

Choice Hotels International Reports Fourth Quarter And Full Year Results And 2018 Outlook 2017 Full-Year New Domestic Hotel Franchise Contracts Increased 9% to 704

ROCKVILLE, Md., Feb. 20, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Choice Hotels International, Inc. (NYSE:CHH), one of the world's largest hotel companies, today reported its results for the three months and year ended December 31, 2017. Highlights include:

- Announced the acquisition of WoodSpring Suites, which added 239 hotels to the company's system in the first quarter of 2018.
- Full-year 2018 net income is projected to range between \$190 million and \$196 million; Adjusted earnings before income taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA), excluding the application of the new revenue recognition standard and other items, is projected to range between \$330 million and \$341 million, a 14 percent increase at the midpoint of the range.
- Domestic unit growth, including the acquisition of WoodSpring Suites, for 2018 is expected to range between 7 percent and 8 percent.
- Total revenues for the three months ended December 31, 2017, increased 14 percent from the fourth quarter of the prior year.
- Income before income taxes was \$46.7 million for the 2017 fourth quarter, a 7 percent increase from the 2016 fourth quarter.
- The impact of the tax legislation signed into law on December 22, 2017, and other items, resulted in a net loss of \$6.4 million, or \$0.11 per diluted share for the fourth quarter of 2017. Excluding the impact of these items, adjusted net income would have totaled \$35.9 million compared to adjusted net income of \$31.8 million for the 2016 fourth quarter, a 13 percent increase. See Exhibit 6 for calculation of adjusted results.
- Fourth quarter adjusted diluted earnings per share (EPS) was \$0.63, a 13 percent increase from the 2016 fourth quarter. Full-year 2017 diluted EPS was \$2.02 and adjusted diluted EPS was \$2.88, a 14 percent increase from 2016.
- Adjusted EBITDA for the fourth quarter and full-year 2017 were \$64.5 million and \$295.0 million respectively, an increase of 15 percent from the adjusted EBITDA reported for the same periods of 2016.
- Repatriated approximately \$200 million of foreign earnings in the first quarter of 2018.

"In 2017, Choice Hotels experienced another robust year of performance and exciting milestones, positioning us for future growth. This includes our best development year since 2007 with 704 executed franchise agreements. We recently added to our portfolio of brands with the acquisition of WoodSpring Suites, the fastest growing economy extended-stay brand," said Patrick Pacious, president and chief executive officer, Choice Hotels. "Choice remains focused on our franchisees' profitability and has further strengthened our value proposition, which is exemplified by continued increases in proprietary contribution and a 19-basis point increase in effective royalty rate."

Highlights of the company's hotel franchising business for the fourth quarter and full-year 2017 results are as follows:

Overall Results

- Total hotel franchising revenues for the fourth quarter increased 11 percent from the fourth quarter of the prior year.
- Hotel franchising selling, general and administrative costs (SG&A) totaled \$46.0 million. Adjusted hotel franchising SG&A for the fourth quarter increased 21 percent, to \$37.4 million, primarily due to increased variable sales compensation resulting from the highest level of franchise sales in the quarter and full-year since 2007, and the timing of our bi-annual international franchisee convention.
- Adjusted EBITDA from hotel franchising activities for the fourth quarter increased 7 percent from the fourth quarter of the prior year to \$65.5 million. Adjusted EBITDA from hotel franchising activities for the full-year increased 9 percent from full-year 2016.

Royalties

- Domestic royalty fees for the fourth quarter totaled \$74.2 million, an 8.5 percent increase from the fourth quarter of the prior year. Full-year domestic royalties increased 7.7 percent, to \$323.9 million, from the same period of 2016.
- Domestic system-wide revenue per available room (RevPAR) increased 2.2 percent and 2.5 percent for the fourth quarter and full-year, respectively, compared to the same periods of the prior year. Average daily rates and occupancy rates increased 1.7 percent and 50 basis points for the full-year compared to the same period of 2016.
- Effective domestic royalty rate increased 19 basis points for both the fourth quarter and full-year 2017, compared to the same periods of 2016.
- The number of domestic franchised hotels, as of December 31, 2017, increased 2.6 percent from December 31, 2016.
- Added 346 new domestic hotels during 2017, opening nearly one hotel per day during the year.
- Domestic franchised rooms within the company's upscale brands, Cambria hotels & suites and Ascend Hotel Collection, increased by 28 percent to over 17,900 rooms at December 31, 2017.

Development

- New executed domestic franchise agreements totaled 289 in the fourth quarter, bringing full-year new franchise agreements to 704 hotels, an increase of 8 percent and 9 percent compared to the fourth quarter of and full-year 2016, respectively.
- New construction domestic franchise agreements increased 17 percent and 23 percent in the fourth quarter and full-year 2017, respectively, from the comparable periods of 2016.
- The company executed 31 and 81 new domestic franchise agreements during the fourth quarter and full-year 2017, respectively, for its upscale brands, Cambria hotels and suites and the Ascend Hotel Collection. Fourth quarter and full-year 2017 executed agreements for upscale brands represent a 7 percent increase and a 31 percent increase from fourth quarter and full-year 2016, respectively, and the domestic pipeline for the company's upscale brands exceeded 135 hotels at December 31, 2017.
- Domestic relicensing and contract renewal transactions totaled 101 and 465 for the three months and year ended December 31, 2017, respectively. Relicensing revenues for full-year 2017 increased 15 percent over the prior year.
- The company's total domestic pipeline of hotels awaiting conversion, under construction or approved for development, as of December 31, 2017, increased 18 percent to 853 hotels from December 31, 2016.
- The new construction domestic pipeline totaled 607 hotels at December 31, 2017, a 23 percent increase from December 31, 2016.

Tax Reform

On December 22, 2017, "H.R. 1," known as the "Tax Cut and Jobs Act" ("Act"), was signed into law. The Act, among other changes, reduces the corporate income tax rate to 21%, creates a territorial tax system (with a one-time mandatory tax on previously deferred foreign earnings), allows for the immediate capital expensing of certain qualified property, and creates anti-base erosion rules that require companies to pay minimum taxes on foreign earnings. Although the Act is effective January 1, 2018, generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP") require companies to account for the one-time transition tax on previously deferred foreign earnings and the effect of changes in income tax rates and laws on deferred tax balances in the period in which the legislation is enacted. As a result, the company recorded additional provisional income taxes from the mandatory tax on previously deferred foreign earnings, totaling approximately \$35 million during the three months and year ended December 31, 2017. These taxes will be remitted over an eight-year period beginning in 2018. In addition, during the three months and year ended December 31, 2017, the company also recorded a provisional impairment of its deferred tax assets totaling approximately \$5 million, reflecting the reduction of the corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%.

Taking into account the change in the statutory federal rate as well as the Act's effects on state taxes and other permanent items, the company preliminarily expects its effective tax rate to be approximately 23% in 2018. This reduction in the tax rate represents an annual increase in cash flow of approximately \$25 million, and the Act is expected to provide an additional available annual cash benefit of \$25 million related to foreign earnings. In addition, the company repatriated approximately \$200 million of foreign earnings in the first quarter of 2018 and expects to pay approximately \$35 million of taxes over the next 8 years related to these previously deferred foreign earnings. With the financial flexibility that tax reform provides, the company anticipates continuing to make strategic investments in future areas of growth in its business and return excess cash flows, if any, to shareholders.

Use of Cash Flows

Dividends

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the company paid cash dividends totaling approximately \$49 million. Based on the current quarterly dividend rate of \$0.215 per common share, the company expects to pay dividends of approximately \$49 million during 2018.

Share Repurchases

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the company repurchased approximately \$10 million of common stock under its share repurchase program as well as repurchases from employees in connection with tax withholding and option exercises relating to awards under the company's equity incentive plans. The company currently has authorization to purchase up to 4.0 million additional shares under its share repurchase program.

Hotel Development & Financing

Pursuant to its program to encourage acceleration of the growth of the upscale Cambria hotels & suites brand, the company advanced approximately \$87 million in support of the brand's development during the year ended December 31, 2017. The company also recycled approximately \$31 million of prior investments in Cambria Hotels development projects, resulting in net advances of \$56 million for the current year. Advances under this program are primarily in the form of joint venture investments, forgivable key money loans, senior mortgage loans, development loans, mezzanine lending, and through the operation of a land-banking program. On December 31, 2017, the company had approximately \$251 million reflected in its consolidated balance sheet pursuant to these financial support activities. With respect to lending and joint venture investments, the company generally expects to recycle these loans and investments within a five-year period.

Revenue Recognition

Effective January 1, 2018, the company adopted the new revenue recognition standard ("ASC 606"), using the full retrospective approach. The adoption of ASC 606 will not change the cash flows or cash available for return to shareholders but will alter the timing of earnings recognition. In addition, the adoption of ASC 606 will also result in changes in classifications of certain items within the income statement. The adoption of ASC 606 will initially be reflected in the company's quarterly earnings reports as of and for the three months ending March 31, 2018, with adjustments also made to prior year comparable periods.

As a result of the adoption of ASC 606, initial and relicensing fees earned upon execution of a franchise agreement will be recognized as revenue ratably as services are provided over the enforceable period of the franchise license arrangement. This represents a change from current practice, whereby the company typically recognizes revenue for initial and relicensing fees in full in the period of agreement execution. Similarly, the company has determined sales commissions, which are paid upon the execution of a franchise agreement, will be recognized ratably over the period a hotel expected to remain in our franchise system rather than expensed as incurred.

Following the adoption of ASC 606, the amortization of the company's forgivable promissory notes will be reflected as contra-revenue rather than as a component of depreciation and amortization.

ASC 606 will also impact the company's accounting for surpluses and deficits generated from marketing and reservation system activities. The company has historically, consistent with its existing agreements, not earned a profit or generated a loss from marketing and reservation activities, and as a result, the company recorded excess marketing and reservation system revenues or expenses as assets or liabilities on the company's balance sheet prior to the adoption of ASC 606. However, subsequent to the adoption of ASC 606, the company will no longer defer revenues and expenses or record assets and liabilities when system revenues exceed expenses in the current period or vice versa. The Company intends to manage the system fund to break-even over time but anticipates net income or loss may be generated in years in which investments are needed for new initiatives that benefit our franchisees. Given the company's intentions with respect to marketing and reservation system activities and its obligations to franchisees, the company expects to exclude the financial impact of these programs from its adjusted financial metrics.

Outlook

To facilitate the review of the company's 2018 outlook, Exhibit 7 provides the company's 2018 forecasted results prior to the impact of the new revenue recognition accounting standards. Excluding the impact of the adoption of ASC 606, the company's adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EPS are forecasted to increase 14 percent and 26 percent, respectively at the midpoint of our estimated ranges.

The company's consolidated 2018 outlook reported below includes the forecasted results of the WoodSpring Suites acquisition from February 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. In addition, the company's EBITDA and diluted EPS guidance have been prepared based on the impact of the new revenue recognition guidance, which became effective on January 1, 2018. The estimate of the allocation of the purchase price of WoodSpring Suites and the impact of ASC 606 on the company's results is preliminary and subject to change.

The adjusted numbers in the company's outlook exclude the impact of integration and acquisition related costs as well as the net surplus or deficit generated from the company's marketing and reservation system activities. See Exhibit 7 for the calculation of adjusted forecasted results and the reconciliation to the comparable GAAP measures.

Consolidated Outlook

- Net income for full-year 2018 is expected to range between \$190 million and \$196 million, or \$3.31 to \$3.42 per diluted share.
- Adjusted diluted EPS for full-year 2018 is expected to range between \$3.54 and \$3.66. The company expects full-year 2018 adjusted net income to range between \$204 million and \$210 million.
- Adjusted EBITDA for full-year 2018 is expected to range between \$320 million and \$331 million.
- The effective tax rate is expected to be approximately 23 percent for the first quarter and full-year 2018.
- The company's first quarter 2018 adjusted diluted EPS is expected to range between \$0.58 and \$0.61.
- Adjusted diluted EPS estimates are based on the current number of shares outstanding, and therefore do not reflect any subsequent changes that may occur due to new equity grants or further repurchases of common stock under the company's share repurchase program.
- The adjusted diluted EPS and consolidated adjusted EBITDA estimates assume that the company incurs net reductions in adjusted EBITDA related to non-hotel franchising activities at the midpoint of the range for these investments.

Hotel Franchising

- Adjusted EBITDA from hotel franchising activities for full-year 2018 is expected to range between \$324 million and \$335 million.
- Net domestic unit growth, excluding WoodSpring Suites, for 2018 is expected to range between approximately 2.5 percent and 3.5 percent.
- The acquisition of WoodSpring Suites added 239 hotels to the company's domestic portfolio, and an additional 15 hotels are expected to open in 2018.
- Domestic RevPAR, excluding WoodSpring Suites, is expected to increase between 1 percent and 3 percent for the first quarter and range between 1 percent and 3 percent for full-year 2018.
- The domestic effective royalty rate, excluding WoodSpring Suites, is expected to increase between 7 and 9 basis points for full-year 2018 as compared to full-year 2017.

Non-Hotel Franchising Activities

- Net reductions in full-year 2018 adjusted EBITDA relating to the company's non-hotel franchising operations are expected to range between approximately \$3 million and \$5 million.

Conference Call

Choice will conduct a conference call on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. ET to discuss the company's 2017 fourth quarter and year-end results. The dial-in number to listen to the call domestically is 1-855-638-5678, and the number for international participants is 1-920-663-6286. The conference call will be webcast simultaneously via the company's website, www.choicehotels.com. Interested investors and other parties wishing to access the call via the webcast should go to the website and click on the Investor Info link. The Investor page will feature a conference call microphone icon to access the call.

The call will be recorded and available for replay beginning at 1:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, by calling 1-855-859-2056 (domestic) or 1-404-537-3406 (international) and entering access code 5278536. In addition, the call will be archived and available on choicehotels.com via the Investor Info link.

About Choice Hotels

Choice Hotels International, Inc. (NYSE: CHH) is one of the world's largest hotel companies. With over 6,800 hotels franchised in more than 40 countries and territories, Choice Hotels International represents more than 500,000 rooms around the globe and more than 1,000 hotels were in our development pipeline. Our company's Ascend Hotel Collection®, Cambria® Hotels, Comfort Inn®, Comfort Suites®, Sleep Inn®, Quality®, Clarion®, MainStay Suites®, Suburban Extended Stay Hotel®, WoodSpring SuitesSM, Econo Lodge®, Rodeway Inn®, and Vacation Rentals by Choice HotelsTM brands provide a spectrum of lodging choices to meet guests' needs. With more than 35 million members, our Choice Privileges® rewards program enhances every trip a guest takes, with benefits ranging from every day rewards to exceptional experiences, starting right when they join. All hotels and vacation rentals are independently owned and operated. Visit us at www.choicehotels.com for more information.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain matters discussed in this press release constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Generally, our use of words such as "expect," "estimate," "believe," "anticipate," "should," "will," "forecast," "plan," "project," "assume" or similar words of futurity identify such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on management's current beliefs, assumptions and expectations regarding future events, which in turn are based on information currently available to management. Such statements may relate to projections of the company's revenue, earnings and other financial and operational measures, company debt levels, ability to repay outstanding indebtedness, payment of dividends, repurchases of common stock, future operations, and expected benefits from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, among other matters. We caution you not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements do not guarantee future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors.

Several factors could cause actual results, performance or achievements of the company to differ materially from those expressed in or contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Such risks include, but are not limited to, changes to general, domestic and foreign economic conditions; foreign currency fluctuations; operating risks common in the lodging and franchising industries; changes to the desirability of our brands as viewed by hotel operators and customers; changes to the terms or termination of our contracts with franchisees; our ability to keep pace with improvements in technology utilized for marketing and reservations systems and other operating systems; our ability to grow our franchise system; exposure to risks related to our hotel development and financing activities; fluctuations in the supply and demand for hotels rooms; our ability to realize anticipated benefits from acquired businesses; the level of acceptance of alternative growth strategies we may implement; operating risks associated with our international operations; the outcome of litigation; and our ability to manage our indebtedness. These and other risk factors are discussed in detail in the company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission including our annual report on Form 10-K for 2016 and our quarterly reports filed on Form 10-Q. Except as may be required by law, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Non-GAAP Financial Measurements

The company evaluates its operations utilizing the performance metrics of Adjusted EBITDA, hotel franchising revenues, adjusted hotel franchising SG&A, Adjusted EBITDA from hotel franchising activities, adjusted hotel franchising margins and adjusted diluted EPS, which are all non-GAAP financial measurements. These measures, which are reconciled to the comparable GAAP measures in Exhibit 6, should not be considered as an alternative to any measure of performance or liquidity as promulgated under or authorized by GAAP, such as net income, total revenues and operating margins. The company's calculation of these measurements may be different from the calculations used by other companies and therefore comparability may be limited.

We discuss management's reasons for reporting these non-GAAP measures and how each non-GAAP measure is calculated below.

In addition to the specific adjustments noted below with respect to each measure, the non-GAAP measures presented herein exclude acquisition related transition and transaction costs, executive termination benefits, impairment of below market lease intangibles recorded in SG&A costs, estimated one-time transition taxes related to tax legislation enacted into law on December 22, 2017 and acceleration of the company's executive succession plan in 2017 to allow for period-over-period comparison of ongoing core operations before the impact of these charges.

Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share: Adjusted net income and diluted EPS excludes the impact of acquisition related transition and transaction costs, executive termination benefits, impairment of below market lease acquisition intangibles, estimated one-time transition taxes related to tax legislation enacted into law on December 22, 2017 and the acceleration of the company's executive succession plan. We exclude these items because they occur infrequently and can vary considerably from period to period without reference to the company's operating performance. We consider adjusted net income and diluted EPS to be an indicator of operating performance because excluding these items allows for period-over period comparisons of our ongoing operations.

Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization: Adjusted EBITDA reflects net income excluding the impact of interest expense, interest income, provision for income taxes, depreciation and amortization, other (gains) and losses, equity in net income of unconsolidated affiliates, mark to market adjustments on non-qualified retirement plan investments, acquisition related transition and transaction costs, executive termination benefits, impairment of below market lease acquisition intangibles and acceleration of the company's executive succession plan. We consider adjusted EBITDA to be an indicator of operating performance because we use it to measure our ability to service debt, fund capital expenditures, and expand our business. We also use adjusted EBITDA, as do analysts, lenders, investors and others, to evaluate companies because it excludes certain items that can vary widely across different industries or among companies within the same industry. For example, interest expense can be dependent on a company's capital structure, debt levels and credit ratings. Accordingly, the impact of interest expense on earnings can vary significantly among companies. The tax positions of companies can also vary because of their differing abilities to take advantage of tax benefits and because of the tax policies of the jurisdictions in which they operate. As a result, effective tax rates and provision for income taxes can vary considerably among companies. Adjusted EBITDA also excludes depreciation and amortization because companies utilize productive assets of different ages and use different methods of both acquiring and depreciating productive assets. These differences can result in considerable variability in the relative costs of productive assets and the depreciation and amortization expense among companies. Mark to market adjustments on non-qualified retirement plan investments recorded in SG&A are excluded from EBITDA as the company accounts for these investments in accordance with accounting for deferred compensation arrangements when investments are held in a rabbi trust and invested. Changes in the fair value of the investments are recognized as both compensation expense in SG&A and other gains and losses. As a result, the changes in the fair value of the investments do not have a material impact on the company's net income. These amounts are excluded from EBITDA as they can vary widely across reporting periods based on the performance of the investments and are not an indicator of the operating performance of the company.

Hotel Franchising Revenues, Adjusted Hotel Franchising EBITDA, Adjusted Hotel Franchising SG&A and Margins: The company reports hotel franchising revenues, adjusted hotel franchising EBITDA, adjusted franchising hotel SG&A and margins which exclude marketing and reservation system revenues; the SkyTouch Technology division; vacation rental activities including operations that provide Software as a Service ("SaaS") technology solutions to vacation rental management companies; and revenue generated from the ownership of an office building that is leased to a third-party. These non-GAAP measures are a commonly used measure of performance in our industry and facilitate comparisons between the company and its competitors. Marketing and reservation system activities are excluded from these measures since the company is required by its franchise agreements to use the fees collected for marketing and reservation activities; as such, no income or loss to the company is generated. Cumulative marketing and reservation system fees not expended are recorded as a liability in the company's financial statements and are carried over to the next year and expended in accordance with the franchise agreements. Cumulative marketing and reservation expenditures in excess of fees collected for marketing and reservation activities are deferred and recorded as an asset in the company's financial statements and recovered in future periods. SkyTouch Technology

is a division of the company that develops and markets cloud-based technology products, including inventory management, pricing and connectivity to third party channels, to hoteliers not under franchise agreements with the company. The operations for SkyTouch Technology and our vacation rental activities are excluded since they do not reflect the company's core franchising business but are adjacent, complementary lines of business.

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Choice Hotels International, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Statements of Income

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended December 31,				Year Ended December 31,			
	2017	2016	Variance		2017	2016	Variance	
			\$	%			\$	%
(In thousands, except per share amounts)								
REVENUES:								
Royalty fees	\$ 79,575	\$ 73,379	\$ 6,196	8%	\$ 345,302	\$ 320,547	\$ 24,755	8%
Initial franchise and relicensing fees	7,872	6,807	1,065	16%	26,262	23,953	2,309	10%
Procurement services	9,014	7,507	1,507	20%	34,661	31,226	3,435	11%
Marketing and reservation system	131,810	113,523	18,287	16%	567,083	525,716	41,367	8%
Other	9,300	6,979	2,321	33%	34,048	23,199	10,849	47%
Total revenues	237,571	208,195	29,376	14%	1,007,356	924,641	82,715	9%
OPERATING EXPENSES:								
Selling, general and administrative	45,959	39,213	6,746	17%	163,377	148,728	14,649	10%
Depreciation and amortization	3,216	2,998	218	7%	12,431	11,705	726	6%
Marketing and reservation system	131,810	113,523	18,287	16%	567,083	525,716	41,367	8%
Total operating expenses	180,985	155,734	25,251	16%	742,891	686,149	56,742	8%
Gain (loss) on sale of assets, net	-	1	(1)	(100%)	(32)	403	(435)	(108%)
Operating income	56,586	52,462	4,124	8%	264,433	238,895	25,538	11%
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES, NET:								
Interest expense	11,155	10,980	175	2%	45,039	44,446	593	1%
Interest income	(1,643)	(1,033)	(610)	59%	(5,920)	(3,535)	(2,385)	67%
Other gains	(978)	(499)	(479)	96%	(3,229)	(1,504)	(1,725)	115%
Equity in net (income) loss of affiliates	1,333	(778)	2,111	(271%)	4,546	(492)	5,038	(1024%)

Total other income and expenses, net	9,867	8,670	1,197	14%	40,436	38,915	1,521	
Income before income taxes	46,719	43,792	2,927	7%	223,997	199,980	24,017	
Income taxes	53,160	11,971	41,189	344%	109,104	60,609	48,495	
Net income (loss)	\$ (6,441)	\$ 31,821	\$ (38,262)	(120%)	\$ 114,893	\$ 139,371	\$ (24,478)	
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$ (0.11)	\$ 0.57	\$ (0.68)	(119%)	\$ 2.03	\$ 2.48	\$ (0.45)	
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ (0.11)	\$ 0.56	\$ (0.67)	(120%)	\$ 2.02	\$ 2.46	\$ (0.44)	

Choice Hotels International, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Exhibit 2

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	December 31,	December 31,
	2017	2016
	(Unaudited)	
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 235,336	\$ 202,463
Accounts receivable, net	125,452	107,336
Other current assets	42,145	35,074
Total current assets	402,933	344,873
Fixed assets and intangibles, net	178,803	178,704
Notes receivable, net of allowances	147,993	110,608
Investments in unconsolidated entities	134,226	94,839
Investments, employee benefit plans, at fair value	20,838	16,975
Other assets	42,814	106,469
Total assets	\$ 927,607	\$ 852,468
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT		

Accounts payable	\$ 63,540	\$ 48,071
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	88,614	81,184
Deferred revenue	141,111	133,218
Current portion of long-term debt	1,232	1,195
Total current liabilities	294,497	263,668
Long-term debt	725,292	839,409
Deferred compensation & retirement plan obligations	25,566	21,595
Other liabilities	94,354	39,145
Total liabilities	1,139,709	1,163,817
Total shareholders' deficit	(212,102)	(311,349)
Total liabilities and shareholders' deficit	\$ 927,607	\$ 852,468

Choice Hotels International, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Exhibit 3

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

(In thousands)

Year Ended December 31

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

	2017	2016
Net income	\$ 114,893	\$ 139,371
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	12,431	11,705
Loss (gain) on disposal of assets	52	(346)
Provision for bad debts, net	3,440	2,151
Non-cash stock compensation and other charges	23,340	15,458
Non-cash interest and other (income) loss	(772)	1,059
Deferred income taxes	39,320	(10,542)

Equity in net losses from unconsolidated joint ventures, less distributions received	6,579	1,025
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisition:		
Receivables	(23,126)	(21,919)
Advances to/from marketing and reservation activities, net	51,722	(21,449)
Forgivable notes receivable, net	(30,638)	(17,410)
Accounts payable	12,455	(13,689)
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	7,176	5,225
Income taxes payable/receivable	31,383	5,775
Deferred revenue	7,797	61,646
Other assets	1,521	(8,703)
Other liabilities	(199)	2,678
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	257,374	152,035
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Investment in property and equipment	(23,437)	(25,191)
Investment in intangible assets	(2,517)	(2,580)
Contributions to equity method investments	(50,554)	(34,661)
Distributions from equity method investments	4,569	3,700
Purchases of investments, employee benefit plans	(2,447)	(1,661)
Proceeds from sales of investments, employee benefit plans	2,245	1,911
Issuance of mezzanine and other notes receivable	(19,738)	(32,604)
Collections of mezzanine and other notes receivable	655	11,070
Proceeds from sales of assets	1,000	11,462
Acquisitions of real estate	-	(28,583)
Business acquisition, net of cash acquired	-	(1,341)
Other items, net	109	11
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(90,115)	(98,467)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Net (repayments) borrowings pursuant to revolving credit facilities	(115,003)	25,795
Principal payments on long-term debt	(660)	(988)
Proceeds from other debt agreements	-	550

Debt issuance costs	-	(284)
Purchases of treasury stock	(9,807)	(35,926)
Dividends paid	(48,651)	(46,182)
Proceeds from transfer of interest in notes receivable	24,237	-
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	14,107	12,951
NET CASH USED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(135,777)	(44,084)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	31,482	9,484
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	1,391	(462)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	202,463	193,441
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 235,336	\$ 202,463

CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING INFORMATION

DOMESTIC HOTEL SYSTEM

(UNAUDITED)

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2017			For the Year Ended December 31, 2016			Change	
	Average Daily			Average Daily			Average Daily	
	Rate	Occupancy	RevPAR	Rate	Occupancy	RevPAR	Rate	Occupancy
Comfort Inn	\$ 94.23	66.0%	\$ 62.23	\$ 92.56	65.6%	\$ 60.70	1.8%	40 bps
Comfort Suites	97.01	70.1%	67.96	96.32	69.3%	66.74	0.7%	80 bps
Sleep	82.96	65.5%	54.35	82.08	65.1%	53.47	1.1%	40 bps
Quality	79.25	59.8%	47.41	77.80	59.1%	45.99	1.9%	70 bps
Clarion	84.62	59.3%	50.14	82.35	58.3%	48.01	2.8%	100 bps
Econo Lodge	62.95	54.5%	34.29	61.41	54.1%	33.22	2.5%	40 bps
Rodeway	64.51	56.0%	36.09	63.04	55.7%	35.08	2.3%	30 bps
MainStay	76.70	68.4%	52.47	76.29	65.2%	49.70	0.5%	320 bps
Suburban	51.76	76.0%	39.31	49.96	75.5%	37.72	3.6%	50 bps
Cambria hotel & suites	137.86	73.8%	101.70	131.73	76.3%	100.46	4.7%	(250) bps

Ascend Hotel Collection	127.96	55.5%	71.05	129.97	58.1%	75.52	(1.5%)	(260) bps
Total	\$ 84.02	62.2%	\$ 52.25	\$ 82.64	61.7%	\$ 51.00	1.7%	50 bps

	For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2017			For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2016			Change	
	Average Daily			Average Daily			Average Daily	
	Rate	Occupancy	RevPAR	Rate	Occupancy	RevPAR	Rate	Occupancy
Comfort Inn	\$ 90.20	60.7%	\$ 54.78	\$ 88.45	60.7%	\$ 53.66	2.0%	- bps
Comfort Suites	93.68	66.1%	61.90	92.67	64.7%	59.92	1.1%	140 bps
Sleep	79.79	60.7%	48.45	78.82	61.5%	48.44	1.2%	(80) bps
Quality	75.31	54.9%	41.36	73.92	54.2%	40.05	1.9%	70 bps
Clarion	82.90	51.7%	42.90	77.74	53.9%	41.93	6.6%	(220) bps
Econo Lodge	60.35	49.6%	29.93	58.37	50.4%	29.43	3.4%	(80) bps
Rodeway	60.57	50.5%	30.61	59.42	50.9%	30.22	1.9%	(40) bps
MainStay	76.89	64.6%	49.70	73.06	62.2%	45.42	5.2%	240 bps
Suburban	51.01	72.5%	36.98	49.36	74.0%	36.55	3.3%	(150) bps
Cambria hotel & suites	140.44	70.3%	98.78	135.36	73.1%	98.90	3.8%	(280) bps
Ascend Hotel Collection	125.42	52.8%	66.25	128.82	55.3%	71.29	(2.6%)	(250) bps
Total	\$ 80.87	57.2%	\$ 46.28	\$ 79.10	57.3%	\$ 45.28	2.2%	(10) bps

	For the Quarter Ended		For the Year Ended	
	12/31/2017	12/31/2016	12/31/2017	12/31/2016
System-wide effective royalty rate	4.68%	4.49%	4.60%	4.41%

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Exhibit 5

SUPPLEMENTAL HOTEL AND ROOM SUPPLY DATA

(UNAUDITED)

December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	Variance
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	Hotels	Rooms	Hotels	Rooms	Hotels	Rooms	%	%
Comfort Inn	1,083	84,626	1,113	86,310	(30)	(1,684)	(2.7%)	(2.0%)
Comfort Suites	567	44,029	565	43,610	2	419	0.4%	1.0%
Sleep	384	27,410	379	27,097	5	313	1.3%	1.2%
Quality	1,542	120,227	1,447	114,582	95	5,645	6.6%	4.9%
Clarion	166	22,138	167	22,941	(1)	(803)	(0.6%)	(3.5%)
Econo Lodge	840	51,233	857	52,791	(17)	(1,558)	(2.0%)	(3.0%)
Rodeway	600	34,488	565	32,515	35	1,973	6.2%	6.1%
MainStay	60	4,249	56	4,108	4	141	7.1%	3.4%
Suburban	61	6,698	59	6,561	2	137	3.4%	2.1%
Cambria hotel & suites	36	4,917	27	3,503	9	1,414	33.3%	40.4%
Ascend Hotel Collection	162	13,000	127	10,480	35	2,520	27.6%	24.0%
Domestic Franchises	5,501	413,015	5,362	404,498	139	8,517	2.6%	2.1%
International Franchises	1,126	112,558	1,152	111,624	(26)	934	(2.3%)	0.8%
Total Franchises	6,627	525,573	6,514	516,122	113	9,451	1.7%	1.8%

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Exhibit 6

SUPPLEMENTAL NON-GAAP FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(UNAUDITED)

HOTEL FRANCHISING REVENUES AND ADJUSTED HOTEL FRANCHISING MARGINS

(dollar amounts in thousands)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Hotel Franchising Revenues:				
Total Revenues	\$ 237,571	\$ 208,195	\$ 1,007,356	\$ 924,641
Adjustments:				
Marketing and reservation system revenues	(131,810)	(113,523)	(567,083)	(525,716)
Non-hotel franchising activities	(2,847)	(2,295)	(10,818)	(8,816)
Hotel Franchising Revenues	\$ 102,914	\$ 92,377	\$ 429,455	\$ 390,109

Adjusted Hotel Franchising Margins:

Operating Margin:

	\$ 237,571	\$ 208,195	\$ 1,007,356	\$ 924,641
Total Revenues				
Operating Income	\$ 56,586	\$ 52,462	\$ 264,433	\$ 238,895
Operating Margin	23.8%	25.2%	26.3%	25.8%

Adjusted Hotel Franchising Margin:

Hotel Franchising Revenues	\$ 102,914	\$ 92,377	\$ 429,455	\$ 390,109
Operating Income	\$ 56,586	\$ 52,462	\$ 264,433	\$ 238,895
Mark to market adjustments on non-qualified retirement plan investments	978	531	3,192	1,534
Executive termination benefits	-	-	-	2,206
Acceleration of executive succession plan	57	-	12,021	-
Impairment of lease acquisition costs, net	-	-	(1,185)	-
Acquisition related transition and transaction costs	3,654	4	4,032	3,305
Non-hotel franchising activities operating loss	1,995	6,453	10,315	23,593
Adjusted Hotel Franchising Operating Income	\$ 63,270	\$ 59,450	\$ 292,808	\$ 269,533
Adjusted Hotel Franchising Margins	61.5%	64.4%	68.2%	69.1%

ADJUSTED HOTEL FRANCHISING SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

(dollar amounts in thousands)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Total Selling, General and Administrative Expenses	\$ 45,959	\$ 39,213	\$ 163,377	\$ 148,728
Mark to market adjustments on non-qualified retirement plan investments	(978)	(531)	(3,192)	(1,534)
Acceleration of executive succession plan	(57)	-	(12,021)	-
Impairment of lease acquisition costs, net	-	-	1,185	-
Acquisition related transition and transaction costs	(3,654)	(4)	(4,032)	(3,305)
Executive termination benefits	-	-	-	(2,206)

Non-hotel franchising activities	(3,839)	(7,703)	(17,321)	(28,141)
Adjusted Hotel Franchising Selling, General and Administration Expenses	\$ 37,431	\$ 30,975	\$ 127,996	\$ 113,542

ADJUSTED EARNINGS BEFORE INTEREST, TAXES, DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION ("EBITDA")

(dollar amounts in thousands)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net income (loss)	\$ (6,441)	\$ 31,821	\$ 114,893	\$ 139,371
Income taxes	53,160	11,971	109,104	60,609
Interest expense	11,155	10,980	45,039	44,446
Interest income	(1,643)	(1,033)	(5,920)	(3,535)
Other (gains) losses	(978)	(499)	(3,229)	(1,504)
Equity in net (income) loss of affiliates	1,333	(778)	4,546	(492)
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	-	(1)	32	(403)
Depreciation and amortization	3,216	2,998	12,431	11,705
Acceleration of executive succession plan	57	-	12,021	-
Acquisition related transition and transaction costs	3,654	4	4,032	3,305
Executive termination benefits	-	-	-	2,206
Impairment of lease acquisition costs, net	-	-	(1,185)	-
Mark to market adjustments on non-qualified retirement plan investments	978	531	3,192	1,534
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 64,491	\$ 55,994	\$ 294,956	\$ 257,242
Hotel franchising	\$ 65,484	\$ 61,402	\$ 301,460	\$ 276,567
Non-hotel franchising activities	(993)	(5,408)	(6,504)	(19,325)
	\$ 64,491	\$ 55,994	\$ 294,956	\$ 257,242

ADJUSTED NET INCOME AND ADJUSTED DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (EPS)

(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016

Net income (loss)	\$ (6,441)	\$ 31,821	\$ 114,893	\$ 139,371
Adjustments:				
Transition costs on previously deferred foreign earnings and impact of tax legislation on deferred tax balances	40,044	-	40,044	-
Acceleration of executive succession plan	36	-	7,267	-
Acquisition related transition and transaction costs	2,309	2	2,548	2,092
Executive termination benefits	-	-	-	1,394
Impairment of lease acquisition costs, net	-	-	(749)	-
Adjusted Net Income	\$ 35,948	\$ 31,823	\$ 164,003	\$ 142,857
Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share	\$ (0.11)	\$ 0.56	\$ 2.02	\$ 2.46
Adjustments:				
Transition costs on previously deferred foreign earnings and impact of tax legislation on deferred tax balances	0.70	-	0.70	-
Acceleration of executive succession plan	-	-	0.13	-
Acquisition related transition and transaction costs	0.04	-	0.04	0.04
Executive termination benefits	-	-	-	0.03
Impairment of lease acquisition costs, net	-	-	(0.01)	-
Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share (EPS)	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.56	\$ 2.88	\$ 2.53

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Exhibit 7

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION - 2018 OUTLOOK

(UNAUDITED)

Guidance represents the midpoint of the company's range of estimated outcomes for the year ended December 31, 2018

ADJUSTED OPERATING INCOME AND EBITDA FULL YEAR FORECAST

	Pre-Adoption of ASC 606			2018 Guidance
	Actuals	Forecast		
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	Impact of ASC 606	
Net income	\$ 114,893	\$ 203,900	\$ (10,600)	\$ 193,300
Income taxes	109,104	61,000	(3,100)	57,900

Interest expense	45,039	46,300	-	46,300
Interest income	(5,920)	(4,800)	-	(4,800)
Other (gains) losses	(3,229)	-	-	-
Equity in net (income) loss of affiliates	4,546	(600)	-	(600)
Acceleration of executive succession plan	12,021	-	-	-
Acquisition related transition and transaction costs	4,032	6,900	-	6,900
Deficit from marketing and reservation system activities	-	-	11,000	11,000
Impairment of lease acquisition costs, net	(1,185)	-	-	-
Mark to market adjustments on non-qualified retirement plan investments	3,192	-	-	-
Adjusted Operating Income	282,493	312,700	(2,700)	310,000
Depreciation and amortization	12,431	22,800	(7,300)	15,500
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	32	-	-	-
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 294,956	\$ 335,500	\$ (10,000)	\$ 325,500
Hotel franchising	\$ 301,460	\$ 339,500	\$ (10,000)	\$ 329,500
Non-hotel franchising activities	(6,504)	(4,000)	-	(4,000)
	\$ 294,956	\$ 335,500	\$ (10,000)	\$ 325,500

ADJUSTED DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (EPS) FULL YEAR FORECAST

(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Pre-Adoption of ASC 606			
	Actuals	Forecast		2018 Guidance
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	Impact of ASC 606	
Net income	\$ 114,893	\$ 203,900	\$ (10,600)	\$ 193,300
Adjustments				
Transition costs on previously deferred foreign earnings and impact of tax legislation on deferred tax balances	40,044	-	-	-
Acceleration of executive succession plan	7,267	-	-	-
Acquisition related transition and transaction costs	2,548	5,313	-	5,313
Impairment of lease acquisition costs, net	(749)	-	-	-

Deficit from marketing and reservation system activities	-	-	8,470	8,470
Adjusted Net Income	<u>\$ 164,003</u>	<u>\$ 209,213</u>	<u>\$ (2,130)</u>	<u>\$ 207,083</u>
Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share	<u>\$ 2.02</u>	<u>\$ 3.55</u>	<u>\$ (0.18)</u>	<u>\$ 3.37</u>
Adjustments:				
Transition costs on previously deferred foreign earnings and impact of tax legislation on deferred tax balances	0.70	-	-	-
Acceleration of executive succession plan	0.13	-	-	-
Acquisition related transition and transaction costs	0.04	0.09	-	0.09
Impairment of lease acquisition costs, net	(0.01)	-	-	-
Deficit from marketing and reservation system activities	-	-	0.15	0.15
Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share (EPS)	<u>\$ 2.88</u>	<u>\$ 3.64</u>	<u>\$ (0.03)</u>	<u>\$ 3.61</u>

(1) Figures in this column include the impact of the recently enacted tax reform legislation and the acquisition of WoodSpring but exclude the impacts of the adoption of ASC 606

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