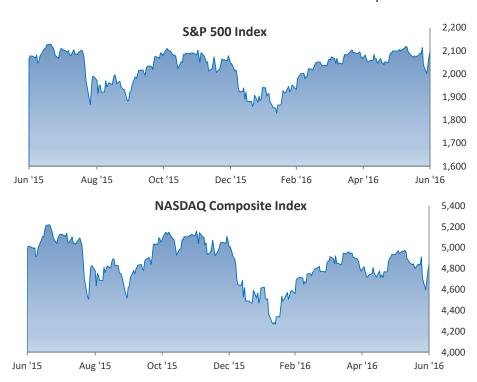
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Convenience Store Market Quarterly Newsletter

Trefethen Advisors, LLC is pleased to bring you this quarterly edition of its market update. This periodical is designed to provide current information on the public equity markets, convenience retailing markets, M&A activity as well as market and sector commentary. If you would like to add any colleagues to this newsletter, please contact us at mokeefe@trefethenib.com

Market Summary

During the month of June, U.S. Stocks were driven higher and lower almost exclusively by the UK referendum vote on whether to exit the EU (BREXIT). The decision in favor of leaving the European Union caused one of the largest sell offs since 2011. S&P 500 and NASDAQ declined 3.0% and 5.3%, respectively, during the month of June. The British pound fell to lows not seen in more than 30 years while "safe" assets like U.S. Treasuries and precious metals spiked higher. Globally, WTI oil prices rebounded from lows of \$27/barrel in early February to nearly \$48/barrel by the end of June. New jobless claims continued to fall in June, signaling a recovery in the U.S. Economy. Meanwhile, investors fled to perceived "safe" assets as the Japanese Yen rose 18% versus U.S. Dollar and gold increased nearly 24% since the start of this year. Equity performance of the Trefethen C-Store Index increased 0.44% for the month of June and 4.34% for the year.



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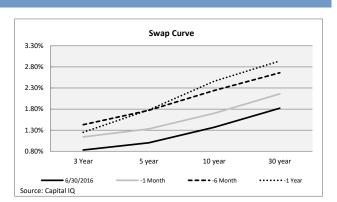
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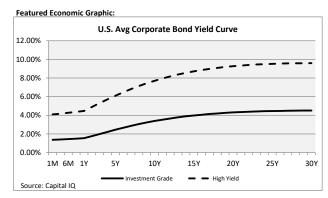
Money & Commodity Markets

Money Markets

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	6/30/2016	-1 Week	-1 Month	-6 Month	-1 Year
Treasury Rates					
6 Month	0.36%	0.43%	0.47%	0.47%	0.11%
1 Year	0.45%	0.58%	0.68%	0.64%	0.28%
5 Year	1.01%	1.25%	1.39%	1.80%	1.63%
10 year	1.49%	1.74%	1.85%	2.31%	2.35%
30 year	2.30%	2.55%	2.65%	3.04%	3.11%
<u>Swaps</u>					
3 Year	0.83%	1.01%	1.14%	1.43%	1.25%
5 year	1.00%	1.20%	1.33%	1.77%	1.78%
10 year	1.37%	1.60%	1.70%	2.24%	2.46%
30 year	1.82%	2.06%	2.16%	2.66%	2.94%
LIBOR					
1 Month	0.47%	0.45%	0.46%	0.43%	0.19%
3 Month	0.65%	0.64%	0.67%	0.61%	0.28%
1 year	1.23%	1.25%	1.32%	1.17%	0.77%
Other Key Rates					
Prime	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.25%
Discount	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	0.75%
Foreign Exchange					
Dollar Index (USD/Basket)	95.96	93.21	95.70	98.26	95.53
Pound/USD	1.33	1.48	1.46	1.48	1.57
Euro/USD	1.11	1.14	1.11	1.09	1.11
USD/Yen	102.70	105.80	111.07	120.59	122.30
USD/CNY	6.65	6.58	6.58	6.49	6.20
Market Commentary					

Money markets rallied during the month of June on the impact of BREXIT vote. Bond yields fell sharply in respond to investor demand. During the month, the US Dollar posted a rally against most major foreign currencies as sovereign debt concerns triggered buying of the greenback. The British pound fell to lowest not seen in more than 30 years. Our featured economic statistic this issue is the Corporate bond yield curve and the premium required for high yield bonds. Over the short term, premiums are roughly 3%, however longer term premiums expand to 5%.





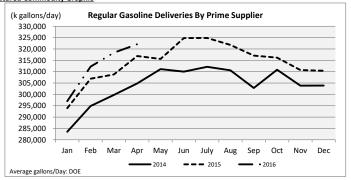
Commodity Markets

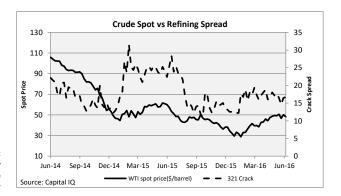
	6/30/2016	-1 Week	-1 Month	-6 Month	
Energy Markets					
Crude (W. TX Cushing Spot)	48.33	50.11	49.61	37.64	59.83
Crack Spread (NYMEX 3-2-1)	16.71	16.46	17.15	13.49	22.40
Retail Gasoline (US Avg.)	2.43	2.46	2.44	2.14	2.89
Rack (US Avg.)	-	-	1.45	1.33	2.09
Rack to Retail Spread	-	-	0.99	0.81	0.80
Other Commodity Markets					
Gold	1,320.60	1,263.10	1,216.70	1,059.80	1,171.80
Silver	18.62	17.35	16.27	13.84	15.58
Wheat	4.45	4.65	4.81	4.69	6.15
Corn	3.65	3.92	4.12	3.59	4.22

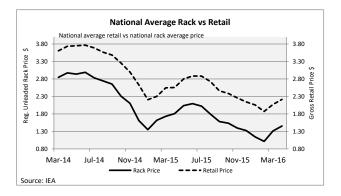
Market Commentary

Crude prices were volatile during June and refining spreads after a period of stability posted a recent increase. Both Gold and Silver soared after UK voted to leave the EU. Our featured commodity graphic this issue focuses on gasoline demand measured by average deliveries of gasoline by prime suppliers. Data through April 2016 show a modest increase in demand over the pervious year reflecting the slow turn around of the economy.









Capital Markets

	Senior Term Debt	Senior Debt Asset Based	Mortgage Financing	High Yield	Mezzanine / Subordinated Debt	Private Equity	Sale Lease-Back
Issuers / Providers	Reduced base of traditional lenders including national, super-regional, regional and local banks	Bank and non-bank lenders (e.g. captive subs. of large commercial banks, stand- alone finance companies, and finance arms of large diversified corporations)	Bank and non-bank lenders (e.g. captive subs. of large commercial banks, stand- alone finance companies, and finance arms of large diversified corporations)	Private investment fun hedge funds, captiv subsidiaries of large commercial banks ar stand-alone finance companies		Private equity / hedge funds and captive subsidiaries of large commercial banks	Individual retail investors, private real estate companies, REIT's, developers and private equity / hedge funds
General Structure /Issue Size	Revolver and/or funded term loan. Issue size may determine need for syndication on a best efforts or underwritten basis	Revolver - generally	Term loan	Non-amortizing; bullet maturity. Suggested minimum transaction size of \$125.0 to \$150.0 million. Absolute minimum EBITDA of \$30 million	Amortizing term loan \$5 to \$50 million	Issue size generally \$20.0 to \$200.0 million	From a single asset to a total issue size up to \$300 million
Cost of Capital	Libor + 225-375 bps	Libor + approx. 225-375 bps	Fixed: Swaps + approx. 175-300 bps. Variable: Libor + approx. 175-300 bps.	2.69%-9.86% depends on ratio	Generally pricing in the teens. May include warrants	20%-30%	5.5% to 10.5% depending on asset quality, escalation provisions, unit economics and tenant credit
Interest Type	Fixed to swaps and variable	Variable	Long-term fixed rate financing (can be variable)	Fixed	Fixed / Variable. May include PIK component	May include preferred dividends - cash or PIK	Fixed - with periodic escalations
Advance Rate	Capacity limited by leverage. Availability up 5.5x lease adjusted leverage	Capacity limited by asset coverage. Typically <70% of A/R and inventory balances	60% to 70% loan to real estate value	Generally up to 5X firm cash flow	Generally up to 5X firm cash flow depending on nature of assets (fee RE vs leased RE)	Investors will typically desire aggressive levels of leverage in order to maximize return on investment	100% of real estate value
Term / Amortization	Term of 5 years. Amortization up to 15 years	1 to 3 years - generally. Interest only. CO TERM ALSO	10 to 30 years	Generally 7 to 10 years. Non- amortizing; bullet maturity	Term is generally less than 7 years. Amortization varies	Generally 3 to 5 years	Primary term 15 to 20 years plus multiple tenant option terms
Collateral / Security	Senior lien on all long- term assets. Personal guaranties most likely required for smaller companies	A/R, inventory and other available assets	Specific real estate assets	Senior, senior- subordinated or subordinated lien on specific or all long- term assets	First or second lien on all assets. Personal guaranties may be required for smaller companies	Warrants / shares with put rights and other substantial minority protections. May have outright control	Lessor owns assets
Typical Covenants	Numerous balance sheet and income statement covenants	Numerous balance sheet and income statement covenants	Minimum balance sheet covenants. Moderate income statement coverage types of covenants	Numerous balance sheet and income statement covenants - but generally less restrictive than bank covenants	Moderate balance sheet and income statement covenants (subject to senior lender requirements). May contain control provisions	Control provisions / board representations	Minimal covenants
Call Protection	Yield maintenance for fixed little or no premium for floating rate	Pre-payable with little or no call premiums	Yield maintenance for fixed little or no premium for floating rate	Non-callable for 3/4 years; thereafter at set premiums	Non-callable / make-whole payments	N/A	N/A
Other General Advantages / Disadvantages	No public disclosure of financial performance	No public disclosure of financial performance	No public disclosure of financial performance	Least restrictive covenant package. S&P and Moody's rating required. Public disclosure requirements / Sarbanes Oxley	No public disclosure of financial performance. Premium pricing to public bond	Negotiable control and governance issues. No public disclosure of financial performance	Minimal covenants, higher advance rates and ability to control the property for up to 50 years through options
Other General Comments	Select lenders are getting more active in the industry. Underwriting is conservative, but there is debt available	The Asset Based Lending market is driven by current economic conditions, contraction in the traditional bank market and a renewed focus on structure and collateral by issuers	May be expensive to pre-pay	The high yield market may entertain lower rated issuers as investors may be willing to take on greater risk in the search for yield	Credit requirements include a strong, sustainable cash flow, growth potential in revenue and cash flow, strong asset base and experienced management teams with ownership position	May be useful for growth capital / acquisitions / large project financing. Requirements would include current or near term profitability, strong management team	Market is gaining some liquidity resulting in compressed cap rates

Equity Markets

\$MM, Except per Share Data)			\$ in L	ocal Curr	ency		Selected Financial Data (US \$) Price/Earning			ngs	TE	V/EBIT[DΑ	Leverage						
																		Total Lease		
		Most Recent	Last	52 W	52 W	Market Cap	Net			LTM		NTM	+2Y		NTM	+2Y	Total	Debt / LTM	Adj. Leverag	
Security	Ticker	Qtr. End	06/30/16		Low	(MM)	Debt	TEV	TTM EPS		LTM	(Est)	(Est)	LTM	(Est)	(Est)	Debt	EBITDA	(Est)	
Indices																				
DOW JONES INDUS. AVG	^DJI		17,930	18,120	15,660															
S&P 500 INDEX	^SPX		2,099	2,128	1,829															
SPDR S&P RETAIL ETF	ARCA:XRT		41.96	50.97	37.80															
TREFETHEN C-STORE INDEX			57.71	62.53	45.34															
Convenience																				
ALIMENTATION COUCHE-TARD -	·B TSX:ATD.B	04/16	42.74	49.45	37.10	24,362	2,479	27,471	2.08	2,277	20.1	19.4	17.2	12.1	11.4	10.3	3,079	1.4	2.	
CASEY'S GENERAL STORES INC		04/16	131.51	131.52	95.30	5,147	762	5,910	5.07	560	23.0	22.5	22.5	10.6	10.0	9.2	838	1.5	1.	
CST BRANDS, INC.	NYSE:CST	06/16	43.08	45.28	29.73	3,261	1,587	5,519	1.95	481	21.4	23.4	23.4	11.5	13.3	12.5	1,783	3.7	3.0	
MURPHY USA, INC.	NYSE:MUSA	06/16	74.16	74.20	47.73	2,922	424	3,414	3.81	389	15.8	16.5	16.5	8.8	8.2	7.9	679	1.7	2.0	
TRAVELCENTERS OF AMERICA	NasdaqGS:TA	06/16	8.16	16.95	6.41	317	612	525	0.34	112	153.7	21.1	21.1	4.7	3.8	3.3	746	6.7	6.3	
Refining/Wholesale/Retail																				
ALON USA ENERGY INC	NYSE:ALJ	06/16	6.48	23.29	5.93	455	350	882	(0.95)	196	NM	NM	NM	4.5	4.6	4.1	556	2.8	3.	
CROSSAMERICA PARTNERS LP	NYSE:CAPL	06/16	24.52	31.49	17.39	815	481	1,317	0.52	105	54.0	43.9	43.9	12.5	12.0	11.0	485	4.6	4.	
DELEK US HOLDINGS INC	NYSE:DK	06/16	13.21	40.47	11.41	816	564	1,629	(0.79)	193	130.1	NM	NM	8.4	6.9	5.8	941	4.9	4.	
GLOBAL PARTNERS LP	NYSE:GLP	06/16	13.71	35.67	12.28	460	1,384	1,847	(0.33)	199	NM	NM	NM	9.3	9.7	9.7	1,392	7.0	6.	
HOLLYFRONTIER CORP	NYSE:HFC	06/16	23.77	54.73	22.53	4,179	1,145	5,932	(1.31)	1,215	8.2	10.4	10.4	4.9	5.6	4.8	1,678	1.4	1.	
MARATHON OIL CORP	NYSE:MRO	06/16	15.01	26.38	6.52	12,723	4,697	17,932	(2.89)	1,923	NM	NM	NM	9.3	10.1	8.0	7,281	3.8	4.	
MURPHY OIL CORP	NYSE:MUR	06/16	31.75	41.51	14.30	5,467	2,057	8,327	(13.75)	864	NM	NM	NM	9.6	9.0	7.1	2,455	2.8	3.	
PHILLIPS 66	NYSE:PSX	06/16	79.34	94.12	68.84	41,700	6,630	49,667	5.78	6,779	11.9	14.0	14.0	7.3	7.9	7.3	8,862	1.3	1.	
SUNOCO LP	NYSE:SUN	06/16	29.95	46.08	22.86	3,347	4,112	7,468	1.19	602	29.5	14.0	14.0	12.4	10.0	9.2	4,195	7.0	7.	
TESORO CORP	NYSE:TSO	06/16		119.67	67.80	8,989	3,394	15,040	10.59	3,490	6.3	10.5	10.5	4.3	5.9	5.6	4,515	1.3	2.	
VALERO ENERGY CORP	NYSE:VLO	06/16	51.00	73.88	49.91	23,960	2,585	28,356	6.22	7,100	7.1	9.1	9.1	4.0	4.6	4.4	7,510	1.1	1.	
WESTERN REFINING INC	NYSE:WNR	06/16	20.63	50.71	18.14	1,883	1,872	4,634	2.81	881	5.9	12.0	12.0	5.3	7.7	6.2	2,070	2.3	2.	
Major Oil																				
BP PLC	LSE:BP.	06/16	5.82	5.92	3.32	109,325	32,103	138,930	(0.29)	16,176	NM	23.4	23.4	8.6	6.1	5.1	55,727	3.4	4.	
CHEVRON CORP	NYSE:CVX	06/16	104.83	105.00	69.58	197,573	36,001	232,202		19,657	151.8	36.7	36.7	11.8	7.9	6.5	45,085	2.3	2.	
CONOCOPHILLIPS	NYSE:COP	06/16	43.60	60.77	31.05	53,994	24,525	78,594	(5.69)	3,235	NM	NM	NM	24.3	10.7	7.7	28,677	8.9	8.	
EXXON MOBIL CORP	NYSE:XOM	06/16	93.74	93.83	66.55	388,703	40,113	433,276	2.52	32,835	30.2	28.3	28.3	13.2	10.0	8.3	44,471	1.4	1.	
ROYAL DUTCH SHELL PLC-A SHS	ENXTAM:RDSA	06/16	27.40	30.13	18.35	220,268	75,107	289,840	(0.69)	37,887	NM	23.7	23.7	7.7	6.9	5.9	90,329	2.4	2.8	
TOTAL SA	ENXTPA:FP	06/16	48.18	52.64	39.10	115,100	30,786	147,333	1.27	20,149	29.5	13.8	13.8	7.3	6.4	5.2	55,457	2.8	2.4	
Drug		20/10																		
CVS CAREMARK CORP	NYSE:CVS	06/16		113.65	81.37	102,827	27,429	128,438		12,365		15.9	15.9	10.4	9.6	9.0	28,636	2.3	3.0	
WALGREEN CO	NasdaqGS:WBA	05/16	83.27	97.30	71.50	89,952	10,199	100,770	2.89	8,373	27.2	17.4	17.4	12.0	11.0	10.1	13,525	1.6	3.	
Restaurant																				
DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC	NYSE:DRI	05/16	63.34	75.60	53.38	8,027	165	8,192	2.78	918	22.8	16.4	16.4	8.9	8.3	8.0	440	0.5	2.3	
MCDONALD'S CORP	NYSE:MCD	06/16	120.34	131.96	87.50	105,641	22,882	125,684	5.24	9,182	23.1	21.1	21.1	13.7	13.3	12.8	26,010	2.8	3.	
STARBUCKS CORP	NasdaqGS:SBUX	06/16	57.12	64.00	42.05	83,675	1,286	85,256	1.78	4,999	33.8	27.6	27.6	17.1	15.2	14.2	3,602	0.7	2.	
YUM! BRANDS INC	NYSE:YUM	06/16	82.92	92.42	64.58	33,785	4,568	37,743	3.32	2,877	27.4	22.1	22.1	13.1	12.2	11.8	5,363	1.9	3.	
Grocery																				
KROGER CO	NYSE:KR	05/16	36.79	42.75	27.32	34,913	11,995	46,950	2.14	5,837	17.2	16.1	16.1	8.0	7.5	7.2	12,386	2.1	2.	
Home Improvement																				
HOME DEPOT INC	NYSE:HD	05/16	127.69	137.82	92.17	158,847	17,691	176,538	5.69	14,080	22.4	19.7	19.7	12.5	11.4	10.8	20,948	1.5	1.	
LOWE'S COS INC	NYSE:LOW	04/16	79.17	80.76	62.62		10,670	80,823	3.00	7,248		18.9	18.9	11.2	9.9	9.4	15,405	2.1	2.	
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<u>Discount</u>																				
DOLLAR GENERAL CORP	NYSE:DG	04/16	94.00	94.27	59.75	26,675	2,804	29,479	4.14	2,357	22.7	19.7	19.7	12.5	11.1	10.7	2,991	1.3	3.	
WAL-MART STORES INC	NYSE:WMT	04/16	73.02	74.14	56.30	227,578	42,952	273,105	4.52	34,043	16.1	17.0	17.0	8.0	8.5	8.4	50,549	1.5	1.	

Alimentation Couche Tard, Inc. Alimentation Couche-Tard, Inc. operates a network of 24-hour convenience stores in the United States and Canada. In Europe, Couche-Tard is also a leader in convenience store and road transportation fuel retail in the Scandinavian and Baltic 4.5 M countries with a significant presence in Poland. The Company offers a variety of food and other products, fast-food services. 4.0 M lottery and gasoline sales, and automated banking machines. 3.5 M 3.0 M 2.5 M (\$USD MM, Except per Share Data and Where Otherwise Noted) Valuation Analytics (USD) 50 2.0 M Latest Fiscal Year: 4/24/2016 LTM as of: 4/24/2016 1.0 M 52-Week High 12/2/2015 49.45 .5 M 52-Week Low 8/24/2015 37.10 Daily Volume (30 Day Average, Thousand) A-15 S-15 O-15 N-15 D-15 1,435.4 6/30/2016 42.74 52-Week High (% Chg) (13.6%) Market Dat 52-Week Low (% Chg) 15.2% Dividend Yield % 0.49% % 52 Week Price Range High/Low 33.3% (0.58) Beta 5Y Shares Outstanding (MM) 567.7 Float % 71.4% 24,362 Short Int. (Short Interest to Total Shares Outstanding) 27.6% Total Debt 1 Yr Return on Equity 3.109 Preferred Stock YTD Return (8.9%) Minority Interest Relative Strength Index 55.59 S&P STARS Ranking Cash and Equivalents NA 27.471 S&P Quality Ranking Enterprise Value A+ Last Fiscal LTM FY+2 FY+1 (1.28) Enterprise Value / Revenue 0.7 YTD Change 0.8 0.8 0.7 YTD % Change Enterprise Value / EBITDA 12.0 12.1 10.7 10.1 Spider Retail Index YTD % Change (3.0%) Price / Earnings (P/E) 27.8 20.1 20.3 18.2 4/28/2013 4/27/2014 4/24/2016 1/2016 10 Sales 22.980 35.543 37.962 34.530 34.145 34.033 34.145 40.242 41.988 9,948 10,189 Gross Profit 2.975 4.988 6.082 6.082 4.610 5.268 5.862 NA NA NA NA Operating Expense 2,397 3,757 3,999 3,905 4,468 4,296 4,468 NΑ NA NΑ NΑ Operating Income 578 853 989 1.363 1.614 1.565 1.614 NΑ NA NA NA **FBITDA** 839 1.390 1.591 1.913 2.281 2.164 2.277 2.561 2.727 607 623 1,228 Net Income 458 573 811 933 1,194 1,117 1,194 1,287 NA NA Normalized Diluted EPS 1.35 Gross Profit (%) 12.9% 13.0% 13.1% 15.3% 17.8% 17.2% 17.8% Operating Income (%) 2.5% 2.4% 2.6% 4.7% 4.6% 4.7% 3.9% 800.0 3.7% 3.9% 4.2% 6.7% 6.4% 6.7% EBITDA Margin (%) 5.5% 700.0 Net Income (%) 2.0% 1 6% 2 1% 2 7% 3.5% 3 3% 3.5% Fuel Volume (MM Gallons) 4,276 5,119 7.260 500.0 Fuel Gross Profit 537 783 796 1,093 1,479 1,400 1,479 400.0 Fuel margin (CPG) 17.0 18.8 18.1 21.7 20.2 NA NA 300.0 Same Store Fuel Vol in U.S. (%Chg) 0.2% 1.1% 1.8% 3.3% 6.7% NA NA 200.0 Merchandise /Service Sales 4 134 4 549 4 822 5 311 7.367 7 090 7.367 100.0 Merchandise /Service Gross Profit 1.370 1.506 1.576 1.748 2.452 2.354 2.452 Merchandise /Service Margin (%) 33.1% 32.7% 32.9% 33.3% 33.2% 33.3% 33.1% Q3 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q2 Q3 Same Store Merch /Serv Sale in US (%Chg) 2016 4.569 6.235 6.236 7.787 7.929 7.790 7.929 Number of U.S. Stores (Co-op) Merch / Serv (U.S.) Capital Expenditures 317 537 529 635 906 867 906 Total Current Assets 2,935 LT Assets: 9.0% 8.0% 7.0% Net Fixed Assets 6.405 Other 2,842 Long Term Investments 123 6.0% 5.0% 4.0% 3.0% 2.0% 1.0% Total LT Assets 9.369 **Total Assets** 12,304 Liabilities ST Liabilities 2,706 LT Liabilities: Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 LT Debt 3,050 Other LT 2013 2014 2015 **Total Liabilities** 7,260 Same Store Gallons (U.S.) Same Store Merch/Serv (U.S.) Paid in Capital 15 Preferred Equity & Minority Retained Earnings 5,022 Comprehensive Income (693) EPS USD PE Ratio 3.0 35.0 Treasury Stock 30.0 2.5 Common Stock 700 25.0 2.0 Total Liabilities & Equity 12,304 20.0 1.5 15.0 S&P Credit Rating BBB 1.0 10.0 S&P Outlook Positive 0.5 5.0 Funded Debt / EBITDA 1.4 2/1/2015 2/1/2015 1/26/2015 1/0/1900 10/12/2014 10/11/2015 1/31/2016 Est Est 1/31/2016 4/24/2016 10/11/201 Lease Adjusted Leverage* 2.3 Cur ≺r Total Debt to Capital 38% Current Ratio 1.1

T12 Diluted EPS

--- PE Ratio

13.6%

26.7%

Return on Capital (LTM)

Return on Common Equity (LTM)

Calculated as follows: [(Net Rent Expense 8) + LT debt] / EBITDAR

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Casey's General Store, Inc. NasdaqGS:CASY Casey's General Stores, Inc. operates convenience stores in the Midwest. The Company's stores, operating under the name Share Price \$ Casey's General Store, carry a selection of food, beverages, tobacco products, health and beauty aids, automotive products, 130 and other non-food items, as well as sells gasoline. 4.0 M 120 3.5 M 110 (\$USD MM, Except per Share Data and Where Otherwise Noted) 3.0 M 100 2.5 M 4/30/2016 2.0 M Latest Fiscal Year: 90 LTM as of: 4/30/2016 1.0 M 6/30/2016 52-Week High 131.52 .5 M 52-Week Low 7/6/2015 95.3 Daily Volume (30 Day Average, Thousand) 717.77 A-15 S-15 0-15 N-15 D-15 J-16 F-16 M-16 A-16 M-16 6/30/2016 131.51 52-Week High % Change (0.0%)52-Week Low % Change 38.0% Dividend Yield % 52 Week Price Range High/Low 38.0% Beta 5Y 0.48 Shares Outstanding (MM) 39.1 Float % 99.0% 5,147 Short Int. (Short Interest to Total Shares Outstanding) 6.7% Total Debt 838 1 Yr Return on Equity 23.1% Preferred Stock YTD Return 9.2% Minority Interest Relative Strength Index 73.92 Cash and Equivalents S&P STARS Ranking (1 - 5) Enterprise Value 5,910 S&P Quality Ranking Last Fiscal FY+2 YTD Change 11.06 Enterprise Value / Revenue 0.8 0.8 0.8 0.7 YTD % Change 9.2% Enterprise Value / EBITDA 10.6 10.6 10.0 9.0 Spider Retail Index YTD % Change (3.0%) Price / Earnings (P/E) 23.0 23.0 22.5 20.0 6,461 7,052 6,304 Sales 6,655 7,194 6,478 6,304 7,660 8,736 1,951 1,953 Gross Profit 1,000 1,071 1,222 1,440 1,572 1,614 1,614 Operating Expense 785 869 986 1,115 1,223 1,189 1,223 NΑ NA NΑ NΑ 215 236 NA Operating Income 203 325 391 383 391 NA NA NA 165 Net Incom 115 104 127 181 226 220 226 231 259 NA NA Normalized Diluted EPS 3.04 2.91 3.46 4.62 5.73 5.59 5.73 5.84 6.57 1.75 1.74 Margin Gross Profit (%) 15.5% 17.0% 20.4% 25.6% 24.3% Operating Income (%) 3.3% 3.0% 3.3% 4 6% 6.2% 5.9% 6.2% 200.0 EBITDA Margin (%) 4.9% 4.9% 5.2% 6.8% 8.9% 8.5% 8.9% 180.0 Net Income (%) 1.8% 1.6% 1.8% 2.6% 3.6% 3.4% 3.6% 160.0 140.0 Fuel Volume (MM Gallons) 1,476 1,535 1.666 1,817 1.952 1.914.45 1,951.81 Fuel Gross Profit 227 268 371.06 233 351 382 381.66 100.0 Fuel margin (CPG) 15.4 15.2 16.8 19.3 19.6 80.0 Same Store Fuel Vol (%Chg) (1.5%) 0.1% 2.6% NA 2.6% 60.0 Grocery & Other Mercha Grocery & Other Merchandise Sales 1,974 40.0 1,365 1,419 1,583 1,795 1,933.18 1,974.07 Grocery & Other Merchandise Gross Profit 463 629.23 20.0 Grocery & Other Merchandise Margin (%) 32.5% 32.6% 32.1% 32.1% 31.9% 31.9% 31.9% .1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Same Store Grocery/Merch Sale (%Chg) 6.7% 0.8% 7.4% 7.8% 7.1% NA NA 2012 2013 2014 2015 Number of Stores (Co-op) 1,699 1,749 1,808 1,878 1,931 1,911 1,931 Capital Expenditures 241 305 309 361 393 381 393 Total Current Assets 326 LT Assets: Net Fixed Assets 12.0% 10.0% 2,252 Other 148 8.0% 6.0% 2,400 4.0% Total Assets 2,726 2.0% Liabilities: 0.0% ST Liabilities 388 -2.0% LT Liabilities: -4.0% 01 02 03 04 01 02 03 04 01 02 03 04 01 02 03 04 01 02 03 04 01 02 03 04 LT Debt Other LT 2012 2013 2014 2015 441 **Total Liabilities** 1,643 Same Store Gallons Same Store Grocery & Other Merchandise Sale Shareholder's Ed Paid in Capital Preferred Equity & Minority 1.011 Retained Farnings Comprehensive Income EPS USD 35.0 6.0 Treasury Stock 30.0 Common Stock 73 5.0 25.0 Total Liabilities & Equity 2,726 4.0 20.0 Credit Ratings 3.0 15.0 S&P Credit Rating 2.0 S&P Outlook 10.0 1.0 5.0 Funded Debt / FBITDA 1.4 Lease Adjusted Leverage 1.5 1/31/2015 0/31/2013 0/31/2014 7/31/2015 7/31/201 Total Debt to Capital 44% Current Ratio 0.8 T12 Diluted EPS Return on Capital (LTM) Return on Common Equity (LTM) 23.1%

Calculated as follows: [(Net Rent Expense 8) + LT debt] / EBITDAR

CST Brands, Inc. CST Brands, Inc. operates as an independent retailer of motor fuel and convenience merchandise items in the United States and eastern Canada. The Company's retail operations include sale of motor fuel at convenience stores, commission agents, and cardlocks; food, merchandise items, and services at convenience stores; and heating oil to residential customers, as well 5.0 M as heating oil and motor fuel to small commercial customers 40 4.0 M (\$USD MM, Except per Share Data and Where Otherw Valuation Analytics 35 3.0 M 12/31/2015 Latest Fiscal Year: 2.0 M 30 LTM as of: 3/31/2016 25 1.0 M 52-Week High 6/2/2016 45.275 52-Week Low 2/19/2016 29.73 Daily Volume (30 Day Average, Thousand) O-15 N-15 D-15 F-16 M-16 M-16 1031.4 6/30/2016 52-Week High % Change (4.8%) Market Data 0.58% 52-Week Low % Change 44.9% Dividend Yield % 52 Week Price Range High/Low 52.3% Beta 5Y 1.15 Shares Outstanding (MM) 75.5 Float % 98.0% 3 261 Short Int. (Short Interest to Total Shares Outstanding) 6.5% Total Debt 1,820 1 Yr Return on Equity 9.6% Preferred Stock 10.1% Minority Interest 605 Relative Strength Index S&P STARS Ranking (1 - 5) 57.38 Cash and Equivalents 167 Enterprise Value S&P Quality Ranking NR Last Fiscal LTM FY+1 FY+2 YTD Change Enterprise Value / Revenue 0.6 0.6 0.6 0.5 YTD % Change 10.1% Enterprise Value / EBITDA 12.8 12.1 13.8 12.5 Spider Retail Index YTD % Change (3.0%)Price / Earnings (P/E) 22 1 21 4 23.6 21.1 12/31/2011 12/31/2015 3/31/2016 12/31/2016 12/31/2017 6/30/2016 9/30/2016 Sales 10.826 11.058 12.777 12.754 11.444 11.444 11.070 9.578 10.868 2.533 2.604 1,383 1,383 **Gross Profit** 1,133 1,133 1,097 1,273 1,413 1,521 376 390 1,420 Operating Expense 853 974 1,116 1,136 NA NA Operating Income 325 313 244 299 267 267 277 NΑ NΑ NΑ NΑ 441 117 **EBITDA** 366 432 503 456 401 105 441 218 208 152 Net Income Normalized Diluted EPS 2.12 1.89 2.38 2.19 3.03 3.26 1.83 2.04 0.48 0.62 Gross Profit (%) 10.5% 10.2% 8.6% 10.0% 12.1% 12.1% 12.8% Operating Income (%) 3.0% 2.8% 1.9% 2.3% 2.3% 180.0 EBITDA Margin (%) 2 9% 3 5% 3.8% 4 4% 4 1% 160.0 Net Income (%) 2.0% 1.9% 1.1% 1.6% 1.3% 1.3% 1.4% 140.0 120.0 Fuel Volume (MM Gallons) 1,843 1,915 1,890 1,826 1,953 NA Fuel Gross Profit 258 298 262 383 376 376 391 100.0 15.0 16.0 Fuel margin (CPG) 14.0 20.1 19.5 NA NA 80 O (3.2%) (4.6%) (0.9%) NA NA Same Store Fuel Vol (%Chg) NA NA 60.0 40.0 Merchandise/Service Sales 1.276 1.295 1.335 1.396 1.514 1.514 1.583 20.0 Merchandise/Service Gross Profit 497 526 406 367 436 460 497 Merchandise/Service Margin (%) 31.8% 28.3% 32.7% 33.0% 32.8% 32.8% 33.2% Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Same Store Merch Sale (%Chg) NA NA (0.7%) 1.1% 2.9% NA NA 2014 Number of Stores (Co-op) 998 1,032 1,036 1,021 1,049 1,049 1,219 Capital Expenditures 359 343 Total Current Assets 612 % Change LT Assets: 5.0% Net Fixed Assets 2.496 3.0% Other 1,140 1.0% Long Term Investments Total LT Assets -1.0% 3,636 -3.0% Total Assets 4,248 -5.0% -7.0% ST Liabilities 582 LT Liabilities: -9.0% Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q1 1,735 LT Debt 2013 2014 2015 2016 **Total Liabilities** 2.706 Shareholder's Ed Same Store Gallons Same Store Merci Paid in Capital 626 Preferred Equity & Minority 605 Retained Earnings 412 Comprehensive Income (15)EPS USD PE Ratio 3.5 30.0 Treasury Stock (87)3.0 25.0 Common Stock 2.5 Total Liabilities & Equity 4,248 20.0 2.0 Credit Ratings 15.0 1.5 S&P Credit Rating BB 10.0 1.0 S&P Outlook NM 5.0 0.5 Funded Debt / EBITDA 3 5 Lease Adjusted Leverage 3.6 3/31/2014 12/31/201 3/31/201 Total Debt to Capital 54% Cur Yr Current Ratio Profitability Metric T12 Diluted EPS --- PF Ratio Return on Capital (LTM) 5.6%

Return on Common Equity (LTM)

18.3%

^{*}Calculated as follows: [(Net Rent Expense* 8) + LT debt] / EBITDAR

Murphy USA, Inc. Ticker Murphy USA, Inc. operates a chain of retail stores in the United States. The Company's retail stores offer motor fuel product Share Price \$ 2.0 M and convenience merchandise. 75 70 1.8 M 1.4 M (\$USD MM, Except per Share Data and Where Otherwise Noted) 1.2 M 1.0 M .8 M 55 50 Latest Fiscal Year: 12/31/2015 45 .6 M LTM as of: 3/31/2016 .4 M 52-Week High 6/30/2016 74.2 52-Week Low 8/26/2015 47.73 .0 M A-15 S-15 0-15 N-15 D-15 J-16 F-16 M-16 A-16 M-16 Daily Volume (Thousand) 307.4 6/30/2016 74.16 52-Week High % Change (0.1%) 52-Week Low % Change 55.4% Dividend Yield 0.00% % 52 Week Price Range High/Low Shares Outstanding (MM) 55.5% Beta 5Y 0.81 39.4 93.4% 2,922 Short Int. (Short Interest to Total Shares Outstanding) 2.3% Total Debt 688 1 Yr Return on Equity 25.5% Preferred Stock YTD Return 22.1% Minority Interest Relative Strength Index 69.25 Cash and Equivalents 196 S&P STARS Ranking (1 - 5) NA Enterprise Value 3,414 S&P Quality Ranking NA Last Fiscal Relative Stock P LTM FY+1 FY+2 YTD Change 13.42 Enterprise Value to Revenue 0.3 0.3 0.3 0.2 YTD % Change 22.1% Enterprise Value to EBITDA 10.0 9.4 8.0 7.9 (3.0%) Price to Earnings (P/E) Spider Retail Index YTD % Change 23.6 15.8 12/31/2017 12/31/2011 12/31/2012 12/31/2013 12/31/2014 12/31/2015 Sales 17,088 17,339 15,930 15,055 10,731 10,731 10,291 12,028 13,714 3,086 3,292 **Gross Profit** 470 398 466 565 472 472 492 1,045 1,108 248 288 Operating Expense 159 186 189 200 217 217 220 NA NA NA NA Operating Income 212 277 365 272 NA NA NA NA EBITDA 340 475 343 344 365 427 432 100 129 Net Income 324 84 235 244 176 176 239 239 175 42 63 Normalized Diluted EPS 3.27 5.11 4.05 3.39 4.33 4.53 4.87 1.07 1.54 Gross Profit (%) 2.8% 2 3% 2 9% 3.8% 4 4% 4 4% 4.8% Operating Income (%) 1.8% 1.2% 1.7% 2.4% 2.4% 2.4% 2.6% EBITDA Margin (%) 2.1% 3.2% 3.2% 3.2% 3.5% Net Income (%) 1.9% 0.5% 1.5% 1.6% 1.6% 1.6% 2.3% 200.0 Fuel Volume (Million Gallons) 3.716 3.981 3.796 3.800 4.124 NA NA 150.0 Fuel Gross Profit 625.7 556.7 550.4 653.9 510.2 NA Fuel margin (CPG) 15.6 12.9 13.0 15.8 12 5 NΑ NΑ 100.0 Avg Per Store Month Fuel Vol (%Chg) (9.4%)(0.3%)(3.1%)0.7% (0.9%)NA NA 50.0 2,274 Merchandise Sales 2,116 2,144 2,159 2,161 NA Merchandise Gross Profit 264 289 282 302 327 NA NA 12.5% 13.5% 13.1% 14.0% 14.4% Merchandise Margin (%) NA NA Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q1 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 APSM Merch Sales (%Chg) 3.0% (1.1%) (2.5%) (3.7%) 0.6% NA NA Number of Stores (Co-op) 1.128 1 165 1.203 1.263 1.335 NΑ NΑ Capital Expenditures 100 105 163 135 205 205 221 Total Current Assets 491 LT Assets: Net Fixed Assets 1,385 10% 8% Other 145 Long Term Investments Total LT Assets 1,530 4% Total Assets 2% 2.021 0% Liabilitie -2% ST Liabilities 400 LT Liabilities: -4% Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 LT Debt Other LT 658 Fiscal 2013 Fiscal 2015 **Total Liabilities** 1,295 ■ Fuel Gallons Per Month ■ Merchandise Sales Paid in Capital 550 Preferred Equity & Minority Retained Earnings 614 Comprehensive Income EPS USD PE Ratio 6.0 30.0 (438) Treasury Stock 25.0 5.0 Common Stock Total Liabilities & Equity 4.0 20.0 2,021 Credit Ratings 3.0 15.0 S&P Credit Rating BB+ 2.0 10.0 S&P Outlook Stable 1.0 5.0 Credit Metri Funded Debt / EBITDA 1.8 Lease Adjusted Leverage* 2.0 Est /2013 /2014 Total Debt to Capital 49% 12/31 3/31 3/31 3/31 Ğ Current Ratio 1.2 T12 Diluted EPS --- PE Ratio

12 4%

25.5%

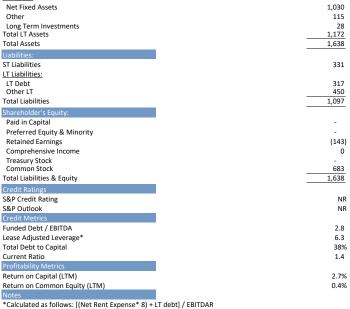
Return on Capital (LTM)

Return on Common Equity (LTM)

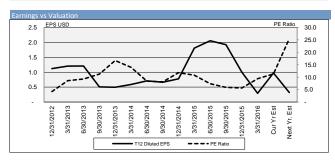
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TravelCenters of America LLC NasdaqGS:TA TravelCenters of America LLC operates and franchises travel center and convenience store. The Company's convenience 5.0 M store business, operating under the Minit Mart brand, offers gasoline, packages food and snack items, non-prescription drug 4.5 M and beauty supplies, tobacco products and video products. The Company also provides roadside truck service program for 4.0 M 15 truck and trailer repair services. 3.5 M (\$USD MM, Except per Share Data and Where Otherwise Noted) 3.0 M 11 2.0 M Latest Fiscal Year: 12/31/2015 1.5 M LTM as of: 3/31/2016 1.0 M .5 M 8/5/2015 52-Week High 16.95 52-Week Low 1/20/2016 6.41 .0 M A-15 S-15 O-15 N-15 D-15 J-16 F-16 M-16 A-16 M-16 J-16 Daily Volume (Thousand) 475.7 6/30/2016 8.16 52-Week High % Change (51.9%) 52-Week Low % Change 27.3% Dividend Yield 0.00% % 52 Week Price Range High/Low 164.4% Beta 5Y 2.94 Shares Outstanding (MM) 38.8 Float % 91.7% Short Int. (Short Interest to Total Shares Outstanding) 0.9% Total Debt 0.4% 338 1 Yr Return on Equity Preferred Stock YTD Return (13.2%) Minority Interest Relative Strength Index 57.62 Cash and Equivalents 130 S&P STARS Ranking (1 - 5) Enterprise Value 525 S&P Quality Ranking B-Relative Stock F Last Fiscal LTM FY+1 FY+2 YTD Change (1.24) Enterprise Value to Revenue 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 YTD % Change (13.2%) Enterprise Value to EBITDA 4.0 3.5 4.7 3.3 Spider Retail Index YTD % Change (3.0%) Price to Earnings (P/E) 11.3 153.7 25.4 12/31/2011 12/31/2012 12/31/2013 12/31/2014 12/31/2015 12/31/2016 12/31/2017 Sales 7,889 7,996 7,945 5,851 7,779 5,607 5,641 6,446 1,446 1,547 **Gross Profit** 361 387 397 503 504 503 477 NA NA NA NA Operating Expense 327 346 426 390 440 NA NA NA 366 390 NA Operating Income 31 114 NA NA EBITDA 81 93 80 179 150 150 111 130 161 41 48 Net Income 24 32 32 61 28 61 15 31 13 Normalized Diluted EPS 1.00 1.15 0.54 1.64 0.97 0.78 0.27 0.32 0.79 0.21 0.35 Gross Profit (%) 4 6% 4.8% 5.0% 6.5% 8.6% 6.5% 8 5% Operating Income (%) 0.4% 0.5% 0.4% 1.5% 1.3% 1.5% 0.7% EBITDA Margin (%) 1.0% 1.2% 1.0% 2.3% 2.6% 1.9% 2.0% Net Income (%) 0.3% 0.4% 0.4% 0.8% 0.5% 0.8% 0.0% 250.0 2.087 2.035 2.025 200.0 Fuel Volume (MM) 2.040 2.130 2.025 NA Fuel Gross Profit 301 326 342 414 150.0 Fuel margin (CPG) 15.0 16.7 17.2 19.8 20.5 19.8 NΑ Same Store Fuel Vol. (%Chg) 0.0% (4.2%)(3.1%)(4.3%)0.7% (4.3%) NA 1,271 1,345 1,451 1,783 1,617 50.0 1,617 Merchandise Gross Profit 723 745 798 878 963 878 NA 56.9% 55.4% 55.0% 54.0% 54.3% Merchandise Margin (%) 54.3% NA Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Same Store Merch Sale (%Chg) 8.4% 3.2% 2.7% 4.1% 5.4% 4.1% 5.4% 2012 2013 2014 Number of Stores (Co-op) 196 210 251 254 426 254 452 Capital Expenditures 170 295 170 125 189 164 311 Total Current Assets 466 LT Assets: Net Fixed Assets 1,030 8% 6% 4% 115 Long Term Investments 28 2% 0% 1.638 -2%



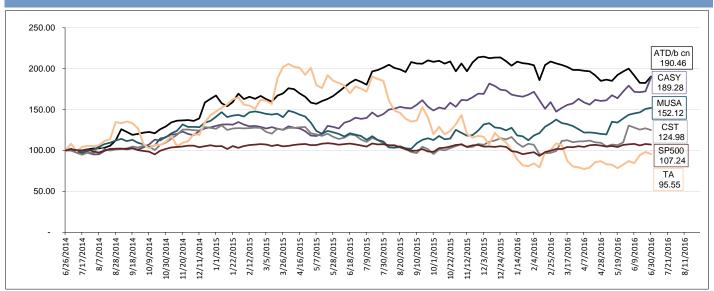




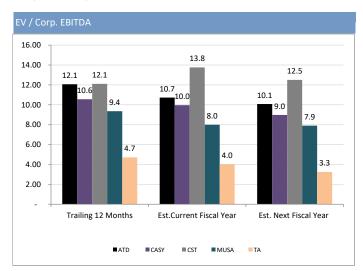
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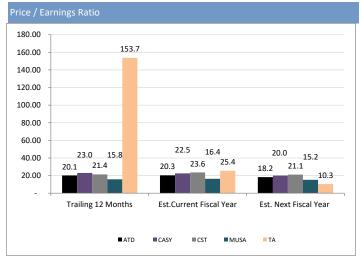
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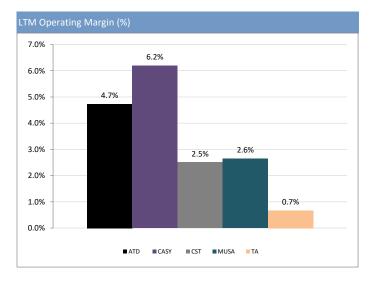
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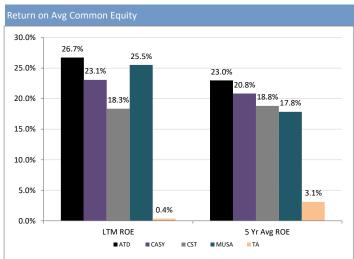


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Private Transactions

Private Transaction Valuation Metrics Fee Owed Real Estate Low High Corporate EBITDA Multiple 5.0 10.0 Store Level EBITDA Multiple 4.0 8.0

The above capital market multiples were derived by Trefethen Advisors, LLC based on an analysis of private transactions involving the sale of petroleum retailing/convenience store companies and/or specific assets, from interviews with active buyers and sellers and from analysis of publicly available information relating to the industry. All transactions were analyzed using a consistent methodology. The multiples above reflect a composite of transactions, interviews and other publicly available information and do not reflect the multiple for any individual transaction. The above multiples do not reflect transactions involving individual assets which may be significantly higher (or lower) for certain types of assets. For leasehold, the above multiples would generally be lower.

It is important that the methodology utilized to derive the multiples be understood. The multiples reflect the gross purchase price (cash plus any liabilities assumed before transaction costs) divided by various measures of EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization) for the most recent; 12-month period prior to the transaction adjusted for non-recurring and extraordinary items. Corporate EBITDA reflects EBITDA after all corporate G&A expenses. Store level EBITDA reflects EBITDA before G&A expenses and approximates store level EBITDA. G&A generally includes all corporate expenses not directly incurred at the store level such as area managers, corporate staff, home office expenses, advertising/marketing, etc.

Announ	Announced Private Transactions										
Date	Buyer	Seller	Purchase Price(MM)	Units	Location	Comments					
Jun-16	Institutional Real-Estate Investor	Global Partners LP	\$63.50	30	NE	Sale-leaseback Deal					
Jun-16	Delano Oil Co.	Midwest Petroleum Corp.		5	MO						
Jun-16	TravelCenters of America LLC	Seveoil Est OU		23	Estibua						
Jun-16	Sunoco LP	Valentine Stores, Inc.		18	NY	Nice N Easy Grocery					
Jun-16	Sunoco LP	Kolkhorst Petroleum Inc.		14	TX	Rattlers C-Stores					
Jun-16	TravelCenters of America LLC	Illico, Inc.		5	IL	Apollo Marts					
May-16	Dunne Manning, Inc.	District Petroleum, Inc.		22	ОН	Hy-Miler C-Stores					
May-16	Mirabito Holdings, Inc.	Global Partners LP		31	NY, PA						
May-16	GPM Investment LLC	Gas-Mart USA Inc.	6.98	21	IL, IO, NE						
May-16	Alimentation Couche-Tard, Inc.	A/S Dansk Shell		286	Denmark	Closed					
Apr-16	Hurd Real Estate Services, Inc.	Hy-Vee, Inc.	82.35	12							
Apr-16	One Rock Capital Partners	Chevron Corp.		58	Hawaii						
Apr-16	Cary Oil Co.	Mount Airy Oil Co.		6	NC						

Earnings Announcements

Alimentation Couche-Tard, Inc. (ATD) reported on July 11, 2016 the results for the fourth quarter and the fiscal 2016. Annual same-store merchandise revenue grew in all markets: 4.6% in the U.S., 2.8% in Europe and 2.9% in Canada. They successfully acquired Topaz which comprises 444 service stations on Febrary 1st, 2016. Highlights include:

<u>Income</u>: Net earnings totaled \$206.2 million up 62.5% in fourth quarter and \$1,193.7 million for fiscal 2016, up 28.4% over fiscal 2015. Excluding adjustments and acquisition costs, earnings rose from a combination of acquisitions, higher fuel margins in the U.S. as well as continued organic growth.

<u>EBITDA</u>: EBITDA increased by 45.0% compared with the same quarter last year and 24.4% compared with last year, reaching \$462.7 million for fourth quarter and \$2.3 billion for fiscal 2016.

Merchandise & Service: During fiscal 2016, merchandise and service gross margin increased by 0.4% in the U.S, by 1.3% in Europe and a slight decrease of 0.1% in Canada. Further cost savings are expected due to economies of scale from recent acquisitions and improved supply conditions.

<u>Fuel:</u> For fiscal 2016, U.S and Europe same-store road transportation fuel volumes grew 6.6% and 2.6%, respectively. In Canada same-store road transportation fuel volumes increased slightly 0.9%. Fuel gross margin were \$0.202 per gallon in the U.S., \$0.0882 per liter in Europe and of C\$0.0641 per liter in Canada. In local currencies, the margin in Europe was similar to the margin of fiscal 2015.

Casey's General Stores, Inc. (CASY) reported on June 6, 2016 the results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year end of fiscal 2016. Highlights include:

<u>Income:</u> Net income rose to \$47.0 million, up from \$41.3 million the prior year. For the year, net income grew to \$226.0 million, up from \$180.6 million the prior year.

Merchandise & Service: For the fourth quarter, grocery same-store sales were up 7.4% with an average margin of 32.1%. For the year, grocery same-store sales were up 7.1% with an average margin of 32.1%. Cigarette sales continued to lead the category as customers traded up to premium brands in response to lower retail fuel prices.

<u>Prepared Foods & Fountain:</u> For the year, same-store sales were up 8.4% with an average margin of 62.5%. For the fourth quarter, same-store sales were up 8.2% with an average margin of 61.9%. Casey's implemented on-line ordering in all stores and continue to roll out major remodels, 24-hour conversions, and pizza delivery.

<u>Fuel:</u> For the year, same-store gallons sold were up 3% with an average margin of 19.6 cents per gallon. For the quarter, same-store gallons rose 4.6% with an average margin of 17.8 cents per gallon. For fiscal 2016, total gallons sold were up 7.4% to 2.0 billion, while gross profit rose 8.7% to \$381.7 million.

CST Brands, Inc. (CST) reported on May 6, 2016 the first quarter 2016 results. Highlights include:

<u>Income</u>: First quarter net income was \$19 million, up from \$14 million the prior year. This was driven by an increase in the U.S. motor fuel and merchandise and services gross profit during the quarter.

<u>EBITDA</u>: EBITDA was \$79 million for the quarter compared to \$66 million for the prior year. The increase in EBITDA was due primarily to an increase in U.S. motor fuel and merchandise and service gross profits along with an increase in Other income of \$9 million primarily related to a foreign currency gain on a U.S. dollar denominated intercompany loan.

<u>Merchandise</u> & <u>Service</u>: U.S. Merchandise and Services Gross Profit growth of 25% year-over-year was driven by 20% sales growth and a 160 basis point improvement in gross margin. Same Store Merchandise and Services grew in both the U.S., up 2.2%, and Canada, up 5.6% (excluding foreign currency impact).

<u>Fuel:</u> Gross Profit on U.S. fuel sales improved to \$75 million from \$63 million in the same quarter of 2015, driven by an overall favorable margin environment and fuel pricing optimization initiatives.

Acquisition and organic growth added 173 stores during the quarter and they also announced the commencement of an exploration of strategic alternatives to further enhance stockholder value.

Earnings Announcements (Cont')

Murphy USA, Inc. (MUSA) reported on May 9, 2016 the first quarter 2016 results. Store construction in progress includes 23 new sites and ten raze and rebuilds, most of which will be placed into service late in the second quarter. Highlights include:

<u>Income</u>: Net income was \$85.9 million in Q1 2016, which included \$56.0 million of after-tax gain on disposition of the CAM pipeline system, which closed on March 31. This was up from \$22.9 million for the first quarter in the prior year.

<u>EBITDA</u>: Adjusted EBITDA rose to \$83.1 million in the first quarter, up from \$63.5 million the prior year, due to higher retail fuel margins, higher network fuel volumes, record merchandise margins, and higher RINs sales, partially offset by lower PS&W contributions.

Merchandise & Service: Total merchandise sales increased 7.2% in Q1, driven both by new store additions and 1.8% increase in APSM sales. Total margin contribution increased 16.8% for the quarter, due primarily to the benefits recognized from the Core-Mark supply contract, in addition to per store improvements and better promotional effectiveness. Total unit margins were up by 130 basis points from 14.0% in the prior period, setting a new quarterly record of 15.3%. Tobacco sales were down 0.6% on an APSM basis while non-tobacco sales were up 9.9% versus the prior period.

<u>Fuel:</u> Total network retail gallons sold in the quarter increased by 4.6%, while same store gallons increased by 0.2%. Per store volumes declined 0.6% on an APSM basis, reflecting the impact of the high number of new stores opened in Q4 2015 that are ramping up. Product supply and wholesale margin dollars declined in the quarter as elevated RINs and strong crack spreads pressured product prices at the rack. In the current period, 54.0 million RINs were sold at an average price of \$0.72 per RIN, or \$38.8 million, in the current period. For the prior year quarter, RINs added

TravelCenters of America LLC (TA) reported on May 9, 2016 the results for the first quarter 2016. Highlights include:

<u>Income</u>: Net loss for the first quarter was (\$9.9 million), compared to net income of \$15.7 million for the 2015 first quarter. The change in net income is primarily due to the decrease in fuel gross margin.

<u>EBITDAR</u>: EBITDAR for the 2016 first quarter was \$75.3 million, a decrease of \$30.4 million, or 28.8%, compared to the 2015 first quarter EBITDAR of \$105.7 million primarily due to the decrease in fuel gross margin.

<u>Merchandise</u> & <u>Service</u>: Nonfuel revenue was up 12.2% to \$450.6 million, up from \$401.5 million, with gross margin on nonfuel sales declining 140 basis points from 55.6% to 54.2%. \$42.7 million of the revenue increase was due to sites acquired since the beginning of 2015 and \$6.4 million was due to an increase in same site revenue.

<u>Fuel:</u> Fuel sales volume increased 40.4 million gallons, or 8.1%, in the 2016 first quarter to 541.004 million gallons compared to the 2015 first quarter of 500.609 million gallons: a 48.6 million gallon increase from sites acquired since the beginning of 2015, offset by an 8.2 million gallon decrease in same site volume. Fuel revenue declined by \$293.6 million, or 29.3%, due to significantly lower market prices for fuel compared to the 2015 first quarter.

Featured Article: Why Consider an ESOP Transaction

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ESOPs offer many benefits to business owners, companies, and employees. ESOPs provide a tax-efficient structure for shareholders to sell some or all of their stock to a trust set up for the benefit of the company's employees (aka the ESOP). In certain ESOP transactions, shareholders can defer the capital gains taxes on the sale of their stock and post-transaction the company can deduct the cost of purchasing the stock or exempt all or part of its income from federal or state taxation indefinitely. As a result, the federal and state government essentially finance the cost of the stock purchase by the ESOP.

The ultimate tax efficiency is achieved when a company is owned 100% by its ESOP and elects to be treated as an S-Corporation for tax purposes. Under these circumstances, the corporation's income escapes taxation at the shareholder level, as well as at the corporate level, because the ESOP is a tax-exempt shareholder. This tax-free arrangement enables a company to utilize the cash (that would have otherwise been used to pay income tax) to grow and possibly, acquire other companies.

Our ESOP team can help business owners in properly evaluating, structuring and completing an ESOP buyout transaction to maximize the benefits to the business owners and their loyal management and employees. We also have a wealth of experience in working with lenders to finance ESOP buyout transactions. We are able to offer creative solutions to lenders to create more cash at closing for the selling shareholders.

An ESOP may be a good fit for your company and its culture. We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you how an ESOP buyout may achieve your succession planning goals and objectives and may help your business.

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Other M&A News

Delano Oil announced June 27, 2016 that it was selling its five Delano gas stations and Station Break convenience stores to Midwest Petroleum.

Sunoco announced June 23, 2016 that it completed the acquisition of 18 Valentine Stores in upstate New York including convenience stores and QSR operations as well as the acquisition of Rattlers convenience-stores and wholesale fuel business from Kolkhorst Petroleum Inc. Trefethen Advisors advised on the Valentine Stores

Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. announced June 20, 2016 that it signed an agreement to purchase the majority of the assets operated under the Premium 7 brand from Sevenoil Est OÜ in Estonia.

Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. announced June 10, 2016 the acquisition of the Apollo Mart locations in central Illinois and will rebrand those its Mini Mart c-store brand.

Global Partners LP announced May 31, 2016 an agreement to acquire from an institutional real-estate investor through a sale and leaseback 33 gas stations and convenience stores in New England.

Dunne Manning announced May 31, 2016 completion of the purchase of District Petroleum Inc., which owns and operates 22 Hy-Miler convenience stores in Ohio.

Mirabito Holdings Inc. announced May 26, 2016 the purchase of 31 Global Partners gas station and convenience stores in New York and Pennsylvania.

Sunshine Fuel announced May 4, 2016 that they are selling a leasehold interests in 21 convenience stores with gasoline in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, along with sublease/fuel supply interests, as well as two fuel supply

Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. announced May 3, 2016 that they completed the previously announced acquisition of A/S Dansk Shell's downstream retail business in Denmark.

Hurd Real Estate Services Inc. announced April 28, 2016 that it acquired seven Hy-Vee grocery stores and five convenience stores located in three states for \$82.35 million through a sale-leaseback transaction.

Global Partners announced April 27, 2016 that it is selling 86 convenience stores with gasoline in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic.

One Rock Capital Partners announced April 20, 2016 purchased Chevron's 58 retail convenience store locations, four product distribution terminals, pipeline distribution systems and other related downstream assets in Hawaii.

Global Partners announced April 15, 2016 that it expanded its gas station and convenience-store network to western Massachusetts with the addition of 22 retail sites through long-term leases with O'Connell Oil Associates Inc.

Cary Oil announced April 14, 2016 purchase of six North Carolina c-stores from Mount Airy Oil Co.

MFA Oil Co. announced April 12, 2016 the acquisition of Brownfield Oil Co., a refined fuels and lubricants supplier based in Missouri and includes a Sinclair gas station in and a Sinclair cardlock fueling facility.

Croton Holding Co. announced April 11, 2016 the purchase of Par Mar Oil Co.'s 52 Par Mar convenience stores in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky.

Wallis Oil. Co. purchased four Schnucks Express convenience stores in Illinois and Missouri, which was announced April 8, 2016.

Nouria Energy Corp. announced April 5, 2016 the acquisition of the assets of J&S Oil, including eight Xpress Stop convenience stores with fuel, two Express Lube auto-service locations and three Ultra Clean car washes.

TravelCenters of America announced April 1, 2016 the completed acquisition of 17 QMart convenience stores in Wisconsin from Quality State Oil Co. Inc.