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Subject to Completion, Dated April 10, 2006.

Prospectus Supplement to Prospectus Dated April 7, 2006.

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YUM! BRANDS, INC.

% Senior Notes due 2016

We will pay interest on the notes at the rate of % per year. Interest on the notes is payable on April 15 and October 15 of each year, beginning on October 15, 2006. The notes will mature on April 15, 2016. We may redeem all or any portion of the notes at any time at the redemption price described under the caption Description of Notes Optional Redemption.

The notes will be our senior obligations and will rank equally with all of our other senior unsecured indebtedness.

Investing in the notes involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page 1 of the accompanying prospectus.

Neither the United States Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

| | Per Note | Total |
|---|----------|-------|
| Initial public offering price | % | \$ |
| Underwriting discount | % | \$ |
| Proceeds, before expenses, to YUM! Brands, Inc. | % | \$ |

The initial public offering price set forth above does not include accrued interest, if any. Interest on the notes will accrue from April , 2006 and must be paid by the purchaser if the notes are delivered after April , 2006.

The underwriters expect to deliver the notes through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company against payment in New York, New York on April , 2006.

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Citigroup

JPMorgan

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YUM! BRANDS, INC.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1441 Gardiner Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40213, and our telephone number is (502) 874-8300. We maintain a website at <http://www.yum.com>. The information on our website is not part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Unless the context requires otherwise, the terms Company, YUM! Brands, we, us and our refer to YUM! Brands, Inc. together with its subsidiaries.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds of the offering will be approximately \$ million after deduction of expenses and underwriting discount. We will use \$200 million of the net proceeds from this offering to repay our 8.5% Senior Notes due 2006 and the remainder for general corporate purposes.

DESCRIPTION OF NOTES

We will issue the \$ aggregate principal amount of % Senior Notes due April 15, 2016 as a separate series of senior debt securities under our Indenture, dated as of May 1, 1998 (as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, the Indenture), between YUM! Brands and J.P. Morgan Trust Company, National Association, as trustee.

The following description of certain provisions of the notes and of the Indenture is a summary and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the accompanying prospectus and the Indenture. Not all the defined terms used in this prospectus supplement are defined here, and you should refer to the accompanying prospectus or Indenture for the definitions of such terms. This description of the particular terms of the notes supplements, and to the extent inconsistent therewith, replaces, the description of the general terms and provisions of the debt securities and the Indenture in the accompanying prospectus under the heading Description of Our Debt Securities, to which we refer you.

General

The notes will:

- be our senior unsecured obligations;
- rank equally with all of our other senior unsecured indebtedness outstanding from time to time;
- be initially limited to \$ aggregate principal amount;
- mature on April 15, 2016; and
- bear interest at the rate per annum shown on the front cover of this prospectus supplement.

The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of debt securities which we may issue thereunder. We may, from time to time, without notice to or the consent of the holders of the notes:

- create and issue additional notes ranking equally and ratably with the notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the payment of interest accruing prior to the issue date of such additional notes or except for the first payment of interest following the issue date of such additional notes), so that such additional notes will be consolidated and form a single series with the notes and will otherwise have the same terms as the notes; or

- provide for the issuance of other debt securities under the Indenture in addition to the \$ _____ aggregate principal amount of the notes offered hereby.

The notes are obligations exclusively of YUM! Brands. Our operations are conducted almost entirely through our subsidiaries. Accordingly, our cash flow and our consequent ability to service our debt, including the notes, are dependent upon the earnings of our subsidiaries and the distribution of those earnings to us, whether by dividends, loans or otherwise. The payment of dividends and the making of loans and advances to us and our right to receive assets of any of our subsidiaries upon their liquidation or reorganization, and the consequent right of the holders of the notes to participate in those assets, will be effectively subordinated to the claims of that subsidiary's creditors, including trade creditors, except to the extent that we are recognized as a creditor of such subsidiary, in which case our claims would still be subordinate to any security interests in the assets of such subsidiary and any indebtedness of such subsidiary senior to ours. As of December 31, 2005, our subsidiaries had approximately \$1.9 billion of indebtedness outstanding, including accounts and taxes payable, accrued liabilities and other recorded liabilities and excluding deferred taxes and all intercompany liabilities. The Indenture does not limit our or our subsidiaries' ability to incur additional indebtedness. In addition, certain of our subsidiaries are guarantors under our existing credit facilities.

Interest on the notes will be:

- payable semiannually in arrears on April 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on October 15, 2006, to the persons in whose names the notes are registered at the close of business on April 1 or October 1, as the case may be, next preceding such April 15 or October 15; and
- computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

The notes are not entitled to any mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments.

Optional Redemption

The notes will be redeemable, at our option, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

- 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the date of redemption; and
- the sum of the remaining scheduled payments of principal of and interest on the notes to be redeemed (not including any portion of the payment of interest accrued as of the date of redemption), discounted to their present value as of the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Adjusted Treasury Rate, as determined by the Quotation Agent, plus _____ basis points, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount to be redeemed to the date of redemption.

Adjusted Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

Comparable Treasury Issue means the United States Treasury security selected by the Quotation Agent as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable to the remaining term of the notes to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity

to the remaining term of the notes. Quotation Agent means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers who we appointed.

Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (ii) if the Trustee is provided fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such Quotations.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to us and the Trustee by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m. on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

Reference Treasury Dealer means each of Goldman, Sachs & Co., Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., and their respective successors and, at our option, additional Primary Treasury Dealers; provided, however, that if any of the foregoing ceases to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in New York City (a Primary Treasury Dealer), we will substitute another Primary Treasury Dealer.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of the notes to be redeemed. Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the notes or portions thereof called for redemption.

Global Securities

The notes will be represented by one or more global securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC, the depositary for the notes, and registered in the name of Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC. So long as the notes are represented by a global security or securities, the interest payable on the notes will be paid to Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC, or its registered assigns, as the registered owner of the notes, by wire transfer in immediately available funds on each interest payment date. If the notes are no longer represented by a global security or securities, payment of interest on the notes may, at our option, be made by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto. A description of the DTC's procedures is set forth in the accompanying prospectus under the heading Description of Our Debt Securities-Book-Entry Securities.

UNDERWRITING

We and the underwriters have entered into an underwriting agreement with respect to the notes. Subject to certain conditions, the underwriters have agreed to purchase the principal amount of notes indicated in the following table.

| <u>Underwriter</u> | Principal Amount of Notes |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Goldman, Sachs & Co. | \$ |
| Citigroup Global Markets Inc. | |
| J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. | |
| Total | \$ |

The underwriters are committed to take and pay for all of the notes being offered, if any are taken.

Notes sold by the underwriters to the public will initially be offered at the initial public offering price set forth on the cover of this prospectus supplement. Any notes sold by the underwriters to securities dealers may be sold at a discount from the initial public offering price of up to % of the principal amount of the notes. Any such securities dealers may resell any notes purchased from the underwriters to certain other brokers or dealers at a discount from the initial public offering price of up to % of the principal amount of notes. If all the notes are not sold at the initial offering price, the underwriters may change the offering price and the other selling terms.

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We have been advised by the underwriters that the underwriters intend to make a market in the notes but are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the notes.

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell notes in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of notes than the underwriters are required to purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the notes while the offering is in progress.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the other underwriters have repurchased notes sold by or for the account of such underwriter in stabilizing or short covering transactions.

These activities by the underwriters may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the notes. As a result, the price of the notes may be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. If these activities are commenced, they may be discontinued by the underwriters at any time. These transactions may be effected in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

We estimate that our share of the total expenses of the offering, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately \$500,000.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933.

The notes are offered for sale in the United States and elsewhere where such offer and sale is permitted.

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State), each underwriter has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date) it has not made and will not make an offer of the notes to the public in that Relevant Member State prior to the publication of a prospectus in relation to the notes which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of the notes to the public in that Relevant Member State at any time:

- to legal entities which are authorized or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorized or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;
- to any legal entity which meets two or more of the following criteria: (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than 43,000,000; and (3) an annual net turnover of more than 50,000,000, in each case as determined in accordance with the Prospectus Directive and as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts; or
- in any other circumstances which do not require the publication of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of the notes to the public in relation to any notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means, presenting sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the notes to be offered, so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe to the notes, as the same may be varied in that Relevant Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in the applicable Relevant Member State.

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that:

- it and each of its affiliates has not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, any of the notes to persons in the United Kingdom in circumstances which have resulted in or will result in the notes being or becoming the subject of an offer of transferable securities to the public as defined in Section 102B of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended) (the FSMA);
- it and each of its affiliates has complied, and will comply, with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom; and
- it and each of its affiliates has only communicated, or caused to be communicated, and will only communicate, or cause to be communicated, any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us.

The notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities and Exchange Law of Japan (the Securities and Exchange Law) and each underwriter has agreed that it will not offer or sell any notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and

otherwise in compliance with, the Securities and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

The notes may not be offered or sold by means of any document other than to persons whose ordinary business is to buy or sell shares or debentures, whether as principal or agent, or in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong, and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the notes may be issued, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made thereunder.

This prospectus supplement has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the notes may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the notes be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA), (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 by a relevant person which is: (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor, shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the notes under Section 275 except: (1) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA; (2) where no consideration is given for the transfer; or (3) by operation of law.

Certain of the underwriters and their respective affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various financial advisory and investment banking services for us, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters with respect to the notes being offered hereby will be passed upon for YUM! Brands by R. Scott Toop, Esq., Vice President and Associate General Counsel of YUM! Brands, and by Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP, Chicago, Illinois, and for the underwriters by Sidley Austin LLP, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Toop beneficially owns, and has rights to acquire under employee stock options, an aggregate of less than 1% of the outstanding common stock of YUM! Brands. Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP has represented the underwriters from time to time on various unrelated legal matters. Sidley Austin LLP has represented YUM! Brands from time to time on various unrelated legal matters.

PROSPECTUS

**YUM! BRANDS, INC.
Debt Securities**

We may offer and sell from time to time our debt securities in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the debt securities we may offer.

Each time that securities are sold using this prospectus, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the offering. The supplement may also add to or update information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the supplement carefully before you invest.

The securities may be offered and sold to or through one or more underwriters, dealers or agents or directly to purchasers. The supplements to this prospectus will provide the specific terms of the plan of distribution.

Investing in the securities involves risks. See **Risk Factors** beginning on page 1.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is April 7, 2006.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Incorporated by reference means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making, nor will we make, an offer to sell securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and any supplement to this prospectus is current only as of the dates on their covers. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus to we, us and our refer to YUM! Brands, Inc. and its subsidiaries, collectively.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. federal securities laws. These forward-looking statements are intended to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements in the federal securities laws. The statements include those identified by such words as may, will, expect, project, anticipate, believe, plan and other similar terminology. These forward-looking statements reflect our current expectations regarding future events and operating and financial performance and are based upon data available at the time of the statements. Actual results involve risks and uncertainties, including both those specific to us and those specific to the industry, and could differ materially from expectations. Important factors that could cause actual results to be materially different from expectations include those discussed under the heading Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We do not undertake any obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

RISK FACTORS

We face a variety of risks that are inherent in our business and our industry, including operational, legal, regulatory and product risks. The following are some of the more significant factors that could affect our business and our results of operations:

- health concerns arising from outbreaks of Avian Flu and food safety and food-borne illness concerns may have an adverse effect on our business;
- our foreign operations, which are significant, subject us to risks that could negatively affect our business such as fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and changes in economic conditions, tax systems, consumer preferences, social conditions and political conditions inherent in foreign operations;
- changes in commodity and other operating costs or supply chain and business disruptions could adversely affect our results of operations;
- our operating results are closely tied to the success of our franchisees, and any significant inability of our franchisees to operate successfully could adversely affect our operating results;
- we could be party to litigation that could adversely affect us by increasing our expenses or subjecting us to material money damages and other remedies;
- changes in governmental regulations may adversely affect our business operations;

- we may not attain our target development goals which are dependent upon our ability and the ability of our franchisees to upgrade existing restaurants and open new restaurants and to operate these restaurants on a profitable basis; and
- the restaurant industry in which we operate is highly competitive.

These risks are described in more detail under "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005. We encourage you to read these risk factors in their entirety. See "Available Information" for direction on how to obtain this information. Other factors may also exist that we cannot anticipate or that we do not consider to be significant based on information that is currently available.

You should carefully consider these factors and the other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or in any prospectus supplement hereto, including any other documents that we subsequently file with the SEC, before making a decision to invest in our debt securities.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC. The registration statement, including the attached exhibits, contains additional relevant information about us. The rules and regulations of the SEC allow us to omit some of the information included in the registration statement from this prospectus.

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You can read and copy any of this information in the SEC's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of this information by mail from the Public Reference Section of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. You may obtain information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330.

The SEC also maintains an Internet web site that contains reports, proxy statements and other information about issuers that file electronically with the SEC. The address of that site is <http://www.sec.gov>. The SEC file number for documents filed by us under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, referred to as the Exchange Act, is 001-13163.

Our common stock, no par value is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and its trading symbol is YUM. You can inspect reports, proxy statements and other information concerning us at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005. For further information on obtaining copies of our public filings at the NYSE, you should call (212) 656-5060.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The rules of the SEC allow us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents listed below:

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, as amended by Form 10-K/A filed on April 3, 2006; and
- Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 30, 2006, February 6, 2006 and March 16, 2006.

All documents filed by us pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus and until the offering of the debt securities is completed shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference and to be a part of this prospectus from the respective dates of filing of those

documents. Upon request, we will provide without charge to each person to whom a copy of this prospectus has been delivered a copy of any and all of these filings. You may request a copy of these filings by writing or telephoning us at our principal executive offices: YUM! Brands, Inc., 1441 Gardiner Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40213, Telephone Number (502) 874-8300, Attention: Investor Relations.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

Set forth below are our consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the fiscal years ended 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002 and 2001.

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges(a) | 4.11 | 4.31 | 3.67 | 3.92 | 3.74 |

(a) Includes the impact of Wrench litigation income of \$2 million in 2005 and \$14 million in 2004 and expense of \$42 million in 2003 and AmeriServe and other credits of \$2 million in 2005, \$16 million in 2004, \$26 million in 2003, \$27 million in 2002 and \$3 million in 2001.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement states otherwise, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the offered securities for working capital and other general corporate purposes, which may include the repayment of our indebtedness outstanding from time to time.

DESCRIPTION OF OUR DEBT SECURITIES

The following description sets forth certain general terms and provisions of our debt securities to which any prospectus supplement may relate. The particular terms of the debt securities offered by any prospectus supplement and the extent, if any, to which such general provisions may apply to the debt securities so offered will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such debt securities.

The debt securities may be issued, from time to time, in one or more series under an Indenture, dated May 1, 1998, between us and J.P. Morgan Trust Company, National Association, as trustee. The following summaries of certain provisions of the debt securities and the Indenture do not purport to be complete and are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by express reference to, all the provisions of the Indenture, including the definitions therein of certain terms.

General

The debt securities will be our senior, direct, unsecured obligations and, as such, will rank *pari passu* in right of payment with all of our existing and future unsecured unsubordinated indebtedness and senior in right of payment to all of our subordinated indebtedness. The debt securities will be effectively subordinated to (i) all existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries and (ii) all of our existing and future senior secured indebtedness.

The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of debt securities that may be issued under it and provides that debt securities may be issued under it from time to time in one or more series. Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement, except as described below under Certain Covenants, the Indenture does not include covenants restricting our ability to enter into a highly leveraged transaction, including a reorganization, restructuring, merger or similar transaction involving us that may adversely affect the holders of the debt securities, if such transaction is a permissible consolidation, merger or similar transaction. In addition, unless otherwise specified in an applicable prospectus supplement, the Indenture does not afford the holders of the debt securities the right to require

us to repurchase or redeem the debt securities in the event of a highly leveraged transaction. See Mergers and Sale of Assets.

The applicable prospectus supplement or prospectus supplements will describe, among other things, the following terms of the debt securities offered thereby:

- the title of the offered debt securities;
- any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the offered debt securities;
- the price or prices at which the offered debt securities will be issued;
- the date or dates on which the principal of the offered debt securities is payable;
- the place or places where and the manner in which the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on such offered debt securities will be payable and the place or places where such offered debt securities may be presented for transfer and, if applicable, conversion or exchange and notices and demands to or upon us in respect of the securities of the series may be served;
- the rate or rates at which the offered debt securities will bear interest, if any, and the date or dates from which such interest, if any, will accrue;
- the dates, if any, on which any interest on the offered debt securities will be payable, and the regular record date for any interest payable on any offered debt securities;
- the obligation, if any, of us to redeem or purchase debt securities of the series pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a holder thereof, the conditions, if any, giving rise to such right or obligation, and the period or periods within which, and the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which debt securities of the series will be redeemed or purchased, in whole or part, and any provisions for the remarketing of such debt securities;
- whether such offered debt securities are convertible or exchangeable into other securities and, if so, the terms and conditions upon which such conversion or exchange will be effected including the initial conversion or exchange price or rate and any adjustments thereto, the conversion or exchange period and other conversion or exchange provisions;
- any terms applicable to such offered debt securities issued at an issue price below their stated principal amount, including the issue price thereof and the rate or rates at which such original issue discount will accrue;
- if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of the offered debt securities which will be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to an event of default;
- any deletions from, modifications of or additions to the events of default or covenants applicable to us with respect to such offered debt securities and whether or not such events of default or covenants are consistent with the events of default or covenants set forth in this prospectus;
- the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which, offered debt securities may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at our option;
- the denominations in which any registered securities of the series will be issuable, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof; and

- any other terms of the offered debt securities not inconsistent with the provisions of the Indenture.

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The foregoing is not intended to be an exclusive list of the terms that may be applicable to any offered debt securities and will not limit in any respect our ability to issue debt securities with terms different from or in addition to those described above or elsewhere in this prospectus provided that such terms are not inconsistent with the Indenture and this prospectus.

Our operations are conducted almost entirely through subsidiaries. Accordingly, the cash flow and the consequent ability to service our debt, including the debt securities, are dependent upon the earnings of our subsidiaries and the distribution of those earnings to us, whether by dividends, loans or otherwise. The payment of dividends and the making of loans and advances to us by our subsidiaries may be subject to statutory or contractual restrictions, are contingent upon the earnings of those subsidiaries and are subject to various business considerations. Any right we have to receive assets of any of our subsidiaries upon their liquidation or reorganization (and the consequent right of the holders of the debt securities to participate in those assets) will be effectively subordinated to the claims of that subsidiary's creditors (including trade creditors), except to the extent that we are recognized as a creditor of such subsidiary, in which case our claims would still be subordinate to any security interests in the assets of such subsidiary and any indebtedness of such subsidiary senior to that held by us.

Form, Exchange, Registration and Transfer

Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement, debt securities will be issued in fully registered form and will be represented by a global debt security, as described below under Book-Entry Securities. Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement, registered debt securities will be issuable in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof.

Debt securities may be presented for registration of transfer, at our office or agency designated as registrar or co-registrar with respect to any series of debt securities, without service charge and upon payment of any taxes, assessments or other governmental charges as described in the Indenture. Such transfer or exchange will be effected on the books of the registrar or any other transfer agent appointed by us upon such registrar or transfer agent, as the case may be, being satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. We intend to initially appoint the Trustee as registrar and the name of any different or additional registrar designated by us with respect to the offered debt securities will be included in the prospectus supplement relating thereto.

In the event of any partial redemption of debt securities of any series, we will not be required to (i) issue, register the transfer of or exchange debt securities of that series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before any selection of debt securities of that series to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the day of mailing of the relevant notice of redemption or (ii) register the transfer of or exchange any registered security, or portion thereof, called for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any registered security being redeemed in part.

Payment and Paying Agents

Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement, payment of principal of, and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on registered debt securities will be made at the office of such paying agent or paying agents as we may designate from time to time, except that at our option payment of principal, premium or interest may be made by check or by wire transfer to an account maintained by the payee. Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement, payment of any installment of interest on registered debt securities will be made to the person in whose name such registered debt security is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest.

Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement, the Trustee will be designated as our sole paying agent for payments with respect to the debt securities.

All monies paid by us to a paying agent for the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any debt security which remains unclaimed at the end of two years after such principal, premium or interest becomes due and payable will be repaid to us, and the holder of such debt security or any coupon will thereafter look only to us for payment thereof.

Book-Entry Securities

The debt securities of a series will be represented by one or more global securities. Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, the global security representing the debt securities of a series will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, or other successor depository we appoint and registered in the name of the depository or its nominee. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for individual certificates evidencing debt securities, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole by the depository to its nominee or by the nominee to the depository, or by the depository or its nominee to a successor depository or to a nominee of the successor depository. The debt securities will not be issued in definitive form unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement.

We anticipate that DTC will act as depository for the debt securities. The debt securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee). One fully-registered global security will be issued with respect to each \$500 million of principal amount of debt securities of a series, and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of debt securities of such series.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds securities that its participants deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTTC). DTTC, in turn is owned by a number of direct participants of DTC and members of the National Securities Clearing Corporation, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation and Emerging Markets Clearing Corporation (which are also subsidiaries of DTTC), as well as by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange LLC and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to indirect participants such as securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies that clear transactions through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly. The rules applicable

to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of debt securities under the DTC system must be made by or through direct participants, which will receive a credit for the debt securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each debt security will be recorded on the direct and indirect participants' records. These beneficial owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but beneficial owners are expected to receive a written confirmation providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participants through which the beneficial owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the debt securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in debt securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the debt securities is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all debt securities deposited by participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. The deposit of debt securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. will not change the beneficial ownership of the debt securities. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the debt securities; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts the debt securities are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The participants are responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyances of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants, and by direct participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Redemption notices will be sent to DTC. If less than all of the debt securities of a series are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each direct participant in such series to be redeemed.

In any case where a vote may be required with respect to the debt securities of any series, neither DTC nor Cede & Co will consent or vote with respect to such debt securities unless authorized by a direct participant in accordance with DTC's procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an omnibus proxy to us as soon as possible after the record date. The omnibus proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those direct participants to whose accounts the debt securities of the series are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy).

Principal of, and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the debt securities will be paid to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts, upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from us or the Trustee, on the applicable payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name, and will be the responsibility of that participant and not of DTC, the Trustee or us, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal, premium and interest to Cede & Co. is the responsibility of us or the Trustee. Disbursement of payments from Cede & Co. to direct participants is DTC's responsibility. Disbursement of payments to beneficial owners is the responsibility of direct and indirect participants.

In any case where we have made a tender offer for the purchase of any debt securities, a beneficial owner must give notice through a participant to a tender agent to elect to have its debt securities purchased or tendered. The beneficial owner must deliver debt securities by causing the direct participants

to transfer the participant's interest in the debt securities, on DTC's records, to a tender agent. The requirement for physical delivery of debt securities in connection with an optional tender or a mandatory purchase is satisfied when the ownership rights in the debt securities are transferred by direct participants on DTC's records and followed by a book-entry credit of tendered debt securities to the tender agent's account.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository for the debt securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to us or the Trustee. Under these circumstances, if a successor depository is not obtained, then debt security certificates must be delivered.

We may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor depository). In that event, debt security certificates will be printed and delivered.

We obtained the information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy of this information.

Certain Covenants

Limitation on Liens

Under the Indenture, we have agreed to not create, assume or suffer to exist any lien on any restricted property, to secure any of our debt or that of our subsidiaries or any other person, or permit any subsidiary to do so, without securing the debt securities having the benefit of this covenant equally and ratably with (or prior to) such debt for so long as such debt is so secured.

This covenant does not apply to any of the following types of liens:

- with respect to any particular series of debt securities, liens existing on the date of issuance of such series;
- liens on restricted property of corporations at the time they become our subsidiaries;
- liens existing on restricted property when acquired by us or any of our subsidiaries (including through merger or consolidation);
- liens to secure debt incurred to finance the purchase price, construction, alteration, repair or improvement of restricted property;
- liens securing debt of a subsidiary owing to us or another of our subsidiaries;
- liens securing industrial development, pollution control, or similar revenue bonds or in favor of governmental bodies to secure progress, advance or other payments pursuant to any contract or provision of law;
- liens (i) to secure the payment of all or any part of the purchase price of any restricted property or the cost of construction, installation, renovation, improvement or development on or of such restricted property or (ii) to secure any debt incurred prior to, at the time of, or within 360 days after the later of the acquisition, the completion of such construction, installation, renovation, improvement or development or the commencement of full operation of such restricted property for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or cost thereof;
- liens otherwise prohibited by this covenant, securing debt which, together with the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all of our other debt and the debt of our subsidiaries owning restricted property which is secured by liens that would otherwise be prohibited by this covenant and the value of sale and leaseback transactions described below effected in accordance with this exception, does not exceed 10% of our consolidated net tangible assets; and

- any extension, renewal or refunding of any liens referred to in the foregoing clauses; provided, however, that in the case of this exception, the principal amount of debt secured thereby will not exceed the principal amount of debt, plus any premium or fee payable in connection with any such extension, renewal, replacement or refunding, so secured at the time of such extension, renewal, replacement or refunding.

Under the Indenture, *debt* means (a) all obligations represented by notes, bonds, debentures or similar evidences of indebtedness, (b) all indebtedness for borrowed money or for the deferred purchase price of property or services other than, in the case of any such deferred purchase price, on normal trade terms, and (iii) all rental obligations as lessee under leases which will have been or should be, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, recorded as capital leases.

Under the Indenture, *restricted property* means (a) any individual facility or property, or portion thereof, owned or leased by us or our subsidiaries and located within the continental United States of America which, in the opinion of our Board of Directors, is of material importance to our business and that of our subsidiaries taken as a whole, but no such individual facility, property or portion of a facility or property will be deemed of material importance if its gross book value (before deducting accumulated depreciation) is less than 3% of our consolidated net tangible assets, and (b) any shares of capital stock or indebtedness of any subsidiary owning any such facility. As of the date of this prospectus, we have no restricted properties.

Under the Indenture, *consolidated net tangible assets* refers to the total amount of our assets (less applicable valuation allowances) after deducting (a) all current liabilities (excluding the amount of liabilities which are by their terms extendable or renewable at the option of the obligor to a date more than 12 months after the date as of which the amount is being determined) and (b) all goodwill, tradenames, trademarks, patents, unamortized debt discount and expense and other like intangible assets, all as set forth on our most recent consolidated balance sheet and determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions

Under the Indenture, we have agreed not to, and to not permit any subsidiary to, enter into any sale and leaseback transaction unless:

- we or such subsidiary would be entitled under the provisions described above under *Limitation on Liens* to incur debt in a principal amount equal to the value of such sale and leaseback transaction, secured by liens on the facilities to be leased, without equally and ratably securing the debt securities having the benefit of this covenant, or
- we or such subsidiary, during the six months following the effective date of such sale and leaseback transaction, apply an amount equal to the value of such sale and leaseback transaction to the acquisition of restricted property or to the retirement of debt securities or funded debt.

A *sale and leaseback transaction* is any arrangement with any person pursuant to which we or any of our subsidiaries leases any restricted property that has been or is to be sold or transferred by us or the subsidiary to such person, other than:

- leases for a term, including renewals at the option of the lessee, of not more than three years;
- leases between us and a subsidiary or between subsidiaries; and
- leases of restricted property executed by the time of, or within 12 months after the latest of, the acquisition, the completion of construction or improvement, or the commencement of commercial operation, of such restricted property.

The value of a sale and leaseback transaction is an amount equal to the present value of the lease payments (after deducting the amount of rent to be received under noncancellable subleases) with respect to the term of the lease remaining on the date as of which the amount is being determined, without regard to any renewal or extension options contained in the lease, discounted at the weighted average interest rate on the debt securities of all series which are outstanding on the effective date of such sale and leaseback transaction and which have the benefit of the covenant limiting sale and leaseback transactions.

For purposes of determining such value, lease payments are the aggregate amount of the rent payable by the lessee with respect to the applicable period, after excluding amounts required to be paid on account of maintenance and repairs, insurance, taxes, water rates and similar charges. If and to the extent the amount of any lease payment during any future period is not definitely determinable under the lease in question, the amount of such lease payment will be estimated in such reasonable manner as our Board of Directors may in good faith determine.

Mergers and Sales of Assets

Under the Indenture, we have agreed to not consolidate with or merge into any other person or convey, transfer or lease our properties and assets substantially as an entirety to another person, unless, among other things, (i) the resulting, surviving or transferee person (if other than us) is organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia and such person expressly assumes all of our obligations under the debt securities and the Indenture, and (ii) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no event which is, or after notice or passage of time or both would be, an event of default will have occurred and be continuing under the Indenture. Upon the assumption of our obligations by a person to whom such properties or assets are conveyed or transferred, we will be discharged from all obligations under the debt securities and the Indenture.

Events of Default

The Indenture provides that, if an event of default under the Indenture has occurred and is continuing as described below, with respect to each series of the debt securities outstanding thereunder individually, the Trustee or the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series may declare the principal amount of the debt securities of such series to be immediately due and payable. Under certain circumstances, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series may rescind such a declaration.

Under the Indenture, an event of default is defined as, with respect to each series of debt securities outstanding thereunder individually, any of the following:

- default in payment of the principal of any debt security of such series;
- default in payment of any interest on any debt security of such series when due, continuing for 30 days, so long as holders of 75% of the then outstanding debt securities of such series have not consented to a postponement of such payment;
- default in payment of any sinking fund or purchase fund installment or analogous obligation, if any, on any debt security of such series when due, continuing for 30 days;
- failure by us to comply with our other agreements in respect of any debt securities of such series upon the receipt by us of notice of such default given as specified in the Indenture and our failure to cure such default within 90 days after receipt by us of such notice;
- acceleration of any indebtedness for money borrowed by us in an aggregate principal amount exceeding \$50 million under the terms of the instrument under which such indebtedness is issued or secured, if such acceleration is not annulled, or such indebtedness is not discharged, within 30 days after written notice as provided in the Indenture;

- certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to us; and
- any other event of default set forth in an applicable prospectus supplement.

The Trustee will give notice to holders of the debt securities of any continuing default known to the Trustee within 90 days after the occurrence thereof. However, the Trustee may withhold such notice, as to any default other than a payment default, if it determines in good faith that withholding the notice is in the interests of the holders.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee with respect to the debt securities of such series. Such direction cannot be in conflict with any law or the Indenture and it is subject to certain other limitations. Before proceeding to exercise any right or power under the Indenture at the direction of such holders, the Trustee will be entitled to receive from such holders reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in complying with any such direction. With respect to each series of debt securities, no holder will have any right to pursue any remedy with respect to the Indenture or the debt securities, unless:

- such holder has given the Trustee written notice of a continuing event of default with respect to the debt securities of such series;
- the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series have made a written request to the Trustee to pursue such remedy;
- such holder has offered to the Trustee reasonable indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee;
- the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series have not given the Trustee a direction inconsistent with such request within 60 days after receipt of such request; and
- the Trustee has failed to comply with the request within such 60-day period.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the right of any holder of any debt security to receive payment of the principal of and premium, if any and interest, if any, in respect of such debt security on the date specified in such debt security as the fixed date on which an amount equal to the principal of such debt security or an installment of principal thereof or premium or interest thereon is due and payable or to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payments will not be impaired or adversely affected without such holder's consent. The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive an existing default with respect to such series and its consequences, other than (i) any default in any payment of the principal of, or premium or interest on, any debt security of such series or (ii) any default in respect of certain covenants or provisions in the Indenture which may not be modified without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security of such series affected as described below under *Modification and Waiver*.

The Indenture provides that we will deliver to the Trustee within 120 days after the end of each of our fiscal years an officers' certificate stating whether or not the signers know of any default that occurred during such period.

Modification and Waiver

We and the Trustee may execute a supplemental indenture without the consent of the holders of the debt securities:

- to add to our covenants, agreements and obligations for the benefit of the holders of all the debt securities of any series or to surrender any right or power conferred in the Indenture upon us;

- to evidence the succession of another corporation to us and the assumption by it of our obligations under the Indenture and the debt securities;
- to establish the form or terms of debt securities of any series as permitted by the Indenture;
- to provide for the acceptance of appointment under the Indenture of a successor Trustee with respect to the debt securities of one or more series and to add to or change any provisions of the Indenture as will be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts by more than one Trustee;
- to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency as long as such action will not adversely affect the interests of any holder of any such debt securities;
- to add to, change or eliminate any provisions (which addition, change or elimination may apply to one or more series of debt securities), as long as any such addition, change or elimination neither (a) applies to any debt security of any series created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture and is entitled to the benefit of such provision nor (b) modifies the rights of the holder of any such debt securities with respect to such provision;
- to secure the debt securities; or
- to make any other change that does not adversely affect the rights of any holder of any such debt securities.

The Indenture provides that, with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the series affected by such supplemental indenture, we and the Trustee may also execute a supplemental indenture to add provisions to, or change in any manner or eliminate any provisions of, the Indenture with respect to such series of debt securities or modify in any manner the rights of the holders of the debt securities of such series under the Indenture. However, no such supplemental indenture will, without the consent of the holders of at least 75% of the outstanding debt securities affected thereby, extend the time for payment of any installment of interest payable with respect to such debt securities. In addition, no such supplemental indenture will, without the consent of the holder of each such outstanding debt security affected thereby:

- change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal on, any such debt security, or reduce the amount of principal of any debt security that is a discount security and that would be due and payable upon declaration of acceleration of maturity thereof;
- reduce the principal amount of, or the rate of interest on, any such debt security or any premium payable upon redemption thereof;
- change the place or currency of payment of principal or interest, if any, on any such debt security;
- impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to any such debt security;
- reduce the above-stated percentage of holders of debt securities of any series necessary to modify or amend the Indenture; or
- modify the foregoing requirements or reduce the percentage in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series necessary to waive any covenant or past default.

Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive certain past defaults and may waive our compliance with the restrictive covenants described above with respect to the debt securities of such series.

Discharge and Defeasance

Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement, the Indenture provides that we may satisfy and discharge obligations thereunder with respect to the debt securities of any series by delivering to the Trustee for cancellation all outstanding debt securities of such series or depositing with the Trustee, after such outstanding debt securities have become due and payable, cash sufficient to pay at stated maturity all of the outstanding debt securities of such series and paying all other sums payable under the Indenture with respect to such series.

In addition, unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement, the Indenture provides that: we (a) will be discharged from our obligations in respect of the debt securities of such series, which we refer to as a defeasance and discharge, or (b) may cease to comply with certain restrictive covenants, which we refer to as a covenant defeasance, including those described under *Certain Covenants* and *Mergers and Sales of Assets* and any such omission will not be an event of default with respect to the debt securities of such series, in each case at any time prior to the stated maturity or redemption of the debt securities of such series, when we have irrevocably deposited with the Trustee, in trust:

- sufficient funds in the currency or currency unit in which the debt securities are denominated to pay the principal of (and premium, if any), and interest to stated maturity (or redemption) on, the debt securities of such series;
- such amount of direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are fully guaranteed by, the government which issued the currency in which the debt securities are denominated, and which are not subject to prepayment, redemption or call, as will, together with the predetermined and certain income to accrue thereon without consideration of any reinvestment thereof, be sufficient to pay when due the principal of (and premium, if any), and interest to stated maturity (or redemption) on, the debt securities of such series; or
- any combination thereof.

Such defeasance and discharge and covenant defeasance are conditioned upon, among other things, our delivery of (x) an opinion of counsel that the holders of the debt securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for United States Federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance, and such holders will be subject to tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as if no defeasance and discharge or covenant defeasance, as the case may be, had occurred and (y) an officer's certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent with respect to such defeasance and discharge or covenant defeasance, as the case may be, have been complied with. Upon such defeasance and discharge, the holders of the debt securities of such series will no longer be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture, except for the purposes of registration of transfer and exchange of the debt securities of such series and replacement of lost, stolen or mutilated debt securities and will look only to such deposited funds or obligations for payment.

The Trustee

The Trustee will be permitted to engage in other transactions with us and our subsidiaries. However, if the Trustee acquires any conflicting interest within the meaning of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, it must eliminate such conflict or resign. An affiliate of the Trustee is a lender under our bank credit facilities.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of YUM! Brands, Inc. as of December 31, 2005 and December 25, 2004, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2005, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005 have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing. The audit report covering the December 31, 2005 financial statements refers to a change in the method for accounting for share-based payments.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the debt securities offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP, Chicago, Illinois.

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No dealer, salesperson or other person is authorized to give any information or to represent anything not contained in this prospectus. You must not rely on any unauthorized information or representations. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the notes offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained in this prospectus is current only as of its date.

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