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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **FORM 10-K**

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010

OR

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

For the transition period from to Commission file number 1-12725

## **Regis Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota

41-0749934

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization

**7201 Metro Boulevard, Edina, Minnesota** (Address of principal executive offices)

**55439** (Zip Code)

(952) 947-7777 (registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, par value \$0.05 per share Preferred Share Purchase Rights New York Stock Exchange New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes o No o

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ý

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer ý

Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o

Smaller reporting company o

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

The aggregate market value of the voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which common equity was last sold as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, December 31, 2009, was approximately \$879,000,000. The registrant has no non-voting common equity.

As of August 19, 2010, the registrant had 57,552,882 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.05 per share, issued and outstanding.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement for the annual meeting of shareholders to be held on October 28, 2010 (the "2010 Proxy Statement") (to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the registrant's fiscal year-end of June 30, 2010) are incorporated by reference into Part III.

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#### PART I

#### Item 1. Business

Unless the context otherwise provides, when we refer to the "Company," "we," "our," or "us," we are referring to Regis Corporation, the Registrant, together with its subsidiaries.

#### (a) General Development of Business

In 1922, Paul and Florence Kunin opened Kunin Beauty Salon, which quickly expanded into a chain of value priced salons located in department stores. In 1958, the chain was purchased by their son and renamed Regis Corporation. In December 2004, the Company purchased Hair Club for Men and Women. On August 1, 2007, the Company contributed its 51 wholly-owned accredited cosmetology schools to Empire Education Group, Inc (EEG). On January 31, 2008, the Company merged its continental European franchise salon operations with the operations of the Franck Provost Salon Group. On February 20, 2008, the Company acquired the capital stock of Cameron Capital I, Inc. (CCI), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cameron Capital Investments, Inc. CCI owned and operated PureBeauty and BeautyFirst salons. On February 16, 2009, the Company sold its Trade Secret salon concept (Trade Secret), which included CCI. Additionally, the Company continues to acquire hair and retail product salons. Regis Corporation is listed on the NYSE under the ticker symbol "RGS." Discussions of the general development of the business take place throughout this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### (b) Financial Information about Segments

Segment data for the years ended June 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008 are included in Note 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part II, Item 8, of this Form 10-K.

#### (c) Narrative Description of Business

The following topical areas are discussed below in order to aid in understanding the Company and its operations:

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#### **Background:**

Based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Company's primary business is owning, operating and franchising hair and retail product salons. In addition to the primary hair and retail product salons, the Company owns Hair Club for Men and Women, a provider of hair restoration services. As of June 30, 2010, the Company owned, franchised or held ownership interests in over 12,700 worldwide locations. The Company's locations consisted of 9,929 company-owned and franchise salons, 95 hair restoration centers, and 2,704 locations in which the Company maintains an ownership interest of less than 100 percent. Each of the Company's salon concepts offer similar salon products and services and serve the mass market consumer marketplace. The Company's hair restoration centers offer three hair restoration solutions; hair systems, hair transplants and hair therapy, which are targeted at the mass market consumer.

The Company is organized to manage its operations based on significant lines of business salons and hair restoration centers. Salon operations are managed based on geographical location North America and international. The Company's North American salon operations are comprised of 7,505 company-owned salons and 2,020 franchise salons operating in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. The Company's international operations are comprised of 404 company-owned salons. The Company's worldwide salon locations operate primarily under the trade names of Regis Salons, MasterCuts, SmartStyle, Supercuts, Cost Cutters, and Sassoon. The Company's hair restoration centers are located in the United States and Canada. During fiscal year 2010, the number of customer visits at the Company's company-owned salons approximated 94 million. The Company had approximately 56,000 corporate employees worldwide during fiscal year 2010.

On August 1, 2007, the Company contributed 51 of its wholly-owned accredited cosmetology schools to EEG in exchange for a 49.0 percent equity interest in EEG. EEG is the largest beauty school operator in North America with 96 accredited cosmetology schools with revenues of approximately \$175 million annually and is overseen by the Empire Beauty School management team.

In January 2008, the Company's effective ownership interest increased to 55.1 percent related to the buyout of EEG's minority interest shareholder. The Company will continue to account for the investment in EEG under the equity method of accounting as Empire Beauty School retains majority voting interest and has full responsibility for managing EEG. Refer to Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

On January 31, 2008, the Company merged its continental European franchise salon operations with the operations of the Franck Provost Salon Group in exchange for a 30.0 percent equity interest in the newly formed Provalliance entity (Provalliance). The merger with the operations of the Franck Provost Salon Group which are also located in continental Europe, created Europe's largest salon operator with approximately 2,500 company-owned and franchise salons as of June 30, 2010.

The Company contributed to Provalliance the shares of each of its European operating subsidiaries, other than the Company's operating subsidiaries in the United Kingdom and Germany. The contributed subsidiaries operate retail hair salons in France, Spain, Switzerland and several other European countries primarily under the Jean Louis David and Saint Algue brands. This transaction has created significant growth opportunities for Europe's salon brands. The Franck Provost Salon Group management structure has a proven platform to build and acquire company-owned stores as well as a strong franchise operating group that is positioned for expansion. The Company recorded a \$25.7 million "other-than-temporary" impairment charge in its fourth quarter ended June 30, 2009 on its investment in Provalliance as a result of increased debt and reduced earnings expectations that reduced the fair value of Provalliance below carrying value as of June 30, 2009.

On February 16, 2009, the Company sold Trade Secret. The Company concluded, after a comprehensive review of its strategic and financial options, to divest Trade Secret. The sale of Trade

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Secret included 655 company-owned salons and 57 franchise salons, all of which had historically been reported within the Company's North America reportable segment. The Company recorded an impairment charge related to this transaction of \$183.3 million during the year ended June 30, 2009.

#### **Industry Overview:**

Management estimates that annual revenues of the hair care industry are approximately \$50 to \$55 billion in the United States and approximately \$150 to \$170 billion worldwide. The Company estimates that it holds approximately two percent of the worldwide market. The hair salon and hair restoration markets are each highly fragmented, with the vast majority of locations independently owned and operated. However, the influence of salon chains on these markets, both franchise and company-owned, has increased substantially. Management believes that salon chains will continue to have a significant influence on these markets and will continue to increase their presence. As the Company is the principal consolidator of these chains in the hair care industry, it prevails as an established exit strategy for independent salon owners and operators, which affords the Company numerous opportunities for continued selective acquisitions.

#### Salon Business Strategy:

The Company's goal is to provide high quality, affordable hair care services and products to a wide range of mass market consumers, which enables the Company to expand in a controlled manner. The key elements of the Company's strategy to achieve these goals are taking advantage of (1) growth opportunities, (2) economies of scale and (3) centralized control over salon operations in order to ensure (i) consistent, quality services and (ii) a superior selection of high quality, professional products. Each of these elements is discussed below.

**Salon Growth Opportunities.** The Company's salon expansion strategy focuses on organic (new salon construction and same-store sales growth of existing salons) and salon acquisition growth.

*Organic Growth.* The Company executes its organic growth strategy through a combination of new construction of company-owned and franchise salons, as well as same-store sales increases. The square footage requirements related to opening new salons allow the Company great flexibility in securing real estate for new salons as the Company has small or flexible square footage requirements for its salons. The Company's long-term outlook for organic expansion remains strong. The Company has at least one salon in all major cities in the U.S. and has penetrated every viable U.S. market with at least one concept. However, because the Company has a variety of concepts, it can place several of its salons within any given market. Once the economy normalizes, the Company plans to continue to expand in North America.

A key component to successful North American organic growth relates to site selection, as discussed in the following paragraphs.

Salon Site Selection. The Company's salons are located in high-traffic locations such as regional shopping malls, strip centers, lifestyle centers, Wal-Mart Supercenters, high-street locations and department stores. The Company is an attractive tenant to landlords due to its financial strength, successful salon operations and international recognition. In evaluating specific locations for both company-owned and franchise salons, the Company seeks conveniently located, visible sites which allow customers adequate parking and quick and easy location access. Various other factors are considered in evaluating sites, including area demographics, availability and cost of space, the strength of the major retailers within the area, location and strength of competitors, proximity of other company-owned and franchise salons, traffic volume, signage and other leasehold factors in a given center or area.

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Because the Company's various salon concepts target slightly different mass market customer groups, more than one of the Company's salon concepts may be located in the same real estate development without impeding sales of either concept. As a result, there are numerous leasing opportunities for all of its salon concepts.

While same-store sales growth plays an important role in the Company's organic growth strategy, it is not critical to achieving the Company's long-term revenue growth objectives. However, same-store sales growth is important to achieving improved annual operating profit. New salon construction and salon acquisitions (described below) are expected to generate low single-digit annual revenue growth. The recent trend has been declining visitation patterns due to the current global economic condition and increasing average ticket price resulting in negative to low single-digit same-store sales growth. The Company expects fiscal year 2011 same-store sales to be in the range of negative 1.0 to positive 2.0 percent.

Pricing is a factor in same-store sales growth. The Company actively monitors the prices charged by its competitors in each market and makes every effort to maintain prices which remain competitive with prices of other salons offering similar services. Price increases are considered on a market-by-market basis and are established based on local market conditions.

**Salon Acquisition Growth.** In addition to organic growth, another key component of the Company's growth strategy is the acquisition of salons. With an estimated two percent worldwide market share, management believes the opportunity to continue to make selective acquisitions exists.

Over the past 16 years, the Company has acquired 8,023 salons, expanding both in North America and internationally. When contemplating an acquisition, the Company evaluates the existing salon or salon group with respect to the same characteristics as discussed above in conjunction with site selection for constructed salons (conveniently located, visible, strong retailers within the area, etc.). The Company generally acquires mature strip center locations, which are systematically integrated within the salon concept that it most clearly emulates.

In addition to adding new salon locations each year, the Company has an ongoing program of remodeling its existing salons, ranging from redecoration to substantial reconstruction. This program is implemented as management determines that a particular location will benefit from remodeling, or as required by lease renewals. A total of 333 and 280 salons had major remodels in fiscal years 2010 and 2009, respectively.

**Recent Salon Additions.** During fiscal year 2010, the Company constructed 217 new salons (139 company-owned and 78 franchise). Additionally, the Company acquired 26 company-owned salons, including 23 franchise salon buybacks.

During fiscal year 2009, the Company constructed 275 new salons (182 company-owned and 93 franchise). Additionally, the Company acquired 177 company-owned salons, including 83 franchise salon buybacks.

Salon Closures. The Company evaluates its salon performance on a regular basis. Upon evaluation, the Company may close a salon for operational performance or real estate issues. In either case, the closures generally occur at the end of a lease term and typically do not require significant lease buyouts. In addition, during the Company's acquisition evaluation process, the Company may identify acquired salons that do not meet operational or real estate requirements. Generally, at the time of acquisition limited value is allocated to these salons, which are usually closed within the first year.

During fiscal year 2010, 269 salons were closed, including 204 company-owned salons and 65 franchise salons (excluding 23 franchise buybacks). In June of 2009, the Company approved a

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plan to close up to 80 underperforming United Kingdom company-owned salons in fiscal year 2010, in addition to the normal closure activity of salons at the end of a lease term. As of June 30, 2010, 36 stores under the June 2009 plan ceased using the rights to use the leased property or negotiated a lease termination agreement with the lessor in which the Company ceased using the right to the leased property subsequent to June 30, 2010. We expect to close approximately 175 company-owned salons in fiscal year 2011.

During fiscal year 2009, 313 salons were closed, including 255 company-owned salons and 58 franchise salons (excluding 83 franchise buybacks). In February of 2009, the Company sold its Trade Secret salon concept which consisted of 655 company-owned locations and 57 franchise locations. See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information. In July of 2008 (fiscal year 2009), the Company approved a plan to close up do 160 underperforming company-owned salons in fiscal year 2009. As of June 30, 2009, 69 stores under the July 2008 plan ceased using the leased property or negotiated a lease termination agreement with the lessor in which the Company will cease using the right to the leased property subsequent to June 30, 2009. See Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

*Economies of Scale.* Management believes that due to its size and number of locations, the Company has certain advantages which are not available to single location salons or small chains. The Company has developed a comprehensive point of sale system to accumulate and monitor service and product sales trends, as well as assist in payroll and cash management. Economies of scale are realized through the centralized support system offered by the home office. Additionally, due to its size, the Company has numerous financing and capital expenditure alternatives, as well as the benefits of buying retail products, supplies and salon fixtures directly from manufacturers. Furthermore, the Company can offer employee benefit programs, training and career path opportunities that are often superior to its smaller competitors.

Centralized Control Over Salon Operations. The Company manages its expansive salon base through a combination of area and regional supervisors, corporate salon directors and chief operating officers. Each area supervisor is responsible for the management of approximately ten to 12 salons. Regional supervisors oversee the performance of five to seven area supervisors or approximately 50 to 80 salons. Salon directors manage approximately 200 to 300 salons while chief operating officers are responsible for the oversight of an entire salon concept. This operational hierarchy is key to the Company's ability to expand successfully. In addition, the Company has an extensive training program, including the production of training DVDs for use in the salons, to ensure its stylists are knowledgeable in the latest haircutting and fashion trends and provide consistent quality hair care services. Finally, the Company tracks salon activity for all of its company-owned salons through the utilization of daily sales detail delivered from the salons' point of sale system. This information is used to reconcile cash on a daily basis.

Consistent, Quality Service. The Company is committed to meeting its customers' hair care needs by providing competitively priced services and products with professional and knowledgeable stylists. The Company's operations and marketing emphasize high quality services to create customer loyalty, to encourage referrals and to distinguish the Company's salons from its competitors. To promote quality and consistency of services provided throughout the Company's salons, the Company employs full and part-time artistic directors whose duties are to train salon stylists in current styling trends. The major services supplied by the Company's salons are haircutting and styling (including shampooing and conditioning), hair coloring and waving. During

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fiscal years 2010, 2009, and 2008, the percentage of company-owned service revenues attributable to each of these services was as follows:

	2010	2009	2008
Haircutting and styling (including shampooing & conditioning)	72%	73%	72%
Hair coloring	18	17	18
Hair waving	4	4	4
Other	6	6	6
	100%	100%	100%

*High Quality, Professional Products.* The Company's salons sell nationally recognized hair care and beauty products as well as a complete line of private label products sold under the Regis, MasterCuts and Cost Cutters labels. The retail products offered by the Company are intended to be sold only through professional salons. The top selling brands include Paul Mitchell, Biolage, Redken, Regis designLINE, Nioxin, It's a 10, Sexy Hair Concepts, Tigi Bedhead, Kenra, Sebastian and the Company's various private label brands.

The Company has launched a product diversion website for the entire industry to use as a measurement tool to track diversion. Diversion involves the selling of salon exclusive hair care products to unauthorized distribution channels such as discount retailers and pharmacies. Diversion is harmful to the consumer because diverted product can be old, tainted or damaged. It is also harmful to the salon owners and stylists because their credibility with the consumer may be questioned.

The Company has the most comprehensive assortment of retail products in the industry. Although the Company constantly strives to carry an optimal level of inventory in relation to consumer demand, it is more economical for the Company to have a higher amount of inventory on hand than to run the risk of being under stocked should demand prove higher than expected. The extended shelf life and lack of seasonality related to the beauty products allows the cost of carrying inventory to be relatively low and lessens the importance of inventory turnover ratios. The Company's primary goal is to maximize revenues rather than inventory turns.

The retail portion of the Company's business complements its salon services business. The Company's stylists and beauty consultants are compensated and regularly trained to sell hair care and beauty products to their customers. Additionally, customers are enticed to purchase products after a stylist demonstrates its effect by using it in the styling of the customer's hair.

#### **Salon Concepts:**

The Company's salon concepts focus on providing high quality hair care services and professional products, primarily to the middle consumer market. The Company's North American salon operations consist of 9,525 salons (including 2,020 franchise salons), operating under several concepts, each offering attractive and affordable hair care products and services in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. The Company's international salon operations consist of 404 hair care salons located in Europe, primarily in the United Kingdom. The number of new salons expected to be opened within the upcoming fiscal year is discussed within Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. In addition to these openings, the Company typically acquires several hundred salons each year. The number of acquired salons, and the concept under which the acquisitions will fall, vary based on the acquisition opportunities which develop throughout the year.

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## Salon Development

The table on the following pages set forth the number of system wide salons (company-owned and franchise) opened at the beginning and end of each of the last five years, as well as the number of salons opened, closed, relocated, converted and acquired during each of these periods.

## COMPANY-OWNED AND FRANCHISE LOCATION SUMMARY

NORTH AMERICAN SALONS: REGIS SALONS	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Open at beginning of period	1,071	1,078	1,099	1,079	1,093
Salons constructed	14	20	14	17	38
Acquired	3	23	4	49	14
Less relocations	(11)	(14)	(11)	(14)	(16)
Salon openings	6	29	7	52	36
Conversions			1	(1)	
Salons closed	(28)	(36)	(29)	(31)	(50)
Total, Regis Salons	1,049	1,071	1,078	1,099	1,079
MASTERCUTS					
Open at beginning of period	602	615	629	642	636
Salons constructed	15	14	7	15	32
Acquired					
Less relocations	(7)	(10)	(6)	(12)	(8)
Salon openings	8	4	1	3	24
Conversions					(2)
Salons closed	(10)	(17)	(15)	(16)	(16)
Total, MasterCuts	600	602	615	629	642
TRADE SECRET					
Company-owned salons:					
Open at beginning of period		674	613	615	597
Salons constructed		10	16	20	33
Acquired			65	3	2
Franchise buybacks			5		5
Less relocations		(4)	(11)	(11)	(6)
Salon openings		6	75	12	34
Conversions			5	1	1
Salons sold		(655)			
Salons closed		(25)	(19)	(15)	(17)
Total company-owned salons			674	613	615
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NORTH AMERICAN SALONS: Franchise salons:	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Open at beginning of period		106	19	19	24
Salons constructed		100	2	19	24
Acquired		1	93		
Less relocations			(1)		
Less relocations			(1)		
Salon openings		1	94		
Franchise buybacks			(5)		(5)
Interdivisional					
reclassification(4)		(43)			
Salons sold		(57)			
Salons closed		(7)	(2)		
Total franchise salons			106	19	19
Total, Trade Secret			780	632	634
SMARTSTYLE/COST CUTTERS IN WAL-MART					
Company-owned salons:  Open at beginning of period	2,300	2,212	2,000	1,739	1,497
Salons constructed	80	71	2,000	242	215
Acquired	80	/1	207	242	213
Franchise buybacks	5	24	12	21	31
Less relocations	(3)	(2)	(3)	(2)	(2)
Less relocations	(3)	(2)	(3)	(2)	(2)
Salon openings	82	93	216	261	244
Conversions					1
Salons closed	(8)	(5)	(4)		(3)
Total company-owned salons	2,374	2,300	2,212	2,000	1,739
Franchise salons:					
Open at beginning of period	122	146	151	164	184
Salons constructed	2	1	7	8	11
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Salon openings	2	1	7	8	11
Franchise buybacks	(5)	(24)	(12)	(21)	(31)
Salons closed		(1)			
Total franchise salons	119	122	146	151	164
Total, SmartStyle/Cost Cutters in Wal-Mart	2,493	2,422	2,358	2,151	1,903
SUPERCUTS					
Company-owned salons:					
Open at beginning of period	1,114	1,132	1,094	1,036	915
Salons constructed	10	27	33	45	76
Acquired			3		
Franchise buybacks	12	6	38	37	77
Less relocations	(2)	(2)	(6)	(5)	(9)
Calon openings	20	21	60	77	1 / /
Salon openings	20	31	68	77	144
Conversions Salons closed	(34)	(2) (47)	(30)	(19)	(1) (22)
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Total company-owned salons 1,100 1,114 1,132 1,094 1,036

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NORTH AMERICAN SALONS:	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Franchise salons:	1.022	007	000	070	1.017
Open at beginning of period	1,022	997	990	978	1,017
Salons constructed	42	51	71	69	74
Acquired(2)	(6)	(=)	(6)	(T)	(T)
Less relocations	(6)	(7)	(6)	(7)	(7)
Salon openings	36	44	65	62	67
Conversions	9	1		1	5
Franchise buybacks	(12)	(6)	(38)	(37)	(77)
Salons closed	(21)	(14)	(20)	(14)	(34)
Total franchise salons	1,034	1,022	997	990	978
Total, Supercuts	2,134	2,136	2,129	2,084	2,014
Total, Supercuts	2,13	2,150	2,12)	2,001	2,011
PROMENADE					
Company-owned salons:					
Open at beginning of period	2,450	2,399	2,223	1,995	1,813
Salons constructed	18	36	33	56	104
Acquired	10	71	135	193	122
Franchise buybacks	6	53	95	35	27
Less relocations	(10)	(16)	(8)	(12)	(12)
Less relocations	(10)	(10)	(0)	(12)	(12)
Salon openings	14	144	255	272	241
Conversions		1	(5)		(1)
Salons closed	(82)	(94)	(74)	(44)	(58)
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Total company-owned salons	2,382	2,450	2,399	2,223	1,995
Franchise salons:					
Open at beginning of period	901	914	1,008	1,026	1,085
Salons constructed	34	40	49	66	61
Acquired(2)					
Less relocations	(9)	(7)	(5)	(12)	(11)
Salon openings	25	33	44	54	50
Conversions	(9)			(1)	(3)
Franchise buybacks	(6)	(53)	(95)	(35)	(27)
Interdivisional					
reclassification(4)		43			
Salons closed	(44)	(36)	(43)	(36)	(79)
Total franchise salons	867	901	914	1,008	1,026
Total, Promenade	3,249	3,351	3,313	3,231	3,021
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INTERNATIONAL SALONS(1):	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Company-owned salons:					
Open at beginning of period	444	472	481	453	426
Salons constructed	2	4	15	25	33
Acquired			25	12	10
Franchise buybacks				4	2
Less relocations		(1)	(1)	(3)	(4)
Salon openings	2	3	39	38	41
Conversions			1		(2)
Affiliated joint ventures			(40)		
Salons closed	(42)	(31)	(9)	(10)	(12)
Total company-owned salons	404	444	472	481	453
Franchise salons:					
Open at beginning of period			1,574	1,587	1,592
Salons constructed			50	110	111
Acquired(2)			50	110	111
Less relocations				(1)	
Less relocations				(1)	
Salon openings			50	109	111
Conversions			3		2
Franchise buybacks				(4)	(2)
Affiliated joint ventures(3)			(1,587)		
Salons closed			(40)	(118)	(116)
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Total franchise salons				1,574	1,587
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Total, International Salons	404	444	472	2,055	2,040
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TOTAL SYSTEM WIDE SALONS					
Company-owned salons:					
Open at beginning of period	7,981	8,582	8,139	7,559	6,977
Salons constructed	139	182	325	420	531
Acquired	3	94	232	257	148
Franchise buybacks	23	83	150	97	142
Less relocations	(33)	(49)	(46)	(59)	(57)
2000 refocutions	(33)	(47)	(40)	(37)	(37)
Salon openings	132	310	661	715	764
Conversions		(1)	2		(4)
Affiliated joint ventures			(40)		
Salons sold		(655)			
Salons closed	(204)	(255)	(180)	(135)	(178)
Total company-owned salons	7,909	7,981	8,582	8,139	7,559
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INTERNATIONAL SALONS(1):	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Franchise salons:					
Open at beginning of period	2,045	2,163	3,742	3,774	3,902
Salons constructed	78	93	179	253	257
Acquired(2)			93		
Less relocations	(15)	(14)	(12)	(20)	(18)
Salon openings	63	79	260	233	239
Conversions		1	3		4
Franchise buybacks	(23)	(83)	(150)	(97)	(142)
Affiliated joint ventures			(1,587)		
Salons sold		(57)			
Salons closed	(65)	(58)	(105)	(168)	(229)
Total franchise salons	2,020	2.045	2,163	3,742	3,774
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Total Salons	9,929	10,026	10,745	11,881	11,333

- (1)
  Canadian and Puerto Rican salons are included in the Regis Salons, MasterCuts, Supercuts, and Promenade and not included in the international salon totals.
- (2) Represents primarily the acquisition of franchise networks.
- (3)
  Represents European operating subsidiaries contributed to Franck Provost Salon Group.
- On February 16, 2009, the Company announced the completion of the sale of its Trade Secret retail product division. As a result of this transaction, the Company reported the Trade Secret operations as discontinued operations for all periods presented. Forty-three franchise salons were not included in the sale of Trade Secret to the purchaser of Trade Secret and are not reported as discontinued operations. These franchise salons are now included in Promenade salons.

In the preceding table, relocations represent a transfer of location by the same salon concept and conversions represent the transfer of one concept to another concept.

Regis Salons. Regis Salons are primarily mall based, full service salons providing complete hair care and beauty services aimed at moderate to upscale, fashion conscious consumers. In recent years, the Company has expanded its Regis Salons into strip centers. As of June 30, 2010, of the 1,049 total Regis Salons, 157 Regis Salons were located in strip centers. The customer mix at Regis Salons is approximately 78 percent women and both appointments and walk-in customers are common. These salons offer a full range of custom styling, cutting, hair coloring and waving services, as well as, professional hair care products. Service revenues represent approximately 84 percent of the concept's total revenues. The average ticket is approximately \$41. Regis Salons compete in their existing markets primarily by emphasizing the high quality of the services provided. Included within the Regis Salon concept are various other trade names, including Carlton Hair, Sassoon, Mia & Maxx Hair Studios, Hair by Stewarts and Heidi's.

The average initial capital investment required for a new Regis Salon is approximately \$175,000 to \$225,000, excluding average opening inventory costs of approximately \$19,100. Average annual salon revenues in a Regis Salon which has been open five years or more are approximately \$411,000.

MasterCuts. MasterCuts is a full service, mall based salon group which focuses on the walk-in consumer (no appointment necessary) that demands moderately priced hair care services. MasterCuts salons emphasize quality hair care services, affordable prices and time saving services for the entire family. These salons offer a full range of custom styling, cutting, hair coloring and waving services as well as professional hair care products. The customer mix at MasterCuts is split relatively evenly between men and women. Service revenues compose approximately \$2 percent of the concept's total revenues. The average ticket is approximately \$21.

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The average initial capital investment required for a new MasterCuts salon is approximately \$150,000 to \$200,000, excluding average opening inventory costs of approximately \$14,600. Average annual salon revenues in a MasterCuts salon which has been open five years or more are approximately \$283,000.

**SmartStyle.** The SmartStyle salons share many operating characteristics of the Company's other salon concepts; however, they are located exclusively in Wal-Mart Supercenters. SmartStyle has a walk-in customer base, pricing is promotional and services are focused on the family. These salons offer a full range of custom styling, cutting, hair coloring and waving services as well as professional hair care products. The customer mix at SmartStyle Salons is approximately 76 percent women. Professional retail product sales contribute considerably to overall revenues at approximately 34 percent. Additionally, the Company has 119 franchise salons located in Wal-Mart Supercenters. The average ticket is approximately \$20.

The average initial capital investment required for a new SmartStyle salon is approximately \$35,000 to \$45,000, excluding average opening inventory costs of approximately \$14,800. Average annual salon revenues in a SmartStyle salon which has been open five years or more are approximately \$258,000.

**Strip Center Salons.** The Company's Strip Center Salons are comprised of company-owned and franchise salons operating in strip centers across North America under the following concepts:

Supercuts. The Supercuts concept provides consistent, high quality hair care services and professional products to its customers at convenient times and locations and at a reasonable price. This concept appeals to men, women and children, although male customers account for approximately 65 percent of the customer mix. Service revenues represent approximately 89 percent of total company-owned Supercuts revenues. The average ticket is approximately \$17.

The average initial capital investment required for a new Supercuts salon is approximately \$110,000 to \$120,000, excluding average opening inventory costs of approximately \$8,100. Average annual salon revenues in a company-owned Supercuts salon which has been open five years or more are approximately \$269,000.

The Supercuts franchise salons provide consistent, high quality hair care services and professional products to customers at convenient times and locations and at a reasonable price. These Supercuts franchise salons appeal to men, women and children. Service revenues represent approximately 93 percent of the Supercuts franchise total revenues. Average annual revenues in a Supercuts franchise salon which has been open five years or more are approximately \$332,000.

Cost Cutters (franchise salons). The Cost Cutters concept is a full service salon concept providing value priced hair care services for men, women and children. These full service salons also sell a complete line of professional hair care products. The customer mix at Cost Cutters is split relatively evenly between men and women. Average annual salon revenues in a franchised Cost Cutters salon which has been open five years or more are approximately \$277,000.

In addition to the franchise salons, the Company operates company-owned Cost Cutters salons, as discussed below under Promenade Salons.

**Promenade Salons.** Promenade Salons are made up of successful regional company-owned salon groups acquired over the past several years operating under the primary concepts of Hair Masters, Cool Cuts for Kids, Style America, First Choice Haircutters, Famous Hair, Cost Cutters, BoRics, Magicuts, Holiday Hair and TGF, as well as other concept names. Most concepts offer a full range of custom hairstyling, cutting, coloring and waving, as well as hair care products. Hair Masters offers moderately-priced services to a predominately female demographic, while the other concepts primarily cater to time-pressed, value-oriented families. The customer mix is split relatively evenly between men

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and women at most concepts. Service revenues represent approximately 89 percent of total company-owned Promenade revenues. The average ticket is approximately \$19.

The average initial capital investment required for a new Promenade Salon is approximately \$85,000 to \$95,000, excluding average opening inventory costs of approximately \$8,600. Average annual salon revenues in a Promenade Salon which has been open five years or more are approximately \$239,000.

*Other Franchise Concepts.* This group of franchise salons includes primarily First Choice Haircutters, Magicuts, Beauty Supply Outlets and Pro-Cuts. These concepts function primarily in the high volume, value priced hair care market segment, with key selling features of value, convenience, quality and friendliness, as well as a complete line of professional hair care products. In addition to these franchise salons, the Company operates company-owned First Choice Haircutters and Magicuts salons, as previously discussed above under Strip Center Salons.

International Salons. The Company's international salons are comprised of company-owned salons operating in the United Kingdom primarily under the Supercuts, Regis and Sassoon concepts. These salons offer similar levels of service as the North American salons previously mentioned. However, the initial capital investment required is typically between £135,000, and £145,000, for a Regis salon, between £55,000 and £65,000 for a Supercuts salon. Average annual salon revenues for a salon which has been open five years or more are approximately £222,000 in a Regis salon and £209,000 in a Supercuts salon. Sassoon is one of the world's most recognized names in hair fashion and appeals to women and men looking for a prestigious full service hair salon. Salons are usually located on prominent high-street locations and offer a full range of custom hairstyling, cutting, coloring and waving, as well as professional hair care products. The initial capital investment required is approximately £450,000. Average annual salon revenues for a salon which has been open five years or more is approximately £882,000.

#### **Salon Franchising Program:**

*General.* The Company has various franchising programs supporting its 2,020 franchise salons as of June 30, 2010, consisting mainly of Supercuts, Cost Cutters, First Choice Haircutters, Magicuts, and Pro Cuts. These salons have been included in the discussions regarding salon counts and concepts on the preceding pages.

The Company provides its franchisees with a comprehensive system of business training, stylist education, site approval and lease negotiation, professional marketing, promotion and advertising programs, and other forms of support designed to help the franchisee build a successful business.

Standards of Operations. The Company does not control the day to day operations of its franchisees, including hiring and firing, establishing prices to charge for products and services, business hours, personnel management and capital expenditure decisions. However, the franchise agreements afford certain rights to the Company, such as the right to approve location, suppliers and the sale of a franchise. Additionally, franchisees are required to conform to the Company's established operational policies and procedures relating to quality of service, training, design and decor of stores, and trademark usage. The Company's field personnel make periodic visits to franchise stores to ensure that the stores are operating in conformity with the standards for each franchising program. All of the rights afforded the Company with regard to the franchise operations allow the Company to protect its brands, but do not allow the Company to control the franchise operations or make decisions that have a significant impact on the success of the franchise salons.

To further ensure conformity, the Company may enter into the lease for the store site directly with the landlord, and subsequently sublease the site to the franchisee. The franchise agreement and sublease provide the Company with the right to terminate the sublease and gain possession of the store

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if the franchisee fails to comply with the Company's operational policies and procedures. See Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information about the Company's commitments and contingencies, including leases.

*Franchise Terms.* Pursuant to their franchise agreement with the Company, each franchisee pays an initial fee for each store and ongoing royalties to the Company. In addition, for most franchise concepts, the Company collects advertising funds from franchisees and administers the funds on behalf of the concept. Franchisees are responsible for the costs of leasehold improvements, furniture, fixtures, equipment, supplies, inventory, payroll costs and certain other items, including initial working capital.

Additional information regarding each of the major franchisee brands is listed below:

Supercuts (North America)

The majority of existing Supercuts franchise agreements have a perpetual term, subject to termination of the underlying lease agreement or termination of the franchise agreement by either the Company or the franchisee. The agreements also provide the Company a right of first refusal if the store is to be sold. The franchisee must obtain the Company's approval in all instances where there is a sale of the franchise. The current franchise agreement is site specific and does not provide any territorial protection to a franchisee, although some older franchise agreements do include limited territorial protection. Development agreements for new markets include limited territory protection for the Supercuts concept. The Company has a comprehensive impact policy that resolves potential conflicts among Supercuts franchisees and/or the Company's Supercuts locations regarding proposed salon sites.

Cost Cutters, First Choice Haircutters and Magicuts (North America)

The majority of existing Cost Cutters' franchise agreements have a 15 year term with a 15 year option to renew (at the option of the franchisee), while the majority of First Choice Haircutters' franchise agreements have a ten year term with a five year option to renew. The majority of Magicuts' franchise agreements have a term equal to the greater of five years or the current initial term of the lease agreement with an option to renew for two additional five year periods. All of the agreements also provide the Company a right of first refusal if the store is to be sold. The franchisee must obtain the Company's approval in all instances where there is a sale of the franchise. The current franchise agreement is site specific. Franchisees may enter into development agreements with the Company which provide limited territorial protection.

Pro Cuts (North America)

The majority of existing Pro Cuts franchise agreements have a ten year term with a ten year option to renew. The agreements also provide the Company a right of first refusal if the store is to be sold or transferred. The current franchise agreement is site specific. Franchisees may enter into development agreements with the Company which provide limited territorial protection.

*Franchisee Training.* The Company provides new franchisees with training, focusing on the various aspects of store management, including operations, personnel management, marketing fundamentals and financial controls. Existing franchisees receive training, counseling and information from the Company on a continuous basis. The Company provides store managers and stylists with extensive technical training for Supercuts franchises. For further description of the Company's education and training programs, see the "Salon Education and Training Programs" section of this document.

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#### Salon Markets and Marketing:

The Company maintains various advertising, sales and promotion programs for its salons, budgeting a predetermined percent of revenues for such programs. The Company has developed promotional tactics and institutional sales messages for each of its concepts targeting certain customer types and positioning each concept in the marketplace. Print, radio, television and billboard advertising are developed and supervised at the Company's headquarters, but most advertising is done in the immediate market of the particular salon.

Most franchise concepts maintain separate advertising funds (the Funds), that provide comprehensive advertising and sales promotion support for each system. The Supercuts advertising fund is the Company's largest advertising fund and is administered by a council consisting of primarily franchisee representatives. The council has overall control of all of the funds expenditures and operates in accordance with terms of the franchise operating and other agreements. All stores, company-owned and franchised, contribute to the Funds, the majority of which are allocated to the contributing market for media placement and local marketing activities. The remainder is allocated for the creation of national advertising campaigns and system wide activities. This intensive advertising program creates significant consumer awareness, a strong concept image and high loyalty.

#### **Salon Education and Training Programs:**

The Company has an extensive hands-on training program for its stylists which emphasizes both technical training in hairstyling and cutting, hair coloring, waving and hair treatment regimes as well as customer service and product sales. The objective of the training programs is to ensure that customers receive professional and quality services, which the Company believes will result in more repeat customers, referrals and product sales.

The Company has full- and part-time artistic directors who train the stylists in techniques for providing the salon services and instruct the stylists in current styling trends. Stylist training is achieved through seminars, workshops and DVD based programs. The Company was the first in its industry to develop a DVD based training system in its salons and currently has over 200 DVD titles designed to enhance technical skills of stylists.

The Company has a customer service training program to improve the interaction between employees and customers. Staff members are trained in the proper techniques of customer greeting, telephone courtesy and professional behavior through a series of professionally designed video tapes and instructional seminars.

The Company also provides regulatory compliance training for all its field employees. This training is designed to help supervisors and stylists understand employee regulatory requirements and compliance with these standards.

#### Salon Staff Recruiting and Retention:

Recruiting quality managers and stylists is essential to the establishment and operation of successful salons. In search of salon managers, the Company's supervisory team recruits or develops and promotes from within those stylists that display initiative and commitment. The Company has been and believes it will continue to be successful in recruiting capable managers and stylists. The Company believes that its compensation structure for salon managers and stylists is competitive within the industry. Stylists benefit from the Company's high-traffic locations and receive a steady source of new business from walk-in customers. In addition, the Company offers a career path with the opportunity to move into managerial and training positions within the Company.

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#### Salon Design:

The Company's salons are designed, built and operated in accordance with uniform standards and practices developed by the Company based on its experience. Salon fixtures and equipment are generally uniform, allowing the Company to place large orders for these items with cost savings due to the economies of scale.

The size of the Company's salons ranges from 500 to 5,000 square feet, with the typical salon having about 1,200 square feet. At present, the cost to the Company of normal tenant improvements and furnishing of a new salon, including inventories, ranges from approximately \$25,000 to \$225,000, depending on the size of the salon and the concept. Less than ten percent of all new salons will have costs greater than normal with a cost between \$225,000 and \$500,000 to furnish. International Sassoon salons costs could be even greater than the ranges above. Of the total leasehold costs, approximately 70 percent of the cost is for leasehold improvements and the balance is for salon fixtures, equipment and inventories.

The Company maintains its own design and real estate department, which designs and supervises the leasehold installations, furnishing and fixturing of all new company-owned salons and certain franchise locations. The Company has developed considerable expertise in designing salons. The design and real estate staff focus on visual appeal, efficient use of space, cost and rapid completion times.

#### **Salon Management Information Systems:**

At all of its company-owned salons, the Company utilizes a point-of-sale (POS) information system to collect daily sales information and customer demographics. Salon employees deposit cash receipts into a local bank account on a daily basis. The POS system sends the amount expected to be deposited to the corporate office, where the amount is reconciled daily with local deposits transferred into a centralized corporate bank account. The customer information is then used to determine effectiveness of promotions and the loyalty base of each salon that feed into salon operational decisions. The information is also used to generate payroll information, monitor salon performance, manage salon staffing and payroll costs, and anticipate industry pricing and staffing trends. The corporate information systems deliver information on product sales to improve its inventory control system, including recommendations for each salon of monthly product replenishments. Recent innovations to increase inventory cycle counts and install high speed connections at each salon are expected to improve stylist productivity and improve customer satisfaction with the checkout process.

Management believes that its information systems provide the Company with operational efficiencies as well as advantages in planning and analysis which are generally not available to competitors. The Company continually reviews and improves its information systems to ensure systems and processes are kept up to date and that they will meet the growing needs of the Company. The goal of information systems is to maximize the overall value to the business while improving the output per dollar spent by implementing cost-effective solutions and services.

### **Salon Competition:**

The hair care industry is highly fragmented and competitive. In every area in which the Company has a salon, there are competitors offering similar hair care services and products at similar prices. The Company faces competition within malls from companies which operate salons within department stores and from smaller chains of salons, independently owned salons and, to a lesser extent, salons which, although independently owned, are operating under franchises from a franchising company that may assist such salons in areas of training, marketing and advertising.

At the individual salon level the barriers to enter the market are not considerable, however, significant barriers exist for chains to expand nationally due to the need to establish systems and

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infrastructure, recruitment of experienced hair care management and adequate store staff, and leasing of quality sites. The principal factors of competition in the affordable hair care category are quality, consistency and convenience. The Company continually strives to improve its performance in each of these areas and to create additional points of differentiation versus the competition. In order to obtain locations in shopping malls, the Company must be competitive as to rentals and other customary tenant obligations.

#### Hair Restoration Business Strategy:

In December 2004, the Company acquired Hair Club for Men and Women (Hair Club), the largest U.S. provider of hair loss solutions and the only company offering a comprehensive menu of proven hair loss products and services. The Company leverages its strong brand, best-in-class service model and comprehensive menu of hair restoration alternatives to build an increasing base of repeat customers that generate recurring cash flow for the Company. From its traditional non-surgical hair replacement systems, to hair transplants, hair therapies and hair care products and services, Hair Club offers a solution for anyone experiencing or anticipating hair loss. The Company's operations consist of 95 locations (33 franchise locations) in the United States and Canada. The domestic hair restoration market is estimated to generate over \$4 billion annually. The competitive landscape is highly fragmented and comprised of approximately 4,000 locations. Hair Club and its franchisees have the largest market share, with approximately five percent based on customer count.

In an effort to provide privacy to its customers, Hair Club offices are located primarily in office and professional buildings within larger metropolitan areas. Following is a summary of the company-owned and franchise hair restoration centers in operation at June 30, 2010, 2009, and 2008:

	2010	2009	2008
Company-owned hair			
restoration centers:			
Open at beginning of			
period	62	57	49
Constructed	4	8	3
Acquired			
Franchise buybacks		2	6
Less relocations	(4)	(5)	(1)
Site openings		5	8
Sites closed			
Total company-owned			
hair restoration centers	62	62	57
Franchise hair restoration centers:			
Open at beginning of			
period	33	35	41
Acquired			2
Franchise buybacks		(2)	(6)
Less Relocations			(2)
Site openings		(2)	(6)
Sites closed			
Total franchise hair			
restoration centers	33	33	35
Total hair restoration centers	95	95	92

*Hair Restoration Growth Opportunities.* The Company's hair restoration center expansion strategy focuses on organic growth (successfully converting new leads into customers at existing centers, broadening the menu of services and products at each location and to a lesser extent, new center construction) and acquisition growth.

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*Organic Growth.* The hair restoration centers' business model is driven by productive lead generation that ultimately produces recurring customers. The primary marketing vehicle is direct response television in the form of infomercials that create leads into the hair restoration centers' telemarketing center. Call center employees receive calls and schedule a consultation at a local hair restoration company-owned or franchise center. At the consultation, sales consultants assess the needs of each individual client and educate them on the hair restoration centers' suite of hair loss solutions.

The Company's long term outlook for organic expansion remains favorable due to several factors, including favorable industry dynamics, addressing new market opportunities, menu expansion, developing new locations and new cross marketing initiatives. The aging "baby boomer" population is expanding the number of individuals within the hair restoration centers' target market. This group of individuals is entering their peak years of disposable income and has demonstrated a willingness to improve their physical appearance.

In 2003, Hair Club began marketing to women and changed its name to Hair Club for Men and Women. This represents a large and relatively untapped market. Women now represent approximately 35 percent of new customers.

Currently, all locations offer hair systems, hair therapy and hair care products. Among the hair restoration centers' product offerings are hair transplants. The hair restoration centers employ a hub and spoke strategy for hair transplants. As of June 30, 2010, 29 locations were equipped and staffed to perform the procedure. Currently, a total of 65 hair restoration centers offer this service to their customers. The Company plans to add the capability to conduct hair transplants to more centers in future periods.

Company-owned-and franchise hair restoration centers are located in markets representing 74 percent of all U.S. television (TV) households. The Company's hair restoration centers advertise on cable TV to over 85 million households. There is an opportunity to add a limited number of new centers in under penetrated markets.

*Hair Restoration Acquisition Growth.* The Company plans to supplement organic growth with opportunistic acquisition activity. The hair restoration industry is comprised of a highly-fragmented group of 4,000 locations. This landscape provides an opportunity for consolidation. Given the existing coverage of Hair Club locations, it is anticipated that transactions may involve the acquisition of customer lists, rather than physical locations.

#### **Affiliated Ownership Interests:**

The Company maintains ownership interests in salons and beauty schools. The primary ownership interests are in Provalliance, EEG and Hair Club for Men, Ltd., which are accounted for as equity method investments.

The Company maintains a 30.0 percent ownership interest in Provalliance. The fiscal year 2008 merger of the operations of the European operating subsidiaries with the Franck Provost Salon Group created a newly formed entity, Provalliance. The Franck Provost Salon Group management structure has a proven platform to build and acquire company-owned stores as well as a strong franchise operating group that is positioned for expansion.

The Company maintains a 55.1 percent ownership interest in EEG. Contributing the Company's beauty schools in fiscal year 2008 to EEG leverages EEG's management expertise, while enabling the Company to maintain a vested interest in the highly profitable beauty school industry.

The Company maintains a 50.0 percent ownership in Hair Club for Men, Ltd. Hair Club for Men, Ltd. operates Hair Club centers in Illinois and Wisconsin.

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#### **Corporate Trademarks:**

The Company holds numerous trademarks, both in the United States and in many foreign countries. The most recognized trademarks are "Regis Salons," "Supercuts," "MasterCuts," "SmartStyle," "Cost Cutters," "Hair Masters," "First Choice Haircutters," "Magicuts" and "Hair Club for Men and Women."

"Sassoon" is a registered trademark of Procter & Gamble. The Company has a license agreement to use the Sassoon name for existing salons and academies, and new salon development.

Although the Company believes the use of these trademarks is an element in establishing and maintaining its reputation as a national operator of high quality hairstyling salons, and is committed to protecting these trademarks by vigorously challenging any unauthorized use, the Company's success and continuing growth are the result of the quality of its salon location selections and real estate strategies.

#### **Corporate Employees:**

During fiscal year 2010, the Company had approximately 56,000 full- and part-time employees worldwide, of which approximately 49,000 employees were located in the United States. None of the Company's employees are subject to a collective bargaining agreement and the Company believes that its employee relations are amicable.

#### **Executive Officers:**

Information relating to Executive Officers of the Company follows:

Name	Age	Position
Paul D. Finkelstein	68	Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer
Randy L. Pearce	55	Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
Bruce Johnson	57	Executive Vice President, Design and Construction
Mark Kartarik	54	Executive Vice President, Regis Corporation and President, Franchise Division
Norma Knudsen	52	Executive Vice President, Merchandising
Gordon Nelson	59	Executive Vice President, Fashion, Education and Marketing
Eric A. Bakken	43	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Paul D. Finkelstein has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO since 2004. He served as President and Chief Executive Officer from 1996 to 2004, as President and Chief Operating Officer from 1988 to 1996 and as Executive Vice President from 1987 to 1988.

Randy L. Pearce has served as Senior Executive Vice President since 2006. He served as Executive Vice President from 1999 to 2006, as Chief Administrative Officer since 1999 and as Chief Financial Officer since 1998. Additionally, he was Senior Vice President, Finance from 1998 to 1999, Vice President of Finance from 1995 to 1997 and Vice President of Financial Reporting from 1991 to 1994. During fiscal year 2006, he was also elected Director and Audit Committee Chair of Dress Barn, Inc., which operates a chain of women's apparel specialty stores.

Bruce Johnson has served as Executive Vice President of Real Estate and Construction since 2007. He served as Senior Vice President from 1997 to 2007 and in other roles with the Company from 1977 to 1997.

Mark Kartarik has served as Executive Vice President of Regis Corporation since 2007. He served as Senior Vice President from 2001 to 2007, as President of Supercuts, Inc. from 1998 to 2001, as Chief

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Operating Officer of Supercuts, Inc. from 1997 to 1998 and in other roles with the Company from 1984 to 1997.

Norma Knudsen has served as Executive Vice President, Merchandising since July 2006. She served as Chief Operating Officer, Trade Secret from February 1999 through 2009 and as Vice President, Trade Secret Operations from 1995 to 1999.

Gordon Nelson has served as Executive Vice President, Fashion, Education and Marketing of the Company since 2006. He served as Senior Vice President from 1994 to 2006 and in other roles with the Company from 1977 to 1994.

Eric A. Bakken has served as Executive Vice President since 2010. He served as Senior Vice President from 2006 to 2009, General Counsel from 2004 to 2006, as Vice President, Law from 1998 to 2004 and as a lawyer to the Company from 1994 to 1998.

#### **Corporate Community Involvement:**

Many of the Company's stylists volunteer their time to support charitable events for breast cancer research. Proceeds collected from such events are distributed through the Regis Foundation for Breast Cancer Research. The Company's community involvement also includes a major sponsorship role for the Susan G. Komen Twin Cities Race for the Cure. This 5K run and one mile walk is held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Mother's Day to help fund breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment. Through its community involvement efforts, the Company has helped raise millions of dollars in fundraising for breast cancer research.

#### **Governmental Regulations:**

The Company is subject to various federal, state, local and provincial laws affecting its business as well as a variety of regulatory provisions relating to the conduct of its beauty related business, including health and safety.

In the United States, the Company's franchise operations are subject to the Federal Trade Commission's Trade Regulation Rule on Franchising (the FTC Rule) and by state laws and administrative regulations that regulate various aspects of franchise operations and sales. The Company's franchises are offered to franchisees by means of an offering circular/disclosure document containing specified disclosures in accordance with the FTC Rule and the laws and regulations of certain states. The Company has registered its offering of franchises with the regulatory authorities of those states in which it offers franchises and in which such registration is required. State laws that regulate the franchisor-franchisee relationship presently exist in a substantial number of states and, in certain cases, apply substantive standards to this relationship. Such laws may, for example, require that the franchisor deal with the franchisee in good faith, may prohibit interference with the right of free association among franchisees, and may limit termination of franchisees without payment of reasonable compensation. The Company believes that the current trend is for government regulation of franchising to increase over time. However, such laws have not had, and the Company does not expect such laws to have, a significant effect on the Company's operations.

In Canada, the Company's franchise operations are subject to both the Alberta Franchise Act and the Ontario Franchise Act. The offering of franchises in Canada occurs by way of a disclosure document, which contains certain disclosures required by the Ontario and Alberta Franchise Acts. Both the Ontario and Alberta Franchise Acts primarily focus on disclosure requirements, although each requires certain relationship requirements such as a duty of fair dealing and the right of franchisees to associate and organize with other franchisees.

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Governmental regulations surrounding franchise operations in Europe are similar to those in the United States. The Company believes it is operating in substantial compliance with applicable laws and regulations governing all of its operations.

The Company maintains an ownership interest in EEG. Beauty schools derive a significant portion of their revenue from student financial assistance originating from the U.S Department of Education's Title IV Higher Education Act of 1965. For the students to receive financial assistance at the school, the beauty schools must maintain eligibility requirements established by the U.S Department of Education.

Financial Information about Foreign and North American Operations

Financial information about foreign and North American markets is incorporated herein by reference to Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in Part II, Item 7 and segment information in Note 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part II, Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

#### Available Information

The Company is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act). The Company therefore files periodic reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Such reports may be obtained by visiting the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. In addition, the SEC maintains an internet site (http://www.sec.gov) that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically.

Financial and other information can be accessed in the Investor Information section of the Company's website at *www.regiscorp.com*. The Company makes available, free of charge, copies of its annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after filing such material electronically or otherwise furnishing it to the SEC.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

The results and impact of our announcement that our Board authorized the exploration of strategic alternatives to enhance shareholder value are uncertain and cannot be determined.

In August 2010, we announced that our Board authorized the exploration of strategic alternatives to enhance shareholder value, which could result in, among other things, a sale of the Company. There can be no assurance that the review of strategic alternatives will result in any agreement or transaction, or that if an agreement is executed, that a transaction will be consummated. We do not intend to disclose developments with respect to this review (whether or not material) unless and until the Board has approved a specific course of action or terminated the exploration of strategic alternatives. In connection with our exploration of strategic alternatives, we expect to incur expenses associated with identifying and evaluating strategic alternatives. The process of exploring strategic alternatives may be disruptive to our business operations and could make it more difficult to pursue acquisitions and retain personnel. The inability to effectively manage the process and any resulting agreement or transaction could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

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Our business and our industry are affected by cyclical and global economic factors, including the risk of a prolonged recession.

Our financial results are substantially dependent upon overall economic conditions in the United States and in Europe. A prolonged or a deepening recession in the United States, or globally, could further decrease the demand for our products and services substantially below current levels and adversely affect our business. Our industry has historically been vulnerable to significant declines in consumption and product and service pricing during prolonged periods of economic downturn such as at present.

Recessions and other periods of economic dislocation typically result in a lower level of discretionary income for consumers. To the extent discretionary income declines, consumers may be more likely to reduce discretionary spending. This could result in our salon customers lengthening their visitation patterns, foregoing salon treatments or using home treatments as a substitute. It could also result in our hair restoration patients decreasing the amount spent on hair restoration treatments.

The current economic conditions have affected our financial results for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009. Our comparable same-store sales results for the twelve months ended June 30, 2010 declined 3.2 percent compared to the twelve months ended June 30, 2009. We impaired \$35.3 million of goodwill associated with our Regis salon concept during fiscal year 2010. Also, we impaired \$41.7 million of goodwill associated with our salon concepts in the United Kingdom and \$25.7 million of our investment in Provalliance during fiscal year 2009. If the economic downturn continues to result in negative same-store sales and we are unable to offset the impact with operational savings, our financial results may be further affected. We may be required to take additional impairment charges and to impair certain long-lived assets, goodwill and investments, and such impairments could be material to our consolidated balance sheet and results of operations. The concepts that have the highest likelihood of impairment are Regis and Promenade.

Changes in the general economic environment may impact our business and results of operations.

Changes to the United States, Canadian, United Kingdom, Asian and other European economies have an impact on our business. General economic factors that are beyond our control, such as interest rates, recession, inflation, deflation, tax rates and policy, energy costs, unemployment trends, and other matters that influence consumer confidence and spending, may impact our business. In particular, visitation patterns to our salons and hair restoration centers can be adversely impacted by increases in unemployment rates and decreases in discretionary income levels.

If we continue to have negative same-store sales our business and results of operations may be affected.

Our success depends, in part, upon our ability to improve sales, as well as both gross margins and operating margins. Comparable same-store sales are affected by average ticket and same-store customer visits. A variety of factors affect same-store customer visits, including fashion trends, competition, current economic conditions, changes in our product assortment, the success of marketing programs and weather conditions. These factors may cause our comparable same-store sales results to differ materially from prior periods and from our expectations. Our comparable same-store sales results for the twelve months ended June 30, 2010 declined 3.2 percent compared to the twelve months ended June 30, 2009.

If we are unable to improve our comparable same-store sales on a long-term basis or offset the impact with operational savings, our financial results may be affected. Furthermore, continued declines in same-store sales performance may cause us to be in default of certain covenants in our financing arrangements.

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Changes in our key relationships may adversely affect our operating results.

We maintain key relationships with certain companies, including Wal-Mart. Termination or modification of any of these relationships, including Wal-Mart, could significantly reduce our revenues and have a material and adverse impact on our business, our operating results and our ability to grow.

Changes in fashion trends may impact our revenue.

Changes in consumer tastes and fashion trends can have an impact on our financial performance. For example, trends in wearing longer hair may reduce the number of visits to, and therefore, sales at our salons.

Changes in regulatory and statutory laws may result in increased costs to our business.

With approximately 12,700 locations and 56,000 employees worldwide, our financial results can be adversely impacted by regulatory or statutory changes in laws. Due to the number of people we employ, laws that increase minimum wage rates or increase costs to provide employee benefits may result in additional costs to our company. Compliance with new, complex and changing laws may cause our expenses to increase. In addition, any non-compliance with these laws could result in fines, product recalls and enforcement actions or otherwise restrict our ability to market certain products, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. We are also subject to laws that affect the franchisor-franchisee relationship.

If we are not able to successfully compete in our business segments, our financial results may be affected.

Competition on a market by market basis remains strong. Therefore, our ability to raise prices in certain markets can be adversely impacted by this competition. If we are not able to raise prices, our ability to grow same-store sales and increase our revenue and earnings may be impaired.

If our joint ventures are unsuccessful our financial results may be affected.

We have entered into joint venture arrangements with other companies in the hair salon and beauty school businesses in order to maintain and expand our operations in the United States, Asia and continental Europe. If our joint venture partners are unwilling or unable to devote their financial resources or marketing and operational capabilities to our joint venture businesses, or if any of our joint ventures are terminated, we may not be able to realize anticipated revenues and profits in the countries where our joint ventures operate and our business could be materially adversely affected. If our joint venture arrangements are not successful, we may have a limited ability to terminate or modify these arrangements. If any of our joint ventures are terminated, there can be no assurance that we will be able to attract new joint venture partners to continue the activities of the terminated joint venture or to operate independently in the countries in which the terminated joint venture conducted business.

We are subject to default risk on our accounts and notes receivable.

We have outstanding accounts and notes receivable subject to collectability. For example, as of June 30, 2010, \$31.6 million was due to the Company from the purchaser of Trade Secret. On July 6, 2010, the purchaser of Trade Secret filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The Company has a security interest in the assets of the purchaser of Trade Secret, that the Company believes fully collateralizes the \$31.6 million. If the counterparties are unable to repay the amounts due or if payment becomes unlikely our results of operations would be adversely affected.

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Changes in manufacturers' choice of distribution channels may negatively affect our revenues.

The retail products that we sell are licensed to be carried exclusively by professional salons. The products we purchase for sale in our salons are purchased pursuant to purchase orders, as opposed to long-term contracts and generally can be terminated by the producer without much advance notice. Should the various product manufacturers decide to utilize other distribution channels, such as large discount retailers, it could negatively impact the revenue earned from product sales.

Changes to interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates may impact our results from operations.

Changes in interest rates will have an impact on our expected results from operations. Currently, we manage the risk related to fluctuations in interest rates through the use of variable rate debt instruments and other financial instruments.

If we fail to protect the security of personal information about our customers, we could be subject to costly government enforcement actions or private litigation and our reputation could suffer.

The nature of our business involves processing, transmission and storage of personal information about our customers. If we experience a data security breach, we could be exposed to government enforcement actions and private litigation. In addition, our customers could lose confidence in our ability to protect their personal information, which could cause them to stop visiting our salons altogether. Such events could lead to lost future sales and adversely affect our results of operations.

Certain of the terms and provisions of the convertible notes we issued in July 2009 may adversely affect our financial condition and operating results and impose other risks.

In July 2009, we issued \$172.5 million aggregate principal amount of our 5.0 percent convertible senior notes due 2014 in a public offering. Certain terms of the notes we issued may adversely affect our financial condition and operating results or impose other risks, such as the following:

Holders of notes may convert their notes into shares of our common stock, which may dilute the ownership interest of our shareholders.

If we elect to settle all or a portion of the conversion obligation exercised by holders of the notes through the payment of cash, it could adversely affect our liquidity,

Holders of notes may require us to purchase their notes upon certain fundamental changes, and any failure by us to purchase the notes in such event would result in an event of default with respect to the notes,

The fundamental change provisions contained in the notes may delay or prevent a takeover attempt of the Company that might otherwise be beneficial to our investors,

Recent changes in the accounting method for convertible debt securities that may be settled in cash require us to include both the current period's amortization of the debt discount and the instrument's coupon interest as interest expense, which will decrease our financial results,

Our ability to pay principal and interest on the notes depends on our future operating performance and any failure by us to make scheduled payments could allow the note holders to declare all outstanding principal and interest to be due and payable, result in termination of other debt commitments and foreclosure proceedings by other lenders, or force us into bankruptcy or liquidation, and

The debt obligations represented by the notes may limit our ability to obtain additional financing, require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to pay our debt, limit our ability to adjust rapidly to changing market conditions and increase our vulnerability to downtowns in general economic conditions in our business.

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#### Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

## Item 2. Properties

The Company's corporate offices are headquartered in a 270,000 square foot, four building complex in Edina, Minnesota owned or leased by the Company. The Company also operates small offices in Toronto, Canada; Coventry and London, England; and Boca Raton, Florida. These offices are occupied under long-term leases.

The Company owns distribution centers located in Chattanooga, Tennessee and Salt Lake City, Utah. The Chattanooga facility currently utilizes 250,000 square feet while the Salt Lake City facility utilizes 210,000 square feet. The Salt Lake City facility may be expanded to 290,000 square feet to accommodate future growth.

The Company operates all of its salon locations and hair replacement centers under leases or license agreements. Substantially all of its North American locations in regional malls are operating under leases with an original term of at least ten years. Salons operating within strip centers and Wal-Mart Supercenters have leases with original terms of at least five years, generally with the ability to renew, at the Company's option, for one or more additional five year periods. Salons operating within department stores in Canada and Europe operate under license agreements, while freestanding or shopping center locations in those countries have real property leases comparable to the Company's domestic locations.

The Company also leases the premises in which certain franchisees operate and has entered into corresponding sublease arrangements with the franchisees. These leases have a five year initial term and one or more five year renewal options. All lease costs are passed through to the franchisees. Remaining franchisees, who do not enter into sublease arrangements with the Company, negotiate and enter into leases on their own behalf.

None of the Company's salon leases is individually material to the operations of the Company, and the Company expects that it will be able to renew its leases on satisfactory terms as they expire. See Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part II, Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

#### Item 3. Legal Proceedings

The Company is a defendant in various lawsuits and claims arising out of the normal course of business. Like certain other large retail employers, the Company has been faced with allegations of purported class-wide consumer and wage and hour violations. Litigation is inherently unpredictable and the outcome of these matters cannot presently be determined. Although company counsel believes that the Company has valid defenses in these matters, it could in the future incur judgments or enter into settlements of claims that could have a material adverse effect on its results of operations in any particular period.

During fiscal year 2010, the Company recorded a \$5.2 million charge related to the settlement of two legal claims regarding certain customer and employee matters. Additionally, the Company has commitment to provide discount coupons. As of June 30, 2010, there was a \$4.3 million remaining liability recorded within accrued expenses related to the settlements.

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#### **PART II**

## Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Repurchase of Equity Securities

(a) Market Price of and Dividends on the Registrant's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters; Performance Graph

Regis common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "RGS."

The accompanying table sets forth the high and low closing bid quotations for each quarter during fiscal years 2010 and 2009 as reported by the New York Stock Exchange (under the symbol "RGS"). The quotations reflect inter-dealer prices, without retail mark-up, mark-down or commission, and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.

As of August 19, 2010, Regis shares were owned by approximately 22,400 shareholders based on the number of record holders and an estimate of individual participants in security position listings. The common stock price was \$17.03 per share on August 19, 2010.