

## Toast of the Town



# Salton Acquires Toastmaster 



According to CEO Leon Dreimann, Salton, Inc. has agreed to buy Toastmaster for $\$ 7$ a share in cash, or about $\$ 53.2$ million, plus the assumption of some $\$ 47.9$ million in debt. The acquisition will give Salton a core mass market brand in electrics to complement its many specialty, licensed and private-label offerings. Toastmaster brand has a number two unit share in both toasters ( $19 \%$ ) and toaster ovens ( $11.4 \%$ ).

Salton's primary objective the past few years has been to assemble a diverse house of brands that could cement its value to a wide range of retailers in a rapidly consolidating arena on both the retail and vendor sides. It appears to be working.

The company, through a combination of acquisitions and licensing, posted sales of $\$ 306$ million with a $\$ 20$ million net income in 1998, up from $\$ 183$ million and net income of $\$ 4.4$ million in its fiscal 1997. Toastmaster, which will be operated as a Salton subsidiary, reported sales of about $\$ 155$ million.

In addition to toasters, Toastmaster would give Salton added muscle in the breadmaker category, allowing Salton to segment its offerings, with Toastmaster in the opening-to-mid range and Breadman at the mid-toupper range.
Expect Salton to feature the Toastmaster brand across a wide selection of electrics, giving the company a stable mass market sales and product development base to complement a collection of promotional brands segmented by product or retail customer. Among the categories in which Salton could look to intensify development under the Toastmaster brand are griddles, can openers, mixers, coffeemakers and grills.

## Home World Business,

September 28 - October 11, 1998

## Fortune's 100 Fastest-Growing Companies

This year's list of Fortune's fastestgrowing companies is remarkable. Not only have these 100 businesses posted staggering gains in profits and revenues, but many have also produced impressive returns for investors. In fact over twothirds have outperformed the surging S\&P 500 index, which has risen $28 \%$ annually over the past three years.
No. 5 ranked Salton, Inc., for example, logged in with a $119 \% 3$-year total return, a notable achievement for the cooking gadgets company, especially when you consider that most small companies have badly lagged their bigger brethren. Last year, Salton was ranked 19 on the Fortune list.
To get on the 1999 list,
 compiled by Zacks Investment Research, companies had to be based in the U.S., have been in operation for three years, and have revenues and market capitalization of at least $\$ 50$ million. They also needed a $30 \%$ annual growth rate in both revenue and earnings per share for three years. That narrowed the selection to 173 companies which were then ranked by growth in revenue and EPS, and by three-year total stock market return.

Fortune, September 6, 1999


Letter to Shareholders

A winning year that puts Salton, Inc. in the news, as well as on the nation's leading fast-growth lists.

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## Independent Auditors' Report

Results of audit conducted by
Deloitte \&
Touche LLP.

## Selected

 Financial DataFinancial data culled from the Company's audited financial statements.

Financial Summary

| Net Sales | $\mathbf{\$ 5 0 6 , 1 1 6}$ | $\$ 305,599$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Gross Profit | $\mathbf{1 9 8 , 9 6 9}$ | 113,896 |
| Operating Income | 69,381 | 29,680 |
| Net Income | $\mathbf{3 4 , 5 4 3}$ | 19,981 |
| Net Income per share: diluted | $\mathbf{2 . 3 7}$ | .99 |
| Weighted Average Common and Common |  |  |
| $\quad$ Equivalent Shares Outstanding | $\mathbf{1 4 , 5 6 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 , 2 5 9}$ |

BALANCE SHEET DATA

| Working Capital | $\mathbf{\$ 1 6 5 , 9 3 5}$ | \$4,768 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Total Assets | $\mathbf{3 2 8 , 3 1 6}$ | 141,397 |
| Long-term Debt |  |  |
| Stockholders' Equity <br> Book Value Per Weighted <br> $\quad$ Average Common Share | $\mathbf{5 0 , 7 3 9}$ | 57,711 |



## The Salton Of Swing

Salton, Inc., the company that appears on the bottom of the screen during infomercials for the company's latest top-seller, George Foreman's Lean,Mean Fat-Reducing Grilling Machine, has suddenly turned into a lean, mean stock-appreciation machine itself.

Having punched out $130 \%$ annual earnings growth over the past five years on $60 \%$ growth in sales, its stock has soared $387 \%$ since last October. Despite the growth, its shares still trade at just 14.4 times projected earnings for fiscal 1999 and 0.7 times projected sales.
"It's one of the few stocks that could appeal to both a growth and value investor," says investor J im Oberweis, Jr., Manager of the Oberweis Emerging Growth (OBEGX) fund. "Even at $\$ 50$, it's still cheap."

Not for long. Salton is quickly developing buzz. It showed up recently as one of Business Week's "Hot Growth Companies" and several other magazines and newsletters have jumped on board with positive stories, including the high-octane CANSLIM screen.

Smart Money.com, July 12, 1999

## Sears Names Salton "Source Of The Year"

Sears, Roebuck and Co. recognized the contributions of its top suppliers of products and services during the company's annual "Partners in Progress" Source Day. During the event, Salton, Inc. was selected to receive two awards, including being named Chairman's Source of the Year, the highest achievement in partnership with Sears.


The "Partners in Progress" program honors vendors for various achievements. Winners are selected based on recommendations from Sears store support organization.
"These suppliers play an integral role in our ongoing efforts to win and maintain the confidence of our core customers," said Sears Chairman and CEO Arthur C. Martinez.

More than 10,000 sources competed for the awards, given this year to fewer than 150 Sears suppliers. In addition to winning the prestigious "Source of the Year" award, Salton also garnered Category Source of the Year as the top performer in the home fashions category.
Sears is a registered service mark of Sears, Roebuck and Co.

## Balance Sheets

Consolidated
statements years ended J une 26, 1999 and June $27,1998$.

## Statement of Earnings

Consolidated statements for years ended J une 26,1999 , J une 27, 1998 and J une 28, 1997.

## Statement of Stockholders' Equity

## Consolidated

 statements for years ended J une 26, 1999, J une 27, 1998 and J une 28, 1997.

## Notes to Financial Statements

Further information on financial activities for years ended J une 26, 1999, J une 27, 1998 and J une 28, 1997. 29

## Salton Executives Gain Award

Top management cited as entrepreneurs by Ernst \& Young

Hard work pays off. That was the message from Ernst \& Young, which recently named several Salton, Inc. executives Entrepreneurs of the Year.

Cited by the professional services firm for "ingenuity, hard work and perseverance" were Salton chairman David Sabin, chief executive officer Leonhard Dreimann, and president and chief operating officer William Rue. The three have been with the company since its inception. In just over a decade, they have grown the company from \$12 million in sales to projections of over $\$ 600$ million by the year 2000 .

Ernst \& Young founded the
Entrepreneur of the Year program to honor successful business ventures. The award is given regionally: There are 47 different award areas in the United States. The Salton executives won the award for the Illinois/ West Indiana region. Currently, the company is in contention for the top Entrepreneur of the Year award nationally.

## A Coordinated Effort

The company was pleased to receive the award because it recognized Salton's vision and approach to product development, said Dreimann. Noted for innovation, Salton focuses on developing unique

new products and enhancing existing products. In 1999, the company unveiled 50 new products at the National Housewares Manufacturers Association (NHMA) Show.
"This is a tremendous honor that we share not only with each other, but also with every one of our customers and employees who have helped make Salton the company it is today," Dreimann said in a statement. "With the help of these dedicated parties, we look forward to achieving continued growth and success for Salton through creative marketing techniques and winning product designs."

## Salton Inc. Bows On NYSE Listing

Salton, Inc. kicked off its new listing on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) with chief executive officer Leonhard Dreimann and senior vice president/chief financial officer J ohn E. Thompson joining celebrity spokespersons George Foreman and Linda Evans to ring the opening trading bell.

The listing is a result of the company's rapid growth in sales, earning and market capitalization, Dreimann said in a statement.
"As a leading marketer and designer of recognized brandname appliances, Salton joins the world's most respected publicly traded companies," noted Richard Grasso, NYSE chairman and chief executive.
 are on it. The smaller, technologydriven companies are on Nasdaq, and I assume Salton thought they
would get a better valuation on the and assume Salton thought they NYSE since they're a housewares company."
Salton also launched its new corporate Web site, called www.saltoninc.com. The site provides corporate and investor relations information on the company and complements its product-oriented Web sites: www.salton-maxim.com and www.toastmaster.com.

HFN (Home Furnishing Network), March 8, 1999 company and complements

## Putting a Gizmo in Every Kitchen



Salton, Inc. has mastered the art of making and marketing the kitchen gadget. Big sellers include J uiceman, Toastmaster brand, and George Foreman's Lean, Mean, Fat-Reducing Grilling Machine.
Sales, which have grown an average of $61 \%$ a year since 1996 , topped $\$ 305$ million last year. Profits jumped an astounding $178 \%$ per year over the same period, to $\$ 20$ million last year. That puts Salton at No. 3 on the BUSINESS WEEK Hot Growth list.

At Salton, Leon Dreimann, CEO since 1987, has combined savvy marketing with smart acquisitions and cost-control.
"Dreimann gives me confidence that the company isn't a one-hit wonder,"says Linda Greenblatt, managing partner at Saddlerock Partners, a New York-based hedge fund which owns 150,000 shares. "He's not only hit every number, he's exceeded them."

He has achieved that, in part, by keeping the company pipeline filled with new gadgetry. Key acquisitions have helped.
Over the past six years,Salton has acquired the makers of Breadman, Juiceman, and Toastmaster products.

## Cost-Cutting

To keep his army of unusual appliances in the black, Dreimann has been especially aggressive in inking low-cost manufacturing deals. His first task as CEO was to ditch the company's European suppliers in favor of Hong Kong and Taiwanese producers. Dreimann credits the cheap, reliable manufacturing for helping to rev up Salton's profit growth.

No mere penny pincher, Dreimann is adept at turning his oddball appliances into hot products. He has a knack, observers say, for matching the right celebrity with an appliance. Boxer George Foreman, whose agent Dreimann met at a trade show, has turned a grill into a $\$ 140$ million business.

Dreimann also oversaw Salton's move into infomercials in 1993. Although only a small portion of its products are sold directly via the half-hour shows, retailers say they help push the products in stores.
Salton's three-year record of run-away growth is at least partly the gift of poorly run competitors. While Sunbeam Corp., along with Windmere-Durable Holdings, Inc. and Hamilton Beach/Proctor Silex, Inc., has struggled with its own problems, Salton soaked up the goodwill of retailers looking for reliable suppliers for both branded and private-label merchandise. Salton did both. "While everyone else was focused internally, Salton shot out ahead," says Mark Grand, head of home fashions at Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Business Week, May 31, 1999

## Salton, Inc. Acquires Assets of Sasaki, Inc.

Further Solidifies Position in Tabletop Products Market

Salton, Inc. (NYSE: SFP) announced that it has acquired certain assets of Sasaki, Inc., a well-known designer and manufacturer of high-quality tabletop products and accessories for the home, from Sasaki Glass Company Ltd.

With 1998 revenues of approximately $\$ 9$ million, Sasaki's product line includes dinnerware, stemware, barware, flatware, and crystal giftware designed by wellknown tabletop and domestic designers, such as Phillippe Starck, Vignelli
Associates, Paula Zanger, and Gerald

Golotta, among others.Its products are distributed to high-end specialty retailers in the U.S., including Bloomingdale's, Saks Fifth Avenue, and Barneys New York.

Leon Dreimann, Chief Executive Officer of Salton, said, "The acquisition of Sasaki further solidifies our position in the tabletop products market, where we already have a meaningful presence with our Block ${ }^{\circ}$ China and Atlantis ${ }^{8}$ Crystal product lines, and makes us a more important and powerful resource to retailers. With its loyal customer base and exciting product

line, we believe Sasaki will complement and enhance our current tabletop product offerings."





Dear Shareholder: It feels great to be a winner! This past year, the Company has been heaped with recognition, attention and awards for its product innovation, for its outstanding commitment to both stockholders and retail partners, as well as for its visionary leadership that focuses on the future.

All this praise, newsprint and national acclaim are terrific for the corporate ego. They also are good for business. Salvoes earn the respect of the business press and financial analysts, which in turn gets the attention of investors. Industry recognition energizes our relationship with retailers and makes us a more highly valued partner. And raising the Company profile makes our loyal and dedicated employees even more proud to work for Salton.

But winning isn't everything. Being the "toast of the town" is only truly rewarding if the honors and accolades don't distract us from our primary focus: building a strong, healthy business based on solid financial performance. Steadfast pursuit of that goal was indeed our most significant accomplishment in fiscal 1999.

Net sales increased $65.6 \%$ to a record $\$ 506.1$ million in 1999, compared to $\$ 305.6$ million in 1998. Gross profit increased to $\$ 199.0$ million, or $39.3 \%$ of net sales in 1999, compared to $\$ 113.9$ million, or $37.3 \%$ of net sales in 1998. Income before income taxes increased to $\$ 53.9$ million in 1999, compared to $\$ 32.3$ million in 1998. Net income was $\$ 35.5$ million, after income taxes of $\$ 19.3$ million, or $\$ 2.37$ per diluted share on 14,561,964 shares outstanding in 1999, versus $\$ 20$ million, after income taxes of $\$ 12.2$ million, or $\$ .99$ per share on 20,259,395 shares outstanding in 1998.

## innovative



## has set us apart from - and ahead of - our competition.

These financial triumphs are even more noteworthy when considered alongside the challenges of this past year. 1999 was a volatile year that saw many other small appliance marketers and manufacturers derailed by formidable obstacles - both internal management struggles and external business forces. By anticipating industry changes and financial pressures, Salton has been able not only to meet the challenges, but also to accelerate growth.

- CONSOLIDATING SUPPLIERBASE As members of the retail industry concentrate their vendor base, seeking to deal with a smaller number of suppliers that offer a broader array of differentiated products, the Company's emphasis on product line expansion through strategic acquisitions and licensing agreements has made Salton an even more powerful business partner for retailers. In 1999, Salton acquired Toastmaster Inc. and the assets of Sasaki, Inc., giving us two highly regarded and well-established brand names with diversified product offerings, further solidifying the Company's position with important retailers.

William B. Rue
President and Chief Operating Officer


Gross Profit (dollarsin millions)

- RETAIL-DRIVEN PRODUCT DEVE OPMENT. The industry has evolved from the time when a housewares company would design and build a product line on spec and then try to sell it to the retailer. Today, it's necessary to have an understanding of the specific consumer market and the actual product you want to build: features, packaging, price points, etc. Salton has carved its own niche by quickly identifying market opportunities, designing, and then sourcing products that are precisely right for each of its retail partners.

The introduction of the Nutritionist Soy Milk Maker in 1999 is a shining example of this product development strategy. With perfect timing, Salton was the first to recognize and capitalize on the health benefits this unique product provides to a widening consumer base - most significantly, women. Growing understanding of the importance of adding soy-based phytonutrients to the diet before, during and after menopause has generated tremendous interest in the Nutritionist Soy Milk Maker, bolstered sales and solidified its first-in-market position.

- COMPETITION FOR CONSUMER ATIENTION. The consumer is no longer a captive audience. As the nation's remote controls click through hundreds of channels and past traditional television advertising efforts, and as millions log on to the Internet and shop around the world from the comfort of
home, it has become increasingly difficult to deliver an effective marketing message. In spite of the clutter, Salton has successfully connected to consumers, through infomercials, celebrity products and a redesigned Web site, www.saltoninc.com, that allows consumers to order new products directly from the Company. In 1999, Salton also launched Rejuvenique, a facial toning system, via informercials starring the famous and beautiful actress Linda Evans. Miss Evans played the glamorous Crystal Carrington on the popular nighttime television drama "Dynasty."
- THE STRENGTH TO SUCCEHD. Many companies struggling to compete profitably in the small appliance market have been undone by the financial pressures of rapid consolidation and the rising infusion of Far East imports. Salton has not only survived, but thrived, in this competitive environment. Much of the credit goes to the synergistic team of people who work for us - both the seasoned company veterans who have been here from the start and the energetic newcomers who help us keep our focus fresh and current.


One such newcomer is J ohn E. Thompson, who has served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company since J anuary, 1999. J ohn joined us having served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Toastmaster. Now he brings his expertise, experience and vision to Salton, along with Toastmaster's complementary strengths.

As we leave this year's winner's circle and continue our quest to be the best, we will rely on these successful strengths and strategies to keep us on track. We will continue to pursue growth through the acquisition of compatible companies or brands that allow us to expand into new categories or to increase market share in existing product categories. We also will seek alliances that provide greater operating efficiencies and access to new technologies or markets.

We will continue to strengthen our all-important retailer partnerships, through both private-label manufacturing programs and targeted new product development. We will
continue to pioneer provocative and compelling new marketing methods that convey our message across the media clutter and really connect with the consumer. And we will continue to create a corporate culture that encourages independent thinking, celebrates innovation and engenders loyalty by recognizing hard work and initiative.

As we hang up the plaques and display the awards of 1999 in our trophy case, we are proud of all that we have accomplished, but we are not resting on our laurels! None of these honors can ever replace what we most want and need to win: the respect and continued support of our shareholders. To earn that, we must continue to concentrate on steady, healthy growth.

Sincerely,


Chief Executive Officer


Chairman and Secretary
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William B. Rue
President and Chief Operating Officer

We have pioneered a dynamic way to carry Salton solidly into an exciting and profitable future

his Management's
Discussion and Analysis
of Financial Condition
and Results of Operations may be
deemed to include forward-looking
statements within the meaning
of Section 27A of the Securities
Act of 1933, as amended, and
Section 21E of the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934, as amended,
that involve risk and uncertainty.
Although the Company believes
that its expectations are based on
reasonable assumptions, it can
give no assurance that its
expectations will be achieved.

The important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements herein (the "Cautionary Statements") include, without limitation: the Company's degree of leverage; economic conditions and the retail environment; the timely development, introduction and customer acceptance of the Company's products; competitive products and pricing; dependence on foreign suppliers and supply and manufacturing constraints; the Company's relationship and contractual arrangements with key customers, suppliers and licensors; cancellation or reduction of orders; the integration of Toastmaster, including the failure to realize anticipated revenue enhancements and cost savings; the risks relating to pending legal proceedings, as well as other risks referenced from time to time in the Company's filings with the SEC. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to the Company or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the Cautionary Statements. The Company does not undertake any obligation to release publicly any revisions to such forwardlooking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

## Overview

Salton is a leading domestic designer, marketer and distributor of a broad range of branded, high quality small appliances, tabletop products, and personal care and time products. Salton acts as a marketing service provider by managing its brands and product lines in a manner that allows its retail customers to differentiate themselves to consumers. Salton has the leading domestic market share in toasters, juice extractors, indoor grills, bread bakers, griddles, waffle makers and buffet ranges/hotplates and a significant market share in other product categories. Salton outsources most of its production to independent manufacturers, primarily in the Far East.

Salton's portfolio of well-recognized owned and licensed brand names includes Salton®, Toastmaster®, Maxim®, Breadman ${ }^{\star}$, J uiceman®, George Foreman Grills®, White-Westinghouse®, Farberware®, Melitta®, Rejuvenique®, Block®, Atlantis®, Sasaki®, and Ingraham®. Salton is also a leading designer and distributor of small appliances in the U.S. under such well-known names as Kenmore ${ }^{\star}$ and Magic Chef® .

Salton predominantly sells its products to mass merchandisers, department stores, specialty stores and mail order catalogs. Salton also sells certain of its products directly to consumers through infomercials and its Internet website. Salton markets and sells its products primarily in the U.S. through its own sales force and a network of independent commissioned sales representatives.

In J uly 1998, Salton completed a recapitalization by issuing $\$ 40.0$ million of its convertible preferred stock to affiliates of Centre Partners and repurchasing $9,802,608$ shares of its common stock owned by Windmere for $\$ 8$ per share plus a $\$ 15.0$ million junior subordinated note. In December 1998, Salton issued $\$ 125.0$ million of $103 / 4 \%$ senior subordinated notes, primarily to repay certain indebtedness.

On J anuary 7, 1999, Salton acquired Toastmaster, a Columbia, Missouri based manufacturer and marketer of kitchen and small appliances and time products. Through Toastmaster, Salton designs, manufactures, markets and services a wide array of kitchen and small appliances and time products under the brand names Toastmaster® and Ingraham ${ }^{\bullet}$.

Salton believes that through its proven ability to source products overseas, it can achieve significant cost savings through more favorable product pricing and other terms. Although Salton is currently continuing to produce certain Ingrahame time products at its Laurinburg, North Carolina plant and certain Toastmaster ${ }^{\text {® }}$ small appliances at its Macon, Missouri plant, Salton is implementing its strategy of outsourcing certain appliances to overseas vendors. Other anticipated cost savings identified by Salton include advertising, ocean freight, warehousing and corporate overhead expenses.

Salton's ability to successfully integrate Toastmaster will depend upon its ability to achieve revenue enhancements and recognize cost savings and on other factors, including economic conditions and the retail environment.

Results of Operations
Salton's operating results for fiscal 1999 include the operating results of Toastmaster from its acquisition date of J anuary 7, 1999.

The following table sets forth Salton's results of operations as a percentage of net sales for the period indicated:

Fiscal Year Ended June 26, 1999 June 27, 1998 June 28, 1997

| Net sales | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ | $100.0 \%$ | $100.0 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cost of goods sold | $\mathbf{5 6 . 4}$ | 58.7 | 66.5 |
| Distribution expenses | $\mathbf{4 . 3}$ | 4.0 | 4.3 |
| Gross profit | $\mathbf{3 9 . 3}$ | 37.3 | 29.2 |
| Selling, general and |  |  |  |
| administrative expenses | $\mathbf{2 5 . 6}$ | 27.6 | 23.5 |
| Operating income | $\mathbf{1 3 . 7 \%}$ | $9.7 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ |

Year ended June 26, 1999 compared to Year ended June 27, 1998
Net Sales. Net sales for the fiscal year ended June 26, 1999 were $\$ 506.1$ million, an increase of approximately $\$ 200.5$ million or $65.6 \%$ compared to net sales of $\$ 305.6$ million for the fiscal year ended June 27, 1998. This increase is primarily attributable to increased sales of products within the George Foreman Grills® product line, White-Westinghouse® sales under the Kmart program, sales by our newly acquired wholly-owned subsidiary Toastmaster, and sales of our Farberware® products. Net sales of White-Westinghouse® products to Kmart approximated $16 \%$ of net sales in fiscal 1999 compared to 19\% of net sales in fiscal 1998.

Gross Profit. Gross profit in fiscal 1999 was $\$ 199.0$ million or $39.3 \%$ of net sales as compared to $\$ 113.9$ million or $37.3 \%$ in fiscal 1997. Cost of goods sold during the period decreased to $56.4 \%$ of net sales compared to $58.7 \%$ in fiscal 1998. Distribution expenses were $\$ 21.6$ million or $4.3 \%$ of net sales in fiscal 1999 compared to $\$ 12.3$ million or $4.0 \%$ of net sales in fiscal 1998. Gross profit and costs of goods sold in fiscal 1999 as a percentage of net sales improved primarily due to a more favorable mix of sales in their respective channels of distribution when compared to fiscal 1998.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased to $\$ 129.6$ million or $25.6 \%$ of net sales in fiscal 1999 compared to $\$ 84.2$ million or $27.6 \%$ of net sales in fiscal 1998. Expenditures for television, certain media and cooperative advertising coverages and royalty expenses were $\$ 88.0$ million or $17.4 \%$ of net sales in fiscal 1999 compared to \$58.3 million or $19.1 \%$ of net sales in fiscal 1998. Through increased leverage of fixed costs, the remaining selling, general and administrative costs decreased to $8.2 \%$ of net sales or $\$ 41.6$ million in fiscal 1999 compared to $8.5 \%$ of net sales or $\$ 25.9$ million in fiscal 1998.

Operating Income. As a result of the foregoing, operating income increased by $\$ 39.7$ million or $133.8 \%$, to $\$ 69.4$ million in fiscal 1999 from $\$ 29.7$ million in fiscal 1998. Operating income as a percentage of net sales increased to 13.7\% in fiscal 1999 from $9.7 \%$ in fiscal 1998, primarily as a result of higher net sales and the increased leverage of fixed costs.

Net Interest Expense. Net interest expense was approximately $\$ 15.5$ million for fiscal 1999 compared to $\$ 5.3$ million in fiscal 1998. Salton's rate of interest on amounts outstanding was a weighted average annual rate of $9.2 \%$ in fiscal 1999 compared to $9.5 \%$ in fiscal 1998. The average amount of all debt outstanding was $\$ 155.7$ million for fiscal 1999 compared to $\$ 52.4$ million for the same period in fiscal 1998. This increase was used to complete Salton's recapitalization, complete the acquisition of Toastmaster and to finance higher net sales.

Subsequent to the year ended June 27, 1998, Salton consummated the recapitalization. In connection therewith, Salton used a portion of the proceeds it received from the new credit agreement to refinance all outstanding indebtedness under Salton's prior credit agreement. Accordingly, at June 27, 1998, Salton had incurred expense with the early termination of the prior credit agreement of approximately $\$ 1.1$ million.

During fiscal 1998, Salton sold shares of Windmere common stock it held as marketable securities during the period. The sale of these shares provided a realized gain of approximately $\$ 9.0$ million.

Income Tax Expense. Salton had tax expense of $\$ 19.3$ million in fiscal 1999 as compared to tax expense of $\$ 12.2$ million in fiscal 1998.

Net income. Net income increased $72.9 \%$ to $\$ 34.5$ million in fiscal 1999, compared to $\$ 20.0$ million in fiscal 1998. Excluding a non-recurring after tax gain of approximately $\$ 5.4$ million ( $\$ 9.0$ million before taxes) from the sale of marketable securities by Salton, and after-tax costs of approximately $\$ 681,000$ ( $\$ 1.1$ million before taxes) associated with the refinancing of Salton's credit facility, net income increased 126.1\% in fiscal 1999.

Earnings per share. Basic earnings per common share were $\$ 3.21$ per share on weighted average common shares outstanding of $10,760,455$ in fiscal 1999 compared to earnings of $\$ 1.02$ per share on weighted average common shares outstanding of 19,593,698 in the same period in fiscal 1998. Diluted earnings per common share were $\$ 2.37$ per share on weighted average common shares outstanding, including dilutive common stock equivalents, of 14,561,964 in fiscal 1999 compared to earnings of $\$ 0.99$ per share on weighted average common shares outstanding, including dilutive common stock equivalents, of 20,259,395 in the same period in fiscal 1998. All share counts reflect a 3-for-2 split of Salton's common stock effective J uly 28, 1999, for stockholders of record at the close of business on J uly 14, 1999.

Year ended June 27, 1998 compared to Year ended June 28, 1997

Net Sales. Net sales for the fiscal year ended J une 27, 1998 were $\$ 305.6$ million, an increase of approximately $\$ 122.8$ million or $67.2 \%$ compared to net sales of $\$ 182.8$ million for the fiscal year ended J une 28,1997 . This increase is primarily attributable to increased sales of the J uiceman® juice extractors and George Foreman Grills®, Farberware® products, and White-Westinghouse ${ }^{\circledR}$ sales under the Kmart supply agreement. Net sales of WhiteWestinghouse® products to Kmart approximated 19\% and 16\% of net sales in fiscal 1998 and fiscal 1997, respectively.

Gross Profit. Gross profit in fiscal 1998 was $\$ 113.9$ million or $37.3 \%$ of net sales as compared to $\$ 53.4$ million or $29.2 \%$ in fiscal 1997. Cost of goods sold during the period decreased to $58.7 \%$ of net sales compared to $66.5 \%$ in fiscal 1997. Distribution expenses were $\$ 12.3$ million or $4.0 \%$ of net sales in fiscal 1998 compared to $\$ 7.8$ million or $4.3 \%$ of net sales in fiscal 1997. Gross profit and costs of goods sold in fiscal 1998 as a percentage of net sales improved primarily due to a more favorable mix of sales in their respective channels of distribution when compared to fiscal 1997.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased to $\$ 84.2$ million or $27.6 \%$ of net sales in fiscal 1998 compared to $\$ 42.9$ million or $23.5 \%$ of net sales in fiscal 1997. Expenditures for television, certain media and cooperative advertising coverages and royalty expenses were $\$ 58.3$ million or $19.1 \%$ of net sales in fiscal 1998 compared to $\$ 25.7$ million or $14.1 \%$ of net sales in fiscal 1997. The remaining selling, general and administrative costs were $\$ 25.9$ million or $8.5 \%$ of net sales in fiscal 1998 compared to $\$ 17.2$ million or $9.4 \%$ of net sales in fiscal 1997. The dollar increase was primarily attributable to higher costs for additional personnel, trade show expenses, sales commissions and various other costs related to the higher level of sales.

During fiscal 1998, certain of Salton's customers, namely HomePlace Stores, Inc. and Venture Stores, filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. These customers owed Salton amounts aggregating approximately $\$ 2.4$ million. A provision of approximately $\$ 1.0$ million was made for the estimated potential losses from these Chapter 11 bankruptcy filings.

Operating Income. As a result of the foregoing, operating income increased by $\$ 19.2$ million or $183.7 \%$, to $\$ 29.7$ million in fiscal 1998 from $\$ 10.5$ million in fiscal 1997. Operating income as a percentage of net sales increased to $9.7 \%$ in fiscal 1998 from 5.7\% in fiscal 1997.

Net Interest Expense. Net interest expense was approximately $\$ 5.3$ million for fiscal 1998 compared to $\$ 4.1$ million in fiscal 1997. Salton's rate of interest on amounts outstanding was a weighted average annual rate of $9.5 \%$ in fiscal 1998 compared to $10.5 \%$ in fiscal 1997. The average amount outstanding under Salton's revolving line of credit increased about $\$ 22.2$ million when compared to the average amount outstanding a year ago. This increase was used primarily to finance higher net sales and a seasonal build in inventory. Interest expense during the period was offset by interest income earned on the promissory note from Windmere issued to Salton in J uly 1996.

Subsequent to the year ended J une 27, 1998, Salton consummated the recapitalization. In connection therewith, Salton used a portion of the proceeds it received from the new credit agreement to refinance all outstanding indebtedness under Salton's prior credit agreement. Accordingly, at J une 27, 1998, Salton had incurred expense with the early termination of the prior credit agreement of approximately $\$ 1.1$ million.

Salton sold shares of Windmere common stock it held as marketable securities during the period. The sale of these shares provided a realized gain of approximately $\$ 9.0$ million.

Income Tax Expense. Salton had tax expense of $\$ 12.2$ million in fiscal 1998 as compared to tax expense of $\$ 2.0$ million in fiscal 1997. Net operating loss carryforwards and resultant deferred tax assets were used in both periods to significantly offset current income taxes payable.

Net income. Net income increased to $\$ 20.0$ million in fiscal 1998, compared to $\$ 4.4$ million in fiscal 1997, including a non-recurring after tax gain of approximately $\$ 5.4$ million ( $\$ 9.0$ million before taxes) from the sale of marketable securities by Salton, and after-tax costs of approximately $\$ 681,000$ ( $\$ 1.1$ million before taxes) associated with the refinancing of Salton's credit facility.

Earnings per share. Basic earnings per common share were $\$ 1.02$ per share on weighted average common shares outstanding of $19,593,698$ in fiscal 1998 compared to earnings of $\$ 0.23$ per share on weighted average common shares outstanding of $19,260,418$ in the same period in fiscal 1997. Diluted earnings per common share were $\$ 0.99$ per share on weighted average common shares outstanding, including dilutive common stock equivalents, of 20,259,395 in fiscal 1998 compared to earnings of $\$ 0.22$ per share on weighted average common shares outstanding, including dilutive common stock equivalents, of 19,623,381 in the same period in fiscal 1997. All share counts reflect a 3-for-2 split of Salton's common stock effective July 28,1999 , for stockholders of record at the close of business on J uly 14, 1999.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

During fiscal 1999, Salton provided net cash of $\$ 15.2$ million from operating activities and used $\$ 113.5$ million in investing activities. This usage was primarily for the acquisition of Toastmaster, as well as increased investment in capital assets, primarily tooling. Financing activities provided net cash of $\$ 108.9$ million. This net cash came primarily from borrowings of $\$ 90.0$ million under the Tranche A Term Loan, the issuance of $\$ 125.0$ million of senior subordinated notes, $\$ 75.0$ million under the Amended Credit Agreement ( consisting of \$30.0 million under the Revolving Credit Facility and $\$ 45.0$ million under the Term Loan), and the issuance of $\$ 40.0$ million of convertible preferred stock, offset by $\$ 70.8$ million used for the stock repurchase, $\$ 90.0$ million repayment of the Tranche A Term Loan, $\$ 50.5$ million repayment of the revolving line of credit under a previously existing credit agreement, and approximately $\$ 11.1$ million in costs paid for the issuance of the senior subordinated notes, the credit agreement and the issuance of the convertible preferred stock.

At J une 26, 1999, Salton had debt outstanding of $\$ 214.6$ million and had the ability to borrow up to an additional $\$ 50.0$ million under the revolving credit facility. Typically, given the seasonal nature of Salton's business, Salton's borrowings tend to be the highest in mid-summer to fall.

On J uly 28, 1998, Salton repurchased 9,802,608 shares of Salton common stock owned by Windmere. Prior to this stock repurchase, Windmere owned approximately 50\% of the outstanding Salton common stock. Salton paid Windmere $\$ 8$ per share in cash plus a $\$ 15.0$ million junior subordinated note. The junior subordinated note matures on J anuary 31, 2005 and bears interest at $4.0 \%$ per annum payable annually. This note is subject to offsets of interest and principal equal to $5 \%$ of the total purchase price paid by Salton for product purchases from Windmere and its affiliates during the term of the note. During fiscal 1999, Salton purchased approximately $\$ 32.3$ million of products from Windmere. The principal amount of the junior subordinated note is also subject to reduction in the event Salton's supply agreement with Kmart is terminated for any reason.

In connection with this stock repurchase:

- Windmere effectively repaid in full a promissory note in the principal amount of approximately $\$ 10.8$ million which Windmere had issued to Salton in J uly, 1996;
- Salton purchased for approximately $\$ 3.3$ million an option to purchase up to 687,750 shares of Salton common stock which Salton had granted to Windmere in July, 1996; and
- Windmere and Salton agreed to continue various commercial and other arrangements, including a fee agreement relating to Salton's supply agreement with Kmart, subject to certain modifications.

On J uly 28, 1998, Salton entered into a credit agreement among Salton, Lehman Brothers Inc., as arranger, and Lehman Commercial Paper Inc., as syndication agent. The credit agreement provided for $\$ 215.0$ million in senior secured credit facilities consisting of a $\$ 90.0$ million tranche A term Ioan, a $\$ 75.0$ million delayed draw term loan and a $\$ 50.0$ million revolving credit facility.

On July 28, 1998, Salton also issued $\$ 40.0$ million of Salton convertible preferred stock to affiliates of Centre Partners Management LLC. The convertible preferred stock is generally non-dividend bearing and is currently convertible into 3,529,412 shares of Salton common stock, reflecting a $\$ 11.33$ per share conversion price.

Salton used borrowings of $\$ 90.0$ million under the tranche A term loan and the net proceeds from the issuance of the convertible preferred stock to:

- pay the $\$ 70.8$ million cash portion of the purchase price for the $9,802,608$ shares of Salton common stock, which amount is net of $\$ 10.8$ million due and owing by Windmere under its promissory note to Salton, which note was cancelled at the closing of the stock repurchase; and net of the issuance of a six and one-half year $\$ 15,000$ subordinated promissory note which bears interest at 4\% per annum and was recorded at its fair value of $\$ 9,096$;
- refinance all outstanding indebtedness under Salton's prior loan agreement in an amount equal to approximately \$51.7 million; and
- pay fees and expenses of the stock repurchase and the financing of such repurchase.

On December 16, 1998, Salton issued in a private offering $\$ 125.0$ million of $103 / 4 \%$ senior subordinated notes due 2005. Salton used the aggregate gross proceeds of this offering:

- to repay a total of approximately $\$ 110.0$ million of outstanding indebtedness under the new credit agreement, consisting of $\$ 90.0$ million under the tranche A term loan and approximately $\$ 20.0$ million under the revolving credit facility, together with accrued interest of approximately $\$ 0.8$ million with respect to the indebtedness being repaid;
- to pay fees and expenses incurred in connection with the offering; and
- for working capital and general corporate purposes.

Upon the repayment of the tranche A term Ioan, this facility was permanently terminated. In March 1999, Salton exchanged the $\$ 125.0$ million of $103 / 4 \%$ senior subordinated notes for an equal aggregate principal amount of publicly-registered notes.

The senior subordinated notes contain a number of significant covenants that, among other things, restrict the ability of Salton to:

- dispose of assets;
- incur additional indebtedness;
- prepay other indebtedness;
- pay dividends;
- repurchase or redeem capital stock;
- make certain investments;
- enter into sale and lease-back transactions;
- make certain acquisitions;
- engage in mergers and consolidation;
- create liens; or
- engage in certain transactions with affiliates.

In addition, under the senior subordinated notes, Salton is required to comply with a specified financial fixed charge coverage ratio.

On J anuary 7, 1999, Salton amended and restated the credit agreement to, among other things, replace the delayed draw term loan with a $\$ 45.0$ million tranche $B$ term loan and increase the revolving credit facility from $\$ 50.0$ million to $\$ 80.0$ million.

The credit agreement as amended and restated provides for $\$ 125.0$ million in a senior secured credit facility consisting of a $\$ 45.0$ million tranche B term loan at an established base rate equivalent to the prime rate of interest plus an applicable margin of 225 basis points or, at Salton's election, a eurodollar rate equivalent to the LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin of 325 basis points maturing in twentyfour consecutive quarterly installments commencing on March 26, 1999; and a $\$ 80.0$ million revolving credit facility at an established base rate equivalent to the LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin of 300 basis points based on a range of ratios of total debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization maturing on J anuary 7, 2004. The credit agreement is secured by a first lien on substantially all Salton's assets. Credit availability is based on a formula related to trade accounts receivable, inventories and outstanding letters of credit.

The credit agreement contains a number of significant covenants that are substantially the same as those in the senior subordinated notes. In addition, Salton is required to comply with specified financial ratios and tests, including a minimum net worth test, a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio, a minimum interest coverage ratio and a maximum leverage ratio.

On J anuary 7, 1999, Salton acquired all of the stock of Toastmaster and paid Toastmaster shareholders $\$ 7.00$ per share in cash, for a total purchase price of approximately $\$ 53.2$ million. In addition, Salton repaid Toastmaster's outstanding debt of $\$ 57.8$ million in connection with the acquisition. The acquisition was accounted for as a purchase; accordingly the purchase price was preliminarily allocated to the underlying assets and liabilities based on their respective estimated fair value at the date of the acquisition.

Salton's ability to make scheduled payments of principal of, or to pay the interest or liquidated damages, if any, on, or to refinance, its indebtedness, or to fund planned capital expenditures, will depend upon its future performance, which, in turn, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive and other factors that are beyond its control. Based upon the current level of operations and anticipated growth, management believes that future cash flow from operations, together with available borrowings under the credit agreement, will be adequate to meet Salton's anticipated requirements for capital expenditures, working capital, interest payments and scheduled principal payments. There can be no assurance, however, that Salton's business will continue to generate sufficient cash flow from operations in the future to service its debt and make necessary capital expenditures after satisfying certain liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business. If unable to do so, Salton may be required to refinance all or a portion of its existing debt or to sell assets or to obtain additional financing. There can be no assurance that any such refinancing would be available or that any such sales of assets or additional financing could be obtained.

## Accounting Pronouncements

During the first quarter of fiscal 1999, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 130, "Reporting Comprehensive Income." This statement requires that the Company report the change in its net assets during the period from non-owner sources. For the period ended J une 26, 1999 components of other comprehensive income (loss) include foreign currency translation gains and minimum pension liability, net of tax.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 1999, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information." This statement requires public business enterprises to report certain information about operating segments, their products and services, the geographic areas in which they operate, and their major customers. The effect of this new statement is limited to the form and content of disclosures. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 1999, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards, No. 132, "Employer's Disclosures about Pensions and other PostRetirement Benefits." The effect of this new statement is limited to the form and content of disclosures.

In J une 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities", which was amended in J une 1999 with the issuance of SFAS No. 137. SFAS No. 137 delayed the effective date of SFAS No. 133 to fiscal years beginning after June 15,2000 . SFAS No. 133 will change accounting and disclosure requirements for derivative instruments and hedging activities. Salton is in the process of determining the effect that this new standard will have on its consolidated financial statements and/or disclosures.

## Effects of Inflation and Foreign Currency Exchange

The results of operations for the periods discussed have not been significantly affected by inflation or foreign currency fluctuation. Salton generally negotiates its purchase orders with its foreign manufacturers in United States dollars. Thus, Salton's cost under any purchase order is not subject to change after the time the order is placed due to exchange rate fluctuations. However, the weakening of the United States dollar against local currencies could result in certain manufacturers increasing the United States dollar prices for future product purchases.

## Year 2000 Issues

The Year 2000 issue is the result of computer programs being written to use two digits to define year dates. Computer programs running date-sensitive software may recognize a date using " 00 " as the year 1900 rather than the year 2000. This could result in systems failure or miscalculations causing disruptions of operations. Salton currently uses information technology throughout its operations.

Management believes that Salton's systems are Year 2000 compliant. Salton has upgraded and substantially completed the internal testing of its information technology systems and will continue to monitor such systems throughout 1999. Salton has also specifically addressed internally its non-information technology related systems and believes that there will be no significant operational problems relating to the Year 2000 issue. Salton has not obtained, and does not intend to obtain, an independent verification and validation of its Year 2000 compliance status.

Although Salton believes it has substantially completed its Year 2000 project by upgrading its systems, Salton cannot make any assurances that the upgraded systems will be free of defects. If any such risks materialize, Salton could experience material adverse consequences to its business, financial condition and results of operations.

Year 2000 compliance may also adversely affect Salton's business, financial condition and results of operations indirectly by causing complications of, or otherwise affecting, the operations of any one or more of its suppliers and customers. Salton has contacted its significant suppliers and certain of its customers in an attempt to identify any potential Year 2000 compliance issues with them. Salton currently believes that its major suppliers have made significant progress with respect to Year 2000 compliance issues. Salton is currently unable to anticipate the magnitude of the operational or financial impact on it of Year 2000 compliance issues with its customers even though Salton believes that these customers have implemented significant programs with respect to Year 2000 compliance issues.

Notwithstanding Salton's progress to date, there are several ways in which its systems could still be affected by the Year 2000 problem. First, the software code Salton uses in its information systems may not in fact be Year 2000 compliant in all instances. Second, Salton may be unable to fully test and monitor the upgrades, making it difficult for Salton to identify and remedy any problems that might exist. Third, Salton's customers, suppliers and shippers may be unable to achieve Year 2000 compliance in time.

The most reasonably likely worst-case scenario resulting from Salton's inability, or the inability of its suppliers, customers or shippers, to become Year 2000 compliant, includes the following adverse effects:

- Salton would be unable to receive products due to Year 2000related failure on the part of its suppliers causing Salton to be unable to fulfill the orders of many of its customers for Salton's products.
- Salton's customers would be unable to place their orders with Salton because of its own system failure or those of its customers resulting in delayed or potentially lost orders for Salton's products.
- Salton would be unable to deliver ordered products to its customers on a timely basis due to a system failure at Salton or at one of its product shippers leading to delays in arrival of Salton's products and possibly dissatisfied customers.
- Salton's customers would be unable to receive and/or pay for Salton products on a timely basis.

Salton is currently reviewing the implementation of contingency plans relating to the Year 2000 compliance problems in its own systems or those of its suppliers, customers or shippers.

Salton has incurred approximately $\$ 900,000$ to date to resolve and test Salton's Year 2000 compliance issues. All expenses incurred in connection with Year 2000 compliance are expensed as incurred, other than acquisitions of new software or hardware, which are capitalized. Salton currently estimates that the aggregate incremental cost of its Year 2000 compliance efforts will not exceed $\$ 250,000$.

Salton's assessment of its Year 2000 compliance is based on numerous assumptions about future events, including third party modification plans and other factors. However, there can be no guarantee that this assessment is correct and actual results could differ materially from those anticipated. Specific factors that might cause such material differences include, but are not limited to, the availability and cost of personnel trained in this area, the ability to locate and correct all relevant computer codes and similar uncertainties.

## Seasonality

Salton's business is highly seasonal, with operating results varying from quarter to quarter. Salton has historically experienced higher sales during the months of August through November primarily due to increased demand by customers for Salton's products attributable to holiday sales. This seasonality has also resulted in additional interest expense to Salton
during this period due to an increased need to borrow funds to maintain sufficient working capital to finance product purchases and customer receivables for the seasonal period.

## Quantitative and Qualitive Disclosures About Market Risks

The following tables provide information about the Company's market sensitive financial instruments and constitutes a "forward-looking statement." The Company's major market risk exposure is changing interest rates in the United States.

The Company's policy is to manage interest rates through the use of a combination of fixed and variable rate debt. The fair value of the Company's long-term, fixed rate debt was estimated based on dealer quotes. The carrying amount of short-term debt and long-term variable-rate debt approximates fair value. All items described in the tables are non-trading.

Quantitative and Qualitive Disclosures About Market Risks

| (dollars in thousands) Fiscal Year 1999 |  | 2000 |  | 2001 |  | 2002 |  | 2003 |  | 2004 | Thereafter |  | Total |  | Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Liabilities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revolver | \$ | 30,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ | 30,000 | \$ | 30,000 |
| Average interest rates |  | 7.98\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jr. subordinated note payable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ | 14,126 |  | \$ | 14,126 | \$ | 8,949 |
| Average interest rate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 8\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Long-term debt, including current portion |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fixed rate amount |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ 125,000 | \$ | 125,000 |  | 125,000 |
| Average interest rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 10.75\% |  |  |  |  |
| Variable rate amount | \$ | 500 | \$ | 500 | \$ | 500 | \$ | 500 | \$ | 11,000 | \$ 31,875 | \$ | 44,875 | \$ | 44,875 |
| Average interest rates |  | 8.25\% |  | 8.25\% |  | 8.25\% |  | 8.25\% |  | 8.29\% | 8.31\% |  |  |  |  |
| Fiscal Year 1998 |  | 1999 |  | 2000 |  | 2001 |  | 2002 |  | 2003 | Thereafter |  | Total |  | Value |
| Liabilities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revolver |  | 50,475 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ | 50,475 | \$ | 50,475 |
| Average interest rates |  | 9.48\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of Salton, Inc. Mount Prospect, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Salton, Inc. ( the "Company") as of June 26, 1999 and June 27, 1998 and the related consolidated statements of earnings, of stockholders' equity and of cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended June 26, 1999. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Salton, Inc. as of June 26,1999 and June 27, 1998 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended June 26, 1999 in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.


Deloitte \& Touche LLP
September 3, 1999
Chicago, Illinois

The selected financial data presented below for Salton, Inc. is derived from the Company's audited financial statements.
The following selected financial data should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the audited financial statements and related notes thereto.

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA

| (In thousands, except per share data.) |  | June 26, 1999 |  | June 27, 1998 |  | June 28, 1997 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } 29, \\ 1996 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } 1, \\ 1995 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 506,116 | \$ | 305,599 | \$ | 182,806 | \$ | 99,202 | \$ | 76,991 |
| Cost of sales |  | 285,526 |  | 179,376 |  | 121,590 |  | 66,923 |  | 55,552 |
| Distribution expenses |  | 21,621 |  | 12,327 |  | 7,809 |  | 5,856 |  | 4,569 |
| Gross profit |  | 198,969 |  | 113,896 |  | 53,407 |  | 26,423 |  | 16,870 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses |  | 129,588 |  | 84,216 |  | 42,944 |  | 21,343 |  | 13,142 |
| Operating income (loss) |  | 69,381 |  | 29,680 |  | 10,463 |  | 5,080 |  | 3,728 |
| Interest expense, net |  | $(15,518)$ |  | $(5,333)$ |  | $(4,063)$ |  | $(3,934)$ |  | $(3,057)$ |
| Costs associated with refinancing |  |  |  | $(1,133)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Realized gain on sale of marketable securities |  |  |  | 8,972 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income (loss) before taxes |  | 53,863 |  | 32,186 |  | 6,400 |  | 1,146 |  | 671 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) |  | 19,320 |  | 12,205 |  | 2,001 |  | $(3,450)$ |  | 20 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | 34,543 | \$ | 19,981 | \$ | 4,399 | \$ | 4,596 | \$ | 651 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding |  | 10,760 |  | 19,594 |  | 19,260 |  | 9,764 |  | 8,445 |
| Net income (loss) per share: Basic | \$ | 3.21 | \$ | 1.02 | \$ | 0.23 | \$ | 0.47 | \$ | 0.08 |
| Weighted average common shares and Common equivalent shares outstanding |  | 14,562 |  | 20,259 |  | 19,623 |  | 9,942 |  | 8,852 |
| Net income (loss) per share: Diluted | \$ | 2.37 | \$ | 0.99 | \$ | 0.22 | \$ | 0.46 | \$ | 0.07 |
| Balance Sheet Data: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Working capital | \$ | 165,936 | \$ | 44,768 | \$ | 17,996 | \$ | 12,244 | \$ | 9,072 |
| Total assets |  | 328,316 |  | 141,397 |  | 102,343 |  | 59,481 |  | 41,121 |
| Long-term debt |  | 182,329 |  | -- |  | 4,933 |  | 3,754 |  | 900 |
| Stockholders' equity |  | 50,739 |  | 57,711 |  | 38,622 |  | 19,925 |  | 15,329 |

## Consolidated Balance Sheets

| ASSETS <br> (in thousands except share data) | June 26, 1999 | June 27, 1998 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CURRENT ASSETS: |  |  |
| Cash | \$ 11,240 | \$ 661 |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance: |  |  |
| 1999-\$6,102; 1998-\$3,000 | 96,179 | 43,225 |
| Inventories | 144,124 | 76,506 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 6,350 | 2,940 |
| Deferred income taxes | 3,134 | 4,605 |
| Total current assets | 261,027 | 127,937 |
| Property Plant and Equipment: |  |  |
| Land | 928 |  |
| Buildings | 4,696 |  |
| Molds and tooling | 26,364 | 16,787 |
| Warehouse equipment | 6,142 | 453 |
| Office furniture and equipment | 6,097 | 5,342 |
|  | 44,227 | 22,582 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | $(19,576)$ | $(14,267)$ |
|  | 24,651 | 8,315 |
| Intangibles, net of accumulated amortization, and other non-current assets | 42,638 | 5,145 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 328,316 | \$ 141,397 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: |  |  |
| Revolving line of credit and other current debt | \$ 32,229 | \$ 50,475 |
| Accounts payable | 40,997 | 18,960 |
| Accrued expenses | 21,865 | 7,235 |
| Income taxes payable |  | 6,499 |
| Total current liabilities | 95,091 | 83,169 |
| Non-current deferred income taxes | 157 | 517 |
| Long-term debt | 182,329 |  |
| Total liabilities | 277,577 | 83,686 |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: |  |  |
| Preferred stock, \$. 01 par value; authorized, 2,000,000 shares, 40,000 shares issued |  |  |
| Common stock, $\$ .01$ par value; authorized, $20,000,000$ shares; shares issued and outstanding: 1999-10,251,828; 1998-19,649,466 | 201 | 197 |
| Treasury stock - at cost | $(90,804)$ |  |
| Additional paid-in capital | 91,900 | 53,415 |
| Note receivable |  | $(10,848)$ |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | (48) |  |
| Retained earnings | 49,490 | 14,947 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 50,739 | 57,711 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | \$ 328,316 | \$ 141,397 |

[^0]| (in thousands except per share data) |  | 1999 | 1998 |  | 1997 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 506,116 | \$ | 305,599 | \$ | 182,806 |
| Cost of goods sold |  | 285,526 |  | 179,376 |  | 121,590 |
| Distribution expenses |  | 21,621 |  | 12,327 |  | 7,809 |
| Gross profit |  | 198,969 |  | 113,896 |  | 53,407 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses |  | 129,588 |  | 84,216 |  | 42,944 |
| Operating income |  | 69,381 |  | 29,680 |  | 10,463 |
| Interest expense, net |  | $(15,518)$ |  | $(5,333)$ |  | $(4,063)$ |
| Costs associated with refinancing |  |  |  | $(1,133)$ |  |  |
| Realized gain on marketable securities |  |  |  | 8,972 |  |  |
| Income before income taxes |  | 53,863 |  | 32,186 |  | 6,400 |
| Income tax expense |  | 19,320 |  | 12,205 |  | 2,001 |
| Net income | \$ | 34,543 | \$ | 19,981 | \$ | 4,399 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding |  | 10,760 |  | 19,594 |  | 19,260 |
| Weighted average common and common |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| equivalent shares outstanding |  | 14,562 |  | 20,259 |  | 19,623 |
| Net income per common share: Basic | \$ | 3.21 | \$ | 1.02 | \$ | 0.23 |
| Net income per common share: Diluted | \$ | 2.37 | \$ | 0.99 | \$ | 0.22 |

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See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

| (in thousands) | 1999 |  | 1998 |  | 1997 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ 34,543 | \$ | 19,981 | \$ | 4,399 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gain on sale of marketable securities |  |  | $(8,972)$ |  |  |
| Deferred income taxes | 4,109 |  | $(1,428)$ |  | 822 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 7,301 |  | 4,301 |  | 3,136 |
| Purchase reduction of note payable and other non-cash items | (208) |  |  |  |  |
| Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisition: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts receivable | $(12,176)$ |  | $(17,578)$ |  | $(9,776)$ |
| Inventories | $(26,406)$ |  | $(34,537)$ |  | $(13,680)$ |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | $(1,365)$ |  | 1,881 |  | $(2,888)$ |
| Accounts payable | 14,716 |  | 1,599 |  | 7,304 |
| Taxes payable | $(4,290)$ |  | 6,406 |  | 81 |
| Accrued expenses | $(1,032)$ |  | 3,245 |  | 1,636 |
| Net cash from operating activities | 15,192 |  | $(25,102)$ |  | $(8,966)$ |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capital expenditures | $(5,390)$ |  | $(4,565)$ |  | $(4,608)$ |
| Proceeds from the sale of marketable securities |  |  | 19,072 |  |  |
| Acquisition of businesses | $(108,126)$ |  |  |  | $(1,739)$ |
| Net cash from investing activities | $(113,516)$ |  | 14,507 |  | $(6,347)$ |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net (repayment) proceeds from revolving line of credit | $(20,475)$ |  | 12,498 |  | 13,882 |
| Repayment of long-term debt | $(90,125)$ |  |  |  |  |
| Proceeds from long-term debt | 260,000 |  |  |  |  |
| (Repayment) proceeds from subordinated debt and other debt | (125) |  | $(5,433)$ |  | 4,516 |
| Costs associated with refinancing | $(8,065)$ |  | 1,133 |  |  |
| Common stock issued | 1,489 |  | 445 |  | 11 |
| Preferred stock issued | 40,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Purchase of treasury stock | $(70,799)$ |  |  |  |  |
| Costs associated with preferred stock issuance | $(2,999)$ |  |  |  |  |
| Offering costs associated with stock issuance |  |  |  |  | (486) |
| Net cash from financing activities | 108,901 |  | 8,643 |  | 17,922 |
| The effect of exchange rate changes on cash | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash | 10,579 |  | $(1,952)$ |  | 2,609 |
| Cash-Beginning of year | 661 |  | 2,613 |  | 4 |
| Cash-End of year | \$ 11,240 | \$ | 661 | \$ | 2,613 |
| SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash paid during the year for: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest | \$ 14,046 | \$ | 5,893 | \$ | 3,939 |
| Income taxes | \$ 25,022 | \$ | 5,799 | \$ | 1,698 |

## SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

In the quarter ended September 26,1998, the Company repurchased 9,803 shares of the Company's common stock from Windmere—Durable Holdings Inc. ("Windmere") for a total purchase price of $\$ 90,804$. The purchase price included the issuance of a six and one-half year $\$ 15,000$ subordinated promissory note which bears interest at $4 \%$ per annum recorded at its fair value of $\$ 9,096$ and the effective repayment of Windmere's promissory note to Salton for the principal amount of $\$ 10,848$.
See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Principles

Salton, Inc. ( "Salton" or the "Company") is a leading domestic designer, marketer and distributor of a broad range of branded, high quality small appliances, tabletop products and personal care/time products. The Company manufactures small electrical kitchen and household appliances and time products sold under the Toastmaster® and Ingraham ${ }^{\circledR}$ labels. The Company has manufacturing facilities in Missouri and North Carolina.

The Company's portfolio of well-recognized owned and licensed brand names includes Salton®, Toastmaster®, Maxim®, Breadman®, J uiceman®, George Foreman Grills®, WhiteWestinghouse ${ }^{\circledR}$, Farberware ${ }^{\circledR}$, Melitta ${ }^{\circledR}$, Block ${ }^{\circledR}$ China, Atlantis ${ }^{\circledR}$ Crystal, Sasaki®, Gear®, Rejuvenique ${ }^{\circledR}$, Salton Creations ${ }^{\circledR}$, Marilyn Monroe ${ }^{\text {™ }}$, Taco Bell®, Looney Tunes ${ }^{\circledR}$, Salton Time ${ }^{\circledR}$, Ingraham ${ }^{\circledR}$, Timex ${ }^{\circledR}$, and Indiglo®.
Principles of Consolidation-The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Salton and its subsidiaries, Toastmaster Inc., Toastmaster de Mexico S.A. de C.V., Home Creations Direct, Ltd. and Salton Hong Kong, Ltd. Intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates-In preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates include the allowance for doubtful accounts, reserve for returns and allowances, and depreciation and amortization, among others.

Accounting Period-The Company's fiscal year ends on the Saturday closest to J une 30. The fiscal years ended J une 26, 1999, J une 27, 1998 and J une 28, 1997 each consisted of 52 weeks and are referred to as "fiscal 1999", "fiscal 1998", and "fiscal 1997", respectively.
Inventories-I nventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined by the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method, for approximately $32 \%$ of the Company's inventories. All remaining inventory cost is determined on the first-in, first-out basis. See Note 3 "Inventories."

Property, Plant and Equipment-Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Expenditures for maintenance costs and repairs are charged against income. Depreciation is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from three to forty years. For tax purposes, assets are depreciated using accelerated methods.

Intangible and Non-current Assets-I ntangible assets, which are amortized over their estimated useful lives, and other non-current assets consist of:

| (in thousands) | Useful life (in years) | June 26, 1999 | June 27, 1998 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Goodwill | $10-40$ | $\$ 23,768$ | $\$$ | 2,117 |
| Financing and organization costs | $2-7$ | 7,051 | 109 |  |
| Patents and trademarks | $5-20$ | 2,711 | 2,919 |  |
| Other non-current assets |  | 108 |  |  |

Intangible assets, net,
and other non-current assets \$ 42,638 \$ 5,145

Accumulated amortization of intangible assets was $\$ 6.7$ million at J une 26,1999, and $\$ 4.7$ million at June 27, 1998.

Long-Lived Assets-Long-lived assets are reviewed for possible impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. If such review indicates that the carrying amount of long-lived assets is not recoverable, the carrying amount of such assets is reduced to the estimated recoverable value.

Revenue Recognition-The Company recognizes revenues when goods are shipped to its customers. Provision is made for estimated cost of returns, warranties, and product liability claims.
Distribution Expenses—Distribution expenses consist primarily of freight, warehousing, and handling costs of products sold.

Advertising-The Company sponsors various programs under which it participates in the cost of advertising and other promotional efforts for Company products undertaken by its retail customers. Advertising and promotion costs associated with these programs are recognized in the period in which the advertising or other promotion by the retailer occurs.
The Company's tradenames and, in some instances, specific products, also are promoted from time to time through direct marketing channels, primarily television. Advertising and promotion costs are expensed in the period in which direct customer response occurs.

Self-insurance-The Company maintains a self-insurance program for health claims and workers' compensation claims for certain covered employees. The Company accrues estimated future costs that will be incurred for existing employee claims. The Company does not provide any post-retirement health care benefits.

Income Taxes-The Company accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability approach. The measurement of deferred tax assets is reduced, if necessary, by the amount of any tax benefits that, based on available evidence, management does not expect to be realized.

Net Income Per Common and Common Equivalent Share-On J une 28, 1999, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a 3 -for-2 split of its common stock effective July 28, 1999, for stockholders of record at the close of business on J uly 14, 1999. All share and per-share amounts in the accompanying financial statements have been restated to give effect to the split.
The Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128, "Earnings per Share" ( SFAS 128) in fiscal 1998. Basic net income per common share is computed based upon the weighted average number of common shares out-
standing. Diluted net income per common share is computed based upon the weighted average number of common shares outstanding, adjusted for dilutive common stock equivalents applying the treasury stock method. All earnings per share data presented in these financial statements have been restated to conform with SFAS 128.

Fair Value of Fnancial Instruments-The carrying values of financial instruments included in current assets and liabilities approximate fair values due to the short-term maturities of these instruments. The fair value of the Company's long-term, fixed rate debt was estimated based on dealer quotes and approximates the carrying value recorded. The carrying amount of short-term debt and long-term variable-rate debt approximates fair value. During fiscal 1997, the investment in Windmere common stock was accounted for as "available for sale" and was carried at fair value. The stock was sold during fiscal 1998. See Note 4 "Windmere Transaction."

Accounting Pronouncements- During the first quarter of fiscal 1999, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS) No. 130, "Reporting Comprehensive Income." This statement requires that the Company report the change in its net assets during the period from non-owner sources. For the period ended J une 26, 1999 components of other comprehensive income (loss) include foreign currency translation gains and minimum pension liability, net of tax, respectively.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 1999, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information." This statement requires public business enterprises to report certain information about operating segments, their products and services, the geographic areas in which they operate, and their major customers. The effect of this new statement is disclosed in Note 13 "Operating Segments".

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 1999, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 132, "E mployer's Disclosures about Pensions and other PostRetirement Benefits." The effect of this new statement is disclosed in Note 7 "Employee Benefit Plans".
In J une 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities", which was amended in J une 1999 with the issuance of SFAS No. 137. SFAS No. 137 delayed the effective date of SFAS No. 133 to fiscal years beginning after J une 15,2000 . SFAS No. 133 will change accounting and disclosure requirements for derivative instruments and hedging activities. Salton is in the process of determining the effect that this new standard will have on its consolidated financial statements and/or disclosures.

## 2. Acquisitions

On July 1, 1996, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets and certain liabilities of Block China Corporation, a tabletop product company, in a transaction accounted for as a
purchase. The Block China Division of the Company designs and markets tabletop products, including china, crystal and glassware. The consideration paid by the Company consisted of $\$ 1,485,000$ in cash and a warrant to purchase 25,000 shares of Common Stock with an exercise price of $\$ 4.75$. The consideration also included an earn-out of up to $\$ 500,000$ and 150,000 shares of Common Stock based on financial performance over a three-year period of the Division. The operating results of Block China before its acquisition by the Company are not material. During fiscal 1998, the Company paid $\$ 83,333$ and issued 25,000 shares of common stock to Block China under the earn-out.

On J anuary 7, 1999, the Company acquired the stock of Toastmaster Inc. ( "Toastmaster"), a Columbia, Missouri based manufacturer and marketer of kitchen and small household electrical appliances and time products ( the "Toastmaster Acquisition"). The Company paid Toastmaster shareholders $\$ 7.00$ per share in cash, for a total purchase price of approximately $\$ 53.2$ million. In addition, Toastmaster's outstanding debt of $\$ 57.8$ million was paid by the Company in connection with the acquisition. The acquisition was accounted for as a purchase. The purchase price has been preliminarily allocated based upon estimated fair market values at the date of acquisition, pending final determination of certain acquired assets and liabilities. Accordingly, the purchase price allocation may change in subsequent periods. The excess of the purchase price over the fair values of the net assets acquired has been recorded as goodwill and is being preliminarily amortized on a straight-line basis over forty years.
The operating results of Toastmaster have been included in the consolidated statements of earnings from the date of acquisition. The following unaudited pro forma results of operations assume the transaction occurred at the beginning of the periods presented:

| (in thousands) | June 26, 1999 | June 27, 1998 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ 597,140 | \$ 465,201 |
| Operating income | 67,350 | 38,327 |
| Net income | 27,052 | 14,317 |
| Net income per share: |  |  |
| Basic | \$ 2.51 | \$ 0.73 |
| Diluted | \$ 1.86 | \$ 0.71 |

The pro forma results are for informational purposes only and do not purport to represent what the Company's results of operations would have actually been had the transaction been consummated for the periods indicated.

On March 31, 1999, the Company bought certain assets of Sasaski, Inc., a well known designer and manufacturer of highquality tabletop products and accessories for the home, from Sasaki Glass Company Ltd. Under the terms of the transaction, Salton purchased Sasaki's inventory, except for the Christian Dior tabletop product line, in addition to licensing the Sasaki® brand name for a period of twenty years, with an option to renew on mutually agreed upon terms. As part of the transaction, Salton agreed to assume certain minor liabilities.
3. Inventories

A summary of inventories is as follows:

| (in thousands) | June 26, 1999 | June 27, $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Raw materials | $\$ 5,359$ | $\$$ | - |
| Work-in-process | 1,238 | - |  |
| Finished goods | $\mathbf{1 3 7 , 5 2 7}$ |  | 76,506 |
| Total | $\$ 144,124$ | $\$$ | 76,506 |

If the first-in, first-out ( FIFO) method of inventory valuation had been used to determine cost for $100 \%$ of the Company's inventories at J une 26, 1999, they would have been approximately $\$ 1.7$ million lower than reported.

## 4. Windmere Transaction

On J uly 11, 1996, the Company consummated a transaction ( the "Windmere Transaction") with Windmere- Durable Holdings, Inc. ( "Windmere") , pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement dated February 27, 1996, as amended ( the "Stock Purchase Agreement"). Windmere is a corporation engaged principally in manufacturing and distributing a wide variety of personal care products and household appliances. Pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement, Windmere purchased from the Company 9,762,858 newly issued shares of Common Stock ( the "Purchase"), which represented 50\% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company on February 27, 1996 after giving effect to the Purchase. As consideration for the purchase, Windmere paid the Company: (i) $\$ 3.2$ million in cancellation of a loan, as described below; (ii) a subordinated promissory note in the aggregate principal amount of $\$ 10.8$ million ( the "Note") , which Note was payable July 11,2001 , bore interest at $8 \%$, payable quarterly, and was secured by certain assets of Windmere and its domestic subsidiaries and guaranteed by such domestic subsidiaries; and (iii) 748,112 shares of Windmere's common stock. Windmere's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange. A portion of the consideration for the Purchase was paid by the cancellation of the Company's obligation to repay a loan in the principal amount of $\$ 3.2$ million which Windmere had made to the Company in April 1996. Windmere was also granted an option (the "Option") to purchase up to 727,500 shares of Common Stock at $\$ 3.22$ per share, which option was exercisable only if and to the extent that options to purchase shares of Common Stock which were outstanding on February 27, 1996 were exercised. Accordingly, Windmere exercised options to purchase 39,750 shares of Common Stock during 1998.

During fiscal 1998, the Company sold 748,112 shares of Windmere's common stock, realizing a gain of approximately $\$ 8.9$ million.

On July 28, 1998, Salton repurchased ( the "Stock Repurchase") $9,802,608$ shares of Salton common stock owned by Windmere pursuant to a Stock Agreement dated as of May 6, 1998 ( the "Windmere Stock Agreement") by and among Salton, Windmere and the executive officers of Salton. Prior to the Stock

Repurchase, Windmere owned approximately 50\% of Salton's outstanding common stock. The price for the Stock Repurchase was $\$ 8$ per share in cash plus a $\$ 15.0$ million subordinated promissory note ( the "J unior Subordinated Note") . The J unior Subordinated Note, which has a term of six and one-half years and bears interest at 4.0\% per annum payable annually, is subject to offsets of $5 \%$ of the total purchase price paid by Salton for product purchases from Windmere and its affiliates during the term of the note. During fiscal 1999 the Company reduced this debt and interest by approximately $\$ 1.5$ million for related purchases of products from Windmere. The principal amount of the J unior Subordinated Note is also subject to cancellation in the event Salton's supply agreement with Kmart is terminated for any reason.
In connection with the Stock Repurchase: (i) Windmere effectively repaid ( the "Note Repayment") the Note; (ii) Salton repurchased for approximately $\$ 3.3$ million Windmere's Option ( the "Option Repurchase") ; and (iii) Windmere and Salton agreed to continue various commercial and other arrangements, including a fee agreement relating to Salton's supply agreement with Kmart, subject to certain modifications. The Stock Repurchase, the Option Repurchase and the Note Repayment are collectively referred to herein as the "Repurchase."

Effective upon the closing of the Repurchase, each of the persons who had been designated by Windmere to serve on Salton's Board of Directors resigned from Salton's B oard of Directors.
5. Revolving Line of Credit, Letters of Credit and Long-term Debt Salton entered into a credit agreement dated as of July 27, 1998 ( the "New Credit Agreement") among Salton, Lehman Brothers Inc., as arranger, and Lehman Commercial Paper Inc., as syndication agent. The New Credit Agreement provided for $\$ 215.0$ million in senior secured credit facilities consisting of a $\$ 90.0$ million Tranche A Term Loan ( the "Tranche A Term Loan") , a $\$ 75.0$ million Delayed Draw Term Loan ( the "Delayed Draw Term Loan") and a $\$ 50.0$ million revolving credit facility ( the "Revolving Credit Facility") . As further explained below, the New Credit Agreement was amended and restated on J anuary 7, 1999.
On December 16, 1998, the Company issued $\$ 125.0$ million of $103 / 4 \%$ Senior Subordinated Notes ( the "Subordinated Notes") due 2005. Proceeds of the Subordinated Notes were used to repay outstanding indebtedness and for working capital and general corporate purposes. The Subordinated Notes contain a number of significant covenants that, among other things, restrict the ability of the Company to dispose of assets, incur additional indebtedness, prepay other indebtedness, pay dividends, repurchase or redeem capital stock, enter into certain investments, enter into sale and lease-back transactions, make certain acquisitions, engage in mergers and consolidations, create liens, or engage in certain transactions with affiliates, and will otherwise restrict corporate and business activities. In addition, under the Subordinated Notes, the Company is
required to comply with a specified financial fixed charge coverage ratio. At J une 26, 1999, the Company was in compliance with all the covenants described above.

Salton amended and restated the New Credit Agreement on J anuary 7, 1999 ( the "Amended Credit Agreement"). The Amended Credit Agreement, among Salton, Lehman Brothers Inc., as arranger, Lehman Commercial Paper Inc., as syndication agent and administration agent, and a syndicate of banks, provides for $\$ 125.0$ million in a senior secured credit facility consisting of a $\$ 45.0$ million Term Loan ( the "Term Loan") at an established base rate (equivalent to the prime rate of interest) plus an applicable margin of 225 basis points or, at the Company's election, a eurodollar rate ( equivalent to the LIBOR rate) plus an applicable margin of 325 basis points maturing in twenty-four consecutive quarterly installments commencing on March 15, 1999; and a $\$ 80.0$ million revolving credit facility ( the "Revolving Credit Facility") at an established base rate ( equivalent to the prime rate of interest) plus an applicable margin of 200 basis points or, at the Company's election, a eurodollar rate (equivalent to the LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin of 300 basis points) based on a range of ratios of total debt to earnings before
described above. At J une 26, 1999, the base rate plus applicable margin on the Term Loan was $10.0 \%$ and the eurodollar rate plus applicable margin was $8.5 \%$ and the base rate plus applicable margin on the Revolving Credit Facility was $9.75 \%$ and the eurodollar rate plus applicable margin was $8.3 \%$

Information regarding short-term borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility is:

| (in thousands) | June 26, 1999 |  | June 27, 1998 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance at end of fiscal period | \$ | 30,000 | \$ | 50,475 |
| Interest rate at end of fiscal period |  | 8.29\% |  | 9.43\% |
| Maximum amount outstanding at any month-end | \$ | 50,000 | \$ | 68,522 |
| Average amount outstanding | \$ | 25,655 | \$ | 56,374 |
| Weighted average interest rate during fiscal period |  | 7.98\% |  | 9.48\% |
| Outstanding letters of credit at end of fiscal period | \$ | 9,414 | \$ | 5,567 |
| Unused letters of credit at end of the fiscal period |  | 586 |  | 1,433 |

Notes payable consist of the J unior Subordinated Note to Windmere ( see Note 4), and certain other notes payable created in connection with the Toastmaster acquisition.

Long-term debt matures as follows:

| (in thousands) Fiscal Year Ended | Subordinated Notes | Term Loan |  | Junior Subordinated Note |  |  |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 |  | \$ | 500 |  |  |  |  | \$ | 500 |
| 2001 |  |  | 500 |  |  | \$ | 1,000 |  | 1,500 |
| 2002 |  |  | 500 |  |  |  | 500 |  | 1,000 |
| 2003 |  |  | 500 |  |  |  | 500 |  | 1,000 |
| 2004 |  |  | 11,000 | \$ | 8,949 |  | 500 |  | 20,449 |
| Thereatter | \$ 125,000 |  | 31,875 |  |  |  | 1,505 |  | 158,380 |
|  | \$ 125,000 | \$ | 44,875 | \$ | 8,949 | \$ | 4,005 |  | 182,829 |
| Less current maturities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (500) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ | 182,329 |

interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization maturing on March 26, 2003. The Amended Credit Facility is secured by a first lien on substantially all the Company's assets. Credit availability is based on a formula related to trade accounts receivable, inventories and outstanding letters of credit. The Amended Credit Agreement contains a number of significant covenants that, among other things, restrict the ability of the Company to dispose of assets, incur additional indebtedness, prepay other indebtedness, pay dividends, repurchase or redeem capital stock, enter into certain investments, enter into sale and lease-back transactions, make certain acquisitions, engage in mergers and consolidations, create liens, or engage in certain transactions with affiliates, and will otherwise restrict corporate and business activities. In addition, under the Amended Credit Agreement, the Company is required to comply with specified financial ratios and tests, including a net average debt ratio, a net average senior debt ratio, a consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio, and a consolidated interest coverage ratio. At J une 26, 1999, the Company was in compliance with all of the covenants

In addition to the preceding maturity schedules, the Company is required to make additional mandatory payments of $50 \%$ of the defined annual excess cash flow of the Company, $100 \%$ of the net proceeds of any sale or disposition of certain assets, and $100 \%$ of the net proceeds of the incurrence of certain indebtedness. All such amounts are first applied to the prepayment of outstanding term loans and secondly to the reduction of the Revolving Credit Facility.

## 6. Capital Stock

The Company has authorized $20,000,000$ shares of $\$ .01$ par value common stock. On J une 28, 1999, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a 3 -for- 2 split of its common stock effective J uly 28,1999 , for stockholders of record at the close of business on J uly 14, 1999. All share and per-share amounts in the accompanying financial statements and notes thereto have been restated to give effect to the split. At J une 26, 1999 there were $10,251,828$ shares issued and outstanding. As more fully described in Note 4 "Windmere Transaction," on J uly 28, 1998, Salton repurchased from Windmere 9,802,608 shares of common stock which represented $50 \%$ of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Company at that time.
On July 28, 1998, the Company issued $\$ 40$ million of convertible preferred stock in connection with a Stock Purchase Agreement dated J uly 15, 1998. The convertible preferred stock is generally non-dividend bearing and is convertible into $3,529,411$ shares of Salton common stock (reflecting a $\$ 11.33$ per share conversion price). The holders of the convertible preferred stock are entitled to one vote for each share of Salton common stock that the holder would receive upon conversion of the convertible preferred stock.
In connection with the convertible preferred stock issuance, two individuals representing the purchasers of the preferred stock were appointed to serve on the Company's Board of Directors.
7. Earnings Per Share

| (In thousands, except earnings per share) | Year ended June 26, 1999 |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year ended } \\ \text { June 27, } 1998 \end{array}$ |  | Year ended June 28, 1997 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Income* | \$ | 34,543 | \$ | 19,981 | \$ | 4,399 |
| Average common shares outstanding |  | 10,760 |  | 19,594 |  | 19,260 |
| Earnings per share-basic | \$ | 3.21 | \$ | 1.02 | \$ | 0.23 |
| Dilutive stock equivalents |  | 3,802 |  | 665 |  | 363 |
| Average common and common equivalent shares outstanding |  | 14,562 |  | 20,259 |  | 19,623 |
| Earnings per share-diluted | \$ | 2.37 | \$ | 0.99 | \$ | 0.22 |

* Net income is the same for purposes of calculating basic and diluted EPS

Options to purchase 212,160 and 195,000 shares of common stock at prices of $\$ 8.17$ and $\$ 8.00$ per share were outstanding at J une 27, 1998 and J une 28, 1997, respectively, but were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because the options exercise prices were greater than the average market price of the common shares.

## 8. Employee Benefit Plans

The Company has two 401(k) defined contribution plans that cover eligible employees. The employees are eligible for benefits upon completion of a specified number of years of service. Under the terms of the plans the Company currently matches a portion of the employee contributions. The Company's dis-cretionary matching contribution is based on a portion of participants' eligible wages, as defined, up to a maximum amount ranging from two percent to six percent. The

Company's matching contributions were approximately $\$ 95,000$, $\$ 97,000$, and $\$ 69,000$ in 1999, 1998, and 1997, respectively.
The Company has two defined benefit plans that were assumed in the 1999 acquisition of Toastmaster and cover substantially all of the employees of Toastmaster. The plans' assets consist of a balanced portfolio of investments in money market, common stock, bond and real estate funds. The Company uses March 31 as the measurement date for determining pension plan assets and obligations. Effective J une 26, 1999, the Company adopted SFAS No. 132, "Employers' Disclosures about Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits" SFAS No. 132 requires the disclosure of the information presented below:

| (in thousands) | June | 26, |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |

Under the requirements of SFAS No. 87 "Employers' Accounting for Pensions," an additional minimum pension liability for one plan, representing the excess of accumulated benefits over the plan assets and accrued pension costs, was recognized at June 26,1999 . The minimum pension liability, net of tax, of $\$ 50,000$ is included in accumulated other comprehensive income as a reduction of stockholders' equity.
9. Stock Option Plans

In October 1995, SFAS No. 123, "Accounting For Stock-Based Compensation," was issued and is effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 1995. As permitted by the statement, the Company continues to measure compensation cost for stock option plans in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting For Stock Issued to Employees." Accordingly, no compensation cost has been recognized for the Company's fixed stock option plans. Had compensation cost for the Company's stock option plans been determined consistent with the fair value method outlined in SFAS No. 123, the impact on the Company's net income and earnings per common share would have been as follows:

| (in thousands, except per sh | ata) | ) 1999 | 1998 |  | 1997 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Income | \$ | 34,543 | \$ | 19,981 | \$ | 4,399 |
| As reported | \$ | 33,241 | \$ | 18,941 | \$ | 4,193 |
| Pro forma |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income per common share: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ | 3.21 | \$ | 1.02 | \$ | 0.23 |
| As reported | \$ | 3.09 | \$ | 0.97 | \$ | 0.22 |
| Pro forma |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income per common share: Diluted |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| As reported | \$ | 2.37 | \$ | 0.99 | \$ | 0.22 |
| Pro forma | \$ | 2.28 | \$ | 0.93 | \$ | 0.21 |

stock option plans at prices equal to the fair market value of the stock on the dates the options were granted. Options have also been granted to non-employee directors of the Company, which are exercisable one year after the date of grant. All options granted expire 10 years from the date of grant.

The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The following assumptions were used during the respective years to estimate the fair value of options granted:

|  | 1999 | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Dividend yield | $\mathbf{0 . 0 \%}$ | $0.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| Expected volatility | $\mathbf{6 0 . 6 0 \%}$ | $61.74 \%$ | $65.96 \%$ |
| Risk-free interest rate | $\mathbf{6 . 1 6 \%}$ | $5.38 \%$ | $6.11 \%$ |
| Expected life of options | $\mathbf{7 . 8 1}$ years | 7.42 years | $\mathbf{7 . 9 2}$ years |

In addition, on July 11, 1996, Windmere was granted an option to purchase up to 727,500 shares of common stock at \$ 3.22 per share. This option was exercisable only if and to the extent that options to purchase shares of common stock which were outstanding on February 27, 1996 were exercised. During fiscal 1998, Windmere exercised their option to purchase 39,750 shares of Salton common stock. The Company repurchased the remaining options held by Windmere. See Note 4 "Windmere Transaction." A summary of the Company's fixed stock options for the fiscal years ended J une 26, 1999, J une 27, 1998 and J une 28, 1997 is as follows:

Options to purchase common stock of the Company have been granted to employees under the 1992, 1995, and 1998

|  | $\begin{array}{r} 1999 \\ \text { Shares } \\ (000) \end{array}$ | Weighted average exercise price |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1998 \\ \text { Shares } \\ (000) \end{array}$ | Weighted average exercise price |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1997 \\ \text { Shares } \\ (000) \end{array}$ | Weighted average exercise price |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Outstanding at beginning of year | 1,689 | \$ | 6.06 | 1,449 | \$ | 3.27 | 727 | \$ | 3.22 |
| Granted | 505 |  | 16.74 | 308 |  | 7.21 | 740 |  | 3.25 |
| Exercised | (405) |  | 5.47 | (68) |  | 2.07 | (18) |  | 0.59 |
| Expired or Canceled | (688) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Outstanding at end of year | 1,101 | \$ | 8.31 | 1,689 | \$ | 4.04 | 1,449 | \$ | 3.27 |
| Options exercisable at end of year | 1,101 | \$ | 5.54 | 1,677 | \$ | 4.03 | 1,437 | \$ | 3.25 |
| Weighted-average fair value of options granted during the year |  | \$ | 12.09 |  | \$ | 5.43 |  | \$ | 3.03 |

The following information summarizes the stock options outstanding at J une 26, 1999:

|  |  | Options outstanding |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |

## 10. Related Party Transactions

The Company purchased inventory from Windmere of approximately $\$ 32,340,000, \$ 27,068,000$, and $\$ 23,511,000$, in fiscal years ended June 26,1999 , J une 27,1998 , and J une 29,1997 , respectively.

The Company purchased inventory and paid commissions to Markpeak, Ltd., ("Markpeak") a Hong Kong company, of approximately $\$ 187,925,000, \$ 15,971,000$, and $\$ 8,247,000$ in fiscal years 1999, 1998, and 1997, respectively. A director of the Company was the former Managing Director of Markpeak. The company had a receivable from Markpeak of approximately $\$ 13,685,000$ and $\$ 126,000$ at J une 26, 1999 and J une 27, 1998, respectively. The Company owed Markpeak approximately $\$ 3,075,000$ at J une 26, 1999. Markpeak acts as a buying agent on behalf of the Company with certain suppliers in the Far East.
The Company paid Shapiro, Devine and Craparo, Inc. ("SDC"), a manufacturers representation firm, commissions of approximately $\$ 498,000, \$ 290,000$, and $\$ 241,000$ in 1999, 1998 and 1997, respectively. A director of the Company was a co-founder of SDC. At J une 26, 1999, the Company owed SDC approximately $\$ 42,000$ for current commissions.

## 11. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company leases certain facilities and equipment under long-term operating leases. Rental expense under all leases was approximately $\$ 3,474,000, \$ 1,183,000$, and $\$ 665,000$, for the fiscal years ended J une 26, 1999, J une 27, 1998, and J une 28, 1997, respectively.
The future minimum rental commitments as of J une 26,1999 were as follows:

| Fiscal Year Ended | (Dollars in thousands) |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 2000 | $\$$ | 3,765 |
| 2001 |  | 3,591 |
| 2002 |  | 3,131 |
| 2003 |  | 1,209 |
| 2004 |  | 444 |
| Thereafter | $\$$ | 155 |
| Total | $\$ 295$ |  |

The Company has employment agreements with its three executive officers that are in effect until J une 30, 2001. Such agreements provide for minimum salary levels as well as for incentive bonuses that are payable if the Company achieves specified target performance goals. The agreements also provide for lump sum severance payments upon termination of employment under certain circumstances. The Company's aggregate annual commitment for future salaries at J une 26, 1999, excluding bonuses, was approximately $\$ 1,350,000$.

The Company has license agreements with White Consolidated Industries, Inc. ( "White Consolidated") , which require minimum royalty payments through the year 2011. The current level of royalty payments are in excess of the minimum requirements. The Company also has various license agreements with other
parties for periods usually not exceeding three years. The agreements are then typically renewable upon mutual consent. These license agreements require royalty payments based on the sales of licensed product in the period. Total royalties paid under these agreements, including the White Consolidated Industries, Inc. agreement, were $\$ 43,918,000$ in fiscal year 1999, $\$ 20,266,000$ in fiscal year 1998, and $\$ 6,300,000$ in fiscal year 1997.

## 12. Legal Proceedings

## Trademark Litigation

In November 1996, White Consolidated filed suit for injunctive relief and damages against CBS in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio alleging that CBS's grant of licenses to the Westinghouse ${ }^{\text {® }}$ name for use on lighting products, fans and electrical accessories for use in the home violates White Consolidated's rights to the Westinghouse® ${ }^{\circledR}$ name and constitutes a breach of the agreements under which CBS's predecessor sold White Consolidated its appliance business and licensed certain trademark rights in 1975. In response to that suit, CBS filed a related action in December 1996 in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, naming White Consolidated, Windmere, Salton and certain other parties as defendants. The two actions were consolidated in the Pennsylvania court. CBS sought an injunction prohibiting Salton, Windmere and White Consolidated from using the White-Westinghouse ${ }^{\circledR}$ name on products not specifically enumerated in the sale documents between CBS's predecessor and White Consolidated, and unspecified damages and attorneys' fees.
On J une 30, 1999, CBS and White Consolidated entered into a settlement agreement relating to the ownership of the WhiteWestinghouse ${ }^{\circledR}$ name for certain consumer products. Under the settlement, we retain our existing rights under our license from White Consolidated for the use of the WhiteWestinghouse ${ }^{\circledR}$ name ( See Note 16 Subsequent Events.)

In September, 1999, Linda Evans Fitness Centers, Inc. ( the "Fitness Centers"), Mark Golub and Thomas Gergley filed suit against the Company and its principal executive officers alleging that the Company tortiously interfered with a contract between the Fitness Centers and Ms. Evans by hiring Ms. Evans to act as a spokesperson for the Rejuvenique ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ facial toning system. Before Ms. Evans was hired by the Company, Ms. Evans had brought suit against the Fitness Centers seeking a determination that her contract with the Fitness Centers had been terminated on the basis of fraud and the failure of the Fitness Centers to make certain payments. The Company believes that it has valid defenses against the claims made against it by the Fitness Centers. Ms. Evans has agreed to indemnify the Company against matters relating to her services to the Company.

## Environmental

Salton is participating in environmental remediation activities at four sites which it owns or operates. As of J une 26, 1999, Salton has accrued approximately $\$ 300,000$ for the anticipated costs of investigation, remediation and/or operation and maintenance costs at these sites. Although such costs could exceed that amount, Salton believes that any such excess will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or annual results of operations of Salton.

## Arbitration

On April 20, 1999, an individual filed a notice of arbitration asserting a breach of contract claim against Salton due to Salton's alleged failure to pay royalties to this individual for the sale of certain juice extractors and related health products. This individual also asserts various other causes of action for an accounting, breach of covenant of good faith and fair dealing, forgery, trademark infringement, unfair competition, permanent injunction, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, age discrimination, Lanham Act violations, breach of fiduciary duty and rescission of contract, and is seeking compensatory and punitive damages of $\$ 15$ million. An initial arbitration hearing solely with respect the forgery claim has been scheduled for October 21, 1999.

Salton believes that these claims are without merit, and Salton intends to vigorously defend itself in the arbitration proceeding.

## Other

Salton is a party to various other actions and proceedings incident to its normal business operations. Salton believes that the outcome of such litigation will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or annual results of operations of Salton. Salton also has product liability and general liability insurance policies in amounts it believes to be reasonable given its current level of business.

## 13. Operating Segments

The Company consists of a single operating segment that designs, markets and distributes housewares, including small appliances, tabletop products and personal care/time products. This segmentation is appropriate because the Company makes operating decisions and assesses performance based upon brand management, and such brand management encompasses a wide variety of products and types of customers. Most of the Company's products are procured through independent manufactures, primarily in the Far East, and are distributed through similar distribution channels.

| Product Information - |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net Sales (in thousands) | June 26, 1999 | June 27, 1998 | June 28, 1997 |  |
| Small appliances | $\mathbf{\$ 4 6 4 , 2 7 2}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 8 0 , 6 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{\$}$ | 155,972 |
| Tabletop products | $\mathbf{1 8 , 9 6 9}$ | 18,597 | 16,756 |  |
| Personal care/time products | $\mathbf{2 2 , 8 7 5}$ | 6,395 |  | 10,078 |
| Total | $\mathbf{\$ 5 0 6 , 1 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 5 , 5 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{\$}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 2 , 8 0 6}$ |

## Major Oustomers and Suppliers

The Company entered into a major supply contract with Kmart Corporation ( "Kmart") on J anuary 31, 1997. Under the contract, the Company supplies Kmart with small kitchen appliances, personal care products, heaters, fans and electrical air cleaners and humidifiers under the White-Westinghouse ${ }^{\circledR}$ brand name. Sales to Kmart approximated 16\%, 19\% and 16\% of total net sales of the Company in fiscal years 1999, 1998 and 1997, respectively.

On March 30, 1999, Salton entered into a five-year supply agreement with Zellers, the leading national chain of discount department stores in Canada. Under the contract, the Company supplies Zellers with small kitchen appliances under the White-Westinghouse ${ }^{\text {® }}$ brand name. The agreement has a minimum purchase requirement by Zellers of approximately $\$ 17$ million, over an initial period of five years, with rights to extend the contract for additional one-year periods.

The Company's net sales in the aggregate to its five largest customers during the fiscal years ended June 26, 1999, J une 27,1998 and J une 28,1997 were $50 \%, 47 \%$ and $47 \%$ of total net sales in these periods, respectively. In addition to Kmart, one customer accounted for $10 \%, 7 \%$, and $9 \%$, of total net sales during the fiscal years ended J une 26, 1999, J une 27 , 1998, and J une 28, 1997, respectively.

Although the Company has long-established relationships with many of its customers, with the exception of Kmart Corporation and Zellers, it does not have long-term contracts with any of its customers. A significant concentration of the Company's business activity is with department stores, upscale mass merchandisers, specialty stores, and warehouse clubs whose ability to meet their obligations to the Company is dependent upon prevailing economic conditions within the retail industry.

During fiscal 1999, one supplier located in China accounted for approximately $57.3 \%$ of our product purchases. During fiscal 1998, three manufacturers located in China accounted for approximately $13 \%, 12 \%$ and $10 \%$, respectively, of our product purchases.

## 14. Income Taxes

Federal, state and foreign taxes were approximately as follows:

| (in thousands) | June 26, 1999 $\begin{gathered}\text { Fiscal years ended } \\ \text { June 27, } 1998\end{gathered}$ |  |  | une 28, 1997 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Federal |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current | \$ 9,788 | \$ | 10,080 | \$ | 371 |
| Deferred | 3,605 |  | $(1,134)$ |  | 822 |
| State |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current | 2,529 |  | 2,699 |  | 303 |
| Deferred | 504 |  | (294) |  |  |
| Foreign |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current | 2,904 |  | 854 |  |  |
| Deferred | - |  | - |  | - |
| Total | \$ 19,320 | \$ | 12,205 | \$ | 2,001 |

Deferred taxes based upon differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities and available tax carryforwards consisted of:

| (in thousands) | June 26, | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ | June | $\mathbf{2 7 , 1}$ |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

The Company has net loss carry-forwards at J une 26, 1999 expiring as follows:

| Year carry-forward expires | Amount (in thousands) |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| 2009 | $\$$ | 1,434 |
| 2010 |  | 60 |
| 2011 |  | 45 |
| 2018 | $\$$ | 6,463 |
| Total |  |  |

As a result of certain transactions, the Company's ability to utilize its net operating loss carryforwards to offset otherwise taxable income is limited annually under Internal Revenue Code Section 382. While the annual limitations are calculated on a separate company basis, the combined limitation for the Company is approximately $\$ 5,000,000$.
A reconciliation of the statutory federal income tax rate to the effective rate is as follows:

|  | Fiscal years ended |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| June 26, 1999 | June 27, 1998 | June 28, 1997 |  |
| $\mathbf{3 5 . 0 \%}$ | $35.0 \%$ | $35.0 \%$ |  |
|  | 3.5 | 4.9 | 4.8 |
|  | 0.2 | 0.3 | 2.3 |
|  | $(1.9)$ | $(2.1)$ | $(8.8)$ |
|  | $(0.9)$ | $(0.2)$ | $(2.0)$ |
|  | $\mathbf{3 5 . 9} \%$ | $37.9 \%$ | $31.3 \%$ |

U.S. income taxes were not provided on certain unremitted earnings of Salton Hong Kong, Ltd. which the Company considers to be permanent investments. The cumulative amount of U.S. income taxes which have not been provided totaled approximately $\$ 1,319,000$ at J une 26, 1999.
15. Quarterly Results of Operations (unaudited)

Unaudited quarterly financial data is as follows (amounts in thousands, except per share data).


## Acquisition

On August 30, 1999, Salton agreed to purchase approximately $21 \%$ of the outstanding shares of Amalgamated Appliance Holdings Limited, a leading manufacturer and distributor of a wide range of branded consumer electronics and appliances in South Africa, for approximately $\$ 6$ million. Based in South Africa, Amalgamated is a publicly held company, listed on the J ohannesburg Stock Exchange, which owns the rights to the Salton brand name in South Africa. In conjunction with this transaction, the Chief Executive Officer of Salton, Inc., will be added to Amalgamated's Board of Directors. The completion of the purchase is subject to a number of conditions including approval by Amalgamated Appliance Holdings' shareholders.

Legal Proceedings (Unaudited)
On September 22, 1999, CBS and White Consolidated finalized a settlement agreement relating to the ownership of the WhiteWestinghouse ${ }^{\circledR}$ name for certain consumer products. Under the settlement, we retain our existing rights under its license from White Consolidated for the use of the White-Westinghouse ${ }^{\circledR}$ name.

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## Stockwatch

Salton's common stock has traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "SFP" since February 26, 1999. From October 1991 until February 25, 1999, our common stock traded on the NASDAQ National market under the symbol "SALT".
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## QUARTERLY SHARE PRICE

This Table is adjusted for the 3 for 2 stock split effected on July 28, 1999.
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Year ended June 26, 1999

| First Quarter | $11-3 / 16$ | $7-11 / 16$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Second Quarter | $15-1 / 2$ | $5-15 / 16$ |
| Third Quarter | $22-13 / 16$ | 14 |
| Fourth Quarter | $33-9 / 16$ | $14-11 / 16$ |
|  |  |  |
| Year Ended June 27, 1998 |  |  |
| First Quarter | $6-11 / 16$ | $7-11 / 16$ |
| Second Quarter | $7-5 / 16$ | $5-15 / 16$ |
| Third Quarter | $7-1 / 2$ | 14 |
| Fourth Quarter | $9-1 / 4$ | $14-11 / 16$ |

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