UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

	Washington, D.C. 20549	
	FORM 8-K	
	CURRENT REPORT resuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934	
Date of report	(Date of earliest event reported): February 2	26, 2013
(Exac	DineEquity, Inc. t Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)	
Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	001-15283 (Commission File No.)	95-3038279 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
450 North Brand Boulevard, Glendale, Califo (Address of principal executive offices)	rnia	91203-2306 (Zip Code)
(Regist	(818) 240-6055 rant's telephone number, including area code	·)
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 27, 2013, DineEquity, Inc. (the "Corporation"), a Delaware corporation, issued a press release announcing its fourth quarter and fiscal 2012 financial results. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Item 2.02, including the related information set forth in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein, is being "furnished" and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise. The information in this Item 2.02 shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or into any filing or other document pursuant to the Exchange Act, except as otherwise expressly stated in any such filing.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 27, 2013, the Corporation also issued a press release regarding fiscal 2013 financial outlook. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2, and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Corporation will host an investor conference call on February 27, 2013 to discuss its fourth quarter and fiscal 2012 financial results and its fiscal 2013 outlook. The investor call will begin at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time (8:00 a.m. Pacific Time). A live webcast of the conference call will be available on the Investor Info section of the Corporation's website in the Calls and Presentations section.

Finally, the Corporation also announced today that on February 26, 2013, the Board of Directors of the Corporation declared a first quarter cash dividend of \$0.75 per share of common stock, payable on March 29, 2013, to the Corporation's stockholders of record as of March 15, 2013. The Corporation also announced that its Board of Directors approved a \$100 million share repurchase authorization, effective immediately, which replaces the \$45 million share repurchase authorization previously announced by the Corporation in August 2011. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3, and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Item 7.01, including the related information set forth in the press releases attached hereto as Exhibits and incorporated by reference herein, is being "furnished" and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise. The information in this Item 7.01 shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or into any filing or other document pursuant to the Exchange Act, except as otherwise expressly stated in any such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Number	Description
99.1	Press Release Regarding Fourth Quarter and Fiscal 2012 Financial Results issued by the Corporation on February 27, 2013.
99.2	Press Release Regarding Guidance for Fiscal 2013 issued by the Corporation on February 27, 2013.
99.3	Press Release Regarding Capital Allocation Strategy issued by the Corporation on February 27, 2013.

SIGNATURES

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

Date: February 27, 2013 **DINEEQUITY, INC.**

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DineEquity, Inc. Reports Fourth Quarter and Fiscal 2012 Results

- Fourth quarter 2012 adjusted EPS (non-GAAP) of \$0.83
 - Fourth quarter 2012 GAAP EPS of \$0.97
- Fiscal 2012 adjusted EPS (non-GAAP) of \$4.28
 - Fiscal 2012 GAAP EPS of \$6.63
- > Total debt reduced by \$332.6 million in fiscal 2012
- > Comprehensive G&A reduction initiative implemented
- > Successfully completed Applebee's refranchising program and transitioned to a 99% franchised system

GLENDALE, Calif., February 27, 2013 — DineEquity, Inc. (NYSE: DIN), the parent company of Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar and IHOP Restaurants, today announced financial results for the fourth quarter and full year of 2012.

"For DineEquity, 2012 was a year of milestones. The year was marked by accomplishing what we set out to do when we acquired Applebee's, completing the transition to a 99% franchised restaurant system. In addition, we reduced total debt by over \$1.0 billion since the acquisition in 2007," said Julia A. Stewart, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of DineEquity, Inc. "We remain steadfast in managing our capital structure with a long-term view to maximize shareholder value. Today's announcement of our capital allocation strategy reflects our strong free cash flow, solid fundamentals, and less capital intensive business model."

Fourth Quarter 2012 Financial Highlights

- Total debt was reduced by \$77.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2012 as a result of net cash proceeds and financing obligation reductions from the refranchise and sale of Applebee's company-operated restaurants and free cash flow. The Company reduced Term Loan balances by \$30.6 million and financing and capital lease obligations by \$46.5 million.
- Adjusted net income available to common stockholders was \$15.5 million, representing adjusted earnings per diluted share of \$0.83 for the fourth quarter of 2012. This compares to \$16.4 million, or adjusted earnings per diluted share of \$0.91, for the same quarter in 2011. The decrease in adjusted earnings was mainly due to, as expected, lower segment profit caused by the

refranchise and sale of Applebee's company-operated restaurants and higher income taxes. These items were partially offset by lower cash interest expense and lower general and administrative expenses. (See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.)

- GAAP net income available to common stockholders was \$18.0 million, or earnings per diluted share of \$0.97 for the fourth quarter of 2012, compared to \$27.3 million, or earnings per diluted share of \$1.51, for the same quarter in 2011. The decrease was primarily due to a lower gain on the disposition of assets, as expected, lower segment profit due to the refranchise and sale of Applebee's company-operated restaurants and higher income taxes. These items were partially offset by lower interest expense, a decline in general and administrative expenses, and the reduced impact from debt extinguishment.
- EBITDA was \$74.0 million for the fourth quarter of 2012. (See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.)
- Consolidated general and administrative expenses were \$37.6 million for the fourth quarter of 2012 compared to \$40.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2011. The decrease was primarily due to the net savings in employee compensation associated with the Company's previously announced restructuring initiative. The decline was partially offset by higher stock-based compensation due to stock appreciation and severance charges related to the workforce reduction announced in the third quarter of 2012.

Fiscal 2012 Highlights

- Total debt was reduced by \$332.6 million in fiscal 2012 as a result of net cash proceeds and financing obligation reductions from the refranchise and sale of Applebee's company-operated restaurants and free cash flow. The Company reduced Term Loan balances by \$206.3 million, Senior Notes by \$3.1 million, and financing and capital lease obligations by \$123.2 million.
- Adjusted net income available to common stockholders was \$78.1 million for fiscal 2012, representing adjusted earnings per diluted share of \$4.28. This compares to \$78.2 million, or adjusted earnings per diluted share of \$4.29, for fiscal 2011. The minimal decrease in adjusted earnings was primarily due to, as expected, lower segment profit primarily due to the refranchise and sale of Applebee's company-operated restaurants and higher income taxes. These items were offset by lower cash interest expense and lower general and administrative expenses. (See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.)
- GAAP net income available to common stockholders was \$122.5 million for fiscal 2012, or earnings per diluted share of \$6.63, compared to \$70.7 million, or earnings per diluted share of \$3.89 for fiscal 2011. The increase was due to a higher gain on the refranchise and sale of Applebee's company-operated restaurants, lower impairment and closure charges, and lower interest expense. These items were partially offset by lower segment profit due to refranchising, higher income taxes, and higher general and administrative expenses due to a non-recurring litigation settlement.
- EBITDA was \$300.3 million for fiscal 2012. (See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.)
- For fiscal 2012, cash flows from operating activities were \$52.9 million, capital expenditures were \$17.0 million, and free cash flow was \$48.2 million. (See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.) For fiscal 2011, free cash flow was \$108.5 million. The decline in free cash flow in fiscal 2012 was primarily due to the increase in cash taxes paid on refranchising proceeds and, as expected, lower segment profit due to refranchising. These items were partially offset by lower cash interest paid and lower capital expenditures.

• Applebee's company-operated restaurant operating margin was 16.3% for fiscal 2012 compared to 14.5% for 2011. The increase of 180 basis points was primarily due to the refranchise and sale of less profitable Applebee's company-operated restaurants. The refranchised company-operated restaurants had higher-than-average labor and occupancy costs.

Same-Restaurant Sales Performance

Fourth Quarter 2012

- Applebee's domestic system-wide same-restaurant sales increased 0.9% for the fourth quarter of 2012 compared to the fourth quarter of 2011. The
 increase in same-restaurant sales reflected a higher average guest check, partially offset by a decline in traffic compared to the same quarter a year
 ago.
- IHOP's domestic system-wide same restaurant sales decreased 2.6% for the fourth quarter of 2012 compared to the fourth quarter of 2011. The decline in same-restaurant sales reflected a decrease in traffic and a lower average guest check compared to the same period in 2011.

Fiscal 2012

- Applebee's domestic system-wide same-restaurant sales increased 1.2% for fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011. The increase in same-restaurant sales was mainly driven by a higher average guest check, partially offset by a decline in traffic.
- IHOP's domestic system-wide same-restaurant sales declined 1.6% for fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011. Same-restaurant sales performance reflected a decrease in traffic, partially offset by a slightly higher average guest check.

Investor Conference Call Today

The Company will host an investor conference call today (Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time / 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time) to discuss its fourth quarter and full year 2012 results. To participate on the call, please dial (888) 680-0879 and reference pass code 73306646. International callers, please dial (617) 213-4856 and reference pass code 73306646. Participants may also pre-register to obtain a unique pin number to join the live call without operator assistance by visiting the following Web site:

https://www.theconferencingservice.com/prereg/key.process?key=PA7HPMFPV

A live webcast of the call will be available on DineEquity's Web site at www.dineequity.com, and may be accessed by visiting Calls & Presentations under the site's Investor Information section. Participants should allow approximately ten minutes prior to the call's start time to visit the site and download any streaming media software needed to listen to the webcast. A telephonic replay of the call may be accessed through 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on March 6, 2013 by dialing (888) 286-8010 and referencing pass code 23676151. International callers, please dial (617) 801-6888 and reference pass code 23676151. An online archive of the webcast also will be available on the Investor Information section of DineEquity's Web site.

About DineEquity, Inc.

Based in Glendale, California, DineEquity, Inc., through its subsidiaries, franchises and operates restaurants under the Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar and IHOP brands. With more than 3,600 restaurants combined in 17 countries, over 400 franchisees and approximately 200,000 team members (including franchisee- and company-operated restaurant employees), DineEquity is one of the largest full-

service restaurant companies in the world. For more information on DineEquity, visit the Company's Web site located at www.dineequity.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements contained in this presentation may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can identify these forward-looking statements by words such as "may," "will," "should," "expect," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "intend," "plan" and other similar expressions. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause actual results to be materially different from those expressed or implied in such statements. These factors include, but are not limited to: the effect of general economic conditions; the Company's indebtedness; risk of future impairment charges; trading volatility and the price of the Company's common stock; the Company's results in any given period differing from guidance provided to the public; the highly competitive nature of the restaurant business; the Company's business strategy failing to achieve anticipated results; risks associated with the restaurant industry; risks associated with locations of current and future restaurants; rising costs for food commodities and utilities; shortages or interruptions in the supply or delivery of food; ineffective marketing and guest relationship initiatives and use of social media; changing health or dietary preferences; our engagement in business in foreign markets; harm to our brands' reputation; litigation; third-party claims with respect to intellectual property assets; environmental liability; liability relating to employees; failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations; failure to effectively implement restaurant development plans; our dependence upon our franchisees; concentration of Applebee's franchised restaurants in a limited number of franchisees; credit risk from IHOP franchisees operating under our previous business model; termination or non-renewal of franchise agreements; franchisees breaching their franchise agreements; insolvency proceedings involving franchisees; changes in the number and quality of franchisees; inability of franchisees to fund capital expenditures; heavy dependence on information technology; the occurrence of cyber incidents or a deficiency in our cybersecurity; failure to execute on a business continuity plan; inability to attract and retain talented employees; risks associated with retail brand initiatives; failure of our internal controls; and other factors discussed from time to time in the Company's Annual and Quarterly Reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q and in the Company's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The forwardlooking statements contained in this release are made as of the date hereof and the Company assumes no obligation to update or supplement any forwardlooking statements.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This news release includes references to the Company's non-GAAP financial measures "adjusted net income available to common stockholders (adjusted EPS)," "EBITDA," "free cash flow," and "segment EBITDA." "Adjusted EPS" is computed for a given period by deducting from net income (loss) available to common stockholders for such period the effect of any impairment and closure charges, any gain or loss related to debt extinguishment, any intangible asset amortization, any non-cash interest expense, any debt modification costs, any one-time litigation settlement charges, any general and administrative restructuring costs, net of savings, any gain or loss related to the disposition of assets, and any state income tax impact of deferred taxes due to refranchising incurred in such period. This is presented on an aggregate basis and a per share (diluted) basis. The Company defines "EBITDA" for a given period as income before income taxes less interest expense, loss on retirement of debt, depreciation and amortization, impairment and closure charges, non-cash stock-based compensation, gain/loss on disposition of assets and other charge backs as defined by its credit agreement. "Free cash flow" for a given period is defined as cash provided by operating activities, plus receipts from notes and equipment contracts receivable ("long-term notes receivable"), less dividends paid and capital expenditures. "Segment EBITDA" for a given period is defined as gross segment profit plus depreciation and amortization as well as interest charges related to the segment. Management utilizes EBITDA for debt covenant purposes and free cash flow to determine the amount of cash remaining for general corporate and strategic purposes after the receipts from long-term receivables, and the funding of operating activities, capital expenditures and preferred dividends. Management believes this information is helpful to investors to determine the Company's adherence to debt covenants and the Company's cash available

for these purposes. Adjusted EPS, EBITDA, free cash flow and segment EBITDA are supplemental non-GAAP financial measures and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

DineEquity, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Income (In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

		Three Mon Decemb		ded		Twelve Mo Decem		nded
		2012		2011		2012		2011
Segment Revenues:								
Franchise revenues	\$	107,917	\$	97,757	\$	421,459	\$	398,539
Company restaurant sales		16,862		110,029		291,121		530,984
Rental revenues		30,763		30,957		122,859		125,960
Financing revenues		3,095		3,436		14,489		19,715
Total segment revenues		158,637		242,179		849,928		1,075,198
Segment Expenses:								
Franchise expenses		28,774		26,350		109,900		105,006
Company restaurant expenses		16,998		95,422		249,296		458,443
Rental expenses		24,090		24,413		97,165		98,147
Financing expenses		37		(28)		1,623		5,973
Total segment expenses		69,899		146,157		457,984		667,569
Gross segment profit	<u> </u>	88,738		96,022		391,944		407,629
General and administrative expenses		37,607		40,670		163,215		155,822
Interest expense		25,571		31,364		114,338		132,707
Impairment and closure charges		2,954		2,918		4,218		29,865
Amortization of intangible assets		3,071		3,075		12,293		12,300
Loss on extinguishment of debt		637		3,274		5,554		11,159
Debt modification costs		_		(72)		_		4,031
Gain on disposition of assets		(12,955)		(21,966)		(102,597)		(43,253)
Income before income taxes	<u> </u>	31,853		36,759		194,923		104,998
Income tax provision		(13,034)		(8,139)		(67,249)		(29,806)
Net income	\$	18,819	\$	28,620	\$	127,674	\$	75,192
Net income available to common stockholders:								
Net income	\$	18,819	\$	28,620	\$	127,674	\$	75,192
Less: Accretion of Series B preferred stock		(464)		(658)		(2,498)		(2,573)
Less: Net income allocated to unvested participating restricted stock		(318)		(623)		(2,718)		(1,886)
Net income available to common stockholders	\$	18,037	\$	27,339	\$	122,458	\$	70,733
Net income available to common stockholders per share:						,		
Basic	\$	0.98	\$	1.55	\$	6.81	\$	3.96
Diluted	S	0.97	\$	1.51	\$	6.63	\$	3.89
Weighted average shares outstanding:	- 		÷		÷		÷	
Basic		18,391		17,646		17,992		17,846
Diluted		18,637		18,578		18,877		18,185
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DineEquity, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

		Decem	ber 31,	
		2012		2011
		(Unau	dited)	
Assets				
Current assets:	\$	61 527	¢	60 601
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	64,537	\$	60,691
Receivables, net		128,610		115,667
Prepaid income taxes		16,080		13,922
Prepaid gift cards Deferred income taxes		50,242 21,772		45,412 20,579
Assets held for sale		21,//2		,
Other current assets		13,214		9,363
				11,313
Total current assets		294,455		276,947
Long-term receivables		212,269		226,526
Property and equipment, net		294,375		474,154
Goodwill		697,470		697,470
Other intangible assets, net		806,093		822,361
Other assets, net	Φ.	110,738		116,836
Total assets	\$	2,415,400	\$	2,614,294
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity				
Current liabilities:	Φ.	7.10 0	Φ.	7.420
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$	7,420	\$	7,420
Accounts payable		30,751		29,013
Accrued employee compensation and benefits		22,435		26,191
Gift card liability		161,689		146,955
Accrued interest payable		13,236		12,537
Current maturities of capital lease and financing obligations		10,878		13,480
Other accrued expenses		21,351		22,048
Total current liabilities		267,760		257,644
Long-term debt, less current maturities		1,202,063		1,411,448
Financing obligations, less current maturities		52,049		162,658
Capital lease obligations, less current maturities		124,375		134,407
Deferred income taxes		362,171		383,810
Other liabilities		98,177		109,107
Total liabilities		2,106,595		2,459,074
Commitments and contingencies				
Stockholders' equity:				
Convertible preferred stock, Series B, at accreted value; shares: 10,000,000 authorized; 2012 - no shares issued or outstanding; 2011 - 35,000 issued, 34,900 outstanding		_		44,508
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; shares: 40,000,000 authorized; 2012 - 25,362,946 issued, 19,197,899				
outstanding; 2011 - 24,658,985 issued, 18,060,206 outstanding		254		247
Additional paid-in-capital		264,342		205,663
Retained earnings		322,045		196,869
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(152)		(294)
Treasury stock, at cost; shares: 2012 - 6,165,047; 2011 - 6,598,779		(277,684)		(291,773)
Total stockholders' equity		308,805		155,220
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	2,415,400	\$	2,614,294

DineEquity, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands)

		Twelve Mo Decem		ded
		2012		2011
		(Unau	dited)	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income	\$	127,674	\$	75,192
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash flows provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		39,538		50,220
Non-cash interest expense		5,985		6,160
Loss on extinguishment of debt		5,554		11,159
Impairment and closure charges		3,931		8,448
Deferred income taxes		(22,832)		11,835
Non-cash stock-based compensation expense		11,442		9,492
Tax benefit from stock-based compensation		6,814		6,494
Excess tax benefit from stock options exercised		(5,669)		(5,443)
Gain on disposition of assets		(102,597)		(43,253)
Other		(8,991)		(1,765)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Receivables		(11,629)		(16,722)
Current income tax receivables and payables		1,272		20,479
Other current assets		(9,119)		(5,354)
Accounts payable		1,778		(3,533)
Accrued employee compensation and benefits		(3,756)		(6,656)
Gift card liability		14,735		21,983
Other accrued expenses		(1,251)		(17,050)
Cash flows provided by operating activities		52,879		121,686
Cash flows from investing activities:		_		_
Additions to property and equipment		(16,952)		(26,332)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment and assets held for sale		168,881		115,642
Principal receipts from notes, equipment contracts and other long-term receivables		12,250		13,122
Other		1,238		(753)
Cash flows provided by investing activities		165,417		101,679
Cash flows from financing activities:		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Borrowings under revolving credit facilities		50,000		40,000
Repayments under revolving credit facilities		(50,000)		(40,000)
Repayment of long-term debt (including premiums)		(216,037)		(225,681)
Payment of debt issuance costs				(12,295)
Purchase of DineEquity common stock		_		(21,170)
Principal payments on capital lease and financing obligations		(10,849)		(13,391)
Repurchase of restricted stock		(1,740)		(5,080)
Proceeds from stock options exercised		9,254		6,725
Excess tax benefit from share-based compensation		5,669		5,443
Change in restricted cash		(747)		466
Cash flows used in financing activities		(214,450)		(264,983)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		3,846	_	(41,618)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		60,691		102,309
Cash and cash equivalents at order of year	\$	64,537	\$	60.691
Cash and Cash equivalents at the of year	3	04,337	Ψ	00,091

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

Reconciliation of (i) net income available to common stockholders to (ii) net income available to common stockholders excluding impairment and closure charges, loss on extinguishment of debt, amortization of intangible assets, non-cash interest expense, debt modification costs, a one-time litigation settlement, general and administrative ("G&A") restructuring costs, net of savings, gain on disposition of assets, all items net of taxes, and the income tax impact of refranchising and restructuring, and related per share data:

		Three Mon Decem				Twelve Mo Decem		
		2012		2011		2012		2011
Net income available to common stockholders, as								
reported	\$	18,037	\$	27,339	\$	122,459	\$	70,733
Impairment and closure charges		2,954		2,871		4,218		29,600
Loss on extinguishment of debt		637		3,274		5,554		11,159
Amortization of intangible assets		3,071		3,075		12,293		12,300
Non-cash interest expense		1,438		1,578		5,985		6,160
Debt modification costs		_		(72)		_		4,031
Litigation settlement		77		_		9,124		_
G&A restructuring costs, net of savings		495		_		1,764		_
Gain on disposition of assets		(12,955)		(21,966)		(102,597)		(43,253
Income tax benefit		1,655		4,474		24,598		(7,959
Income tax impact of refranchising and		, in the second				, i		· ·
restructuring		_		(4,422)		(6,258)		(4,422
Net income allocated to unvested participating				())		(-,)		()
restricted stock		45		248		984		(197
Net income available to common stockholders, as		15	_	210		701	_	(1)/
adjusted	\$	15,454	\$	16,399	\$	78,124	\$	78,152
adjusted	Ψ	13,434	Ψ	10,377	Ψ	70,124	Ψ	70,132
Diluted net income available to common stockholders								
per share:								
Net income available to common stockholders, as								
reported	\$	0.97	\$	1.51	\$	6.63	\$	3.89
Impairment and closure charges		0.10		0.10		0.13		0.95
Loss on extinguishment of debt		0.02		0.11		0.18		0.36
Amortization of intangible assets		0.10		0.10		0.40		0.39
Non-cash interest expense		0.05		0.05		0.20		0.20
Debt modification costs		_		0.00		_		0.13
Litigation settlement		_		_		0.30		_
G&A restructuring costs, net of savings		0.02		_		0.06		_
Gain on disposition of assets		(0.43)		(0.73)		(3.33)		(1.38
Income tax impact of refranchising and				,		` ′		
restructuring		_		(0.25)		(0.33)		(0.23
Net income allocated to unvested participating				(0.20)		(0.55)		(0.25
restricted stock		0.00		0.01		0.05		(0.01
Change due to increase in net income		0.00		0.01		(0.01)		(0.01
Diluted net income available to common stockholders				0.01	_	(0.01)		(0.01
	\$	0.83	\$	0.91	\$	4.28	•	4.29
per share, as adjusted	Ф	0.83	Ф	0.91	Ф	4.20	Ф	4.29
Numerator for basic EPS-income available to common								
stockholders, as adjusted	\$	15,454	\$	16,399	\$	78,124	\$	78,152
Effect of unvested participating restricted stock using								
the two-class method		4		6		81		105
Effect of dilutive securities:								
Convertible Series B preferred stock		_		_		2,497		2,573
Numerator for diluted EPS-income available to								
common stockholders after assumed conversions, as								
adjusted	\$	15,458	\$	16,405	\$	80,702	\$	80,830
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Denominator for basic EPS-weighted-average shares		18,391		17,646		17,992		17,846
Effect of dilutive securities:								
Stock options		246		289		264		339
<u> </u>		240		209				
Convertible Series B preferred stock			_		_	621		643
Denominator for diluted EPS-weighted-average shares		10 627		17.025		10077		10 020
and assumed conversions		18,637	_	17,935	_	18,877	_	18,828
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DineEquity, Inc. and Subsidiaries Non-GAAP Financial Measures (In thousands) (Unaudited)

Reconciliation of U.S. GAAP income before income taxes to EBITDA:

		Twelve Months Ended December 31,				
	20	12		2011		
U.S. GAAP income before income taxes	\$	194,923	\$	104,998		
Interest charges		131,869		151,332		
Loss on extinguishment of debt		5,554		11,159		
Depreciation and amortization		39,538		50,220		
Non-cash stock-based compensation		11,442		9,492		
Impairment and closure charges		4,218		29,643		
Other		15,304		6,830		
Gain on sale of assets		(102,597)		(43,253)		
EBITDA	\$	300,251	\$	320,421		

Reconciliation of the Company's cash provided by operating activities to free cash flow:

	Twelve Mo Decem	onths End ber 31,	led
	 2012		2011
Cash flows provided by operating activities	\$ 52,879	\$	121,686
Principal receipts from notes, equipment contracts and other long-term			
receivables	12,250		13,122
Additions to property and equipment	(16,952)		(26,332)
Free cash flow	\$ 48,177	\$	108,476

DineEquity, Inc. and Subsidiaries Non-GAAP Financial Measures (In thousands) (Unaudited)

Reconciliation of U.S. GAAP gross segment profit to segment EBITDA:

					Thre	e months ended	i Dece	mber 31, 2012				
		ranchise - pplebee's		Franchise - IHOP		Company estaurants	(Rental Operations		Financing Operations		Total
Revenue	\$	48,364	\$	59,553	\$	16,862	\$	30,763	\$	3,095	\$	158,637
Expense		2,389		26,385		16,998		24,090		37		69,899
Gross segment profit Plus:		45,975		33,168		(136)		6,673		3,058		88,738
Depreciation/amortization		2,351		_		599		3,383		_		6,333
Interest charges		_		_		92		4,161		_		4,253
Segment EBITDA	\$	48,326	\$	33,168	\$	555	\$	14,217	\$	3,058	\$	99,324
							l Dece	ember 31, 2011				
		ranchise -		Franchise -		Company		Rental		inancing		
D		pplebee's	Φ.	IHOP		estaurants		Operations 20.057		perations	Φ.	Total
Revenue	\$	40,941	\$	56,816	\$	110,029	\$	30,957	\$	3,436	\$	242,179
Expense		602	_	25,748		95,422		24,413		(28)		146,157
Gross segment profit		40,339		31,068		14,607		6,544		3,464		96,022
Plus:		0.404				2.112		2.402				0.050
Depreciation/amortization		2,484		_		3,113		3,482		_		9,079
Interest charges	_		_		_	116	_	4,374	_			4,490
Segment EBITDA	\$	42,823	\$	31,068	\$	17,836	\$	14,400	\$	3,464	\$	109,591
							d Dec	ember 31, 2012				
		ranchise -		Franchise - IHOP		Company	,	Rental		Financing Operations		T-4-1
D	\$ \$	185,904	\$	235,555	\$	291,121	\$	Operations 122,859	\$	14,489	\$	Total 849,928
Revenue	Э	5,464	Э	104,436	Э	249,296	Þ	/	Э	,	Ф	457,984
Expense Gross segment profit				104,430								437,904
Gloss segment profit		100 440					_	97,165		1,623		201.044
Dlaga		180,440		131,119		41,825		25,694		1,623		391,944
Plus:		, .				41,825		25,694				,
Depreciation/amortization		9,762				41,825 6,953		25,694 13,654				30,369
	\$, .	\$		\$	41,825	\$	25,694	\$		\$,
Depreciation/amortization Interest charges	\$	9,762	\$	131,119	Ė	41,825 6,953 377 49,155	Ť	25,694 13,654 16,996 56,344	\$	12,866	\$	30,369 17,373
Depreciation/amortization Interest charges	<u> </u>	9,762	<u> </u>	131,119	Twelv	41,825 6,953 377 49,155 re months ende	Ť	25,694 13,654 16,996 56,344 ember 31, 2011	-	12,866	\$	30,369 17,373
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Restaurant Data

The following table sets forth, for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, the number of effective restaurants in the Applebee's and IHOP systems and information regarding the percentage change in sales at those restaurants compared to the same periods in the prior year. "Effective restaurants" are the number of restaurants in a given period, adjusted to account for restaurants open for only a portion of the period. Information is presented for all effective restaurants in the Applebee's and IHOP systems, which includes restaurants owned by the Company, as well as those owned by franchisees and area licensees. Sales at restaurants that are owned by franchisees and area licensees are not attributable to the Company. However, we believe that presentation of this information is useful in analyzing our revenues because franchisees and area licensees pay us royalties and advertising fees that are generally based on a percentage of their sales, as well as rental payments under leases that are usually based on a percentage of their sales. Management also uses this information to make decisions about future plans for the development of additional restaurants as well as evaluation of current operations.

		Three Mont Decemb				Twelve Mo		d
		2012		2011		2012		2011
	_			(unaud	ited)			_
Applebee's Restaurant Data								
Effective restaurants(a)				4.000				
Franchise		1,992		1,808		1,894		1,770
Company		26		203		123		240
Total		2,018		2,011		2,017		2,010
System-wide(b)								
Sales percentage change(c)		1.5%		1.5%		1.7%		2.6%
Domestic same-restaurant sales percentage		0.00/						
change(d)		0.9%		1.0%		1.2%		2.0%
Franchise(b)(f)		11.50/		0.00/		0.10/		11.00/
Sales percentage change(c)		11.5%		9.0%		8.1%		11.3%
Domestic same-restaurant sales percentage		0.001		0.004		1.00/		2.001
change(d)		0.9%		0.8%		1.3%		2.0%
Average weekly domestic unit sales (in	Φ.		Φ.	44.2	Φ	4.6.6	Φ.	
thousands)	\$	44.5	\$	44.3	\$	46.6	\$	46.4
Company (f)		(00.2)2/		(27.0)2/		(45, 450)		(2.5.5)2/
Sales percentage change(c)		(89.3)%		(37.9)%		(47.4)%		(35.7)%
Same-restaurant sales percentage change(d)		(3.3)%		3.4%		0.6%		1.8%
Average weekly domestic unit sales (in		22.2	Φ.	20.0	Φ.	40.0		41.0
thousands)	\$	33.2	\$	39.8	\$	42.0	\$	41.0
		Thurs Mand				Twelve Mon	F	
		Three Mont Decemb				Decemb		a
		2012		2011	-	2012	ж эт,	2011
				(unaudi	ited)			
IHOP Restaurant Data								
Effective restaurants(a)								
Franchise		1,390		1,357		1,379		1,343
Area license		165		164		165		163
Company		16		14		15		11
Total		1,571		1,535		1,559		1,517
System-wide(b)				 _				
Sales percentage change(c)		0.6%		2.4%		1.6%		1.9%
Domestic same-restaurant sales percentage								
change(d)		(2.6)%		(1.0)%		(1.6)%)	(2.0)%
Franchise(b)		()		(,		()		()
Sales percentage change(c)		0.5%		2%		1.3%		1.7%
Domestic same-restaurant sales percentage								,
change(d)		(2.6)%		(1)%		(1.6)%)	(2.0)%
change(u)		()//		(), •		()/ «		(),**
			\$	34.0	\$	34.0	\$	34.4
Average weekly domestic unit sales (in thousands)	\$	33.3	Φ					
Average weekly domestic unit sales (in	\$	33.3	Ф	31.0				
Average weekly domestic unit sales (in thousands)	\$	33.3 n/m	Φ	n/m		n/m		n/m
Average weekly domestic unit sales (in thousands) Company (e)	\$		Ф			n/m		n/m
Average weekly domestic unit sales (in thousands) Company (e) Area License(b)	\$	n/m	\$	n/m				
Average weekly domestic unit sales (in thousands) Company (e)	\$		•			n/m		n/m 2.9%

- (a) "Effective restaurants" are the number of restaurants in a given fiscal period adjusted to account for restaurants open for only a portion of the period. Information is presented for all effective restaurants in the Applebee's and IHOP systems, which includes restaurants owned by the Company as well as those owned by franchisees and area licensees.
- (b) "System-wide" sales are retail sales at Applebee's restaurants operated by franchisees and IHOP restaurants operated by franchisees and area licensees, as reported to the Company, in addition to retail sales at company-operated restaurants. Sales at restaurants that are owned by franchisees and area licensees are not attributable to the Company. Applebee's domestic franchise restaurant sales, IHOP franchise restaurant sales and IHOP area license restaurant sales for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 were as follows:

	Three Mo Decem	nths End ber 31,			Twelve Mo Decem	
	2012		2011		2012	2011
			(In mi	llions)		
Reported sales (unaudited)						
Applebee's franchise restaurant sales	\$ 1,069.5	\$	959.2	\$	4,234.9	\$ 3,916.4
IHOP franchise restaurant sales	\$ 602.6	\$	599.8	\$	2,437.2	\$ 2,405.3
IHOP area license restaurant sales	\$ 56.6	\$	56.5	\$	234.7	\$ 228.6

- (c) "Sales percentage change" reflects, for each category of restaurants, the percentage change in sales in any given fiscal period compared to the prior fiscal period for all restaurants in that category.
- (d) "Domestic same-restaurant sales percentage change" reflects the percentage change in sales, in any given fiscal period, compared to the same weeks in the prior year for restaurants that have been operated throughout both fiscal periods that are being compared and have been open for at least 18 months. Because of new unit openings and restaurant closures, the restaurants open throughout both fiscal periods being compared may be different from period to period. Same-restaurant sales percentage change does not include data on IHOP restaurants located in Florida.
- (e) Sales percentage changes and domestic same-restaurant sales percentage change for IHOP company-operated restaurants are not meaningful ("n/m") because there are few such restaurants, consisting of a relatively small number of restaurants in a single test market, along with a variable, small number of restaurants that are reacquired from franchisees from time-to-time and temporarily operated by the Company.
- (f) The sales percentage change for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 for Applebee's franchise and company-operated restaurants was impacted by the refranchising of 154 company-operated restaurants in 2012 and 132 company-operated restaurants during 2011.

DineEquity, Inc. and Subsidiaries Restaurant Data

The following table summarizes our restaurant development activity:

	Three Months End December 31,	ded	Twelve Months I December 31	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
		(unaudited)	
Applebee's Restaurant Development Activity			• 0.10	• • • •
Beginning of period	2,016	2,010	2,019	2,010
New openings:				
Franchise	20	12	34	24
Total new openings		12	34	24
Closings:		(4)	(1.0)	(4.5)
Franchise	(2)	(3)	(19)	(15)
Total closings	(2)	(3)	(19)	(15)
End of period	2,034	2,019	2,034	2,019
Summary - end of period:				
Franchise	2,011	1,842	2,011	1,842
Company	23	177	23	177
Total	2,034	2,019	2,034	2,019
	Three Months End December 31.	ded	Twelve Months I December 31	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
		(unaudited)	
IHOP Restaurant Development Activity		,	,	
Beginning of period	1,565	1,532	1,550	1,504
New openings:				
Franchise	20	16	47	52
Area license	_	3	1	6
Total new openings	20	1.0	48	58
Total new openings	20	19	40	50
Closings:		19	46	30
1 5	(1)		(1)	
Closings:		——————————————————————————————————————		
Closings: Company	(1)	_	(1)	_
Closings: Company Franchise Area license	(1)	<u> </u>	(1) (14)	— (8)
Closings: Company Franchise Area license Total closings	(1) (3)	(1)	(1) (14) (2)	— (8) (4)
Closings: Company Franchise Area license Total closings End of period	(1) (3) — (4)	(1) — (1)	(1) (14) (2) (17)	(8) (4) (12)
Closings: Company Franchise Area license Total closings End of period Summary-end of period:	(1) (3) — (4)	(1) — (1)	(1) (14) (2) (17)	(8) (4) (12)
Closings: Company Franchise	(1) (3) — (4) 1,581	(1) (1) (1) 1,550	(1) (14) (2) (17) 1,581	(8) (4) (12) 1,550
Closings: Company Franchise Area license Total closings End of period Summary-end of period: Franchise	(1) (3) ——————————————————————————————————	(1) (1) (1) 1,550	(1) (14) (2) (17) 1,581	(8) (4) (12) 1,550

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DineEquity, Inc. Provides Financial Guidance for Fiscal 2013

GLENDALE, Calif., February 27, 2013 — DineEquity, Inc. (NYSE: DIN), the parent company of Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar and IHOP Restaurants, today announced financial guidance for fiscal 2013, reflecting its transition to a 99% franchised model.

"We believe it is appropriate to provide guidance in some greater detail this year given the successful transition to a fully franchised business model," said Julia A. Stewart, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of DineEquity, Inc.

Fiscal 2013 Key Financial Performance Guidance

Now that the Company's is 99% franchised, we are focused on driving same-restaurant sales and traffic to support franchisees. The Company expects its business model to generate continued strong free cash flow in 2013. (See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.)

- Applebee's domestic system-wide same-restaurant sales performance to range between negative 1.5% and positive 1.5%.
- IHOP's domestic system-wide same-restaurant sales performance to range between negative 1.5% and positive 1.5%.
- Applebee's franchisees to develop between 40 and 50 new restaurants, the majority of which are expected to be opened in the U.S.
- IHOP franchisees and its area licensee to develop between 50 and 60 new restaurants, the majority of which are expected to be domestic openings.
- Franchise segment profit is expected to be between \$312 million and \$325 million.
- DineEquity will operate its remaining company-operated restaurants to primarily test new products, operational improvements, technology, and service platforms. Given the nature of these restaurants, they are expected to generate a profit of approximately \$1

DineEquity, Inc. 450 North Brand Blvd., 7th floor Glendale, California 91203-4415 866.995.DINE million on an annualized basis. This is net of approximately \$2 million of depreciation and amortization.

- The Rental and Financing segments are expected to generate approximately \$34 million to \$35 million in combined profit. This reflects revenue and expenses mainly generated from franchise restaurant development by IHOP prior to 2003. A structural run off applies to both the rental and financing segments.
- Consolidated general and administrative expenses are expected to decrease to between \$144 million and \$147 million, including non-cash stock-based compensation expense and depreciation of approximately \$19 million, due to the comprehensive general and administrative cost reduction initiatives implemented in 2012.
- Consolidated interest expense is expected to be between \$101 million and \$103 million due to the reduction of long-term debt balances and the decrease of financing obligations as a result of refranchising. Approximately \$6 million is expected to be non-cash interest expense.
- The Federal income tax rate is expected to be approximately 38% compared to the effective Federal income tax rate of 34.5% for fiscal 2012. The higher tax rate is primarily due to the decrease in the Federal employment tip credit now that the Company is 99% franchised.
- Consolidated cash from operations is expected to range between \$88 million and \$102 million.
- The structural run-off of the Company's long-term receivables is expected to be approximately \$14 million.
- Principal payments on capital leases and financing obligations will be approximately \$10 million.
- Consolidated capital expenditures are expected to decline to between \$8 million and \$10 million mainly due to significantly fewer company-operated restaurants.
- A mandatory annual repayment of 1% on the current outstanding Term Loan principal balance will be \$4.7 million.
- Consolidated free cash flow (see "Non-GAAP Measures" below) to range between \$77 million and \$93 million. Consolidated free cash flow is defined as consolidated cash from operations, plus principal receipts from long-term receivables, less principal payments on capital leases and financing obligations, consolidated capital expenditures, and the mandatory annual repayment of 1% on our Term Loan principal balance.
- Net income allocated to unvested participating restricted stock is expected to total approximately \$1.5 million.
- Weighted average diluted shares outstanding are expected to be approximately 19.3 million. This increase from the prior year is primarily due to the fourth quarter 2012 conversion of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock into the Company's common stock. No estimate is made in this number for any potential share repurchases.

About DineEquity, Inc.

Based in Glendale, California, DineEquity, Inc., through its subsidiaries, franchises and operates restaurants under the Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar and IHOP brands. With more than 3,600 restaurants combined in 17 countries, over 400 franchisees and approximately 200,000 team members (including franchisee- and company-operated restaurant employees), DineEquity is one of the largest full-service restaurant companies in the world. For more information on DineEquity, visit the Company's Web site located at www.dineequity.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements contained in this presentation may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can identify these forward-looking statements by words such as "may," "will," "should," "expect," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "intend," "plan" and other similar expressions. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause actual results to be materially different from those expressed or implied in such statements. These factors include, but are not limited to: the effect of general economic conditions; the Company's indebtedness; risk of future impairment charges; trading volatility and the price of the Company's common stock; the Company's results in any given period differing from guidance provided to the public; the highly competitive nature of the restaurant business; the Company's business strategy failing to achieve anticipated results; risks associated with the restaurant industry; risks associated with locations of current and future restaurants; rising costs for food commodities and utilities; shortages or interruptions in the supply or delivery of food; ineffective marketing and guest relationship initiatives and use of social media; changing health or dietary preferences; our engagement in business in foreign markets; harm to our brands' reputation; litigation; third-party claims with respect to intellectual property assets; environmental liability; liability relating to employees; failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations; failure to effectively implement restaurant development plans; our dependence upon our franchisees; concentration of Applebee's franchised restaurants in a limited number of franchisees; credit risk from IHOP franchisees operating under our previous business model; termination or non-renewal of franchise agreements; franchisees breaching their franchise agreements; insolvency proceedings involving franchisees; changes in the number and quality of franchisees; inability of franchisees to fund capital expenditures; heavy dependence on information technology; the occurrence of cyber incidents or a deficiency in our cybersecurity; failure to execute on a business continuity plan; inability to attract and retain talented employees; risks associated with retail brand initiatives; failure of our internal controls; and other factors discussed from time to time in the Company's Annual and Quarterly Reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q and in the Company's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The forwardlooking statements contained in this release are made as of the date hereof and the Company assumes no obligation to update or supplement any forwardlooking statements.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This news release includes references to the Company's non-GAAP financial measure "free cash flow". "Free cash flow" for a given period is defined as cash provided by operating activities, plus receipts from notes and equipment contracts receivable ("long-term receivable"), less principal payments on capital leases and financing obligations, less capital expenditures and less a mandatory annual 1% repayment on the outstanding Term Loan principal balance.

2013 Financial Performance Guidance Table

	(in millions)
Cash from operations	\$88 - 102
Principal receipts from long-term receivables	14
Principal payments on capital leases and financing obligations	(10)
Capital expenditures	(8 - 10)
Mandatory annual 1% repayment on Term Loan	(5)
Free cash flow	\$77 - 93







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DineEquity, Inc. Announces Capital Allocation Strategy

- ▶ Board Declares a First Quarter 2013 Dividend of \$0.75 Per Share of Common Stock
- ➤ Board Approves \$100 Million Share Repurchase Authorization

GLENDALE, Calif., February 27, 2013 — DineEquity, Inc. (NYSE: DIN), the parent company of Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar and IHOP Restaurants, today announced a capital allocation strategy that includes the approval by its Board of Directors of a first quarter cash dividend of \$0.75 per share of common stock. DineEquity's Board of Directors today declared the dividend, payable on March 29, 2013, to the Company's shareholders of record as of the close of business on March 15, 2013.

The Board of Directors also approved a \$100 million share repurchase authorization, effective immediately, which replaces the \$45 million share repurchase authorization previously announced by the Company in August 2011. The Company remains subject to certain mandatory debt reduction requirements related to capital leases and the annual amortization payment of \$4.7 million associated with the recently announced re-pricing of its senior secured credit facility.

"With the successful completion of our refranchising program and a less capital intensive business model, the time is right to announce our capital allocation plan. With continual long-term shareholder value creation clearly in mind, we are initiating a meaningful dividend and will also opportunistically seek to repurchase shares of common stock with strong free cash flow." said Julia A. Stewart, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of DineEquity, Inc. "The dividend, combined with the share repurchase authorization of \$100 million, underscores our commitment to returning cash to our shareholders. While we expect dividends and share repurchases to be the primary components of our capital allocation strategy, we will also reduce debt when it is in the best interests of the Company to do so. We will continue to prudently manage our capital structure with a long-term view, placing real importance on positioning ourselves to potentially refinance our overall debt in the next few years."

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About DineEquity, Inc.

Based in Glendale, California, DineEquity, Inc., through its subsidiaries, franchises and operates restaurants under the Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar and IHOP brands. With more than 3,600 restaurants combined in 17 countries, over 400 franchisees and approximately 200,000 team members (including franchisee- and company-operated restaurant employees), DineEquity is one of the largest full-service restaurant companies in the world. For more information on DineEquity, visit the Company's Web site located at www.dineequity.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

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