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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

| Date of report (1 | Date of earliest event reported): | May 2, 2018 |
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| (Exact Nan | Dine Brands Global, Inc. ne of Registrant as Specified in 0 | 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, Glendal California | e, | 91203-2306 |
| (Address of principal executive offices |) | (Zip Code) |
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 2, 2018, Dine Brands Global, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Corporation"), issued a press release announcing its first quarter 2018 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 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit
Number
99.1
Description
Press Releas

Press Release Regarding First Quarter 2018 Financial Results issued by the Corporation on May 2, 2018.

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: May 2, 2018

DINE BRANDS GLOBAL, INC.

By: /s/ Greggory H. Kalvin

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Dine Brands Global, Inc. Reports First Quarter 2018 Results

GLENDALE, Calif., May 2, 2018 – Dine Brands Global, Inc. (NYSE: DIN), the parent company of Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar® and IHOP® restaurants, today announced financial results for the first guarter of fiscal 2018.

"We are leveraging the benefit of our asset-lite business model to invest in the growth of our brands and build on recent momentum. Both Applebee's and IHOP achieved positive same-restaurant sales for the first quarter and outperformed their respective categories. This marks the second consecutive quarter of sales improvement for each brand. We are very pleased with the results and encouraged that the first-quarter trends for both brands continued through April," said Steve Joyce, Chief Executive Officer of Dine Brands Global, Inc.

Mr. Joyce continued, "Looking ahead, we are acting on several strategic initiatives, such as enhancing our data and analytics capabilities, to drive sustainable positive sales performance and create significant value for our shareholders and franchisees. Supported by a performance-based culture and the addition of significant leadership talent, we have established clear goals for our brands, which will drive long-term success."

First Quarter of Fiscal 2018 Financial Highlights

- GAAP net income available to common stockholders increased approximately 8% to \$16.5 million, or earnings per diluted share of \$0.92 for the first quarter of 2018. This compares to net income available to common stockholders of \$15.3 million (as adjusted for the adoption of new accounting revenue guidance titled Accounting Standards Codification 606 "Revenues from Contracts with Customers"), or earnings per diluted share of \$0.86, for the first quarter of fiscal 2017. The increase in net income was primarily due to a decline in general and administrative expenses and a reduction in our effective corporate tax rate following the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act tax legislation in December 2017. These items were substantially offset by lower segment profit primarily due to an increase of \$13.5 million in franchisor contributions to the Applebee's national advertising fund in the first quarter of 2018.
- Adjusted net income available to common stockholders was \$19.8 million, or adjusted earnings per diluted share of \$1.11, for the first quarter of fiscal 2018. This compares to adjusted net income available to common stockholders of \$22.8 million (as adjusted for the adoption of Accounting Standards Codification 606), or adjusted earnings per diluted share of \$1.28, for the

first quarter of fiscal 2017. The decrease in adjusted net income was mainly due to lower gross profit resulting from an increase of \$13.5 million in franchisor contributions to the Applebee's national advertising fund, partially offset by our lower federal tax rate and positive same-restaurant sales for both brands. (See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.)

- General and administrative expenses declined to approximately \$41.9 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 compared to \$50.3 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2017. The decrease was primarily due to lower personnel costs due to non-recurring executive separation costs in the first quarter of 2017.
- Cash flows from operating activities were approximately \$16.5 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 compared to approximately \$19.5 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2017. The decline was primarily due to slightly lower net income and changes in working capital. Adjusted free cash flow was \$15.3 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2018. This compares to \$19.2 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2017. (See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.)

Same-Restaurant Sales Performance

First Quarter of Fiscal 2018

- Applebee's domestic system-wide comparable same-restaurant sales increased 3.3% for the first quarter of 2018.
- IHOP's domestic system-wide comparable same-restaurant sales increased 1.0% for the first guarter of 2018.

Financial Performance Guidance for Fiscal 2018

Dine Brands reiterates its financial performance guidance for fiscal 2018 contained in the press release issued on February 20, 2018 and the Form 8-K filed on the same day.

First Quarter Fiscal 2018 Results Conference Call Today

The Company will host a conference call to discuss its results on the same day at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time. To participate on the call, please dial (888) 771-4371 and reference passcode 46726894. International callers, please dial (847) 585-4405 and reference passcode 46726894. A live webcast of the call will be available on www.dinebrands.com and may be accessed by visiting Events and Presentations under the site's Investors 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 from 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time on May 2, 2018 through 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on May 9, 2018 by dialing (888) 843-7419 and referencing passcode 46726894#. International callers, please dial (630) 652-3042 and reference passcode 46726894#. An online archive of the webcast will also be available on Events and Presentations under the Investors section of the Company's website.

About Dine Brands Global, Inc.

Based in Glendale, California, Dine Brands Global, Inc. (NYSE: DIN), through its subsidiaries, franchises restaurants under both the Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar and IHOP brands. With more than 3,700 restaurants combined in 19 countries and over 380 franchisees, Dine Brands is one of the largest full-service restaurant companies in the world. For more information on Dine Brands, visit the Company's website located at www.dinebrands.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements contained in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. You can identify these forward-looking statements by words such as "may," "will," "would," "should," "could," "expect," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "intend," "plan," "goal" 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: general economic conditions; our level of indebtedness; compliance with the terms of our securitized debt; our ability to refinance our current indebtedness or obtain additional financing; our dependence on information technology; potential cyber incidents; the implementation of restaurant development plans; our dependence on our franchisees; the concentration of our Applebee's franchised restaurants in a limited number of franchisees; the financial health our franchisees; our franchisees' and other licensees' compliance with our quality standards and trademark usage; general risks associated with the restaurant industry; potential harm to our brands' reputation; possible future impairment charges; the effects of tax reform; trading volatility and fluctuations in the price of our stock; our ability to achieve the financial guidance we provide to investors; successful implementation of our business strategy; the availability of suitable locations for new restaurants; shortages or interruptions in the supply or delivery of products from third parties or availability of utilities; the management and forecasting of appropriate inventory levels; development and implementation of innovative marketing and use of social media; changing health or dietary preference of consumers; risks associated with doing business in international markets; the results of litigation and other legal proceedings; third-party claims with respect to intellectual property assets; our ability to attract and retain management and other key employees; compliance with federal, state and local governmental regulations; risks associated with our self-insurance; natural disasters or other series incidents; our success with development initiatives outside of our core business; the adequacy of our internal controls over financial reporting and future changes in accounting standards; 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 forward-looking statements contained in this release are made as of the date hereof and the Company does not intend to, nor does it assume any obligation to, update or supplement any forward-looking statements after the date hereof to reflect actual results or future events or circumstances.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This press release includes references to the Company's non-GAAP financial measure "adjusted net income available to common stockholders, "adjusted earnings per diluted share (Adjusted EPS)" and "Adjusted free cash flow." Adjusted EPS is computed for a given period by deducting from net income or loss available to common stockholders for such period the effect of any closure and impairment charges, any gain or loss related to debt extinguishment, any intangible asset amortization, any non-cash interest expense, any gain or loss related to the disposition of assets, and other items deemed not reflective of current operations. This is presented on an aggregate basis and a per share (diluted) basis. "Adjusted free cash flow" for a given period is defined as cash provided by operating activities, plus receipts from notes and equipment contracts receivable, less capital expenditures. Management may use certain of these non-GAAP financial measures along with the corresponding U.S. GAAP measures to evaluate the performance of the business and to make certain business decisions. Management uses adjusted free cash flow in its periodic assessments of, among other things, the amount of cash dividends per share of common stock and repurchases of common stock and we believe it is important for investors to have the same measure used by management for that purpose. Adjusted free cash flow does not represent residual cash flow available for discretionary purposes. Additionally, adjusted EPS is one of the metrics used in determining payouts under the Company's annual cash incentive plan. Management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures provide additional meaningful information that should be considered when assessing the business and the Company's performance compared to prior periods and the marketplace. Adjusted EPS and adjusted free cash flow 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 U.S. GAAP.

Three Months Ended

Dine Brands Global, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Income

(In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

| | Mai | March 31, | | |
|---|-----------|---------------|--|--|
| | 2018 | 2017 | | |
| Revenues: | | (as adjusted) | | |
| Franchise revenues | \$155,313 | \$ 154,725 | | |
| Rental revenues | 30,841 | 30,465 | | |
| Financing revenues | 2,009 | 2,131 | | |
| Company restaurant sales | | 4,140 | | |
| Total revenues | 188,163 | 191,461 | | |
| Cost of revenues: | | | | |
| Franchise and restaurant expenses | 81,872 | 70,167 | | |
| Rental expenses | 22,641 | 22,666 | | |
| Financing expenses | 150 | _ | | |
| Company restaurant expenses | <u></u> | 4,343 | | |
| Total cost of revenues | 104,663 | 97,176 | | |
| Gross profit | 83,500 | 94,285 | | |
| General and administrative expenses | 41,911 | 50,305 | | |
| Interest expense | 15,199 | 15,363 | | |
| Closure and impairment charges | 2,604 | 217 | | |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 2,502 | 2,500 | | |
| Gain on disposition of assets | (1,427) | (109) | | |
| Income before income tax provision | 22,711 | 26,009 | | |
| Income tax provision | (5,638) | (10,414) | | |
| Net income | \$ 17,073 | \$ 15,595 | | |
| Net income available to common stockholders: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 17,073 | \$ 15,595 | | |
| Less: Net income allocated to unvested participating restricted stock | (568) | (283) | | |
| Net income available to common stockholders | \$ 16,505 | \$ 15,312 | | |
| Net income available to common stockholders per share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.93 | \$ 0.87 | | |
| Diluted | \$ 0.92 | \$ 0.86 | | |
| Weighted average shares outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic | 17,703 | 17,694 | | |
| Diluted | 17,845 | 17,737 | | |
| Dividends declared per common share | \$ 0.63 | \$ 0.97 | | |
| Dividends paid per common share | \$ 0.97 | \$ 0.97 | | |

Dine Brands Global, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

| | March 31, 2018 (Unaudited) | | <u>D</u> | December 31, 2017 (as adjusted) | |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------|--|
| Assets | | | | | |
| Current assets: | ተ | 06.200 | ተ | 117.010 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 96,399 | \$ | 117,010 | |
| Receivables, net | | 105,834 | | 140,188 | |
| Restricted cash | | 32,391 | | 31,436 | |
| Prepaid gift card costs | | 31,174 | | 40,725 | |
| Prepaid income taxes | | 36,078 | | 45,981 | |
| Other current assets | _ | 6,906 | _ | 12,615 | |
| Total current assets | | 308,782 | | 387,955 | |
| Long-term receivables, net | | 122,362 | | 126,570 | |
| Property and equipment, net | | 198,624 | | 199,585 | |
| Goodwill | | 339,236 | | 339,236 | |
| Other intangible assets, net | | 581,639 | | 582,787 | |
| Deferred rent receivable | | 81,720 | | 82,971 | |
| Non-current restricted cash | | 14,700 | | 14,700 | |
| Other non-current assets, net | | 3,983 | _ | 4,135 | |
| Total assets | \$ | 1,651,046 | \$ | 1,737,939 | |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Deficit | · <u></u> | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | | |
| Current maturities of long-term debt | \$ | 12,965 | \$ | 12,965 | |
| Accounts payable | | 45,236 | | 55,028 | |
| Gift card liability | | 117,266 | | 164,441 | |
| Dividends payable | | 11,520 | | 17,748 | |
| Current maturities of capital lease and financing obligations | | 12,986 | | 14,193 | |
| Accrued employee compensation and benefits | | 10,098 | | 13,547 | |
| Deferred franchise revenue, short-term | | 10,851 | | 11,001 | |
| Other accrued expenses | | 15,047 | | 16,001 | |
| Total current liabilities | | 235,969 | | 304,924 | |
| Long-term debt, less current maturities | | 1,267,468 | | 1,269,849 | |
| Capital lease obligations, less current maturities | | 60,268 | | 61,895 | |
| Financing obligations, less current maturities | | 38,981 | | 39,200 | |
| Deferred income taxes, net | | 114,522 | | 119,996 | |
| Deferred rent payable | | 62,371 | | 69,112 | |
| Deferred franchise revenue, long-term | | 68,581 | | 70,432 | |
| Other non-current liabilities | | 19,772 | | 18,071 | |
| Total liabilities | | 1,867,932 | | 1,953,479 | |
| Commitments and contingencies | | | | | |
| Stockholders' deficit: | | | | | |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value, shares: 40,000,000 authorized; March 31, 2018 - 25,013,067 issued, 17,922,137 outstanding; December 31, 2017 - 25,022,312 issued, 17,993,124 | | | | | |
| outstanding | | 250 | | 250 | |
| Additional paid-in-capital | | 264,994 | | 276,408 | |
| Accumulated deficit | | (52,867) | | (69,940) | |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | | (58) | | (105) | |
| Treasury stock, at cost; shares: March 31, 2018 - 7,090,930; December 31, 2017 - 7,029,188 | | (429,205) | | (422,153) | |
| Total stockholders' deficit | | (216,886) | _ | (215,540) | |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit | \$ | 1,651,046 | \$ | 1,737,939 | |
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Dine Brands Global, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands) (Unaudited)

| | | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|-----------|---------------------------------|--|
| | 2018 | 2017 | |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | (as adjusted) | |
| Net income | \$ 17,073 | \$ 15,595 | |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash flows provided by operating activities: | \$ 17,075 | \$ 15,555 | |
| Closure and impairment charges | 2,594 | 209 | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 7,940 | 7,706 | |
| Non-cash interest expense | 864 | 827 | |
| Deferred income taxes | (1,182) | (2,714) | |
| Non-cash stock-based compensation expense | 3,368 | 6,165 | |
| Gain on disposition of assets | (1,421) | (109) | |
| Other | (6,199) | (2,932) | |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | (-,) | (=,==) | |
| Accounts receivable, net | (8,804) | (818) | |
| Current income tax receivables and payables | 5,529 | 7,176 | |
| Gift card receivables and payables | (2,269) | (7,855) | |
| Other current assets | 5,709 | (736) | |
| Accounts payable | 65 | 1,745 | |
| Accrued employee compensation and benefits | (3,448) | (2,162) | |
| Other current liabilities | (3,351) | (2,554) | |
| Cash flows provided by operating activities | 16,468 | 19,543 | |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | |
| Additions to property and equipment | (3,488) | (2,997) | |
| Proceeds from sale of property and equipment | 655 | | |
| Principal receipts from notes, equipment contracts and other long-term receivables | 4,930 | 5,002 | |
| Additions to long-term receivables | (2,325) | | |
| Other | (27) | (188) | |
| Cash flows (used in) provided by investing activities | (255) | 1,817 | |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | |
| Repayment of long-term debt | (3,250) | _ | |
| Dividends paid on common stock | (17,453) | (17,432) | |
| Repurchase of common stock | (10,003) | (10,003) | |
| Principal payments on capital lease and financing obligations | (4,536) | (3,608) | |
| Tax payments for restricted stock upon vesting | (1,083) | (2,022) | |
| Proceeds from stock options exercised | 456 | 1,474 | |
| Cash flows used in financing activities | (35,869) | (31,591) | |
| Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | (19,656) | (10,231) | |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period | 163,146 | 185,491 | |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period | \$143,490 | \$ 175,260 | |

Dine Brands Global, Inc. and Subsidiaries Non-GAAP Financial Measures (In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

Reconciliation of net income available to common stockholders to net income available to common stockholders, as adjusted for the following items: closure and impairment charges; executive separation costs; amortization of intangible assets; non-cash interest expense; gain or loss on disposition of assets; and the combined tax effect of the preceding adjustments, as well as related per share data:

| | | nths Ended ch 31, |
|--|-----------|----------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Net income available to common stockholders, as reported | \$ 16,505 | \$ 15,312 |
| Closure and impairment charges | 2,604 | 217 |
| Executive separation costs | _ | 8,782 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 2,502 | 2,500 |
| Non-cash interest expense | 864 | 827 |
| Gain on disposition of assets | (1,427) | (109) |
| Income tax provision | (1,181) | (4,642) |
| Net income allocated to unvested participating restricted stock | (111) | (117) |
| Net income available to common stockholders, as adjusted | \$ 19,756 | \$ 22,770 |
| Diluted net income available to common stockholders per share: | | |
| Net income available to common stockholders, as reported | \$ 0.92 | \$ 0.86 |
| Closure and impairment charges | 0.11 | 0.01 |
| Executive separation costs | _ | 0.31 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 0.10 | 0.09 |
| Non-cash interest expense | 0.04 | 0.03 |
| Gain on disposition of assets | (0.06) | (0.00) |
| Net income allocated to unvested participating restricted stock | (0.00) | (0.01) |
| Rounding | | (0.01) |
| Diluted net income available to common stockholders per share, as adjusted | \$ 1.11 | \$ 1.28 |
| Numerator for basic EPS-income available to common stockholders, as adjusted | \$ 19,756 | \$ 22,770 |
| Effect of unvested participating restricted stock using the two-class method | 1 | 3 |
| Numerator for diluted EPS-income available to common stockholders after assumed conversions, as adjusted | \$ 19,757 | \$ 22,773 |
| Denominator for basic EPS-weighted-average shares | 17,703 | 17,694 |
| Dilutive effect of stock options | 142 | 43 |
| Denominator for diluted EPS-weighted-average shares and assumed conversions | 17,845 | 17,737 |

Dine Brands Global, Inc. and Subsidiaries Non-GAAP Financial Measures (Unaudited)

Reconciliation of the Company's cash provided by operating activities to "adjusted free cash flow" (cash provided by operating activities, plus receipts from notes and equipment contracts receivable, less additions to property and equipment). Management uses this liquidity measure in its periodic assessments of, among other things, the amount of cash dividends per share of common stock and repurchases of common stock and we believe it is important for investors to have the same measure used by management for that purpose. Adjusted free cash flow does not represent residual cash flow available for discretionary purposes.

| | | March 31, | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|--|--|
| | - | 2017 | | |
| | 2018 | | | |
| | (In n | nillions) | | |
| Cash flows provided by operating activities | \$ 16.5 | \$ 19.5 | | |
| Receipts from notes and equipment contracts receivable | 2.3 | 2.7 | | |
| Additions to property and equipment | (3.5) | (3.0) | | |
| Adjusted free cash flow | 15.3 | 19.2 | | |
| Dividends paid on common stock | (17.5) | (17.4) | | |
| Repurchase of Dine Brands common stock | (10.0) | (10.0) | | |
| | \$ (12.2) | \$ (8.2) | | |
| | | | | |

Dine Brands Global, Inc. and Subsidiaries Restaurant Data

The following table sets forth, for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, 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 and, as such, the percentage change in sales at Effective Restaurants is based on non-GAAP sales data. 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, and, where applicable, rental payments under leases that partially may be 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.

| | March | hs Ended 31, | | |
|---|---------|-----------------|--|--|
| | 2018 | 2017 | | |
| | (Unaud | ited) | | |
| Applebee's Restaurant Data | | | | |
| Effective Restaurants(a) | | | | |
| Franchise | 1,923 | 2,007 | | |
| System-wide(b) | | | | |
| Sales percentage change(c) | 0.9% | (8.6)% | | |
| Domestic same-restaurant sales percentage change(d) | 3.3% | (7.9)% | | |
| Franchise(b) | | | | |
| Domestic sales percentage change(c) | 0.9% | (8.6)% | | |
| Domestic same-restaurant sales percentage change(d) | 3.3% | (7.9)% | | |
| Average weekly domestic unit sales (in thousands) | \$ 47.6 | \$ 45.2 | | |
| IHOP Restaurant Data | | | | |
| Effective Restaurants(a) | | | | |
| Franchise | 1,619 | 1,552 | | |
| Area license | 164 | 166 | | |
| Company | | 10 | | |
| Total | 1,783 | 1,728 | | |
| System-wide(b) | | | | |
| Sales percentage change(c) | 3.9% | 0.2% | | |
| Domestic same-restaurant sales percentage change(d) | 1.0% | (1.7)% | | |
| Franchise(b) | | | | |
| Sales percentage change(c) | 4.9% | 0.7% | | |
| Domestic same-restaurant sales percentage change(d) | 1.0% | (1.7)% | | |
| Average weekly domestic unit sales (in thousands) | \$ 37.1 | \$ 36.9 | | |
| Area License (b) | | | | |
| Sales percentage change(c) | (0.2)% | (3.7)% | | |

Dine Brands Global, Inc. and Subsidiaries Restaurant Data

- (a) "Effective Restaurants" are the weighted average number of restaurants open 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 franchisees and area licensees as well as those owned by the Company.
- (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. An increase in franchisees' reported sales will result in a corresponding increase in our royalty revenue, while a decrease in franchisees' reported sales will result in a corresponding decrease in our royalty revenue. Unaudited reported sales for Applebee's domestic franchise restaurants, IHOP franchise restaurants and IHOP area license restaurants for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 were as follows:

| | March 31, | | |
|--|---------------|----|---------|
| | 2018 | | 2017 |
| | (In millions) | | 5) |
| Reported sales (unaudited) | | | |
| Applebee's domestic franchise restaurant sales | \$ 1,095.6 | \$ | 1,086.2 |
| IHOP franchise restaurant sales | 780.6 | \$ | 744.2 |
| IHOP area license restaurant sales | 75.3 | \$ | 72.5 |
| Total | \$ 1,951.5 | \$ | 1,902.9 |

- (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 domestic 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 domestic 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 area license restaurants located in Florida.

Dine Brands Global, Inc. and Subsidiaries Restaurant Data (unaudited)

The following table summarizes our restaurant development activity:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2018 2017 | |
|---|--|-------|
| Applebee's Restaurant Development Activity | | |
| Beginning of period: | 1,936 | 2,016 |
| Franchise restaurants opened: | | |
| Domestic | _ | 1 |
| International | 2 | |
| Total franchise restaurants opened | 2 | 1 |
| Franchise restaurants closed: | | |
| Domestic | (22) | (19) |
| International | (4) | |
| Total franchise restaurants closed | (26) | (19) |
| Net franchise restaurant reduction | (24) | (18) |
| Total Applebee's restaurants, end of period | 1,912 | 1,998 |
| Domestic | 1,760 | 1,843 |
| International | 152 | 155 |
| IHOP Restaurant Development Activity | | |
| Summary - beginning of period: | | |
| Franchise | 1,622 | 1,556 |
| Area license | 164 | 167 |
| Company | _ | 10 |
| Total IHOP restaurants, beginning of period | 1,786 | 1,733 |
| Franchise/area license restaurants opened: | | |
| Domestic franchise | 13 | 11 |
| International franchise | 3 | 4 |
| Total franchise/area license restaurants opened | 16 | 15 |
| Franchise/area license restaurants closed: | | |
| Domestic franchise | (5) | (7) |
| International franchise | (6) | _ |
| Total franchise/area license restaurants closed | (11) | (7) |
| Net franchise/area license restaurant development | 5 | 8 |
| Summary - end of period | | |
| Franchise | 1,627 | 1,564 |
| Area license | 164 | 167 |
| Company | | 10 |
| Total IHOP restaurants, end of period | 1,791 | 1,741 |
| Domestic | 1,679 | 1,641 |
| International | 112 | 100 |