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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

X QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the quarterly period ended September 5, 2008

OR

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

Commission file number 001-14625

HOST HOTELS & RESORTS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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Maryland (State of Incorporation)

53-0085950 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

6903 Rockledge Drive, Suite 1500, Bethesda, Maryland (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

20817 (Zip Code)

(240) 744-1000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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. x Yes "No

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

Large Accelerated filer x Accelerated filer " Non-Accelerated filer "

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

The registrant had 522,548,757 shares of its \$0.01 par value common stock outstanding as of October 10, 2008.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

September 5, 2008 and December 31, 2007

(in millions, except shares and per share amounts)

	-	tember 5, 2008 naudited)	Dec	ember 31, 2007
ASSETS	Ì	ŕ		
Property and equipment, net	\$	10,731	\$	10,588
Due from managers	Ψ.	99	Ψ	106
Investments in affiliates		210		194
Deferred financing costs, net		51		51
Furniture, fixtures and equipment replacement fund		121		122
Other		228		198
Restricted cash		55		65
Cash and cash equivalents		494		488
Total assets	\$	11,989	\$	11,812
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY				
Debt				
Senior notes, including \$1,091 million and \$1,088 million, respectively, net of discount, of Exchangeable				
Senior Debentures	\$	4,117	\$	4,114
Mortgage debt		1,492	·	1,423
Credit facility, including \$210 million of term loan borrowings		210		ĺ
Other		87		88
Total debt		5,906		5,625
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		132		315
Other		206		215
Total liabilities		6,244		6,155
Interest of minority partners of Host Hotels & Resorts, L.P. (redemption value of \$306 million at				
September 5, 2008)		223		188
Interest of minority partners of other consolidated partnerships (redemption value of \$82 million at				
September 5, 2008)		26		28
Stockholders equity				
Cumulative redeemable preferred stock (liquidation preference \$100 million) 50 million shares authorized;				
4.0 million shares issued and outstanding		97		97
Common stock, par value \$.01, 750 million shares authorized; 518.9 million shares and 522.6 million				
shares issued and outstanding, respectively		5		5
Additional paid-in capital		5,638		5,673
Accumulated other comprehensive income		44		45
Deficit		(288)		(379)
Total stockholders equity		5,496		5,441
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Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$	11,989	\$	11,812

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See notes to condensed consolidated statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

Quarter and Year-to-Date Ended September 5, 2008 and September 7, 2007

(unaudited, in millions, except per share amounts)

	Ouar	Quarter ended		Year-to-Date ended			
	September 5,	-		September 7,			
	2008	2007	2008	2007			
REVENUES							
Rooms	\$ 757	\$ 769	\$ 2,236	\$ 2,216			
Food and beverage	311	323	1,085	1,071			
Other	78	83	241	242			
Total hotel sales	1,146	1,175	3,562	3,529			
Rental income	22	22	79	78			
Total revenues	1,168	1,197	3,641	3,607			
EXPENSES							
Rooms	191	190	547	533			
Food and beverage	254	260	798	791			
Hotel departmental expenses	313	307	897	870			
Management fees	49	55	173	171			
Other property-level expenses	91	93	268	268			
Depreciation and amortization	133	119	388	352			
Corporate and other expenses	14	14	45	51			
Gain on insurance settlement		(5)	(7)	(5)			
Total operating costs and expenses	1,045	1,033	3,109	3,031			
OPERATING PROFIT	123	164	532	576			
Interest income	4	9	13	27			
Interest expense	(83)	(82)	(240)	(312)			
Net gains on property transactions and other		3	2	5			
Minority interest expense		(5)	(19)	(21)			
Equity in earnings of affiliates	1		3	5			
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	45	89	291	280			
Benefit (provision) for income taxes	(4)	4	(11)	(1)			
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	41	93	280	279			
Income from discontinued operations	13	4	25	154			
NET INCOME	54	97	305	433			
Less: Dividends on preferred stock	(2)	(2)	(6)	(6)			
NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS	\$ 52	\$ 95	\$ 299	\$ 427			
Basic earnings per common share:							
Continuing operations	\$.07	\$.17	\$.52	\$.52			
Discontinued operations	.03	.01	.05	.30			

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Basic earnings per common share	\$.10	\$.18	\$.57	\$.82
Diluted earnings per common share:				
Continuing operations	\$.07	\$.17	\$.52	\$.51
Discontinued operations	.03	.01	.04	.28
Diluted earnings per common share	\$.10	\$.18	\$.56	\$.79

See notes to condensed consolidated statements.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Year-to-Date Ended September 5, 2008 and September 7, 2007

(unaudited, in millions)

	Year-to- September 5, 2008	Date ended September 7, 2007
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 305	\$ 433
Adjustments to reconcile to cash provided by operations:		
Discontinued operations:		
Gain on dispositions	(24)	(139)
Depreciation		3
Depreciation and amortization	388	352
Amortization of deferred financing costs	8	10
Deferred income taxes	5	3
Net gains on property transactions	(2)	(5)
Equity in earnings of affiliates	(3)	(5)
Distributions from investments in affiliates	3	3
Minority interest expense	19	21
Change in due from managers	7	(8)
Changes in other assets	(9)	1
Changes in other liabilities	18	(3)
Cash provided by operations	715	666
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sales of assets, net	38	335
Acquisitions		(15)
Deposits for acquisitions		(22)
Investments in affiliates	(18)	(12)
Capital expenditures:		
Renewals and replacements	(245)	(161)
Repositionings and other investments	(218)	(206)
Change in furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) reserves	1	(33)
Change in restricted cash designated for FF&E reserves	1	40
Other	(9)	30
Cash used in investing activities	(450)	(44)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Financing costs	(8)	(9)
Debt issuances	510	1,025
Net draws (repayments) on credit facility revolver		(250)
Debt prepayments	(211)	(825)
Scheduled principal repayments	(12)	(29)
Common stock repurchase	(100)	
Dividends on common stock	(417)	(340)
Dividends on preferred stock	(7)	(7)
Distributions to minority interests	(23)	(17)
Change in restricted cash	9	25

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Cash used in financing activities	(259)	(427)
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	6	195
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	488	364
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$ 494	\$ 559

See notes to condensed consolidated statements.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Year-to-Date Ended September 5, 2008 and September 7, 2007

(unaudited, in millions)

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

	Year-to	-date ended
	September 5, 2008	September 7, 2007
Interest paid	\$ 213	\$ 273
Income taxes paid	6	6

Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing activities:

In 2008 and 2007, we issued approximately 2.5 million and 0.4 million shares, respectively, upon the conversion of operating partnership units (OP Units) of Host Hotels & Resorts, L.P. (Host LP) held by minority partners valued at approximately \$39 million and \$11 million, respectively.

On March 12, 2008, we acquired the remaining limited partnership interests in Pacific Gateway Ltd., a subsidiary partnership of Host LP, which owns the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina, and other economic rights formerly held by our partners, including the right to receive 1.7% of the hotel sales, in exchange for 5,575,540 OP Units. The OP Units were valued at \$93 million based on the closing stock price of \$16.68 on such date for Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc.

See notes to condensed consolidated statements.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

1. Organization

Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc., or Host, a Maryland corporation operating through an umbrella partnership structure, is the owner of hotel properties. We operate as a self-managed and self-administered real estate investment trust, or REIT, with our operations conducted solely through an operating partnership, Host Hotels & Resorts, L.P., or the operating partnership, or Host LP, and its subsidiaries. We are the sole general partner of the operating partnership and, as of September 5, 2008, own approximately 96% of the partnership interests of Host LP, which are referred to as OP units.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

We have condensed or omitted certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. We believe the disclosures made are adequate to prevent the information presented from being misleading. However, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10 K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

In our opinion, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments necessary to present fairly our financial position as of September 5, 2008 and the results of our operations for the quarterly and year-to-date periods ended September 5, 2008 and September 7, 2007 and cash flows for the year-to-date periods ended September 5, 2008 and September 7, 2007. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of full year performance because of the impact of seasonal and short-term variations.

Certain prior year financial statement amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation.

Reporting Periods

The results we report are based on results of our hotels reported to us by our hotel managers. Our hotel managers use different reporting periods. Marriott, the manager of the majority of our properties, uses a fiscal year ending on the Friday closest to December 31 and reports twelve weeks of operations for each of the first three quarters of the year and sixteen or seventeen weeks for the fourth quarter of the year. In contrast, other managers of our hotels, such as Starwood and Hyatt, report results on a monthly basis. For results reported by hotel managers using a monthly reporting period (approximately 41% of our hotels), the month of operation that ends after our fiscal quarter-end is included in our results of operations in the following fiscal quarter. Accordingly, our results of operations include results from hotel managers reporting results on a monthly basis as follows: first quarter (January, February), second quarter (March to May), third quarter (June to August), and fourth quarter (September to December). We elected to adopt the reporting period used by Marriott modified so that our fiscal year always ends on December 31 because we are a REIT. Accordingly, our first three quarters of operations end on the same day as Marriott but our fourth quarter ends on December 31.

Interest of minority partners of Host Hotels & Resorts, L.P.

The percentage of Host LP owned by third parties, presented as interest of minority partners of Host LP in the condensed consolidated balance sheets, was \$223 million and \$188 million as of September 5, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. We adjust the interest of the minority partners of Host LP each period to maintain a proportional relationship between the book value of equity associated with our common stockholders relative to that of the unitholders of Host LP since OP Units may be exchanged into common stock on a one-for-one basis. Net income is allocated to the minority partners of Host LP based on their weighted average ownership percentage during the period. As of September 5, 2008, approximately \$306 million of cash or Host stock, at our option, would be paid to the outside partners of the operating partnership if the partnership were terminated. The \$306 million approximate redemption value is equivalent to the 21.4 million OP Units outstanding valued at the September 5, 2008 Host common stock price of \$14.32, which we have assumed would be equal to the value provided to outside partners upon liquidation of the operating partnership.

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Distributions from investments in affiliates

We classify the distributions from our equity investments in the statement of cash flows based upon an evaluation of the specific facts and circumstances of each distribution to determine its nature. For example, distributions from cash generated by property operations are classified as cash flows from operating activities. However, distributions received as a result of property sales would be classified as cash flows from investing activities.

Application of New Accounting Standards

The FASB recently issued FASB staff position (FSP) APB 14-1, Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash Upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement) (FSP 14-1). FSP 14-1 specifies that issuers of such instruments should separately account for the liability and equity components in a manner that will reflect the entity s nonconvertible debt borrowing rate on the instrument s issuance date when interest cost is recognized. Our \$600 million $2^{5}/_{8}\%$ Exchangeable Senior Debentures (the 2007 Debentures) and our \$500 million 3.25% Exchangeable Senior Debentures (the 2004 Debentures) are within the scope of FSP 14-1; therefore, we will be required to record the debt components of the debentures at fair value as of the date of issuance and amortize the discount as an increase to interest expense over the expected life of the debt. The implementation of this standard will result in a decrease to net income and earnings per share for all periods presented; however, there is no effect on our cash interest payments. FSP 14-1 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years and shall be applied retrospectively to all periods presented. Early adoption of FSP 14-1 is not permitted. We anticipate that as a result of the application of this standard, our annual diluted earnings per common share will decrease by approximately \$.03 to \$.05 per share. Additionally, we anticipate that the application of this standard will decrease our debt balance as of December 31, 2008 by approximately \$89 million, with a corresponding increase to stockholders equity.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

3. Earnings per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding. Diluted earnings per common share is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders as adjusted for potentially dilutive securities, by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding plus potentially dilutive securities. Dilutive securities may include shares granted under comprehensive stock plans, preferred OP units held by minority partners and exchangeable debt securities. No effect is shown for securities that are anti-dilutive.

	Quarter ended								
	September 5, 2008				September 7, 2007				
		(in mi	llions	, except	t per share	amounts)			
			Per	Share			Per Shar		
	Income	Shares	An	nount	Income	Shares	An	nount	
Net income	\$ 54	519.3	\$.10	\$ 97	522.3	\$.19	
Dividends on preferred stock	(2)				(2)			(.01)	
Basic earnings available to common stockholders	52	519.3		.10	95	522.3		.18	
Assuming distribution of common shares granted under the									
comprehensive stock plan, less shares assumed purchased at average market price		.3				.8			
Assuming conversion of minority OP units issuable						1.2			
Assuming conversion of 2004 Exchangeable Senior Debentures					4	29.5			
Diluted earnings available to common stockholders	\$ 52	519.6	\$.10	\$ 99	553.8	\$.18	

	Year-to-Date ended								
	September 5, 2008				Se	September 7, 2007			
		(in m	illion	s, except	per share a	amounts)			
			Per	Share			Per Sha		
	Income	Shares	Aı	nount	Income	Shares	An	nount	
Net income	\$ 305	520.8	\$.58	\$ 433	522.0	\$.83	
Dividends on preferred stock	(6)			(.01)	(6)			(.01)	
Basic earnings available to common stockholders	299	520.8		.57	427	522.0		.82	
Assuming distribution of common shares granted under the comprehensive stock plan, less shares assumed purchased at									
average market price		.4				.9			
Assuming conversion of minority OP units issuable						1.2			
Assuming conversion of 2004 Exchangeable Senior Debentures	13	31.2		(.01)	13	29.5		(.03)	
Diluted earnings available to common stockholders	\$ 312	552.4	\$.56	\$ 440	553.6	\$.79	

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(Unaudited)

4. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consists of the following as of:

	September 5, 2008	Dec	ember 31, 2007
Land and land improvements	\$ 1,618	\$	1,621
Buildings and leasehold improvements	11,343		10,907
Furniture and equipment	1,653		1,530
Construction in progress	206		230
	14,820		14,288
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(4,089)		(3,700)
	\$ 10.731	\$	10.588

5. Debt

Credit Facility. On September 19, 2008, we borrowed \$200 million under the revolver portion of our credit facility at a rate of LIBOR plus 65 basis points. Currently, we have \$400 million of available capacity under the revolver portion of the credit facility.

6. Stockholder s Equity

Dividends. On September 18, 2008, our Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.20 per share on our common stock. The dividend will be paid on October 15, 2008 to stockholders of record as of September 30, 2008.

On September 18, 2008, our Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.5546875 per share on our Class E cumulative redeemable preferred stock. The dividend will be paid on October 15, 2008 to preferred stockholders of record as of September 30, 2008.

Stock Repurchase. The Company s Board of Directors authorized a program to repurchase up to \$500 million of common stock and equity related securities. These securities may be purchased in the open market or through private transactions, depending on market conditions. The plan does not obligate the Company to repurchase any specific number or amount of securities and may be suspended at any time at management s discretion. As of September 5, 2008, the Company repurchased 6.5 million shares valued at approximately \$100 million, of which 2.1 million shares valued at approximately \$27.7 million were purchased in the third quarter. The shares repurchased constitute authorized but unissued shares.

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7. Geographic Information

We consider each one of our hotels to be an operating segment, none of which meets the threshold for a reportable segment. We also allocate resources and assess operating performance based on individual hotels. Our hotels meet the aggregation criteria for financial reporting and, accordingly, we report one business segment, hotel ownership. Our foreign operations consist of four properties located in Canada, two properties located in Chile and one property located in Mexico. There were no intercompany sales between our domestic properties and our foreign properties. The following table presents revenues for each of the geographical areas in which we operate:

	Quar	Quarter ended			Year-to-Date ended			
	September 5, 2008	September 7, 2007		September 5, 2008	•	tember 7, 2007		
			(in n	nillions)				
United States	\$ 1,130	\$	1,161	\$ 3,519	\$	3,502		
Canada	23		24	81		72		
Chile	8		6	22		16		
Mexico	7		6	19		17		
Total revenue	\$ 1,168	\$	1,197	\$ 3,641	\$	3,607		

8. Comprehensive Income

Other comprehensive income consists of unrealized gains and losses on foreign currency translation adjustments and hedging instruments. During 2008, we have entered into three foreign currency forward purchase contracts totaling 60 million (approximately \$88 million) to hedge a portion of the foreign currency exposure resulting from the eventual repatriation of our net investment in the joint venture in Europe. The following table summarizes our three foreign currency forward purchase contracts (in millions):

	Transaction	Transaction	Forward Purchase
Transaction Date	Amount in Euros	Amount in Dollars	Date
February 2008	30	\$ 43	August 2011
February 2008	15	22	February 2013
May 2008	15	23	May 2014

These derivatives are considered a hedge of the foreign currency exposure of a net investment in a foreign operation, and, in accordance with SFAS 133, are marked-to-market with changes in fair value recorded to accumulated other comprehensive income within the stockholders equity portion of our condensed consolidated balance sheet. We also evaluate counterparty credit risk in the calculation of the fair value of the swaps. Year-to-date, we have recorded an increase in the fair value of the derivative instruments totaling approximately \$4 million, which is equal to the fair value as of September 5, 2008 included in accumulated other comprehensive income.

The following table presents comprehensive income for all periods presented:

Quar	ter ended	Year-to-Date ended			
September 5,	September 7,	September 5,	September 7,		
2008	2007	2008	2007		
	(in 1	millions)			

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Net income	\$ 54	\$ 97	\$ 305	\$ 433
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(5)	9	(1)	13
Comprehensive income	\$ 49	\$ 106	\$ 304	\$ 446

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(Unaudited)

9. Dispositions

Dispositions. In 2008, we have disposed of the Sheraton Tampa Suites and Host Airport Hotel Sacramento for a total of approximately \$39 million and recorded gains on dispositions of approximately \$23 million, net of tax. The following table summarizes the revenues, income before taxes, and the gain on dispositions, net of tax, of the hotels which have been reclassified to discontinued operations in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the periods presented:

	Quar	Quarter ended			Year-to-Date ended		
	September 5, 2008	September 2007	,	September 5, 2008	•	ember 7, 2007	
			(in	millions)			
Revenues	\$	\$	8	\$ 6	\$	40	
Income before income taxes			5	2		17	
Gain on dispositions, net of tax	13			23		139	

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Item 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this report. Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. is a Maryland corporation and operates as a self-managed and self-administered real estate investment trust, or REIT. Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. owns properties and conducts operations through Host Hotels & Resorts, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership of which Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. is the sole general partner and in which it holds approximately 96% of the partnership interests as of September 5, 2008. In this report, we use the terms we or our to refer to Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. and Host Hotels & Resorts, L.P. together, unless the context indicates otherwise. We also use the term Host to specifically refer to Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. and the terms operating partnership or Host LP to refer to Host Hotels & Resorts, L.P. in cases where it is important to distinguish between Host and Host LP.

Forward-Looking Statements

In this report on Form 10-Q, we make some forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are identified by their use of terms and phrases such as anticipate, believe, could, expect, may, i predict, project, plan, will, estimate and other similar terms and phrases. Forward-looking statements are based on management is current expectations and assumptions and are not guarantees of future performance that involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause our actual results to differ materially from those anticipated at the time the forward-looking statements are made. These risks and uncertainties include those risk factors discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10 K for the year ended December 31, 2007 and in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Although we believe the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, we can give no assurance that we will attain these expectations or that any deviations will not be material. Except as otherwise required by the federal securities laws, we disclaim any obligations or undertaking to publicly release updates to any forward-looking statement contained in this report to conform the statement to actual results or changes in our expectations.

Outlook

As of September 5, 2008, we own 117 hotel properties, which operate primarily in the luxury and upper upscale hotel sectors. For a general overview of our business and a discussion of our reporting periods, see our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.

During the quarter, the overall weakness in the U.S. economy, particularly the turmoil in the credit markets, weakness in the housing market, and volatile energy and commodity costs, have resulted in considerable negative pressure on both consumer and business spending. As a result, lodging demand, which is primarily driven by GDP growth, business investment and employment growth, continued to weaken during the third quarter and led to a decline in RevPAR of 2.1% at our comparable hotel properties. We expect the year-over-year declines in RevPAR to continue for the remainder of 2008 and into 2009. We anticipate that lodging demand will not improve, and will likely weaken further, until the current economic trends reverse course, particularly the expected weakness in the overall economy and the lack of liquidity in the credit markets.

Total room nights for our properties decreased in the third quarter for both transient and group business. The decrease in demand in our transient business has been most prominent in the higher-rated corporate, premium and special corporate segments due to the slowdown in business travel as companies have sought to cut costs because of the current economic environment. We expect corporate travel will continue to decline due to the current economic trends. In addition, leisure demand has continued to be soft during the quarter and we expect that leisure travel will further weaken, as this segment continues to be affected by increases in airline ticket prices and declines in airline capacity. For the quarter, group business at our hotels declined as short-term bookings decreased compared to the third quarter of 2007 and attrition rates increased. We anticipate that the declines in our group booking pace and the increase in attrition will likely accelerate in the fourth quarter.

To help mitigate the effect of these trends, our operators are adjusting the business mix of our properties in order to attempt to maximize the average room rate and manage demand during off-peak time periods. Additionally, our

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operators are seeking to manage costs and each of our properties have implemented certain contingency plans, such as matching the level of staffing to the reduced level of occupancy, eliminating discretionary spending, modifying restaurant outlet operation hours and delaying the implementation of brand standards. These efforts to control certain costs were modestly effective in the third quarter in limiting the decline in operating profit.

New supply forecasts for the markets in which we own hotels suggest that supply growth will increase approximately 2% in 2009. However, we believe that the growth in supply will be lower in 2010 and 2011 as new hotel construction will be delayed or cancelled due to the high level of construction materials and financing limitations in the current credit markets.

Due to the combination of economic and lodging industry trends discussed above, we believe that comparable hotel RevPAR will decrease 3% to 5% for the fourth quarter and will range from flat to down 1% for the full year 2008 compared to 2007. For 2009, we believe that the economic forecasts for weak growth in GDP, increasing unemployment and declines in business investment and profits, when combined with the turmoil in the credit markets, will continue to negatively affect both leisure and business travel and, accordingly, decrease lodging demand. Further, as properties adjust to reduced demand by shifting the occupancy mix to lower-rated business, we would expect that average room rates will decline slightly in many markets. We are in the very early stages of our budget process and the complexity and uncertainty of the current economic environment makes it difficult to accurately forecast our operating results. However, based on preliminary discussions with our operators and hotel general managers, as well as a review of booking pace and other hotel-specific and broad economic metrics, we believe comparable hotel RevPAR for 2009 will decline in relation to 2008. Additionally, we believe that our results will be adversely effected by certain operating costs and other expenses, including wages, benefits, real estate taxes and utilities, which are expected to increase at a rate greater than inflation. This, in turn, will likely result in reduced operating profit margins.

Management believes that, despite the negative forecast for operating results for the remainder of 2008 and 2009, we are in a strong financial position. Since 2003, we have taken advantage of historically low interest rates and high access to capital to extend our weighted average maturity, reduce interest costs and improve our financial covenant ratios under our senior notes indenture and credit facility (which include, among others, the allowable amounts of leverage, coverage and fixed charges). As of the end of the third quarter, we had approximately \$494 million in cash, and, subsequent to the end of the quarter, we drew \$200 million on the revolver portion of our credit facility. We currently have access to an additional \$400 million of available capacity under the credit facility. Management believes we have the financial resources necessary to succeed during this period of economic uncertainty, as well as the ability to take advantage of any opportunities should they materialize.

The general economic trends discussed above make it a difficult environment to predict operating results for our hotels for the remainder of 2008 and 2009. Therefore, there can be no assurances that we will not experience further declines in hotel revenues or earnings at our properties for any number of reasons, including, but not limited to, greater than anticipated weakness in the economy and changes in travel patterns.

Application of New Accounting Standards

The FASB recently issued FASB staff position (FSP) APB 14-1, Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash Upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement) (FSP 14-1). FSP 14-1 specifies that issuers of such instruments should separately account for the liability and equity components in a manner that will reflect the entity's nonconvertible debt borrowing rate on the instrument's issuance date when interest cost is recognized. Our \$600 million $2^5l_8\%$ Exchangeable Senior Debentures (the 2007 Debentures) and our \$500 million 3.25% Exchangeable Senior Debentures (the 2004 Debentures) are within the scope of FSP 14-1 and therefore, we will be required to record the debt components of the debentures at fair value as of the date of issuance and amortize the discount as an increase to interest expense over the expected life of the debt. The implementation of this standard will result in a decrease to net income, earnings per share and FFO per diluted share for all periods presented; however, there is no effect on our cash interest payments. FSP 14-1 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years and shall be applied retrospectively to all periods presented. Early adoption of FSP 14-1 is not permitted. We anticipate that as a result of the application of this standard, our annual diluted earnings per common share and FFO per diluted share will decrease by approximately \$.03 to \$.05 per share. Additionally, we anticipate that the application of this standard will decrease our debt balance as of December 31, 2008 by approximately \$89 million, with a corresponding increase to stockholders equity.

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Recent Events

On September 11, 2008, we announced that our European joint venture entered into an agreement to purchase six hotels, comprising 1,954 rooms, in France, Germany and The Netherlands for approximately 565 million. The purchase price includes the assumption of approximately 434 million of debt at an interest rate under 6%. The acquisition provides the venture with further geographic diversification in prime urban markets with significant barriers to entry. Additionally, these properties will benefit from recent significant capital investment of over 80 million. Upon closing, the European joint venture will be fully funded and invested, owning 17 hotels with nearly 5,500 rooms in eight countries. The purchase is subject to regulatory approvals and other closing conditions and is expected to close late this year.

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Results of Operations

The following table reflects certain line items from our statements of operations and other significant operating statistics (in millions, except operating statistics and percentages):

	Quarter ended				
	September 5, 2008	September 7, 2007		% Increase (Decrease)	
Revenues:					
Total hotel sales	\$ 1,146	\$	1,175	(2.5)%	
Operating costs and expenses:					
Property-level costs (1)	1,031		1,024	0.7	
Corporate and other expenses	14		14		
Gain on insurance settlement			5	(100.0)	
Operating profit	123		164	(25.0)	
Interest expense	83		82	1.2	
Minority interest expense			5	(100.0)	
Income from discontinued operations	13		4	N/M(4)	
Net income	54		97	(44.3)	
All hotel operating statistics (2):					
RevPAR	\$ 137.75	\$	138.97	(0.9)%	
Average room rate	\$ 184.53	\$	181.71	1.6%	
Average occupancy	74.7%		76.5%	(1.8) pts.	
Comparable hotel operating statistics (3):					
RevPAR	\$ 140.13	\$	143.15	(2.1)%	
Average room rate	\$ 187.00	\$	184.54	1.3%	
Average occupancy	74.9%		77.5%	(2.6) pts.	

	Year-to-	Year-to-Date ended				
	September 5, 2008	Sep	tember 7, 2007	% Increase (Decrease)		
Revenues:						
Total hotel sales	\$ 3,562	\$	3,529	0.9%		
Operating costs and expenses:						
Property-level costs (1)	3,071		2,985	2.9		
Corporate and other expenses	45		51	(11.8)		
Gain on insurance settlement	7		5	40.0		
Operating profit	532		576	(7.6)		
Interest expense	240		312	(23.1)		
Minority interest expense	19		21	(9.5)		
Income from discontinued operations	25		154	N/M(4)		
Net income	305		433	(29.6)		
All hotel operating statistics (2):						
RevPAR	\$ 144.07	\$	141.81	1.6%		
Average room rate	\$ 195.80	\$	190.20	2.9%		
Average occupancy	73.6%		74.6%	(1.0) pts.		
Comparable hotel operating statistics (3):						
RevPAR	\$ 146.27	\$	145.46	0.6%		
Average room rate	\$ 198.30	\$	193.26	2.6%		
Average occupancy	73.8%		75.3%	(1.5) pts.		

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(1) Amount represents total operating costs and expenses per our condensed consolidated statements of operations less corporate expenses and gains on insurance settlement.

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- (2) Operating statistics are for all properties as of September 5, 2008 and September 7, 2007 and include the results of operations for hotels we have sold prior to their disposition.
- (3) Comparable hotel operating statistics for September 5, 2008 and September 7, 2007 are based on 115 comparable hotels as of September 5, 2008.
- (4) N/M=Not Meaningful.

2008 Compared to 2007

Hotel Sales Overview

	Quart	Quarter ended						
	September 5, 2008	September 7, 2007	% Increase (Decrease)					
D	(in n	nillions)						
Revenues:								
Rooms	\$ 757	\$ 769	(1.6)%					
Food and beverage	311	323	(3.7)					
Other	78	83	(6.0)					
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Total hotel sales	\$ 1,146	\$ 1,175	(2.5)					

	Year-to-	Year-to-Date ended					
	September 5, 2008	September 7, 2007		% Increase (Decrease)			
	(in n	(in millions)					
Revenues:							
Rooms	\$ 2,236	\$	2,216	0.9%			
Food and beverage	1,085		1,071	1.3			
Other	241		242	(0.4)			
Total hotel sales	\$ 3,562	\$	3,529	0.9			

Hotel sales declined 2.5% for the quarter and increased 0.9% for year-to-date 2008, reflecting continued weakness in the lodging industry. Sales for properties sold or classified as held for sale in 2008 or 2007 have been reclassified as discontinued operations. See Discontinued Operations below.

We discuss operating results for our hotels on a comparable basis. Comparable hotels are those properties that we have owned for the entirety of the reporting periods being compared. Comparable hotels do not include the results of properties acquired or sold, or that incurred significant property damage and business interruption or large scale capital improvements during these periods. As of September 5, 2008, 115 of our 117 hotels have been classified as comparable hotels. See Comparable Hotel Operating Statistics for a complete description of our comparable hotels. We discuss our operating results by property type (i.e. urban, suburban, resort/conference or airport), geographic region and mix of business (i.e. transient, group or contract).

For the quarter, comparable hotel sales decreased 3.1% to approximately \$1.1 billion. The revenue decline reflects the decrease in comparable RevPAR of 2.1% as a result of a decrease in occupancy of 2.6 percentage points, partially offset by an increase in average room rates of 1.3%. Year-to-date, comparable hotel sales increased 0.6% to approximately \$3.5 billion. The revenue growth reflects the increase in comparable RevPAR of 0.6%, as a result of an increase in average room rates of 2.6%, partially offset by a decrease in occupancy of 1.5 percentage points. The year-to-date increase also includes one extra day of results for approximately 41% of our comparable hotels that report results on a monthly basis as 2008 is a leap year.

Food and beverage revenues for our comparable hotels decreased 4.6% for the quarter and increased 0.7% year-to-date. The decrease in the quarter reflects a decline in both banquet and outlet revenues. Other revenues for our comparable hotels, which primarily represent spa, golf, parking, internet connectivity and attrition and cancellation fees, decreased 6.0% for the quarter and 0.8% year-to-date.

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Comparable Hotel Sales by Property Type

The following tables set forth performance information for our comparable hotels by property type as of September 5, 2008 and September 7, 2007:

Comparable Hotels by Property Type (a)

	As of Septemb	er 5, 2008	Quarter	Quarter ended September 5, 2008 Average			Quarter ended September 7, 2007 Average		
	No. of Properties	No. of Rooms	Average Room Rate	Occupancy Percentages	RevPAR	Average Room Rate	Occupancy Percentages	RevPAR	Percent Change in RevPAR
Urban	55	32,989	\$ 204.22	78.2%	\$ 159.70	\$ 197.08	81.0%	\$ 159.73	%
Suburban	32	12,311	154.84	70.3	108.84	153.75	71.2	109.48	(0.6)
Resort/									
Conference	13	8,082	209.98	67.3	141.32	221.06	72.9	161.26	(12.4)
Airport	15	7,208	132.26	76.4	101.10	132.42	77.6	102.70	(1.6)
All Types	115	60,590	187.00	74.9	140.13	184.54	77.5	143.15	(2.1)

	As of Septemb	er 5, 2008	Year-to-Da	te ended Septem	ber 5, 2008	Year-to-Da			
				Average				Percent	
	No. of	No. of	Average	Occupancy		Average	Occupancy		Change in
	Properties	Rooms	Room Rate	Percentages	RevPAR	Room Rate	Percentages	RevPAR	RevPAR
Urban	55	32,989	\$ 210.29	75.8%	\$ 159.44	\$ 202.31	78.0%	\$ 157.73	1.1%
Suburban	32	12,311	159.58	67.3	107.43	156.11	68.6	107.04	0.4
Resort/									
Conference	13	8,082	256.76	73.8	189.58	258.75	74.1	191.67	(1.1)
Airport	15	7,208	138.69	75.3	104.42	137.20	75.7	103.91	0.5
All Types	115	60,590	198.30	73.8	146.27	193.26	75.3	145.46	0.6

For the third quarter of 2008, our urban hotels performed the best, with flat RevPAR, led by strong growth from our New York, San Francisco and Canadian hotels. RevPAR at our resort/conference properties significantly underperformed in comparison to the overall portfolio primarily due to the under-performance of our Hawaiian properties as a result of decreased airlift to the Hawaiian islands and overall weak demand in this market. RevPAR at our airport and suburban hotels also declined due to the overall decline in lodging demand.

⁽a) The reporting period for our comparable operating statistics for the year-to-date periods ended September 5, 2008 and September 7, 2007 is from December 29, 2007 to September 5, 2008 and December 30, 2006 to September 7, 2007, respectively. For further discussion, see Reporting Periods in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Comparable Hotel Sales by Geographic Region

The following tables set forth performance information for our comparable hotels by geographic region as of September 5, 2008 and September 7, 2007:

Comparable Hotels by Region (a)

	,			ended September Average	r 5, 2008	Quarter	ended September Average	Percent	
	No. of Properties	No. of Rooms	Average Room Rate	Occupancy Percentages	RevPAR	Average Room Rate	Occupancy Percentages	RevPAR	Change in RevPAR
Pacific	27	15,936	\$ 193.33	80.9%	\$ 156.43	\$ 198.97	82.6%	\$ 164.36	(4.8)%
Mid-Atlantic	11	8,684	258.56	81.6	210.89	240.98	85.8	206.70	2.0
North Central	14	6,175	153.73	72.8	111.91	157.40	75.6	119.06	(6.0)
Florida	9	5,676	165.06	67.8	111.95	161.15	68.5	110.46	1.3
DC Metro	13	5,666	175.31	80.0	140.29	175.09	77.5	135.63	3.4
New England	11	5,663	175.51	77.4	135.76	171.34	84.7	145.14	(6.5)
South Central	8	4,358	149.97	62.7	94.09	146.60	65.8	96.53	(2.5)
Mountain	8	3,372	136.63	65.6	89.70	130.13	71.0	92.45	(3.0)
Atlanta	7	2,589	179.13	62.1	111.24	184.37	66.1	121.91	(8.8)
International	7	2,471	171.67	64.7	111.05	155.41	66.6	103.50	7.3
All Regions	115	60,590	187.00	74.9	140.13	184.54	77.5	143.15	(2.1)

	As of Septemb	er 5, 2008	Year-to-Da	Year-to-Date ended September 5, 2008			Year-to-Date ended September 7, 2007			
				Average			Average			
	No. of	No. of	Average	Occupancy		Average	Occupancy		Change in	
	Properties	Rooms	Room Rate	Percentages	RevPAR	Room Rate	Percentages	RevPAR	RevPAR	
Pacific	27	15,936	\$ 201.37	76.9%	\$ 154.86	\$ 201.57	77.6%	\$ 156.33	(0.9)%	
Mid-Atlantic	11	8,684	255.14	79.3	202.32	241.03	82.4	198.69	1.8	
North Central	14	6,175	150.95	66.6	100.48	150.04	70.3	105.53	(4.8)	
Florida	9	5,676	218.67	75.6	165.31	214.38	73.7	158.03	4.6	
DC Metro	13	5,666	196.54	76.4	150.13	193.00	77.6	149.72	0.3	
New England	11	5,663	174.84	72.7	127.13	168.33	74.4	125.30	1.5	
South Central	8	4,358	163.73	68.7	112.56	158.83	72.0	114.30	(1.5)	
Mountain	8	3,372	173.01	66.8	115.57	166.73	69.9	116.49	(0.8)	
Atlanta	7	2,589	190.25	67.1	127.74	193.47	69.1	133.70	(4.5)	
International	7	2,471	172.50	69.3	119.60	151.35	67.5	102.11	17.1	
All Regions	115	60,590	198.30	73.8	146.27	193.26	75.3	145.46	0.6	

⁽a) The reporting period for our comparable operating statistics for the year-to-date periods ended September 5, 2008 and September 7, 2007 is from December 29, 2007 to September 5, 2008 and December 30, 2006 to September 7, 2007, respectively. For further discussion, see Reporting Periods in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The DC Metro region performed well as the suburban hotels in the region had a strong quarter coming off of renovations in the first half of the year, and the downtown hotels, particularly the JW Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C., continued to out-perform other regions. The increase in comparable RevPAR in our Mid-Atlantic region was due to strong rate growth at our New York hotels that was driven by international travel. However, the growth at our New York properties was partially offset by continued weakness at our Philadelphia hotels due to fewer city-wide events, weaker group bookings and a decrease in leisure demand. Our International region was the top performing region during the quarter due to RevPAR growth at our Chilean and Canadian hotels and the impact of foreign currency translation on foreign operations.

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Comparable hotel RevPAR growth in our Florida region was driven by RevPAR growth at the Harbor Beach Marriott and Orlando World Center Marriott; however, results were muted by rooms renovations at three of the hotels in the region, as well as the impact of Hurricane Fay. Overall RevPAR for our Pacific region declined, though

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results varied by market. The San Francisco market had a strong quarter, with RevPAR growth of 12.6% driven by increased city-wide events. The growth in our San Francisco region was offset by the 28% decline in RevPAR at our Hawaiian properties.

The New England region underperformed other regions, reflecting decreased demand at our Boston hotels due to fewer city-wide events and softening leisure demand. In addition, we experienced higher group attrition and cancellations than in prior periods. The Atlanta region significantly underperformed in comparison to the overall portfolio due to weak group bookings, lower transient demand and a rooms—renovation at The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead. RevPAR in our Mountain region also declined as the Phoenix market continued to struggle due to lower group and transient demand and rooms—renovations at two hotels.

Hotels Sales by Business Mix. The majority of our customers fall into three broad groups: transient, group and contract business. Individual travelers are referred to as transient customers. Those traveling as part of an organized group, meeting or convention are referred to as group customers. Contract customers represent blocks of rooms sold to a specific company for an extended period of time at significantly discounted rates, such as airline crews. The information below is derived from business mix data for 108 of our hotels for which business mix data is available from our managers. For further detail on our business mix, see our annual report on Form 10-K.

Transient business was weak during the quarter as room nights decreased approximately 3.2%. The decrease in demand was most prominent in our higher-rated transient business, some of which we were able to offset through an increase in occupancy of lower-rated business. Although our premium, corporate and special corporate rates increased nearly 3.0%, the negative shift in the business mix, combined with the difficult operating environment in Maui, caused a slight decline in the overall transient room rate, resulting in a 3.6% decrease in transient room revenues.

During the third quarter, group business also decreased, as group room nights declined approximately 6.0%, while the average room rate increased 4.9%. The net result was a decline in group revenues of approximately 1.3% for the quarter. Group booking pace for the fourth quarter of 2008 has slowed and we have seen a slight increase in cancellations, which could result in further slowing in group revenues for the fourth quarter and at least the first half of 2009. The decrease in group and transient business was partially offset by an increase in contract business of 9.6% for the quarter.

Property-level Operating Expenses

	Quar			
	September 5,	September 7,		% Increase
	2008 2007 (in millions)			(Decrease)
Rooms	\$ 191	11111011S <i>)</i> \$	190	0.5%
Food and beverage	254	Ψ	260	(2.3)
Hotel departmental expenses	313		307	2.0
Management fees	49		55	(10.9)
Other property-level expenses	91		93	(2.2)
Depreciation and amortization	133		119	11.8
Total property-level operating expenses	\$ 1,031	\$	1,024	0.7

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	Year-to-Date ended						
	September 2008	5, Sep	tember 7, 2007	% Increase (Decrease)			
Rooms	\$ 547	\$	533	2.6%			
Food and beverage	798		791	0.9			
Hotel departmental expenses	897		870	3.1			
Management fees	173		171	1.2			
Other property-level expenses	268		268				
Depreciation and amortization	388		352	10.2			
Total property-level operating expenses	\$ 3,071	\$	2,985	2.9			

Operating expenses for the quarter and year-to-date periods increased 0.7% and 2.9%, respectively. Our operating expenses, which are both fixed and variable, are primarily affected by changes in occupancy, inflation and revenues, though the effect on specific costs will differ. For example, management fees are primarily affected by changes in revenues and operating profit at each property. The growth in expenses was primarily the result of a 0.6% and 2.4% increase in wages and benefits for the quarter and year-to-date periods, respectively, which represent approximately 54% of the overall increase, for both periods, respectively. While increases in energy costs broadly effect operating costs, utilities, which increased 8.6% for the third quarter, only represent approximately 6.4% of total operating expenses. We also experienced significant increases in real estate taxes both for the quarter and year-to-date. These costs were partially offset by a decrease in insurance expense of approximately 38% and 18% for the quarter and year-to-date periods, respectively. We expect the increases in operating expenses will continue to adversely affect margins throughout 2008. Property-level operating expenses exclude the costs for hotels we have sold, which are included in discontinued operations.

Corporate and Other Expenses. Corporate and other expenses primarily consist of employee salaries and bonuses and other costs such as employee stock-based compensation expense, travel, corporate insurance, audit fees, building rent and system costs. Corporate expenses were unchanged for the quarter and decreased approximately \$6 million year-to-date from the same period last year due to the decrease in compensation expense recorded for our stock-based compensation awards as a result of the decline in our stock price.

Gain on Insurance Settlement. The gain on insurance settlement of \$7 million for year-to-date 2008, primarily represents the release of contingencies related to an insurance settlement reached for business interruption incurred at the New Orleans Marriott following Hurricane Katrina. As a result of recognizing this gain, we paid \$2 million of management fees, which are included in management fee expense.

Interest Expense. Interest expense increased \$1 million for the quarter and decreased \$72 million year-to-date. For the quarter, the increase was primarily the result of interest expense on the \$210 million term loan that we entered into during 2008. During 2007, year-to-date interest expense included \$45 million of call premiums and the acceleration of the amortization of deferred financing costs associated with debt prepayments. There were no such expenses for 2008. Additionally, the year-to-date decline in interest expense reflects the decline in the weighted average interest rate for the first half of 2008 when compared to the first half of 2007.

Minority Interest Expense. Minority interest expense decreased \$5 million and \$2 million for the 2008 quarter and year-to-date periods, respectively. The decrease during the quarter is attributable to the decrease in the net income of Host LP of \$44 million. The year-to-date decrease is primarily due to the significant gain on dispositions, net of tax, of \$139 million recorded during 2007, which was partially offset by an increase in the ownership percentage of the minority interest partners in Host LP.

Discontinued Operations. Discontinued operations consist of two hotels disposed of in 2008 and nine hotels disposed of during 2007 and represent the results of operations and the gains on the disposition of these hotels during the periods. The following table summarizes the revenues, income before taxes, and the gain on dispositions, net of tax, of the hotels which have been reclassified to discontinued operations in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the periods presented:

	Quar	ter ended	Year-to	to-Date ended	
	September 5, 2008	September 7, 2007	September 5, 2008	September 7, 2007	
		(in	millions)		
Revenue	\$	\$ 8	\$ 6	\$ 40	
Income before taxes		5	2	17	
Gain on disposals, net of tax	13		23	139	

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash Requirements

Host uses cash primarily for acquisitions, capital expenditures, debt payments and dividends to stockholders. As a REIT, Host is required to distribute to its stockholders at least 90% of its taxable income, excluding net capital gain, on an annual basis. Funds used by Host to make these distributions are provided by Host LP. We depend primarily on external sources of capital to finance future growth, including acquisitions.

Cash Balances. As of September 5, 2008, we had \$494 million of cash and cash equivalents, which was an increase of \$6 million from December 31, 2007. Sources of cash include cash from operations, proceeds from debt issuances and refinancings and proceeds from hotel dispositions. Uses of cash during the year primarily consisted of capital expenditures, dividend payments and stock repurchases. Excluding amounts necessary for working capital, we intend to use available funds, over time, to further invest in our portfolio, acquire new properties, repurchase our stock, invest in foreign joint ventures or make additional debt repayments. Due to the current economic environment, management has determined to maintain higher than historical cash levels for working capital. We believe we have ample liquidity and access to capital markets to take advantage of acquisition opportunities which may arise, continue our capital expenditures program, deal with our near term debt maturities and to withstand an unanticipated decline in the cash flow from our business.

Debt Transactions. In the second quarter of 2008, we entered into a \$210 million term loan, which was provided for under our existing credit facility, and used the proceeds to repay \$100 million outstanding under the revolver portion of the credit facility and for general corporate purposes. We also refinanced the \$208 million, 7.48% mortgage on the Orlando World Center Marriott with a \$300 million mortgage that bears interest at a rate of LIBOR plus 350 basis points (5.99% at September 5, 2008). During the third quarter, there were no debt issuances or prepayments. Subsequent to the end of the quarter, we borrowed \$200 million of our available \$600 million capacity under the revolver portion of our credit facility. See the table of significant financing transactions in Cash Used in Financing Activities. In addition to the above financing activities, approximately \$5 million of principal amortization will be paid over the remainder of 2008.

We may continue to redeem or refinance senior notes (which include our exchangeable senior debentures) and mortgage debt from time to time when market conditions are favorable. We may purchase senior notes for cash through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions, a tender offer or, in some cases, through the early redemption of such securities pursuant to their terms. Repurchases of debt, if any, will depend on prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements, contractual restrictions and other factors. Any refinancing or retirement before the maturity date would affect earnings and Funds From Operations, or FFO, per diluted share, as defined below, as a result of the payment of any applicable call premiums and the acceleration of previously deferred financing costs.

Equity Transactions. In the first quarter of 2008, our Board of Directors authorized a program to repurchase up to \$500 million of common stock and equity related securities. These securities may be purchased in the open

market or through private transactions, depending on market conditions. The plan does not obligate us to repurchase any specific number or amount of securities and may be suspended at any time at management s discretion. As of September 5, 2008, the Company has repurchased 6.5 million shares valued at approximately \$100 million of which 2.1 million shares valued at approximately \$27.7 million were purchased in the third quarter. Also, during the first quarter, we acquired the remaining limited partnership interests in Pacific Gateway Ltd., a subsidiary partnership of Host LP, which owns the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina, and other economic rights formerly held by our partners, including the right to receive 1.7% of the hotel s sales, in exchange for 5,575,540 OP Units. The OP Units were valued at \$93 million based on the closing stock price of \$16.68 on such date for Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc.

Acquisitions and Dispositions. We expect acquisition opportunities will continue to be limited in domestic markets due to the turmoil in the credit markets and uncertainty regarding the operating outlook. While the situation is similar internationally, we believe those markets are more likely to provide opportunities that meet our investment return criteria, particularly through the use of joint ventures. For example, on September 11, 2008, we announced that our European joint venture entered into an agreement to purchase six hotels located in three countries in Europe for approximately 565 million, which includes the assumption of approximately 434 million in debt. We own a 32.1% interest in the European joint venture and serve as the general partner.

During 2008, we also disposed of the Sheraton Tampa Suites Airport and the Host Airport Hotel Sacramento for approximately \$39 million. Due to the current turmoil in the credit markets which continues to restrict potential buyers, we have not forecast any additional dispositions in 2008.

Capital Expenditures. Our capital expenditures generally fall into three broad categories: renewal and replacement expenditures, repositioning/return on investment (or ROI) projects and value enhancement projects. ROI/repositioning capital expenditures are selective capital improvements outside the scope of the typical renewal and replacement capital expenditures. These projects include, for example, significant repositionings of guest rooms, lobbies or food and beverage platforms, expanding ballroom, spa or conference facilities and installing energy conservation devices and systems. Value enhancement projects are intended to enhance the value of our portfolio by identifying and executing strategies designed to maximize the highest and best use of all aspects of our properties, such as the development of timeshare or condominium units on excess land.

During the first three quarters of 2008, total capital expenditures increased \$96 million to \$463 million, primarily as a result of the timing of various projects across the portfolio, including the completion of a 26,000 square foot ballroom at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, which was the final phase in the \$81 million repositioning of this property, and the addition of 8,300 square feet of meeting space at the San Francisco Marriott. Our renewal and replacement capital expenditures during the first three quarters of 2008 were approximately \$245 million, which reflects an increase of approximately 52.2% from 2007 levels. We expect total renewal and replacement capital expenditures for 2008 to be approximately \$370 million. Our renewal and replacement capital expenditures are generally funded by the furniture, fixture and equipment funds established at certain of our hotels (typically funded with approximately 5% of property revenues) and by our available cash. We also spent approximately \$218 million during 2008 on repositioning and return on investment (ROI) projects, which reflects an increase of approximately 5.8% over 2007 levels. We expect total repositioning/ROI expenditures for 2008 to be approximately \$280 million. While we are still developing our capital program for 2009, we would expect total expenditures would decline significantly from 2008 levels.

Sources and Uses of Cash

Our principal sources of cash are operations, the sale of assets, borrowing under our credit facility and our ability to obtain additional financing through various capital market transactions. Our principal uses of cash are debt service, asset acquisitions, capital expenditures, operating costs, corporate expenses and distributions to equity holders.

Cash Provided by Operations. Cash provided by operations during the first three quarters of 2008 increased \$49 million to \$715 million compared to the first three quarters of 2007, due primarily to a reduction in interest expense.

Cash Used in Investing Activities. Approximately \$450 million of cash was used in investing activities during the first three quarters of 2008. This included approximately \$463 million of capital expenditures and \$18 million of investments, partially offset by the \$38 million of proceeds from the dispositions of the Sheraton Tampa Suites Airport and the Host

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Airport Hotel Sacramento. During year-to-date 2007, approximately \$44 million of cash was used in investing activities. This included approximately \$367 million of capital expenditures, partially offset by proceeds of approximately \$335 million from dispositions of assets.

Cash Used in Financing Activities. Approximately \$259 million of cash was used in financing activities during the first three quarters of 2008 and primarily consisted of the payment of the fourth quarter 2007 and first and second quarter 2008 dividends of \$424 million, an increase of \$77 million from the first three quarters of 2007. Cash used in financing activities also consisted of scheduled principal repayments of \$12 million and the repurchase of 6.5 million shares of our common stock for approximately \$100 million. We also received net proceeds of approximately \$300 million through debt issuances and refinancings. The following table summarizes the significant financing transactions as of October 10, 2008 (in millions), excluding the non-cash acquisition of the remaining limited partnership interests in Pacific Gateway, Ltd. through the issuance of \$93 million of OP units noted previously:

		Trans	saction
Transaction Date	Description of Transaction	Am	ount
Debt			
September	Draw on the Credit Facility Revolver (1)	\$	200
June	Proceeds from 5.99% Orlando World Center Marriott mortgage refinancing (2)		300
June	Repayment of the 7.48% mortgage on the Orlando World Center Marriott		(208)
May	Proceeds from the Credit Facility Term Loan		45
April	Repayment of the draw on the Credit Facility Revolver		(100)
April	Additional proceeds from the Credit Facility Term Loan		165
March	Draw on the Credit Facility Revolver		100
Equity			
March-August	Common stock repurchases		(100)

- (1) Occurred subsequent to the end of the third quarter.
- (2) The Orlando World Center Marriott mortgage loan has a floating rate of interest of LIBOR plus 350 basis points. The interest rate shown reflects the rate as of September 5, 2008.

Debt

As of September 5, 2008, our total debt was \$5.9 billion, of which approximately \$343 million, or 5.8%, matures through 2009. The weighted average interest rate of our debt was approximately 5.9% and the weighted average maturity was 5.0 years. Additionally, 91% of our debt had a fixed rate of interest as of September 5, 2008. Currently, we are in compliance with the financial covenants under our debt agreements.

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As of September 5, 2008 and December 31, 2007, our debt was comprised of (in millions):

	tember 5, 2008	ember 31, 2007
Series K senior notes, with a rate of 7 1/8% due November 2013	\$ 725	\$ 725
Series M senior notes, with a rate of 7% due August 2012	348	347
Series O senior notes, with a rate of 6 3/8% due March 2015	650	650
Series Q senior notes, with a rate of 6 ³ /4% due June 2016	800	800
Series S senior notes, with a rate of 6 ⁷ /8% due November 2014	497	497
\$500 million Exchangeable Senior Debentures, with a rate of 3.25% due April 2024	497	496
\$600 million Exchangeable Senior Debentures, with a rate of 2 5/8% due April 2027	593	592
Senior notes, with a rate of 10.0%, due May 2012	7	7
Total senior notes	4,117	4,114
Mortgage debt (non-recourse) secured by \$2.2 billion of real estate assets, with an average interest rate of 6.4% at September 5, 2008 and 6.6% at December 31, 2007, maturing through December 2023		
respectively	1,492	1,423
Credit facility, including the \$210 million term loan	210	
Other	87	88
Total debt	\$ 5,906	\$ 5,625

\$600 million Exchangeable Senior Debentures. On March 23, 2007, Host LP issued \$600 million 25/8% Exchangeable Senior Debentures (the 2007 Debentures) and received proceeds of \$589 million, net of underwriting fees and expenses and original issue discount. The 2007 Debentures mature on April 15, 2027 and are equal in right of payment with all of our other senior notes. Interest is payable quarterly in arrears on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year beginning on July 15, 2007. We can redeem for cash all, or part of, the 2007 Debentures at any time on or after April 20, 2012 upon 15 days notice at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount plus accrued interest. Holders have the right to require us to repurchase the 2007 Debentures on April 15, 2012, April 15, 2017 and April 15, 2022 for cash equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued interest. Holders may exchange their 2007 Debentures prior to maturity under certain conditions, including when the closing sale price of Host s common stock is more than 130% of the exchange price per share for at least 20 of 30 consecutive trading days during certain periods or any time up to two days prior to the date on which the debentures have been called for redemption. On exchange, we must deliver cash in an amount equal to not less than the lower of the exchange value (which is the applicable exchange rate multiplied by the average price of our common shares) and the aggregate principal amount of the 2007 Debentures to be exchanged and, at our option, shares, cash or a combination thereof for any excess above the principal value. If we elect to redeem the debentures and the exchange value exceeds the cash redemption price, we would expect holders to elect to exchange their debentures at the exchange value described above rather than receive the cash redemption price. The current exchange rate is 31.35 shares of our common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of debentures, which is equivalent to an exchange price of \$31.90 per share of Host common stock. The exchange rate may be adjusted under certain circumstances including the payment of common dividends exceeding \$.20 per share in any given quarter. The 2007 Debentures are not currently exchangeable.

\$500 million Exchangeable Senior Debentures. On March 16, 2004, Host LP issued \$500 million of 3.25% Exchangeable Senior Debentures (the 2004 Debentures) and received proceeds of \$484 million, net of discounts, underwriting fees and expenses. The 2004 Debentures mature on April 15, 2024 and are equal in right of payment with all of our other senior debt. Interest is payable quarterly in arrears on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year. Holders have the right to require us to repurchase the 2004 Debentures on April 15, 2010, April 15, 2014 and April 15, 2019 for cash equal to 100% of the principal amount. Holders may exchange their 2004 Debentures prior to maturity under certain conditions, including at any time at which the closing sale price of our common stock is more than 120% of the exchange price per share, for at least 20 of 30 consecutive trading days during certain periods or any time up to two days prior to the date on which the debentures have been called for redemption. The current exchange rate is 63.3687 shares for each \$1,000 of principal amount of the 2004 Debentures, (which is equivalent to an exchange price of \$15.78 per share). The exchange rate is adjusted for certain circumstances, including the payment of all common dividends. We can redeem for cash all or part of the 2004

Debentures at any time subsequent to April 19, 2009 upon 30 days notice at the applicable redemption price as set forth in the indenture. If we elect to redeem the debentures and the exchange value exceeds the cash redemption price, we would expect holders to elect to exchange their debentures for stock rather than receive the cash redemption price. The 2004 Debentures are not currently exchangeable.

Credit Facility. On September 19, 2008, we borrowed \$200 million under the revolver portion of our credit facility at a rate of LIBOR plus 65 basis points based on our current leverage (3.71% at September 19, 2008). We also have a \$210 million term loan outstanding under the credit facility. Currently, we have \$400 million of remaining available capacity under the revolver portion of our credit facility.

Dividend Policy

Host is required to distribute to stockholders at least 90% of its annual taxable income, excluding net capital gain, to qualify as a REIT, including taxable income recognized for federal income tax purposes but with regard to which we do not receive corresponding cash. Funds used by Host to pay dividends on its common and preferred stock are provided through distributions from Host LP. For every share of common and preferred stock of Host, Host LP has issued to Host a corresponding common OP unit and preferred OP unit. As of September 5, 2008, Host is the owner of substantially all of the preferred OP units and approximately 96% of the common OP units. The remaining common OP units are held by various third-party limited partners.

Investors should take into account the 4% minority position in Host LP common OP units when analyzing common and preferred dividend payments by Host to its stockholders, as these holders share, on a pro rata basis, in amounts being distributed by Host LP to holders of its corresponding common and preferred OP units. When Host pays a common or preferred dividend, Host LP pays an equivalent per unit distribution on all common or corresponding preferred OP units. For example, if Host paid a \$1 per share dividend on its common stock, it would be based on payment of a \$1 per unit distribution by Host LP to Host, as well as to other common OP unit holders.

Host s current policy on common dividends is generally to distribute, over time, 100% of its annual taxable income. Host intends to pay a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.20 per share, and, in addition, to declare a special dividend during the fourth quarter of each year, the amount of which will vary depending on Host s estimated taxable income. Based on our current outlook, we expect that the fourth quarter special dividend will be in the range of zero to \$.05, resulting in a full year dividend of \$.80 to \$.85. Host currently intends to continue paying dividends on its preferred stock, regardless of the amount of taxable income, unless contractually restricted. The amount of any dividends will be determined by Host s Board of Directors.

On September 18, 2008, our Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.20 per share on our common stock. The dividend will be paid on October 15, 2008 to stockholders of record as of September 30, 2008.

On September 18, 2008, our Board of Directors also declared a cash dividend of \$0.5546875 per share on our Class E cumulative redeemable preferred stock. The dividend will be paid on October 15, 2008 to preferred stockholders of record as of September 30, 2008.

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Comparable Hotel Operating Statistics

We present certain operating statistics (i.e., RevPAR, average daily rate and average occupancy) and operating results (revenues, expenses and adjusted operating profit) for the periods included in this report on a comparable hotel basis. We define our comparable hotels as properties (i) that are owned or leased by us and the operations of which are included in our consolidated results, whether as continuing operations or discontinued operations for the entirety of the reporting periods being compared and (ii) that have not sustained substantial property damage or business interruption, or undergone large-scale capital projects during the reporting periods being compared. Of the 117 hotels that we owned on September 5, 2008, 115 have been classified as comparable hotels. The operating results of the following hotels that we owned as of September 5, 2008 are excluded from comparable hotel results for these periods:

Atlanta Marriott Marquis (a two-year major renovation project that was completed in June 2008); and

New Orleans Marriott (property damage and business interruption from Hurricane Katrina in August 2005). The operating results of the eleven hotels we disposed of during 2008 and 2007 are also not included in comparable hotel results for the periods presented herein. Moreover, because these statistics and operating results are for our hotel properties, they exclude results for our non-hotel properties and other real estate investments.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We use certain non-GAAP financial measures, which are measures of our historical financial performance that are not calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, within the meaning of applicable SEC rules. They are as follows: (i) Funds From Operations (FFO) per diluted share, and (ii) Comparable Hotel Operating Results. A complete discussion of these measures (including the reasons why we believe they are useful to investors, the additional purposes for which management uses these measures and their limitations) is included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10 K.

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FFO per Diluted Share

We present FFO per diluted share as a non-GAAP measure of our performance in addition to our earnings per share (calculated in accordance with GAAP). We calculate FFO per diluted share for a given operating period as our FFO (defined as set forth below) for such period divided by the number of fully diluted shares outstanding during such period. The National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT) defines FFO as net income (calculated in accordance with GAAP) excluding gains (or losses) from sales of real estate, the cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles, real estate-related depreciation and amortization and adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures. FFO is presented on a per share basis after making adjustments for the effects of dilutive securities, including the payment of preferred stock dividends, in accordance with NAREIT guidelines. We believe that FFO per diluted share is a useful supplemental measure of our operating performance and that presentation of FFO per diluted share, when combined with the primary GAAP presentation of earnings per share, provides beneficial information to investors. The following table provides a reconciliation of net income available to common stockholders per share to FFO per diluted share (in millions, except per share amounts):

Reconciliation of Net Income Available to

Common Stockholders to Funds From Operations per Diluted Share

	Quarter ended							
	September 5, 2008 Sep					eptember 7, 2007		
			Per	Share			Per	Share
	Income	Shares	An	nount	Income	Shares	An	nount
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 52	519.3	\$.10	\$ 95	522.3	\$.18
Adjustments:								
Gain on dispositions, net of taxes	(13)			(.03)				
Gain on insurance settlements (a)					(6)			(.01)
Amortization of deferred gains, net of taxes	(1)				(3)			(.01)
Depreciation and amortization	133			.25	120			.23
Partnership adjustments	5			.01	7			.01
FFO of minority partners of Host LP (b)	(7)			(.01)	(7)			(.01)
Adjustments for dilutive securities:								
Assuming distribution of common shares granted under the comprehensive stock								
plan less shares assumed purchased at average market price		.3				.8		
Assuming conversion of 2004								
Exchangeable Senior Debentures	4	31.2		(.01)	4	29.5		(.01)
FFO per diluted share (c)(d)	\$ 173	550.8	\$.31	\$ 210	552.6	\$.38

	Year-to-Date ended							
	September 5, 2008				Sep	September 7, 2007		
			Per	Share				Share
	Income	Shares	Ar	nount	Income	Shares	An	nount
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 299	520.8	\$.57	\$ 427	522.0	\$.82
Adjustments:								
Gain on dispositions, net of taxes	(23)			(.04)	(139)			(.27)
Gain on insurance settlements (a)					(6)			(.01)
Amortization of deferred gains, net of taxes	(3)			(.01)	(5)			(.01)
Depreciation and amortization	387			.74	354			.68
Partnership adjustments	22			.04	20			.04
FFO of minority partners of Host LP (b)	(28)			(.05)	(22)			(.04)
Adjustments for dilutive securities:								
Assuming distribution of common shares granted under the comprehensive stock								
plan less shares assumed purchased at average market price		.4				.9		
Assuming conversion of 2004								
Exchangeable Senior Debentures	13	31.2		(.04)	13	29.5		(.05)
FFO per diluted share (c)(d)	\$ 667	552.4	\$	1.21	\$ 642	552.4	\$	1.16

⁽a) Represents the gain during the period from the settlement of property insurance claims, including the gains that are included in discontinued operations related to hotels that we have sold.

⁽b) Represents FFO attributable to the minority interests in Host LP.

⁽c) FFO per diluted share in accordance with NAREIT is adjusted for the effects of dilutive securities. Dilutive securities may include shares granted under comprehensive stock plans, preferred OP units held by minority partners, exchangeable debt securities and other minority interests that have the option to convert their limited partnership interest to common OP units. No effect is shown for securities if they are anti-dilutive.

(d) The following table presents significant transactions affecting earnings per share and FFO per diluted share for all periods presented (in millions, except per share amounts):

Schedule of Significant Transactions Affecting Earnings per Share

and Funds From Operations per Diluted Share

	Quarter ended September 5, 2008 September 7, 20				
	Net Income Net Inco (Loss) FFO (Loss			FFO	
Gain (loss) on hotel dispositions, net of taxes	\$ 13	\$	\$	\$	
Minority interest expense (2)	(1)				
Total	\$ 12	\$	\$	\$	
Diluted shares	519.6				
Per diluted share	\$.02	\$	\$	\$	

	Year-to-Date ended					
	September	5, 2008	September	er 7, 2007		
	Net		Net			
	Income		Income			
	(Loss)	FFO	(Loss)	FFO		
Senior note redemptions and debt prepayments (1)	\$	\$	\$ (46)	\$ (46)		
Gain on hotel dispositions, net of taxes	23		139			
Minority interest income (expense) (2)	(1)		(3)	2		
Total	\$ 22	\$	\$ 90	\$ (44)		
				,		
Diluted shares	552.4		553.6	552.4		
Per diluted share	\$.04	\$	\$.16	\$ (.08)		

⁽¹⁾ Represents call premiums and the acceleration of original issue discounts and deferred financing costs, as well as incremental interest during the call or prepayment notice period, included in interest expense in the consolidated statements of operations. We recognized these costs in conjunction with the prepayment or refinancing of senior notes and mortgages during certain periods presented.

⁽²⁾ Represents the portion of the significant transactions attributable to minority partners in Host LP.

Comparable Hotel Operating Results

We present certain operating results for our hotels, such as hotel revenues, expenses and adjusted operating profit, on a comparable hotel, or same store basis as supplemental information for investors. We present these hotel operating results on a comparable hotel basis because we believe that doing so provides investors and management with useful information for evaluating the period-to-period performance of our hotels and facilitates comparisons with other hotel REITs and hotel owners. The following table presents certain operating results and statistics for our comparable hotels for the periods presented herein:

Comparable Hotel Results (a)

(in millions, except hotel statistics)

		Quarter endec	l	Year	r-to-Date ei	ıded
	September 2008	5, Sep	tember 7, 2007	September 3	5, Se _l	otember 7, 2007
Number of hotels	11:	5	115	115		115
Number of rooms	60,590)	60,590	60,590		60,590
Percent change in Comparable Hotel RevPAR	(2.7	1)%		.69	%	
Comparable hotel sales						
Room	\$ 74	1 \$	757	\$ 2,204	\$	2,188
Food and beverage (b)	308	3	323	1,079		1,071
Other	79)	84	245		247
Comparable hotel sales (c)	1,128	3	1,164	3,528		3,506
Comparable hotel expenses						
Room	18'	7	186	538		524
Food and beverage (d)	25	1	258	791		787
Other	4:	5	49	132		135
Management fees, ground rent and other costs	380)	382	1,130		1,108
Comparable hotel expenses (e)	86.	3	875	2,591		2,554
Comparable hotel adjusted operating profit	265	5	289	937		952
Non-comparable hotel results, net (f)	:	5	3	22		23
Office buildings and limited service properties, net (g)				(1)		(1)
Depreciation and amortization	(13:	3)	(119)	(388)		(352)
Corporate and other expenses	(14	4)	(14)	(45)		(51)
Gain on insurance settlement			5	7		5
Operating profit	\$ 12:	3 \$	164	\$ 532	\$	576

⁽a) The reporting period for our comparable operating statistics for the year-to-date periods ended September 5, 2008 and September 7, 2007 is from December 29, 2007 to September 5, 2008 and December 30, 2006 to September 7, 2007, respectively. For further discussion, see Reporting Periods in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(b) The reconciliation of total food and beverage sales per the condensed consolidated statements of operations to the comparable food and beverage sales is as follows:

	Quarter ended			Year-to-	to-Date ended																																											
	September 5, 2008	September 7, 2007				. /		. /		. /		. /		. /				. ,																				. /						. ,		September 5, 2008		ember 7, 2007
Food and beverage sales per the consolidated statements of																																																
operations	\$ 311	\$	323	\$ 1,085	\$	1,071																																										
Non-comparable food and beverage sales	(8)		(4)	(34)		(24)																																										
Food and beverage sales for the property for which we																																																
record rental income	5		4	21		20																																										
Adjustment for food and beverage sales for comparable																																																
hotels to reflect Marriott s fiscal year for Marriott-managed																																																
hotels				7		4																																										
Comparable food and beverage sales	\$ 308	\$	323	\$ 1,079	\$	1,071																																										

(c) The reconciliation of total revenues per the condensed consolidated statements of operations to the comparable hotel sales is as follows:

	Quarter ended			Year-to-	Date er	ıded
	September 5, 2008	September 7, 2007		September 5, 2008		tember 7, 2007
Revenues per the consolidated statements of operations	\$ 1,168	\$	1,197	\$ 3,641	\$	3,607
Non-comparable hotel sales	(31)		(24)	(114)		(96)
Hotel sales for the property for which we record rental						
income, net	11		10	38		37
Rental income for office buildings and select service hotels	(20)		(19)	(58)		(56)
Adjustment for hotel sales for comparable hotels to reflect						
Marriott s fiscal year for Marriott- managed hotels				21		14
Comparable hotel sales	\$ 1,128	\$	1,164	\$ 3,528	\$	3,506

(d) The reconciliation of total food and beverage expenses per the condensed consolidated statements of operations to the comparable food and beverage expenses is as follows:

	Quarter ended			Year-to-	Date end	led																												
	September 5, 2008	September 7, 2007								. /														. ,		. /		. /		. ,		September 5, 2008		ember 7, 2007
Food and beverage expenses per the consolidated																																		
statements of operations	\$ 254	\$	260	\$ 798	\$	791																												
Non-comparable food and beverage expense	(6)		(5)	(25)		(19)																												
Food and beverage expenses for the property for which we																																		
record rental income	3		3	13		12																												
Adjustment for food and beverage expenses for comparable hotels to reflect Marriott s fiscal year for Marriott-managed																																		
hotels				5		3																												
Comparable food and beverage expenses	\$ 251	\$	258	\$ 791	\$	787																												

(e) The reconciliation of operating costs per the condensed consolidated statements of operations to the comparable hotel expenses is as follows (in millions):

	Quarter ended			Year-to-Date ended		
	September 5, 2008		nber 7, 07	September 5, 2008	_	tember 7, 2007
Operating costs and expenses per the consolidated statements						
of operations	\$ 1,045	\$	1,033	\$ 3,109	\$	3,031
Non-comparable hotel expenses	(26)		(20)	(87)		(70)
Hotel expenses for the property for which we record rental						
income	11		9	39		38
Rent expense for office buildings and select service hotels	(20)		(19)	(59)		(57)
Adjustment for hotel expenses for comparable hotels to						
reflect Marriott s fiscal year for Marriott-managed hotels				15		10
Depreciation and amortization	(133)		(119)	(388)		(352)
Corporate and other expenses	(14)		(14)	(45)		(51)
Gain on insurance settlement			5	7		5
Comparable hotel expenses	\$ 863	\$	875	\$ 2,591	\$	2,554

⁽f) Non-comparable hotel results, net includes the following items: (i) the results of operations of our non-comparable hotels whose operations are included in our consolidated statements of operations as continuing operations and (ii) the difference between the number of days of operations reflected in the comparable hotel results and the number of days of operations reflected in the consolidated statements of operations. For further detail, see Reporting Periods in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10 K.

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⁽g) Represents rental income less rental expense for select service properties and office buildings.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk Interest Rate Sensitivity

As of September 5, 2008 and December 31, 2007, 91% and 100%, respectively, of our outstanding debt bore interest at fixed rates. See our most recent Annual Report on Form 10 K. A change in the LIBOR rate of 100 basis points would result in an increase or decrease of approximately \$5 million in interest expense on an annual basis.

Exchange Rate Sensitivity

As we have non-U.S. operations (specifically, the ownership of hotels in Canada, Mexico and Chile and investments in our European joint venture), currency exchange risk arises as a normal part of our business. To manage the currency exchange risk applicable to ownership in non-U.S. hotels, where possible, we may enter into forward or option contracts. The foreign currency exchange agreements that we have entered into were strictly to hedge foreign currency risk and not for trading purposes.

During 2008, we have entered into three foreign currency forward purchase contracts totaling 60 million (approximately \$88 million) to hedge a portion of the foreign currency exposure resulting from the eventual repatriation of our net investment in the European joint venture. These derivatives are considered a hedge of the foreign currency exposure of a net investment in a foreign operation, and, in accordance with SFAS 133, are marked-to-market with changes in fair value recorded to accumulated other comprehensive income within the stockholders equity portion of our balance sheet. We also evaluate counterparty credit risk in the calculation of the fair value of the swaps. Year-to-date, we have recorded an increase in the fair value of the derivative instruments totaling approximately \$4 million, which is equal to the fair value as of September 5, 2008 included in accumulated other comprehensive income. The following table summarizes our three foreign currency purchase contracts (in millions):

				Forward
Transaction Date	Transaction Amount in Euros	Transa Amount in		Purchase Date
February 2008	30	\$	43	August 2011
February 2008	15		22	February 2013
May 2008	15		23	May 2014

Item 4. Controls and Procedures Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(b) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

Changes to Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting during our most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

<u>Issuer Sales of Unregistered Securities</u>

On July 2, 2008 and September 3, 2008, Host issued 1,741,742 and 586,700 shares, respectively, of its common stock to Landmark Hospitality Services, Inc. upon exchanges of an equal number of OP units of Host LP. The shares were issued pursuant to the private placement exemption from registration provided by Section 4(2) of the Securities Act.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

				Approximate Dollar Value of Common Shares	
	Total Number of Common Shares	Average Price Paid per	Total Number of Common Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or	Under the	
Period	Purchased	Common Share	Programs	Plai	ns or Programs
June 14, 2008 - July 13, 2008		\$		\$	
July 14, 2008 - August 13, 2008	1,600,322*	13.07*	5,950,000		407 million
August 14, 2008 - September 5, 2008	500,100*	13.45*	6,450,100		400 million
Total	2,100,422	\$ 13.16	6,450,100	\$	400 million

^{*} On February 20, 2008, Host announced that its Board of Directors had authorized a program to repurchase up to \$500 million of common stock in open market transactions or through private transactions. The plan does not obligate Host to repurchase any specific number of shares and may be suspended at any time. There is no expiration date for the program. Of the shares purchased during the period from July 14, 2008 to August 13, 2008, 1,600,000 shares were purchased through this program and the remaining 322 shares reflect restricted common stock withheld and used for the purpose of paying taxes in connection with the release of restricted common shares to plan participants.

Item 6. Exhibits

The exhibits listed on the accompanying Exhibit Index are filed as part of this report and such Exhibit Index is incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit No.	Description
12.1	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends.
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32	Certificate of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as created by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

This certificate is being furnished solely to accompany the report pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350 and is not being filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

SIGNATURE

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

HOST HOTELS & RESORTS, INC.

October 15, 2008 /s/ Brian G. Macnamara

Brian G. Macnamara

Senior Vice President,

Corporate Controller

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