our customers. We cannot assure you that we will have continued access to surety credit or that we will be able to secure bonds economically, without additional collateral, or at the levels required for any potential facility development or contract bids. If we are unable to obtain adequate levels of surety credit on favorable terms, we would have to rely upon letters of credit under our revolving credit facility, which could entail higher costs even if such borrowing capacity was available when desired at the time, and our ability to bid for or obtain new contracts could be impaired.

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***Interruption, delay or failure of the provision of our technology services or information systems, or the compromise of the security thereof, could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.***

Components of our business depend significantly on effective information systems and technologies. As with all companies that utilize information systems, we are vulnerable to negative impacts if the operation of those systems is interrupted, delayed, or certain information contained therein is compromised. As a matter of course, we exchange data with our government partners and other third-party providers. We employ industry-standard methodologies to ensure the availability and security of such systems and information. Despite the security measures we have in place, and any additional measures we may implement in the future, our facilities and systems, and those of our third-party service providers, could be vulnerable to security breaches, computer viruses, lost or misplaced data, programming errors, human errors, acts of vandalism, or other events. For example, several well-known companies have recently disclosed high-profile security breaches, involving sophisticated and highly targeted attacks on their company's infrastructure or their customers' data, which were not recognized or detected until after such companies had been affected notwithstanding the preventative measures they had in place. Any security breach or event resulting in the interruption, delay or failure of our services or information systems, or the misappropriation, loss, or other unauthorized disclosure of customer data or confidential information, including confidential information about our employees, whether by us directly or our third-party service providers, could damage our reputation, expose us to the risks of litigation and liability, disrupt our business, result in lost business, or otherwise adversely affect our results of operations.

### **Risks Related to Our Indebtedness**

***Our indebtedness could adversely affect our financial health and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations under our debt securities.***

We have a significant amount of indebtedness. As of December 31, 2015, we had total indebtedness of \$1,464.0 million. Our indebtedness could have important consequences. For example, it could:

- make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to our indebtedness;
- increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our indebtedness, thereby reducing the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures, dividends, and other general corporate purposes;
- limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate;
- place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt; and
- limit our ability to borrow additional funds or refinance existing indebtedness on favorable terms.

***Our senior bank credit facility and other debt instruments have restrictive covenants that could limit our financial flexibility.***

The indentures related to our aggregate original principal amount of \$325.0 million 4.125% senior notes due 2020, \$350.0 million 4.625% senior notes due 2023, and \$250.0 million 5.0% senior notes due 2022, collectively referred to herein as our senior notes, and our senior bank credit facility, contain financial and other restrictive covenants that limit our ability to engage in activities that may be in our long-term best interests. Our ability to borrow under our senior bank credit facility is subject to compliance with certain financial covenants, including leverage and interest coverage ratios. Our senior bank credit facility includes other restrictions that, among other things, limit our ability to incur indebtedness; grant liens; engage in mergers, consolidations and liquidations; make asset dispositions, restricted payments and investments; enter into transactions with affiliates; and amend, modify or prepay certain indebtedness. The indentures related to our senior notes contain limitations on our ability to effect mergers and change of control events, as well as other limitations on our ability to create liens on our assets.

Our failure to comply with these covenants could result in an event of default that, if not cured or waived, could result in the acceleration of all or a substantial portion of our debts. We do not have sufficient working capital to satisfy our debt obligations in the event of an acceleration of all or a significant portion of our outstanding indebtedness.

***Servicing our indebtedness will require a significant amount of cash. Our ability to generate cash depends on many factors beyond our control.***

Our ability to make payments on our indebtedness, to refinance our indebtedness, and to fund planned capital expenditures will depend on our ability to generate cash in the future. This, to a certain extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory, and other factors that are beyond our control.

The risk exists that our business will be unable to generate sufficient cash flow from operations or that future borrowings will not be available to us under our senior bank credit facility in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay our indebtedness, including our existing senior notes, or to fund our other liquidity needs. We may need to refinance all or a portion of our indebtedness, including our senior notes, on or before maturity. We may not, however, be able to refinance any of our indebtedness, including our senior bank credit facility and including our senior notes, on commercially reasonable terms or at all.

***We are required to repurchase all or a portion of our senior notes upon a change of control, and our senior bank credit facility is subject to acceleration upon a change of control.***

Upon certain change of control events, as that term is defined in the indentures for our senior notes, including a change of control caused by an unsolicited third party, we are required to make an offer in cash to repurchase all or any part of each holder's notes at a repurchase price equal to 101% of the principal thereof, plus accrued interest. The source of funds for any such repurchase would be our available cash or cash generated from operations or other sources, including borrowings, sales of equity or funds provided by a new controlling person or entity. Sufficient funds may not be available to us, however, at the time of any change of control event to repurchase all or a portion of the tendered notes pursuant to this requirement. Our failure to offer to repurchase notes, or to repurchase notes tendered, following a change of control will result in a default under the respective indentures, which could lead to a cross-default under our senior bank credit facility and under the terms of our other indebtedness. In addition, our senior bank credit facility which is subject to acceleration upon the occurrence



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of a change in control (as described therein), may prohibit us from making any such required repurchases. Prior to repurchasing the notes upon a change of control event, we must either repay outstanding indebtedness under our senior bank credit facility or obtain the consent of the lenders under our senior bank credit facility. If we do not obtain the required consents or repay our outstanding indebtedness under our senior bank credit facility, we would remain effectively prohibited from offering to purchase the notes.

### ***Despite current indebtedness levels, we may still incur more debt.***

The terms of the indentures for our senior notes and our senior bank credit facility restrict our ability to incur indebtedness; however, we may nevertheless incur additional indebtedness in the future and in the future, we may refinance all or a portion of our indebtedness, including our senior bank credit facility, and may incur additional indebtedness as a result. As of December 31, 2015, we had \$446.5 million of additional borrowing capacity available under our revolving credit facility. In addition, we may issue an indeterminate amount of debt securities from time to time when we determine that market conditions and the opportunity to utilize the proceeds from the issuance of such debt securities are favorable. If new debt is added to our and our subsidiaries' current debt levels, the related risks that we and they now face could intensify.

### ***Our access to capital may be affected by general macroeconomic conditions.***

Credit markets may tighten significantly such that our ability to obtain new capital will be more challenging and more expensive. We can provide no assurance that the banks that have made commitments under our senior bank credit facility will continue to operate as going concerns in the future. If any of the banks in the lending group were to fail, it is possible that the capacity under our senior bank credit facility would be reduced. In the event that the availability under our senior bank credit facility was reduced significantly, we could be required to obtain capital from alternate sources in order to continue with our business and capital strategies. Our options for addressing such capital constraints would include, but not be limited to (i) delaying certain capital expenditure projects, (ii) obtaining commitments from the remaining banks in the lending group or from new banks to fund increased amounts under the terms of our senior bank credit facility, (iii) accessing the public capital markets, or (iv) reducing our dividend (but not less than amounts required to maintain our status as a REIT and avoid income and excise taxes). Such alternatives could be on terms less favorable than under existing terms, which could have a material effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

### ***Rising interest rates would increase the cost of our variable rate debt.***

We have incurred and expect in the future to incur indebtedness that bears interest at variable rates. Accordingly, increases in interest rates would increase our interest costs, which could have a material adverse effect on us and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders and pay amounts due on our debt or cause us to be in default under certain debt instruments. In addition, an increase in market interest rates may lead holders of our common stock to demand a higher yield on their shares from distributions by us, which could adversely affect the market price for our common stock.

## **Risks Related to our REIT Structure**

***If we fail to remain qualified as a REIT, we would be subject to corporate income taxes and would not be able to deduct distributions to stockholders when computing our taxable income.***

We currently operate in a manner that is intended to allow us to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes commencing with our taxable year beginning January 1, 2013. However, we cannot assure you that we have qualified or will remain qualified as a REIT. Qualification as a REIT requires us to satisfy numerous requirements established under highly technical and complex sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, which may change from time to time and for which there are only limited judicial and administrative interpretations, and involves the determination of various factual matters and circumstances not entirely within our control. For example, in order to qualify as a REIT, the REIT must derive at least 95% of its gross income in any year from qualifying sources. In addition, a REIT is required to distribute annually to its stockholders at least 90% of its REIT taxable income (determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction and by excluding capital gains) and must satisfy specified asset tests on a quarterly basis.

If we fail to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year, we would be subject to federal income tax (including any applicable alternative minimum tax) on our taxable income computed in the usual manner for corporate taxpayers without deduction for distributions to our stockholders and we may need to borrow additional funds or issue securities to pay such additional tax liability. Any such corporate income tax liability could be substantial and would reduce the amount of cash available for other purposes because, unless we are entitled to relief under certain statutory provisions, we would be taxable as a C-corporation, beginning in the year in which the failure occurs, and we would not be allowed to re-elect to be taxed as a REIT for the following four years.

***Even if we remain qualified as a REIT, we may be required to pay taxes under certain circumstances.***

Even though we qualify as a REIT, we will be subject to certain U.S. federal, state and local taxes on our income and property, on taxable income that we do not distribute to our stockholders, and on net income from certain “prohibited transactions”. In addition, the REIT provisions of the Code are complex and are not always subject to clear interpretation. For example, a REIT must derive at least 95% of its gross income in any year from qualifying sources, including rents from real property. Rents from real property includes amounts received for the use of limited amounts of personal property and for certain services. Whether amounts constitute rents from real property or other qualifying income may not be entirely clear in all cases. We may fail to qualify as a REIT if we exceed the permissible amounts of non-qualifying income unless such failures qualify under certain statutory relief provisions. Even if we qualify for statutory relief, we may be required to pay an excise or penalty tax (which could be significant in amount) in order to utilize one or more such relief provisions under the Code to maintain our qualification as a REIT. Furthermore, we conduct substantial activities through TRSs, and the income of those subsidiaries will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at regular corporate rates.

***To maintain our REIT status, we may be forced to obtain capital during unfavorable market conditions, which could adversely affect our overall financial performance.***

In order to qualify as a REIT, we will be required each year to distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our REIT taxable income (determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction and by excluding any net capital gain), and we will be subject to tax to the extent

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our net taxable income (including net capital gain) is not fully distributed. In addition, we will be subject to a 4% nondeductible excise tax on the amount, if any, by which distributions we pay in any calendar year are less than the sum of 85% of our ordinary income, 95% of our net capital gains, and 100% of our undistributed income from prior years. We intend to continue to make distributions to our stockholders to comply with the distribution requirements of the Code as well as to reduce our exposure to federal income taxes and the nondeductible excise tax. Differences in timing between the receipt of income and the payment of expenses to arrive at taxable income, along with the effect of required debt amortization payments, could require us to borrow funds on a short-term basis to meet the distribution requirements that are necessary to achieve the tax benefits associated with qualifying as a REIT. We may acquire additional capital through our issuance of securities senior to our common stock, including additional borrowings or other indebtedness or the issuance of additional securities. Issuance of such senior securities creates additional risks because leverage is a speculative technique that may adversely affect common stockholders or noteholders. If the return on assets acquired with borrowed funds or other leverage proceeds does not exceed the cost of the leverage, the use of leverage could negatively affect our cash flow.

Additionally, the issuance of senior securities involves offering expenses and other costs, including interest payments, which are borne indirectly by our common stockholders. Fluctuations in interest rates could increase interest payments on our senior securities, and could reduce cash available for distribution on common stock or for payment on our debt securities. Increased operating costs, including the financing cost associated with any leverage, may reduce our total return to common stockholders. Rating agency guidelines applicable to any senior securities may impose asset coverage requirements, dividend limitations, voting right requirements (in the case of the senior equity securities), and other restrictions. Further, the terms of any senior securities or other borrowings may impose additional requirements, restrictions and limitations that are more stringent than those required by a rating agency that rates outstanding senior securities that may have an adverse effect on us and may affect our ability to pay distributions to our stockholders. On the other hand, we may not be able to raise such additional capital in the future on favorable terms or at all. Unfavorable economic conditions could increase our funding costs, limit our access to the capital markets or result in a decision by lenders not to extend credit to us.

Further, in order to maintain our REIT status, we may need to borrow funds to meet the REIT distribution requirements even if the then-prevailing market conditions are not favorable for these borrowings. These borrowing needs could result from differences in timing between the actual receipt of cash and inclusion of income for federal income tax purposes, or the effect of non-deductible capital expenditures, the creation of reserves or required debt or amortization payments. Our ability to access debt and equity capital on favorable terms or at all is dependent upon a number of factors, including general market conditions, the market's perception of our growth potential, our current and potential future earnings and cash distributions and the market price of our securities. Issuance of debt or equity securities will expose us to typical risks associated with leverage, including increased risk of loss.

To the extent our ability to issue debt or other senior securities such as preferred stock is constrained, we may depend on issuance of additional shares of common stock to finance new investments. If we raise additional funds by issuing more shares of our common stock or senior securities convertible into, or exchangeable for, shares of our common stock, the percentage ownership of our stockholders at that time would decrease, and you may experience dilution.

***There are uncertainties relating to our estimate of the E&P Distribution.***

To qualify for taxation as a REIT effective for the year ended December 31, 2013, we were required to distribute to our stockholders on or before December 31, 2013, our undistributed accumulated earnings and profits attributable to taxable periods ending prior to January 1, 2013. On May 20, 2013, we distributed \$675.0 million to stockholders of record as of April 19, 2013 in satisfaction of this requirement, or the E&P Distribution. We believe that the total value of the E&P Distribution was sufficient to fully distribute our accumulated earnings and profits and that a portion of the E&P Distribution exceeded our accumulated earnings and profits. However, the amount of our accumulated earnings and profits is a complex factual and legal determination. We may have had less than complete information at the time we estimated our earnings and profits or may have interpreted the applicable law differently from the IRS. Substantial uncertainties exist relating to the computation of our undistributed accumulated earnings and profits, including the possibility that the IRS could, in auditing tax years through 2012, successfully assert that our taxable income should be increased, which could increase our pre-REIT accumulated earnings and profits. Thus, we could fail to satisfy the requirement that we distribute all of our pre-REIT accumulated earnings and profits by the close of our first taxable year as a REIT. Moreover, although there are procedures available to cure a failure to distribute all of our pre-REIT accumulated earnings and profits, we cannot now determine whether we would be able to take advantage of them or the economic impact to us of doing so.

***Performing services through our TRSs may increase our overall tax liability relative to other REITs or subject us to certain excise taxes.***

A TRS may hold assets and earn income, including income earned from the performance of correctional services, that would not be qualifying assets or income if held or earned directly by a REIT. We conduct a significant portion of our business activities through our TRSs. Our TRSs are subject to federal, foreign, state and local income tax on their taxable income, and their after-tax net income generally is available for distribution to us but is not required to be distributed to us. The TRS rules also impose a 100% excise tax on certain transactions between a TRS and its parent REIT that are not conducted on an arm's-length basis. In addition, the TRS rules limit the deductibility of interest paid or accrued by a TRS to its parent REIT to ensure that the TRS is subject to an appropriate level of corporate income taxation. We believe our arrangements with our TRSs are on arm's-length terms and intend to continue to operate in a manner that allows us to avoid incurring the 100% excise tax described above. There can be no assurance, however, that we will be able to avoid application of the 100% excise tax or the limitations on interest deductions discussed above.

***The value of the securities we own in our TRS is limited under the REIT asset tests.***

Under the Code, no more than 25% (20% for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017) of the value of the gross assets of a REIT may be represented by securities of one or more TRSs. This limitation may affect our ability to increase the size of our TRSs' operations and assets, and there can be no assurance that we will be able to comply with the applicable limitation. If we are unable to comply with the applicable limitation, we would fail to qualify as a REIT. Furthermore, our significant use of TRSs may cause the market to value shares of our common stock differently than the stock of other REITs, which may not use TRSs as extensively. Although we intend to monitor the value of our investments in TRSs, there can be no assurance that we will be able to comply with the applicable limitations discussed above.

***We may be limited in our ability to fund distributions using cash generated through our TRSs.***

At least 75% of gross income for each taxable year as a REIT must be derived from passive real estate sources and no more than 25% of gross income may consist of dividends from our TRSs and other non-real estate income. This limitation on our ability to receive dividends from our TRSs may affect our ability to fund cash distributions to our stockholders using cash from our TRSs. Moreover, our TRSs are not required to distribute their net income to us, and any income of our TRSs that is not distributed to us will not be subject to the REIT income distribution requirement.

***REIT ownership limitations may restrict or prevent you from engaging in certain transfers of our common stock.***

In order to satisfy the requirements for REIT qualification, no more than 50% in value of all classes or series of our outstanding shares of stock may be owned, actually or constructively, by five or fewer individuals (as defined in the Code to include certain entities) at any time during the last half of each taxable year beginning with our 2014 taxable year. To assist us in satisfying this share ownership requirement, our charter imposes ownership limits on each class and series of our shares of stock. Under applicable constructive ownership rules, any shares of stock owned by certain affiliated owners generally would be added together for purposes of the common stock ownership limits, and any shares of a given class or series of preferred stock owned by certain affiliated owners generally would be added together for purposes of the ownership limit on such class or series.

If anyone transfers shares of our common stock in a manner that would violate the ownership limits, or prevent us from qualifying as a REIT under the federal income tax laws, those shares of common stock instead would be transferred to a trust for the benefit of a charitable beneficiary and will be either redeemed by us or sold to a person whose ownership of the shares will not violate the ownership limit. If this transfer to a trust fails to prevent such a violation or fails to permit our continued qualification as a REIT, then the initial intended transfer would be null and void from the outset. The intended transferee of those shares will be deemed never to have owned the shares. Anyone who acquires shares in violation of the ownership limit or the other restrictions on transfer bears the risk of suffering a financial loss when the shares of common stock are redeemed or sold if the market price of our shares of common stock falls between the date of purchase and the date of redemption or sale.

***Complying with REIT requirements may cause us to forego otherwise attractive opportunities or liquidate otherwise attractive investments.***

To qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, we must continually satisfy tests concerning, among other things, the sources of our income, the nature and diversification of our assets, the amounts we distribute to our stockholders and the ownership of our common stock. If we fail to comply with one or more of the asset tests at the end of any calendar quarter, we must correct the failure within 30 days after the end of the calendar quarter or qualify for certain statutory relief provisions to avoid losing our REIT qualification and suffering adverse tax consequences. In order to meet these tests, we may be required to forego investments we might otherwise make or to liquidate otherwise attractive investments. Thus, compliance with the REIT requirements may hinder our performance and reduce amounts available for distribution to our stockholders.

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***The tax imposed on REITs engaging in “prohibited transactions” may limit our ability to engage in transactions which would be treated as sales for federal income tax purposes.***

A REIT’s net income from prohibited transactions is subject to a 100% penalty tax. In general, prohibited transactions are sales or other dispositions of property, other than foreclosure property, held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business. Although we do not intend to hold any properties that would be characterized as held for sale to customers in the ordinary course of our business, unless a sale or disposition qualifies under certain statutory safe harbors, such characterization is a factual determination and no guarantee can be given that the IRS would agree with our characterization of our properties or that we will always be able to make use of the available safe harbors.

***We have not established a minimum distribution payment level, and we may be unable to generate sufficient cash flows from our operations to make distributions to our stockholders at any time in the future.***

We are generally required to distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our net taxable income (excluding net capital gains) each year to qualify as a REIT under the Code. To the extent we satisfy the 90% distribution requirement but distribute less than 100% of our net taxable income (including net capital gains), we will be subject to federal corporate income tax on our undistributed net taxable income. We intend to distribute at least 100% of our net taxable income (excluding net capital gains). However, our ability to make distributions to our stockholders may be adversely affected by the issues described in the risk factors set forth in this annual report. Subject to satisfying the requirements for REIT qualification, we intend to continue to make regular quarterly distributions to our stockholders. Our Board of Directors has the sole discretion to determine the timing, form and amount of any distributions to our stockholders. Our Board of Directors makes determinations regarding distributions based upon, among other factors, our historical and projected results of operations, financial condition, cash flows and liquidity, satisfaction of the requirements for REIT qualification and other tax considerations, capital expenditure and other expense obligations, debt covenants, contractual prohibitions or other limitations and applicable law and such other matters as our Board of Directors may deem relevant from time to time. Among the factors that could impair our ability to make distributions to our stockholders are:

- our inability to realize attractive returns on our investments;
- unanticipated expenses that reduce our cash flow or non-cash earnings;
- decreases in the value of the underlying assets; and
- the fact that anticipated operating expense levels may not prove accurate, as actual results may vary from estimates.

As a result, it is possible that we will not be able to continue to make distributions to our stockholders or that the level of any distributions we do make to our stockholders will achieve a market yield or increase or even be maintained over time, any of which could materially and adversely affect the market price of our shares of common stock. Distributions could be dilutive to our financial results and may constitute a return of capital to our investors, which would have the effect of reducing each stockholder’s basis in its shares of common stock. We also could use borrowed funds or proceeds from the sale of assets to fund distributions.

***Dividends payable by REITs, including us, generally do not qualify for the reduced tax rates available for some dividends.***

“Qualified dividends” payable to U.S. stockholders that are individuals, trusts and estates generally are subject to tax at preferential rates. Subject to limited exceptions, dividends payable by REITs are not eligible for these reduced rates and are taxable at ordinary income tax rates. The more favorable rates applicable to regular corporate qualified dividends could cause investors who are individuals, trusts and estates to perceive investments in REITs to be relatively less attractive than investments in the stocks of non-REIT corporations that pay dividends, which could adversely affect the value of the shares of REITs, including the shares of our common stock.

Distributions that we make to our stockholders are treated as dividends to the extent of our earnings and profits as determined for federal income tax purposes and are generally taxable to our stockholders as ordinary income. However, our dividends are eligible for the lower rate applicable to “qualified dividends” to the extent they are attributable to income that was previously subject to corporate income tax, such as the dividends we receive from our TRSs or attributable to the accumulated earnings and profits in connection with acquisitions of C-corporations. Also, a portion of our distributions may be designated by us as long-term capital gains to the extent that they are attributable to capital gain income recognized by us. Our distributions may constitute a return of capital to the extent that they exceed our earnings and profits as determined for federal income tax purposes. A return of capital generally is not taxable, but has the effect of reducing the basis of a stockholder’s investment in our shares of common stock. Any such distributions that exceed a stockholder’s tax basis in our shares of common stock generally will be taxable as capital gains.

***We could have potential deferred and contingent tax liabilities from our REIT conversion that could limit, delay or impede future sales of our properties.***

Even though we qualify for taxation as a REIT, if we acquire any asset from a corporation which is or has been a C-corporation in a transaction in which the basis of the asset in our hands is less than the fair market value of the asset (including as a result of the REIT conversion), in each case determined at the time we acquired the asset or converted to a REIT, as applicable, and we subsequently recognize gain on the disposition of the asset during the five-year period beginning on the date on which we acquired the asset or converted to a REIT, as applicable, then we will be required to pay tax at the highest regular corporate tax rate on this gain to the extent of the excess of (a) the fair market value of the asset over (b) its adjusted basis in the asset, in each case determined as of the date on which we acquired the asset or converted to a REIT, as applicable. These requirements could limit, delay or impede future sales of our properties. We currently do not expect to sell any asset if the sale would result in the imposition of a material tax liability. We cannot, however, assure you that we will not change our plans in this regard.

***Tax liabilities and attributes inherited in connection with acquisitions.***

From time to time we may acquire other corporations or entities and, in connection with such acquisitions, we may succeed to the historic tax attributes and liabilities of such entities. For example, in order to qualify as a REIT, at the end of any taxable year, we must not have any earnings and profits accumulated in a non-REIT year. As a result, if we acquire a C-corporation in certain transactions, we must distribute the corporation’s earnings and profits accumulated prior to the acquisition before the end of the taxable year in which we acquire the C-corporation. We also could be required to pay the acquired entity’s unpaid taxes even though such liabilities arose prior to the time we acquired the entity. Prior to our acquisition of Avalon, it was a C-corporation, and our acquisition of Avalon raises each of the issues described above.

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### ***Legislative or regulatory action affecting REITs could adversely affect us or our stockholders.***

In recent years, numerous legislative, judicial and administrative changes have been made to the federal income tax laws applicable to investments in REITs and similar entities. At any time, the federal income tax laws governing REITs or the administrative interpretations of those laws may be amended. Changes to the tax laws, regulations and administrative interpretations, which may have retroactive application, could adversely affect us and may impact our taxation or that of our stockholders. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that any such change will not significantly affect our ability to qualify for taxation as a REIT or the federal income tax consequences to us of such qualification.

### **Other Risks Related to Our Securities**

#### ***The market price of our equity securities may vary substantially, which may limit our stockholders' ability to liquidate their investment.***

The trading prices of equity securities issued by REITs have historically been affected by changes in market interest rates. One of the factors that may influence the price of our common stock in public trading markets is the annual yield from distributions on our common stock as compared to yields on other financial instruments. An increase in market interest rates, or a decrease in our distributions to stockholders, may lead prospective purchasers of our shares to demand a higher annual yield, which could reduce the market price of our equity securities.

Other factors that could affect the market price of our equity securities include the following:

- actual or anticipated variations in our quarterly results of operations;
- changes in market valuations of companies in the corrections or detention industries;
- changes in expectations of future financial performance or changes in estimates of securities analysts;
- fluctuations in stock market prices and volumes;
- issuances of common shares or other securities in the future; and
- announcements by us or our competitors of acquisitions, investments or strategic actions.

#### ***The number of shares of our common stock available for future sale could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.***

We cannot predict the effect, if any, of future sales of common stock, or the availability of common stock for future sale, on the market price of our common stock. Sales of substantial amounts of common stock (including stock issued under equity compensation plans), or the perception that these sales could occur, may adversely affect prevailing market prices for our common stock.



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### ***Future offerings of debt or equity securities ranking senior to our common stock or incurrence of debt (including under our senior bank credit facility) may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.***

If we decide to issue debt or equity securities in the future ranking senior to our common stock or otherwise incur indebtedness (including under our senior bank credit facility), it is possible that these securities or indebtedness will be governed by an indenture or other instrument containing covenants restricting our operating flexibility and limiting our ability to make distributions to our stockholders. Additionally, any convertible or exchangeable securities that we issue in the future may have rights, preferences and privileges, including with respect to distributions, more favorable than those of our common stock and may result in dilution to owners of our common stock. Because our decision to issue debt or equity securities in any future offering or otherwise incur indebtedness will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing or nature of our future offerings or financings, any of which could reduce the market price of our common stock and dilute the value of our common stock.

### ***Our issuance of preferred stock could adversely affect holders of our common stock and discourage a takeover.***

Our Board of Directors has the authority to issue up to 50.0 million shares of preferred stock without any action on the part of our stockholders. Our Board of Directors also has the authority, without stockholder approval, to set the terms of any new series of preferred stock that may be issued, including voting rights, dividend rights, liquidation rights and other preferences superior to our common stock. In the event that we issue shares of preferred stock in the future that have preferences superior to our common stock, the rights of the holders of our common stock or the market price of our common stock could be adversely affected. In addition, the ability of our Board of Directors to issue shares of preferred stock without any action on the part of our stockholders may impede a takeover of us and discourage or prevent a transaction favorable to our stockholders.

### ***Our charter and bylaws and Maryland law could make it difficult for a third party to acquire our company.***

The Maryland General Corporation Law and our charter and bylaws contain provisions that could delay, deter, or prevent a change in control of our company or our management. These provisions could also discourage proxy contests and make it more difficult for our stockholders to elect directors and take other corporate actions. These provisions:

- authorize us to issue “blank check” preferred stock, which is preferred stock that can be created and issued by our Board of Directors, without stockholder approval, with rights senior to those of common stock;
- provide that directors may be removed with or without cause only by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the votes of shares entitled to vote thereon; and
- establish advance notice requirements for submitting nominations for election to the Board of Directors and for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at a meeting.

We are also subject to anti-takeover provisions under Maryland law, which could delay or prevent a change of control. Together, these provisions of our charter and bylaws and Maryland law may discourage transactions that otherwise could provide for the payment of a premium over prevailing market prices for our common stock, and also could limit the price that investors are willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock.

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**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS.**

None.

**ITEM 2. PROPERTIES.**

The properties we owned at December 31, 2015 are described under Item 1 and in Note 4 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in this Annual Report, as well as in Schedule III in Part IV to this Annual Report.

**ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**

The information required under this section is described in Note 16 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in this Annual Report.

**ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

None.

**PART II.****ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.****Market Price of and Distributions on Capital Stock**

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, under the symbol "CXW." On February 18, 2016, the last reported sale price of our common stock was \$29.58 per share and there were approximately 3,300 registered holders and approximately 79,000 beneficial holders, respectively, of our common stock.

The following table sets forth, for the fiscal quarters indicated, the range of high and low sales prices of the common stock.

**Common Stock**

	SALES PRICE	
	HIGH	LOW
<b>FISCAL YEAR 2015</b>		
First Quarter	\$42.31	\$36.34
Second Quarter	\$40.89	\$32.98
Third Quarter	\$35.48	\$28.00
Fourth Quarter	\$31.76	\$24.21
	SALES PRICE	
	HIGH	LOW
<b>FISCAL YEAR 2014</b>		
First Quarter	\$34.73	\$30.37
Second Quarter	\$33.79	\$30.77
Third Quarter	\$36.09	\$32.05
Fourth Quarter	\$38.60	\$32.74

**Dividend Policy**

During 2014 and 2015, CCA's Board of Directors declared the following quarterly dividends on its common stock:

Declaration Date	Record Date	Payable Date	Per Share
February 20, 2014	April 2, 2014	April 15, 2014	\$ 0.51
May 15, 2014	July 2, 2014	July 15, 2014	\$ 0.51
August 14, 2014	October 2, 2014	October 15, 2014	\$ 0.51
December 11, 2014	January 2, 2015	January 15, 2015	\$ 0.51
February 20, 2015	April 2, 2015	April 15, 2015	\$ 0.54
May 14, 2015	July 2, 2015	July 15, 2015	\$ 0.54
August 13, 2015	October 2, 2015	October 15, 2015	\$ 0.54
December 10, 2015	January 4, 2016	January 15, 2016	\$ 0.54

In order to qualify as a REIT, we are required each year to distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our REIT taxable income (determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction and excluding net capital gains) and we will be subject to tax to the extent our net taxable income (including net capital gains) is not fully distributed. While we intend to continue paying regular quarterly cash dividends at levels expected to fully distribute our annual REIT taxable income, future dividends will be paid at the discretion of our Board of

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Directors and will depend on our future earnings, our capital requirements, our financial condition, alternative uses of capital, the annual distribution requirements under the REIT provisions of the Code and on such other factors as our Board of Directors may consider relevant.

**Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

None.

**ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA.**

The following selected financial data for the five years ended December 31, 2015, was derived from our consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto after any applicable reclassification of discontinued operations. This data should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements, including the related notes, and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.” Our audited consolidated financial statements, including the related notes, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 are included in this Annual Report.

**CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**SELECTED HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
(in thousands, except per share data)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS:	For the Years Ended December 31,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Revenues	<b>\$1,793,087</b>	\$1,646,867	\$1,694,297	\$1,723,657	\$1,688,805
Expenses:					
Operating	<b>1,256,128</b>	1,156,135	1,220,351	1,217,051	1,158,269
General and administrative	<b>103,936</b>	106,429	103,590	88,935	91,227
Depreciation and amortization	<b>151,514</b>	113,925	112,692	113,063	107,568
Asset impairments	<b>955</b>	30,082	6,513	—	—
	<b>1,512,533</b>	1,406,571	1,443,146	1,419,049	1,357,064
Operating income	<b>280,554</b>	240,296	251,151	304,608	331,741
Other (income) expense:					
Interest expense, net	<b>49,696</b>	39,535	45,126	58,363	72,940
Expenses associated with debt refinancing transactions	<b>701</b>	—	36,528	2,099	—
Other (income) expense	<b>(58)</b>	(1,204)	(100)	(333)	305
	<b>50,339</b>	38,331	81,554	60,129	73,245
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	<b>230,215</b>	201,965	169,597	244,479	258,496
Income tax (expense) benefit	<b>(8,361)</b>	(6,943)	134,995	(87,513)	(96,166)
Income from continuing operations	<b>221,854</b>	195,022	304,592	156,966	162,330
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of taxes	<b>—</b>	—	(3,757)	(205)	180
Net income	<b>\$ 221,854</b>	\$ 195,022	\$ 300,835	\$ 156,761	\$ 162,510
Basic earnings per share:					
Income from continuing operations	<b>\$ 1.90</b>	\$ 1.68	\$ 2.77	\$ 1.58	\$ 1.55
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of taxes	<b>—</b>	—	(0.03)	—	—
Net income	<b>\$ 1.90</b>	\$ 1.68	\$ 2.74	\$ 1.58	\$ 1.55
Diluted earnings per share:					
Income from continuing operations	<b>\$ 1.88</b>	\$ 1.66	\$ 2.73	\$ 1.56	\$ 1.54
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of taxes	<b>—</b>	—	(0.03)	—	—
Net income	<b>\$ 1.88</b>	\$ 1.66	\$ 2.70	\$ 1.56	\$ 1.54
Weighted average common shares outstanding:					
Basic	<b>116,949</b>	116,109	109,617	99,545	104,736
Diluted	<b>117,785</b>	117,312	111,250	100,623	105,535
BALANCE SHEET DATA:					
			December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total assets	<b>\$3,356,018</b>	\$3,117,646	\$2,996,427	\$2,968,267	\$3,010,124
Total debt	<b>\$1,452,077</b>	\$1,190,455	\$1,194,002	\$1,105,070	\$1,235,507
Total liabilities	<b>\$1,893,270</b>	\$1,636,146	\$1,493,920	\$1,446,647	\$1,602,102
Stockholders' equity	<b>\$1,462,748</b>	\$1,481,500	\$1,502,507	\$1,521,620	\$1,408,022

**ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.**

*The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this report. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including, but not limited to, those described under “Risk Factors” and included in other portions of this report.*

**OVERVIEW**

As of December 31, 2015, we owned or controlled 66 correctional and detention facilities and managed an additional 11 facilities owned by our government partners, with a total design capacity of approximately 88,500 beds in 20 states and the District of Columbia. We are the nation’s largest owner of privatized correctional and detention facilities and one of the largest prison operators in the United States. Our size and experience provide us with significant credibility with our current and prospective customers, and enable us to generate economies of scale in purchasing power for food services, health care and other supplies and services we offer to our government partners.

We are a Real Estate Investment Trust, or REIT. We began operating as a REIT for federal income tax purposes effective January 1, 2013. See “Item 1. Business – Overview” for a description of how we are organized and provide correctional services and conduct other operations through taxable REIT subsidiaries, or TRSs, in order to comply with REIT qualification requirements. We believe that operating as a REIT maximizes our ability to create stockholder value given the nature of our assets, helps lower our cost of capital, draws a larger base of potential stockholders, provides greater flexibility to pursue growth opportunities, and creates a more efficient operating structure.

***Our Business***

We are compensated for providing correctional bed space and operating and managing prisons and correctional facilities at an inmate per diem rate based upon actual or minimum guaranteed occupancy levels. Federal, state, and local governments are constantly under budgetary constraints putting pressure on governments to control correctional budgets, including per diem rates our customers pay to us as well as pressure on appropriations for building new prison capacity.

Despite our increase in federal revenue, inmate populations in federal facilities, particularly within the BOP system nationwide, have declined over the past two years. Inmate populations in the BOP system declined in 2015 and are expected to decline further in 2016 due, in part, to the retroactive application of changes to sentencing guidelines applicable to federal drug trafficking offenses. However, we do not expect a significant impact on us because BOP inmate populations within our facilities are primarily criminal aliens incarcerated for immigration violations rather than drug trafficking offenses. Further, the public sector BOP correctional system remains overcrowded at approximately 119.5% at December 31, 2015. Nonetheless, increases in capacity within the federal system could result in a decline in BOP populations within our facilities, and could negatively impact the future demand for prison capacity.

Several of our state partners are projecting improvements in their budgets which has resulted in our ability to secure recent per diem increases at certain facilities. Further, several of our existing state partners, as well as state partners with which we do not currently do business,

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are experiencing growth in inmate populations and overcrowded conditions. Although we can provide no assurance that we will enter into any new contracts, we believe we are in a good position to not only provide them with needed bed capacity, but with the programming and re-entry services they are seeking.

We believe the long-term growth opportunities of our business remain attractive as governments consider efficiency, savings, and offender programming opportunities we can provide. Further, we expect our partners to continue to face challenges in maintaining old facilities, and developing new facilities and additional capacity which could result in future demand for the solutions we provide.

Governments continue to experience many significant spending demands which have constrained correctional budgets limiting their ability to expand existing facilities or construct new facilities. We believe the outsourcing of prison management services to private operators allows governments to manage increasing inmate populations while simultaneously controlling correctional costs and improving correctional services. We believe our customers discover that partnering with private operators to provide residential services to their offenders introduces competition to their prison system, resulting in improvements to the quality and cost of corrections services throughout their correctional system. Further, the use of facilities owned and managed by private operators allows governments to expand correctional capacity without incurring large capital commitments and allows them to avoid long-term pension obligations for their employees.

We also believe that having beds immediately available to our partners provides us with a distinct competitive advantage when bidding on new contracts. While we have been successful in winning contract awards to provide management services for facilities we do not own, and will continue to pursue such management contracts selectively, we believe the most significant opportunities for growth are in providing our government partners with available beds within facilities we currently own or that we develop. We also believe that owning the facilities in which we provide management services enables us to more rapidly replace business lost compared with managed-only facilities, since we can offer the same beds to new and existing customers and, with customer consent, may have more flexibility in moving our existing inmate populations to facilities with available capacity. Our management contracts generally provide our customers with the right to terminate our management contracts at any time without cause.

We have staff throughout the organization actively engaged in marketing our available capacity to existing and prospective customers. Historically, we have been successful in substantially filling our inventory of available beds and the beds that we have constructed. Filling these available beds would provide substantial growth in revenues, cash flow, and earnings per share. However, we can provide no assurance that we will be able to fill our available beds.

The demand for capacity in the short-term has been affected by the budget challenges many of our government partners currently face. At the same time, these challenges impede our customers' ability to construct new prison beds of their own or update older facilities, which we believe could result in further need for private sector capacity solutions in the long-term. We intend to continue to pursue build-to-suit opportunities like our 2,552-bed Trousdale Turner Correctional Center recently constructed in Trousdale County, Tennessee, and alternative solutions like the 2,400-bed South Texas Family Residential Center whereby we identified a site and lessor to provide residential housing and administrative buildings for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE. We also expect to continue to pursue investment opportunities like the acquisition in the third quarter of 2015 of four residential re-entry facilities in Pennsylvania and other real estate assets used to provide mission critical

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governmental services primarily in the criminal justice sector, as well as business combination transactions like the acquisition of Avalon Correctional Services, Inc., or Avalon, in the fourth quarter of 2015. In the long-term, however, we would like to see meaningful utilization of our available capacity and better visibility from our customers before we add any additional capacity on a speculative basis.

We also remain steadfast in our efforts to contain costs. Approximately 59% of our operating expenses consist of salaries and benefits. The turnover rate for correctional officers for our company, and for the corrections industry in general, remains high. We remain focused on workers' compensation and medical benefits costs for our employees due to continued rising healthcare costs throughout the country and the uncertainty of the impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on future healthcare costs. Reducing these staffing costs requires a long-term strategy to control such costs, and we continue to dedicate resources to enhance our benefits, provide training and career development opportunities to our staff and attract and retain quality personnel. Through ongoing company-wide initiatives, we continue to focus on efforts to contain costs and improve operating efficiencies, ensuring continuous delivery of quality services over the long-term.

Through the combination of our initiatives to (i) increase our revenues by taking advantage of our available beds, (ii) deliver new bed capacity through new facility construction and expansion opportunities, (iii) invest in real estate-only solutions, (iv) acquire community corrections facilities, and (v) contain our operating expenses, we believe we will be able to maintain our competitive advantage and continue to improve the quality services we provide to our customers at an economical price, thereby producing value to our stockholders.

### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. As such, we are required to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions that we believe are reasonable based upon the information available. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. A summary of our significant accounting policies is described in Note 2 to our audited financial statements. The significant accounting policies and estimates which we believe are the most critical to aid in fully understanding and evaluating our reported financial results include the following:

*Asset impairments.* The primary risk we face for asset impairment charges, excluding goodwill, is associated with correctional facilities we own. As of December 31, 2015, we had \$2.9 billion in property and equipment, including \$200.7 million in long-lived assets, excluding equipment, at seven idled core correctional facilities, including the North Fork Correctional Facility that was idled during the fourth quarter of 2015. The North Fork Correctional Facility was idled as a result of a decline in California inmate populations during 2015, as further described hereafter. We consider our core facilities to be those that were designed for adult secure correctional purposes. The impairment analyses we performed for each of these facilities excluded the net book value of equipment, as a substantial portion of the equipment is easily transferrable to other company-owned facilities without significant cost. The carrying values of the seven idled core facilities as of December 31, 2015 were as follows (in thousands):

Prairie Correctional Facility	\$ 17,961
Huerfano County Correctional Center	18,276
Diamondback Correctional Facility	43,030
Otter Creek Correctional Center	23,270
Marion Adjustment Center	12,536
Lee Adjustment Center	10,840
North Fork Correctional Facility	74,805
	<u>\$200,718</u>



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From the date each facility became idle, the idled core facilities incurred combined operating expenses of approximately \$7.3 million, \$6.5 million, and \$5.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. The 2014 and 2013 amounts exclude expenses incurred in connection with the activation of the Diamondback Correctional Facility which began in the third quarter of 2013 and continued until near the end of the second quarter of 2014, as further described hereafter.

We also have four idled non-core facilities with carrying values amounting to \$5.1 million and \$5.5 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. We consider the Shelby Training Center, Queensgate Correctional Facility, Mineral Wells Pre-Parole Transfer Facility, and Leo Chesney Correctional Center to be non-core facilities because they were designed for uses other than for adult secure correctional purposes. We idled the Leo Chesney Correctional Center in the fourth quarter of 2015 following the termination of the lease at that facility effective September 30, 2015. We performed an impairment analysis of the Leo Chesney Correctional Center, which has a carrying value of \$4.0 million as December 31, 2015, and concluded that this non-core asset has a recoverable value in excess of the carrying value. We continue to market the facility to other customers.

We evaluate the recoverability of the carrying values of our long-lived assets, other than goodwill, when events suggest that an impairment may have occurred. Such events primarily include, but are not limited to, the termination of a management contract or a significant decrease in inmate populations within a correctional facility we own or manage. Accordingly, we tested each of the aforementioned idled facilities for impairment when we were notified by the respective customers that they would no longer be utilizing such facility.

We re-perform the impairment analyses on an annual basis for each of the idle facilities and evaluate on a quarterly basis market developments for the potential utilization of each of these facilities in order to identify events that may cause us to reconsider our most recent assumptions. Such events could include negotiations with a prospective customer for the utilization of an idle facility at terms significantly less favorable than used in our most recent impairment analysis, or changes in legislation surrounding a particular facility that could impact our ability to house certain types of inmates at such facility, or a demolition or substantial renovation of a facility. Further, a substantial increase in the number of available beds at other facilities we own could lead to a deterioration in market conditions and cash flows that we might be able to obtain under a new management contract at our idle facilities. We have historically secured contracts with customers at existing facilities that were already operational, allowing us to move the existing population to other idle facilities. Although they are not frequently received, an unsolicited offer to purchase any of our idle facilities at amounts that are less than the carrying value could also cause us to reconsider the assumptions used in our most recent impairment analysis.

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In performing our annual impairment analyses, the estimates of recoverability are initially based on projected undiscounted cash flows that are comparable to historical cash flows from management contracts at similar facilities to the idled facilities and sensitivity analyses that consider reductions to such cash flows. Our sensitivity analyses included reductions in projected cash flows by as much as half of the historical cash flows generated by the respective facility as well as prolonged periods of vacancies. In all cases, the projected undiscounted cash flows in our analyses as of December 31, 2015, exceeded the carrying amounts of each facility.

Our impairment evaluations also take into consideration our historical experience in securing new management contracts to utilize facilities that had been previously idled for periods comparable to or in excess of the periods that our currently idle facilities have been idle. Such previously idled facilities are currently being operated under contracts that generate cash flows resulting in the recoverability of the net book value of the previously idled facilities by substantial amounts. Due to a variety of factors, the lead time to negotiate contracts with our federal and state partners to utilize idle bed capacity is generally lengthy and has historically resulted in periods of idleness similar to the ones we are currently experiencing at our idle facilities. As a result of our analyses, we determined each of these assets to have recoverable values in excess of the corresponding carrying values. However, we can provide no assurance that we will be able to secure agreements to utilize our idle facilities, or that we will not incur impairment charges in the future.

By their nature, these estimates contain uncertainties with respect to the extent and timing of the respective cash flows due to potential delays or material changes to historical terms and conditions in contracts with prospective customers that could impact the estimate of cash flows. Notwithstanding the effects the recent economic downturn has had on our customers' demand for prison beds in the short-term which led to our decision to idle certain facilities, we believe the long-term trends favor an increase in the utilization of our correctional facilities and management services. This belief is based on our experience in operating in difficult economic environments and in working with governmental agencies faced with significant budgetary challenges, which is a primary contributing factor to the lack of appropriated funding since 2009 to build new bed capacity by the federal and state governments with which we partner.

*Revenue Recognition – Multiple-Element Arrangement.* In September 2014, we agreed under an expansion of an existing inter-governmental service agreement, or IGSA, between the city of Eloy, Arizona and ICE to provide residential space and services at our South Texas Family Residential Center. The amended IGSA qualifies as a multiple-element arrangement under the guidance in Accounting Standards Codification, or ASC, 605, "Revenue Recognition". We evaluate each deliverable in an arrangement to determine whether it represents a separate unit of accounting. A deliverable constitutes a separate unit of accounting when it has standalone value to the customer. ASC 605 requires revenue to be allocated to each unit of accounting based on a selling price hierarchy. The selling price for a deliverable is based on its vendor specific objective evidence, or VSOE, of selling price, if available, third party evidence, or TPE, if VSOE of selling price is not available, or estimated selling price, or ESP, if neither VSOE of selling price nor TPE is available. We establish VSOE of selling price using the price charged for a deliverable when sold separately. We establish TPE of selling price by evaluating similar products or services in standalone sales to similarly situated customers. We establish ESP based on management judgment considering internal factors such as margin objectives, pricing practices and controls, and market conditions. In arrangements with multiple elements, we allocate the transaction price to the individual units of accounting at inception of the arrangement based on their relative selling price. The allocation of revenue to each element requires considerable judgment and estimations which could change in the future. However, while a change in revenue allocation could lead to timing differences in the period in which revenue is recognized, total revenue recognized over the life of the IGSA will not change.

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*Self-funded insurance reserves.* As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, we had \$30.1 million and \$32.0 million, respectively, in accrued liabilities for employee health, workers' compensation, and automobile insurance claims. We are significantly self-insured for employee health, workers' compensation, and automobile liability insurance claims. As such, our insurance expense is largely dependent on claims experience and our ability to control our claims. We have consistently accrued the estimated liability for employee health insurance claims based on our history of claims experience and the estimated time lag between the incident date and the date we pay the claims. We have accrued the estimated liability for workers' compensation claims based on an actuarial valuation of the outstanding liabilities, discounted to the net present value of the outstanding liabilities, using a combination of actuarial methods used to project ultimate losses, and our automobile insurance claims based on estimated development factors on claims incurred. The liability for employee health, workers' compensation, and automobile insurance includes estimates for both claims incurred and for claims incurred but not reported. These estimates could change in the future. It is possible that future cash flows and results of operations could be materially affected by changes in our assumptions, new developments, or by the effectiveness of our strategies.

*Legal reserves.* As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, we had \$4.2 million and \$4.3 million, respectively, in accrued liabilities related to certain legal proceedings in which we are involved. We have accrued our best estimate of the probable costs for the resolution of these claims based on a range of potential outcomes. In addition, we are subject to current and potential future legal proceedings for which little or no accrual has been reflected because our current assessment of the potential exposure is nominal. These estimates have been developed in consultation with our General Counsel's office and, as appropriate, outside counsel handling these matters, and are based upon an analysis of potential results, assuming a combination of litigation and settlement strategies. It is possible that future cash flows and results of operations could be materially affected by changes in our assumptions, new developments, or by the effectiveness of our strategies.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Our results of operations are impacted by the number of facilities we owned and managed, the number of facilities we managed but did not own, the number of facilities we leased to other operators, and the facilities we owned that were not in operation. The following table sets forth the changes in the number of facilities operated for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013.

	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Owned and Managed</u>	<u>Managed Only</u>	<u>Leased</u>	<u>Total</u>
Facilities as of December 31, 2012		47	20	2	69
Reclassification of Elizabeth Detention Center as owned and managed from managed only	January 2013	1	(1)	—	—
Reclassification of North Georgia Detention Center as owned and managed from managed only	January 2013	1	(1)	—	—
Termination of the management contract for the Wilkinson County Correctional Facility	June 2013	—	(1)	—	(1)
Acquisition of CAI	July 2013	2	—	—	2
Termination of the management contract for the Dawson State Jail	August 2013	—	(1)	—	(1)
Assignment of the contract at the Bridgeport Pre-Parole Transfer Facility	September 2013	(1)	—	1	—
Lease of the California City Correctional Center	December 2013	(1)	—	1	—
Facilities as of December 31, 2013		<u>49</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>69</u>
Termination of the management contracts for the Bay, Graceville and Moore Haven Correctional Facilities	January 2014	—	(3)	—	(3)
Termination of the contract at the North Georgia Detention Center	February 2014	(1)	—	—	(1)
Termination of the management contract for the Idaho Correctional Center	July 2014	—	(1)	—	(1)
Sale of the Houston Educational Facility	November 2014	—	—	(1)	(1)
Activation of the South Texas Family Residential Center	October 2014	1	—	—	1
Facilities as of December 31, 2014		<u>49</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>64</u>
Impairment of non-core assets	January 2015	(2)	—	—	(2)
Acquisition of four community corrections facilities in Pennsylvania	August 2015	—	—	4	4
Termination of the management contract for the Winn Correctional Center	September 2015	—	(1)	—	(1)
Termination of the lease contract at the Leo Chesney Correctional Center	October 2015	1	—	(1)	—
Acquisition of eleven community corrections facilities in Oklahoma (3), Texas (7), and Wyoming (1)	October 2015	11	—	—	11
Activation of the Trousdale Turner Correctional Center	December 2015	1	—	—	1
Facilities as of December 31, 2015		<u>60</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>77</u>

**Year Ended December 31, 2015 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

During the year ended December 31, 2015, we generated net income of \$221.9 million, or \$1.88 per diluted share, compared with net income of \$195.0 million, or \$1.66 per diluted share, for the previous year. Net income was negatively impacted during 2014 by \$30.0 million of asset impairments, net of taxes, or \$0.26 per diluted share, at the Houston Educational Facility, Queensgate Correctional Facility, and Mineral Wells Pre-Parole Transfer Facility, as previously disclosed in the fourth quarter of 2014.

**Facility Operations**

A key performance indicator we use to measure the revenue and expenses associated with the operation of the facilities we own or manage is expressed in terms of a compensated man-day, which represents the revenue we generate and expenses we incur for one offender for one calendar day. Revenue and expenses per compensated man-day are computed by dividing facility revenue and expenses by the total number of compensated man-days during the period. A compensated man-day represents a calendar day for which we are paid for the occupancy of an offender. We believe the measurement is useful because we are compensated for operating and managing facilities at an offender per-diem rate based upon actual or minimum guaranteed occupancy levels. We also measure our ability to contain costs on a per-compensated man-day basis, which is largely dependent upon the number of offenders we accommodate. Further, per compensated man-day measurements are also used to estimate our potential profitability based on certain occupancy levels relative to design capacity. Revenue and expenses per compensated man-day for all of the facilities placed into service that we owned or managed, exclusive of those held for lease, were as follows for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	2015	2014
Revenue per compensated man-day	\$ 72.76	\$ 63.54
Operating expenses per compensated man-day:		
Fixed expense	37.53	33.06
Variable expense	14.96	11.60
Total	52.49	44.66
Operating income per compensated man-day	\$ 20.27	\$ 18.88
Operating margin	27.9%	29.7%
Average compensated occupancy	82.5%	83.8%
Average available beds	80,121	82,942
Average compensated population	66,111	69,536

Fixed expenses per compensated man-day for 2015 include depreciation expense of \$29.9 million and interest expense of \$8.5 million in order to more properly reflect the cash flows associated with the lease at the South Texas Family Residential Center. The calculations of expenses per compensated man-day for 2014 exclude expenses incurred during the first six months of 2014 for start-up efforts associated with the Diamondback facility because of the distorted impact they have on the statistics. The Diamondback expenses were incurred in connection with the activation of the facility in anticipation of a new contract. As further

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described hereafter, in April 2014, we made the decision to once again idle the facility in the absence of a definitive contract. The de-activation was completed near the end of the second quarter of 2014.

### Revenue

Total revenue consists of revenue we generate in the operation and management of correctional and detention facilities, as well as rental revenue generated from facilities we lease to third-party operators, and from our inmate transportation subsidiary. The following table reflects the components of revenue for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 (in millions):

	For the Years Ended December 31,		\$ Change	% Change
	2015	2014		
<b>Management revenue:</b>				
Federal	\$ 912.1	\$ 728.3	\$ 183.8	25.2%
State	725.1	759.3	(34.2)	(4.5%)
Local	65.7	68.6	(2.9)	(4.2%)
Other	52.9	56.5	(3.6)	(6.4%)
Total management revenue	1,755.8	1,612.7	143.1	8.9%
<b>Rental and other revenue</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>9.1%</b>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b><u>\$1,793.1</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,646.9</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 146.2</u></b>	<b><u>8.9%</u></b>

The \$143.1 million, or 8.9%, increase in revenue associated with the operation and management of correctional and detention facilities consisted of an increase in revenue of approximately \$222.5 million resulting from an increase of 14.5% in average revenue per compensated man-day, partially offset by a decrease in revenue of approximately \$79.4 million caused by a decrease in the average daily compensated population from 2014 to 2015. Most notably, the increase in average revenue per compensated man-day was a result of the activation of the South Texas Family Residential Center in the fourth quarter of 2014, as further described hereafter. Per diem increases at several of our other facilities also contributed to the increase in average revenue per compensated man-day from 2014 to 2015. Excluding the impact of revenue at the South Texas Family Residential Center, revenue per compensated man-day increased 2.5% from 2014 to 2015.

Average daily compensated population decreased 3,425, or 4.9%, from 2014 to 2015. The decline in average compensated population primarily resulted from the expiration of our contract with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, or BOP, at our Northeast Ohio Correctional Center effective May 31, 2015, and due to a decline in California inmates held in our out-of-state facilities, both as further described hereafter. A decline in federal populations at certain of our other facilities also contributed to the decrease in average compensated population from 2014 to 2015.

The decline in average compensated population also resulted from the expiration of our contract at the Idaho Correctional Center after the state of Idaho assumed management of the facility effective July 1, 2014. In addition, the decline in average compensated population resulted from the expiration of our managed-only contracts at the Bay Correctional Facility, Graceville Correctional Facility, and Moore Haven Correctional Facility, collectively referred to herein as the "Three Florida Facilities," after the Florida Department of Management Services, or DMS, awarded the management of these contracts to another operator effective January 31, 2014. Combined, these four managed-only facilities generated facility net operating losses of \$1.9 million during the time they were active in 2014. The

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decline in average compensated population was also a result of the expiration of our contract with the state of Vermont at our Lee Adjustment Center effective June 30, 2015, and the expiration of our managed-only contract with the state of Louisiana at the state-owned Winn Correctional Facility effective September 30, 2015, both as further described hereafter. The decline in average compensated population was partially offset by an increase in populations at our newly activated South Texas Family Residential Center and at our Red Rock Correctional Center, both as further described hereafter.

Business from our federal customers, including primarily the BOP, the United States Marshals Service, or USMS, and ICE, continues to be a significant component of our business. Our federal customers generated approximately 51% and 44% of our total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, increasing \$183.8 million, or 25.2%. The increase in federal revenues primarily resulted from the activation of the South Texas Family Residential Center in the fourth quarter of 2014, as further described hereafter, and per diem increases at several of our other facilities, partially offset by a decline in federal populations at several facilities, including the BOP population at our Northeast Ohio Correctional Center, as further described hereafter.

State revenues from facilities that we manage decreased 4.5% from 2014 to 2015. The decrease in state revenues was primarily a result of a decline in California inmates held in our out-of-state facilities, as further described hereafter. In addition, the decrease in state revenues was a result of the expiration of our contract with the state of Vermont at our Lee Adjustment Center effective June 30, 2015 and the expiration of our managed-only contract with the state of Louisiana at the state-owned Winn Correctional Facility effective September 30, 2015, both as further described hereafter. The decrease in state revenues was also a result of the expiration of our contracts at the Idaho Correctional Center effective July 1, 2014 and at the Three Florida Facilities effective January 31, 2014. The decrease in state revenues was partially offset by an increase in revenue at our Red Rock Correctional Center in Arizona and as a result of the acquisition of Avalon, both as further described hereafter.

Rental and other revenue increased from 2014 to 2015 as a result of a contract adjustment by one of our government partners previously disclosed in the fourth quarter of 2013. The contract adjustment resulted in an accrual of \$13.0 million of revenue and an equal accrual of operating expenses during the fourth quarter of 2013, which were revised to \$9.0 million during the first quarter of 2014, resulting in the reduction of both revenue and operating expenses by \$4.0 million in the first quarter of 2014.

### *Operating Expenses*

Operating expenses totaled \$1,256.1 million and \$1,156.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Operating expenses consist of those expenses incurred in the operation and management of correctional and detention facilities, as well as at facilities we lease to third-party operators, and for our inmate transportation subsidiary.

Expenses incurred in connection with the operation and management of correctional and detention facilities increased \$91.9 million, or 8.1% during 2015 compared with 2014. Similar to our increase in revenues, operating expenses increased most notably as a result of the activation of our South Texas Family Residential Center in the fourth quarter of 2014, as further described hereafter. The additional inmate population at our Red Rock Correctional Center, the transition of operations from the San Diego Correctional Facility to the newly constructed Otay Mesa Detention Center during the fourth quarter of 2015, and the acquisition of Avalon, all as further described hereafter, also contributed to the increase in operating expenses. The increase in operating expenses was partially offset by a reduction in expenses resulting from the expiration of our BOP contract at our Northeast Ohio

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Correctional Center effective May 31, 2015, and the expiration of our contract with the state of Vermont at our Lee Adjustment Center effective June 30, 2015, both as further described hereafter. In addition, the increase in operating expenses was partially offset by a reduction in expenses that resulted from idling our North Fork Correctional Facility in the fourth quarter of 2015, as previously described and by a reduction in expenses resulting from the expiration of our contracts at the managed-only Idaho Correctional Center effective July 1, 2014 and at the Three Florida Facilities effective January 31, 2014.

Fixed expenses per compensated man-day increased to \$37.53 during the year ended December 31, 2015 from \$33.06 during the year ended December 31, 2014. Fixed expenses per compensated man-day for the year ended December 31, 2015 include depreciation expense of \$29.9 million and interest expense of \$8.5 million in order to more properly reflect the cash flows associated with the lease at the South Texas Family Residential Center. In total, fixed expenses at the now fully constructed 2,400-bed South Texas Family Residential Center contributed to an increase of \$2.73 per compensated man-day for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Fixed expenses per compensated man-day increased from 2014 to 2015 due to an increase in salaries and benefits per compensated man-day of \$2.42. The increase in salaries and benefits per compensated man-day resulted primarily from a higher average wage rate at our South Texas Family Residential Center, which accounted for an increase of \$1.11 per compensated man-day. The increase in salaries and benefits per compensated man-day was also due to necessary staffing required during the decline in California inmate populations, expenses associated with the termination of the contract at the Winn Correctional Center, inflationary increases, and higher employee benefits. Salaries and benefits represent the most significant component of our operating expenses, representing approximately 59% and 62% of our total operating expenses during 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Variable expenses per compensated man-day increased \$3.36 during the year ended December 31, 2015 from the year ended December 31, 2014. The increase was primarily due to expenses associated with activating our South Texas Family Residential Center, and due to an increase in other variable expenses. Variable expenses at the South Texas Family Residential Center accounted for an increase of \$2.47 per compensated man-day.

Operating expenses also increased from the year ended December 31, 2014 to the year ended December 31, 2015 as a result of the contract adjustment by one of our government partners which reduced both revenue and operating expenses by \$4.0 million in the first quarter of 2014, as previously described. In addition, operating expenses in the first quarter of 2015 included a \$3.0 million bad debt charge associated with a facility we no longer manage. Operating expenses also increased in 2015 as a result of preparing the newly constructed Trousdale Turner Correctional Center for the intake of inmate populations in the first quarter of 2016, as further described hereafter.

### *Facility Management Contracts*

We typically enter into facility contracts to provide prison bed capacity and management services to governmental entities for terms typically from three to five years, with additional renewal periods at the option of the contracting governmental agency. Accordingly, a substantial portion of our facility contracts are scheduled to expire each year, notwithstanding contractual renewal options that a government agency may exercise. Although we generally expect these customers to exercise renewal options or negotiate new contracts with us, one or more of these contracts may not be renewed by the corresponding governmental agency.



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During December 2014, the BOP announced that it elected not to renew its contract with us at our owned and operated 2,016-bed Northeast Ohio Correctional Center with a net carrying value of \$31.8 million as of December 31, 2015. The contract with the BOP at this facility expired on May 31, 2015. Facility net operating income decreased by \$11.8 million from the year ended December 31, 2014 to the year ended December 31, 2015 as a result of this reduction in inmate population. We expect to continue to house USMS detainees at this facility pursuant to a separate contract that expires December 31, 2016 with one two-year renewal option remaining, while we continue to market the space that became available.

In April 2015, we provided notice to the state of Louisiana that we would cease management of the managed-only contract at the state-owned 1,538-bed Winn Correctional Center within 180 days, in accordance with the notice provisions of the contract. Management of the facility transitioned to another operator effective September 30, 2015. We generated facility net operating income at this facility of \$0.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. We incurred a facility net operating loss at the Winn Correctional Center of \$3.9 million during the time the facility was active in 2015. In anticipation of terminating the contract at this facility, we also recorded an asset impairment of \$1.0 million during the first quarter of 2015 for the write-off of goodwill associated with the Winn facility.

During May 2015, the state of Vermont announced that it elected to not renew the contract that would have allowed for Vermont's continued use of our owned and operated 816-bed Lee Adjustment Center. The contract expired on June 30, 2015. During the first six months of 2015, the offender population at the Lee Adjustment Center averaged 308 offenders, compared with 458 offenders during the same period in 2014. We generated facility net operating income at this facility of \$0.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. We incurred a facility net operating loss of \$1.2 million during the time the facility was active in 2015. We idled the facility upon transfer of the offender population in June 2015, but will continue to market the facility to other customers. The net carrying value of the Lee Adjustment Center was \$10.8 million as of December 31, 2015.

Our contract with the New Mexico Department of Corrections, or NMDOC at the New Mexico Women's Correctional Facility is currently scheduled to expire in June 2016. In November 2015, the NMDOC issued a Request For Proposal, or RFP, for up to 800 beds to house minimum, medium, and maximum security male inmates and to provide a male sex offender treatment program. We submitted a proposal to convert our New Mexico Women's Correctional Facility into a facility that would meet the requirements of the RFP, in the event the NMDOC prefers to utilize the facility for male sex offenders instead of a female population. In February 2016, the NMDOC cancelled the RFP and we expect a new RFP to be issued prior to the expiration of the existing contract. We can provide no assurance that we will either renew the existing contract to house female inmate populations or enter into a new contract to house male inmate populations. The net carrying value of the New Mexico Women's Correctional Facility was \$18.6 million as of December 31, 2015.

Based on information available at this filing, notwithstanding the contracts at facilities described above, we believe we will renew all other material contracts that have expired or are scheduled to expire within the next twelve months. We believe our renewal rate on existing contracts remains high as a result of a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, the constrained supply of available beds within the U.S. correctional system, our ownership of the majority of the beds we operate, and the quality of our operations.

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The operation of the facilities we own carries a higher degree of risk associated with a facility contract than the operation of the facilities we manage but do not own because we incur significant capital expenditures to construct or acquire facilities we own. Additionally, correctional and detention facilities have limited or no alternative use. Therefore, if a contract is terminated on a facility we own, we continue to incur certain operating expenses, such as real estate taxes, utilities, and insurance, which we would not incur if a management contract were terminated for a managed-only facility. As a result, revenue per compensated man-day is typically higher for facilities we own and manage than for managed-only facilities. Because we incur higher expenses, such as repairs and maintenance, real estate taxes, and insurance, on the facilities we own and manage, our cost structure for facilities we own and manage is also higher than the cost structure for the managed-only facilities. Accordingly, the following tables display the revenue and expenses per compensated man-day for the facilities placed into service that we own and manage and for the facilities we manage but do not own, which we believe is useful to our financial statement users:

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	2015	2014
<b>Owned and Managed Facilities:</b>		
Revenue per compensated man-day	\$ 81.32	\$ 70.55
Operating expenses per compensated man-day:		
Fixed expense	40.55	35.25
Variable expense	16.16	12.09
Total	56.71	47.34
Operating income per compensated man-day	\$ 24.61	\$ 23.21
Operating margin	30.3%	32.9%
Average compensated occupancy	79.9%	81.0%
Average available beds	65,073	66,179
Average compensated population	52,007	53,592
<b>Managed Only Facilities:</b>		
Revenue per compensated man-day	\$ 41.18	\$ 39.98
Operating expenses per compensated man-day:		
Fixed expense	26.38	25.68
Variable expense	10.53	9.95
Total	36.91	35.63
Operating income per compensated man-day	\$ 4.27	\$ 4.35
Operating margin	10.4%	10.9%
Average compensated occupancy	93.7%	95.1%
Average available beds	15,048	16,763
Average compensated population	14,104	15,944

### *Owned and Managed Facilities*

Facility net operating income, or the operating income or loss from operations before interest, taxes, asset impairments, depreciation and amortization, at our owned and managed facilities

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increased by \$54.6 million, from \$451.1 million in 2014 to \$505.7 million in 2015, an increase of 12.1%. Facility net operating income at our owned and managed facilities for the year ended December 31, 2015 was favorably impacted by the activation of the South Texas Family Residential Center, as further described hereafter. The aforementioned \$38.4 million aggregate depreciation and interest expense associated with the lease at the South Texas Family Residential Center in the year ended December 31, 2015 is not included in the facility net operating income amounts reported above, but is included in the per compensated man-day statistics.

In September 2014, we announced that we agreed under an expansion of an existing inter-governmental service agreement, or IGSA, between the city of Eloy, Arizona, and ICE to house up to 2,400 individuals at the South Texas Family Residential Center, a facility we lease in Dilley, Texas. The expanded agreement gives ICE additional capacity to accommodate the influx of Central American female adults with children arriving illegally on the Southwest border while they await the outcome of immigration hearings. As part of the agreement, we are responsible for providing space and residential services in an open and safe environment which offers residents indoor and outdoor recreational activities, counseling, group interaction, and access to religious and legal services. In addition, we provide educational programs through a third party and food services through the lessor. ICE Health Service Corps, a division of ICE, is responsible for medical services provided to residents. The services provided under the amended IGSA commenced in the fourth quarter of 2014, have a term of up to four years, and can be extended by bi-lateral modifications. However, ICE can also terminate the agreement for convenience, without penalty, by providing us with at least a 90-day notice. In addition, terms allow for ICE to terminate the agreement with us at any time, without penalty, due to a non-appropriation of funds.

We lease the South Texas Family Residential Center and the site upon which it was constructed from a third-party lessor. Our lease agreement with the lessor is over a period co-terminus with the aforementioned amended IGSA with ICE. ICE began housing the first residents at the facility in the fourth quarter of 2014, and the site was completed during the second quarter of 2015. The agreement provides for a fixed monthly payment in accordance with a graduated schedule. In accordance with the multiple-element arrangement guidance, a portion of the fixed monthly payments is recognized as lease and service revenue. During the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, we recognized \$244.7 million and \$21.0 million, respectively, in total revenue associated with the facility. The expanded agreement with ICE had a favorable impact on the revenue and net operating income of our owned and managed facilities during the year ended December 31, 2015 and is expected to continue to have a favorable impact on our financial results at an operating margin percentage comparable to those of our average owned and managed operating margins.

In June 2015, ICE announced a policy change with regards to family detention that has shortened the duration of ICE detention for those who are awaiting further process before immigration courts. In addition, numerous lawsuits, to which we are not a party, have challenged the government's policy of detaining migrant families. In one such lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Central District of California regarding a settlement agreement between ICE and a plaintiffs' class consisting of detained minors, the court issued an order on August 21, 2015, enforcing the settlement agreement and requiring compliance by October 23, 2015. The court's order clarifies that the government has the flexibility to hold class members for longer periods of time during influxes of large numbers of undocumented migrant families via the southern U.S. border. After announcing its intention to comply fully with the court's order, the federal government appealed and was granted an expedited briefing schedule by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Any court decision or government action that impacts this contract could materially affect our cash flows, financial condition, and results of operations.

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In September 2012, we announced that we were awarded a new management contract from the Arizona Department of Corrections, or ADOC, to house up to 1,000 medium-security inmates at our 1,596-bed Red Rock Correctional Center in Arizona. The management contract, which commenced in January 2014, contains an initial term of ten years, with two five-year renewal options upon mutual agreement and provides an occupancy guarantee of 90% of the contracted beds, was implemented in two phases. The government partner included the occupancy guarantee in its RFP in order to guarantee its access to the beds. We received approximately 500 inmates from Arizona during the first quarter of 2014 and received approximately 500 additional inmates during the first quarter of 2015. In addition, in July 2015, we entered into a temporary agreement with the state of Arizona to house approximately 560 inmates for a period not to exceed 180 days. The temporary agreement ended in December 2015. Revenue increased by \$17.7 million from the year ended December 31, 2014 to the year ended December 31, 2015 as a result of these increases in inmate populations.

In addition, in December 2015, we announced that we were awarded a new management contract from the ADOC to house up to an additional 1,000 medium-security inmates at our Red Rock facility. The new management contract contains an initial term of ten years, with two five-year renewal options upon mutual agreement and provides for an occupancy guarantee of 90% of the contracted beds once the 90% occupancy rate is achieved. The government partner included the occupancy guarantee in its RFP in order to guarantee its access to the beds. In connection with the new award, we are expanding our Red Rock facility to a design capacity of 2,024 beds and adding additional space for inmate re-entry programming. While a definitive ramp schedule has not yet been determined, we expect to begin receiving inmates from Arizona under the new contract beginning late in the third quarter or early fourth quarter of 2016, at which time the new contract will commence. The new contract is expected to generate approximately \$22.0 million to \$25.0 million of annual revenue.

In May 2011, in response to a lawsuit brought by inmates against the state of California, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling issued by a three judge panel requiring California to reduce its inmate population to 137.5% of its capacity. In an effort to meet the Federal court ruling, the state of California enacted legislation that shifted the responsibilities for housing certain lower level inmates from state government to local jurisdictions. This realignment plan commenced on October 1, 2011 and, along with other actions to reduce inmate populations, has resulted in a reduction in state inmate populations of approximately 31,000 as of December 31, 2015. As of December 31, 2015, the adult inmate population held in state of California institutions met the Federal court order at approximately 136.5% of capacity, or approximately 113,000 inmates, which did not include the California inmates held in our out-of-state facilities.

During the first quarter of 2015, the adult inmate population held in state of California institutions met the Federal court order to reduce inmate populations below 137.5% of its capacity. Inmate populations in the state have continued to decline below the court ordered capacity limit which has resulted in declining inmate populations in the out-of-state program. During the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, we housed an average daily population of approximately 7,300 and 8,800 inmates, respectively, from the state of California as a partial solution to the State's overcrowding. This decline in population resulted in a decrease in revenue of \$33.9 million from the year ended December 31, 2014 to the year ended December 31, 2015. As of February 18, 2016, we housed approximately 5,100 inmates from the state of California.

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On October 13, 2015, we announced that we renewed our contract with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, or CDCR, through June 30, 2019. The contract renewal provides for up to 6,562 beds to be made available to CDCR during the renewal term at any of our facilities. The contract includes renewal options to extend beyond the three-year term upon mutual agreement by both parties. The remaining terms and conditions of the new contract are substantially unchanged from the previous contract, which was scheduled to expire June 30, 2016. Approximately 11% and 14% of our total revenue for the years December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, was generated from the CDCR, including revenue generated at our California City facility under a lease agreement that commenced December 1, 2013. An elimination of the use of our out-of-state solutions by the state of California would have a significant adverse impact on our financial position, results of operations, and cash flows.

During the third quarter of 2013, we began hiring staff at the Diamondback Correctional Facility in order to reactivate the facility for future operations. Our decision to activate the facility was made as a result of potential need for additional beds by certain state customers. In January 2014, the state of Oklahoma issued an RFP for bed capacity in the state of Oklahoma and anticipated that an award announcement would be made in the second quarter of 2014. When it became evident the contract would not be awarded and commence in the near-term, we made the decision to re-idle the facility. The de-activation was completed near the end of the second quarter of 2014. In the preceding table, the calculations of expenses per man-day for the year ended December 31, 2014 exclude expenses incurred during the first six months of 2014 for the Diamondback facility because of the distorted impact they have on the statistics.

During the fourth quarter of 2015, we closed on the acquisition of 100% of the stock of Avalon, along with two additional facilities operated by Avalon. Avalon, a privately held community corrections company that operates 11 community corrections facilities with approximately 3,000 beds in Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming, specializes in community correctional services, drug and alcohol treatment services, and residential re-entry services. Avalon provides these services for various federal, state, and local agencies, many with which we currently partner. We acquired Avalon as a strategic investment that continues to expand the re-entry assets owned and services we provide. We currently expect the annualized revenues to be generated by these 11 facilities to range from approximately \$35.0 million to \$40.0 million.

### *Managed-Only Facilities*

Total revenue at our managed-only facilities decreased \$20.7 million from \$232.7 million in 2014 to \$212.0 million in 2015. The decrease in revenues at our managed-only facilities was largely the result of the expiration of our contracts at the Winn Correctional Center effective September 30, 2015, the Idaho Correctional Center effective July 1, 2014, and at the Three Florida Facilities effective January 31, 2014. Revenue per compensated man-day increased to \$41.18 in 2015 from \$39.98 in 2014, or 3.0%. Operating expenses per compensated man-day increased to \$36.91 in 2015 from \$35.63 in 2014. Facility net operating income at our managed-only facilities decreased \$3.3 million from \$25.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2014 to \$22.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2015. During 2015 and 2014, managed-only facilities generated 4.2% and 5.3%, respectively, of our total facility net operating income.

During the third quarter of 2013, the state of Idaho reported that they expected to solicit bids for the management of the Idaho Correctional Center upon the expiration of our contract in June 2014. During the third quarter of 2013, we decided not to submit a bid for the continued management of this facility. The state announced in early 2014 that it would assume

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management of the facility effective July 1, 2014. The transition of our operations to the state of Idaho was completed successfully on July 1, 2014. This facility incurred a facility net operating loss of \$1.9 million during the time it was active in 2014.

We expect the managed-only business to remain competitive and we will only pursue opportunities for managed-only business where we are sufficiently compensated for the risk associated with this competitive business. Further, we may terminate existing contracts from time to time when we are unable to achieve per diem increases that offset increasing expenses and enable us to maintain safe, effective operations. In April 2015, we provided notice to the state of Louisiana that we would cease management of the contract at the 1,538-bed Winn Correctional Center within 180 days, in accordance with the notice provisions of the contract. Management of the facility transitioned to another operator effective September 30, 2015. We generated facility net operating income at this facility of \$0.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. We incurred a facility net operating loss at the Winn Correctional Center of \$3.9 million during the time the facility was active in 2015. In anticipation of terminating the contract at this facility, we also recorded an asset impairment of \$1.0 million during the first quarter of 2015 for the write-off of goodwill associated with the Winn facility.

### ***General and administrative expense***

For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, general and administrative expenses totaled \$103.9 million and \$106.4 million, respectively. General and administrative expenses consist primarily of corporate management salaries and benefits, professional fees and other administrative expenses. The decrease in general and administrative expenses was primarily a result of decreased incentive compensation and professional fees, partially offset by \$3.6 million of expenses incurred during 2015 associated with mergers and acquisitions, including primarily expenses for the acquisition of Avalon, which closed in the fourth quarter of 2015. As we pursue additional mergers and acquisitions, we could incur significant general and administrative expenses in the future associated with our due diligence efforts, whether or not such transactions are completed. These expenses could create volatility in our earnings.

### ***Depreciation and Amortization***

For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, depreciation and amortization expense totaled \$151.5 million and \$113.9 million, respectively. Our depreciation and amortization expense increased as a result of completion of construction of the 2,400-bed South Texas Family Residential Center in the second quarter of 2015. Prior to the second quarter of 2015, residents had been housed in pre-existing housing units on the property. Our lease agreement with the third-party lessor resulted in CCA being deemed the owner of the newly constructed assets for accounting purposes, in accordance with ASC 840-40-55, formerly Emerging Issues Task Force No. 97-10, "The Effect of Lessee Involvement in Asset Construction". Accordingly, our balance sheet reflects the costs attributable to the building assets constructed by the third-party lessor, which, beginning in the second quarter of 2015, began being depreciated over the remainder of the four-year term of the lease. Depreciation expense for the constructed assets at this facility included \$29.9 million during the year ended December 31, 2015, and is expected to approximate \$43.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2016. Depreciation expense is also expected to increase in 2016 due to the completion of the Otay Mesa Detention Center and the Trousedale Turner Correctional Center construction projects, as described hereafter.

***Interest expense, net***

Interest expense was reported net of interest income and capitalized interest for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014. Gross interest expense, net of capitalized interest, was \$51.8 million and \$43.1 million for 2015 and 2014, respectively. Gross interest expense is based on outstanding borrowings under our \$900.0 million revolving credit facility, or revolving credit facility, our outstanding Term Loan, as defined hereafter, and our outstanding senior notes, as well as the amortization of loan costs and unused facility fees. We also incur interest expense associated with the lease of the South Texas Family Residential Center, in accordance with ASC 840-40-55. Our interest expense increased in 2015 as a result of completion of construction of the 2,400-bed South Texas Family Residential Center in the second quarter of 2015. Interest expense associated with the lease of this facility was \$8.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2015, and is expected to approximate \$10.5 million in 2016.

We have benefited from relatively low interest rates on our revolving credit facility, which is largely based on the London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR. It is possible that LIBOR could increase in the future. The interest rate on our revolving credit facility was at LIBOR plus a margin of 1.75% during 2014 and the first six months of 2015. Based on our leverage ratio, following an amendment to our revolving credit facility executed in July 2015, loans under our revolving credit facility bore interest at the base rate plus a margin of 0.25% or at LIBOR plus a margin of 1.25%, and a commitment fee equal to 0.30% of the unfunded balance. Based on our current leverage ratio, loans under our revolving credit facility currently bear interest at the base rate plus a margin of 0.50% or at LIBOR plus a margin of 1.50%, and a commitment fee equal to 0.35% of the unfunded balance.

In October 2015, we obtained \$100.0 million under an Incremental Term Loan, or Term Loan, under the “accordion” feature of our revolving credit facility. Interest rates under the Term Loan are the same as the interest rates under our revolving credit facility, except that the interest rate on the Term Loan is at a base rate plus a margin of 0.50% or at LIBOR plus a margin of 1.75% during the first two fiscal quarters following closing of the Term Loan. We used net proceeds from the Term Loan to pay down a portion of our revolving credit facility. The Term Loan has a maturity of July 2020, with scheduled principal payments in years 2016 through 2020.

On September 25, 2015, we completed the offering of \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.0% senior notes due October 15, 2022. We used net proceeds from the offering to pay down a portion of our revolving credit facility which had a variable weighted average interest rate of 1.9% at December 31, 2015. While our interest expense increased during 2015 and is expected to increase in 2016 as a result of the refinancing transactions, we reduced our exposure to variable rate debt, extended our weighted average maturity, and increased the availability under our revolving credit facility.

Gross interest income was \$2.1 million and \$3.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Gross interest income is earned on a direct financing lease, notes receivable, investments, and cash and cash equivalents. Interest income generated on investments we hold in a rabbi trust were higher during the year ended December 31, 2014 compared to the same period in 2015. Capitalized interest was \$5.5 million and \$2.5 million during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Capitalized interest was associated with various construction and expansion projects as further described under “Liquidity and Capital Resources” hereafter.

***Income tax expense***

During the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, our financial statements reflected an income tax expense of \$8.4 million and \$6.9 million, respectively. Our effective tax rate was 3.6% and 3.4% during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. As a REIT, we are entitled to a deduction for dividends paid, resulting in a substantial reduction in the amount of federal income tax expense we recognize. Substantially all of our income tax expense is incurred based on the earnings generated by our TRSs. Our overall effective tax rate is estimated based on the current projection of taxable income primarily generated in our TRSs. Our consolidated effective tax rate could fluctuate in the future based on changes in estimates of taxable income, the relative amounts of taxable income generated by the TRSs and the REIT, the implementation of additional tax planning strategies, changes in federal or state tax rates or laws affecting tax credits available to us, changes in other tax laws, changes in estimates related to uncertain tax positions, or changes in state apportionment factors, as well as changes in the valuation allowance applied to our deferred tax assets that are based primarily on the amount of state net operating losses and tax credits that could expire unused.

**Year Ended December 31, 2014 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

During the year ended December 31, 2014, we generated net income of \$195.0 million, or \$1.66 per diluted share, compared with net income of \$300.8 million, or \$2.70 per diluted share, for the previous year. Net income was negatively impacted during 2014 by \$30.0 million of asset impairments, net of taxes, or \$0.26 per diluted share, at the Houston Educational Facility, Queensgate Correctional Facility, and Mineral Wells Pre-Parole Transfer Facility. When compared to 2013, per share results during 2014 were also negatively impacted by the issuance of 13.9 million shares of common stock in connection with the payment of a special dividend on May 20, 2013.

Net income was favorably impacted during 2013 by the income tax benefit of \$137.7 million recorded during the first quarter of 2013, or \$1.24 per diluted share, due to the revaluation of certain deferred tax assets and liabilities and other income taxes associated with the REIT conversion effective January 1, 2013. In addition, results for 2013 were favorably impacted by a tax benefit of \$4.9 million, or \$0.04 per share, due to certain tax strategies implemented during the second quarter of 2013 that resulted in a further reduction in income taxes. These income tax benefits during 2013 were offset by our decision to provide bonuses totaling \$5.0 million, or \$0.04 per share, to non-management staff in lieu of merit increases in 2013. Net income for 2013 was negatively impacted due to several non-routine items including \$43.5 million, net of taxes, or \$0.39 per diluted share for expenses associated with debt refinancing transactions, the REIT conversion, and with the acquisition of Correctional Alternatives, Inc., or CAI, in the third quarter of 2013. Net income was also negatively impacted during 2013 by asset impairments associated with contract terminations of \$6.7 million, net of taxes, or \$0.06 per diluted share.



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Revenue and expenses per compensated man-day for all of the facilities placed into service that we owned or managed, exclusive of those discontinued (see further discussion below regarding discontinued operations) or held for lease, were as follows for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
Revenue per compensated man-day	<b>\$ 63.54</b>	\$ 60.57
Operating expenses per compensated man-day:		
Fixed expense	<b>33.06</b>	32.48
Variable expense	<b>11.60</b>	10.26
Total	<b>44.66</b>	42.74
Operating income per compensated man-day	<b>\$ 18.88</b>	\$ 17.83
Operating margin	<b>29.7%</b>	29.4%
Average compensated occupancy	<b>83.8%</b>	85.2%
Average available beds	<b>82,942</b>	88,894
Average compensated population	<b>69,536</b>	75,698

The calculations of expenses per compensated man-day for 2014 and 2013 exclude expenses incurred during the fourth quarter of 2013 and the first six months of 2014 for start-up efforts associated with the Diamondback facility because of the distorted impact they have on the statistics. The Diamondback expenses were incurred in connection with the activation of the facility in anticipation of a new contract. As further described hereafter, in April 2014, we made the decision to once again idle the facility in the absence of a definitive contract. The de-activation was completed near the end of the second quarter of 2014. In addition, the calculations of revenue and expenses per compensated man-day for 2013 exclude revenues (and compensated man-days) earned and expenses incurred during the fourth quarter of 2013 for the Red Rock facility because of the distorted impact they have on the statistics due to the transition to a new contract, as further described hereafter.

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### Revenue

Total revenue consists of revenue we generate in the operation and management of correctional and detention facilities, as well as rental revenue generated from facilities we lease to third-party operators, and from our inmate transportation subsidiary. The following table reflects the components of revenue for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 (in millions):

	For the Years Ended December 31,		\$ Change	% Change
	2014	2013		
<b>Management revenue:</b>				
Federal	\$ 728.3	\$ 740.0	\$ (11.7)	(1.6%)
State	759.3	823.6	(64.3)	(7.8%)
Local	68.6	66.9	1.7	2.5%
Other	56.5	57.3	(0.8)	(1.4%)
Total management revenue	<u>1,612.7</u>	<u>1,687.8</u>	<u>(75.1)</u>	<u>(4.4%)</u>
<b>Rental and other revenue</b>	<u>34.2</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>27.7</u>	<u>426.2%</u>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<u><b>\$1,646.9</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,694.3</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (47.4)</b></u>	<u><b>(2.8%)</b></u>

The \$75.1 million, or 4.4%, reduction in revenue associated with the operation and management of correctional and detention facilities consisted of a decrease in revenue of approximately \$136.2 million caused by a decrease in the average daily compensated population during 2014, partially offset by an increase of 4.9% in average revenue per compensated man-day. The reduction in revenue was also a result of a contract adjustment by one of our federal partners, as previously disclosed in the fourth quarter of 2013 and as further described hereafter. The reduction in revenue from the operation and management of correctional and detention facilities was partially offset by an increase in lease revenue at our California City facility, as further described hereafter under “Other Facility Related Activity”.

Average daily compensated population decreased 6,162, or 8.1%, from 2013 to 2014. The decline in average compensated population primarily resulted from the expiration of our contracts at the Three Florida Facilities after the Florida DMS awarded the management of these contracts to another operator effective January 31, 2014. The decline in average compensated population also resulted from the expiration of our contract at the Idaho Correctional Center after the state of Idaho assumed management of the facility effective July 1, 2014, and from our decision to terminate a contract at the North Georgia Detention Center effective in the first quarter of 2014. Combined, these five facilities contributed to a decrease in revenue of \$76.9 million and generated facility net operating losses of \$2.4 million during the time they were active in 2014, and net operating income of \$0.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2013.

Our federal customers generated approximately 44% of our total revenue for both of the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, but decreased \$11.7 million from 2013 to 2014. The reduction in federal revenues primarily resulted from the transition of our California City facility, which housed USMS and ICE offenders during the majority of 2013, to a lease with the state of California, as further described under “Other Facility Related Activity” hereafter. Partially offsetting the reduction in federal revenues was an increase in revenues that resulted from our acquisition of CAI in the third quarter of 2013 and the activation of the South Texas Family Residential Center in the fourth quarter of 2014. During 2014, we recognized \$21.0 million in revenue associated with the South Texas Family Residential Center.

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The reduction in federal revenues also resulted from a contract adjustment by one of our federal partners previously disclosed in the fourth quarter of 2013. The contract adjustment resulted in an accrual of \$13.0 million of revenue and an equal accrual of operating expenses during the fourth quarter of 2013, both of which were revised to \$9.0 million during the first quarter of 2014. Because of the distorted impact these amounts would have on the per compensated man-day statistics presented in the previous table, the revenue and expenses related to these adjustments were not included in the calculations of the per compensated man-day statistics.

State revenues from facilities that we manage decreased 7.8% from 2013 to 2014 primarily as a result of the expiration of our contracts at the Idaho Correctional Center effective July 1, 2014 and at the Three Florida Facilities effective January 31, 2014, and due to the idling of our Mineral Wells and Marion Adjustment Center facilities in the third quarter of 2013.

### *Operating Expenses*

Operating expenses totaled \$1,156.1 million and \$1,220.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Operating expenses consist of those expenses incurred in the operation and management of correctional and detention facilities, as well as at facilities we lease to third-party operators, and for our inmate transportation subsidiary.

Expenses incurred in connection with the operation and management of correctional and detention facilities decreased \$67.3 million, or 5.6%, during 2014 compared with 2013. Similar to our reduction in revenues, operating expenses decreased most notably as a result of the expiration of our contracts at the Idaho Correctional Center effective July 1, 2014 and at the Three Florida Facilities effective January 31, 2014, and due to the idling of our Mineral Wells and Marion Adjustment Center facilities in the third quarter of 2013. The reduction in operating expenses was also a result of the aforementioned contract adjustment by one of our federal partners, also as previously disclosed in the fourth quarter of 2013. These reductions in operating expenses were partially offset by an increase in expenses related to the activation of our South Texas Family Residential Center in the fourth quarter of 2014.

Fixed expenses per compensated man-day increased to \$33.06 during the year ended December 31, 2014 from \$32.48 during the year ended December 31, 2013 primarily as a result of an increase in salaries and benefits per compensated man-day of \$0.46. The increase in salaries and benefits per compensated man-day resulted primarily from wage adjustments implemented during 2014 and a higher average rate at our newly activated South Texas Family Residential Center, as well as more unfavorable claims experience in our self-insured employee health plans in 2014 compared with the prior year. Salaries and benefits represent the most significant component of fixed operating expenses, representing approximately 62% and 65% of our operating expenses during 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Variable expenses per compensated man-day increased \$1.34 during the year ended December 31, 2014 from the year ended December 31, 2013. The increase was primarily a result of increases in inmate medical costs and contractual inflationary increases in food service, and due to expenses associated with our newly activated South Texas Family Residential Center. The increase in variable expenses per compensated man-day was also due to an increase in travel and other variable expenses, largely attributable to the aforementioned transition of several contracts to new operators. In addition, 2013 was favorably impacted by the implementation of certain sales tax strategies which reduced variable expenses per compensated man-day by \$0.15 in 2013.

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The following tables display the revenue and expenses per compensated man-day for the facilities placed into service that we own and manage and for the facilities we manage but do not own, which we believe is useful to our financial statement users:

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>Owned and Managed Facilities:</b>		
Revenue per compensated man-day	\$ 70.55	\$ 68.19
Operating expenses per compensated man-day:		
Fixed expense	35.25	35.02
Variable expense	<u>12.09</u>	<u>10.66</u>
Total	<u>47.34</u>	<u>45.68</u>
Operating income per compensated man-day	<u>\$ 23.21</u>	<u>\$ 22.51</u>
Operating margin	<u>32.9%</u>	<u>33.0%</u>
Average compensated occupancy	<u>81.0%</u>	<u>81.6%</u>
Average available beds	<u>66,179</u>	<u>67,588</u>
Average compensated population	<u>53,592</u>	<u>55,123</u>
<b>Managed Only Facilities:</b>		
Revenue per compensated man-day	\$ 39.98	\$ 40.14
Operating expenses per compensated man-day:		
Fixed expense	25.68	25.68
Variable expense	<u>9.95</u>	<u>9.20</u>
Total	<u>35.63</u>	<u>34.88</u>
Operating income per compensated man-day	<u>\$ 4.35</u>	<u>\$ 5.26</u>
Operating margin	<u>10.9%</u>	<u>13.1%</u>
Average compensated occupancy	<u>95.1%</u>	<u>96.6%</u>
Average available beds	<u>16,763</u>	<u>21,306</u>
Average compensated population	<u>15,944</u>	<u>20,575</u>

### *Owned and Managed Facilities*

Facility net operating income at our owned and managed facilities increased by \$6.4 million, from \$444.7 million in 2013 to \$451.1 million in 2014. Facility net operating income at our owned and managed facilities during 2014 was favorably impacted by the activation of the South Texas Family Residential Center in the fourth quarter of 2014 and the CAI acquisition in the third quarter of 2013.

In July 2013, we extended our agreement with CDCR, to continue to house inmates at the four facilities we operate for them in Arizona, Oklahoma, and Mississippi. The extension also allowed CDCR to transition California inmates previously housed at our Red Rock Correctional Center to our other facilities. Accordingly, all of the California inmates were relocated from our Red Rock Correctional Center in the fourth quarter of 2013 in order to prepare for the receipt of inmates under our new contract with the state of Arizona, which

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commenced January 1, 2014, as further described hereafter. While the transition resulted in the loss of some of the inmates housed at the Red Rock facility, the transition plan included retention and transfer of certain inmates to our other facilities. The calculations of revenue and expenses per compensated man-day in the preceding table exclude revenues (and compensated man-days) earned and expenses incurred during the fourth quarter of 2013 for the Red Rock facility because of the distorted impact they have on the statistics due to the transition to a new contract.

During the second quarter of 2013, we announced that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, or TDCJ, elected not to renew its contract for our owned and managed 2,103-bed Mineral Wells Pre-Parole Transfer Facility due to a legislative budget reduction. As a result, upon expiration of the contract in August 2013, we ceased operations and idled the Mineral Wells facility. Further, the Kentucky Department of Corrections, or KDOC, provided us notice during the second quarter of 2013 that it was not going to award a contract under the RFP that would have allowed for the KDOC's continued use of our owned and managed 826-bed Marion Adjustment Center. We also idled the Marion Adjustment Center following the transfer of the populations during September 2013. These two facilities generated a combined net operating loss, excluding depreciation and amortization, of \$1.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2014, compared with a combined net operating loss of \$1.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2013. In addition, we recorded a non-cash asset impairment of \$17.2 million for the Mineral Wells facility in the fourth quarter of 2014.

During the third quarter of 2013, we began hiring staff at the Diamondback Correctional Facility in order to reactivate the facility for future operations. Our decision to activate the facility was made as a result of potential need for additional beds by certain state customers. In January 2014, the state of Oklahoma issued a RFP for bed capacity in the state of Oklahoma and anticipated that an award announcement would be made in the second quarter of 2014. When it became evident the contract would not be awarded and commence in the near-term, we made the decision to re-idle the facility. The de-activation was completed near the end of the second quarter of 2014. In the preceding table, the calculations of expenses per man-day exclude expenses incurred during the fourth quarter of 2013 and the first six months of 2014 for the Diamondback facility because of the distorted impact they have on the statistics.

In September 2012, we announced that we were awarded a new management contract from the Arizona Department of Corrections to house up to 1,000 medium-security inmates at our 1,596-bed Red Rock Correctional Center in Arizona. The management contract, which commenced in January 2014, contains an initial term of ten years, with two five-year renewal options upon mutual agreement and provides an occupancy guarantee of 90% of the contracted beds, was implemented in two phases. The government partner included the occupancy guarantee in its RFP in order to guarantee its access to the beds. We received approximately 500 inmates from Arizona during the first quarter of 2014 and received approximately 500 additional inmates during the first quarter of 2015.

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### *Managed-Only Facilities*

Total revenue at our managed-only facilities decreased \$68.8 million from \$301.5 million in 2013 to \$232.7 million in 2014. The decrease in revenues during 2014 at our managed-only facilities was largely the result of the aforementioned expiration of our contracts at the Idaho Correctional Center effective July 1, 2014 and at the Three Florida Facilities effective January 31, 2014. Revenue per compensated man-day decreased slightly to \$39.98 in 2014 from \$40.14 in 2013, or 0.4%. Facility net operating income at our managed-only facilities decreased \$14.2 million from \$39.6 million during the year ended December 31 2013 to \$25.3 million during year ended December 31, 2014. During 2014 and 2013, managed-only facilities generated 5.3% and 8.2%, respectively, of our total facility net operating income.

Operating expenses per compensated man-day at managed-only facilities increased to \$35.63 during the year ended December 31, 2014 from \$34.88 during the year ended December 31, 2013 largely due to increases in inmate litigation costs, inmate medical costs, travel, and other variable expenses, most notably at our Idaho facility.

During the third quarter of 2013, the state of Idaho reported that they expected to solicit bids for the management of the Idaho Correctional Center upon the expiration of our contract in June 2014. During the third quarter of 2013, we decided not to submit a bid for the continued management of this facility. The state announced in early 2014 that it would assume management of the facility effective July 1, 2014. The transition of our operations to the state of Idaho was completed successfully on July 1, 2014. We generated an operating loss, net of depreciation and amortization, of \$2.8 million at this facility during the time it was active in 2014, and an operating loss of \$0.3 million at this facility for the year ended December 31, 2013. In addition, we reported a non-cash goodwill impairment charge of \$1.0 million for the Idaho facility in the third quarter of 2013.

During the fourth quarter of 2013, the Florida DMS awarded to another operator contracts to manage the Three Florida Facilities which are owned by the state of Florida. We previously managed these facilities under contracts that expired on January 31, 2014. Accordingly, we transferred operations of these facilities to the new operator upon expiration of the contracts. These three facilities operated at breakeven during the time they were active in 2014 and generated combined facility operating income, net of depreciation and amortization, of \$1.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2013. In addition, we reported a non-cash goodwill impairment charge of \$1.1 million for one of the Three Florida Facilities in the fourth quarter of 2013.

### *Other Facility Related Activity*

In October 2013, we entered into a lease for our California City Correctional Center with the CDCR. The lease agreement includes a three-year base term that commenced December 1, 2013, with unlimited two-year renewal options upon mutual agreement. Annual base rent during the three-year base term is fixed at \$28.5 million. After the three-year base term, the rent will be increased annually by the lesser of CPI (Consumer Price Index) or 2%. We are responsible for repairs and maintenance, property taxes and property insurance, while all other aspects and costs of facility operations are the responsibility of the CDCR. We also provided \$10.0 million in tenant allowances and improvements. Profitability increased at this facility compared with the prior year, when the facility was only partially occupied by USMS and ICE populations.

***General and administrative expense***

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, general and administrative expenses totaled \$106.4 million and \$103.6 million respectively. General and administrative expenses consist primarily of corporate management salaries and benefits, professional fees, and other administrative expenses. General and administrative expenses increased in 2014 when compared to 2013 primarily as a result of increased professional fees of \$4.2 million for assistance with several corporate initiatives and legal matters, and increased incentive compensation of \$6.0 million. General and administrative expenses in 2014 also included \$1.5 million of expenses associated with the write-off of costs in the first quarter of 2014 related to a parcel of land we previously optioned in connection with the construction of the Otay Mesa Detention Center; however, we were able to design a more efficient structure that no longer required this parcel as part of the footprint. General and administrative expenses during 2013 included professional fees and expenses of \$10.3 million associated with the conversion of our corporate structure to a REIT effective January 1, 2013. During the year ended December 31, 2013, we also incurred \$0.8 million in connection with our acquisition of CAI.

***Depreciation and Amortization***

Depreciation and amortization expense totaled \$113.9 million and \$112.7 million during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The increase in depreciation and amortization expense primarily occurred at our Red Rock facility as a result of our new management contract with the Arizona Department of Corrections which was effective January 1, 2014. Our depreciation rate for the facility was adjusted to reflect the terms of the contract which provides the state of Arizona an option to purchase the facility at any time during the twenty-year term of the contract based on an amortization schedule starting with the fair market value and decreasing evenly to zero over the twenty-year term.

***Interest expense, net***

Interest expense was reported net of interest income and capitalized interest for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. Gross interest expense, net of capitalized interest, was \$43.1 million and \$47.1 million for 2014 and 2013, respectively. Gross interest expense during these periods was based on outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility, our outstanding senior notes, as well as the amortization of loan costs and unused facility fees. We benefited from relatively low interest rates on our revolving credit facility, which is largely based on the LIBOR. The interest rate on our revolving credit facility, which was amended and extended in March 2013, was at LIBOR plus a margin of 1.50% throughout 2013. The rate increased to LIBOR plus a margin of 1.75% during the first quarter of 2014 pursuant to the terms of our revolving credit facility based on an increase in our leverage ratio. Our interest expense was lower in 2014 compared to 2013 as we completed several refinancing transactions in the second quarter of 2013 which reduced our weighted average interest rate contributing to the reduction in interest expense.

Gross interest income was \$3.6 million and \$2.0 million, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. Gross interest income is earned on a direct financing lease, notes receivable, investments, and cash and cash equivalents. Interest income generated on investments we hold in a rabbi trust were higher during the year ended December 31, 2014 compared to the same period in 2013. Capitalized interest was \$2.5 million and \$0.8 million during 2014 and 2013, respectively, and was associated with various construction and expansion projects.

***Expenses associated with debt refinancing transactions***

During the year ended December 31, 2013, we reported charges of \$36.5 million, for the write-off of loan costs and the unamortized discount, redemption premium, and third-party fees and expenses associated with the tender offer for our then outstanding 7.75% senior unsecured notes.

***Income tax expense***

During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, our financial statements reflected an income tax expense of \$6.9 million and an income tax benefit of \$135.0 million, respectively. The income tax benefit in 2013 was due primarily to a net tax benefit of \$137.7 million resulting from the revaluation of certain deferred tax assets and liabilities associated with the REIT conversion effective January 1, 2013. Our effective tax rate was 3.4% during the year ended December 31, 2014, and was approximately 6.2% during the same period in 2013, excluding the aforementioned net tax benefit and the income tax benefit of certain other items. As a REIT, we are entitled to a deduction for dividends paid, resulting in a substantial reduction in the amount of federal income tax expense we recognize. Substantially all of our income tax expense is incurred based on the earnings generated by our TRSs. Our overall effective tax rate is estimated based on the current projection of taxable income primarily generated in our TRSs.

***Discontinued operations***

During the second quarter of 2013, we announced that the TDCJ elected not to renew its contract for the 2,216-bed managed-only Dawson State Jail in Dallas, Texas due to a legislative budget reduction. As a result, upon expiration of the contract in August 2013, we ceased operations of the Dawson State Jail. During the second quarter of 2013, we also received notification that we were not selected for the continued management of the 1,000-bed managed-only Wilkinson County Correctional Facility in Woodville, Mississippi at the end of the contract on June 30, 2013. Accordingly, the results of operations, net of taxes, and the assets and liabilities of the Dawson and Wilkinson facilities have been reported as discontinued operations for all periods presented. The Dawson and Wilkinson facilities operated at a combined loss of \$3.8 million, net of taxes, for the year ended December 31, 2013, and had no operations during 2014.

In April 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-08, "Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant, and Equipment (Topic 360): Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity", which changed the criteria for reporting a discontinued operation. Specifically, ASU 2014-08 changed the current definition of "discontinued operations" so that only disposals of components that represent a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results qualify for discontinued operations reporting. We elected to early adopt ASU 2014-08 in the first quarter of 2014. Accordingly, under the guidelines of the new ASU 2014-08, the operations of the Three Florida Facilities were not reported as discontinued operations upon expiration of the contracts effective January 31, 2014. In addition, the operation of the Idaho Correctional Center was not reported as a discontinued operation upon expiration of the contract effective July 1, 2014, as we concluded that the four facilities do not meet the new definition of a discontinued operation and that they were not individually significant components of an entity. Under ASU 2014-08, previously reported discontinued operations are not reclassified as continuing operations even though such operations do not meet the new definition of a discontinued operation.



## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our principal capital requirements are for working capital, stockholder distributions, capital expenditures, and debt service payments. Capital requirements may also include cash expenditures associated with our outstanding commitments and contingencies, as further discussed in the notes to our financial statements. Additionally, we may incur capital expenditures to expand the design capacity of certain of our facilities (in order to retain management contracts) and to increase our inmate bed capacity for anticipated demand from current and future customers. We may acquire additional correctional and re-entry facilities as well as other real estate assets used to provide mission critical governmental services primarily in the criminal justice sector, that we believe have favorable investment returns and increase value to our stockholders. We will also consider opportunities for growth, including, but not limited to, potential acquisitions of businesses within our line of business and those that provide complementary services, provided we believe such opportunities will broaden our market share and/or increase the services we can provide to our customers.

To qualify and be taxed as a REIT, we generally are required to distribute annually to our stockholders at least 90% of our REIT taxable income (determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction and excluding net capital gains). Our REIT taxable income will not typically include income earned by our TRSs except to the extent our TRSs pay dividends to the REIT. Our Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.54 for each quarter of 2015 totaling \$254.8 million. The amount, timing and frequency of future distributions will be at the sole discretion of our Board of Directors and will be declared based upon various factors, many of which are beyond our control, including our financial condition and operating cash flows, the amount required to maintain qualification and taxation as a REIT and reduce any income and excise taxes that we otherwise would be required to pay, limitations on distributions in our existing and future debt instruments, our ability to utilize net operating losses, or NOLs, to offset, in whole or in part, our REIT distribution requirements, limitations on our ability to fund distributions using cash generated through our TRSs and other factors that our Board of Directors may deem relevant.

As of December 31, 2015, our liquidity was provided by cash on hand of \$65.3 million, and \$446.5 million available under our revolving credit facility. During the year ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, we generated \$399.8 million and \$423.6 million, respectively, in cash through operating activities, and as of December 31, 2015, we had net working capital of \$17.5 million. We currently expect to be able to meet our cash expenditure requirements for the next year utilizing these resources. We have no debt maturities until April 2020.

Our cash flow is subject to the receipt of sufficient funding of and timely payment by contracting governmental entities. If the appropriate governmental agency does not receive sufficient appropriations to cover its contractual obligations, it may terminate our contract or delay or reduce payment to us. Delays in payment from our major customers or the termination of contracts from our major customers could have an adverse effect on our cash flow and financial condition.

### ***Debt and refinancing transactions***

On September 25, 2015, we completed the offering of \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.0% senior notes due October 15, 2022. We used net proceeds from the offering to pay down a portion of our revolving credit facility. As of December 31, 2015, we had \$350.0 million principal amount of unsecured notes outstanding with a fixed stated interest rate of 4.625%, \$325.0 million principal amount of unsecured notes outstanding with a fixed stated interest rate of 4.125%, and \$250.0 million principal amount of unsecured notes

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outstanding with a fixed stated interest rate of 5.0%. In addition, we had \$100.0 million outstanding under our Term Loan with a variable interest rate of 2.0%, and \$439.0 million outstanding under our revolving credit facility with a variable weighted average interest rate of 1.9%. As of December 31, 2015, our total weighted average effective interest rate was 3.9%, while our total weighted average maturity was 5.6 years.

In October 2015, we obtained the Term Loan under the “accordion” feature of our revolving credit facility. Interest rates under the Term Loan are the same as the interest rates under our revolving credit facility, except that the interest rate on the Term Loan is at a base rate plus a margin of 0.50% or at LIBOR plus a margin of 1.75% during the first two fiscal quarters following closing of the Term Loan. We used net proceeds from the Term Loan to pay down a portion of our revolving credit facility. The Term Loan has a maturity of July 2020, with scheduled principal payments in years 2016 through 2020. We also have the flexibility to issue additional debt or equity securities from time to time when we determine that market conditions and the opportunity to utilize the proceeds from the issuance of such securities are favorable.

We capitalized a total of \$6.1 million of costs associated with debt refinancing transactions including the amendment to our revolving credit facility in July 2015, the issuance of the new senior notes in September 2015, and the Term Loan obtained in October 2015. We incurred \$0.7 million of expenses during the year ended December 31, 2015 associated with the amendment to our revolving credit facility in July 2015, recognized as expenses associated with debt refinancing transactions in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

On June 11, 2015, Moody’s raised our senior unsecured debt rating to “Baa3” from “Ba1” and revised the rating outlook to stable from positive. On March 21, 2013, Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services raised our corporate credit rating to “BB+” from “BB” and also assigned a “BB+” rating to our unsecured notes. Additionally, on April 5, 2013, Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services assigned a rating of “BBB” to our revolving credit facility. On February 7, 2012, Fitch Ratings assigned a rating of “BBB-” to our revolving credit facility and “BB+” ratings to our unsecured debt and corporate credit. On January 31, 2013, Fitch Ratings affirmed these ratings in connection with our intention to convert to a REIT and reaffirmed them on January 26, 2015.

### **Acquisitions**

On August 27, 2015, we acquired four community corrections facilities from a privately held owner of community corrections facilities and other government leased assets for an all cash purchase price of approximately \$13.8 million, excluding transaction related expenses. The four acquired community corrections facilities have a capacity of approximately 600 beds and are leased to Community Education Centers, Inc., or CEC, under triple net lease agreements that extend through July 2019 and include multiple five-year lease extension options. CEC separately contracts with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections and the Philadelphia Prison System to provide rehabilitative and re-entry services to residents and inmates at the leased facilities. We acquired the four facilities in the real estate-only transaction as a strategic investment that expands our investment in the residential re-entry market.

During the fourth quarter of 2015, we closed on the acquisition of 100% of the stock of Avalon, along with two additional facilities operated by Avalon. Avalon, a privately held community corrections company that operates 11 community corrections facilities with approximately 3,000 beds in Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming, specializes in community correctional services, drug and alcohol treatment services, and residential re-entry services. Avalon provides these services for various federal, state, and local agencies, many with

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which we currently partner. We acquired Avalon as a strategic investment that continues to expand the re-entry assets owned and services we provide. The aggregate purchase price of \$157.5 million, excluding transaction related expenses of \$3.0 million through December 31, 2015, includes two earn-outs, including one for \$2.0 million based on the achievement of certain utilization milestones over 12 months following the acquisition, and another for \$5.5 million based on the completion of and transition to a newly constructed facility that will deliver the contracted services provided at the Dallas Transitional Center. We currently expect both earn-outs to be achieved. The acquisition was funded utilizing cash from our revolving credit facility.

### ***Facility development and capital expenditures***

In order to retain federal inmate populations we managed in the 1,154-bed San Diego Correctional Facility, we constructed the 1,482-bed Otay Mesa Detention Center at a site in San Diego. The San Diego Correctional Facility was subject to a ground lease with the County of San Diego. Under the provisions of the lease, the facility was divided into three different properties whereby, pursuant to an amendment to the ground lease executed in January 2010, ownership of the entire facility reverted to the County upon expiration of the lease on December 31, 2015. We completed construction of the Otay Mesa Detention Center for approximately \$157.0 million and transitioned operations during the fourth quarter of 2015 from the San Diego Correctional Facility to the new facility. We transferred operations of the San Diego Correctional Facility to the County of San Diego by the lease expiration date of December 31, 2015.

In November 2013, we announced our decision to re-commence construction of a correctional facility in Trousdale County, Tennessee. We suspended construction of this facility in 2009 until we had greater clarity around the timing of a new contract. In October 2013, Trousdale County received notice from the Tennessee Department of Corrections of its intent to partner with the County to develop a new correctional facility to house state of Tennessee inmates. In April 2014, we entered into an agreement with Trousdale County whereby we agreed to finance, design, build and operate a 2,552-bed facility to meet the responsibilities of a separate IGSA between Trousdale County and the state of Tennessee regarding correctional services. In July 2014, we received notice that Trousdale County and the state of Tennessee finalized the IGSA. In order to guarantee access to the beds, the IGSA with the state of Tennessee includes a minimum monthly payment plus a per diem payment for each inmate housed in the facility in excess of 90% of the design capacity, provided that during a twenty-six week ramp period the minimum payment is based on the greater of the number of inmates actually at the facility or 90% of the beds available pursuant to the ramp schedule. We invested approximately \$144.0 million in the Trousdale Turner Correctional Center. The construction included capital investment funding to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (“LEED”) certification and upgrade fixtures that reduce both water and energy consumption during the life of the facility. These investments support our belief in corporate responsibility to both the global environment and the local community in which facilities are located. Construction was completed in the fourth quarter of 2015 and the intake of inmate populations began in the first quarter of 2016.

In December 2015, we announced we were awarded a new contract from the ADOC to house up to an additional 1,000 medium-security inmates at our 1,596-bed Red Rock Correctional Center in Arizona. In connection with the new contract, we are expanding our Red Rock facility to a design capacity of 2,024 beds and adding additional space for inmate re-entry programming. Total cost of the expansion is estimated at approximately \$35.0 million to \$38.0 million, including \$5.5 million invested through December 31, 2015. While a definitive ramp schedule has not yet been determined, we expect to complete construction and begin receiving inmates from Arizona under the new contract beginning late in the third quarter or early fourth quarter of 2016, at which time the new contract will commence.

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The demand for capacity in the short-term has been affected by the budget challenges many of our government partners currently face. At the same time, these challenges impede our customers' ability to construct new prison beds of their own or update older facilities, which we believe could result in further need for private sector capacity solutions in the long-term. We intend to continue to pursue build-to-suit opportunities like our 2,552-bed Trousdale Turner Correctional Center recently constructed in Trousdale County, Tennessee, and alternative solutions like the 2,400-bed South Texas Family Residential Center whereby we identified a site and lessor to provide residential housing and administrative buildings for ICE. We also expect to continue to pursue investment opportunities like the acquisition of the residential re-entry facilities in Pennsylvania and other real estate assets used to provide mission critical governmental services primarily in the criminal justice sector, as well as business combination transactions like the acquisition of Avalon. In the long-term, however, we would like to see meaningful utilization of our available capacity and better visibility from our customers before we add any additional prison capacity on a speculative basis.

### **Operating Activities**

Our net cash provided by operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$399.8 million compared with \$423.6 million in 2014 and \$369.5 million in 2013. Cash provided by operating activities represents our net income plus depreciation and amortization, changes in various components of working capital, and various non-cash charges, including primarily deferred income taxes. The decrease in cash provided by operating activities during 2015 was primarily due to negative fluctuations in working capital balances when compared to the same period in the prior year, including the decrease in deferred revenues associated with the South Texas Family Residential Center and routine timing differences in the payment of accounts payables, accrued salaries and wages, and other liabilities, partially offset by an increase in operating income.

The increase in cash provided by operating activities during 2014 from 2013 was primarily due to the receipt of a \$70.0 million payment from our customer in the fourth quarter of 2014 related to the South Texas Family Residential Center. The amount, along with portions of other monthly payments under the contract, is included in deferred revenue in the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2014. Slightly offsetting the effect of the \$70.0 million payment were negative fluctuations in working capital balances during 2014 when compared to the same period in 2013, including routine timing differences in the collection of accounts receivables and in the payment of accounts payables, accrued salaries and wages, and other liabilities.

### **Investing Activities**

Our cash flow used in investing activities was \$409.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 and was primarily attributable to capital expenditures of \$224.3 million, including expenditures for facility development and expansions of \$164.9 million primarily related to the aforementioned facility development projects, and \$59.4 million for facility maintenance and information technology capital expenditures. In addition, cash flow used in investing activities during the year ended December 31, 2015 included \$34.5 million of capitalized lease payments related to the South Texas Family Residential Center, reported in accordance with ASC 840-40-55, formerly Emerging Issues Task Force No. 97-10, "The Effect of Lessee Involvement in Asset Construction." Our cash flow used in investing activities during the year ended December 31, 2015 also included \$158.4 million related to the aforementioned acquisitions of four community corrections facilities in the third quarter of 2015 and Avalon in the fourth quarter of 2015.

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Our cash flow used in investing activities was \$196.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2014 and was primarily attributable to capital expenditures during the year of \$135.1 million, including expenditures for facility development and expansions of \$85.8 million primarily related to the facility development projects previously discussed herein, and \$49.3 million for facility maintenance and information technology capital expenditures. In addition, cash flow used in investing activities included \$70.8 million of capitalized lease payments related to the South Texas Family Residential Center, reported in accordance with ASC 840-40-55. Cash flow used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2014 was partially offset by proceeds from the sale of assets and net decreases in restricted cash and other assets.

Our cash flow used in investing activities was \$125.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2013 and was primarily attributable to capital expenditures during the year of \$89.3 million, including expenditures for facility development and expansions of \$40.7 million primarily related to the facility development and expansion projects previously discussed herein and including renovations pursuant to new customer agreements at our California City and Red Rock facilities, and \$48.6 million for facility maintenance and information technology capital expenditures. Our 2013 investing activities also included \$36.3 million in cash paid, net of cash acquired, for the acquisition of CAI.

### **Financing Activities**

Cash flow provided by financing activities was \$0.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2015. Cash flow used in financing activities included dividend payments of \$250.7 million and \$9.5 million for the purchase and retirement of common stock that was issued in connection with equity-based compensation. Cash flow used in financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2015 also included \$5.7 million for the payment of debt issuance and other refinancing costs associated with the aforementioned refinancing transactions. In addition, cash flow used in financing activities included \$6.5 million of cash payments associated with the financing components of the lease related to the South Texas Family Residential Center. These payments were offset by \$264.0 million of net proceeds from issuance of debt and principal repayments under our revolving credit facility, as well as the cash flows associated with exercising stock options, including the related income tax benefit of equity compensation, totaling \$8.2 million.

Cash flow used in financing activities was \$230.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2014 and was primarily attributable to dividend payments of \$234.0 million. Additionally, cash flow used in financing activities included \$4.0 million for the purchase and retirement of common stock that was issued in connection with equity-based compensation and \$5.0 million of net payments on our revolving credit facility. These payments were partially offset by cash flows associated with exercising stock options, including the related income tax benefit of equity compensation, totaling \$13.1 million.

Cash flow used in financing activities was \$229.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2013 and was primarily attributable to dividend payments of \$299.4 million. Cash flow used in financing activities also included \$37.3 million for the payment of debt issuance and other refinancing costs. Additionally, cash flow used in financing activities included \$6.7 million for the purchase and retirement of common stock that was issued in connection with equity-based compensation. These payments were partially offset by \$85.0 million of net proceeds from issuance of debt as well as the cash flows associated with exercising stock options, including the related income tax benefit of equity compensation, totaling \$30.5 million.

**Funds from Operations**

Funds From Operations, or FFO, is a widely accepted supplemental non-GAAP measure utilized to evaluate the operating performance of real estate companies. The National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, or NAREIT, defines FFO as net income computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, excluding gains or losses from sales of property and extraordinary items, plus depreciation and amortization of real estate and impairment of depreciable real estate and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures calculated to reflect funds from operations on the same basis.

We believe FFO is an important supplemental measure of our operating performance and believe it is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of REITs, many of which present FFO when reporting results.

We also present Normalized FFO as an additional supplemental measure as we believe it is more reflective of our core operating performance. We may make adjustments to FFO from time to time for certain other income and expenses that we consider non-recurring, infrequent or unusual, even though such items may require cash settlement, because such items do not reflect a necessary component of our ongoing operations. Normalized FFO excludes the effects of such items.

FFO and Normalized FFO are supplemental non-GAAP financial measures of real estate companies' operating performances, which do not represent cash generated from operating activities in accordance with GAAP and therefore should not be considered an alternative for net income or as a measure of liquidity. Our method of calculating FFO and Normalized FFO may be different from methods used by other REITs and, accordingly, may not be comparable to such other REITs.

Our reconciliation of net income to FFO and Normalized FFO for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 is as follows (in thousands):

FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS:	For the Years Ended December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
Net income	\$221,854	\$195,022	\$300,835
Depreciation of real estate assets	90,219	85,560	81,313
Impairment of real estate assets, net of taxes	—	29,843	—
Funds From Operations	312,073	310,425	382,148
Expenses associated with debt refinancing transactions, net of taxes	698	—	33,299
Expenses associated with REIT conversion, net of taxes	—	—	9,522
Expenses associated with mergers and acquisitions, net of taxes	3,620	—	713
Goodwill and other impairments, net of taxes	955	119	6,736
Income tax benefit for reversal of deferred taxes due to REIT conversion	—	—	(137,686)
Normalized Funds From Operations	\$317,346	\$310,544	\$294,732

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### Contractual Obligations

The following schedule summarizes our contractual obligations by the indicated period as of December 31, 2015 (in thousands):

	Payments Due By Year Ended December 31,						Total
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Thereafter	
Long-term debt	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 824,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,464,000
Interest on senior notes	42,788	42,094	42,094	42,094	35,390	65,469	269,929
Contractual facility developments and other commitments	37,015	423	—	—	—	—	37,438
South Texas Family Residential Center	92,356	73,412	53,733	—	—	—	219,501
Operating leases	571	581	605	615	563	864	3,799
Total contractual cash obligations	<u>\$177,730</u>	<u>\$126,510</u>	<u>\$106,432</u>	<u>\$57,709</u>	<u>\$859,953</u>	<u>\$666,333</u>	<u>\$1,994,667</u>

The cash obligations in the table above do not include future cash obligations for variable interest expense associated with our outstanding revolving credit facility as projections would be based on future outstanding balances as well as future variable interest rates, and we are unable to make reliable estimates of either. Further, the cash obligations in the table above also do not include future cash obligations for uncertain tax positions as we are unable to make reliable estimates of the timing of such payments, if any, to the taxing authorities. The contractual facility developments included in the table above represent development projects for which we have already entered into a contract with a customer that obligates us to complete the development project. Certain of our other ongoing construction projects are not currently under contract and thus are not included as a contractual obligation above as we may generally suspend or terminate such projects without substantial penalty. With respect to the South Texas Family Residential Center, the cash obligations included in the table above reflect the full contractual obligations of various contracts, excluding contingent payments, for periods up to 48 months even though many of these agreements provide us with the ability to terminate if ICE terminates the amended IGSA.

We had \$14.5 million of letters of credit outstanding at December 31, 2015 primarily to support our requirement to repay fees and claims under our workers' compensation plan in the event we do not repay the fees and claims due in accordance with the terms of the plan. The letters of credit are renewable annually. We did not have any draws under any outstanding letters of credit during 2015, 2014, or 2013.

### INFLATION

Many of our management contracts include provisions for inflationary indexing, which mitigates an adverse impact of inflation on net income. However, a substantial increase in personnel costs, workers' compensation or food and medical expenses could have an adverse impact on our results of operations in the future to the extent that these expenses increase at a faster pace than the per diem or fixed rates we receive for our management services. We outsource our food service operations to a third party. The contract with our outsourced food service vendor contains certain protections against increases in food costs.

## **SEASONALITY AND QUARTERLY RESULTS**

Our business is somewhat subject to seasonal fluctuations. Because we are generally compensated for operating and managing facilities at an inmate per diem rate, our financial results are impacted by the number of calendar days in a fiscal quarter. Our fiscal year follows the calendar year and therefore, our daily profits for the third and fourth quarters include two more days than the first quarter (except in leap years) and one more day than the second quarter. Further, salaries and benefits represent the most significant component of operating expenses. Significant portions of the Company's unemployment taxes are recognized during the first quarter, when base wage rates reset for unemployment tax purposes. Finally, quarterly results are affected by government funding initiatives, the timing of the opening of new facilities, or the commencement of new management contracts and related start-up expenses which may mitigate or exacerbate the impact of other seasonal influences. Because of these seasonality factors, results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be achieved for the full fiscal year.

### **ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.**

Our primary market risk exposure is to changes in U.S. interest rates. We are exposed to market risk related to our revolving credit facility and Term Loan because the interest rate on our revolving credit facility and Term Loan are subject to fluctuations in the market. If the interest rate for our outstanding indebtedness under our revolving credit facility and Term Loan was 100 basis points higher or lower during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, our interest expense, net of amounts capitalized, would have been increased or decreased by \$5.9 million, \$5.7 million, and \$5.3 million, respectively.

As of December 31, 2015, we had outstanding \$325.0 million of senior notes due 2020 with a fixed interest rate of 4.125%, \$350.0 million of senior notes due 2023 with a fixed interest rate of 4.625%, and \$250.0 million of senior notes due 2022 with a fixed interest rate of 5.0%. Because the interest rates with respect to these instruments are fixed, a hypothetical 100 basis point increase or decrease in market interest rates would not have a material impact on our financial statements.

We may, from time to time, invest our cash in a variety of short-term financial instruments. These instruments generally consist of highly liquid investments with original maturities at the date of purchase of three months or less. While these investments are subject to interest rate risk and will decline in value if market interest rates increase, a hypothetical 100 basis point increase or decrease in market interest rates would not materially affect the value of these instruments.

### **ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA.**

The financial statements and supplementary data required by Regulation S-X are included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K commencing on Page F-1.



**ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.**

None.

**ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.**

**Management's Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of our senior management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report. Based on that evaluation, our officers, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms and information required to be disclosed in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

**Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

Management of Corrections Corporation of America (the "Company") is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

- (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;
- (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and
- (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

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

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015. In making this assessment, management used the criteria

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set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control-Integrated Framework released in 2013. Based on this assessment, management believes that, as of December 31, 2015, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective.

The Company's independent registered public accounting firm, Ernst & Young LLP, has issued an attestation report on the Company's internal control over financial reporting. That report begins on page 90.

**Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fourth fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

**The Board of Directors and Stockholders of Corrections Corporation of America and Subsidiaries**

We have audited Corrections Corporation of America and Subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the COSO criteria). Corrections Corporation of America and Subsidiaries' management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

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

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

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

In our opinion, Corrections Corporation of America and Subsidiaries maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on the COSO criteria.

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We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Corrections Corporation of America and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015, of Corrections Corporation of America and Subsidiaries and our report dated February 25, 2016, expressed an unqualified opinion thereon. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(2).

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Nashville, Tennessee  
February 25, 2016

**ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Dividend Declared for First Quarter 2016**

On February 19, 2016, the Company's Board of Directors declared a dividend for the first quarter of 2016 of \$0.54 per share to be paid on April 15, 2016 to stockholders of record as of the close of business on April 1, 2016.

**PART III.**

**ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE.**

The information required by this Item 10 will appear in, and is hereby incorporated by reference from, the information under the headings "Proposal 1 – Election of Directors-Directors Standing for Election," "Executive Officers-Information Concerning Executive Officers Who Are Not Directors," "Corporate Governance – Board of Directors Meetings and Committees," "Corporate Governance – Independence and Financial Literacy of Audit Committee Members," and "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management – Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" in our definitive proxy statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Our Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct applicable to the members of our Board of Directors and our officers, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. In addition, the Board of Directors has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines and charters for our Audit Committee, Risk Committee, Compensation Committee, Nominating and Governance Committee and Executive Committee. You can access our Code of Ethics and Business Conduct, Corporate Governance Guidelines and current committee charters on our website at [www.cca.com](http://www.cca.com).

**ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.**

The information required by this Item 11 will appear in, and is hereby incorporated by reference from, the information under the headings "Executive and Director Compensation" in our definitive proxy statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS.**

The information required by this Item 12 will appear in, and is hereby incorporated by reference from, the information under the heading "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management – Ownership of Common Stock" in our definitive proxy statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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**Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans**

The following table sets forth certain information as of December 31, 2015 regarding compensation plans under which our equity securities are authorized for issuance.

<u>Plan Category</u>	(a) <u>Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options</u>	(b) <u>Weighted – Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options</u>	(c) <u>Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plan (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a))</u>
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders	1,467,272	\$ 20.37	10,490,747 <sup>(1)</sup>
Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,467,272</b>	<b>\$ 20.37</b>	<b>10,490,747</b>

- (1) Reflects shares of common stock available for issuance under our Amended and Restated 2008 Stock Incentive Plan and our Non-Employee Directors' Compensation Plan, the only equity compensation plans approved by our stockholders under which we continue to grant awards.

**ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE.**

The information required by this Item 13 will appear in, and is hereby incorporated by reference from, the information under the heading "Corporate Governance – Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" and "Corporate Governance – Director Independence" in our definitive proxy statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES.**

The information required by this Item 14 will appear in, and is hereby incorporated by reference from, the information under the heading "Proposal 2 – Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" in our definitive proxy statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**PART IV.**

**ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.**

The following documents are filed as part of this Annual Report:

(1) Financial Statements:

The financial statements as set forth under Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K have been filed herewith, beginning on page F-1 of this Annual Report.

(2) Financial Statement Schedules:

Schedule III-Real Estate Assets and Accumulated Depreciation.

Information with respect to this item begins on page F-51 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Other schedules are omitted because of the absence of conditions under which they are required or because the required information is given in the financial statements or notes thereto.

(3) The Exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K are listed in the Index of Exhibits included herewith.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Board of Directors and Stockholders of  
Corrections Corporation of America and Subsidiaries

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Corrections Corporation of America and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(2). These financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Corrections Corporation of America and Subsidiaries at December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

As described in Note 13 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed its method for reporting discontinued operations effective January 1, 2014.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Corrections Corporation of America and Subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) and our report dated February 25, 2016, expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Nashville, Tennessee  
February 25, 2016

**CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(in thousands, except per share data)

	December 31,	
	2015	2014
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 65,291	\$ 74,393
Restricted cash	877	—
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$459 and \$748, respectively	234,456	248,588
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	41,434	29,775
Total current assets	<u>342,058</u>	352,756
Property and equipment, net	2,883,060	2,658,628
Restricted cash	131	2,858
Investment in direct financing lease	684	3,223
Goodwill	35,557	16,110
Non-current deferred tax assets	9,824	15,530
Other assets	84,704	68,541
Total assets	<u>\$3,356,018</u>	<u>\$3,117,646</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u></b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 317,675	\$ 317,566
Income taxes payable	1,920	1,368
Current portion of long-term debt	5,000	—
Current liabilities of discontinued operations	—	54
Total current liabilities	<u>324,595</u>	318,988
Long-term debt, net of current portion	1,447,077	1,190,455
Deferred revenue	63,289	87,227
Other liabilities	58,309	39,476
Total liabilities	<u>1,893,270</u>	<u>1,636,146</u>
Commitments and contingencies		
Preferred stock - \$0.01 par value; 50,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively	—	—
Common stock - \$0.01 par value; 300,000 shares authorized; 117,232 and 116,764 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively	1,172	1,168
Additional paid-in capital	1,762,394	1,748,303
Accumulated deficit	(300,818)	(267,971)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>1,462,748</u>	<u>1,481,500</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$3,356,018</u>	<u>\$3,117,646</u>

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

**CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,793,087</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,646,867</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,694,297</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Operating	1,256,128	1,156,135	1,220,351
General and administrative	103,936	106,429	103,590
Depreciation and amortization	151,514	113,925	112,692
Asset impairments	955	30,082	6,513
	<b><u>1,512,533</u></b>	<b><u>1,406,571</u></b>	<b><u>1,443,146</u></b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b><u>280,554</u></b>	<b><u>240,296</u></b>	<b><u>251,151</u></b>
<b>OTHER (INCOME) EXPENSE:</b>			
Interest expense, net	49,696	39,535	45,126
Expenses associated with debt refinancing transactions	701	—	36,528
Other income	(58)	(1,204)	(100)
	<b><u>50,339</u></b>	<b><u>38,331</u></b>	<b><u>81,554</u></b>
<b>INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>	<b>230,215</b>	<b>201,965</b>	<b>169,597</b>
Income tax (expense) benefit	<b><u>(8,361)</u></b>	<b><u>(6,943)</u></b>	<b><u>134,995</u></b>
<b>INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>	<b>221,854</b>	<b>195,022</b>	<b>304,592</b>
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	<b><u>—</u></b>	<b><u>—</u></b>	<b><u>(3,757)</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$ 221,854</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 195,022</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 300,835</u></b>
<b>BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE:</b>			
Income from continuing operations	<b>\$ 1.90</b>	<b>\$ 1.68</b>	<b>\$ 2.77</b>
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	<b><u>—</u></b>	<b><u>—</u></b>	<b><u>(0.03)</u></b>
Net income	<b><u>\$ 1.90</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1.68</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2.74</u></b>
<b>DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE:</b>			
Income from continuing operations	<b>\$ 1.88</b>	<b>\$ 1.66</b>	<b>\$ 2.73</b>
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	<b><u>—</u></b>	<b><u>—</u></b>	<b><u>(0.03)</u></b>
Net income	<b><u>\$ 1.88</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1.66</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2.70</u></b>
<b>REGULAR DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER SHARE</b>	<b><u>\$ 2.16</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2.04</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1.97</u></b>
<b>SPECIAL DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER SHARE</b>	<b><u>\$ —</u></b>	<b><u>\$ —</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6.66</u></b>

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

**CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(in thousands)

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net income	\$ 221,854	\$ 195,022	\$ 300,835
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	151,514	113,925	113,491
Asset impairments	955	30,082	9,150
Amortization of debt issuance costs and other non-cash interest	2,973	3,102	3,509
Expenses associated with debt refinancing transactions	701	—	36,528
Deferred income taxes	5,706	(3,211)	(151,037)
Other expenses and non-cash items	3,732	4,594	2,623
Non-cash revenue and other income	(2,639)	(3,880)	(294)
Income tax benefit of equity compensation	(525)	(665)	(351)
Non-cash equity compensation	15,394	13,975	12,965
Changes in assets and liabilities, net:			
Accounts receivable, prepaid expenses and other assets	1,266	(12,549)	16,683
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	(2,210)	82,396	23,910
Income taxes payable	1,077	790	1,492
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>399,798</u>	<u>423,581</u>	<u>369,504</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Expenditures for facility development and expansions	(164,880)	(85,791)	(27,955)
Expenditures for other capital improvements	(59,414)	(49,315)	(48,570)
Capitalized lease payments	(34,470)	(70,793)	—
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	(158,366)	—	(36,252)
Cash paid for leasehold incentive	—	—	(12,765)
Decrease in restricted cash	1,350	2,983	452
Proceeds from sale of assets	563	5,136	998
Decrease (increase) in other assets	3,686	(1,101)	(3,260)
Payments received on direct financing lease and notes receivable	2,250	1,994	1,840
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(409,281)</u>	<u>(196,887)</u>	<u>(125,512)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of debt	807,000	250,000	1,283,000
Principal repayments of debt	(543,000)	(255,000)	(1,198,000)
Payment of debt issuance and other refinancing and related costs	(5,727)	—	(37,349)
Payment of lease obligations	(6,468)	—	—
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	7,700	12,450	30,171
Purchase and retirement of common stock	(9,454)	(4,036)	(6,693)
Income tax benefit of equity compensation	525	665	351
Decrease (increase) in restricted cash for dividends	500	(251)	(1,016)
Dividends paid	(250,695)	(234,048)	(299,434)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>381</u>	<u>(230,220)</u>	<u>(228,970)</u>
<b>NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(9,102)</b>	<b>(3,526)</b>	<b>15,022</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year</b>	<b><u>74,393</u></b>	<b><u>77,919</u></b>	<b><u>62,897</u></b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year</b>	<b><u>\$ 65,291</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 74,393</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 77,919</u></b>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>			
Cash paid during the period for:			
Interest (net of amounts capitalized of \$5,478, \$2,525, and \$836 in 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively)	<u>\$ 36,992</u>	<u>\$ 39,928</u>	<u>\$ 40,776</u>
Income taxes	<u>\$ 9,966</u>	<u>\$ 19,717</u>	<u>\$ 7,422</u>

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

**CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014, AND 2013**  
(in thousands)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Par Value			
BALANCE, December 31, 2014	<u>116,764</u>	<u>\$ 1,168</u>	<u>\$1,748,303</u>	<u>\$ (267,971)</u>	<u>\$1,481,500</u>
Net income	—	—	—	221,854	221,854
Retirement of common stock	(237)	(3)	(9,451)	—	(9,454)
Regular dividends declared on common stock (\$2.16 per share)	—	—	—	(254,774)	(254,774)
Restricted stock compensation, net of forfeitures	(11)	—	14,639	73	14,712
Stock option compensation expense, net of forfeitures	—	—	682	—	682
Income tax benefit of equity compensation	—	—	525	—	525
Restricted stock grants	303	3	—	—	3
Stock options exercised	<u>413</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7,696</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>7,700</u>
BALANCE, December 31, 2015	<u>117,232</u>	<u>\$ 1,172</u>	<u>\$1,762,394</u>	<u>\$ (300,818)</u>	<u>\$1,462,748</u>

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**CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014, AND 2013**  
(in thousands)

	<u>Common Stock</u>		<u>Additional Paid-In Capital</u>	<u>Accumulated Deficit</u>	<u>Total Stockholders' Equity</u>
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Par Value</u>			
BALANCE, December 31, 2013	115,923	\$ 1,159	\$1,725,363	\$ (224,015)	\$1,502,507
Net income	—	—	—	195,022	195,022
Retirement of common stock	(118)	(1)	(4,035)	—	(4,036)
Regular dividends declared on common stock (\$2.04 per share)	—	—	—	(239,086)	(239,086)
Restricted stock compensation, net of forfeitures	(20)	—	11,985	108	12,093
Stock option compensation expense, net of forfeitures	—	—	1,882	—	1,882
Income tax benefit of equity compensation	—	—	665	—	665
Restricted stock grants	267	3	—	—	3
Stock options exercised	712	7	12,443	—	12,450
BALANCE, December 31, 2014	<u>116,764</u>	<u>\$ 1,168</u>	<u>\$1,748,303</u>	<u>\$ (267,971)</u>	<u>\$1,481,500</u>

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**CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014, AND 2013**  
(in thousands)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Par Value			
BALANCE, December 31, 2012	100,105	\$ 1,001	\$1,146,488	\$ 374,131	\$1,521,620
Net income	—	—	—	300,835	300,835
Issuance of common stock	20	—	27	—	27
Retirement of common stock	(180)	(2)	(6,691)	—	(6,693)
Special dividend on common stock (\$6.66 per share)	13,878	139	542,541	(678,226)	(135,546)
Regular dividends declared on common stock (\$1.97 per share)	—	—	—	(221,196)	(221,196)
Restricted stock compensation, net of forfeitures	(30)	—	9,381	441	9,822
Stock option compensation expense, net of forfeitures	—	—	3,116	—	3,116
Income tax benefit of equity compensation	—	—	351	—	351
Restricted stock grants	300	3	(3)	—	—
Stock options exercised	1,830	18	30,153	—	30,171
BALANCE, December 31, 2013	<u>115,923</u>	<u>\$ 1,159</u>	<u>\$1,725,363</u>	<u>\$ (224,015)</u>	<u>\$1,502,507</u>

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

**CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014 AND 2013**

**1. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS**

Corrections Corporation of America (together with its subsidiaries, the “Company” or “CCA”) is the nation’s largest owner of privatized correctional and detention facilities and one of the largest prison operators in the United States. As of December 31, 2015, CCA owned or controlled 66 correctional and detention facilities, and managed an additional 11 facilities owned by its government partners, with a total design capacity of approximately 88,500 beds in 20 states and the District of Columbia.

CCA is a Real Estate Investment Trust (“REIT”) specializing in owning, operating and managing prisons and other correctional facilities and providing residential, community re-entry, and prisoner transportation services for governmental agencies. In addition to providing fundamental residential services, CCA’s facilities offer a variety of rehabilitation and educational programs, including basic education, faith-based services, life skills and employment training, and substance abuse treatment. These services are intended to help reduce recidivism and to prepare offenders for their successful re-entry into society upon their release. CCA also provides or makes available to offenders certain health care (including medical, dental and mental health services), food services, and work and recreational programs.

CCA began operating as a REIT for federal income tax purposes effective January 1, 2013. The Company provides correctional services and conducts other business activities through taxable REIT subsidiaries (“TRSs”). A TRS is a subsidiary of a REIT that is subject to applicable corporate income tax and certain qualification requirements. The Company’s use of TRSs enables CCA to comply with REIT qualification requirements while providing correctional services at facilities it owns and at facilities owned by its government partners and to engage in certain other business operations. A TRS is not subject to the distribution requirements applicable to REITs so it may retain income generated by its operations for reinvestment.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Presentation**

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and include the accounts of CCA on a consolidated basis with its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

CCA considers all liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase to be cash equivalents.



### **Restricted Cash**

Restricted cash at December 31, 2015 and 2014 of \$1.0 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, is restricted for a capital improvements, replacements, and repairs reserve fund required by one of CCA's contracts, and for the payment of dividends on unvested restricted stock.

### **Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts**

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, accounts receivable of \$234.5 million and \$248.6 million were net of allowances for doubtful accounts totaling \$0.5 million and \$0.7 million, respectively. Accounts receivable consist primarily of amounts due from federal, state, and local government agencies for the utilization of CCA's correctional and detention facilities, as well as for operating and managing prisons and other correctional facilities and providing offender residential and prisoner transportation services to such government agencies.

Accounts receivable are stated at estimated net realizable value. CCA recognizes allowances for doubtful accounts to ensure receivables are not overstated due to uncollectibility. Bad debt reserves are maintained for customers based on a variety of factors, including the length of time receivables are past due, significant one-time events, and historical experience. If circumstances related to customers change, estimates of the recoverability of receivables would be further adjusted.

### **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment are carried at cost. Assets acquired by CCA in conjunction with acquisitions are recorded at estimated fair market value at the time of purchase. Betterments, renewals and significant repairs that extend the life of an asset are capitalized; other repair and maintenance costs are expensed. Interest is capitalized to the asset to which it relates in connection with the construction or expansion of facilities. Construction costs directly associated with the development of a correctional facility are capitalized as part of the cost of the development project. Such costs are written-off to general and administrative expense whenever a project is abandoned. The cost and accumulated depreciation applicable to assets retired are removed from the accounts and the gain or loss on disposition is recognized in income. Depreciation is computed over the estimated useful lives of depreciable assets using the straight-line method. Useful lives for property and equipment are as follows:

Land improvements	5 – 20 years
Buildings and improvements	5 – 50 years
Equipment and software	3 – 5 years
Office furniture and fixtures	5 years

### **Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets Other Than Goodwill**

Long-lived assets other than goodwill are reviewed for impairment when circumstances indicate the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. When circumstances indicate an asset may not be recoverable, impairment is recognized when the estimated undiscounted cash flows associated with the asset or group of assets is less than their carrying value. If impairment exists, an adjustment is made to write the asset down to its fair value, and a loss is recorded as the difference between the carrying value and fair value. Fair values are determined based on quoted market values, comparable sales data, discounted cash flows or internal and external appraisals, as applicable.

### **Goodwill**

Goodwill represents the cost in excess of the net assets of businesses acquired. As further discussed in Note 3, goodwill is tested for impairment at least annually using a fair-value based approach.

### **Investment in Direct Financing Lease**

Investment in direct financing lease represents the portion of CCA's management contract with a governmental agency that represents lease payments on buildings and equipment. The lease is accounted for using the financing method and, accordingly, the minimum lease payments to be received over the term of the lease less unearned income are capitalized as CCA's investment in the lease. Unearned income is recognized as income over the term of the lease using the interest method.

### **Investment in Affiliates**

Investments in affiliates that are equal to or less than 50%-owned over which CCA can exercise significant influence are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Investments under the equity method are recorded at cost and subsequently adjusted for contributions, distributions, and net income attributable to the Company's ownership based on the governing agreement.

### **Debt Issuance Costs**

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2015-03, "Interest – Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs". The new standard was further amended by ASU 2015-15 issued in August 2015. Under the new standard, debt issuance costs, excluding those costs incurred related to revolving credit facilities, are to be presented as a direct deduction from the face amount of the related liability, rather than as a deferred charge, or asset, on the balance sheet as previously required. For public reporting entities such as CCA, the new standard is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption of the new standard is permitted and retrospective application is required. CCA elected to early adopt the new standard in the fourth quarter of 2015. The unamortized balance of debt issuance costs, excluding those costs related to the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility, as defined hereafter, amounted to \$11.9 million and \$9.5 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. In retrospectively applying the new standard, CCA reclassified the December 31, 2014 consolidated balance sheet, as previously presented, by reducing other assets and long-term debt by \$9.5 million.

Debt issuance costs are capitalized and amortized into interest expense using the interest method, or on a straight-line basis over the term of the related debt, if not materially different than the interest method. However, certain debt issuance costs incurred in connection with debt refinancings are charged to expense in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 470-50, "Modifications and Extinguishments."

### **Revenue Recognition**

CCA maintains contracts with certain governmental entities to manage their facilities for fixed per diem rates. CCA also maintains contracts with various federal, state, and local governmental entities for the housing of offenders in company-owned facilities at fixed per diem rates or monthly fixed rates. These contracts usually contain expiration dates with renewal options ranging from annual to multi-year renewals. Most of these contracts have current terms that require renewal every two to five years. Additionally, most facility management contracts contain clauses that

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allow the government agency to terminate a contract without cause, and are generally subject to legislative appropriations. CCA generally expects to renew these contracts for periods consistent with the remaining renewal options allowed by the contracts or other reasonable extensions; however, no assurance can be given that such renewals will be obtained. Fixed monthly rate revenue is recorded in the month earned and fixed per diem revenue, including revenue under those contracts that include guaranteed minimum populations, is recorded based on the per diem rate multiplied by the number of offenders housed or guaranteed during the respective period.

CCA recognizes any additional management service revenues upon completion of services provided to the customer. Certain of the government agencies also have the authority to audit and investigate CCA's contracts with them. If the agency determines that CCA has improperly allocated costs to a specific contract or otherwise was unable to perform certain contractual services, CCA may not be reimbursed for those costs and could be required to refund the amount of any such costs that have been reimbursed.

Rental revenue is recognized in accordance with ASC 840, "Leases". In accordance with ASC 840, minimum rental revenue is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the related lease. Leasehold incentives are recognized as a reduction to rental revenue on a straight-line basis over the term of the related lease. Rental revenue associated with expense reimbursements from tenants are recognized in the period that the related expenses are incurred based upon the tenant lease provision.

In September 2014, CCA agreed under an expansion of an existing inter-governmental service agreement ("IGSA") between the city of Eloy, Arizona and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") to provide residential space and services at the South Texas Family Residential Center. The amended IGSA qualifies as a multiple-element arrangement under the guidance in ASC 605, "Revenue Recognition". CCA evaluates each deliverable in an arrangement to determine whether it represents a separate unit of accounting. A deliverable constitutes a separate unit of accounting when it has standalone value to the customer. ASC 605 requires revenue to be allocated to each unit of accounting based on a selling price hierarchy. The selling price for a deliverable is based on its vendor specific objective evidence ("VSOE") of selling price, if available, third party evidence ("TPE") if VSOE of selling price is not available, or estimated selling price ("ESP") if neither VSOE of selling price nor TPE is available. CCA establishes VSOE of selling price using the price charged for a deliverable when sold separately. CCA establishes TPE of selling price by evaluating similar products or services in standalone sales to similarly situated customers. CCA establishes ESP based on management judgment considering internal factors such as margin objectives, pricing practices and controls, and market conditions. In arrangements with multiple elements, CCA allocates the transaction price to the individual units of accounting at inception of the arrangement based on their relative selling price.

Other revenue consists primarily of ancillary revenues associated with operating correctional and detention facilities, such as commissary, phone, and vending sales, and are recorded in the period the goods and services are provided. Revenues generated from prisoner transportation services for governmental agencies are recorded in the period the inmates have been transported to their destination.

### **Self-Funded Insurance Reserves**

CCA is significantly self-insured for employee health, workers' compensation, automobile liability claims, and general liability claims. As such, CCA's insurance expense is largely dependent on claims experience and CCA's ability to control its claims experience. CCA has consistently accrued the estimated liability for employee health insurance based on its history of claims experience and time lag between the incident date and the date the cost is paid by CCA. CCA has accrued the estimated liability for workers' compensation claims based on an actuarially determined liability, discounted to the net present value of the outstanding liabilities, using a combination of actuarial methods used to project ultimate losses, and the Company's automobile insurance claims based on estimated development factors on claims incurred. The liability for employee health, workers' compensation, and automobile insurance includes estimates for both claims incurred and for claims incurred but not reported. CCA records litigation reserves related to general liability matters for which it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the range of such loss can be estimated. These estimates could change in the future.

### **Income Taxes**

CCA began operating as a REIT for federal income tax purposes effective January 1, 2013. As a REIT, the Company generally is not subject to corporate level federal income tax on taxable income it distributes to its stockholders as long as it meets the organizational and operational requirements under the REIT rules. However, certain subsidiaries have made an election with the Company to be treated as TRSs in conjunction with the Company's REIT election. The TRS elections permit CCA to engage in certain business activities in which the REIT may not engage directly, so long as these activities are conducted in entities that elect to be treated as TRSs under the Internal Revenue Code. A TRS is subject to federal and state income taxes on the income from these activities and therefore, CCA includes a provision for taxes in its consolidated financial statements.

Income taxes are accounted for under the provisions of ASC 740, "Income Taxes". ASC 740 generally requires CCA to record deferred income taxes for the tax effect of differences between book and tax bases of its assets and liabilities. Deferred income taxes reflect the available net operating losses and the net tax effect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in the statement of operations in the period that includes the enactment date. Realization of the future tax benefits related to deferred tax assets is dependent on many factors, including CCA's past earnings history, expected future earnings, the character and jurisdiction of such earnings, unsettled circumstances that, if unfavorably resolved, would adversely affect utilization of its deferred tax assets, carryback and carryforward periods, and tax strategies that could potentially enhance the likelihood of realization of a deferred tax asset.

In November 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-17, "Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes", which requires that all deferred tax assets and liabilities be classified as non-current on the balance sheet rather than separating deferred taxes into current and non-current amounts, as previously required. For public reporting entities such as CCA, the new standard is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2016. Early adoption of the new standard is permitted and the guidance may be adopted on either a prospective or retrospective basis. CCA elected to early adopt ASU 2015-17 in the fourth quarter of 2015 and to apply the new standard retrospectively. In retrospectively applying the new standard, CCA reclassified \$13.2 million from current deferred tax assets, as previously presented, to non-current deferred tax assets on the December 31, 2014 consolidated balance sheet. See Note 12 for further discussion of the significant components of CCA's deferred tax assets and liabilities.

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Income tax contingencies are accounted for under the provisions of ASC 740. ASC 740 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The guidance prescribed in ASC 740 establishes a recognition threshold of more likely than not that a tax position will be sustained upon examination. The measurement attribute requires that a tax position be measured at the largest amount of benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement.

### Foreign Currency Transactions

CCA has extended a working capital loan to Agecroft Prison Management, Ltd. (“APM”), the operator of a correctional facility in Salford, England previously owned by a subsidiary of CCA. The working capital loan is denominated in British pounds; consequently, CCA adjusts these receivables to the current exchange rate at each balance sheet date and recognizes the unrealized currency gain or loss in current period earnings. See Note 7 for further discussion of CCA’s relationship with APM.

### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

To meet the reporting requirements of ASC 825, “Financial Instruments”, regarding fair value of financial instruments, CCA calculates the estimated fair value of financial instruments using market interest rates, quoted market prices of similar instruments, or discounted cash flow techniques with observable Level 1 inputs for publicly traded debt and Level 2 inputs for all other financial instruments, as defined in ASC 820, “Fair Value Measurement”. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, there were no material differences between the carrying amounts and the estimated fair values of CCA’s financial instruments, other than as follows (in thousands):

	December 31,			
	2015		2014	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Investment in direct financing lease	\$ 3,223	\$ 3,408	\$ 5,473	\$ 6,048
Note receivable from APM	\$ 3,504	\$ 5,864	\$ 3,677	\$ 6,539
Debt	<b>\$(1,464,000)</b>	<b>\$(1,452,719)</b>	\$(1,200,000)	\$(1,179,625)

### Use of Estimates in Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates and those differences could be material.

### Concentration of Credit Risks

CCA’s credit risks relate primarily to cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, accounts receivable, and an investment in a direct financing lease. Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash are primarily held in bank accounts and overnight investments. CCA maintains deposits of

cash in excess of federally insured limits with certain financial institutions. CCA's accounts receivable and investment in direct financing lease represent amounts due primarily from governmental agencies. CCA's financial instruments are subject to the possibility of loss in carrying value as a result of either the failure of other parties to perform according to their contractual obligations or changes in market prices that make the instruments less valuable.

CCA derives its revenues primarily from amounts earned under federal, state, and local government contracts. For each of the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, federal correctional and detention authorities represented 51%, 44%, and 44%, respectively, of CCA's total revenue. Federal correctional and detention authorities consist primarily of the Federal Bureau of Prisons ("BOP"), the United States Marshals Service ("USMS"), and ICE. The BOP accounted for 11%, 13%, and 13% of total revenue for 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. The USMS accounted for 16%, 17%, and 19% of total revenue for 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. ICE accounted for 24%, 13%, and 12% of total revenue for 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively, with the increase in 2015 resulting from a new contract at the South Texas Family Residential Center, as further described in Note 5. These federal customers have management contracts at facilities CCA owns and at facilities CCA manages but does not own. Additionally, CCA's management contracts with state correctional authorities represented 42%, 48%, and 49% of total revenue during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. The State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (the "CDCR") accounted for 11%, 14%, and 12% of total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively, including revenue generated under an operating lease that commenced December 1, 2013, at a facility we own in California. No other customer generated more than 10% of total revenue during 2015, 2014, or 2013. Although the revenue generated from each of these agencies is derived from numerous management contracts, the loss of one or more of such contracts could have a material adverse impact on CCA's financial condition and results of operations.

### **Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation**

#### *Restricted Stock*

CCA accounts for restricted stock-based compensation under the recognition and measurement principles of ASC 718, "Compensation-Stock Compensation". CCA amortizes the fair market value as of the grant date of restricted stock awards over the vesting period using the straight-line method. The fair market value of performance-based restricted stock is amortized over the vesting period as long as CCA expects to meet the performance criteria. If achievement of the performance criteria becomes improbable, an adjustment is made to reverse the expense previously recognized.

#### *Stock Options*

CCA's stock option plans are described more fully in Note 14. CCA accounts for those plans under the recognition and measurement principles of ASC 718. All options granted under those plans had an exercise price equal to the market value of the underlying common stock on the date of grant.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers", which establishes a single, comprehensive revenue recognition standard for all contracts with customers. For public reporting entities such as CCA, ASU 2014-09 was originally effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016 and early adoption of the ASU was not permitted. In July 2015, the FASB agreed to defer the effective date of the ASU for public reporting entities by one year, or to interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017.

Early adoption is now allowed as of the original effective date for public companies. In summary, the core principle of ASU 2014-09 is to recognize revenue when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration that is expected to be received for those goods or services. Companies are allowed to select between two transition methods: (1) a full retrospective transition method with the application of the new guidance to each prior reporting period presented, or (2) a modified retrospective transition method that recognizes the cumulative effect on prior periods at the date of adoption together with additional footnote disclosures. CCA is currently planning to adopt the standard when effective in its fiscal year 2018. CCA is reviewing the ASU to determine the potential impact it might have on the Company's results of operations or financial position and its related financial statement disclosures, along with evaluating which transition method will be utilized upon adoption.

In September 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-16, "Business Combinations (Topic 805): Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments", which eliminates the requirement for an acquirer in a business combination to account for measurement-period adjustments retrospectively. Instead, under the new standard, acquirers must recognize measurement-period adjustments during the period in which they determine the amounts, including the effect on earnings of any amounts they would have recorded in previous periods if the accounting had been completed at the acquisition date. For public reporting entities such as CCA, guidance in ASU 2015-16 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within those fiscal years. CCA does not currently expect that the new standard will have a material impact on its financial statements.

### **3. GOODWILL**

ASC 350, "Intangibles-Goodwill and Other", establishes accounting and reporting requirements for goodwill and other intangible assets. Goodwill was \$35.6 million and \$16.1 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014. This goodwill was established in connection with the acquisition of Avalon Correctional Services, Inc. ("Avalon") in the fourth quarter of 2015, as further described in Note 6, the acquisition of Correctional Alternatives, Inc. during the third quarter of 2013, and the acquisitions of two service companies during 2000.

Under the provisions of ASC 350, CCA performs a qualitative assessment that may allow them to skip the annual two-step impairment test. Under ASC 350, a company has the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether the existence of events or circumstances leads to a determination that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If, after assessing the totality of events or circumstances, an entity determines it is not more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, then performing the two-step impairment test is unnecessary. If the two-step impairment test is required, CCA determines the fair value of a reporting unit using a collaboration of various common valuation techniques, including market multiples and discounted cash flows. These impairment tests are required to be performed at least annually. CCA performed its impairment tests during the fourth quarter, in connection with CCA's annual budgeting process, and concluded no impairments had occurred. CCA will perform these impairment tests at least annually and whenever circumstances indicate the carrying value of goodwill may not be recoverable.

In April 2015, CCA provided notice to the state of Louisiana that it would cease management of the Winn Correctional Center within 180 days, in accordance with the notice provisions of the contract. Management of the facility transitioned to another operator effective September 30, 2015. In anticipation of terminating the contract at this facility, CCA recorded an asset impairment of \$1.0 million during the first quarter of 2015 for the write-off of goodwill associated with the Winn facility.

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During the fourth quarter of 2013, CCA reported an asset impairment of \$1.1 million for the write-off of goodwill associated with the Bay Correctional Facility in Florida. In the fourth quarter of 2013, the Florida Department of Management Services (“DMS”) awarded to another operator the contract to manage this facility owned by the state of Florida upon the expiration of CCA’s contract on January 31, 2014.

During the third quarter of 2013, CCA reported an asset impairment of \$1.0 million for the write-off of goodwill associated with the Idaho Correctional Center. During the second quarter of 2013, the state of Idaho reported that they expected to solicit bids for the management of the Idaho Correctional Center upon the expiration of CCA’s contract in June 2014. During the third quarter of 2013, CCA decided not to submit a bid for the continued management of this facility. The state assumed management of the facility effective July 1, 2014.

During the second quarter of 2013, CCA received notification that it was not selected for the continued management of the Wilkinson County Correctional Facility at the end of the contract on June 30, 2013. As a result of this managed-only contract termination, during the second quarter of 2013, CCA recorded asset impairments of \$2.6 million consisting of a goodwill impairment charge of \$0.8 million and \$1.8 million for other assets. These charges are reported as discontinued operations in the accompanying statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2013.

#### 4. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

At December 31, 2015, CCA owned 68 real estate properties, including 66 correctional and detention facilities, six of which CCA leased to other operators, and two corporate office buildings. At December 31, 2015, CCA also managed 11 correctional and detention facilities owned by governmental agencies.

Property and equipment, at cost, consists of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2015	2014
Land and improvements	\$ 207,405	\$ 127,221
Buildings and improvements	3,443,791	3,048,836
Equipment and software	360,168	326,603
Office furniture and fixtures	35,018	30,884
Construction in progress	30,401	276,508
	<u>4,076,783</u>	<u>3,810,052</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,193,723)</u>	<u>(1,151,424)</u>
	<u>\$ 2,883,060</u>	<u>\$ 2,658,628</u>

Construction in progress primarily consists of correctional facilities under construction or expansion. Interest is capitalized on construction in progress and amounted to \$5.5 million, \$2.5 million, and \$0.8 million in 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

Depreciation expense was \$151.4 million, \$114.0 million, and \$112.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

Eleven of the facilities owned by CCA are subject to options that allow various governmental agencies to purchase those facilities. Certain of these options to purchase are based on a depreciated book value while others are based on a fair market value calculation. In addition, one



facility, which is also subject to a purchase option, is constructed on land that CCA leases from a governmental agency under a ground lease. Under the terms of the ground lease, the facility becomes the property of the governmental agencies upon expiration of the ground lease in 2017. CCA depreciates this property over the shorter of the term of the applicable ground lease or the estimated useful life of the property.

CCA leases land and building at the Elizabeth Detention Center under operating leases that expire in June 2022. CCA leased portions of the land and building of the San Diego Correctional Facility under an operating lease that expired December 31, 2015 pursuant to amended lease terms executed between CCA and the County of San Diego in January 2010, as further discussed in Note 5. During December 2013, CCA elected to terminate the lease of land and building at the North Georgia Detention Center effective during the first quarter of 2014.

CCA leases the South Texas Family Residential Center and the site upon which it was constructed from a third-party lessor. CCA's lease agreement with the lessor is over a base period co-terminus with an amended IGSA with ICE, as further described in Note 5, and includes two one-year renewal periods. However, under terms of the lease agreement, if ICE terminates the amended IGSA for convenience, CCA can terminate the agreement, without penalty, by providing the lessor with a 90-day notice. In the event ICE elects to terminate the amended IGSA due to a non-appropriation of funds, CCA must provide a 60-day notice period to the lessor. Although CCA expects that ICE would provide advance notice, if ICE terminates the IGSA due to non-appropriation of funds without notice to CCA, CCA may not be able to provide a timely termination notice to the lessor and could, therefore, be subject to, among other termination payments, a penalty the equivalent of up to two months of payments due to the lessor, which would currently amount to approximately \$13.3 million.

CCA's lease agreement with the third-party lessor required CCA to pay \$70.0 million in September 2014, which resulted in CCA being deemed the owner of the constructed assets for accounting purposes, in accordance with ASC 840-40-55, formerly Emerging Issues Task Force No. 97-10, "The Effect of Lessee Involvement in Asset Construction". Accordingly, CCA recorded an asset representing the costs incurred attributable to the building assets constructed by the third-party lessor and a related financing liability. CCA is depreciating the asset over the four-year term of the lease and is imputing interest on the financing liability. Additionally, CCA determined that the lease with the third-party lessor also included separate units of account for the land and pre-existing cottages as well as food services provided by the third-party lessor. The amount of consideration allocated to each of these separate deliverables was determined based on the relative selling price of the lessor-financing, the land lease, the lease of pre-existing cottages, and the food services. The operating lease term for the land is equivalent to the four-year term of the lease and is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The operating lease term for the pre-existing cottages was the four-month period in which CCA used the cottages for housing residents. The food services provided by the third-party lessor are recognized proportionally based on the number of beds available to ICE.

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The expense incurred for the leases at these four facilities, inclusive of the expenses recognized for the South Texas lease, as described above, was \$85.9 million, \$9.1 million, and \$5.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. Future minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2015 under these and other operating leases, inclusive of \$206.7 million of payments expected to be made under the cancelable lease at the South Texas facility, are as follows (in thousands):

2016	\$80,109
2017	73,993
2018	54,337
2019	615
2020	563
Thereafter	864

In December 2009, CCA entered into an Economic Development Agreement (“EDA”) with the Wheeler County Development Authority (“Wheeler County”) in Wheeler County, Georgia to implement a tax abatement plan related to CCA’s bed expansion project at its Wheeler Correctional Facility. The tax abatement plan provides for 50% abatement of real property taxes for six years. In December 2009, Wheeler County issued bonds in a maximum principal amount of \$30.0 million. Also, in December 2009, CCA entered into an EDA with the Douglas-Coffee County Industrial Authority (“Coffee County”) in Coffee County, Georgia to implement a tax abatement plan related to CCA’s bed expansion project at its Coffee Correctional Facility. The tax abatement plan provides for 100% abatement of real property taxes for five years. In December 2009, Coffee County issued bonds in a maximum principal amount of \$33.0 million. In June 2013, CCA also entered into an EDA with the Development Authority of Telfair County (“Telfair County”) in Telfair County, Georgia to implement a tax abatement plan related to CCA’s bed expansion project at its McRae Correctional Facility. The tax abatement plan provides for 90% abatement of real property taxes in the first year, decreasing by 10% over the subsequent nine years. In June 2013, Telfair County issued bonds in a maximum principal amount of \$15.0 million.

According to each of the EDAs, legal title of CCA’s real property was transferred to the respective county. Pursuant to each EDA, the bonds were issued to CCA, so no cash exchanged hands. In each case, the applicable county authority then leased the real property back to CCA. The lease payments are equal to the amount of the payments on the bonds. At any time, CCA has the option to purchase the real property by paying off the bonds, plus \$100. Due to the form of the transactions, CCA has not recorded the bonds or the capital leases associated with sale lease-back transactions. The original cost of CCA’s property and equipment is recorded on the balance sheet and is being depreciated over its estimated useful life.

## 5. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

### Real Estate Closures and Idle Facilities

During May 2015, the state of Vermont announced that it elected to not renew the contract that would have allowed for Vermont’s continued use of CCA’s owned and operated 816-bed Lee Adjustment Center. The contract expired on June 30, 2015. During the first six months of 2015, the offender population at the Lee Adjustment Center averaged 308 offenders, compared with 458 offenders during the same period in 2014. CCA idled the Lee Adjustment Center following the transfer of the offender population during June 2015, but continues to market the facility to other customers. Upon receiving notice from the customer during the second quarter of 2015, CCA performed an impairment analysis of the Lee Adjustment Center property, which has a carrying value of \$10.8 million as of December 31, 2015, and concluded that this asset has a recoverable value in excess of the carrying value.

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During the first quarter of 2015, the adult inmate population held in state of California institutions decreased below a federal court ordered capacity limit. Inmate populations in the state continued to decline below the capacity limit throughout 2015. As a result of the decrease in inmate populations within the state of California's correctional system, California inmate populations housed in out-of-state programs, such as CCA's, also declined during 2015. The reduction in California inmate populations in CCA's program resulted in CCA idling the 2,400-bed North Fork Correctional Facility during the fourth quarter of 2015. CCA performed an impairment analysis of the North Fork Correctional Facility, which has a carrying value of \$74.8 million as December 31, 2015, and concluded that this asset has a recoverable value in excess of the carrying value. CCA continues to market the facility to other customers.

CCA also has five additional idled core facilities that are currently available and being actively marketed to other customers. CCA considers its core facilities to be those that were designed for adult secure correctional purposes. The following table summarizes each of the idled core facilities and their respective carrying values, excluding equipment and other assets that could generally be transferred and used at other facilities CCA owns without significant cost (dollars in thousands):

Facility	Design Capacity	Date Idled	Net Carrying Values at December 31,	
			2015	2014
Prairie Correctional Facility	1,600	2010	\$ 17,961	\$ 18,748
Huerfano County Correctional Center	752	2010	18,276	19,033
Diamondback Correctional Facility	2,160	2010	43,030	44,480
Otter Creek Correctional Center	656	2012	23,270	24,089
Marion Adjustment Center	826	2013	12,536	12,978
Lee Adjustment Center	816	2015	10,840	11,365
North Fork Correctional Facility	2,400	2015	74,805	76,544
	<u>9,210</u>		<u>\$ 200,718</u>	<u>\$ 207,237</u>

From the date each of the aforementioned seven core facilities became idle, CCA incurred approximately \$7.3 million, \$6.5 million, and \$5.6 million in operating expenses for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. The operating expenses incurred in 2014 and 2013 exclude the incremental expenses incurred in connection with the activation of the Diamondback facility which began in the third quarter of 2013 and continued until near the end of the second quarter of 2014, when anticipated opportunities to activate the facility were deferred.

CCA also has four idled non-core facilities with carrying values amounting to \$5.1 million and \$5.5 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. CCA considers the Shelby Training Center, Queensgate Correctional Facility, Mineral Wells Pre-Parole Transfer Facility, and Leo Chesney Correctional Center to be non-core facilities because they were designed for uses other than for adult secure correctional purposes. CCA idled the Leo Chesney Correctional Center in the fourth quarter of 2015 following the termination of the lease at that facility effective September 30, 2015. CCA performed an impairment analysis of the Leo Chesney Correctional Center, which has a carrying value of \$4.0 million as December 31, 2015, and concluded that this non-core asset has a recoverable value in excess of the carrying value. CCA continues to market the facility to other customers.

CCA considers the cancellation of a contract as an indicator of impairment and tested each of the aforementioned facilities for impairment when it was notified by the respective customers that they would no longer be utilizing such facility. Upon notification of cancellation by the respective customers, CCA concluded in each case that no impairment had occurred. CCA updates the

impairment analyses on an annual basis for each of the idled facilities and evaluates on a quarterly basis market developments for the potential utilization of each of these facilities in order to identify events that may cause CCA to reconsider its most recent assumptions. As a result of CCA's analyses, CCA determined each of the seven core assets to have recoverable values in excess of the corresponding carrying values.

In the fourth quarter of 2014, CCA made the decision to actively pursue the sale of the Queensgate Correctional Facility, idle since 2009, and the Mineral Wells Pre-Parole Transfer Facility, idle since 2013. CCA reviewed comparable sales data and concluded that either the exit value in the principle market or comparable sales prices for similar properties in the respective geographical areas represented the fair value of these non-core assets. CCA determined the principle market for these non-core assets will be buyers who intend to use the assets for purposes other than as correctional facilities. The aggregate net book value of these facilities prior to the evaluation for impairment was \$28.8 million and, as a result of the impairment indicator resulting from the potential sale of the facilities, CCA recorded non-cash impairments totaling \$27.8 million during the fourth quarter of 2014 to write down the book values of the Queensgate and Mineral Wells facilities to the estimated fair values using Level 2 inputs for quoted prices of similar assets and assuming asset sales for uses other than correctional facilities.

### **Sales**

In the third quarter of 2014, CCA entered into a purchase and sale agreement with a third party to sell its idled Houston Educational Facility in Houston, Texas for \$4.5 million. The Houston Educational Facility was another non-core asset that was previously leased to a charter school operator. CCA closed on the sale during the fourth quarter of 2014. The net book value of this facility prior to the evaluation for impairment was \$6.4 million and, as a result of the impairment indicator resulting from the potential sale of the facility, CCA recorded a non-cash impairment of \$2.2 million during the second quarter of 2014 to write-down the book value of the facility to the estimated fair value using Level 2 inputs. The ultimate sale price was used as a proxy for the fair value of the facility.

### **Construction of New Facilities**

In order to retain federal inmate populations CCA managed in the 1,154-bed San Diego Correctional Facility, CCA constructed the 1,482-bed Otay Mesa Detention Center in San Diego. The San Diego Correctional Facility was subject to a ground lease with the County of San Diego. Under the provisions of the lease, the facility was divided into different premises whereby, pursuant to an amendment to the ground lease executed in January 2010, ownership of the entire facility reverted to the County upon expiration of the lease on December 31, 2015. CCA completed construction of the Otay Mesa Detention Center for approximately \$157.0 million and transitioned operations during the fourth quarter of 2015 from the San Diego Correctional Facility to the new facility. CCA transferred operations of the San Diego Correctional Facility to the County of San Diego by the lease expiration date of December 31, 2015.

In November 2013, CCA announced its decision to re-commence construction of a correctional facility in Trousdale County, Tennessee. CCA suspended construction of this facility in 2009 until it had greater clarity around the timing of a new contract. In October 2013, Trousdale County received notice from the Tennessee Department of Corrections of its intent to partner with the County to develop a new correctional facility to house state of Tennessee inmates. In April 2014, CCA entered into an agreement with Trousdale County whereby CCA agreed to finance, design, build and operate a 2,552-bed facility to meet the responsibilities of a separate IGSA between Trousdale County and the state of Tennessee regarding correctional services. In July 2014, CCA

received notice that Trousdale County and the state of Tennessee finalized the IGSA. In order to guarantee access to the beds, the IGSA with the state of Tennessee includes a minimum monthly payment plus a per diem payment for each inmate housed in the facility in excess of 90% of the design capacity, provided that during a twenty-six week ramp period the minimum payment is based on the greater of the number of inmates actually at the facility or 90% of the beds available pursuant to the ramp schedule. CCA invested approximately \$144.0 million in the Trousdale Turner Correctional Center and construction was completed in the fourth quarter of 2015.

### **Activations**

In September 2014, CCA announced that it had agreed under an expansion of an existing IGSA between the city of Eloy, Arizona and ICE to house up to 2,400 individuals at the South Texas Family Residential Center, a facility leased by CCA in Dilley, Texas. Services provided under the amended IGSA commenced in the fourth quarter of 2014, have a term of up to four years, and can be extended by bi-lateral modifications. The agreement provides for a fixed monthly payment in accordance with a graduated schedule. Under terms of the amended IGSA, ICE can terminate the agreement for convenience, without penalty, by providing CCA with at least a 90-day notice. In addition, terms allow for ICE to terminate the agreement with CCA at any time, without penalty, due to a non-appropriation of funds. ICE began housing the first residents at the facility in December 2014, and the site was completed during the second quarter of 2015.

Under the fixed monthly payment schedule of the amended IGSA, ICE agreed to pay CCA \$70.0 million in two \$35.0 million installments during the fourth quarter of 2014 and graduated fixed monthly payments over the remaining months of the contract. As described in Note 2, CCA used the multiple-element arrangement guidance prescribed in ASC 605, "Revenue Recognition" in determining the total revenue to be recognized over the term of the amended IGSA. CCA determined that there were five distinct elements related to the amended IGSA with ICE. The lease revenue element, representing the operating lease of the site and constructed assets, was valued based on the estimated selling price of the land and building improvements provided to ICE and is recognized proportionately based on the number of beds available. The correctional services revenue element, representing the correctional management services provided to ICE, was valued based on the estimated selling price of similar services CCA provides and is recognized based on labor efforts expended over the contract. The food services revenue element was valued based on the TPE of the contracted outsourced service and is recognized proportionately based on the number of beds available. The educational services revenue element, representing the grade-level appropriate juvenile educational program prescribed under the IGSA, was based on the TPE of the contracted outsourced service and is recognized on a straight-line basis over the period educational services are required to be performed. The construction management services revenue element, representing CCA's site development and construction management services, was valued based on the estimated selling price of similar services CCA provides and was recognized on a straight-line basis during the first seven months of the IGSA representing the period over which the construction activity was ongoing. During the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, CCA recognized \$244.2 million and \$21.0 million, respectively, in revenue associated with the amended IGSA with the unrecognized balance of the fixed monthly payments reported in deferred revenue. The current portion of deferred revenue is reflected within accounts payable and accrued expenses while the long-term portion is reflected in deferred revenue in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

In June 2015, ICE announced a policy change with regards to family detention that has shortened the duration of ICE detention for those who are awaiting further process before immigration courts. In addition, numerous lawsuits, to which CCA is not a party, have challenged the government's policy of detaining migrant families. In one such lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Central District of California regarding a settlement agreement between ICE and a plaintiffs' class

consisting of detained minors, the court issued an order on August 21, 2015, enforcing the settlement agreement and requiring compliance by October 23, 2015. The court's order clarifies that the government has the flexibility to hold class members for longer periods of time during influxes of large numbers of undocumented migrant families via the southern U.S. border. After announcing its intention to comply fully with the court's order, the federal government appealed and was granted an expedited briefing schedule by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Any court decision or government action that impacts this contract could materially affect CCA's cash flows, financial condition, and results of operations.

#### **Other Leasing Transactions**

In October 2013, CCA entered into a lease for its California City Correctional Center with the CDCR. The lease agreement includes a three-year base term that commenced December 1, 2013, with unlimited two-year renewal options upon mutual agreement. Annual base rent during the three-year base term is fixed at \$28.5 million. After the three-year base term, the rent will be increased annually by the lesser of CPI (Consumer Price Index) or 2%. As a result, CCA is recognizing rental revenue under ASC 840 on a straight-line basis over the expected term of the lease. The straight-line rent receivable was \$3.3 million as of December 31, 2015, and is included in other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. CCA is responsible for repairs and maintenance, property taxes and property insurance, while all other aspects and costs of facility operations are the responsibility of the CDCR. CCA also provided \$10.0 million of tenant allowances and improvements which is being amortized as a reduction to rental revenue over the expected lease term.

During December 2013, CCA elected to terminate the lease from the City of Gainesville, Georgia, of the land and building at the North Georgia Detention Center and make replacement beds available at the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, Georgia for the ICE detainees housed at the North Georgia facility. CCA reported an asset impairment of \$3.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2013 primarily for renovations CCA made to the North Georgia facility, as well as \$1.0 million of expenses associated with the lease termination. All of the detainees were transferred out of the facility and control of the facility was returned to the City of Gainesville near the end of the first quarter of 2014.

#### **Acquisitions**

On August 27, 2015, CCA acquired four community corrections facilities from a privately held owner of community corrections facilities and other government leased assets. The four acquired community corrections facilities have a capacity of approximately 600 beds and are leased to Community Education Centers, Inc. ("CEC") under triple net lease agreements that extend through July 2019 and include multiple five-year lease extension options. CEC separately contracts with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections and the Philadelphia Prison System to provide rehabilitative and re-entry services to residents and inmates at the leased facilities. CCA acquired the four facilities in the real estate-only transaction as a strategic investment that expands the Company's investment in the residential re-entry market. The consideration paid for the asset portfolio consisted of approximately \$13.8 million in cash, excluding transaction related expenses of \$0.2 million. In allocating the purchase price, CCA recorded \$13.4 million of net tangible assets and \$0.4 million of identifiable intangible assets.

## 6. BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

During the fourth quarter of 2015, CCA closed on the acquisition of 100% of the stock of Avalon Correctional Services, Inc. (“Avalon”), along with two additional facilities operated by Avalon. Avalon, a privately held community corrections company that operates 11 community corrections facilities with approximately 3,000 beds in Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming, specializes in community correctional services, drug and alcohol treatment services, and residential re-entry services. Avalon provides these services for various federal, state, and local agencies, many with which CCA currently partners. CCA acquired Avalon as a strategic investment that continues to expand the re-entry assets owned and services provided by the Company. The aggregate purchase price of \$157.5 million, excluding transaction related expenses of \$3.0 million through December 31, 2015, includes two earn-outs, including one for \$2.0 million based on the achievement of certain utilization milestones over 12 months following the acquisition, and another for \$5.5 million based on the completion of and transition to a newly constructed facility that will deliver the contracted services provided at the Dallas Transitional Center. CCA currently expects both earn-outs to be achieved. The acquisition was funded utilizing cash from CCA’s \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility, as defined hereafter.

In allocating the purchase price for the transaction, CCA recorded the following (in millions):

Property and equipment	\$119.2
Intangible assets	17.9
Total identifiable assets	137.1
Goodwill	20.4
Total consideration	<u>\$157.5</u>

The allocation of the purchase price is preliminary and may be subject to change within the measurement period of one year from the acquisition date. The primary areas of the preliminary purchase price allocation that are not finalized include determining the composition and valuation of intangible assets and goodwill. Several factors gave rise to the goodwill recorded in the acquisition, such as the expected benefit from synergies of the combination and the long-term contracts for community corrections services that continues to broaden the scope of solutions CCA provides, from incarceration through release. The results of operations for Avalon have been included in the Company’s consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition.

## 7. INVESTMENT IN AFFILIATE

CCA has a 50% ownership interest in APM, an entity holding the management contract for a correctional facility, HM Prison Forest Bank, under a 25-year prison management contract with an agency of the United Kingdom government. CCA has determined that its joint venture investment in APM represents a variable interest entity (“VIE”) in accordance with ASC 810, “Consolidation” of which CCA is not the primary beneficiary. The Forest Bank facility, located in Salford, England, was previously constructed and owned by a wholly-owned subsidiary of CCA, which was sold in April 2001. All gains and losses under the joint venture are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. During 2000, CCA extended a working capital loan to APM, which has an outstanding balance of \$3.5 million as of December 31, 2015.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, equity in losses of the joint venture was \$126,000. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, equity in earnings of the joint venture was \$720,000 and \$78,000, respectively. The equity in losses and earnings of the joint venture is included in other (income) expense in the consolidated statements of operations. As of December 31, 2015, CCA’s

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investment in APM was \$0.1 million and is reported in other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The outstanding working capital loan of \$3.5 million, combined with the \$0.1 million investment in APM, represents CCA's maximum exposure to loss in connection with APM.

### 8. INVESTMENT IN DIRECT FINANCING LEASE

At December 31, 2015, CCA's investment in a direct financing lease represents net receivables under a building and equipment lease between CCA and the District of Columbia for the D.C. Correctional Treatment Facility.

A schedule of minimum rentals to be received under the direct financing lease in future years is as follows (in thousands):

2016	\$ 2,793
2017	694
Total minimum obligation	3,487
Less unearned interest income	(264)
Less current portion of direct financing lease	(2,539)
Investment in direct financing lease	<u>\$ 684</u>

During the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, CCA recorded interest income of \$0.5 million, \$0.8 million, and \$1.0 million, respectively, under this direct financing lease.

### 9. OTHER ASSETS

Other assets consist of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2015	2014
Debt issuance costs, less accumulated amortization of \$542 and \$2,844, respectively	\$ 4,879	\$ 4,760
Intangible lease value	37,430	24,289
Other intangible assets	4,191	555
Deferred leasing costs	8,021	8,338
Notes receivable, net	7,891	8,285
Cash equivalents and cash surrender value of life insurance held in Rabbi trust	16,946	17,918
Deposits	2,020	1,982
Straight-line rent receivable	3,324	1,729
Other	2	685
	<u>\$84,704</u>	<u>\$68,541</u>



**10. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following (in thousands):

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Trade accounts payable	\$ 72,689	\$ 49,825
Accrued salaries and wages	28,871	58,173
Accrued dividends	65,232	61,129
Accrued workers' compensation and auto liability	6,978	7,727
Accrued litigation	4,176	4,323
Accrued employee medical insurance	7,911	8,530
Accrued property taxes	24,796	24,522
Accrued interest	9,780	6,435
Deferred revenue	31,844	5,725
Construction payable	8,483	64,995
Lease financing obligation	19,775	—
Other	37,140	26,182
	<u>\$317,675</u>	<u>\$317,566</u>

The total liability for workers' compensation and auto liability was \$22.2 million and \$23.5 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, with the long-term portion included in other long-term liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. These liabilities were discounted to the net present value of the outstanding liabilities using a 3.0% rate in 2015 and 2014. These liabilities amounted to \$25.0 million and \$26.4 million on an undiscounted basis as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Other long-term liabilities consist of the following (in thousands):

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Intangible lease liability	\$ 6,965	7,352
Accrued workers' compensation	15,188	15,732
Accrued deferred compensation	13,253	13,036
Lease financing obligation	21,047	—
Other	1,856	3,356
	<u>\$58,309</u>	<u>\$39,476</u>

**11. DEBT**

Debt outstanding consists of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2015	2014
\$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility, principal due at maturity in July 2020; interest payable periodically at variable interest rates. The weighted average rate at both December 31, 2015 and 2014 was 1.9%.	\$ 439,000	\$ 525,000
Term Loan, scheduled principal payments through maturity in July 2020; interest payable periodically at variable interest rates. The rate at December 31, 2015 was 2.0%. Unamortized debt issuance costs amounted to \$0.6 million at December 31, 2015.	100,000	—
4.625% Senior Notes, principal due at maturity in May 2023; interest payable semi-annually in May and November at 4.625%. Unamortized debt issuance costs amounted to \$4.5 million and \$5.2 million at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.	350,000	350,000
4.125% Senior Notes, principal due at maturity in April 2020; interest payable semi-annually in April and October at 4.125%. Unamortized debt issuance costs amounted to \$3.5 million and \$4.3 million at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.	325,000	325,000
5.0% Senior Notes, principal due at maturity in October 2022; interest payable semi-annually in April and October at 5.0%. Unamortized debt issuance costs amounted to \$3.3 million at December 31, 2015.	250,000	—
Total debt	1,464,000	1,200,000
Unamortized debt issuance costs	(11,923)	(9,545)
Current portion of long-term debt	(5,000)	—
Long-term debt, net of current portion	<u>\$1,447,077</u>	<u>\$1,190,455</u>

*Revolving Credit Facility.* During March 2013, CCA entered into an amended and restated \$900.0 million senior secured revolving credit facility (the “\$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility”). During July 2015, CCA further amended and restated the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility to reduce by 0.25% the applicable margin of base rate and London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) loans, incorporate a net debt concept for the consolidated secured leverage and consolidated total leverage ratios, extend the maturity from December 2017 to July 2020, and to increase the size of the “accordion” feature. CCA capitalized approximately \$2.1 million of new costs associated with the amendment. CCA also reported a charge of approximately \$0.7 million during the third quarter of 2015 for the write-off of a portion of the existing loan costs associated with the facility.

Following the amendment executed in July 2015, the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility has an aggregate principal capacity of \$900.0 million and has an “accordion” feature that provides for uncommitted incremental extensions of credit in the form of increases in the revolving commitments or incremental term loans in an aggregate principal amount up to an additional \$350.0 million as requested by CCA, subject to bank approval. At CCA’s option, interest on outstanding borrowings under the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility is based on either a base rate plus a

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margin ranging from 0.00% to 0.75% or at LIBOR plus a margin ranging from 1.00% to 1.75% based on CCA's leverage ratio. The \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility includes a \$30.0 million sublimit for swing line loans that enables CCA to borrow at the base rate from the Administrative Agent without advance notice.

Based on CCA's current leverage ratio, loans under the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility bear interest at the base rate plus a margin of 0.50% or at LIBOR plus a margin of 1.50%, and a commitment fee equal to 0.35% of the unfunded balance. The \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility also has a \$50.0 million sublimit for the issuance of standby letters of credit. As of December 31, 2015, CCA had \$439.0 million in borrowings under the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility as well as \$14.5 million in letters of credit outstanding resulting in \$446.5 million available under the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility.

The \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility is secured by a pledge of all of the capital stock of CCA's domestic subsidiaries, 65% of the capital stock of CCA's foreign subsidiaries, all of CCA's accounts receivable, and all of CCA's deposit accounts. The \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility requires CCA to meet certain financial covenants, including, without limitation, a maximum total leverage ratio, a maximum secured leverage ratio, and a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio. As of December 31, 2015, CCA was in compliance with all such covenants. In addition, the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility contains certain covenants that, among other things, limit the incurrence of additional indebtedness, acquisitions and other investments, payment of dividends and other customary restricted payments, transactions with affiliates, asset sales, mergers and consolidations, liquidations, prepayments and modifications of other indebtedness, liens and other encumbrances and other matters customarily restricted in such agreements. In addition, the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility is subject to certain cross-default provisions with terms of CCA's other indebtedness, and is subject to acceleration upon the occurrence of a change of control.

*Incremental Term Loan.* On October 6, 2015, CCA obtained \$100.0 million under an Incremental Term Loan ("Term Loan") under the "accordion" feature of the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility. Net proceeds from the Term Loan were used to pay down a portion of the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility. Interest rates under the Term Loan are the same as the interest rates under the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility, except that the interest rate on the Term Loan is at a base rate plus a margin of 0.50% or at LIBOR plus a margin of 1.75% during the first two fiscal quarters following closing of the Term Loan. CCA capitalized approximately \$0.6 million of costs associated with obtaining the Term Loan. The Term Loan has the same collateral requirements, financial and certain other covenants, and cross-default provisions as the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility. The Term Loan, which is pre-payable, also has a maturity coterminous with the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility due July 2020, with scheduled principal payments in years 2016 through 2020.

*Senior Notes.* Interest on the \$325.0 million aggregate principal amount of CCA's 4.125% senior notes issued in April 2013 (the "4.125% Senior Notes") accrues at the stated rate and is payable in April and October of each year. The 4.125% Senior Notes are scheduled to mature on April 1, 2020. Interest on the \$350.0 million aggregate principal amount of CCA's 4.625% senior notes issued in April 2013 (the "4.625% Senior Notes") accrues at the stated rate and is payable in May and November of each year. The 4.625% Senior Notes are scheduled to mature on May 1, 2023.

On September 25, 2015, CCA completed the offering of \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.0% senior notes due October 15, 2022 (the "5.0% Senior Notes"). Interest on the 5.0% Senior Notes accrues at the stated rate and is payable in April and October of each year. CCA capitalized \$3.4 million for third-party fees and expenses associated with the new issuance of the 5.0% Senior Notes. CCA used net proceeds from the offering to pay down a portion of the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility and to pay related fees and expenses.

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The 4.125% Senior Notes, the 4.625% Senior Notes, and the 5.0% Senior Notes, collectively referred to herein as the “Senior Notes,” are senior unsecured obligations of the Company and are guaranteed by all of the Company’s subsidiaries that guarantee the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility. CCA may redeem all or part of the Senior Notes at any time prior to three months before their respective maturity date at a “make-whole” redemption price, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but not including, the redemption date. Thereafter, the Senior Notes are redeemable at CCA’s option, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but not including, the redemption date.

CCA also has the flexibility to issue additional debt or equity securities from time to time when the Company determines that market conditions and the opportunity to utilize the proceeds from the issuance of such securities are favorable.

*Guarantees and Covenants.* All of the domestic subsidiaries of CCA (as the parent corporation) have provided full and unconditional guarantees of the Senior Notes. Each of CCA’s subsidiaries guaranteeing the Senior Notes are 100% owned subsidiaries of CCA; the subsidiary guarantees are full and unconditional and are joint and several obligations of the guarantors; and all non-guarantor subsidiaries are minor (as defined in Rule 3-10(h)(6) of Regulation S-X).

As of December 31, 2015, neither CCA nor any of its subsidiary guarantors had any material or significant restrictions on CCA’s ability to obtain funds from its subsidiaries by dividend or loan or to transfer assets from such subsidiaries.

The indentures governing the Senior Notes contain certain customary covenants that, subject to certain exceptions and qualifications, restrict CCA’s ability to, among other things, make restricted payments; incur additional debt or issue certain types of preferred stock; create or permit to exist certain liens; consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of CCA’s assets; and enter into transactions with affiliates. In addition, if CCA sells certain assets (and generally does not use the proceeds of such sales for certain specified purposes) or experiences specific kinds of changes in control, CCA must offer to repurchase all or a portion of the Senior Notes. The offer price for the Senior Notes in connection with an asset sale would be equal to 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest and liquidated damages, if any, on the notes repurchased to the date of purchase. The offer price for the Senior Notes in connection with a change in control would be 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest and liquidated damages, if any, on the notes repurchased to the date of purchase. The Senior Notes are also subject to certain cross-default provisions with the terms of CCA’s \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility, as more fully described hereafter.

### **Other Debt Transactions**

*Letters of Credit.* At December 31, 2015 and 2014, CCA had \$14.5 million and \$16.3 million, respectively, in outstanding letters of credit. The letters of credit were issued to secure CCA’s workers’ compensation and general liability insurance policies, performance bonds, and utility deposits. The letters of credit outstanding at December 31, 2015 and 2014 were provided by a sub-facility under the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility.

**Debt Maturities**

Scheduled principal payments as of December 31, 2015 for the next five years and thereafter were as follows (in thousands):

2016	\$ 5,000
2017	10,000
2018	10,000
2019	15,000
2020	824,000
Thereafter	600,000
Total debt	<u>\$1,464,000</u>

**Cross-Default Provisions**

The provisions of CCA's debt agreements relating to the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility and the Senior Notes contain certain cross-default provisions. Any events of default under the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility that results in the lenders' actual acceleration of amounts outstanding thereunder also result in an event of default under the Senior Notes. Additionally, any events of default under the Senior Notes that give rise to the ability of the holders of such indebtedness to exercise their acceleration rights also result in an event of default under the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility.

If CCA were to be in default under the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility, and if the lenders under the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility elected to exercise their rights to accelerate CCA's obligations under the \$900.0 Million Revolving Credit Facility, such events could result in the acceleration of all or a portion of CCA's Senior Notes, which would have a material adverse effect on CCA's liquidity and financial position. CCA does not have sufficient working capital to satisfy its debt obligations in the event of an acceleration of all or a substantial portion of CCA's outstanding indebtedness.

**12. INCOME TAXES**

As discussed in Note 1, the Company began operating in compliance with REIT requirements for federal income tax purposes effective January 1, 2013. As a REIT, the Company must distribute at least 90 percent of its taxable income (including dividends paid to it by its TRSs) and will not pay federal income taxes on the amount distributed to its stockholders. Therefore, the Company should not be subject to federal income taxes if it distributes 100 percent of its taxable income. In addition, the Company must meet a number of other organizational and operational requirements. It is management's intention to adhere to these requirements and maintain the Company's REIT status. Most states where CCA holds investments in real estate conform to the federal rules recognizing REITs. Certain subsidiaries have made an election with the Company to be treated as TRSs in conjunction with the Company's REIT election; the TRS elections permit CCA to engage in certain business activities in which the REIT may not engage directly. A TRS is subject to federal and state income taxes on the income from these activities and therefore, CCA includes a provision for taxes in its consolidated financial statements.

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Income tax expense (benefit) is comprised of the following components (in thousands):

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
<b>Current income tax expense (benefit)</b>			
Federal	\$2,519	\$ 9,326	\$ 13,674
State	136	828	2,368
	<u>2,655</u>	<u>10,154</u>	<u>16,042</u>
<b>Deferred income tax expense (benefit)</b>			
Federal	5,589	(2,280)	(144,771)
State	117	(931)	(6,266)
	<u>5,706</u>	<u>(3,211)</u>	<u>(151,037)</u>
<b>Income tax expense (benefit)</b>	<u>\$8,361</u>	<u>\$ 6,943</u>	<u>\$(134,995)</u>

Significant components of CCA's deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, are as follows (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2015	2014
<b>Noncurrent deferred tax assets:</b>		
Asset reserves and liabilities not yet deductible for tax	\$ 28,589	\$ 31,634
Tax over book basis of certain assets	893	924
Net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards	5,287	5,008
Intangible contract value	2,717	2,877
Other	460	579
Total noncurrent deferred tax assets	<u>37,946</u>	<u>41,022</u>
Less valuation allowance	<u>(3,780)</u>	<u>(4,065)</u>
Total noncurrent deferred tax assets	<u>34,166</u>	<u>36,957</u>
<b>Noncurrent deferred tax liabilities:</b>		
Book over tax basis of certain assets	(15,238)	(11,332)
Intangible lease value	(8,862)	(9,431)
Other	(242)	(664)
Total noncurrent deferred tax liabilities	<u>(24,342)</u>	<u>(21,427)</u>
Net total noncurrent deferred tax assets	<u>\$ 9,824</u>	<u>\$ 15,530</u>

The tax benefits associated with equity-based compensation reduced income taxes payable by \$0.5 million, \$0.7 million, and \$0.4 million during 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. Such benefits were recorded as increases to stockholders' equity.

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A reconciliation of the income tax provision at the statutory income tax rate and the effective tax rate as a percentage of income from continuing operations before income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 is as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Statutory federal rate	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%
Dividends paid deduction	(31.9)	(31.1)	(30.7)
State taxes, net of federal tax benefit	0.9	0.8	1.1
Permanent differences	0.4	0.1	3.0
Impact of REIT election	—	—	(87.0)
Other items, net	(0.8)	(1.4)	(1.0)
	<u>3.6%</u>	<u>3.4%</u>	<u>(79.6)%</u>

CCA's effective tax rate was 3.6%, 3.4%, and (79.6)% during 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. CCA's effective tax rate is significantly different in 2015 and 2014 from 2013 as a result of its election to be taxed as a REIT effective January 1, 2013. As a result of CCA's election to be taxed as a REIT effective January 1, 2013, CCA recorded during the first quarter of 2013 a net tax benefit of \$137.7 million for the revaluation of certain deferred tax assets and liabilities and other income taxes associated with the REIT conversion based on the revised tax structure. As a REIT, CCA is entitled to a deduction for dividends paid, resulting in a substantial reduction in the amount of federal income tax expense it recognizes. Substantially all of CCA's income tax expense is incurred based on the earnings generated by its TRSs. CCA's overall effective tax rate is estimated based on its current projection of taxable income primarily generated in its TRSs. The Company's consolidated effective tax rate could fluctuate in the future based on changes in estimates of taxable income, the relative amounts of taxable income generated by the TRSs and the REIT, the implementation of additional tax planning strategies, changes in federal or state tax rates or laws affecting tax credits available to the Company, changes in other tax laws, changes in estimates related to uncertain tax positions, or changes in state apportionment factors, as well as changes in the valuation allowance applied to the Company's deferred tax assets that are based primarily on the amount of state net operating losses and tax credits that could expire unused.

CCA had no liabilities for uncertain tax positions as of December 31, 2015 and 2014. CCA recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax positions in income tax expense. CCA does not currently anticipate that the total amount of unrecognized tax positions will significantly change in the next twelve months. However, CCA did have an income tax receivable of \$21.2 million and \$12.8 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, representing overpayment of federal income tax, which is included in prepaid expenses and other current assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

CCA's U.S. federal income tax returns for tax years 2012 through 2014 remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). During the third quarter of 2015, the Company was notified that the IRS would commence an audit of the federal income tax return of one of the Company's TRSs for the year ended December 31, 2013. The audit has just begun and, therefore, it is too early to predict the outcome of the audit.

All states in which CCA files income tax returns follow the same statute of limitations as federal, with the exception of the following states whose open tax years include 2011 through 2014: Arizona, California, Colorado, Kentucky, Minnesota, New Jersey, Texas, and Wisconsin.

### 13. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

In April 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-08, “Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant, and Equipment (Topic 360): Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity”, which changed the criteria for reporting a discontinued operation. Specifically, ASU 2014-08 changed the current definition of “discontinued operations” so that only disposals of components that represent a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on an entity’s operations and financial results qualify for discontinued operations reporting. ASU 2014-08 also expanded the disclosure requirements for discontinued operations and requires new disclosures related to a disposal of an individually significant component of an entity that does not qualify for discontinued operations reporting. ASU 2014-08 was effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2014, required prospective application, and permitted early adoption beginning in the first quarter of 2014.

CCA elected to early adopt ASU 2014-08 in the first quarter of 2014. Accordingly, under the guidelines of the new ASU 2014-08, the operations of the Bay Correctional Facility, Graceville Correctional Facility, and the Moore Haven Correctional Facility in Florida were not reported as discontinued operations upon expiration of the contracts effective January 31, 2014. In addition, the operation of the Idaho Correctional Center was not reported as a discontinued operation upon expiration of the contract effective July 1, 2014, as CCA concluded that the four facilities do not meet the new definition of a discontinued operation and that they were not individually significant components of an entity. However, operations of terminated contracts that previously qualified as discontinued operations before January 1, 2014 will continue to be reported as such in the respective prior periods.

During the second quarter of 2013, CCA announced that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice elected not to renew its contract for the 2,216-bed managed-only Dawson State Jail in Dallas, Texas due to a legislative budget reduction. As a result, upon expiration of the contract in August 2013, CCA ceased operations of the Dawson State Jail. During the second quarter of 2013, CCA also received notification that it was not selected for the continued management of the 1,000-bed managed-only Wilkinson County Correctional Facility in Woodville, Mississippi at the end of the contract on June 30, 2013.



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There were no results of operations during 2015 and 2014 at these two facilities. The following table summarizes the results of operations for these two facilities for the year ended December 31, 2013 (in thousands):

	<u>2013</u>
<b>REVENUE:</b>	
Managed-only	\$19,984
	<u>19,984</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Managed-only	22,529
Depreciation and amortization	799
Asset impairments	2,637
	<u>25,965</u>
<b>OPERATING LOSS</b>	<b>(5,981)</b>
Other (expense) income	<u>(17)</u>
<b>LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>	<b>(5,998)</b>
Income tax benefit	<u>2,241</u>
<b>LOSS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS, NET OF TAXES</b>	<b>\$ (3,757)</b>

There were no assets and no accounts payable and accrued expenses associated with discontinued operations as of December 31, 2015. There were no assets and \$0.1 million of accounts payable and accrued expenses associated with discontinued operations as of December 31, 2014.

## 14. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

### Dividends on Common Stock

The tax characterization of dividends per share on common shares as reported to stockholders was as follows for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013:

Declaration Date	Record Date	Payable Date	Ordinary Income	Return of Capital	Total Per Share
February 22, 2013	April 3, 2013	April 15, 2013	0.346119	0.183881	\$ 0.53
May 16, 2013	July 3, 2013	July 15, 2013	0.313466	0.166534	\$ 0.48
August 16, 2013	October 2, 2013	October 15, 2013	0.313466	0.166534	\$ 0.48
December 12, 2013	January 2, 2014	January 15, 2014	0.48 (1)	—	\$ 0.48
February 20, 2014	April 2, 2014	April 15, 2014	0.51 (2)	—	\$ 0.51
May 15, 2014	July 2, 2014	July 15, 2014	0.51 (2)	—	\$ 0.51
August 14, 2014	October 2, 2014	October 15, 2014	0.51 (2)	—	\$ 0.51
December 11, 2014	January 2, 2015	January 15, 2015	0.382836 (3)	0.127164	\$ 0.51
February 20, 2015	April 2, 2015	April 15, 2015	0.405355 (4)	0.134645	\$ 0.54
May 14, 2015	July 2, 2015	July 15, 2015	0.405355 (4)	0.134645	\$ 0.54
August 13, 2015	October 2, 2015	October 15, 2015	0.405355 (4)	0.134645	\$ 0.54
December 10, 2015	January 4, 2016	January 15, 2016	— (5)	— (5)	\$ 0.54

(1) \$0.072069 of this amount constitutes a "Qualified Dividend", as defined by the IRS.

(2) \$0.076573 of this amount constitutes a "Qualified Dividend", as defined by the IRS.

(3) \$0.048357 of this amount constitutes a "Qualified Dividend", as defined by the IRS.

(4) \$0.051202 of this amount constitutes a "Qualified Dividend", as defined by the IRS.

(5) Taxable in 2016.

In addition, on April 8, 2013, CCA's Board of Directors declared a special dividend to stockholders of \$675.0 million, or approximately \$6.66 per share of common stock, in connection with CCA's previously announced plan to qualify and convert to a REIT for federal income tax purposes effective as of January 1, 2013. The special dividend was paid in satisfaction of requirements that CCA distribute its accumulated earnings and profits attributable to tax periods ending prior to January 1, 2013. CCA paid the special dividend on May 20, 2013 to stockholders of record as of April 19, 2013. The special dividend constituted a qualified dividend of which \$6.647357 was taxable as ordinary income to stockholders in 2013, and \$0.012643 constituted a return of capital.

Each CCA stockholder could elect to receive payment of the special dividend either in all cash, all shares of CCA common stock or a combination of cash and CCA common stock, with the total amount of cash payable to stockholders limited to a maximum of 20% of the total value of the special dividend, or \$135.0 million. The total amount of cash elected by stockholders exceeded 20% of the total value of the special dividend. As a result, the cash payment was prorated among those stockholders who elected to receive cash, and the remaining portion of the special dividend was paid in shares of CCA common stock. The total number of shares of CCA common stock distributed pursuant to the special dividend was 13.9 million and was determined based on stockholder elections and the average closing price per share of CCA common stock on the New York Stock Exchange for the three trading days after May 9, 2013, or \$38.90 per share.

Future dividends will depend on CCA's distribution requirements as a REIT, future earnings, capital requirements, financial condition, opportunities for alternative uses of capital, and on such other factors as the Board of Directors of CCA may consider relevant.

### **Common Stock**

*Restricted shares.* During 2015, CCA issued approximately 438,000 shares of restricted common stock units ("RSUs") to certain of CCA's employees and non-employee directors, with an aggregate value of \$17.5 million, including 385,000 RSUs to employees and non-employee directors whose compensation is charged to general and administrative expense and 53,000 RSUs to employees whose compensation is charged to operating expense. During 2014, CCA issued approximately 548,000 RSUs to certain of its employees and non-employee directors, with an aggregate value of \$17.8 million, including 478,000 RSUs to employees and non-employee directors whose compensation is charged to general and administrative expense and 70,000 RSUs to employees whose compensation is charged to operating expense.

CCA established performance-based vesting conditions on the shares of restricted common stock and RSUs awarded to its officers and executive officers in 2015 and 2014 and in years prior to 2013. Unless earlier vested under the terms of the agreements, shares or RSUs issued to officers and executive officers in these years are subject to vesting over a three-year period based upon the satisfaction of certain performance criteria. With respect to the RSUs issued in 2015 to officers and executive officers, annual performance criteria was established for each of the three years ending December 31, 2015, 2016, and 2017, and no more than one-third of the RSUs may vest in any one performance period. With respect to RSUs issued in 2014 and in years prior to 2013, no more than one-third of such shares or RSUs may vest in the first performance period; however, the performance criteria are cumulative for the three-year period. With respect to the RSUs issued in 2013 to officers and executive officers, unless earlier vested under the terms of the RSU agreement, the RSUs issued vest evenly over a three-year period and are not subject to performance-based criteria. Shares of restricted stock and RSUs issued to other employees, unless earlier vested under the terms of the agreements, "cliff" vest on the third anniversary of the award, while RSUs issued to non-employee directors vest one year from the date of award.

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Nonvested restricted common stock transactions as of December 31, 2015 and for the year then ended are summarized below (in thousands, except per share amounts).

	<u>Shares of restricted common stock and RSUs</u>	<u>Weighted average grant date fair value</u>
Nonvested at December 31, 2014	1,020	\$ 32.93
Granted	438	\$ 40.04
Cancelled	(43)	\$ 35.52
Vested	(440)	\$ 31.51
<b>Nonvested at December 31, 2015</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>\$ 36.65</b>

During 2015, 2014, and 2013, CCA expensed \$14.7 million (\$1.5 million of which was recorded in operating expenses and \$13.2 million of which was recorded in general and administrative expenses), \$12.1 million (\$1.4 million of which was recorded in operating expenses and \$10.7 million of which was recorded in general and administrative expenses), and \$9.8 million (\$1.2 million of which was recorded in operating expenses and \$8.6 million of which was recorded in general and administrative expenses), net of forfeitures, relating to the restricted common stock and RSUs, respectively. As of December 31, 2015, CCA had \$17.4 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to restricted common stock and RSUs that is expected to be recognized over a remaining weighted-average period of 1.7 years. The total fair value of restricted common stock and RSUs that vested during 2015, 2014, and 2013 was \$13.9 million, \$9.8 million, and \$10.5 million, respectively.

### **Preferred Stock**

CCA has the authority to issue 50.0 million shares of \$0.01 par value per share preferred stock (the "Preferred Stock"). The Preferred Stock may be issued from time to time upon authorization by the Board of Directors, in such series and with such preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications or other provisions as may be fixed by CCA's Board of Directors.

### **Stock Option Plans**

CCA has equity incentive plans under which, among other things, incentive and non-qualified stock options are granted to certain employees and non-employee directors of CCA by the compensation committee of CCA's Board of Directors. The options are granted with exercise prices equal to the fair market value on the date of grant. Vesting periods for options granted to employees generally range from three to four years. Options granted to non-employee directors vest on a date approximately following the first anniversary of the grant date. The term of such options is ten years from the date of grant.

In 2015, 2014, and 2013, CCA elected not to issue stock options to its non-employee directors, officers, and executive officers as it had in the past and instead elected to issue all of its equity compensation in the form of restricted common stock and RSUs as previously described herein. During 2015, 2014, and 2013, CCA expensed \$0.7 million, \$1.9 million, and \$3.1 million, respectively, net of estimated forfeitures relating to its outstanding stock options, all of which was charged to general and administrative expenses.

Stock option transactions relating to CCA's non-qualified stock option plans are summarized below (in thousands, except exercise prices):

	No. of options	Weighted- Average Exercise Price of options	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2014	1,884	\$ 20.00		
Granted	—	—		
Exercised	(413)	18.65		
Cancelled	(4)	22.34		
Outstanding at December 31, 2015	<u>1,467</u>	<u>\$ 20.37</u>	4.0	<u>\$ 9,044</u>
Exercisable at December 31, 2015	<u>1,416</u>	<u>\$ 20.28</u>	4.0	<u>\$ 8,846</u>

The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value (the difference between CCA's stock price as of December 31, 2015 and the exercise price, multiplied by the number of in-the-money options) that would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their options on December 31, 2015. This amount changes based on the fair market value of CCA's stock. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 was \$7.3 million, \$12.3 million, and \$36.9 million, respectively.

Nonvested stock option transactions relating to CCA's non-qualified stock option plans as of December 31, 2015 and changes during the year ended December 31, 2015 are summarized below (in thousands, except grant date fair values):

	Number of options	Weighted average grant date fair value
Nonvested at December 31, 2014	282	\$ 6.66
Granted	—	\$ —
Cancelled	(4)	\$ 6.34
Vested	(227)	\$ 6.70
<b>Nonvested at December 31, 2015</b>	<u>51</u>	<u>\$ 6.50</u>

As of December 31, 2015, CCA had \$0.1 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options that is expected to be recognized over a remaining weighted-average period of 0.4 years.

At CCA's 2011 annual meeting of stockholders held in May 2011, CCA's stockholders approved an amendment to the 2008 Stock Incentive Plan that increased the authorized limit on issuance of new awards to an aggregate of up to 18.0 million shares. In addition, during the 2003 annual meeting the stockholders approved the adoption of CCA's Non-Employee Directors' Compensation Plan, authorizing CCA to issue up to 225,000 shares of common stock pursuant to the plan. As of December 31, 2015, CCA had 10.3 million shares available for issuance under the Amended and Restated 2008 Stock Incentive Plan and 0.2 million shares available for issuance under the Non-Employee Directors' Compensation Plan.

**15. EARNINGS PER SHARE**

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock or resulted in the issuance of common stock that then shared in the earnings of the entity. For CCA, diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares after considering the additional dilution related to restricted share grants and stock options.

A reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of the basic earnings per share computation to the numerator and denominator of the diluted earnings per share computation is as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
<b>NUMERATOR</b>			
<b>Basic:</b>			
Income from continuing operations	\$221,854	\$195,022	\$304,592
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	—	—	(3,757)
Net income	<u>\$221,854</u>	<u>\$195,022</u>	<u>\$300,835</u>
<b>Diluted:</b>			
Income from continuing operations	\$221,854	\$195,022	\$304,592
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	—	—	(3,757)
Diluted net income	<u>\$221,854</u>	<u>\$195,022</u>	<u>\$300,835</u>
<b>DENOMINATOR</b>			
<b>Basic:</b>			
Weighted average common shares outstanding	<u>116,949</u>	<u>116,109</u>	<u>109,617</u>
<b>Diluted:</b>			
Weighted average common shares outstanding	116,949	116,109	109,617
<b>Effect of dilutive securities:</b>			
Stock options	631	895	1,279
Restricted stock-based compensation	205	308	354
Weighted average shares and assumed conversions	<u>117,785</u>	<u>117,312</u>	<u>111,250</u>
<b>BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE:</b>			
Income from continuing operations	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.68	\$ 2.77
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	—	—	(0.03)
Net income	<u>\$ 1.90</u>	<u>\$ 1.68</u>	<u>\$ 2.74</u>
<b>DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE:</b>			
Income from continuing operations	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.66	\$ 2.73
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	—	—	(0.03)
Net income	<u>\$ 1.88</u>	<u>\$ 1.66</u>	<u>\$ 2.70</u>

As discussed in Note 14, on May 20, 2013, CCA paid a special dividend in connection with its conversion to a REIT. The stockholders were allowed to elect to receive their payment of the special dividend either in all cash, all shares of CCA common stock, or a combination of cash and CCA common stock, except that CCA placed a limit on the aggregate amount of cash payable to the stockholders. Under ASC 505, "Equity" and ASU 2010-01, "Accounting for Distributions to Shareholders with Components of Stock and Cash, a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force", a distribution that allows shareholders to elect to receive cash or stock with a potential

limitation on the total amount of cash that all shareholders can elect to receive in the aggregate is considered a share issuance that is reflected in earnings per share prospectively. As such, the stock portion of the special dividend, totaling 13.9 million shares, is presented prospectively in basic and diluted earnings per share as presented above and was not presented retroactively for all periods presented.

Approximately 8,000, 12,000, and 15,000 stock options were excluded from the computations of diluted earnings per share for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively, because they were anti-dilutive.

## 16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

### Legal Proceedings

*General.* The nature of CCA's business results in claims and litigation alleging that it is liable for damages arising from the conduct of its employees, offenders or others. The nature of such claims includes, but is not limited to, claims arising from employee or offender misconduct, medical malpractice, employment matters, property loss, contractual claims, including claims regarding compliance with contract performance requirements, and personal injury or other damages resulting from contact with CCA's facilities, personnel or offenders, including damages arising from an offender's escape or from a disturbance at a facility. CCA maintains insurance to cover many of these claims, which may mitigate the risk that any single claim would have a material effect on CCA's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows, provided the claim is one for which coverage is available. The combination of self-insured retentions and deductible amounts means that, in the aggregate, CCA is subject to substantial self-insurance risk.

CCA records litigation reserves related to certain matters for which it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the range of such loss can be estimated. Based upon management's review of the potential claims and outstanding litigation and based upon management's experience and history of estimating losses, and taking into consideration CCA's self-insured retention amounts, management believes a loss in excess of amounts already recognized would not be material to CCA's financial statements. In the opinion of management, there are no pending legal proceedings that would have a material effect on CCA's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows. Any receivable for insurance recoveries is recorded separately from the corresponding litigation reserve, and only if recovery is determined to be probable. Adversarial proceedings and litigation are, however, subject to inherent uncertainties, and unfavorable decisions and rulings resulting from legal proceedings could occur which could have a material adverse impact on CCA's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows for the period in which such decisions or rulings occur, or future periods. Expenses associated with legal proceedings may also fluctuate from quarter to quarter based on changes in CCA's assumptions, new developments, or by the effectiveness of CCA's litigation and settlement strategies.

### Insurance Contingencies

Each of CCA's management contracts and the statutes of certain states require the maintenance of insurance. CCA maintains various insurance policies including employee health, workers' compensation, automobile liability, and general liability insurance. These policies are fixed premium policies with various deductible amounts that are self-funded by CCA. Reserves are provided for estimated incurred claims for which it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the range of such loss can be estimated.

## **Guarantees**

Hardeman County Correctional Facilities Corporation (“HCCFC”) is a nonprofit, mutual benefit corporation organized under the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act to purchase, construct, improve, equip, finance, own and manage a detention facility located in Hardeman County, Tennessee. HCCFC was created as an instrumentality of Hardeman County to implement the County’s incarceration agreement with the state of Tennessee to house certain inmates.

During 1997, HCCFC issued \$72.7 million of revenue bonds, which were primarily used for the construction of a 2,016-bed medium security correctional facility. In addition, HCCFC entered into a construction and management agreement with CCA in order to assure the timely and coordinated acquisition, construction, development, marketing and operation of the correctional facility.

HCCFC leases the correctional facility to Hardeman County in exchange for all revenue from the operation of the facility. HCCFC has, in turn, entered into a management agreement with CCA for the correctional facility.

In connection with the issuance of the revenue bonds, CCA is obligated, under a debt service deficit agreement, to pay the trustee of the bond’s trust indenture (the “Trustee”) amounts necessary to pay any debt service deficits consisting of principal and interest requirements (outstanding principal balance of \$12.8 million at December 31, 2015 plus future interest payments). In the event the state of Tennessee, which is currently utilizing the facility to house certain inmates, exercises its option to purchase the correctional facility, CCA is also obligated to pay the difference between principal and interest owed on the bonds on the date set for the redemption of the bonds and amounts paid by the state of Tennessee for the facility plus all other funds on deposit with the Trustee and available for redemption of the bonds. Ownership of the facility reverts to the state of Tennessee in 2017 at no cost. Therefore, CCA does not currently believe the state of Tennessee will exercise its option to purchase the facility. At December 31, 2015, the outstanding principal balance of the bonds exceeded the purchase price option by \$6.0 million.

## **Retirement Plan**

All employees of CCA are eligible to participate in the Corrections Corporation of America 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan (the “Plan”) upon reaching age 18 and completing one year of qualified service. Eligible employees may contribute up to 90% of their eligible compensation, subject to IRS limitations. For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, CCA provided a discretionary matching contribution equal to 100% of the employee’s contributions up to 5% of the employee’s eligible compensation to employees with at least one thousand hours of employment in the plan year. Prior to January 1, 2012, employer contributions were made to those who were employed by CCA on the last day of the plan year, and investment earnings or losses thereon become vested 20% after two years of service, 40% after three years of service, 80% after four years of service, and 100% after five or more years of service. Effective January 1, 2012, the Plan adopted a safe harbor provision that provides, among other changes, future employer matching contributions to be paid into the Plan each pay period and vest immediately.

During the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, CCA’s discretionary contributions to the Plan, net of forfeitures, were \$12.0 million, \$11.1 million, and \$11.8 million, respectively.

## **Deferred Compensation Plans**

During 2002, the compensation committee of the board of directors approved CCA’s adoption of two non-qualified deferred compensation plans (the “Deferred Compensation Plans”) for non-employee

directors and for certain senior executives. The Deferred Compensation Plans are unfunded plans maintained for the purpose of providing CCA's directors and certain of its senior executives the opportunity to defer a portion of their compensation. Under the terms of the Deferred Compensation Plans, certain senior executives may elect to contribute on a pre-tax basis up to 50% of their base salary and up to 100% of their cash bonus, and non-employee directors may elect to contribute on a pre-tax basis up to 100% of their director retainer and meeting fees. During the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, CCA matched 100% of employee contributions up to 5% of total cash compensation. CCA also contributes a fixed rate of return on balances in the Deferred Compensation Plans, determined at the beginning of each plan year. Matching contributions and investment earnings thereon become vested 20% after two years of service, 40% after three years of service, 80% after four years of service, and 100% after five or more years of service. Distributions are generally payable no earlier than five years subsequent to the date an individual becomes a participant in the Plan, or upon termination of employment (or the date a director ceases to serve as a director of CCA), at the election of the participant. Distributions to senior executives must commence on or before the later of 60 days after the participant's separation from service or the fifteenth day of the month following the month the individual attains age 65.

During each of the years 2015, 2014, and 2013, CCA provided a fixed return of 5.6% to participants in the Deferred Compensation Plans. CCA has purchased life insurance policies on the lives of certain employees of CCA, which are intended to fund distributions from the Deferred Compensation Plans. CCA is the sole beneficiary of such policies. At the inception of the Deferred Compensation Plans, CCA established an irrevocable Rabbi Trust to secure the plans' obligations. However, assets in the Deferred Compensation Plans are subject to creditor claims in the event of bankruptcy. During 2015, 2014, and 2013, CCA recorded \$0.3 million, \$0.2 million, and \$0.2 million, respectively, of matching contributions as general and administrative expense associated with the Deferred Compensation Plans. Assets in the Rabbi Trust were \$16.9 million and \$17.9 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, CCA's liability related to the Deferred Compensation Plans was \$15.1 million and \$15.7 million, respectively, which was reflected in accounts payable and accrued expenses and other liabilities in the accompanying balance sheets.

### **Employment and Severance Agreements**

CCA currently has employment agreements with several of its executive officers, which provide for the payment of certain severance amounts upon termination of employment under certain circumstances or a change of control, as defined in the agreements.

## **17. SEGMENT REPORTING**

As of December 31, 2015, CCA owned and managed 60 correctional and detention facilities, and managed 11 correctional and detention facilities it did not own. In addition, CCA owned six facilities that it leased to third-party operators. Management views CCA's operating results in one operating segment. However, the Company has chosen to report financial performance segregated for (1) owned and managed correctional and detention facilities and (2) managed-only correctional and detention facilities as the Company believes this information is useful to users of the financial statements. Owned and managed facilities include the operating results of those facilities placed into service that were owned or controlled via a long-term lease and managed by CCA. Managed-only facilities include the operating results of those facilities owned by a third party and managed by CCA. The operating performance of the owned and managed and the managed-only correctional and detention facilities can be measured based on their net operating income. CCA defines facility net operating income as a facility's operating income or loss from operations before interest, taxes, asset impairments, depreciation, and amortization.



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The revenue and net operating income for the owned and managed and the managed-only facilities and a reconciliation to CCA's operating income is as follows for the three years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 (in thousands):

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Owned and managed	\$1,543,750	\$1,379,986	\$1,386,355
Managed-only	211,995	232,685	301,454
Total management revenue	<u>1,755,745</u>	<u>1,612,671</u>	<u>1,687,809</u>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>			
Owned and managed	1,038,070	928,857	941,638
Managed-only	190,010	207,355	261,903
Total operating expenses	<u>1,228,080</u>	<u>1,136,212</u>	<u>1,203,541</u>
<b>Facility net operating income</b>			
Owned and managed	505,680	451,129	444,717
Managed-only	21,985	25,330	39,551
Total facility net operating income	<u>527,665</u>	<u>476,459</u>	<u>484,268</u>
<b>Other revenue (expense):</b>			
Rental and other revenue	37,342	34,196	6,488
Other operating expense	(28,048)	(19,923)	(16,810)
General and administrative expense	(103,936)	(106,429)	(103,590)
Depreciation and amortization	(151,514)	(113,925)	(112,692)
Asset impairments	(955)	(30,082)	(6,513)
Operating income	<u>\$ 280,554</u>	<u>\$ 240,296</u>	<u>\$ 251,151</u>

The following table summarizes capital expenditures including accrued amounts for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 (in thousands):

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
<b>Capital expenditures:</b>			
Owned and managed	\$382,781	\$246,333	\$ 96,975
Managed-only	4,049	3,171	3,719
Corporate and other	28,611	13,056	10,852
Discontinued operations	—	—	72
Total capital expenditures	<u>\$415,441</u>	<u>\$262,560</u>	<u>\$111,618</u>

The total assets are as follows (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2015	2014
<b>Assets:</b>		
Owned and managed	\$2,966,762	\$2,745,905
Managed-only	54,491	68,146
Corporate and other	334,765	303,595
Total assets	<u>\$3,356,018</u>	<u>\$3,117,646</u>

**18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

During February 2016, CCA issued approximately 0.6 million RSUs to certain of CCA's employees and non-employee directors, with an aggregate value of \$17.3 million. Unless earlier vested under the terms of the RSU agreement, approximately 0.4 million RSUs were issued to officers and executive officers and are subject to vesting over a three-year period based upon satisfaction of certain annual performance criteria for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2016, 2017, and 2018. Approximately 0.2 million RSUs issued to other employees vest evenly on the first, second, and third anniversary of the award. Shares of RSUs issued to non-employee directors vest on the first anniversary of the award. Any RSUs that become vested will be settled in shares of CCA's common stock.

On February 19, 2016, the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.54 per common share payable April 15, 2016 to stockholders of record on April 1, 2016.

**19. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF CCA AND SUBSIDIARIES**

The following condensed consolidating financial statements of CCA and subsidiaries have been prepared pursuant to Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X. These condensed consolidating financial statements have been prepared from the Company's financial information on the same basis of accounting as the consolidated financial statements.

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET**  
**As of December 31, 2015**  
(in thousands)

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Combined Subsidiary Guarantors</u>	<u>Consolidating Adjustments and Other</u>	<u>Total Consolidated Amounts</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,666	\$ 49,625	\$ —	\$ 65,291
Restricted cash	637	240	—	877
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	300,632	159,286	(225,462)	234,456
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	3,760	43,706	(6,032)	41,434
Total current assets	320,695	252,857	(231,494)	342,058
Property and equipment, net	2,526,278	356,782	—	2,883,060
Restricted cash	131	—	—	131
Investment in direct financing lease	684	—	—	684
Goodwill	20,402	15,155	—	35,557
Non-current deferred tax assets	—	10,217	(393)	9,824
Other assets	241,510	57,120	(213,926)	84,704
Total assets	<u>\$3,109,700</u>	<u>\$ 692,131</u>	<u>\$ (445,813)</u>	<u>\$3,356,018</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u>				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 191,600	\$ 357,569	\$ (231,494)	\$ 317,675
Income taxes payable	—	1,920	—	1,920
Current portion of long-term debt	5,000	—	—	5,000
Total current liabilities	196,600	359,489	(231,494)	324,595
Long-term debt, net of current portion	1,448,316	113,761	(115,000)	1,447,077
Non-current deferred tax liabilities	393	—	(393)	—
Deferred revenue	—	63,289	—	63,289
Other liabilities	1,643	56,666	—	58,309
Total liabilities	<u>1,646,952</u>	<u>593,205</u>	<u>(346,887)</u>	<u>1,893,270</u>
Total stockholders' equity	<u>1,462,748</u>	<u>98,926</u>	<u>(98,926)</u>	<u>1,462,748</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$3,109,700</u>	<u>\$ 692,131</u>	<u>\$ (445,813)</u>	<u>\$3,356,018</u>

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET**  
**As of December 31, 2014**  
(in thousands)

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Combined Subsidiary Guarantors</u>	<u>Consolidating Adjustments and Other</u>	<u>Total Consolidated Amounts</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,337	\$ 62,056	\$ —	\$ 74,393
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	167,626	178,911	(97,949)	248,588
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	17,060	34,705	(21,990)	29,775
Total current assets	197,023	275,672	(119,939)	352,756
Property and equipment, net	2,459,053	199,575	—	2,658,628
Restricted cash	1,267	1,591	—	2,858
Investment in direct financing lease	3,223	—	—	3,223
Goodwill	—	16,110	—	16,110
Non-current deferred tax assets	—	16,019	(489)	15,530
Other assets	233,607	45,584	(210,650)	68,541
Total assets	<u>\$2,894,173</u>	<u>\$ 554,551</u>	<u>\$ (331,078)</u>	<u>\$3,117,646</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u>				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 218,403	\$ 205,213	\$ (106,050)	\$ 317,566
Income taxes payable	195	1,173	—	1,368
Note payable to an affiliate	—	13,854	(13,854)	—
Current liabilities of discontinued operations	—	54	—	54
Total current liabilities	218,598	220,294	(119,904)	318,988
Long-term debt	1,191,917	113,538	(115,000)	1,190,455
Non-current deferred tax liabilities	490	—	(490)	—
Deferred revenue	—	87,227	—	87,227
Other liabilities	1,668	37,808	—	39,476
Total liabilities	<u>1,412,673</u>	<u>458,867</u>	<u>(235,394)</u>	<u>1,636,146</u>
Total stockholders' equity	<u>1,481,500</u>	<u>95,684</u>	<u>(95,684)</u>	<u>1,481,500</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$2,894,173</u>	<u>\$ 554,551</u>	<u>\$ (331,078)</u>	<u>\$3,117,646</u>

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2015**  
(in thousands)

	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Combined Subsidiary Guarantors</u>	<u>Consolidating Adjustments and Other</u>	<u>Total Consolidated Amounts</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,184,878</b>	<b>\$1,469,105</b>	<b>\$ (860,896)</b>	<b>\$1,793,087</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
Operating	889,203	1,227,821	(860,896)	1,256,128
General and administrative	33,248	70,688	—	103,936
Depreciation and amortization	82,745	68,769	—	151,514
Asset impairments	—	955	—	955
	<u>1,005,196</u>	<u>1,368,233</u>	<u>(860,896)</u>	<u>1,512,533</u>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>179,682</b>	<b>100,872</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>280,554</b>
<b>OTHER (INCOME) EXPENSE:</b>				
Interest expense, net	35,919	13,777	—	49,696
Expenses associated with debt refinancing transactions	701	—	—	701
Other (income) expense	232	(414)	124	(58)
	<u>36,852</u>	<u>13,363</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>50,339</u>
<b>INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>	<b>142,830</b>	<b>87,509</b>	<b>(124)</b>	<b>230,215</b>
Income tax expense	(1,541)	(6,820)	—	(8,361)
<b>INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>	<b>141,289</b>	<b>80,689</b>	<b>(124)</b>	<b>221,854</b>
Income from equity in subsidiaries	80,565	—	(80,565)	—
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 221,854</b>	<b>\$ 80,689</b>	<b>\$ (80,689)</b>	<b>\$ 221,854</b>

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2014**  
(in thousands)

	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Combined Subsidiary Guarantors</u>	<u>Consolidating Adjustments and Other</u>	<u>Total Consolidated Amounts</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>\$1,250,199</u>	<u>\$1,268,654</u>	<u>\$ (871,986)</u>	<u>\$1,646,867</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
Operating	896,470	1,131,651	(871,986)	1,156,135
General and administrative	33,508	72,921	—	106,429
Depreciation and amortization	80,820	33,105	—	113,925
Asset impairments	29,915	167	—	30,082
	<u>1,040,713</u>	<u>1,237,844</u>	<u>(871,986)</u>	<u>1,406,571</u>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<u>209,486</u>	<u>30,810</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>240,296</u>
<b>OTHER (INCOME) EXPENSE:</b>				
Interest expense, net	35,138	4,397	—	39,535
Other (income) expense	302	(786)	(720)	(1,204)
	<u>35,440</u>	<u>3,611</u>	<u>(720)</u>	<u>38,331</u>
<b>INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>	174,046	27,199	720	201,965
Income tax expense	<u>(552)</u>	<u>(6,391)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(6,943)</u>
<b>INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>	173,494	20,808	720	195,022
Income from equity in subsidiaries	<u>21,528</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(21,528)</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>\$ 195,022</u>	<u>\$ 20,808</u>	<u>\$ (20,808)</u>	<u>\$ 195,022</u>

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2013**  
(in thousands)

	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Combined Subsidiary Guarantors</u>	<u>Consolidating Adjustments and Other</u>	<u>Total Consolidated Amounts</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>\$1,268,763</u>	<u>\$1,351,695</u>	<u>\$ (926,161)</u>	<u>\$1,694,297</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
Operating	945,750	1,200,762	(926,161)	1,220,351
General and administrative	31,290	72,300	—	103,590
Depreciation and amortization	76,112	36,580	—	112,692
Asset impairments	—	6,513	—	6,513
	<u>1,053,152</u>	<u>1,316,155</u>	<u>(926,161)</u>	<u>1,443,146</u>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<u>215,611</u>	<u>35,540</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>251,151</u>
<b>OTHER (INCOME) EXPENSE:</b>				
Interest expense, net	38,319	6,807	—	45,126
Expenses associated with debt refinancing transactions	28,563	7,965	—	36,528
Other (income) expense	(45)	23	(78)	(100)
	<u>66,837</u>	<u>14,795</u>	<u>(78)</u>	<u>81,554</u>
<b>INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>	148,774	20,745	78	169,597
Income tax benefit (expense)	<u>143,590</u>	<u>(8,595)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>134,995</u>
<b>INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>	292,364	12,150	78	304,592
Income from equity in subsidiaries	8,471	—	(8,471)	—
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	<u>—</u>	<u>(3,757)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(3,757)</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>\$ 300,835</u>	<u>\$ 8,393</u>	<u>\$ (8,393)</u>	<u>\$ 300,835</u>

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2015**  
(in thousands)

	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Combined Subsidiary Guarantors</u>	<u>Consolidating Adjustments And Other</u>	<u>Total Consolidated Amounts</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 102,371	\$ 297,427	\$ —	\$ 399,798
Net cash used in investing activities	(93,891)	(212,215)	(103,175)	(409,281)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(5,151)	(97,643)	103,175	381
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	3,329	(12,431)	—	(9,102)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	12,337	62,056	—	74,393
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	<u>\$ 15,666</u>	<u>\$ 49,625</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 65,291</u>

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2014**  
(in thousands)

	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Combined Subsidiary Guarantors</u>	<u>Consolidating Adjustments And Other</u>	<u>Total Consolidated Amounts</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 296,087	\$ 127,494	\$ —	\$ 423,581
Net cash used in investing activities	(73,404)	(102,337)	(21,146)	(196,887)
Net cash used in financing activities	(241,993)	(9,373)	21,146	(230,220)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(19,310)	15,784	—	(3,526)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	31,647	46,272	—	77,919
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	<u>\$ 12,337</u>	<u>\$ 62,056</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 74,393</u>

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2013**  
(in thousands)

	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Combined Subsidiary Guarantors</u>	<u>Consolidating Adjustments And Other</u>	<u>Total Consolidated Amounts</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 211,247	\$ 158,257	\$ —	\$ 369,504
Net cash used in investing activities	(83,895)	(56,617)	15,000	(125,512)
Net cash used in financing activities	(95,705)	(118,265)	(15,000)	(228,970)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	31,647	(16,625)	—	15,022
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	—	62,897	—	62,897
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	<u>\$ 31,647</u>	<u>\$ 46,272</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 77,919</u>



**20. SELECTED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)**

Selected quarterly financial information for each of the quarters in the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 is as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	<u>March 31, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>September 30, 2015</u>	<u>December 31, 2015</u>
Revenue	\$426,000	\$459,295	\$ 459,957	\$ 447,835
Operating income	68,826	79,753	65,436	66,539
Net income	57,277	65,303	50,676	48,598
Basic earnings per share:				
Net income	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.41
Diluted earnings per share:				
Net income	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.41
	<u>March 31, 2014</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>	<u>September 30, 2014</u>	<u>December 31, 2014</u>
Revenue	\$404,222	\$410,694	\$ 408,474	\$ 423,477
Operating income	63,066	65,535	69,850	41,845 (1)
Net income	51,738	55,732	57,546	30,006 (1)
Basic earnings per share:				
Net income	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.26 (1)
Diluted earnings per share:				
Net income	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.25 (1)

- (1) The earnings amounts in the fourth quarter of 2014 were unfavorably impacted by \$27.8 million of non-cash impairments recorded to write down the book values of two of CCA's non-core facilities to the estimated fair values, as discussed in Note 5.

**CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**SCHEDULE III - REAL ESTATE ASSETS AND ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2015**  
(in thousands)

Description	Location	Initial Cost to Company		Cost Capitalized Subsequent to Acquisition	Gross Amount at Which Carried at Close of Period			Accumulated Depreciation (B)	Date Constructed/ Acquired
		Land	Buildings and Improvements		Land and Land Improvements	Buildings and Leasehold Improvements	Total (A)		
Adams County Correctional Center	Adams County, Mississippi	\$ 874	\$ 119,565	\$ 2,859	\$ 1,084	\$ 122,214	\$ 123,298	\$ (17,556)	2008
Austin Residential Re-entry Center	Del Valle, Texas	4,190	1,058	300	4,190	1,358	5,548	(12)	2015
Austin Transitional Center	Del Valle, Texas	19,488	4,607	850	19,488	5,457	24,945	(40)	2015
Bent County Correctional Facility	Las Animas, Colorado	550	13,115	66,601	1,212	79,054	80,266	(20,146)	1992
Bridgeport Pre-Parole Transfer Facility	Bridgeport, Texas	70	291	588	209	740	949	(516)	1995
Broad Street Residential Re-entry Center	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	663	2,700	—	663	2,700	3,363	(28)	2015
CAI - Boston Avenue	San Diego, California	800	11,440	29	834	11,435	12,269	(935)	2013
California City Correctional Center	California City, California	1,785	125,337	8,663	2,484	133,301	135,785	(42,414)	1999
Carver Transitional Center	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	8,562	4,631	810	8,562	5,441	14,003	(39)	2015
Central Arizona Detention Center	Florence, Arizona	1,298	57,857	32,064	3,090	88,129	91,219	(30,515)	1994
Chester Residential Re-entry Center	Chester, Pennsylvania	657	2,679	—	657	2,679	3,336	(28)	2015
Cheyenne Transitional Center	Cheyenne, Wyoming	5,567	2,092	380	5,567	2,472	8,039	(18)	2015
Cibola County Corrections Center	Milan, New Mexico	444	16,215	29,857	1,319	45,197	46,516	(16,173)	1994
Cimarron Correctional Facility	Cushing, Oklahoma	250	71,303	43,035	581	114,007	114,588	(31,418)	1997
Coffee Correctional Facility	Nicholls, Georgia	194	28,361	46,150	853	73,852	74,705	(18,959)	1998
Corpus Christi Transitional Center	Corpus Christi, Texas	—	1,886	352	—	2,238	2,238	(40)	2015
Crossroads Correctional Center	Shelby, Montana	413	33,196	7,295	867	40,037	40,904	(30,419)	1999
Crowley County Correctional Facility	Olney Springs, Colorado	211	46,845	27,920	2,174	72,802	74,976	(19,646)	2003

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Description	Location	Initial Cost to Company		Cost Capitalized Subsequent to Acquisition	Gross Amount at Which Carried at Close of Period			Accumulated Depreciation (B)	Date Constructed/ Acquired
		Land	Buildings and Improvements		Land and Land Improvements	Buildings and Leasehold Improvements	Total (A)		
D.C. Correctional Treatment Facility	Washington, D.C.	—	—	6,131	71	6,060	6,131	(4,876)	1997
Dallas Transitional Center	Hutchins, Texas	—	3,852	1,569	—	5,421	5,421	(53)	2015
Davis Correctional Facility	Holdenville, Oklahoma	250	66,701	40,336	890	106,397	107,287	(29,715)	1996
Diamondback Correctional Facility	Watonga, Oklahoma	208	41,677	22,585	567	63,903	64,470	(21,440)	1998
Eden Detention Facility	Eden, Texas	925	27,645	33,401	5,459	56,512	61,971	(19,397)	1995
El Paso Multi-Use Facility	El Paso, Texas	14,936	4,536	948	14,936	5,484	20,420	(40)	2015
El Paso Transitional Center	El Paso, Texas	10,325	4,198	700	10,325	4,898	15,223	(34)	2015
Eloy Detention Center	Eloy, Arizona	498	33,308	14,652	1,851	46,607	48,458	(16,432)	1995
Florence Correctional Center	Florence, Arizona	—	75,674	10,763	1,042	85,395	86,437	(27,107)	1999
Fort Worth Transitional Center	Fort Worth, Texas	3,251	334	221	3,251	555	3,806	(31)	2015
Houston Processing Center	Houston, Texas	2,250	53,373	37,619	3,332	89,910	93,242	(29,222)	1984
Huerfano County Correctional Center	Walsenburg, Colorado	124	26,358	4,095	984	29,593	30,577	(12,301)	1997
Jenkins Correctional Center	Millen, Georgia	208	48,158	43	237	48,172	48,409	(3,708)	2012
Kit Carson Correctional Center	Burlington, Colorado	432	35,980	42,929	960	78,381	79,341	(19,302)	1998
La Palma Correctional Center	Eloy, Arizona	283	183,155	12,068	482	195,024	195,506	(31,077)	2008
Lake Erie Correctional Institution	Conneaut, Ohio	2,871	69,779	2,715	3,669	71,696	75,365	(5,990)	2011
Laredo Processing Center	Laredo, Texas	788	26,737	2,169	968	28,726	29,694	(10,336)	1985
Leavenworth Detention Center	Leavenworth, Kansas	130	44,970	42,549	464	87,185	87,649	(25,013)	1992
Lee Adjustment Center	Beattyville, Kentucky	500	515	16,090	1,217	15,888	17,105	(6,265)	1998
Leo Chesney Correctional Center	Live Oak, California	250	4,774	1,577	250	6,351	6,601	(2,609)	1989
Marion Adjustment Center	St. Mary, Kentucky	250	9,994	8,277	915	17,606	18,521	(5,985)	1998
McRae Correctional Facility	McRae, Georgia	462	60,396	17,601	992	77,467	78,459	(17,668)	2000
Mineral Wells Pre-Parole Transfer Facility	Mineral Wells, Texas	176	22,589	—	100	—	100 (C)	—	1995

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Description	Location	Initial Cost to Company		Cost Capitalized Subsequent to Acquisition	Gross Amount at Which Carried at Close of Period			Accumulated Depreciation (B)	Date Constructed/ Acquired
		Land	Buildings and Improvements		Land and Land Improvements	Buildings and Leasehold Improvements	Total (A)		
Nevada Southern Detention Center	Pahrump, Nevada	7,548	64,362	9,306	8,330	72,886	81,216	(9,275)	2010
New Mexico Women's Correctional Facility	Grants, New Mexico	142	15,888	14,237	816	29,451	30,267	(11,622)	1989
North Fork Correctional Facility	Sayre, Oklahoma	—	42,166	59,153	458	100,861	101,319	(26,514)	1998
Northeast Ohio Correctional Center	Youngstown, Ohio	750	39,583	8,305	1,675	46,963	48,638	(16,860)	1997
Otay Mesa Detention Center	San Diego, California	28,845	114,411	8,160	37,005	114,411	151,416	(1,424)	2015
Otter Creek Correctional Center	Wheelwright, Kentucky	500	24,487	11,336	1,447	34,876	36,323	(13,054)	1998
Prairie Correctional Facility	Appleton, Minnesota	100	22,306	8,700	1,065	30,041	31,106	(13,145)	1991
Queensgate Correctional Facility	Cincinnati, Ohio	750	15,221	498	340	498	838 (C)	(15)	1998
Red Rock Correctional Center	Eloy, Arizona	10	78,456	21,240	255	99,451	99,706	(20,878)	2006
Roth Hall Residential Re-entry Center	Philadelphia, PA	654	2,693	—	654	2,693	3,347	(28)	2015
Saguaro Correctional Facility	Eloy, Arizona	193	98,903	402	471	99,027	99,498	(17,191)	2007
San Diego Correctional Facility	San Diego, California	—	92,458	—	—	—	— (D)	—	1999
Shelby Training Center	Memphis, Tennessee	150	6,393	3,076	275	9,344	9,619	(9,403)	1986
South Texas Family Residential Center	Dilley, Texas	—	146,974	8,290	35	155,229	155,264 (E)	(31,655)	2015
Stewart Detention Center	Lumpkin, Georgia	143	70,560	14,555	743	84,515	85,258	(17,383)	2004
T. Don Hutto Residential Center	Taylor, Texas	183	13,418	4,147	591	17,157	17,748	(6,701)	1997
Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility	Tutwiler, Mississippi	—	44,638	94,194	1,539	137,293	138,832	(38,115)	2000
Torrance County Detention Facility	Estancia, New Mexico	511	52,599	7,666	1,704	59,072	60,776	(21,293)	1990
Trousdale Turner Correctional Center	Hartsville, TN	649	135,412	—	649	135,412	136,061	(230)	2015
Tulsa Transitional Center	Tulsa, OK	8,206	4,061	710	8,206	4,771	12,977	(34)	2015
Turley Residential Center	Tulsa, OK	421	4,105	810	421	4,915	5,336	(36)	2015

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Description	Location	Initial Cost to Company		Cost Capitalized Subsequent to Acquisition	Gross Amount at Which Carried at Close of Period			Accumulated Depreciation (B)	Date Constructed/ Acquired
		Land	Buildings and Improvements		Land and Land Improvements	Buildings and Leasehold Improvements	Total (A)		
Walker Hall Residential Re-entry Center	Philadelphia, PA	654	2,693	—	654	2,693	3,347	(28)	2015
Webb County Detention Center	Laredo, Texas	498	20,160	5,961	2,101	24,518	26,619	(9,360)	1998
West Tennessee Detention Facility	Mason, Tennessee	538	31,931	5,685	2,040	36,114	38,154	(14,467)	1990
Wheeler Correctional Facility	Alamo, Georgia	117	30,781	42,184	423	72,659	73,082	(18,901)	1998
Whiteville Correctional Facility	Whiteville, Tennessee	303	51,694	6,139	1,667	56,469	58,136	(19,443)	1998
Totals		<u>\$136,998</u>	<u>\$ 2,614,234</u>	<u>\$ 921,545</u>	<u>\$ 180,360</u>	<u>\$ 3,361,663</u>	<u>\$ 3,542,023</u>	<u>\$ (834,558)</u>	

**NOTES TO SCHEDULE III - REAL ESTATE ASSETS AND ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION**

- (A) The aggregate cost of properties for federal income tax purposes is approximately \$3.4 billion at December 31, 2015.
- (B) Depreciation is calculated using estimated useful lives of depreciable assets up to 50 years for prison facilities.
- (C) CCA recorded non-cash impairments during the fourth quarter of 2014 to write down the book values of the Queensgate and Mineral Wells facilities to the estimated fair values assuming asset sales for uses other than correctional facilities.
- (D) We transitioned operations from the 1,154-bed San Diego Correctional Facility to the newly constructed 1,482-bed Otay Mesa Detention Center in the fourth quarter of 2015. The San Diego Correctional Facility was subject to a ground lease with the County of San Diego. Upon expiration of the lease on December 31, 2015, ownership of the facility automatically reverted to the County of San Diego.
- (E) The South Texas Family Residential Center is subject to a lease agreement with a third-party lessor. This agreement resulted in CCA being deemed the owner of the newly constructed assets for accounting purposes, in accordance with ASC 840-40-55, formerly Emerging Issues Task Force No. 97-10, "The Effect of Lessee Involvement in Asset Construction."

**CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**SCHEDULE III - REAL ESTATE ASSETS AND ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014, AND 2013**  
(in thousands)

	<u>For the Years Ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>Investment in Real Estate:</b>			
Balance at beginning of period	\$3,071,094	\$3,078,902	\$3,049,672
Additions through Capital Expenditures	433,481	45,929	18,106
Acquisitions	131,348	—	12,270
Sale of real estate for cash	—	(4,368)	(554)
Asset Impairments	—	(49,247)	—
Reclassifications and other	(93,900)	(122)	(592)
Balance at end of period	<u>\$3,542,023</u>	<u>\$3,071,094</u>	<u>\$3,078,902</u>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation:</b>			
Balance at beginning of period	\$ (815,980)	\$ (755,761)	\$ (680,965)
Depreciation	(113,611)	(79,745)	(75,069)
Disposals/Other	95,033	118	273
Asset Impairments	—	19,408	—
Balance at end of period	<u>\$ (834,558)</u>	<u>\$ (815,980)</u>	<u>\$ (755,761)</u>

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Annual Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA**

Date: February 25, 2016

By: /s/ Damon T. Hininger

Damon T. Hininger, President and Chief Executive Officer

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

/s/ Damon T. Hininger February 25, 2016  
Damon T. Hininger, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer and Director)

/s/ David M. Garfinkle February 25, 2016  
David M. Garfinkle, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

/s/ John D. Ferguson February 25, 2016  
John D. Ferguson, Chairman of the Board of Directors

/s/ Donna M. Alvarado February 25, 2016  
Donna M. Alvarado, Director

/s/ Robert J. Dennis February 25, 2016  
Robert J. Dennis, Director

/s/ Mark A. Emkes February 25, 2016  
Mark A. Emkes, Director

/s/ C. Michael Jacobi February 25, 2016  
C. Michael Jacobi, Director

/s/ Anne L. Mariucci February 25, 2016  
Anne L. Mariucci, Director

/s/ Thurgood Marshall, Jr. February 25, 2016  
Thurgood Marshall, Jr., Director

/s/ Charles L. Overby February 25, 2016  
Charles L. Overby, Director

/s/ John R. Prann, Jr. February 25, 2016  
John R. Prann, Jr., Director

/s/ Joseph V. Russell February 25, 2016  
Joseph V. Russell, Director

## INDEX OF EXHIBITS

Exhibits marked with an \* are filed herewith. Exhibits marked with \*\* are furnished herewith. Other exhibits have previously been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) and are incorporated herein by reference.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibits</u>
3.1	Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Company (previously filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on May 20, 2013 and incorporated herein by this reference).
3.2	Seventh Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (previously filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on January 11, 2016 and incorporated herein by this reference).
4.1	Specimen of certificate representing shares of the Company’s Common Stock (previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on March 22, 2002 and incorporated herein by this reference).
4.2	Indenture (2020 Notes), dated as of April 4, 2013, by and among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on April 8, 2013 and incorporated herein by this reference).
4.3	Indenture (2023 Notes), dated as of April 4, 2013, by and among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (previously filed as Exhibit 4.3 to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on April 8, 2013 and incorporated herein by this reference).
4.4	Indenture (2022 Notes), dated as of September 25, 2015, by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (previously filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on September 25, 2015 and incorporated herein by this reference).
4.5	Form of 4.125% Senior Note due 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to Exhibit 4.2 hereof).
4.6	Form of 4.625% Senior Note due 2023 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to Exhibit 4.3 hereof).



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<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibits</u>
4.7	Form of 5.00% Senior Note due 2022 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to Exhibit 4.10 hereof).
4.8	Supplemental Indenture (2020 Notes), dated as of September 4, 2013, by and among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (previously filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on November 7, 2013 and incorporated herein by this reference).
4.9	Supplemental Indenture (2023 Notes), dated as of September 4, 2013, by and among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on November 7, 2013 and incorporated herein by this reference).
4.10	First Supplemental Indenture (2022 Notes), dated as of September 25, 2015, by and among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on September 25, 2015 and incorporated herein by this reference).
4.11*	Schedule of additional Supplemental Indentures (2020 Notes), relating to the Supplemental Indenture in Exhibit 4.8 hereof.
4.12*	Schedule of additional Supplemental Indentures (2023 Notes), relating to the Supplemental Indenture in Exhibit 4.9 hereof.
4.13*	Schedule of additional Supplemental Indentures (2022 Notes), relating to the Supplemental Indenture in Exhibit 4.10 hereof.
10.1	Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of January 6, 2012, by and among the Company, as Borrower, certain lenders and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Syndication Agent for the lenders (previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on January 10, 2012 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.2	Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 22, 2013, by and among the Company, as Borrower, certain lenders and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Syndication Agent for the lenders (previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on March 25, 2013 and incorporated herein by this reference).

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<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibits</u>
10.3	Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2015, by and among the Company, as Borrower, certain lenders and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent (previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on July 24, 2015 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.4	Third Amendment and Incremental Term Loan Agreement to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 6, 2015, by and among the Company, as Borrower, certain lenders and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent (previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on October 7, 2015 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.5	The Company's Amended and Restated 1997 Employee Share Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.15 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on March 12, 2004 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.6	Form of Non-qualified Stock Option Agreement for the Company's Amended and Restated 1997 Employee Share Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.17 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on March 7, 2005 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.7	The Company's Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.20 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on March 12, 2004 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.8	Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on November 5, 2004 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.9	First Amendment to Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan of the Company (previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on August 7, 2008 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.10	Second Amendment to Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan of the Company (previously filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on August 18, 2009 and incorporated herein by this reference).

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<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibits</u>
10.11	The Company's Non-Employee Directors' Compensation Plan (previously filed as Appendix C to the Company's definitive Proxy Statement relating to its Annual Meeting of Stockholders (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on April 11, 2003 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.12	Form of Employee Non-qualified Stock Option Agreement for the Company's Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.15 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on March 7, 2006 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.13	Form of Director Non-qualified Stock Option Agreement for the Company's Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on August 7, 2007 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.14	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement for the Company's Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.16 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on March 7, 2006 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.15	The Company's 2008 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on May 11, 2007 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.16	Form of Executive Non-qualified Stock Option Agreement for the Company's 2008 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on February 21, 2008 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.17	Amended Form of Executive Non-qualified Stock Option Agreement for the Company's 2008 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on February 23, 2009 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.18	Form of Director Non-qualified Stock Option Agreement for the Company's 2008 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on February 21, 2008 and incorporated herein by this reference).

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<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibits</u>
10.19	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement for the Company's 2008 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on February 21, 2008 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.20	Form of Executive Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for the Company's 2008 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on February 23, 2009 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.21	The Company's Amended and Restated 2008 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on May 17, 2011 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.22	Form of Executive Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement for the Company's Amended and Restated 2008 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on March 21, 2012 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.23	Form of Director Restricted Stock Agreement for the Company's Amended and Restated 2008 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on May 17, 2011 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.24	Form of Non-Employee Directors Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement with deferral provisions for the Company's Amended and Restated 2008 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on March 21, 2012 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.25	Form of Non-Employee Directors Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement for the Company's Amended and Restated 2008 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on March 21, 2012 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.26	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement for the Company's Amended and Restated 2008 Stock Incentive Plan (Time-Vesting Form for Executive Officers) (previously filed as Exhibit 10.23 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on February 27, 2013 and incorporated herein by this reference).

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<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibits</u>
10.27	Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on August 16, 2007 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.28	Amendment to the Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.35 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on February 24, 2010 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.29	Amended and Restated Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on August 16, 2007 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.30	Form of Indemnification Agreement (previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on August 18, 2009 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.31	Notice Letter from John D. Ferguson to the Company (previously filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on August 18, 2009 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.32	Letter Agreement, dated as of October 15, 2009, with John D. Ferguson (previously filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on October 15, 2009 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.33	Transition Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2014, with Todd J Mullenger (previously filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on April 15, 2014 and incorporated herein by this reference).
10.34	Form of Executive Employment Agreement, effective as of January 1, 2015 (previously filed as Exhibit 10.32 to the Company's Current Report on Form 10-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on February 25, 2015 and incorporated herein by this reference).
21.1*	Subsidiaries of the Company.
23.1*	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

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<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibits</u>
31.1*	Certification of the Company's Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Securities and Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2*	Certification of the Company's Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Securities and Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1**	Certification of the Company's Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2**	Certification of the Company's Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase
101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase
101.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase

Schedule 4.11

The Supplemental Indentures listed below were entered into in substantially the same form as the Supplemental Indenture (2020 Notes), dated as of September 4, 2013, by and among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (previously filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on November 7, 2013). The only material difference between the documents is the addition of new Company subsidiary guarantors under the applicable indenture.

1. Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 4, 2015, by and among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee.
2. Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 8, 2016, by and among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee.

Schedule 4.12

The Supplemental Indentures listed below were entered into in substantially the same form as the Supplemental Indenture (2023 Notes), dated as of September 4, 2013, by and among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on November 7, 2013). The only material difference between the documents is the addition of new Company subsidiary guarantors under the applicable indenture.

1. Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 4, 2015, by and among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee.
2. Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 8, 2016, by and among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee.



Schedule 4.13

The Supplemental Indentures listed below were entered into in substantially the same form as the Supplemental Indenture (2022 Notes), dated as of September 25, 2015, by and among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on September 25, 2015). The only material difference between the documents is the addition of new Company subsidiary guarantors under the applicable indenture.

1. Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 4, 2015, by and among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee.
2. Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 8, 2016, by and among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee.

**LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES OF CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA**

ACS Corrections of Texas, LLC, a Texas limited liability company  
Avalon Corpus Christi Transitional Center, LLC, a Texas limited liability company  
Avalon Correctional Services, Inc., a Nevada corporation  
Avalon Staffing, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company  
Avalon Transitional Center Dallas, LLC, a Texas limited liability company  
Avalon Tulsa, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company  
Carver Transitional Center, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company  
CCA Health Services, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company  
CCA International, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
CCA of Tennessee, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company  
CCA South Texas, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company  
CCA TRS, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company  
CCA (UK) Ltd., a United Kingdom corporation  
CoreCivic, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company  
Correctional Alternatives, LLC, a California limited liability company  
EP Horizon Management, LLC, a Texas limited liability company  
Fort Worth Transitional Center, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company  
Prison Realty Management, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company  
Southern Corrections System of Wyoming, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company  
Technical and Business Institute of America, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company  
TransCor America, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company  
TransCor Puerto Rico, Inc., a Puerto Rico corporation  
Turley Residential Center, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the following Registration Statements:

- (1) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-69352) pertaining to the Corrections Corporation of America Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan,
- (2) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-115492) pertaining to the registration of additional shares for the Corrections Corporation of America Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan,
- (3) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-115493) pertaining to the Corrections Corporation of America Non-Employee Directors' Compensation Plan,
- (4) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-69358) pertaining to the Corrections Corporation of America 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan,
- (5) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-143046) pertaining to the Corrections Corporation of America 2008 Stock Incentive Plan,
- (6) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-176140) pertaining to the registration of additional shares for the Corrections Corporation of America Amended and Restated 2008 Stock Incentive Plan, and
- (7) Registration Statement (Form S-3 No. 333-204234) pertaining to a shelf registration of debt securities, guarantees of debt securities, preferred stock, common stock, warrants, or units;

of our reports dated February 25, 2016 with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of Corrections Corporation of America and Subsidiaries and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Corrections Corporation of America and Subsidiaries, included in this Annual Report (Form 10-K) of Corrections Corporation of America and Subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2015.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Nashville, Tennessee  
February 25, 2016

**CERTIFICATION OF THE CEO PURSUANT TO  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT RULES 13a-14(a) AND 15d-14(a)  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Damon T. Hininger, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Corrections Corporation of America;
2. Based on my knowledge, this Annual Report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statement made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this Annual Report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this Annual Report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this Annual Report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this Annual Report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this Annual Report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report based on such evaluation;
  - d) Disclosed in this Annual Report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
- a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 25, 2016

/s/ Damon T. Hininger

Damon T. Hininger  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION OF THE CFO PURSUANT TO  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT RULES 13a-14(a) AND 15d-14(a)  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, David M. Garfinkle, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Corrections Corporation of America;
2. Based on my knowledge, this Annual Report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statement made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this Annual Report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this Annual Report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this Annual Report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this Annual Report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this Annual Report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report based on such evaluation;
  - d) Disclosed in this Annual Report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
- a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 25, 2016

/s/ David M. Garfinkle

David M. Garfinkle  
Executive Vice President, Chief  
Financial Officer, and Principal  
Accounting Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of Corrections Corporation of America (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2015 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Damon T. Hininger, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

/s/ Damon T. Hininger

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Damon T. Hininger  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
February 25, 2016



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In connection with the Annual Report of Corrections Corporation of America (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2015 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, David M. Garfinkle, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Principal Accounting Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

/s/ David M. Garfinkle

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David M. Garfinkle  
Executive Vice President, Chief  
Financial Officer, and Principal  
Accounting Officer  
February 25, 2016