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FORM 10-Q

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(Mark One)

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

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED September 30, 2014

OR

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

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ .

Commission File Number 1-10427

ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

94-1648752

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

2884 Sand Hill Road

Suite 200

Menlo Park, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

94025

(zip-code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 234-6000

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock as of September 30, 2014: 135,957,949 shares of \$.001 par value Common Stock

## PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands, except share amounts)

	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$290,876	\$275,764
Accounts receivable, less allowances of \$29,502 and \$27,261	657,105	551,905
Current deferred income taxes	126,894	112,881
Other current assets	239,630	231,978
Total current assets	1,314,505	1,172,528
Goodwill	200,074	200,833
Other intangible assets, net	—	556
Property and equipment, net	109,708	112,644
Other assets	2,726	3,710
Total assets	\$1,627,013	\$1,490,271
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$142,661	\$139,683
Accrued payroll costs and retirement obligations	468,047	396,042
Income taxes payable	13,060	—
Current portion of notes payable and other indebtedness	137	128
Total current liabilities	623,905	535,853
Notes payable and other indebtedness, less current portion	1,196	1,300
Other liabilities	29,329	33,475
Total liabilities	654,430	570,628
Commitments and Contingencies (Note F)		
<b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Preferred stock, \$.001 par value authorized 5,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding zero shares	—	—
Common stock, \$.001 par value authorized 260,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 135,923,034 shares and 137,466,421 shares	136	137
Capital surplus	912,978	868,120
Accumulated other comprehensive income	25,076	38,071
Retained earnings	34,393	13,315
Total stockholders' equity	972,583	919,643
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,627,013	\$1,490,271

The accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) are an integral part of these financial statements.

ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)  
 (in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net service revenues	\$1,224,308	\$1,075,119	\$3,473,564	\$3,162,031
Direct costs of services, consisting of payroll, payroll taxes, insurance costs and reimbursable expenses	719,088	637,641	2,051,405	1,882,155
Gross margin	505,220	437,478	1,422,159	1,279,876
Selling, general and administrative expenses	366,967	333,565	1,058,144	985,664
Amortization of intangible assets	—	433	557	1,300
Interest income, net	(108	) (233	) (570	) (773
Income before income taxes	138,361	103,713	364,028	293,685
Provision for income taxes	53,177	37,355	142,153	108,375
Net income	\$85,184	\$66,358	\$221,875	\$185,310
Net income available to common stockholders—diluted	\$85,184	\$66,358	\$221,875	\$185,307
Net income per share (Note H):				
Basic	\$0.64	\$0.49	\$1.65	\$1.36
Diluted	\$0.63	\$0.48	\$1.63	\$1.35
Shares:				
Basic	134,054	135,727	134,690	136,469
Diluted	135,366	137,241	135,740	137,759
Cash dividends declared per share	\$0.18	\$0.16	\$0.54	\$0.48

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ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)  
 (in thousands)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME:				
Net income	\$85,184	\$66,358	\$221,875	\$185,310
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax	(15,281 )	6,775	(12,995 )	(4,486 )
Total comprehensive income	\$69,903	\$73,133	\$208,880	\$180,824

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ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (UNAUDITED)  
 (in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013
<b>COMMON STOCK—SHARES:</b>		
Balance at beginning of period	137,466	139,439
Net issuances of restricted stock	796	959
Repurchases of common stock	(2,808 )	(3,377 )
Exercises of stock options	469	1,265
Balance at end of period	135,923	138,286
<b>COMMON STOCK—PAR VALUE:</b>		
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 137	\$ 139
Net issuances of restricted stock	1	1
Repurchases of common stock	(3 )	(3 )
Exercises of stock options	1	1
Balance at end of period	\$ 136	\$ 138
<b>CAPITAL SURPLUS:</b>		
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 868,120	\$ 798,093
Net issuances of restricted stock at par value	(1 )	(1 )
Cash dividends (\$.48 per share)	—	(12,256 )
Stock-based compensation expense	29,960	28,559
Exercises of stock options—excess over par value	12,686	29,895
Tax impact of equity incentive plans	2,213	3,428
Balance at end of period	\$ 912,978	\$ 847,718
<b>ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME:</b>		
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 38,071	\$ 43,779
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax	(12,995 )	(4,486 )
Balance at end of period	\$ 25,076	\$ 39,293
<b>RETAINED EARNINGS:</b>		
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 13,315	\$ —
Net income	221,875	185,310
Repurchases of common stock—excess over par value	(126,828 )	(118,957 )
Cash dividends (\$.54 per share and \$.48 per share)	(73,969 )	(54,718 )
Balance at end of period	\$ 34,393	\$ 11,635

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ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)  
 (in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income	\$221,875	\$185,310
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Amortization of intangible assets	557	1,300
Depreciation expense	36,170	34,995
Stock-based compensation expense—restricted stock and stock units	29,960	28,559
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	(1,644 )	(1,564 )
Deferred income taxes	(11,167 )	(23,540 )
Provision for doubtful accounts	6,730	6,173
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Increase in accounts receivable	(123,259 )	(61,039 )
Increase in accounts payable, accrued expenses, accrued payroll costs and retirement obligations	72,137	27,842
Increase in income taxes payable	36,991	11,015
Change in other assets, net of change in other liabilities	(10,530 )	2,006
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	257,820	211,057
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Capital expenditures	(36,207 )	(32,117 )
Payments to trusts for employee benefits and retirement plans	(18,220 )	(38,479 )
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(54,427 )	(70,596 )
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Repurchases of common stock	(124,679 )	(106,782 )
Cash dividends paid	(72,752 )	(65,612 )
Decrease in notes payable and other indebtedness	(95 )	(4,430 )
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	1,644	1,564
Proceeds from exercises of stock options	12,686	29,895
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(183,196 )	(145,365 )
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(5,085 )	(2,984 )
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	15,112	(7,888 )
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	275,764	287,635
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$290,876	\$279,747
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>		
Non-cash items:		
Stock repurchases awaiting settlement	\$2,152	\$12,178

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ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)  
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Note A—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

**Nature of Operations.** Robert Half International Inc. (the “Company”) provides specialized staffing and risk consulting services through such divisions as Accountemps®, Robert Half® Finance & Accounting, OfficeTeam®, Robert Half® Technology, Robert Half® Management Resources, Robert Half® Legal, The Creative Group®, and Protiviti®. The Company, through its Accountemps, Robert Half Finance & Accounting, and Robert Half Management Resources divisions, is a specialized provider of temporary, full-time, and project professionals in the fields of accounting and finance. OfficeTeam specializes in highly skilled temporary administrative support personnel. Robert Half Technology provides information technology professionals. Robert Half Legal provides temporary, project, and full-time staffing of attorneys and specialized support personnel within law firms and corporate legal departments. The Creative Group provides project staffing in the advertising, marketing, and web design fields. Protiviti provides business consulting and internal audit services, and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Revenues are predominantly derived from specialized staffing services. The Company operates in North America, South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. The Company is a Delaware corporation.

**Basis of Presentation.** The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (“Financial Statements”) of the Company are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) and the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). The comparative year-end condensed consolidated statement of financial position data presented was derived from audited financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair statement of the financial position and results of operations for the periods presented have been included. These Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2013, included in its annual report on Form 10-K. The results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of, nor comparable to, the results of operations for a full year.

**Principles of Consolidation.** The Financial Statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries, all of which are wholly-owned. All intercompany balances have been eliminated.

**Use of Estimates.** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. As of September 30, 2014, such estimates included allowances for uncollectible accounts receivable, workers’ compensation losses, and income and other taxes. Management estimates are also utilized in the Company’s goodwill impairment assessment and in the valuation of stock grants subject to market conditions.

**Advertising Costs.** The Company expenses all advertising costs as incurred. Advertising costs for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, are reflected in the following table (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Advertising costs	\$11,251	\$9,522	\$30,881	\$29,103

**Internal-use Software.** The Company capitalizes direct costs incurred in the development of internal-use software. Amounts capitalized are reported as a component of computer software within property and equipment.

Internal-use software development costs capitalized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, are reflected in the following table (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Internal-use software development costs	\$7,010	\$3,913	\$17,846	\$7,980

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Note B—New Accounting Pronouncements

Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity. In April 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued authoritative guidance in regards to the criteria for reporting discontinued operations while enhancing disclosures in this area. Under the new guidance, only disposals representing a strategic shift in operations should be presented as discontinued operations. In addition, the new guidance requires expanded disclosures about discontinued operations that will provide financial statement users with more information about the assets, liabilities, income, and expenses of discontinued operations. The amendments in the authoritative guidance are effective in the first quarter of 2015 for public organizations with calendar year-ends. The Company does not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on its Financial Statements.

Revenue from Contracts with Customers. In May 2014, the FASB issued authoritative guidance that provides companies with a single model for use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers and supersedes current revenue recognition guidance, including industry-specific revenue guidance. The new guidance requires a company to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to a customer at an amount that reflects the consideration it expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. It also requires additional disclosure about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts, including significant judgments and changes in judgments and assets recognized from costs incurred to obtain or fulfill a contract. The new guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Early adoption is not permitted. The guidance permits companies to either apply the requirements retrospectively to all prior periods presented, or apply the requirements in the year of adoption, through a cumulative adjustment. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact of adoption of this guidance on its Financial Statements.

Note C—Other Current Assets

Other current assets consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Deposits in trusts for employee benefits and retirement plans	\$174,355	\$149,391
Other	65,275	82,587
	\$239,630	\$231,978

Note D—Property and Equipment, Net

Property and equipment consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Computer hardware	\$149,644	\$148,541
Computer software	305,823	288,532
Furniture and equipment	105,504	111,426
Leasehold improvements	113,732	118,868
Other	8,990	11,488
Property and equipment, cost	683,693	678,855
Accumulated depreciation	(573,985)	(566,211)
Property and equipment, net	\$109,708	\$112,644

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Note E—Accrued Payroll Costs and Retirement Obligations

Accrued payroll costs and retirement obligations consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Payroll and benefits	\$314,090	\$238,252
Employee retirement obligations	99,982	96,461
Workers' compensation	28,574	26,671
Payroll taxes	25,401	34,658
	\$468,047	\$396,042

Included in employee retirement obligations is the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Deferred compensation plan and other benefits related to the Company's Chief Executive Officer	\$78,055	\$75,745

Note F—Commitments and Contingencies

On April 23, 2010, Plaintiffs David Opalinski and James McCabe, on behalf of themselves and a putative class of similarly situated Staffing Managers, filed a Complaint in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey naming the Company and one of its subsidiaries as Defendants. The Complaint alleges that salaried Staffing Managers located throughout the U.S. have been misclassified as exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act's overtime pay requirements. Plaintiffs seek an unspecified amount for unpaid overtime on behalf of themselves and the class they purport to represent. Plaintiffs also seek an unspecified amount for statutory penalties, attorneys' fees and other damages. On October 6, 2011, the Court granted the Company's motion to compel arbitration of the Plaintiffs' allegations. At this stage, it is not feasible to predict the outcome of or a range of loss, should a loss occur, from these allegations and, accordingly, no amounts have been provided in the Company's Financial Statements. The Company believes it has meritorious defenses to the allegations, and the Company intends to continue to vigorously defend against the allegations.

On March 13, 2014, Plaintiff Leonor Rodriguez, on her own behalf and on behalf of a putative class of allegedly similarly situated individuals, filed a complaint against the Company in the Superior Court of California, San Diego County. The complaint alleges that a putative class of current and former employees of the Company working in California since March 13, 2011 were denied compensation for the time they spent interviewing with clients of the Company as well as performing activities related to the interview process. Rodriguez seeks recovery on her own behalf and on behalf of the putative class in an unspecified amount for this allegedly unpaid compensation. Rodriguez also seeks recovery of an unspecified amount for the alleged failure of the Company to provide her and the putative class with accurate wage statements. Rodriguez also seeks an unspecified amount of other damages, attorneys' fees, and statutory penalties, including but not limited to statutory penalties on behalf of herself and other allegedly "aggrieved employees" as defined by California's Labor Code Private Attorney General Act ("PAGA"). On October 10, 2014, the Court granted a motion by the Company to compel all of Rodriguez's claims, except the PAGA claim, to individual arbitration. At this stage of the litigation, it is not feasible to predict the outcome of or a range of loss, should a loss occur, from this proceeding and, accordingly, no amounts have been provided in the Company's Financial Statements. The Company believes it has meritorious defenses to the allegations and the Company intends to continue to vigorously defend against the litigation.



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## NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)—(Continued)

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## Note F— Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

On September 5, 2014, Plaintiff Theresa Daniels, on behalf of herself and a putative class of salaried Recruiting Managers, filed a complaint in California Superior Court naming the Company as Defendant. The complaint alleges that salaried Recruiting Managers based in California have been misclassified under California law as exempt employees, and seeks an unspecified amount for unpaid overtime pay alleged to be due to them had they been paid as non-exempt hourly employees, as well as statutory penalties for alleged violations of the California Labor Code arising from such alleged misclassification. The complaint also alleges a claim under California Business and Professions Code section 17200 for unfair competition. The Plaintiff also seeks an unspecified amount for other damages, attorneys' fees, and statutory penalties. On or about September 17, 2014, the Plaintiff provided written notice to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency of her alleged claims and it should be assumed that the Plaintiff will amend her complaint to allege a representative claim and seek penalties under the California Private Attorney General Act. At this stage of the litigation, it is not feasible to predict the outcome of or a range of loss, should a loss occur, from this proceeding, and accordingly, no amounts have been provided in the Company's financial statements. The Company believes it has meritorious defenses to the allegations in this case, and the Company intends to continue to vigorously defend against the litigation.

The Company is involved in a number of other lawsuits arising in the ordinary course of business. While management does not expect any of these other matters to have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial position or cash flows, litigation is subject to certain inherent uncertainties.

Legal costs associated with the resolution of claims, lawsuits and other contingencies are expensed as incurred.

## Note G— Stockholders' Equity

Stock Repurchase Program. As of September 30, 2014, the Company is authorized to repurchase, from time to time, up to 5.5 million additional shares of the Company's common stock on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, depending on market conditions. The number and the cost of common stock shares repurchased during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, are reflected in the following table (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013
Common stock repurchased (in shares)	2,543	2,779
Common stock repurchased	\$115,694	\$97,594

Additional stock repurchases were made in connection with employee stock plans, whereby Company shares were tendered by employees for the payment of exercise price and applicable statutory withholding taxes. Repurchases of shares are funded with cash generated from operations. The number and the cost of employee stock plan repurchases made during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, are reflected in the following table (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013
Employee stock plan repurchased (in shares)	265	598
Employee stock plan repurchased	\$11,137	\$21,366

The repurchased shares are held in treasury and are presented as if constructively retired. Treasury stock is accounted for using the cost method. Repurchase activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, is presented in the unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity.

Repurchases of shares and issuances of cash dividends are applied first to the extent of retained earnings and any remaining amounts are applied to capital surplus.

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Note H—Net Income Per Share

The calculation of net income per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 is reflected in the following table (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Basic net income per share:				
Net income	\$85,184	\$66,358	\$221,875	\$185,310
Income allocated to participating securities—basic	—	—	—	3
Net income available to common stockholders—basic	\$85,184	\$66,358	\$221,875	\$185,307
Basic weighted average shares	134,054	135,727	134,690	136,469
Basic net income per share	\$0.64	\$0.49	\$1.65	\$1.36
Diluted net income per share:				
Net income	\$85,184	\$66,358	\$221,875	\$185,310
Income allocated to participating securities—diluted	—	—	—	3
Net income available to common stockholders—diluted	\$85,184	\$66,358	\$221,875	\$185,307
Basic weighted average shares	134,054	135,727	134,690	136,469
Dilutive effect of potential common shares	1,312	1,514	1,050	1,290
Diluted weighted average shares	135,366	137,241	135,740	137,759
Diluted net income per share	\$0.63	\$0.48	\$1.63	\$1.35

Potential common shares include the dilutive effect of stock options, unvested performance-based restricted stock, restricted stock which contains forfeitable rights to dividends, and stock units. The weighted average diluted common shares outstanding for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, excludes the effect of the following (in thousands):

	Three Months		Nine Months	
	Ended		Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Total number of anti-dilutive potential common shares	—	386	1	188

Note I—Business Segments

The Company, which aggregates its operating segments based on the nature of services, has three reportable segments: temporary and consultant staffing, permanent placement staffing, and risk consulting and internal audit services. The temporary and consultant segment provides specialized staffing in the accounting and finance, administrative and office, information technology, legal, advertising, marketing and web design fields. The permanent placement segment provides full-time personnel in the accounting, finance, administrative and office, and information technology fields. The risk consulting segment provides business and technology risk consulting and internal audit services.

The accounting policies of the segments are set forth in Note A—“Summary of Significant Accounting Policies” in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013. The Company evaluates performance based on income or loss from operations before net interest income, intangible amortization expense, and income taxes.



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 Note I—Business Segments (continued)

The following table provides a reconciliation of revenue and operating income by reportable segment to consolidated results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net service revenues				
Temporary and consultant staffing	\$954,225	\$847,886	\$2,722,833	\$2,513,377
Permanent placement staffing	102,345	88,222	297,797	261,946
Risk consulting and internal audit services	167,738	139,011	452,934	386,708
	\$1,224,308	\$1,075,119	\$3,473,564	\$3,162,031
Operating income				
Temporary and consultant staffing	\$97,660	\$76,532	\$263,901	\$226,293
Permanent placement staffing	21,380	13,691	61,103	41,753
Risk consulting and internal audit services	19,213	13,690	39,011	26,166
	138,253	103,913	364,015	294,212
Amortization of intangible assets	—	433	557	1,300
Interest income, net	(108 )	(233 )	(570 )	(773 )
Income before income taxes	\$138,361	\$103,713	\$364,028	\$293,685
Note J—Subsequent Events				
On October 29, 2014, the Company announced the following:				
Quarterly dividend per share			\$ .18	
Declaration date			October 29, 2014	
Record date			November 25, 2014	
Payment date			December 15, 2014	



## ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Certain information contained in Management's Discussion and Analysis and in other parts of this report may be deemed forward-looking statements regarding events and financial trends that may affect the Company's future operating results or financial positions. These statements may be identified by words such as "estimate", "forecast", "project", "plan", "intend", "believe", "expect", "anticipate", or variations or negatives thereof or by similar or comparable words or phrases. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following: the global financial and economic situation; changes in levels of unemployment and other economic conditions in the United States or foreign countries where the Company does business, or in particular regions or industries; reduction in the supply of candidates for temporary employment or the Company's ability to attract candidates; the entry of new competitors into the marketplace or expansion by existing competitors; the ability of the Company to maintain existing client relationships and attract new clients in the context of changing economic or competitive conditions; the impact of competitive pressures, including any change in the demand for the Company's services, on the Company's ability to maintain its margins; the possibility of the Company incurring liability for its activities, including the activities of its temporary employees, or for events impacting its temporary employees on clients' premises; the possibility that adverse publicity could impact the Company's ability to attract and retain clients and candidates; the success of the Company in attracting, training, and retaining qualified management personnel and other staff employees; the Company's ability to comply with governmental regulations affecting personnel services businesses in particular or employer/employee relationships in general; whether there will be ongoing demand for Sarbanes-Oxley or other regulatory compliance services; the Company's reliance on short-term contracts for a significant percentage of its business; litigation relating to prior or current transactions or activities, including litigation that may be disclosed from time to time in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filings; the ability of the Company to manage its international operations and comply with foreign laws and regulations; the impact of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates; the possibility that the additional costs the Company will incur as a result of health care reform legislation may adversely affect the Company's profit margins or the demand for the Company's services; the possibility that the Company's computer and communications hardware and software systems could be damaged or their service interrupted; and the possibility that the Company may fail to maintain adequate financial and management controls and as a result suffer errors in its financial reporting. Additionally, with respect to Protiviti, other risks and uncertainties include the fact that future success will depend on its ability to retain employees and attract clients; there can be no assurance that there will be ongoing demand for Sarbanes-Oxley or other regulatory compliance services; failure to produce projected revenues could adversely affect financial results; and there is the possibility of involvement in litigation relating to prior or current transactions or activities. Because long-term contracts are not a significant part of the Company's business, future results cannot be reliably predicted by considering past trends or extrapolating past results.

### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The Company's most critical accounting policies and estimates are those that involve subjective decisions or assessments and are included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013. Other than updates to estimates used in the Company's annual goodwill impairment assessment discussed below, there were no material changes to these critical accounting policies during the nine months ended September 30, 2014. Goodwill Impairment. The Company assesses the impairment of goodwill annually in the second quarter, or more often if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") authoritative guidance. The Company completed its annual goodwill impairment analysis as of June 30, 2014, and determined that no adjustment to the carrying value of goodwill was required. There were no events or changes in circumstances since the annual goodwill impairment assessment that caused the Company to perform an interim impairment assessment.

The Company follows FASB authoritative guidance utilizing a two-step approach for determining goodwill impairment. In the first step the Company determines the fair value of each reporting unit utilizing a present value technique derived from a discounted cash flow methodology. For purposes of this assessment the Company's reporting units are its lines of business. The fair value of the reporting unit is then compared to its carrying value. If the fair

value of the reporting unit exceeds the carrying value of the net assets assigned to that unit, goodwill is not impaired and no further testing is performed. The second step under the FASB guidance is contingent upon the results of the first step. To the extent a reporting unit's carrying value exceeds its fair value, an indication exists that the reporting unit's goodwill may be impaired and the Company must perform a second, more detailed impairment assessment. The second step involves allocating the reporting unit's fair value to its net assets in order to determine the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill as of the assessment date. The implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill is then compared to the carrying amount of goodwill to quantify an impairment charge, if any, as of the assessment date.

The Company's reporting units are Accountemps, Robert Half Finance & Accounting, OfficeTeam, Robert Half Technology, Robert Half Management Resources and Protiviti, which had goodwill balances at September 30, 2014, of \$127.2 million, \$26.5 million, \$0 million, \$7.1 million, \$0 million and \$39.3 million, respectively, totaling \$200.1 million. There were no changes to the Company's reporting units or to the methodology of allocating goodwill to reporting units since the annual goodwill impairment assessment.

The goodwill impairment assessment is based upon a discounted cash flow analysis. The estimate of future cash flows is based upon, among other things, a discount rate and certain assumptions about expected future operating performance. The discount rate for all reporting units was determined by management based on estimates of risk free interest rates, beta and market risk premiums. The discount rate used was compared to the rate published in various third party research reports, which indicated that the rate was within a range of reasonableness. The primary assumptions related to future operating performance include revenue growth rates and profitability levels. In addition, the impairment assessment requires that management make certain judgments in allocating shared assets and liabilities to the balance sheets of the reporting units. Solely for purposes of establishing inputs for the fair value calculations described above related to its annual goodwill impairment testing, the Company made the following assumptions. The Company assumed that year-to-date trends through the date of the most recent assessment would continue for all reporting units through 2015, using unique assumptions for each reporting unit. In addition, the Company applied profitability assumptions consistent with each reporting unit's historical trends at various revenue levels and, for years 2016 and beyond, used a 5% growth factor. This rate is comparable to the Company's most recent ten-year annual compound revenue growth rate. The model used to calculate fair value goes out a total of 10 years with a terminal value calculation at the end of the 10 year period. In its most recent calculation, the Company used a 10.2% discount rate, which is slightly lower than the 10.5% discount rate used for the Company's test during the second quarter of 2013. This decrease in discount rate is attributable to decreases in the risk free rate, beta and the equity market risk premium.

In order to evaluate the sensitivity of the fair value calculations on the goodwill impairment test, the Company applied hypothetical decreases to the fair values of each reporting unit. The Company determined that hypothetical decreases in fair value of at least 70% would be required before any reporting unit would have a carrying value in excess of its fair value.

Given the current economic environment and the uncertainties regarding the impact on the Company's business, there can be no assurance that the Company's estimates and assumptions made for purposes of the Company's goodwill impairment testing will prove to be accurate predictions of the future. If the Company's assumptions regarding forecasted revenue or profitability growth rates of certain reporting units are not achieved, the Company may be required to recognize goodwill impairment charges in future periods. It is not possible at this time to determine if any such future impairment charge would result or, if it does, whether such charge would be material.

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note B—"New Accounting Pronouncements" to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included under Part I—Item 1 of this report.

#### Results of Operations

Demand for the Company's temporary and permanent placement staffing services and risk consulting and internal audit services is largely dependent upon general economic and labor market conditions both domestically and abroad. Because of the inherent difficulty in predicting economic trends and the absence of material long-term contracts in any of our business units, future demand for the Company's services cannot be forecasted with certainty. We expect total Company results to continue to be impacted by general macroeconomic conditions in 2014.

The Company's temporary and permanent placement staffing services business has 341 offices in 42 states, the District of Columbia and 18 foreign countries, while Protiviti has 57 offices in 23 states and 11 foreign countries.

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To help readers understand the Company's financial performance, the Company supplements its financial results prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") with revenue growth rates derived from non-GAAP revenue amounts. Variations in the Company's financial results include the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and billing days. The Company provides "same billing days

and constant currency” revenue growth calculations to remove the impact of these items. These calculations show the year-over-year revenue growth rates for the Company’s reportable segments on both a reported basis and also on a same-day, constant-currency basis for global, U.S. and international operations. The Company has provided this data because management believes it better reflects the

Company's actual revenue growth rates and aids in evaluating revenue trends over time. The Company expresses year-over-year revenue changes as calculated percentages using the same number of billing days and constant currency exchange rates.

In order to calculate constant currency revenue growth rates, as-reported amounts are retranslated using foreign currency exchange rates from the prior year's comparable period. Management calculates a global, weighted-average number of billing days for each reporting period based upon input from all countries and all lines of business. In order to remove the fluctuations caused by comparable periods having different billing days, the Company calculates same billing day revenue growth rates by dividing each comparative period's reported revenues by the calculated number of billing days for that period, to arrive at a per billing day amount. Same billing day growth rates are then calculated based upon the per billing day amounts. The term "same billing days and constant currency" means that the impact of different billing days has been removed from the constant currency calculation.

The non-GAAP financial measures provided herein may not provide information that is directly comparable to that provided by other companies in the Company's industry, as other companies may calculate such financial results differently. The Company's non-GAAP financial measures are not measurements of financial performance under GAAP, and should not be considered as alternatives to actual revenue growth derived from revenue amounts presented in accordance with GAAP. The Company does not consider these non-GAAP financial measures to be a substitute for, or superior to, the information provided by GAAP financial results. A reconciliation of the same-day, constant-currency revenue growth rates to the as-reported revenue growth rates is provided herein.

Three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013

Revenues. The Company's revenues were \$1.22 billion for the three months ended September 30, 2014 compared to \$1.08 billion for the three months ended September 30, 2013. Revenues from foreign operations represented 22.8% of total revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2014, compared to 23.6% for the three months ended September 30, 2013. The Company analyzes its revenues for three reportable segments: temporary and consultant staffing, permanent placement staffing, and risk consulting and internal audit services. For the three months ended September 30, 2014 revenues for each of the Company's reportable segments were up compared to the same period in 2013. The Company's growth was broad-based and reflective of improving labor markets and higher global demand for its professional staffing services. Year-over-year revenue growth rates accelerated during the quarter both in the United States and in the Company's international operations. Risk consulting and internal audit services also continued to post strong operating results. Contributing factors for each reportable segment are discussed below in further detail. Temporary and consultant staffing services revenues were \$954 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 12.5% compared to revenues of \$848 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013. On a same-day, constant-currency basis, temporary and consultant staffing services revenues increased 12.3% for the third quarter of 2014 compared to the third quarter of 2013. In the U.S., revenues in the third quarter of 2014 increased 13.2%, or 13.0% on a same-day basis, compared to the third quarter of 2013. For the Company's international operations, 2014 third quarter revenues increased 10.4%, and on a same-day, constant-currency basis increased 9.9%, compared to the third quarter of 2013.

Permanent placement staffing revenues were \$102 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 16.0% compared to revenues of \$88 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013. On a same-day, constant-currency basis, permanent placement revenues increased 15.7% for the third quarter of 2014 compared to the third quarter of 2013. In the U.S., revenues for the third quarter of 2014 increased 21.8%, or 21.6% on a same-day basis, compared to the third quarter of 2013. For the Company's international operations, revenues for the third quarter of 2014 increased 6.3%, and on a same-day, constant-currency basis increased 5.6%, compared to the third quarter of 2013. Historically, demand for permanent placement services is even more sensitive to economic and labor market conditions than demand for temporary and consulting staffing services and this is expected to continue.

Risk consulting and internal audit services revenues were \$168 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 20.7% compared to revenues of \$139 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013. On a same-day, constant-currency basis, risk consulting and internal audit services revenues increased 18.3% for the third quarter of 2014 compared to the third quarter of 2013. In the U.S., revenues in the third quarter of 2014 increased

22.0%, or 19.9% on a same-day basis, compared to the third quarter of 2013. Contributing to the U.S. increase was continued growth in IT consulting, risk and compliance and internal audit services. The Company's risk consulting and internal audit services revenues from international operations increased 14.6%, and on a same-day, constant-currency basis increased 11.0%, compared to the third quarter of 2013.

A reconciliation of the non-GAAP year-over-year revenue growth rates to the as-reported year-over-year revenue growth rates for the three months ended September 30, 2014, is presented in the following table:

	Global	United States	International
Temporary and consultant staffing			
As Reported	12.5	% 13.2	% 10.4%
Billing Days Impact	-0.1	% -0.2	% -0.2%
Currency Impact	-0.1	% —	% -0.3%
Same Billing Days and Constant Currency	12.3	% 13.0	% 9.9%
Permanent placement staffing			
As Reported	16.0	% 21.8	% 6.3%
Billing Days Impact	-0.1	% -0.2	% -0.2%
Currency Impact	-0.2	% —	% -0.5%
Same Billing Days and Constant Currency	15.7	% 21.6	% 5.6%
Risk consulting and internal audit services			
As Reported	20.7	% 22.0	% 14.6%
Billing Days Impact	-2.1	% -2.1	% -2.0%
Currency Impact	-0.3	% —	% -1.6%
Same Billing Days and Constant Currency	18.3	% 19.9	% 11.0%

Gross Margin. The Company's gross margin dollars were \$505 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 15.5% compared to \$437 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013. In the third quarter of 2014, gross margin dollars increased for all three of the Company's reportable segments compared to the third quarter of 2013. Gross margin as a percentage of revenues increased for the Company's temporary and consultant staffing services but was unchanged for its risk consulting and internal audit services segments on a year-over-year basis. Contributing factors for each reportable segment are discussed below in further detail.

Gross margin dollars from the Company's temporary and consultant staffing services represent revenues less direct costs of services, which consist of payroll, payroll taxes and insurance costs for temporary employees, and reimbursable expenses. Gross margin dollars for the Company's temporary and consultant staffing services division were \$352 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, compared to \$307 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013. As a percentage of revenues, gross margin for temporary and consultant staffing services was 36.9% in the third quarter of 2014, up from 36.2% in the third quarter of 2013. This year-over-year improvement in gross margin was primarily attributable to higher conversion revenues, expansion of pay/bill spreads and lower fringe costs in the third quarter of 2014 compared to the third quarter of 2013. Conversion revenues are earned when a temporary position converts to a permanent position. As there are no direct costs related to conversion revenues, the gross margin percentage is favorably impacted as the mix of conversion revenues increases. Pay/bill spreads represent the differential between wages paid to temporary employees and amounts billed to clients.

Gross margin dollars from permanent placement staffing services represent revenues less reimbursable expenses. Gross margin dollars for the Company's permanent placement staffing division were \$102 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, compared to \$88 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013. Because reimbursable expenses for permanent placement staffing services are de minimis, gross margin dollars are substantially explained by revenues previously discussed.

Gross margin dollars for risk consulting and internal audit services represent revenues less direct costs of services, which consist primarily of professional staff payroll, payroll taxes, insurance costs and reimbursable expenses. Gross margin dollars for the Company's risk consulting and internal audit division were \$51 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 20.7% compared to \$42 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013. As a percentage of revenues, gross margin for risk consulting and internal audit services in the third quarter of 2014 was 30.5%, unchanged from 30.5% in the third quarter of 2013.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. The Company's selling, general and administrative expenses were \$367 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, up 10.0% from \$333 million for the three months ended

September 30, 2013. As a percentage of revenues, the Company's selling, general and administrative expenses were 30.0% for the third quarter of 2014, down from 31.0% for the third quarter of 2013.



Selling, general and administrative expenses for the Company's temporary and consultant staffing services division were \$254 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, up 10.3% from \$231 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013. As a percentage of revenues, selling, general and administrative expenses for temporary and consultant staffing services were 26.6% in the third quarter of 2014, down from 27.2% in the third quarter of 2013. For the third quarter of 2014, the decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to improved operating leverage obtained by higher revenues.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the Company's permanent placement staffing division were \$81 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 8.7% compared to \$74 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013. As a percentage of revenues, selling, general and administrative expenses for permanent placement staffing services were 79.1% in the third quarter of 2014, down from 84.4% in the third quarter of 2013. For the third quarter of 2014 compared to the third quarter of 2013, the decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to improved operating leverage obtained by higher revenues.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the Company's risk consulting and internal audit services division were \$32 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 11.3% compared to \$28 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013. As a percentage of revenues, selling, general and administrative expenses for risk consulting and internal audit services were 19.0% in the third quarter of 2014, down from 20.6% in the third quarter of 2013. For the third quarter of 2014 compared to the third quarter of 2013, the decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to improved operating leverage obtained by higher revenues.

Operating Income. The Company's total operating income was \$138 million or 11.3% of revenues, for the three months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 33.0% from \$104 million, or 9.7% of revenues, for the three months ended September 30, 2013. For the Company's temporary and consultant staffing services division, operating income was \$98 million, or 10.2% of applicable revenues, up from \$76 million, or 9.0% of applicable revenues, in the third quarter of 2013. For the Company's permanent placement staffing division, operating income was \$21 million, or 20.9% of applicable revenues, up from an operating income of \$14 million, or 15.5% of applicable revenues, in the third quarter of 2013. For the Company's risk consulting and internal audit services division, operating income was \$19 million, or 11.5% of applicable revenues, up from an operating income of \$14 million, or 9.8% of applicable revenues, in the third quarter of 2013.

Provision for income taxes. The provision for income taxes was 38.4% and 36.0% for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The higher tax rate is primarily due to fewer available foreign tax benefits and a decrease in federal tax credits.

Nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013

Revenues. The Company's revenues were \$3.47 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 9.9% compared to \$3.16 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. Revenues from foreign operations represented 23.2% and 24.3% of total revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The Company analyzes its revenues for three reportable segments: temporary and consultant staffing, permanent placement staffing and risk consulting and internal audit services. In the first three quarters of 2014, revenues for all three of the Company's reportable segments were up compared to the first three quarters of 2013. Results were strongest domestically with demand also improving in several countries, most notably within Europe. Contributing factors for each reportable segment are discussed below in further detail.

Temporary and consultant staffing services revenues were \$2.72 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 8.3% compared to revenues of \$2.51 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. On a same-day, constant-currency basis, temporary and consultant staffing services revenues increased 8.2% for the first three quarters of 2014 compared to the first three quarters of 2013. In the U.S., revenues in the first three quarters of 2014 increased 9.5%, or 9.4% on same-day basis, compared to the first three quarters of 2013. For the Company's international operations, revenues in the first three quarters of 2014 increased 4.5%, or 4.1% on a same-day, constant-currency basis, compared to the first three quarters of 2013.

Permanent placement revenues were \$298 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 13.7% compared to revenues of \$262 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. On a same-day, constant-currency basis, permanent placement revenues increased 13.8% for the first three quarters of 2014 compared to the first three quarters of 2013. In the U.S., revenues in the first three quarters of 2014 increased 16.8%, or 16.7% on a same-day basis, compared to the first three quarters of 2013. Historically, demand for permanent placement services is even more sensitive to economic and labor

market conditions than demand for temporary and consulting staffing services and this is expected to continue. For the Company's international operations, revenues in the first three quarters of 2014 increased 8.5%, or 9.0% on a same-day, constant-currency basis, compared to the first three quarters of 2013.

Risk consulting and internal audit services revenues were \$453 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 17.1% compared to revenues of \$387 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. On a same-day, constant-currency basis, risk consulting and internal audit services revenues increased 15.7% for the first three quarters of 2014 compared to the first three quarters of 2013. Contributing to the increase was higher demand in the U.S. In the U.S., revenues in the first three quarters of 2014 increased 20.1%, or 18.9% on a same-day basis, compared to the first three quarters of 2013. For the Company's international operations, revenues in the first three quarters of 2014 increased 5.7%, or 3.7% on a same-day, constant-currency basis, compared to the first three quarters of 2013.

A reconciliation of the Non-GAAP year-over-year revenue growth rates to the as-reported year-over-year revenue growth rates for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, is presented in the following table:

	Global	United States	International
Temporary and consultant staffing			
As Reported	8.3	% 9.5	% 4.5%
Billing Days Impact	—	-0.1	% —
Currency Impact	-0.1	% —	-0.4%
Same Billing Days and Constant Currency	8.2	% 9.4	% 4.1%
Permanent placement staffing			
As Reported	13.7	% 16.8	% 8.5%
Billing Days Impact	-0.1	% -0.1	% —
Currency Impact	0.2	% —	0.5%
Same Billing Days and Constant Currency	13.8	% 16.7	% 9.0%
Risk consulting and internal audit services			
As Reported	17.1	% 20.1	% 5.7%
Billing Days Impact	-1.2	% -1.2	% -1.1%
Currency Impact	-0.2	% —	-0.9%
Same Billing Days and Constant Currency	15.7	% 18.9	% 3.7%

Gross Margin. The Company's gross margin dollars were \$1.42 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, up from \$1.28 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. For the first three quarters of 2014 compared to the first three quarters of 2013, gross margin in dollars and as a percentage of revenues increased for all three of the Company's reportable segments. Contributing factors for each reportable segment are discussed below in further detail. Gross margin dollars from the Company's temporary and consultant staffing services represent revenues less direct costs of services, which consist of payroll, payroll taxes and insurance costs for temporary employees, and reimbursable expenses. Gross margin dollars for the Company's temporary and consultant staffing services division were \$994 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 9.4% compared to \$908 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. As a percentage of revenues, gross margin for temporary and consultant staffing services was 36.5% in the first three quarters of 2014, up from 36.1% in the first three quarters of 2013. Gross margin dollars from permanent placement staffing services represent revenues less reimbursable expenses. Gross margin dollars for the Company's permanent placement staffing division were \$298 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 13.7% compared to \$262 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. Because reimbursable expenses for permanent placement staffing services are de minimis, the increase in gross margin dollars is substantially explained by the increase in revenues previously discussed.

Gross margin dollars for risk consulting and internal audit services represent revenues less direct costs of services, which consist primarily of professional staff payroll, payroll taxes, insurance costs and reimbursable expenses. Gross margin dollars for the Company's risk consulting and internal audit division were \$131 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 19.1% compared to \$110 million for the nine months ended September 30,

2013. As a percentage of revenues, gross margin for risk consulting and internal audit services was 28.9% for the first three quarters of 2014, up from 28.4% in the

first three quarters of 2013. The year-over-year margin increase expressed as a percentage of revenues is primarily due to an increase in staff utilization levels. Utilization is the relationship of the time spent on client engagements to the total time available for the Company's risk consulting and internal audit services staff.

**Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.** The Company's selling, general and administrative expenses were \$1,058 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 7.4% compared to \$986 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. As a percentage of revenues, the Company's selling, general and administrative expenses were 30.5% for the first three quarters of 2014, down from 31.2% for the first three quarters of 2013. Contributing factors for each reportable segment are discussed below in further detail.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the Company's temporary and consultant staffing services division were \$730 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, up 7.0% from \$682 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. As a percentage of revenues, selling, general and administrative expenses for temporary and consultant staffing services were 26.8% in the first three quarters of 2014, down from 27.1% in the first three quarters of 2013.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the Company's permanent placement staffing division were \$236 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 7.5% compared to \$220 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. As a percentage of revenues, selling, general and administrative expenses for permanent placement staffing services were 79.4% in the first three quarters of 2014, down from 84.0% in the first three quarters of 2013.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the Company's risk consulting and internal audit services division were \$92 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 9.7% compared to \$84 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. As a percentage of revenues, selling, general and administrative expenses for risk consulting and internal audit services were 20.3% in the first three quarters of 2014, down from 21.6% in the first three quarters of 2013. For the first three quarters of 2014 compared to the first three quarters of 2013, the decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to improved operating leverage obtained by higher revenues.

**Operating Income.** The Company's total operating income was \$364 million, or 10.5% of revenues, for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, increasing by 23.7% from \$294 million, or 9.3% of revenues, for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. For the Company's temporary and consultant staffing services division, operating income was \$264 million, or 9.7% of applicable revenues, up from \$226 million, or 9.0% of applicable revenues, in the first three quarters of 2013. For the Company's permanent placement staffing division, operating income was \$61 million, or 20.5% of applicable revenues, up from operating income of \$42 million, or 15.9% of applicable revenues, in the first three quarters of 2013. For the Company's risk consulting and internal audit services division, operating income was \$39 million, or 8.6% of applicable revenues, improving from \$26 million, or 6.8% of applicable revenues, in the first three quarters of 2013.

**Provision for income taxes.** The provision for income taxes was 39.1% and 36.9% for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The higher tax rate is primarily due to fewer available foreign tax benefits and a decrease in federal tax credits.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

The change in the Company's liquidity during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 is primarily the net effect of funds generated by operations and the funds used for capital expenditures, repurchases of common stock and payment of dividends. Cash and cash equivalents were \$291 million and \$280 million at September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Operating activities provided \$258 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2014, which was partially offset by \$54 million and \$183 million of net cash used in investing activities and financing activities, respectively. Operating activities provided \$211 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2013, which was more than offset by \$71 million and \$145 million of net cash used in investing activities and financing activities, respectively.

**Operating activities—**Net cash provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, was composed of net income of \$222 million, adjusted for non-cash items of \$61 million, and offset by changes in working capital of \$25 million. Net cash provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30,

2013, was comprised of net income of \$185 million, adjusted for non-cash items of \$46 million, and offset by changes in working capital of \$20 million.

Investing activities—Net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, was \$54 million. This was composed of capital expenditures of \$36 million and deposits to trusts for employee benefits and retirement plans of \$18 million. Net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, was \$71 million. This

was comprised of capital expenditures of \$32 million and deposits to trusts for employee benefits and retirement plans of \$39 million.

Financing activities—Net cash used in financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, was \$183 million. This included repurchases of \$125 million in common stock and \$73 million in cash dividends to stockholders, offset by proceeds of \$13 million from exercises of stock options and \$2 million in excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation. Net cash used in financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, was \$145 million. This included repurchases of \$107 million in common stock, \$66 million in cash dividends to stockholders and \$4 million in notes payable and other indebtedness, offset by proceeds of \$30 million from exercises of stock options and \$2 million in excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation.

As of September 30, 2014, the Company is authorized to repurchase, from time to time, up to 5.5 million additional shares of the Company's common stock on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, depending on market conditions. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the Company repurchased 2.5 million shares and 2.8 million shares of common stock on the open market for a total cost of \$116 million and \$98 million, respectively. Additional stock repurchases were made in connection with employee stock plans, whereby Company shares were tendered by employees for the payment of exercise price and applicable statutory withholding taxes. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, such repurchases totaled 0.3 million shares, at a cost of \$11 million, and 0.6 million shares, at a cost of \$21 million, respectively. Repurchases of shares have been funded with cash generated from operations.

The Company's working capital at September 30, 2014, included \$291 million in cash and cash equivalents. The Company expects that internally generated cash will be sufficient to support the working capital needs of the Company, the Company's fixed payments, dividends, and other obligations on both a short-term and long-term basis. On October 29, 2014, the Company announced a quarterly dividend of \$.18 per share to be paid to all shareholders of record as of November 25, 2014. The dividend will be paid on December 15, 2014.

### ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The Company is exposed to the impact of foreign currency fluctuations. The Company's exposure to foreign currency exchange rates relates primarily to the Company's foreign subsidiaries. Exchange rates impact the U.S. dollar value of the Company's reported earnings, investments in its foreign subsidiaries, and the intercompany transactions with its foreign subsidiaries.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, approximately 23% of the Company's revenues were generated outside of the U.S. These operations transact business in their functional currency. As a result, fluctuations in the value of foreign currencies against the U.S. dollar, particularly the Canadian dollar, British pound, Euro, and Australian dollar have an impact on the Company's reported results. Revenues and expenses denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the monthly average exchange rates prevailing during the period. Consequently, as the value of the U.S. dollar changes relative to the currencies of the Company's non-U.S. markets, the Company's reported results vary.

Fluctuations in currency exchange rates impact the U.S. dollar amount of the Company's stockholders' equity. The assets and liabilities of the Company's non-U.S. subsidiaries are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rates in effect at period end. The resulting translation adjustments are recorded in stockholders' equity as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

Management, including the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and the Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and the Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports the Company files and submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission and that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There have been no changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation required by Rule 13a-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that occurred during the Company's last fiscal quarter that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.



## PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings

On September 5, 2014, Plaintiff Theresa Daniels, on behalf of herself and a putative class of salaried Recruiting Managers, filed a complaint in California Superior Court naming the Company as Defendant. The complaint alleges that salaried Recruiting Managers based in California have been misclassified under California law as exempt employees, and seeks an unspecified amount for unpaid overtime pay alleged to be due to them had they been paid as non-exempt hourly employees, as well as statutory penalties for alleged violations of the California Labor Code arising from such alleged misclassification. The complaint also alleges a claim under California Business and Professions Code section 17200 for unfair competition. The Plaintiff also seeks an unspecified amount for other damages, attorneys' fees, and statutory penalties. On or about September 17, 2014, the Plaintiff provided written notice to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency of her alleged claims and it should be assumed that the Plaintiff will amend her complaint to allege a representative claim and seek penalties under the California Private Attorney General Act. At this stage of the litigation, it is not feasible to predict the outcome of or a range of loss, should a loss occur, from this proceeding, and accordingly, no amounts have been provided in the Company's financial statements. The Company believes it has meritorious defenses to the allegations in this case, and the Company intends to continue to vigorously defend against the litigation.

The Company's Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2014 contained disclosure regarding a complaint filed in the Superior Court of California, San Diego County, by Plaintiff Leonor Rodriguez. On October 10, 2014, the Court granted a motion by the Company to compel all of Rodriguez's claims, except her claim under California's Labor Code Private Attorney General Act, to individual arbitration. As previously reported by the Company, the Company believes it has meritorious defenses to the allegations and the Company intends to continue to vigorously defend against the litigation.

There have been no material developments with regard to the other legal proceedings previously disclosed in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 and its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2014.

## ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

There have not been any material changes with regard to the risk factors previously disclosed in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

## ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

## Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under Publicly Announced Plans (c)
July 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014	244,003	\$48.90	244,003	6,541,699
August 1, 2014 to August 31, 2014	480,741	(a) \$48.69	466,769	6,074,930
September 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014	526,881	(b) \$49.98	526,687	5,548,243
Total July 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014	1,251,625		1,237,459	

(a) Includes 13,972 shares repurchased in connection with employee stock plans, whereby Company shares were tendered by employees for the payment of applicable withholding taxes and/or exercise price.

(b) Includes 194 shares repurchased in connection with employee stock plans, whereby Company shares were tendered by employees for the payment of applicable withholding taxes and/or exercise price.

(c)

Commencing in October 1997, the Company's Board of Directors has, at various times, authorized the repurchase, from time to time, of the Company's common stock on the open market or in privately negotiated transaction depending on market conditions. Since plan inception, a total of 98,000,000 shares have been authorized for repurchase of which 92,451,757 shares have been repurchased as of September 30, 2014.

ITEM 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosure

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. Other Information

Part-Time Employment Agreements

The Company has previously entered into Part-Time Employment Agreements with each of Harold M. Messmer, Jr., M. Keith Waddell, Paul F. Gentzkow, Robert W. Glass and Steven Karel. Such agreements provide that, after retirement, the individual will be retained part-time to provide advice and counsel for four years and will be prohibited from competing with the Company or soliciting its employees during that period. In return, the individual will receive annual compensation during the part-time employment equal to 8% of the average annual cash base salary and bonus for each of the last five complete calendar years preceding retirement. On October 29, 2014, the agreements were amended to change the compensation to 8% of the average of the five highest years during the last ten years before retirement, which, the Company has been advised, is also used in the analogous context of computing retirement benefits. In addition, the Company entered into a Part-Time Employment Agreement with Michael C. Buckley, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer and Treasurer.

Stock Incentive Plan

The Company's Stock Incentive Plan was amended to change the definition of retirement for employees of the Company's Protiviti division. No other changes were made.

ITEM 6. Exhibits

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| 3.1   | Restated Certificate of Incorporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2009. |
| 3.2   | By-Laws, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003.                                  |
| 10.1  | Form of Part-Time Employment Agreement, as amended and restated.   |
| 10.2  | Stock Incentive Plan, as amended and restated.   |
| 31.1  | Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer.   |
| 31.2  | Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer.   |
| 32.1  | Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer.   |
| 32.2  | Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer.   |
| 101.1 | Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q formatted in XBRL.  |

**SIGNATURES**

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

**ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL INC.**  
(Registrant)

/S/ M. KEITH WADDELL  
M. Keith Waddell  
Vice Chairman, President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer and  
duly authorized signatory)

Date: October 31, 2014