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WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2023.

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 001-39828



ARKO Corp.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

85-2784337
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

8565 Magellan Parkway
Suite 400
Richmond, Virginia 23227-1150

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(804) 730-1568

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

Title of Each Class
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share
Warrants to purchase common stock

Trading Symbol
ARKO
ARKOW

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Nasdaq Capital Market
Nasdaq Capital Market

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

None

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 every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company"

in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

As of May 5, 2023, the registrant had 120,305,008 shares of its common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("common stock") outstanding.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains “forward-looking statements,” as that term is defined under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”), Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). Forward-looking statements include statements about our expectations, beliefs or intentions regarding our product development efforts, business, financial condition, results of operations, strategies or prospects. You can identify forward-looking statements by the fact that these statements do not relate strictly to historical or current matters. Rather, forward-looking statements relate to anticipated or expected events, activities, trends or results as of the date they are made. Because forward-looking statements relate to matters that have not yet occurred, these statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from any future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Many factors could cause our actual activities or results to differ materially from the activities and results anticipated in forward-looking statements. These factors include those described below and in “Item 1A-Risk Factors” of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and described from time to time in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). We do not undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements, except to the extent required by applicable law. We intend that all forward-looking statements be subject to the safe-harbor provisions of the PSLRA. These forward-looking statements are only predictions and reflect our views as of the date they are made with respect to future events and financial performance.

Risks and uncertainties, the occurrence of which could adversely affect our business, include the following:

- changes in economic conditions and consumer confidence in the United States;
- our ability to make acquisitions on economically acceptable terms;
- our ability to successfully integrate acquired operations or otherwise realize the expected benefits from our acquisitions;
- our ability to successfully implement our organic growth strategies;
- labor, raw materials and building supply shortages and price fluctuations in the construction industry could delay or increase the costs of our store upgrade and remodel program and our maintenance capital expenditures;
- changes in the wholesale prices of motor fuel;
- significant changes in the current consumption of and related regulations and litigation related to cigarettes and other tobacco products;
- significant changes in demand for fuel-based modes of transportation;
- the highly competitive industry characterized by low entry barriers in which we operate;
- negative events or developments associated with branded motor fuel suppliers;
- we depend on several principal suppliers for our fuel purchases and two principal suppliers for merchandise;
- a portion of our revenue is generated under fuel supply agreements with dealers that must be renegotiated or replaced periodically;
- the retail sale, distribution, transportation and storage of motor fuels is subject to environmental protection and operational safety laws and regulations that may expose us or our customers to significant costs and liabilities;
- business disruption and related risks resulting from the outbreak of COVID-19 and variants of the virus;
- failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations;
- the loss of key senior management personnel or the failure to recruit or retain qualified personnel;
- unfavorable weather conditions;
- we may be held liable for fraudulent credit card transactions on our fuel dispensers;
- payment-related risks that may result in higher operating costs or the inability to process payments;
- significant disruptions of information technology systems, breaches of data security or compromised data;
- evolving laws, regulations, standards, and contractual obligations related to data privacy and security regulations, and our actual or perceived failure to comply with such obligations;
- our failure to adequately secure, maintain, and enforce our intellectual property rights;

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- third-party claims of infringement upon their intellectual property rights;
- our dependence on third-party transportation providers for the transportation of most of our motor fuel;
- our operations present risks which may not be fully covered by insurance;
- our variable rate debt;
- the agreements governing our indebtedness contain various restrictions and financial covenants;
- our principal stockholders and management control us, and their interests may conflict with yours;
- our corporate structure includes Israeli subsidiaries that may have adverse tax consequences and expose us to additional tax liabilities;
- we may not be able to maintain an effective system of internal control over financial reporting and we may not be able to accurately report our financial results or prevent fraud;
- the market price and trading volume of our common stock may be volatile and could decline significantly;
- if securities or industry analysts do not publish research, publish inaccurate or unfavorable research or cease publishing research about us or the convenience store industry; and
- sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market could cause the prices of our common stock to decline.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Unless the context otherwise requires, all references in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to the “Company,” “ARKO,” “we,” “our,” “ours,” and “us” refer to ARKO Corp., a Delaware corporation, including our consolidated subsidiaries.

Item 1. Financial Statements

ARKO Corp.
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(Unaudited, in thousands)

	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 255,852	\$ 298,529
Restricted cash	15,750	18,240
Short-term investments	3,065	2,400
Trade receivables, net	129,039	118,140
Inventory	244,940	221,951
Other current assets	88,354	87,873
Total current assets	737,000	747,133
Non-current assets:		
Property and equipment, net	780,950	645,809
Right-of-use assets under operating leases	1,373,727	1,203,188
Right-of-use assets under financing leases, net	179,166	182,113
Goodwill	217,297	217,297
Intangible assets, net	226,134	197,123
Equity investment	2,888	2,924
Deferred tax asset	32,958	22,728
Other non-current assets	40,677	36,855
Total assets	\$ 3,590,797	\$ 3,255,170
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Long-term debt, current portion	\$ 15,034	\$ 11,944
Accounts payable	222,782	217,370
Other current liabilities	186,225	154,097
Operating leases, current portion	61,797	57,563
Financing leases, current portion	5,219	5,457
Total current liabilities	491,057	446,431
Non-current liabilities:		
Long-term debt, net	793,596	740,043
Asset retirement obligation	72,350	64,909
Operating leases	1,386,604	1,218,045
Financing leases	224,997	225,907
Other non-current liabilities	247,158	178,945
Total liabilities	3,215,762	2,874,280
Commitments and contingencies - see Note 12		
Series A redeemable preferred stock (no par value) - authorized: 1,000 shares; issued and outstanding: 1,000 and 1,000 shares, respectively; redemption value: \$100,000 and \$100,000, in the aggregate respectively	100,000	100,000
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock (par value \$0.0001) - authorized: 400,000 shares; issued: 125,232 and 124,727 shares, respectively; outstanding: 120,305 and 120,074 shares, respectively	12	12
Treasury stock, at cost - 4,927 and 4,653 shares, respectively	(42,352)	(40,042)
Additional paid-in capital	234,158	229,995
Accumulated other comprehensive income	9,119	9,119
Retained earnings	74,143	81,750
Total shareholders' equity	275,080	280,834
Non-controlling interest	(45)	56
Total equity	275,035	280,890
Total liabilities, redeemable preferred stock and equity	\$ 3,590,797	\$ 3,255,170

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

ARKO Corp.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(Unaudited, in thousands, except per share data)

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Revenues:		
Fuel revenue	\$ 1,661,664	\$ 1,583,526
Merchandise revenue	400,408	366,985
Other revenues, net	26,424	22,300
Total revenues	2,088,496	1,972,811
Operating expenses:		
Fuel costs	1,537,882	1,470,649
Merchandise costs	277,443	258,793
Store operating expenses	192,683	166,538
General and administrative expenses	40,416	31,785
Depreciation and amortization	28,399	24,636
Total operating expenses	2,076,823	1,952,401
Other expenses, net	2,720	1,121
Operating income	8,953	19,289
Interest and other financial income	7,210	1,106
Interest and other financial expenses	(20,812)	(17,081)
(Loss) income before income taxes	(4,649)	3,314
Income tax benefit (expense)	2,158	(1,005)
(Loss) income from equity investment	(36)	9
Net (loss) income	\$ (2,527)	\$ 2,318
Less: Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	53	79
Net (loss) income attributable to ARKO Corp.	\$ (2,580)	\$ 2,239
Series A redeemable preferred stock dividends	(1,418)	(1,418)
Net (loss) income attributable to common shareholders	\$ (3,998)	\$ 821
Net (loss) income per share attributable to common shareholders - basic	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.01
Net loss per share attributable to common shareholders - diluted	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.00)
Weighted average shares outstanding:		
Basic	120,253	124,301
Diluted	120,253	125,433

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ARKO Corp.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity
(Unaudited, in thousands)

	Common Stock		Treasury	Additional	Accumulated	Retained	Total	Non-	Total
	Shares	Par Value	Stock, at Cost	Paid-in Capital	Other Comprehensive Income	Earnings	Shareholders' Equity	Controlling Interests	Equity
Balance at January 1, 2022	124,428	\$ 12	\$ —	\$ 217,675	\$ 9,119	\$ 26,646	\$ 253,452	\$ 224	\$ 253,676
Share-based compensation	—	—	—	2,774	—	—	2,774	—	2,774
Distributions to non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(60)	(60)
Dividends on redeemable preferred stock	—	—	—	—	—	(1,418)	(1,418)	—	(1,418)
Dividends declared (2 cents per share)	—	—	—	—	—	(2,474)	(2,474)	—	(2,474)
Common stock repurchased	(1,537)	—	(13,084)	—	—	—	(13,084)	—	(13,084)
Vesting of restricted share units	286	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Issuance of shares	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	2,239	2,239	79	2,318
Balance at March 31, 2022	123,190	\$ 12	\$ (13,084)	\$ 220,449	\$ 9,119	\$ 24,993	\$ 241,489	\$ 243	\$ 241,732
Balance at January 1, 2023	120,074	\$ 12	\$ (40,042)	\$ 229,995	\$ 9,119	\$ 81,750	\$ 280,834	\$ 56	\$ 280,890
Share-based compensation	—	—	—	4,069	—	—	4,069	—	4,069
Transactions with non-controlling interests	—	—	—	94	—	—	94	(94)	—
Distributions to non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(60)	(60)
Dividends on redeemable preferred stock	—	—	—	—	—	(1,418)	(1,418)	—	(1,418)
Dividends declared (3 cents per share)	—	—	—	—	—	(3,609)	(3,609)	—	(3,609)
Common stock repurchased	(274)	—	(2,310)	—	—	—	(2,310)	—	(2,310)
Vesting of restricted share units	505	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net (loss) income	—	—	—	—	—	(2,580)	(2,580)	53	(2,527)
Balance at March 31, 2023	120,305	\$ 12	\$ (42,352)	\$ 234,158	\$ 9,119	\$ 74,143	\$ 275,080	\$ (45)	\$ 275,035

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ARKO Corp.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Unaudited, in thousands)

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net (loss) income	\$ (2,527)	\$ 2,318
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	28,399	24,636
Deferred income taxes	(10,230)	(2,577)
Loss on disposal of assets and impairment charges	287	764
Foreign currency loss	34	37
Amortization of deferred financing costs and debt discount	592	634
Amortization of deferred income	(1,860)	(3,078)
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	491	409
Non-cash rent	2,798	1,946
Charges to allowance for credit losses	283	135
Loss (income) from equity investment	36	(9)
Share-based compensation	4,069	2,774
Fair value adjustment of financial assets and liabilities	(4,228)	1,209
Other operating activities, net	329	123
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Increase in trade receivables	(11,182)	(12,886)
Increase in inventory	(2,845)	(21,318)
Decrease in other assets	3,545	18,215
Increase in accounts payable	5,940	20,177
Decrease in other current liabilities	(127)	(4,561)
Increase (decrease) in asset retirement obligation	67	(34)
Increase in non-current liabilities	2,012	1,148
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 15,883	\$ 30,062

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ARKO Corp.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (cont'd)
(Unaudited, in thousands)

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	\$ (23,380)	\$ (20,667)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	208,436	6,933
Prepayment for business acquisition	—	(5,000)
Business acquisitions, net of cash	(338,342)	(6,746)
Decrease in investments, net	—	1,618
Net cash used in investing activities	(153,286)	(23,862)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Receipt of long-term debt, net	55,000	—
Repayment of debt	(5,592)	(3,157)
Principal payments on financing leases	(1,418)	(1,652)
Proceeds from sale-leaseback	51,604	—
Common stock repurchased	(2,310)	(13,084)
Dividends paid on common stock	(3,609)	(2,474)
Dividends paid on redeemable preferred stock	(1,418)	(1,418)
Distributions to non-controlling interests	—	(60)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	92,257	(21,845)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash	(45,146)	(15,645)
Effect of exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash	(21)	(16)
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period	316,769	272,543
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$ 271,602	\$ 256,882
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash		
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	\$ 298,529	252,141
Restricted cash, beginning of period	18,240	20,402
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period	<u>\$ 316,769</u>	<u>\$ 272,543</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 255,852	\$ 241,220
Restricted cash, end of period	15,750	15,662
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	<u>\$ 271,602</u>	<u>\$ 256,882</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

ARKO Corp.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (cont'd)
(Unaudited, in thousands)

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Supplementary cash flow information:		
Cash received for interest	\$ 2,197	\$ 37
Cash paid for interest	12,174	7,684
Cash received for taxes	212	2
Cash paid for taxes	125	563
Supplementary noncash activities:		
Prepaid insurance premiums financed through notes payable	\$ 6,224	\$ 2,279
Purchases of equipment in accounts payable and accrued expenses	11,577	9,514
Purchase of property and equipment under leases	826	6,254
Disposals of leases of property and equipment	2,476	404
Deferred consideration related to business acquisition	45,845	—

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

ARKO Corp.
Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements
(Unaudited)

1. General

ARKO Corp. (the “Company”) is a Delaware corporation whose common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (“common stock”), and publicly-traded warrants are listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market (“Nasdaq”) under the symbols “ARKO” and “ARKOW,” respectively.

The Company’s operations are primarily performed by its subsidiary, GPM Investments, LLC (“GPM”), a Delaware limited liability company. GPM is primarily engaged directly and through fully owned and controlled subsidiaries (directly or indirectly) in retail activity, which includes the operations of a chain of convenience stores, most of which include adjacent gas stations. The Company is also engaged in wholesale activity, which includes the supply of fuel to gas stations operated by third parties, and in fleet fueling, which includes the operation of proprietary and third-party cardlock locations (unstaffed fueling locations) and issuance of proprietary fuel cards that provide customers access to a nationwide network of fueling sites. As of March 31, 2023, GPM’s activity included the operation of 1,531 retail convenience stores, the supply of fuel to 1,852 gas stations operated by dealers and the operation of 183 cardlock locations, throughout more than 30 states and the District of Columbia in the Mid-Atlantic, Midwestern, Northeastern, Southeastern and Southwestern United States (“U.S.”).

The Company has four reportable segments: retail, wholesale, fleet fueling, and GPMP. Refer to Note 11 below for further information with respect to the segments.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements, which are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”).

Interim Financial Statements

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements (“interim financial statements”) as of March 31, 2023 and for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with GAAP for interim financial information and Regulation S-X set forth by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) for interim reporting. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal and recurring adjustments except those otherwise described herein) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included in the accompanying interim financial statements. However, they do not include all of the information and disclosures required by GAAP for complete financial statements. Therefore, the interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes of the Company included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 (the “annual financial statements”).

The same significant accounting policies, presentation and methods of computation have been followed in these interim financial statements as were applied in the preparation of the annual financial statements.

Accounting Periods

The Company’s fiscal periods end on the last day of the month, and its fiscal year ends on December 31. This results in the Company experiencing fluctuations in current assets and current liabilities due to purchasing and payment patterns which change based upon the day of the week. As a result, working capital can change from period to period not only due to changing business operations, but also due to a change in the day of the week in which each period ends. The Company earns a disproportionate amount of its annual operating income in the second and third quarters as a result of the climate and seasonal buying patterns of its customers. Inclement weather, especially in the Midwest and Northeast regions of the U.S. during the winter months, can negatively impact financial results.

Use of Estimates

In the preparation of interim condensed consolidated financial statements, management may 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 interim condensed consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual

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results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates include right-of-use assets and lease liabilities; impairment of goodwill, intangible, right-of-use and fixed assets; environmental assets and liabilities; deferred tax assets; and asset retirement obligations.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents are maintained at several financial institutions, and in order to have sufficient working capital on hand, the Company maintains concentrations of cash in several financial institutions in amounts that are above the FDIC standard deposit insurance limit of \$250,000.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized when control of the promised goods or services is transferred to the customers. This requires the Company to identify contractual performance obligations and determine whether revenue should be recognized at a single point in time or over time, based on when control of goods and services transfers to a customer. Control is transferred to the customer over time if the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Company's performance. If a performance obligation is not satisfied over time, the Company satisfies the performance obligation at a single point in time.

Revenue is recognized in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for goods or services.

When the Company satisfies a performance obligation by transferring control of goods or services to the customer, revenue is recognized against contract assets in the amount of consideration to which the Company is entitled. When the consideration amount received from the customer exceeds the amounts recognized as revenue, the Company recognizes a contract liability for the excess.

An asset is recognized related to the costs incurred to obtain a contract (i.e. sales commissions) if the costs are specifically identifiable to a contract, the costs will result in enhancing resources that will be used in satisfying performance obligations in the future and the costs are expected to be recovered. These capitalized costs are recorded as a part of other current assets and other non-current assets and are amortized on a systematic basis consistent with the pattern of transfer of the goods or services to which such costs relate. The Company expenses the costs to obtain a contract, as and when they are incurred, in cases where the expected amortization period is one year or less.

The Company evaluates if it is a principal or an agent in a transaction to determine whether revenue should be recorded on a gross or a net basis. In performing this analysis, the Company considers first whether it controls the goods before they are transferred to the customers and if it has the ability to direct the use of the goods or obtain benefits from them. The Company also considers the following indicators: (1) the primary obligor, (2) the latitude in establishing prices and selecting suppliers, and (3) the inventory risk borne by the Company before and after the goods have been transferred to the customer. When the Company acts as principal, revenue is recorded on a gross basis. When the Company acts as agent, revenue is recorded on a net basis.

Fuel revenue and fuel cost of revenue included fuel taxes of \$264.3 million and \$231.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Refer to Note 11 for disclosure of the revenue disaggregated by segment and product line, as well as a description of the reportable segment operations.

3. Acquisitions

Transit Energy Group, LLC

On March 1, 2023, the Company completed the acquisition of certain assets from Transit Energy Group, LLC and certain of its affiliated entities (collectively, "TEG") pursuant to a purchase agreement entered on September 9, 2022, as amended (the "TEG Purchase Agreement"), including (i) 135 Company-operated convenience stores and gas stations, (ii) fuel supply rights to 192 dealer locations, (iii) a commercial, government, and industrial business, including certain bulk plants, and (iv) certain distribution and transportation assets, all in the southeastern United States (the "TEG Acquisition").

The purchase price for the TEG Acquisition was approximately \$370 million, as adjusted in accordance with the terms of the TEG Purchase Agreement, plus the value of inventory at the closing, of which \$50 million was deferred and payable in two annual payments of \$25 million, which the Company may elect to pay in either cash or, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, shares of common stock (the "Installment Shares"), on the first and second anniversaries of the closing. Pursuant to the TEG Purchase Agreement, at closing, ARKO and TEG entered into a registration rights agreement, pursuant to which ARKO agreed to prepare and file a registration statement with the SEC, registering the Installment Shares, if any, for resale by TEG.

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The Company paid approximately \$81 million of the non-deferred purchase price including the value of inventory and other closing adjustments, of which approximately \$55.0 million was financed with the Capital One Line of Credit (as defined in Note 4 below). An affiliate of Oak Street Real Estate Capital Net Lease Property Fund, LP (“Oak Street”), under the Company’s standby real estate purchase, designation and lease program agreement with Oak Street, dated as of May 3, 2021 (as amended, the “Program Agreement”), paid the balance of the non-deferred purchase price for fee simple ownership in 104 sites. At the closing, pursuant to the Program Agreement, the Company entered into a master lease with Oak Street for the sites Oak Street acquired in the transaction under customary lease terms. For accounting purposes, the transaction with Oak Street was treated as a sale-leaseback. Because the sale-leaseback was off-market, a financial liability of \$51.6 million was recorded, resulting in interest expense recognized over the lease term. Additionally, right-of-use assets and operating lease liabilities of approximately \$131.3 million were recorded in connection with the operating lease, after reducing for accounting purposes from the contractual lease payments the amount attributable to the repayment of the additional financing.

The details of the TEG Acquisition were as follows:

	Amount
	(in thousands)
Fair value of consideration transferred:	
Cash	\$ 25,702
GPMP Capital One Line of Credit	55,000
Liability resulting from deferred purchase price	45,845
Payable to TEG	500
Consideration provided by Oak Street	258,019
Total consideration	\$ 385,066
Assets acquired and liabilities:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 379
Inventory	20,144
Other assets	930
Property and equipment, net	336,838
Intangible assets	35,000
Right-of-use assets under operating leases	58,141
Environmental receivables	108
Total assets	451,540
Other liabilities	(1,611)
Environmental liabilities	(219)
Asset retirement obligations	(7,098)
Operating leases	(57,546)
Total liabilities	(66,474)
Total identifiable net assets	385,066
Goodwill	<u>\$ —</u>
Consideration paid in cash	\$ 80,702
Consideration provided by Oak Street	258,019
Less: cash and cash equivalent balances acquired	(379)
Net cash outflow	<u>\$ 338,342</u>

The initial accounting treatment of the TEG Acquisition reflected in these interim financial statements is provisional as the Company has not yet finalized the initial accounting treatment of the business combination, and, in this regard, has not finalized the valuation of some of the assets and liabilities acquired and the goodwill resulting from the TEG Acquisition, mainly due to the limited period of time between the TEG Acquisition closing date and the date of these interim financial statements. Therefore, some of the financial information presented with respect to the TEG Acquisition in these interim financial statements remains subject to change.

The Company included identifiable tangible assets and identifiable liabilities at their respective fair values based on the information available to the Company’s management on the TEG Acquisition closing date, including, among other things, a preliminary valuation performed by management. The useful life of both the wholesale fuel supply contracts and the brand name was estimated at five years.

The Company’s preliminary accounting treatment of the TEG Acquisition resulted in no goodwill being recorded.

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Acquisition-related costs amounting to approximately \$2.2 million have been excluded from the consideration transferred and have been recognized as an expense within other expenses, net in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2023. No acquisition-related costs were recognized for the three months ended March 31, 2022.

Results of operations for the TEG Acquisition for the period subsequent to the acquisition closing date were included in the condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2023. For the period from the TEG Acquisition closing date through March 31, 2023, the Company recognized \$76.9 million in revenues and an immaterial amount of net income related to the TEG Acquisition.

Impact of Acquisitions (unaudited)

The unaudited supplemental pro forma financial information presented below was prepared based on the historical information of the Company and the acquired operations and gives pro forma effect to the acquisitions using the assumption that the TEG Acquisition, the acquisition of 184 Quarles cardlock sites and 46 dealer locations on July 22, 2022, and the acquisition of 31 Pride sites on December 6, 2022 had occurred at the beginning of each period presented below. The unaudited supplemental pro forma financial information does not give effect to the potential impact of current financial conditions, any anticipated synergies, operating efficiencies or cost savings that may result from the acquisitions or any integration costs. The unaudited pro forma financial information is not necessarily indicative of what the actual results of operations would have been had the acquisitions occurred at the beginning of each period presented below nor is it indicative of future results.

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
	(unaudited) (in thousands)	
Total revenue	\$ 2,318,561	\$ 2,539,340
Net income	(6,128)	677

Pending Acquisition – WTG Fuels, LLC

On December 6, 2022, certain of the Company's subsidiaries entered into an asset purchase agreement with WTG Fuels Holdings, LLC and certain other sellers party thereto, pursuant to which the sellers have agreed to sell to such subsidiaries certain assets (the "WTG Acquisition"), including:

- 24 Uncle's company-operated convenience stores located across western Texas; and
- 66 proprietary GASCARD-branded fleet fueling cardlock sites and 43 private cardlock sites located in western Texas and southeastern New Mexico.

The purchase price for the WTG Acquisition is approximately \$140.4 million plus the value of inventory on the closing date, subject to certain other closing adjustments. The Company intends to finance from its own sources approximately \$25.4 million plus the value of inventory and other closing adjustments. Oak Street, under the Program Agreement, has agreed to pay the remaining consideration to acquire certain of the real properties from the sellers, which the Company will lease from Oak Street.

The closing of the WTG Acquisition is subject to fulfillment of customary conditions precedent and the completion of various transition planning matters. The Company currently anticipates the closing to occur by the end of the second quarter of 2023. There can be no assurances that the WTG Acquisition will be consummated on the foregoing terms, if at all.

4. Debt

The components of debt were as follows:

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	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
	(in thousands)	
Senior Notes	\$ 443,837	\$ 443,648
M&T debt	46,550	49,023
Capital One line of credit	311,729	256,430
Insurance premium notes	6,514	2,886
Total debt, net	\$ 808,630	\$ 751,987
Less current portion	(15,034)	(11,944)
Total long-term debt, net	\$ 793,596	\$ 740,043

On May 5, 2023, GPM Petroleum LP (“GPMP”) renewed the credit agreement governing its revolving credit facility with a syndicate of banks led by Capital One, National Association, to increase the aggregate principal amount of availability thereunder from \$500 million to \$800 million (as amended, the “Capital One Line of Credit”) and extend the maturity date from July 15, 2024 to May 5, 2028. At GPMP’s request, availability under the Capital One Line of Credit can be increased up to \$1.0 billion, subject to obtaining additional financing commitments from current lenders or from other banks, and subject to certain other terms as detailed in the Capital One Line of Credit.

5. Leases

As of March 31, 2023, the Company leased 1,265 of the convenience stores that it operates, 208 dealer locations, 113 cardlock locations and certain office and storage spaces, including land and buildings in certain cases. Most of the lease agreements are for long-term periods, ranging from 15 to 20 years, and generally include several renewal options for extension periods for five to 25 years each. Additionally, the Company leases certain store equipment, office equipment, automatic tank gauges and fuel dispensers.

The components of lease cost recorded on the condensed consolidated statements of operations were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
	(in thousands)	
Finance lease cost:		
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	\$ 2,853	\$ 3,047
Interest on lease liabilities	4,162	4,371
Operating lease costs included in store operating expenses	41,584	34,295
Operating lease costs included in general and administrative expenses	534	387
Lease cost related to variable lease payments, short-term leases and leases of low value assets	690	644
Right-of-use asset impairment charges and gain on disposals of leases	(540)	—
Total lease costs	\$ 49,283	\$ 42,744

Supplemental balance sheet date related to leases was as follows:

	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
	(in thousands)	
Operating leases		
Weighted average remaining lease term (in years)	14.4	14.1
Weighted average discount rate	7.7 %	7.7 %
Financing leases		
Weighted average remaining lease term (in years)	23.3	23.4
Weighted average discount rate	7.2 %	7.2 %

As of March 31, 2023, maturities of lease liabilities for operating lease obligations and financing lease obligations having an initial or remaining non-cancellable lease terms in excess of one year were presented in the table below. The minimum lease payments

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presented below include periods where an option is reasonably certain to be exercised and do not take into consideration any future consumer price index adjustments for these agreements.

	Operating	Financing
	(in thousands)	
April 2023 through March 2024	\$ 169,352	\$ 21,661
April 2024 through March 2025	170,968	21,002
April 2025 through March 2026	171,661	20,997
April 2026 through March 2027	170,326	20,739
April 2027 through March 2028	168,148	20,762
Thereafter	1,639,282	419,655
Gross lease payments	\$ 2,489,737	\$ 524,816
Less: imputed interest	(1,041,336)	(294,600)
Total lease liabilities	\$ 1,448,401	\$ 230,216

6. Financial Derivative Instruments

The Company makes limited use of derivative instruments (futures contracts) to manage certain risks related to diesel fuel prices. The Company does not hold any derivatives for speculative purposes and it does not use derivatives with leveraged or complex features. The Company currently uses derivative instruments that are traded primarily over national exchanges such as the New York Mercantile Exchange (“NYMEX”). For accounting purposes, the Company has designated its derivative contracts as fair value hedges of firm commitments.

As of March 31, 2023, the Company had fuel futures contracts in place to hedge approximately 2.2 million gallons of diesel fuel for which the Company had a firm commitment to purchase. As of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Company had asset derivatives with fair values of approximately \$0.03 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, recorded in other current assets and firm commitments with fair values of approximately \$0.03 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, recorded in other current liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

As of December 31, 2022, there was \$0.5 million of cash collateral provided to counterparties that was classified as restricted cash on the condensed consolidated balance sheet. There was no cash collateral provided to counterparties as of March 31, 2023. All cash flows associated with purchasing and selling fuel derivative instruments are classified as other operating activities, net cash flows in the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

7. Equity

The Company’s board of directors (the “Board”) declared and the Company paid a quarterly dividend of \$0.03 per share of common stock on March 21, 2023 totaling \$3.6 million. The amount and timing of dividends payable on the common stock are within the sole discretion of the Board, which will evaluate dividend payments within the context of the Company’s overall capital allocation strategy on an ongoing basis, giving consideration to its current and forecast earnings, financial condition, cash requirements and other factors. As a result of the aggregate amount of dividends paid on the common stock through March 31, 2023, the conversion price of the Company’s Series A convertible preferred stock has been adjusted from \$12.00 to \$11.88 per share, as were the threshold share prices in the Deferred Shares agreement (as defined in Note 10). The Board declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.03 per share of common stock, to be paid on June 1, 2023 to stockholders of record as of May 19, 2023.

In February 2022, the Board authorized a share repurchase program for up to an aggregate of \$50 million of outstanding shares of common stock. The share repurchase program does not have a stated expiration date. In the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company repurchased approximately 89 thousand shares of common stock under the repurchase program for approximately \$0.7 million, or an average share price of \$7.97.

8. Share-Based Compensation

The Compensation Committee of the Board has approved the grant of non-qualified stock options, restricted stock units (“RSUs”), and shares to certain employees, non-employees and members of the Board under the ARKO Corp. 2020 Incentive Compensation Plan (the “Plan”). Stock options granted under the Plan expire no later than ten years from the date of grant and the exercise price may not be less than the fair market value of the shares on the date of grant. Vesting periods are assigned to stock options and restricted share units on a grant-by-grant basis at the discretion of the Board. The Company issues new shares of common stock upon exercise of stock options and vesting of RSUs.

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Additionally, a non-employee director may receive RSUs in lieu of up to 100% of his or her cash fees, which RSUs will be settled in common stock upon the director's departure from the Board or an earlier change in control of the Company.

Stock Options

The following table summarizes share activity related to stock options:

	Stock Options (in thousands)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Fair Value	Remaining Average Contractual Term (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)
Options Outstanding, December 31, 2022	897	\$ 9.24		9.0	\$ 77
Granted	409	8.58	3.27		
Options Outstanding, March 31, 2023	<u>1,306</u>	<u>\$ 9.03</u>		9.1	<u>\$ —</u>

The aggregate intrinsic value is the difference between the exercise price and the closing price of the Company's common stock on March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

In the three months ended March 31, 2023, 352 thousand stock options vested.

As of March 31, 2023, total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested stock options was approximately \$2.6 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 2.2 years.

The fair value of each stock option award is estimated by management on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The following table summarizes the assumptions utilized in the valuation of the stock option awards granted in the three months ended March 31, 2023:

Expected dividend rate	1.4 %
Expected stock price volatility	28.8 %
Risk-free interest rate	4.0 %
Expected term of options (years)	10.0

The expected stock price volatility is based on the historical volatility of the Company's stock price plus the Company's peer group's stock price for the period prior to the Company's listing on Nasdaq. The volatilities are estimated for a period of time equal to the expected term of the related option. The risk-free interest rate is based on the implied yield of U.S. Treasury zero-coupon issues with an equivalent remaining term. The expected term of the options represents the estimated period of time until exercise and is determined by considering the contractual terms, vesting schedule and expectations of future employee behavior.

Restricted Stock Units

The following table summarizes share activity related to RSUs:

	Restricted Stock Units (in thousands)	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Nonvested RSUs, December 31, 2022	3,115	\$ 8.90
Granted	1,643	8.49
Released	(582)	9.05
Forfeited	(13)	8.49
Performance-based share adjustment	144	8.13
Nonvested RSUs, March 31, 2023	<u>4,307</u>	<u>\$ 8.70</u>

In the three months ended March 31, 2023, 77,147 RSUs were issued to non-employee directors. These awards are included in the table above under restricted stock units. There were 275,317 and 198,170 RSUs issued to non-employee directors outstanding as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

The fair value of RSUs released during the three months ended March 31, 2023 was \$5.0 million.

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In the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company granted a target of 1,097,740 performance-based RSUs (“PSUs”). The PSUs were awarded to certain members of senior management and provide for cliff vesting, generally at the end of a three-year period, subject to the achievement of specific key financial metrics measured over such period. The number of PSUs that will ultimately vest is contingent upon the achievement of these key financial metrics at the end of the relevant performance period. The Company assesses the probability of achieving these metrics on a quarterly basis.

Given the Company’s strong performance in 2022, in the first quarter of 2023, the Compensation Committee of the Board approved the adjustment of the performance criteria for 2022 such that the percentage of PSUs that vest with respect to the target amount for 2022 would be 125% instead of 100% and would be applied to all PSUs granted as part of the 2021 and 2022 long-term incentives. As a result, the number of PSUs was adjusted for the probability of achieving these metrics, resulting in additional expense of \$0.1 million being recorded in three months ended March 31, 2023, based on the fair value at the adjustment approval date. For PSUs with market conditions, the Company recognizes the fair value expense ratably over the performance and vesting period.

As of March 31, 2023, total unrecognized compensation cost related to RSUs and PSUs was approximately \$27.2 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 2.1 years.

Compensation Cost

Total compensation cost recorded for employees, non-employees and members of the Board for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$4.1 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, and included in general and administrative expenses on the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

9. Earnings per Share

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net income per share of common stock:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
	(in thousands)	
Net (loss) income available to common stockholders	\$ (3,998)	\$ 821
Change in fair value of Ares Put Option (see Note 10)	—	(1,062)
Net loss available to common stockholders after assumed conversions	<u>\$ (3,998)</u>	<u>\$ (241)</u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding — Basic	120,253	124,301
Effect of dilutive securities:		
Restricted share units	—	4
Ares Put Option	—	1,128
Weighted average common shares outstanding — Diluted	<u>120,253</u>	<u>125,433</u>
Net (loss) income per share available to common stockholders — Basic	<u>\$ (0.03)</u>	<u>\$ 0.01</u>
Net loss per share available to common stockholders — Diluted	<u>\$ (0.03)</u>	<u>\$ (0.00)</u>

The following potential shares of common stock have been excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share because their effect would have been antidilutive:

	As of March 31,	
	2023	2022
	(in thousands)	
Stock options	1,306	897
Ares warrants	1,100	1,100
Public and Private warrants	17,333	17,333
Series A redeemable preferred stock	8,418	8,347
RSUs and PSUs	4,582	—
Ares Put Option	*	—

* Refer to the description of this instrument in Note 10.

10. Fair Value Measurements and Financial Instruments

The fair value of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, short-term investments, trade receivables, accounts payable and other current liabilities approximated their carrying values as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 primarily due to the short-term maturity of these instruments. On October 21, 2021, the Company completed a private offering of \$450 million aggregate principal amount of 5.125% Senior Notes due 2029 (the "Senior Notes"). Based on market trades of the Senior Notes close to March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 (Level 1 fair value measurement), the fair value of the Senior Notes was estimated at approximately \$378.0 million and \$354.7 million, respectively, compared to a gross carrying value of \$450 million at March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022. The fair value of the other long-term debt approximated their carrying values as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 due to the frequency with which interest rates are reset based on changes in prevailing interest rates. The fair value of fuel futures contracts was determined using NYMEX quoted values.

The contingent consideration from the acquisition of the business of Empire Petroleum Partners, LLC is measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period and amounted to \$3.1 million and \$3.7 million as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively. The fair value methodology for the contingent consideration liability is categorized as Level 3 because inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value adjustment. Approximately \$0.1 million was recorded as a component of interest and other financial expenses in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the change in the fair value of the contingent consideration for both the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, and approximately \$(0.7) million was recorded as a component of other (income) expenses, net in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2023.

The public warrants to purchase the Company's common stock (the "Public Warrants"), of which approximately 14.8 million were outstanding as of March 31, 2023, are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period and amounted to \$22.1 million and \$25.9 million as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively. The fair value methodology for the Public Warrants is categorized as Level 1. Approximately \$(3.8) million and \$1.9 million were recorded as a component of interest and other financial (income) expenses in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the change in the fair value of the Public Warrants for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The private warrants to purchase the Company's common stock (the "Private Warrants"), of which approximately 2.5 million were outstanding as of March 31, 2023, are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period and amounted to \$3.5 million and \$4.5 million as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively. The fair value methodology for the Private Warrants is categorized as Level 2 because certain inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value adjustment. The Private Warrants have been recorded at fair value based on a Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following material assumptions based on observable and unobservable inputs:

	March 31, 2023
Expected term (in years)	2.7
Expected dividend rate	1.4 %
Volatility	38.9 %
Risk-free interest rate	3.9 %
Strike price	\$ 11.50

For the change in the fair value of the Private Warrants, approximately \$(1.0) million and \$0.3 million were recorded as a component of interest and other financial (income) expenses in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The Haymaker Founders (as defined in Note 17 to the annual financial statements) will be entitled to up to 200 thousand shares of common stock to be issued subject to the number of incremental shares of common stock issued to the holders of the Series A redeemable preferred stock not being higher than certain thresholds (the "Deferred Shares"). The Deferred Shares are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period and amounted to \$1.4 million as of both March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022. The fair value methodology for the Deferred Shares is categorized as Level 3 because inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable

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and significant to the fair value adjustment. The Deferred Shares have been recorded at fair value based on a Monte Carlo pricing model with the following material assumptions based on observable and unobservable inputs:

	March 31, 2023
Expected term (in years)	4.2
Volatility	34.2 %
Risk-free interest rate	3.7 %
Stock price	\$ 8.49

Approximately \$(0.1) million and \$0.03 million were recorded as a component of interest and other financial (income) expenses in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the change in the fair value of the Deferred Shares for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The Company entered into an agreement with Ares Capital Corporation (“Ares”) and certain of its affiliates (the “Ares Put Option”), which guaranteed Ares a value of approximately \$27.3 million (including all dividend payments received by Ares) at the end of February 2023 for the shares of common stock that the Company issued in consideration for its acquisition in December 2020 of equity in GPM (the “Ares Shares”). The Company and Ares agreed that in lieu of the Company issuing to Ares additional shares of common stock in accordance with the Ares Put Option or purchasing the Ares Shares, Ares would retain the Ares Shares, and the Company would pay approximately \$9.8 million in cash to Ares in full satisfaction of the Company’s obligations related to the Ares Put Option. This payment was made on April 14, 2023 and the Ares Put Option agreement was terminated. The Ares Put Option was measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period and amounted to \$9.8 million and \$8.6 million as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

Approximately \$1.2 million and \$(1.1) million were recorded as a component of interest and other financial expenses (income) in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the change in the fair value of the Ares Put Option for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

11. Segment Reporting

The reportable segments were determined based on information reviewed by the chief operating decision maker for operational decision-making purposes and the segment information is prepared on the same basis that the Company’s chief operating decision maker reviews such financial information. The Company’s reportable segments are retail, wholesale, fleet fueling and GPMP. The Company defines segment earnings as operating income.

The retail segment includes the operation of a chain of retail stores, which includes convenience stores selling fuel products and other merchandise to retail customers. At its Company operated convenience stores, the Company owns the merchandise and fuel inventory and employs personnel to manage the store.

The wholesale segment supplies fuel to dealers, sub-wholesalers and bulk and spot purchasers, on either a cost plus or consignment basis. For consignment arrangements, the Company retains ownership of the fuel inventory at the site, is responsible for the pricing of the fuel to the end consumer, and shares the gross profit with the dealers.

The fleet fueling segment includes the operation of proprietary and third-party cardlock locations (unstaffed fueling locations), and commissions from the sales of fuel using proprietary fuel cards that provide customers access to a nationwide network of fueling sites.

The GPMP segment includes GPMP and primarily includes its sale and supply of fuel to GPM and its subsidiaries related to substantially all of its sites that sell fuel in the retail and wholesale segments, at GPMP’s cost of fuel (including taxes and transportation) plus a fixed margin (currently 5.0 cents per gallon), and charges a fixed fee to sites in the fleet fueling segment and certain Company sites which are not supplied by GPMP (currently 5.0 cents per gallon sold). GPMP also supplies fuel to a small number of dealers and bulk and spot purchasers.

The “All Other” segment includes the results of non-reportable segments which do not meet both quantitative and qualitative criteria as defined under ASC 280, Segment Reporting. The Company revised the composition of the “All Other” segment in the third quarter of 2022 in conjunction with the closing of the Quarles Acquisition.

The majority of general and administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization, net other expenses, net interest and other financial expenses, income taxes and minor other income items including intercompany operating leases are not allocated to the segments.

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With the exception of goodwill, assets and liabilities relevant to the reportable segments are not assigned to any particular segment, but rather, managed at the consolidated level. All reportable segment revenues were generated from sites within the U.S. and substantially all of the Company's assets were within the U.S.

Inter-segment transactions primarily included the distribution of fuel by GPMP to GPM and substantially all of its sites that sell fuel (both in the retail and wholesale segments) and charges by GPMP to sites that sell fuel in the fleet fueling segment. The effect of these inter-segment transactions was eliminated in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

	Retail	Wholesale	Fleet Fueling (in thousands)	GPMP	All Other	Total
For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2023						
Revenues						
Fuel revenue	\$ 843,473	\$ 684,848	\$ 127,494	\$ 741	\$ 5,108	\$ 1,661,664
Merchandise revenue	400,408	—	—	—	—	400,408
Other revenues, net	18,555	6,491	951	170	257	26,424
Total revenues from external customers	1,262,436	691,339	128,445	911	5,365	2,088,496
Inter-segment	—	—	—	1,142,622	3,058	1,145,680
Total revenues from reportable segments	1,262,436	691,339	128,445	1,143,533	8,423	3,234,176
Operating income	41,631	7,550	8,424	22,622	324	80,551
Interest and financial expenses, net				(5,250)	—	(5,250)
Loss from equity investment					(36)	(36)
Net income from reportable segments						\$ 75,265

	Retail	Wholesale	GPMP (in thousands)	All Other	Total
For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2022					
Revenues					
Fuel revenue	\$ 854,667	\$ 727,697	\$ 1,162	\$ —	\$ 1,583,526
Merchandise revenue	366,985	—	—	—	366,985
Other revenues, net	16,324	5,722	254	—	22,300
Total revenues from external customers	1,237,976	733,419	1,416	—	1,972,811
Inter-segment	—	—	1,275,721	302	1,276,023
Total revenues from reportable segments	1,237,976	733,419	1,277,137	302	3,248,834
Operating income	45,679	7,413	20,607	302	74,001
Interest and financial expenses, net			(2,445)	—	(2,445)
Income tax expense				177	177
Income from equity investment				9	9
Net income from reportable segments					\$ 71,742

A reconciliation of total revenues from reportable segments to total revenues on the condensed consolidated statements of operations was as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
	(in thousands)	
Total revenues from reportable segments	\$ 3,234,176	\$ 3,248,834
Elimination of inter-segment revenues	(1,145,680)	(1,276,023)
Total revenues	\$ 2,088,496	\$ 1,972,811

A reconciliation of net income from reportable segments to net income on the condensed consolidated statements of operations was as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
	(in thousands)	
Net income from reportable segments	\$ 75,265	\$ 71,742
Amounts not allocated to segments:		
Store operating expenses	(2,677)	584
General and administrative expenses	(39,644)	(31,079)
Depreciation and amortization	(26,557)	(22,794)
Other expenses, net	(2,720)	(1,121)
Interest and other financial expenses, net	(8,352)	(13,832)
Income tax benefit (expense)	2,158	(1,182)
Net (loss) income	\$ (2,527)	\$ 2,318

12. Commitments and Contingencies

Environmental Liabilities and Contingencies

The Company is subject to certain federal and state environmental laws and regulations associated with sites at which it stores and sells fuel and other fuel products, as well as at owned and leased locations leased or subleased to dealers. As of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, environmental obligations totaled \$11.8 million and \$12.1 million, respectively. These amounts were recorded as other current and non-current liabilities in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. Environmental reserves have been established on an undiscounted basis based upon internal and external estimates in regard to each site. It is reasonably possible that these amounts will be adjusted in the future due to changes in estimates of environmental remediation costs, the timing of the payments or changes in federal and/or state environmental regulations.

The Company maintains certain environmental insurance policies and participates in various state underground storage tank funds that entitle it to be reimbursed for environmental loss mitigation. Estimated amounts that will be recovered from its insurance policies and various state funds for the exposures totaled \$5.0 million and \$4.9 million as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively, and were recorded as other current and non-current assets in the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Asset Retirement Obligation

As part of the fuel operations at its operated convenience stores, at most of the other owned and leased locations leased to dealers, certain other dealer locations and proprietary cardlock locations, there are aboveground and underground storage tanks for which the Company is responsible. The future cost to remove a storage tank is recognized over the estimated remaining useful life of the storage tank or the termination of the applicable lease. A liability for the fair value of an asset retirement obligation with a corresponding increase to the carrying value of the related long-lived asset is recorded at the time a storage tank is installed. The estimated liability is based upon historical experience in removing storage tanks, estimated tank useful lives, external estimates as to the cost to remove the tanks in the future and current and anticipated federal and state regulatory requirements governing the removal of tanks, and discounted. The Company has recorded an asset retirement obligation of \$73.0 million and \$65.3 million at March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively. The current portion of the asset retirement obligation is included in other current liabilities in the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Program Agreement

In March 2023, GPM, together with an affiliate of Oak Street, entered into a second amendment to the Program Agreement, which, among other things, (i) extended the term of the Program Agreement and the exclusivity period thereunder through September 30, 2023, solely with respect to property that may be acquired from Travel Centers of Americas Inc. ("TA") pursuant to the Company's non-binding proposal to acquire TA, and (ii) provides for up to \$1.25 billion of additional capacity under the Program Agreement to be used solely to acquire property from TA by Oak Street, at a value to be determined based on receiving diligence information from TA (the "TA Amount"). Currently, there are no negotiations between the Company and TA with respect to such proposed acquisition, as TA has rejected the Company's proposal, and the Company has not entered into a transaction to acquire property from TA.

On May 2, 2023, GPM, together with affiliates of Oak Street, entered into a third amendment to the Program Agreement, which, among other things, (i) extended the term of the Program Agreement and the exclusivity period thereunder through September 30,

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2024 and (ii) provides for up to \$1.5 billion of capacity under the Program Agreement from the date of the third amendment through September 30, 2024, not including the TA Amount and the funding for the WTG Acquisition.

Legal Matters

The Company is a party to various legal actions, as both plaintiff and defendant, in the ordinary course of business. The Company's management believes, based on estimations with support from legal counsel for these matters, that these legal actions are routine in nature and incidental to the operation of the Company's business and that it is not reasonably possible that the ultimate resolution of these matters will have a material adverse impact on the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

13. Related Party Transactions

There have been no material changes to the description of related party transactions as set forth in the annual financial statements.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

You should read this discussion together with the unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, related notes, and other financial information included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q together with our audited consolidated financial statements, related notes, and other information contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 (the "Form 10-K"). The following discussion contains assumptions, estimates and other forward-looking statements that involve a number of risks and uncertainties, including those discussed under "Risk Factors," in Part I, Item 1A of the Form 10-K and in Part II, Item 1A of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and as described from time to time in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These risks could cause our actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements.

Overview

ARKO Corp. was incorporated under the laws of Delaware on August 26, 2020. Our shares of common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share ("common stock"), and publicly-traded warrants are listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market ("Nasdaq") and trade under the symbols "ARKO" and "ARKOW," respectively. GPM Investments, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, which we refer to as GPM, is our operating entity and our indirect wholly owned subsidiary.

Based in Richmond, VA, we are a leading independent convenience store operator and, as of March 31, 2023, we were the sixth largest convenience store chain in the United States ("U.S.") ranked by store count, operating 1,531 retail convenience stores. As of March 31, 2023, we operated the stores under more than 25 regional store brands including 1-Stop, Admiral, Apple Market®, BreadBox, Corner Mart, Dixie Mart, ExpressStop, E-Z Mart®, fas mart®, fastmarket®, Flash Market, Handy Mart, Jetz, Jiffi Stop®, Jiffy Stop, Li'l Cricket, Market Express, Next Door Store®, Pride, Roadrunner Markets, Rose Mart, Rstore, Scotchman®, shore stop®, Town Star, Village Pantry® and Young's. As of March 31, 2023, we also supplied fuel to 1,852 dealers and operated 183 cardlock locations (unstaffed fueling locations). We are well diversified geographically and as of March 31, 2023, operated in over 30 states and the District of Columbia in the Mid-Atlantic, Midwestern, Northeastern, Southeastern and Southwestern U.S.

Our primary business is the operation of convenience stores. As such, we derive a significant portion of our revenue from the retail sale of fuel and the products offered in our stores, resulting in our retail stores generating a large proportion of our profitability. Our retail stores offer a wide array of cold and hot foodservice, beverages, cigarettes and other tobacco products, candy, salty snacks, grocery, beer and general merchandise. We have foodservice offerings at approximately 1,250 company-operated stores. The foodservice category includes hot and fresh grab-n-go foods, deli, fried chicken, bakery, pizza, roller grill items and other prepared foods. In addition, at our stores, we operate approximately 150 branded quick service restaurants consisting of major national brands. We have 18 new Sbarro, the Original New York Pizza, locations and are currently working on additional new food offerings of this kind. Additionally, we provide a number of traditional convenience store services that generate additional income, including lottery, prepaid products, gift cards, money orders, ATMs, gaming, and other ancillary product and service offerings. We also generate revenues from car washes at approximately 90 of our locations. Our high value fas REWARDS® loyalty program with approximately 1.38 million currently enrolled members is available in the majority of our stores and offers exclusive savings on merchandise and gas to our customers. In the first quarter of 2023, we launched our new fas REWARDS app, which offers enrolled loyalty members a variety of new features, including exclusive in-app member only HOT deals not available in stores, order and delivery, age verified offers on tobacco and alcohol, and a store locator with current gas prices at GPM stores close to members.

We also derive revenue from the wholesale distribution of fuel and the sale of fuel at cardlock locations, and we earn commissions from the sales of fuel using proprietary fuel cards that provide customers access to a nationwide network of fueling sites. We believe these revenues result in stable, ratable cash flows which can quickly be deployed to pursue accretive acquisitions and investments in our retail stores. Additionally, these locations contribute to our overall size, which leads to economies of scale with our fuel and merchandise vendors.

Our reportable segments are described below.

Retail Segment

The retail segment includes the operation of a chain of retail stores, which includes convenience stores selling fuel products and other merchandise to retail customers. At our convenience stores, we own the merchandise and fuel inventory and employ personnel to manage the store.

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Wholesale Segment

The wholesale segment supplies fuel to dealers, on either a cost plus or consignment basis. For consignment arrangements, we retain ownership of the fuel inventory at the site, are responsible for the pricing of the fuel to the end consumer and share a portion of the gross profit earned from the sale of fuel by the consignment dealers. For cost plus arrangements, we sell fuel to dealers and bulk and spot purchasers on a fixed-fee basis. The sales price to the dealer is determined according to the terms of the relevant agreement with the dealer, which typically reflects our total fuel costs plus the cost of transportation and a margin, with us generally retaining the prompt pay discounts and rebates.

Fleet Fueling Segment

The fleet fueling segment includes the operation of proprietary and third-party cardlock locations (unstaffed fueling locations), and issuance of proprietary fuel cards that provide customers access to a nationwide network of fueling sites.

GPMP Segment

The GPMP segment includes the operations of GPM Petroleum LP, referred to as GPMP, which primarily sells and supplies fuel to GPM and substantially all of its subsidiaries that sell fuel in the retail and wholesale segments at GPMP's cost of fuel (including taxes and transportation) plus a fixed margin and a fixed fee charged to sites in the fleet fueling segment and certain Company sites which are not supplied by GPMP.

Trends Impacting Our Business

We have achieved strong store growth over the last decade, primarily by implementing a highly successful acquisition strategy. From 2013 through March 31, 2023, we completed 23 acquisitions. On March 1, 2023, we completed our acquisition from Transit Energy Group, LLC (the "TEG Acquisition"), which included 135 Company-operated convenience stores and gas stations, 192 dealer locations, a commercial, government, and industrial business, and certain distribution and transportation assets (see Note 3 to our condensed consolidated financial statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q). In December 2022, we completed our acquisition of 31 Pride retail convenience stores (the "Pride Acquisition"), and in July 2022, we completed our acquisition of certain assets from Quarles (the "Quarles Acquisition"), which included 121 proprietary Quarles-branded cardlock sites and 63 third-party cardlock sites for fleet fueling operations, and 46 dealer locations, including certain lessee-dealer sites (collectively, the "2022 Acquisitions"). Our store count has grown from 320 sites in 2011 to 3,566 sites as of March 31, 2023, of which 1,531 were operated as retail convenience stores, 1,852 were locations at which we supplied fuel to dealers and 183 were cardlock locations. These strategic acquisitions have had, and we expect will continue to have, a significant impact on our reported results and can make period to period comparisons of results difficult. With our achievement of significant size and scale, we have enhanced our focus on organic growth, including implementing company-wide marketing and merchandising initiatives, which we believe will result in significant value accretion to our acquired assets.

The following table provides a history of our acquisitions, site conversions and site closings for the periods noted, for the retail, wholesale and fleet fueling segments:

Retail Segment	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Number of sites at beginning of period	1,404	1,406
Acquired sites	135	—
Newly opened or reopened sites	1	—
Company-controlled sites converted to consignment or fuel supply locations, net	(5)	(6)
Closed, relocated or divested sites	(4)	(4)
Number of sites at end of period	<u>1,531</u>	<u>1,396</u>

Wholesale Segment ¹	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Number of sites at beginning of period	1,674	1,628
Acquired sites	192	—
Newly opened or reopened sites ²	7	19
Consignment or fuel supply locations converted from Company-controlled sites, net	5	6
Closed, relocated or divested sites	(26)	(28)
Number of sites at end of period	<u>1,852</u>	<u>1,625</u>

1 Excludes bulk and spot purchasers.

2 Includes all signed fuel supply agreements irrespective of fuel distribution commencement date.

Fleet Fueling Segment	For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2023	
Number of sites at beginning of period		183
Acquired sites		—
Number of sites at end of period		<u>183</u>

In recent years, the convenience store industry has focused on increasing and improving in-store foodservice offerings, including fresh foods, quick service restaurants or proprietary food offerings. We believe consumers may be more likely to patronize convenience stores that include such new and improved food offerings, which may also lead to increased inside merchandise sales or fuel sales for such stores. Our current foodservice offering, which varies by store, primarily consists of hot and fresh grab-n-go foods, deli, fried chicken, bakery, pizza, roller grill items and other prepared foods. We have historically relied upon a limited number of franchised quick service restaurants and in-store delis to drive customer traffic rather than other types of foodservice offerings. As a result, we believe that our under-penetration of foodservice presents an opportunity to expand foodservice offerings and margin in response to changing consumer behavior. In addition, we believe that continued investment in new technology platforms and applications to adapt to evolving consumer eating preferences, including contactless checkout, order ahead service, and delivery, will further drive growth in profitability.

Our results of operation are significantly impacted by the retail fuel margins we earn on gallons sold. These fuel margins can change rapidly as they are influenced by many factors including: the price of refined products; interruptions in supply caused by severe weather; supply chain disruptions; refinery mechanical failures; and competition in the local markets in which we operate.

The cost of our main products, gasoline and diesel fuel, is greatly impacted by the wholesale cost of fuel in the United States. We attempt to pass wholesale fuel cost changes through to our customers through retail price changes; however, we are not always able to do so. Competitive conditions primarily affect the timing of any related increase or decrease in retail prices. As a result, we tend to experience lower fuel margins when the cost of fuel is increasing gradually over a longer period and higher fuel margins when the cost of fuel is declining or more volatile over a shorter period of time. For the year ended December 31, 2022, we experienced historically high fuel margins as a result of the volatile market for gasoline and diesel fuel. In particular, in the first quarter of 2022, the war in Ukraine significantly affected market conditions and resulted in substantially higher fuel margins. Depending on future market and geopolitical conditions, the supply of fuel, including diesel fuel in particular, may become constrained. We maintain terminal storage of diesel fuel for short-term supply needs for our fleet fueling sites.

Additionally, throughout 2022 and continuing in the first quarter of 2023, the U.S. economy continued to experience inflationary pressures, which increase the cost of the merchandise we purchase and reduces consumer purchasing power. We have mitigated a portion of these higher costs with retail price increases. If this trend continues or increases, it could impact demand for our products and services, as well as seasonal travel patterns, which could reduce future sales volumes. Additionally, because of current labor market conditions and the prevailing wage rates in the markets in which we operate, we have voluntarily increased wages, which has increased our costs associated with recruiting and retaining qualified personnel, and may continue to do so in the future.

We also operate in a highly competitive retail convenience market that includes businesses with operations and services that are similar to those that we provide. We face significant competition from other large chain operators. In particular, large convenience store chains have increased their number of locations and remodeled their existing locations in recent years, enhancing their competitive position. We believe that convenience stores managed by individual operators who offer branded or non-branded fuel are also significant competitors in the market. The convenience store industry is also experiencing competition from other retail sectors including grocery stores, large warehouse retail stores, dollar stores and pharmacies.

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We believe that we have a significant opportunity to increase our sales and profitability by continuing to execute our operating strategy, growing our store base in existing and contiguous markets through acquisitions, and enhancing the performance of current stores.

Business Highlights

Our focus on our retail organic store growth strategy and the continuation of our accretive acquisition strategy positively impacted our results of operations for the first quarter of 2023. Merchandise contribution at same stores, the TEG Acquisition and the 2022 Acquisitions all contributed to the improvement in our results of operations for the first quarter of 2023, as compared to the first quarter of 2022. We realized less fuel contribution in both our retail and wholesale segments compared to the first quarter of 2022, primarily due to market factors, including increases in fuel prices due in part to the war in Ukraine in the prior year. Store operating expenses increased in the first quarter of 2023 as compared to the first quarter of 2022, primarily due to higher personnel costs. General and administrative expenses also increased in the first quarter of 2023 as compared to the first quarter of 2022, primarily as a result of expenses associated with the TEG Acquisition and the 2022 Acquisitions, wage increases and an increase in share-based compensation expense.

Seasonality

Our business is seasonal, and our operating income in the second and third quarters has historically been significantly greater than in the first and fourth quarters as a result of the generally improved climate and seasonal buying patterns of our customers. Inclement weather, especially in the Midwest and Northeast regions of the U.S. during the winter months, can negatively impact our financial results.

Results of Operations for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

The period-to-period comparisons of our results of operations contained in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation have been prepared using our condensed consolidated interim financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with such condensed interim consolidated financial statements and related notes.

Consolidated Results

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The table below shows our consolidated results for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, together with certain key metrics.

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Revenues:	(in thousands)	
Fuel revenue	\$ 1,661,664	\$ 1,583,526
Merchandise revenue	400,408	366,985
Other revenues, net	26,424	22,300
Total revenues	2,088,496	1,972,811
Operating expenses:		
Fuel costs	1,537,882	1,470,649
Merchandise costs	277,443	258,793
Store operating expenses	192,683	166,538
General and administrative expenses	40,416	31,785
Depreciation and amortization	28,399	24,636
Total operating expenses	2,076,823	1,952,401
Other expenses, net	2,720	1,121
Operating income	8,953	19,289
Interest and other financial expenses, net	(13,602)	(15,975)
(Loss) income before income taxes	(4,649)	3,314
Income tax benefit (expense)	2,158	(1,005)
(Loss) income from equity investment	(36)	9
Net (loss) income	\$ (2,527)	\$ 2,318
Less: Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	53	79
Net (loss) income attributable to ARKO Corp.	\$ (2,580)	\$ 2,239
Series A redeemable preferred stock dividends	(1,418)	(1,418)
Net (loss) income attributable to common shareholders	\$ (3,998)	\$ 821
Fuel gallons sold	503,260	456,892
Fuel margin, cents per gallon ¹	24.6	24.7
Merchandise contribution ²	122,965	108,192
Merchandise margin ³	30.7 %	29.5 %
Adjusted EBITDA ⁴	47,484	50,108

¹ Calculated as fuel revenue less fuel costs divided by fuel gallons sold.

² Calculated as merchandise revenue less merchandise costs.

³ Calculated as merchandise contribution divided by merchandise revenue.

⁴ Refer to "Use of Non-GAAP Measures" below for discussion of this non-GAAP performance measure and related reconciliation to net (loss) income.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2023 versus Three Months Ended March 31, 2022

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, fuel revenue increased by \$78.1 million, or 4.9%, compared to the first quarter of 2022. The increase in fuel revenue was attributable primarily to incremental gallons sold related to the TEG Acquisition and the 2022 Acquisitions, which was partially offset by a decrease in the average price of fuel compared to the first quarter of 2022 and fewer gallons sold at same stores in the first quarter of 2023 compared to the first quarter of 2022.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, merchandise revenue increased by \$33.4 million, or 9.1%, compared to the first quarter of 2022, primarily due to the TEG Acquisition and the Pride Acquisition and an increase in same store merchandise revenues. Offsetting these increases was a decrease in merchandise revenue from underperforming retail stores that were closed or converted to dealers.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, other revenue increased by \$4.1 million, or 18.5%, compared to the first quarter of 2022, primarily due to additional revenue from the TEG Acquisition and the 2022 Acquisitions and greater lottery commissions.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, total operating expenses increased by \$124.4 million, or 6.4%, compared to the first quarter of 2022. Fuel costs increased \$67.2 million, or 4.6%, compared to the first quarter of 2022 due to greater volumes related to the TEG Acquisition and the 2022 Acquisitions, which were partially offset by fewer gallons at a lower average cost of fuel on a same store basis. Merchandise costs increased \$18.7 million, or 7.2%, compared to the first quarter of 2022, primarily due to increased costs related to the TEG Acquisition and the Pride Acquisition and a corresponding increase in same store merchandise sales. For the

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three months ended March 31, 2023, store operating expenses increased \$26.1 million, or 15.7%, compared to the first quarter of 2022 due to incremental expenses as a result of the TEG Acquisition and the 2022 Acquisitions and an increase in expenses at same stores.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, general and administrative expenses increased \$8.6 million, or 27.2%, compared to the first quarter of 2022, primarily due to approximately \$4.9 million in expenses associated with the TEG Acquisition and the 2022 Acquisitions, annual wage increases and an increase of \$1.3 million in share-based compensation expense primarily related to equity grants in the first quarters of 2023 and 2022.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, depreciation and amortization expenses increased \$3.8 million, or 15.3%, compared to the first quarter of 2022 primarily due to assets acquired in the previous twelve month period, largely in connection with the TEG Acquisition and the 2022 Acquisitions.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, other expenses, net increased by \$1.6 million, compared to the first quarter of 2022 primarily due to an increase in acquisition costs which was partially offset by income recorded for the fair value adjustment of contingent consideration in the first quarter of 2023 and lower losses on disposal of assets and impairment charges in the first quarter of 2023.

Operating income was \$9.0 million for the first quarter of 2023 compared to \$19.3 million for the first quarter of 2022. The decrease was primarily due to reduced fuel contribution at same stores coupled with an increase in store operating expenses and general and administrative expenses, which was partially offset with increased merchandise contribution and incremental income from the TEG Acquisition and the 2022 Acquisitions.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, interest and other financial expenses, net decreased by \$2.4 million compared to the first quarter of 2022, primarily related to a decrease of \$4.8 million in expenses, net recorded for fair value adjustments for the Ares Put Option, Public Warrants, Private Warrants and Deferred Shares (each as defined in Note 10 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q) and additional interest income generated in the first quarter of 2023, which was partially offset by greater debt at higher rates outstanding in 2023.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, income tax benefit was \$2.2 million compared to income tax expense of \$1.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, net (loss) income attributable to the Company was \$(2.6) million and \$2.2 million, respectively.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, Adjusted EBITDA was \$47.5 million compared to \$50.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022. Approximately \$15.4 million of lower fuel contribution from retail same stores and legacy wholesale sites, of which approximately \$12.8 million was incurred in March 2023, was partially offset by incremental Adjusted EBITDA from the TEG Acquisition and the 2022 Acquisitions. Increased merchandise contribution positively impacted Adjusted EBITDA for the first quarter of 2023, as compared to the first quarter of 2022. Higher personnel costs at same stores and an increase in general and administrative expenses reduced Adjusted EBITDA for the first quarter of 2023. Refer to "Use of Non-GAAP Measures" below for discussion of this non-GAAP performance measure and related reconciliation to net (loss) income.

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Segment Results

Retail Segment

The table below shows the results of the retail segment for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, together with certain key metrics for the segment.

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Revenues:	(in thousands)	
Fuel revenue	\$ 843,473	\$ 854,667
Merchandise revenue	400,408	366,985
Other revenues, net	18,555	16,324
Total revenues	1,262,436	1,237,976
Operating expenses:		
Fuel costs	767,808	776,885
Merchandise costs	277,443	258,793
Store operating expenses	175,554	156,619
Total operating expenses	1,220,805	1,192,297
Operating income	\$ 41,631	\$ 45,679
Fuel gallons sold	248,906	239,558
Same store fuel gallons sold decrease (%) ¹	(5.8 %)	(3.1 %)
Fuel margin, cents per gallon ²	35.4	37.5
Same store merchandise sales increase (decrease) (%) ¹	3.8 %	(3.5 %)
Same store merchandise sales excluding cigarettes increase (%) ¹	7.6 %	0.1 %
Merchandise contribution ³	\$ 122,965	\$ 108,192
Merchandise margin ⁴	30.7 %	29.5 %

¹ Same store is a common metric used in the convenience store industry. We consider a store a same store beginning in the first quarter in which the store had a full quarter of activity in the prior year. Refer to "Use of Non-GAAP Measures" below for discussion of this measure.

² Calculated as fuel revenue less fuel costs divided by fuel gallons sold; excludes the estimated fixed margin or fixed fee paid to GPMP for the cost of fuel.

³ Calculated as merchandise revenue less merchandise costs.

⁴ Calculated as merchandise contribution divided by merchandise revenue.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2023 versus Three Months Ended March 31, 2022

Retail Revenues

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, fuel revenue decreased by \$11.2 million, or 1.3%, compared to the first quarter of 2022. The decrease in fuel revenue was attributable to a \$0.18 per gallon decrease in the average retail price of fuel in the first quarter of 2023 as compared to the first quarter of 2022, primarily due to market factors and a decrease in gallons sold at same stores. For the first quarter of 2023, gallons at same stores decreased approximately 5.8%, or 13.6 million gallons; however, the downward trend in same store gallons sold improved throughout the quarter from (8.3%) in January to (4.7%) in February to (4.5%) in March. Offsetting these decreases, the TEG Acquisition and the Pride Acquisition contributed 27.8 million gallons sold, or \$100.1 million in fuel revenue. Underperforming retail stores, which were closed or converted to dealers over the last 12 months in order to optimize profitability, also negatively impacted gallons sold during the first quarter of 2023.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, merchandise revenue increased by \$33.4 million, or 9.1%, compared to the first quarter of 2022. The TEG Acquisition and the Pride Acquisition contributed approximately \$26.5 million of merchandise revenue. Same store merchandise sales increased \$13.7 million, or 3.8%, for the first quarter of 2023 compared to the first quarter of 2022. Same store merchandise sales increased primarily due to higher packaged beverages, center-store items, beer and wine, other tobacco products and franchise revenue as a result of marketing initiatives, including expanded category assortments, new franchise food offerings and investments in coolers and freezers, which was partially offset by lower revenue from cigarettes. In addition, there was a decrease in merchandise revenue from underperforming retail stores that were closed or converted to dealers.

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For the three months ended March 31, 2023, other revenues, net increased by \$2.2 million, or 13.7%, compared to the first quarter of 2022, primarily related to additional income from the TEG Acquisition and the Pride Acquisition and greater lottery commissions.

Retail Operating Income

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, fuel margin decreased compared to the same period in 2022, primarily related to a decrease in same store fuel profit of \$11.4 million (excluding intercompany charges by GPMP). Fuel margin per gallon at same stores for the first quarter of 2023 decreased to 34.7 cents per gallon from 37.5 cents per gallon for the first quarter of 2022 primarily due to historically high fuel margins in March of 2022 principally as a result of the war in Ukraine. A decrease in fuel profit related to underperforming retail stores that were closed or converted to dealers also contributed to the decrease in fuel profit compared to the first quarter of 2022. Incremental fuel profit from the TEG Acquisition and the Pride Acquisition of approximately \$10.8 million partially offset this decrease.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, merchandise contribution increased \$14.8 million, or 13.7%, compared to the same period in 2022, and merchandise margin increased to 30.7% as compared to 29.5% in the prior period. The increase was due to \$8.3 million in merchandise contribution from the TEG Acquisition and the Pride Acquisition and an increase in merchandise contribution at same stores of \$8.1 million. Merchandise contribution at same stores increased in the first quarter of 2023 primarily due to higher contribution from packaged beverages, center-store items, beer and wine, and franchises. Merchandise margin at same stores was 30.5% in the first quarter of 2023 compared to 29.4% in the first quarter of 2022.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, store operating expenses increased \$18.9 million, or 12.1%, compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022 primarily due to \$15.9 million of expenses related to the TEG Acquisition and the Pride Acquisition and an increase in expenses at same stores, including approximately \$6.0 million, or 9.7%, of higher personnel costs. The increase in store operating expenses was partially offset by underperforming retail stores that we closed or converted to dealers.

Wholesale Segment

The table below shows the results of the wholesale segment for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, together with certain key metrics for the segment.

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
	(in thousands)	
Revenues:		
Fuel revenue	\$ 684,848	\$ 727,697
Other revenues, net	6,491	5,722
Total revenues	691,339	733,419
Operating expenses:		
Fuel costs	674,691	715,503
Store operating expenses	9,098	10,503
Total operating expenses	683,789	726,006
Operating income	\$ 7,550	\$ 7,413
Fuel gallons sold – fuel supply locations	182,427	180,941
Fuel gallons sold – consignment agent locations	37,962	35,997
Fuel margin, cents per gallon ¹ – fuel supply locations	6.1	7.0
Fuel margin, cents per gallon ¹ – consignment agent locations	26.4	29.0

¹ Calculated as fuel revenue less fuel costs divided by fuel gallons sold; excludes the estimated fixed margin or fixed fee paid to GPMP for the cost of fuel.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2023 versus Three Months Ended March 31, 2022

Wholesale Revenues

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, fuel revenue decreased by \$42.8 million, or 5.9%, compared to the first quarter of 2022, of which the majority was attributable to fuel supply locations. Wholesale revenues were negatively impacted by a decrease in the average price of fuel in the first quarter of 2023 as compared to the first quarter of 2022, which was partially offset by an 1.6% increase in gallons sold. Of total gallons sold, the TEG Acquisition and the Quarles Acquisition contributed 16.0 million.

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Wholesale Operating Income

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, fuel contribution decreased approximately \$1.8 million (excluding intercompany charges by GPMP). Approximately \$2.3 million of total fuel contribution was attributable to the TEG Acquisition and the Quarles Acquisition. At fuel supply locations, fuel contribution decreased by \$1.4 million (excluding intercompany charges by GPMP), and fuel margin decreased for the first quarter of 2023 as compared to the first quarter of 2022, primarily due to decreased prompt pay discounts related to lower fuel costs, which was partially offset by the contribution from the TEG Acquisition and the Quarles Acquisition. At consignment agent locations, fuel contribution decreased \$0.4 million (excluding intercompany charges by GPMP) and fuel margin also decreased for the first quarter of 2023 as compared to the first quarter of 2022, primarily due to lower rack-to-retail margins and decreased prompt pay discounts related to lower fuel costs, which was partially offset by the contribution from the TEG Acquisition and the Quarles Acquisition.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, store operating expenses decreased \$1.4 million compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022.

Fleet Fueling Segment

The table below shows the results of the fleet fueling segment for the three months ended March 31, 2023, together with certain key metrics for the segment. Because we added the fleet fueling segment only upon consummation of the Quarles Acquisition in July 2022, there are no comparable period results for three months ended March 31, 2022.

	For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2023 (in thousands)	
Revenues:		
Fuel revenue	\$	127,494
Other revenues, net		951
Total revenues		128,445
Operating expenses:		
Fuel costs		115,231
Store operating expenses		4,790
Total operating expenses		120,021
Operating income	\$	8,424
Fuel gallons sold – proprietary cardlock locations		31,016
Fuel gallons sold – third-party cardlock locations		1,610
Fuel margin, cents per gallon ¹ – proprietary cardlock locations		44.5
Fuel margin, cents per gallon ¹ – third-party cardlock locations		1.3

¹ Calculated as fuel revenue less fuel costs divided by fuel gallons sold; excludes the estimated fixed fee charged by GPMP to sites in the fleet fueling segment.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2023

Fleet Fueling Revenues

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, fuel revenue was primarily driven by the average price of diesel fuel in the first quarter of 2023.

Fleet Fueling Operating Income

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, fuel contribution was approximately \$13.8 million (excluding intercompany charges by GPMP).

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GPMP Segment

The table below shows the results of the GPMP segment for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, together with certain key metrics for the segment.

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
	(in thousands)	
Revenues:		
Fuel revenue - inter-segment	\$ 1,140,065	\$ 1,275,721
Fuel revenue - external customers	741	1,162
Other revenues, net	170	254
Other revenues, net - inter-segment	2,557	—
Total revenues	1,143,533	1,277,137
Operating expenses:		
Fuel costs	1,118,297	1,253,982
General and administrative expenses	772	706
Depreciation and amortization	1,842	1,842
Total operating expenses	1,120,911	1,256,530
Operating income	\$ 22,622	\$ 20,607
Fuel gallons sold - inter-segment	450,219	457,673
Fuel gallons sold - external customers	283	396
Fuel margin, cents per gallon ¹	5.0	5.0

¹ Calculated as fuel revenue less fuel costs divided by fuel gallons sold.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2023 versus Three Months Ended March 31, 2022

GPMP Revenues

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, fuel revenue decreased by \$136.1 million compared to the first quarter of 2022. The decrease in fuel revenue was attributable to a decrease in the average price of fuel and a decrease in gallons sold as compared to the first quarter of 2022.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, other revenues, net were \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, and primarily related to rental income from certain sites leased to dealers. Inter-segment other revenues, net related to the fixed fee primarily charged to sites in the fleet fueling segment (currently 5.0 cents per gallon sold), which began in July 2022.

GPMP Operating Income

Fuel margin decreased by \$0.4 million for the first quarter of 2023, as compared to the first quarter of 2022, primarily due to fewer gallons sold to the retail and wholesale segments at a fixed margin.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, total general, administrative, depreciation and amortization expenses were similar with those in the comparable prior year period.

Use of Non-GAAP Measures

We disclose certain measures on a “same store basis,” which is a non-GAAP measure. Information disclosed on a “same store basis” excludes the results of any store that is not a “same store” for the applicable period. A store is considered a same store beginning in the first quarter in which the store had a full quarter of activity in the prior year. We believe that this information provides greater comparability regarding our ongoing operating performance. Neither this measure nor those described below should be considered an alternative to measurements presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“GAAP”).

We define EBITDA as net (loss) income before net interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA further adjusts EBITDA by excluding the gain or loss on disposal of assets, impairment charges, acquisition costs, other non-cash items, and other unusual or non-recurring charges. Each of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure.

We use EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA for operational and financial decision-making and believe these measures are useful in evaluating our performance because they eliminate certain items that we do not consider indicators of our operating performance. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are also used by many of our investors, securities analysts, and other interested parties in evaluating

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our operational and financial performance across reporting periods. We believe that the presentation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA provides useful information to investors by allowing an understanding of key measures that we use internally for operational decision-making, budgeting, evaluating acquisition targets, and assessing our operating performance.

EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not recognized terms under GAAP and should not be considered as a substitute for net income or any other financial measure presented in accordance with GAAP. These measures have limitations as analytical tools, and should not be considered in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. We strongly encourage investors to review our financial statements and publicly filed reports in their entirety and not to rely on any single financial measure.

Because non-GAAP financial measures are not standardized, same store measures, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, as defined by us, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. It therefore may not be possible to compare our use of these non-GAAP financial measures with those used by other companies.

The following table contains a reconciliation of net (loss) income to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022.

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
	(in thousands)	
Net (loss) income	\$ (2,527)	\$ 2,318
Interest and other financing expenses, net	13,602	15,975
Income tax (benefit) expense	(2,158)	1,005
Depreciation and amortization	28,399	24,636
EBITDA	37,316	43,934
Non-cash rent expense (a)	2,798	1,946
Acquisition costs (b)	3,576	681
Loss on disposal of assets and impairment charges (c)	287	764
Share-based compensation expense (d)	4,069	2,774
Loss (income) from equity investment (e)	36	(9)
Adjustment to contingent consideration (f)	(702)	—
Other (g)	104	18
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 47,484	\$ 50,108

(a)Eliminates the non-cash portion of rent, which reflects the extent to which our GAAP rent expense recognized exceeds (or is less than) our cash rent payments. The GAAP rent expense adjustment can vary depending on the terms of our lease portfolio, which has been impacted by our recent acquisitions. For newer leases, our rent expense recognized typically exceeds our cash rent payments, while for more mature leases, rent expense recognized is typically less than our cash rent payments.

(b)Eliminates costs incurred that are directly attributable to historical business acquisitions and salaries of employees whose primary job function is to execute our acquisition strategy and facilitate integration of acquired operations.

(c)Eliminates the non-cash loss (gain) from the sale of property and equipment, the loss (gain) recognized upon the sale of related leased assets and impairment charges on property and equipment and right-of-use assets related to closed and non-performing sites.

(d)Eliminates non-cash share-based compensation expense related to the equity incentive program in place to incentivize, retain, and motivate our employees, certain non-employees, and members of our board of directors (the "Board").

(e)Eliminates our share of loss (income) attributable to our unconsolidated equity investment.

(f)Eliminates fair value adjustments to the contingent consideration owed to the seller for the 2020 acquisition of Empire.

(g)Eliminates other unusual or non-recurring items that we do not consider to be meaningful in assessing operating performance.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary sources of liquidity are cash flows from operations, availability under our credit facilities and our cash balances. Our principal liquidity requirements are the financing of current operations, funding capital expenditures, including acquisitions, and servicing debt. We finance our inventory purchases primarily from customary trade credit aided by relatively rapid inventory turnover, as well as cash generated from operations. Rapid inventory turnover allows us to conduct operations without the

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need for large amounts of cash and working capital. We largely rely on internally generated cash flows and borrowings, which we believe are sufficient to meet our liquidity needs for the foreseeable future.

Our ability to meet our debt service obligations and other capital requirements, including capital expenditures, as well as the cost of acquisitions, will depend on our future operating performance which, in turn, will be subject to general economic, financial, business, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other conditions, many of which are beyond our control. As a normal part of our business, depending on market conditions, we will from time to time consider opportunities to repay, redeem, repurchase or refinance our indebtedness. Changes in our operating plans, lower than anticipated sales, increased expenses, acquisitions, or other events may cause us to seek additional debt or equity financing in future periods. Additional debt financing could impose increased cash payment obligations, as well as covenants that may restrict our operations. There can be no guarantee that financing will be available on acceptable terms or at all.

As of March 31, 2023, we were in a strong liquidity position of approximately \$580 million, consisting of approximately \$256 million of cash and cash equivalents and approximately \$321 million of availability under our lines of credit. This liquidity position currently provides us with adequate funding to satisfy our contractual and other obligations, from our existing cash balances. As of March 31, 2023, we had no outstanding borrowings under our \$140.0 million PNC Line of Credit (as defined below), \$0.9 million of unused availability under the M&T equipment line of credit, described below, and \$186.0 million of unused availability under our \$500.0 million Capital One Line of Credit (as defined below), which was increased to \$800.0 million in May 2023, and which we can seek to be further increase to \$1.0 billion, subject to obtaining additional financing commitments from current lenders or other banks, and subject to certain other terms.

The Board declared, and the Company paid, dividends of \$0.03 per share of common stock in the three months ended March 31, 2023, totaling approximately \$3.6 million. The Board declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.03 per share of common stock, to be paid on June 1, 2023 to stockholders of record as of May 19, 2023. The amount and timing of dividends payable on our common stock are within the sole discretion of our Board, which will evaluate dividend payments within the context of our overall capital allocation strategy on an ongoing basis, giving consideration to our current and forecast earnings, financial condition, cash requirements and other factors. There can be no assurance that we will continue to pay such dividends or the amounts of such dividends.

In February 2022, we announced that our Board had authorized a share repurchase program for up to an aggregate of \$50 million of our outstanding shares of common stock. During the three months ended March 31, 2023, we repurchased approximately 89 thousand shares of common stock under the repurchase program for approximately \$0.7 million, or an average share price of \$7.97. The share repurchase program does not have a stated expiration date. Whether and the extent to which we repurchase shares depends on a number of factors, including our financial condition, capital requirements, cash flows, results of operations, future business prospects and other factors management may deem relevant. The timing, volume, and nature of repurchases are subject to market conditions, applicable securities laws, and other factors, and the program may be amended, suspended or discontinued at any time. Repurchases may be effected from time to time through open market purchases, including pursuant to a pre-set trading plan meeting the requirements of Rule 10b5-1(c) of the Exchange Act, privately negotiated transactions, pursuant to accelerated share repurchase agreements entered into with one or more counterparties, or otherwise.

To date, we have funded capital expenditures primarily through funds generated from operations, funds received from vendors, sale-leaseback transactions, the issuance of debt, and existing cash. Future capital required to finance operations, acquisitions, and raze-and-rebuild, functionally and fully remodel and update stores is expected to come from cash on hand, cash generated by operations, availability under lines of credit, and additional long-term debt and equipment leases, as circumstances may dictate. In both the short-term and long-term, we currently expect that our capital spending program will be primarily focused on expanding our store base through acquisitions, razing-and-rebuilding, remodeling and updating stores, and maintaining our owned properties and equipment, including upgrading all fuel dispensers to be EMV-compliant. We expect to spend a total of approximately \$14 million in the current year to upgrade substantially all our fuel dispensers to be EMV-compliant. We do not expect such capital needs to adversely affect liquidity.

Cash Flows for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, investing activities and financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
	(in thousands)	
Net cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities	\$ 15,883	\$ 30,062
Investing activities	(153,286)	(23,862)
Financing activities	92,257	(21,845)
Effect of exchange rates	(21)	(16)
Total	<u>\$ (45,167)</u>	<u>\$ (15,661)</u>

Operating Activities

Cash flows provided by operations are our main source of liquidity. We have historically relied primarily on cash provided by operating activities, supplemented as necessary from time to time by borrowings on our credit facilities and other debt or equity transactions to finance our operations and to fund our capital expenditures. Cash flow provided by operating activities is primarily impacted by our net income and changes in working capital.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, cash flows provided by operating activities were \$15.9 million compared to \$30.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022. The decrease was primarily the result of approximately \$2.3 million of higher net interest payments and a decrease in Adjusted EBITDA, which was partially offset by approximately \$0.6 million of lower net tax payments and the investment in working capital associated with the TEG Acquisition.

Investing Activities

Cash flows used in investing activities primarily reflect capital expenditures for acquisitions and replacing and maintaining existing facilities and equipment used in the business.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, cash used in investing activities increased by \$129.4 million compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022. For the three months ended March 31, 2023, we spent \$23.4 million for capital expenditures, including the purchase of a fee property, upgrades to fuel dispensers and other investments in our stores. The net consideration paid for the TEG Acquisition was \$338.3 million, which included \$258.0 million paid by Oak Street, reflecting our net cash outflow of \$80.3 million.

Financing Activities

Cash flows from financing activities primarily consist of increases and decreases in the principal amount of our lines of credit and debt, distributions to non-controlling interests and issuance of common and preferred stock, net of dividends paid and common stock repurchases.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, financing activities consisted primarily of net receipts of \$49.4 million for long-term debt, \$51.6 million of consideration paid by Oak Street related to the TEG Acquisition, which transaction with Oak Street was accounted for as a sale-leaseback (see Note 3 to our condensed consolidated financial statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q), repayments of \$1.4 million for financing leases, \$3.6 million for dividend payments on common stock, \$1.4 million for dividend payments on the Series A redeemable preferred stock and \$2.3 million for common stock repurchases.

Credit Facilities and Senior Notes

Senior Notes

On October 21, 2021, the Company completed a private offering of \$450 million aggregate principal amount of 5.125% Senior Notes due 2029 (the “Senior Notes”). The Senior Notes are guaranteed, on an unsecured senior basis, by certain of the Company’s wholly owned domestic subsidiaries (the “Guarantors”). The indenture governing the Senior Notes contains customary restrictive covenants that, among other things, generally limit the ability of the Company and substantially all of its subsidiaries to (i) create liens, (ii) pay dividends, acquire shares of capital stock and make payments on subordinated debt, (iii) place limitations on distributions from certain subsidiaries, (iv) issue or sell the capital stock of certain subsidiaries, (v) sell assets, (vi) enter into transactions with affiliates, (vii) effect mergers and (viii) incur indebtedness. The Senior Notes and the guarantees rank equally in right of payment with all of the Company’s and the Guarantors’ respective existing and future senior unsubordinated indebtedness and are effectively subordinated to all of the Company’s and the Guarantors’ existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness; and are structurally subordinated to any existing and future obligations of subsidiaries of the Company that are not Guarantors.

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Financing Agreement with PNC

GPM and certain subsidiaries have a financing arrangement (as amended, the “PNC Credit Agreement”) with PNC Bank National Association (“PNC”) to provide a line of credit with an aggregate principal amount of up to \$140 million for purposes of financing working capital (the “PNC Line of Credit”).

The PNC Line of Credit bears interest, as elected by GPM at: (a) SOFR Adjusted plus Term SOFR (as defined in the agreement) plus a margin of 1.25% to 1.75% or (b) a rate per annum equal to the alternate base rate (as defined in the agreement) plus a margin of 0% to 0.50%. Every quarter, the SOFR margin rate and the alternate base rate margin rate are updated based on the quarterly average undrawn availability of the line of credit. The calculation of the availability under the PNC Line of Credit is determined monthly subject to terms and limitations as set forth in the PNC Credit Agreement, taking into account the balances of receivables, inventory and letters of credit, among other things. As of March 31, 2023, \$5.6 million of letters of credit were outstanding under the PNC Credit Agreement.

Financing Agreements with M&T Bank

GPM has a financing arrangement with M&T Bank to provide a three-year \$20.0 million line of credit for purchases of equipment, which line may be borrowed in tranches, as described below, and an aggregate principal amount of \$35.0 million of a real estate loan (the “M&T Term Loan”). As of March 31, 2023, approximately \$0.9 million remained available under the line of credit.

Each additional equipment loan tranche will have a three-year term, payable in equal monthly payments of principal plus interest, and will accrue a fixed rate of interest equal to M&T Bank’s three-year cost of funds as of the applicable date of such tranche, plus 3.00%. The M&T Term Loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 3.00%, matures in June 2026 and is payable in monthly installments based on a fifteen-year amortization schedule, with the balance of the loan payable at maturity.

Financing agreement with a syndicate of banks led by Capital One, National Association (“Capital One”)

GPMP has a revolving credit facility with a syndicate of banks led by Capital One, National Association, in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$500 million, which, pursuant to an amendment dated as of May 5, 2023 to the credit agreement governing the facility, was increased to permit borrowings of up to \$800 million (as amended, the “Capital One Line of Credit”). At GPMP’s request, the Capital One Line of Credit can be increased up to \$1.0 billion, subject to obtaining additional financing commitments from current lenders or from other banks, and subject to certain terms as detailed in the Capital One Line of Credit. The revolving credit facility matures on May 5, 2028. As of March 31, 2023, approximately \$313.3 million was drawn on the Capital One Line of Credit, and approximately \$186.0 million was available thereunder.

The Capital One Line of Credit bears interest, as elected by GPMP at: (a) Adjusted Term SOFR (as defined in the agreement) plus a margin of 2.25% to 3.25% or (b) a rate per annum equal to the alternate base rate (as defined in the agreement) plus a margin of 1.25% to 2.25%. The margin is determined according to a formula in the Capital One Line of Credit that depends on GPMP’s leverage. As of March 31, 2023, \$0.7 million of letters of credit were outstanding under the Capital One Line of Credit.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, there were no material changes to our critical accounting policies and estimates described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 that have had a material impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Commodity Price Risk

We have limited exposure to commodity price risk as a result of the payment and volume-related discounts in certain of our fuel supply contracts with our fuel suppliers, which are based on the market price of motor fuel. Significant increases in fuel prices could result in significant increases in the retail price of fuel and in lower sales to consumers and dealers. When fuel prices rise, some of our dealers may have insufficient credit to purchase fuel from us at their historical volumes. In addition, significant and persistent increases in the retail price of fuel could also diminish consumer demand, which could subsequently diminish the volume of fuel we distribute. A significant percentage of our sales are made with the use of credit cards. Because the interchange fees we pay when credit cards are used to make purchases are based on transaction amounts, higher fuel prices at the pump and higher gallon movements result in higher credit card expenses. These additional fees increase operating expenses. In connection with the Quarles Acquisition, we

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began to make use of derivative commodity instruments to manage risks associated with an immaterial number of gallons designed to offset changes in the price of fuel that are directly tied to firm commitments to purchase diesel fuel.

Interest Rate Risk

We may be subject to market risk from exposure to changes in interest rates based on our financing, investing, and cash management activities. The Senior Notes bear a fixed interest rate, therefore, an increase or decrease in prevailing interest rates has no impact on our debt service for the Senior Notes. As of March 31, 2023, the interest rate on our Capital One Line of Credit was 7.1% and the interest rate on our M&T Term Loan was 7.6%. As of March 31, 2022, the interest rate on our Capital One Line of Credit was 3.6% and the interest rate on our M&T Term Loan was 3.4%. As of March 31, 2023, approximately 42% of our debt bore interest at variable rates, therefore, our exposure was marginally low. If our applicable interest rates increase by 1%, then our debt service on an annual basis would increase by approximately \$3.4 million. Interest rates on commercial bank borrowings and debt offerings could be higher than current levels, causing our financing costs to increase accordingly. Although this could limit our ability to raise funds in the debt capital markets, we expect to remain competitive with respect to acquisitions and capital projects, as our competitors would likely face similar circumstances.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, have evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) under the Exchange Act as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit 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. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a 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. Based on this evaluation, management concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2023.

Changes to the Company's Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes to the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the calendar quarter covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that have 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**

During the reporting period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, there have been no material changes to the description of legal proceedings as set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

During the reporting period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, there have been no material changes to our risk factors as set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022.

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

The following table presents our share repurchase activity for the quarter ended March 31, 2023 (dollars in thousands, except per share amounts):

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs ⁽³⁾	Maximum Dollar Value that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs ⁽³⁾
January 1, 2023 to January 31, 2023 ⁽¹⁾	123,570	\$ 8.65	2,320	\$ 10,985
February 1, 2023 to February 28, 2023	83,977	7.97	83,977	10,316
March 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023 ⁽²⁾	66,932	8.56	2,558	10,295
Total	274,479	\$ 8.42	88,855	\$ 10,295

(1) In addition to the shares of common stock we purchased under our publicly announced \$50 million stock repurchase program, we repurchased 121,250 shares of our common stock at an aggregate cost of \$1.05 million, or an average purchase price of \$8.66 per share, in connection with the net settlement of shares issued as a result of the vesting of restricted stock units during the quarter ended March 31, 2023.

(2) In addition to the shares of common stock we purchased under our publicly announced \$50 million stock repurchase program, we repurchased 64,374 shares of our common stock at an aggregate cost of \$0.6 million, or an average purchase price of \$8.58 per share, in connection with the net settlement of shares issued as a result of the vesting of restricted stock units during the quarter ended March 31, 2023.

(3) Except as noted in footnotes 1 and 2 above with respect to shares repurchased in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units, all of the above repurchases were made on the open market at prevailing market rates plus related expenses under our stock repurchase program, which authorized the repurchase of up to \$50 million of our common stock. We publicly announced this program on February 23, 2022.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not Applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

On May 4, 2023, Ms. Starlette Johnson resigned as a director of the Company, effective May 5, 2023. Ms. Johnson's resignation from the Board is not the result of any disagreement with the Company.

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Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit 10.1	Third Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Master Covenant Agreement, dated April 5, 2023, by and between GPM Investments, LLC and M&T Bank.
Exhibit 10.3	Registration Rights Agreement, dated March 1, 2023, by and between ARKO Corp. and Transit Energy Group, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on March 1, 2023)
Exhibit 10.4	Second Amendment to Standby Real Estate Purchase, Designation and Lease Program (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on March 29, 2023)
Exhibit 31.1	Certification by Arie Kotler, Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2023.
Exhibit 31.2	Certification by Donald Bassell, Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2023.
Exhibit 32.1	Certification by Arie Kotler, Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2023.
Exhibit 32.2	Certification by Donald Bassell, Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2023.
101	The following financial statements from the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2023, formatted in Inline XBRL: (i) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity, (iv) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (v) Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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.

Date: May 8, 2023

ARKO Corp.

By: /s/ Arie Kotler

Name: Arie Kotler

Title: President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board
(on behalf of the Registrant and as Principal Executive Officer)

THIRD AMENDMENT TO SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER COVENANT AGREEMENT

THIS THIRD AMENDMENT TO SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER COVENANT AGREEMENT (this "Amendment") is made as of April 5, 2023, by and between GPM INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("GPM"), and M&T BANK, a New York banking corporation ("M&T").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, GPM and M&T entered into that certain Second Amended and Restated Master Covenant Agreement dated as of June 24, 2021, as modified by that certain Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Master Covenant Agreement dated as of October 14, 2021, as further modified by that certain Second Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Master Covenant Agreement dated as of October 5, 2022 (collectively, as further modified or amended from time to time, the "Agreement"; capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement);

WHEREAS, Section 3.02 of the Agreement requires that GPM shall deliver a copy of any amendment or modification to the PNC Credit Agreement to M&T within ten (10) days following the execution thereof (the "PNC Amendment Requirement");

WHEREAS, the PNC Credit Agreement has been amended pursuant to that certain Eighth Amendment to Third Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit and Security Agreement dated as of December 20, 2022 (the "PNC Amendment"), a copy of which has been delivered to M&T pursuant to the PNC Amendment Requirement; and

WHEREAS, GPM and M&T mutually desire to modify and amend the provisions of the Agreement in the manner hereinafter set out for purposes of conforming the Agreement to the PNC Credit Agreement as modified by the PNC Amendment, it being specifically understood that, except as herein modified and amended, the terms and provisions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged and continue in full force and effect as therein written.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, effective as of the date first written above, GPM and M&T, in consideration of M&T's continued extension of credit and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by each of the foregoing, hereby agree that the Agreement shall be, and the same hereby is, modified and amended as follows:

A. Conditions Precedent to Effectiveness of Modification. This Amendment shall become effective as of the date the following conditions precedent have been satisfied in M&T's sole discretion or waived by M&T, for whose sole benefit such conditions exist (the "Amendment Effective Date"):

- (a) GPM shall have executed and delivered this Amendment to M&T;
- (b) M&T shall have executed this Amendment;
- (c) GPM shall have paid to M&T all fees due and payable in connection with this Amendment, including, without limitation, all administrative expenses, legal fees (including attorneys' fees) and/or out-of-pocket expenses;
- (d) since December 31, 2021, there shall not have occurred any event, condition or state of facts which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and
- (e) M&T shall have received such other documents as M&T or M&T's counsel may reasonably request, including, without limitation, written confirmation (or other evidence satisfactory to M&T and M&T's counsel that the PNC Amendment has become effective as of the Amendment Effective Date).

B. Modifications. Upon satisfaction of the foregoing conditions precedent, the Agreement shall be, without further act or deed, modified and amended as follows, effective as of the Amendment Effective Date:

1. Section 1 of the Agreement, entitled "Definitions", is hereby modified and amended by adding the following defined terms in alphabetical order as follows:

"Eighth Amendment Closing Date" shall mean December 20, 2022.

“Financing Lease Obligation” shall mean, as applied to any Person, all obligations under Financing Leases of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries, in each case taken at the amount thereof accounted for as liabilities on the balance sheet (excluding the footnotes thereto) of such Person in accordance with GAAP.

“Financing Leases” shall mean, as applied to any Person, all leases of property that have been or should be, in accordance with GAAP, recorded as financing leases on the balance sheet of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis; provided, that for all purposes hereunder the amount of obligations under any Financing Lease shall be the amount thereof accounted for as a financing lease liability on the balance sheet (excluding the footnotes thereto) of such Person in accordance with GAAP.

2. Section 1 of the Agreement, entitled “Definitions”, is hereby further modified and amended by deleting the following defined terms in their entirety: “Holdings”.

3. Section 1 of the Agreement, entitled “Definitions”, is hereby further modified and amended by deleting and restating the following defined terms in their entireties as follows:

“Consolidated EBITDA” shall mean net income of Borrowers on a Consolidated Basis (without duplication), plus (in each case, solely to the extent deducted in arriving at net income):

(a) Consolidated Interest Expense for such period;

(b) federal, state and local income tax expense (including Tax Distributions), taxes on profit or capital (including without limitation, state franchise and similar taxes), and foreign franchise tax, withholding tax and like income tax paid or accrued by the Borrowers and their Subsidiaries for such period;

(c) depreciation and amortization expenses for such period;

(d) fees, expenses and other charges related to the Empire Acquisition in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000;

(e) fees, expenses and other charges related to Permitted Acquisitions (other than the Empire Acquisition), investments or Dispositions to the extent permitted under the Other Documents (including those undertaken but not completed and those for which a purchase agreement was not signed), provided that the amounts set forth in this clause (v) shall not exceed the greater of (x) \$10,000,000 or (y) 5% of the purchase price for all Permitted Acquisitions, in each case, in the aggregate for the applicable Test Period; provided, further, (A) that the amounts set forth in this clause (v) in respect of such Permitted Acquisitions, investments or Dispositions for which a purchase agreement has not been signed shall not exceed \$2,000,000 in the aggregate for the applicable Test Period and (B) the dollar caps in this clause (v) shall not include purchases that occurred prior to the Closing Date;

(f) any losses, charges or expenses that are extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring (including losses on sale of assets or businesses outside the ordinary course of business and relating to or arising in connection with claims or litigation (including legal fees, settlements, judgments and awards)), provided that such amounts, taken together with all other add-backs that are subject to the Aggregate Cap, do not exceed the Aggregate Cap;

(g) any non-cash expenses, losses, charges or impairments, amortization charges or asset write offs and write downs (but excluding any write offs or write downs of inventory), including any non-cash compensation charges, non-cash rent expenses and expenses or relating to the incurrence of obligations in respect of an “earn-out” or similar contingent obligations (but only for so long as such expense, loss or charge remains a non-cash contingent obligation); provided that if any such non-cash expenses, losses, charges or impairments represent an

accrual or reserve for potential cash items in any future period, the cash payment in respect thereof in such future period shall be subtracted from Consolidated EBITDA to such extent, and excluding amortization of a prepaid cash item that was paid in a prior period;

(h) non-recurring cash expenses for restructuring charges or expenses, integration expenses, accruals, reserves and business optimization expenses (including store opening and closing costs); provided that such amounts, taken together with all other add-backs that are subject to the Aggregate Cap, do not exceed the Aggregate Cap;

(i) net unrealized losses on Interest Rate Hedges and fuel hedges permitted under Section 7.26 of the PNC Credit Agreement; and

(j) (A) net cost savings and operating expense reductions actually implemented by the Borrowers or any Subsidiary of a Borrower or related to the Transactions or a Permitted Acquisition, which are expected to be realized in the good faith judgment of the Borrowers within 18 months from the end of the applicable Test Period, or from the consummation of the Permitted Acquisition, as applicable, and (B) synergies projected to be realized as a result of actions taken which are expected to be realized in the good faith judgment of the Borrowers within 18 months from the end of the applicable Test Period, or from the consummation of the Permitted Acquisition, as applicable, so long as (A) and (B) are reasonably identifiable and factually supportable as certified by a responsible officer of the Borrowers; provided that such amounts, taken together with all other add-backs that are subject to the Aggregate Cap, do not exceed the Aggregate Cap; minus (in each case, solely to the extent included in arriving at net income):

(k) unusual, extraordinary or non-recurring gains;

(l) all non-cash items increasing net income of Borrowers on a Consolidated Basis in such period except for non-cash items that amortize for cash or equipment in a prior period; and

(m) net unrealized gains on Interest Rate Hedges and fuel hedges permitted under Section 7.26 of the PNC Credit Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything herein to the contrary, (x) for the purpose of calculating Consolidated EBITDA for any Test Period, if during such Test Period Borrowers or any Subsidiary shall have made a Permitted Acquisition, Consolidated EBITDA for such Test Period shall be calculated after giving effect on a pro forma basis to the earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization of any acquired entity, including, in each case during such period, as if such Permitted Acquisition had occurred on the first day of such period, (y) for purposes of calculating Consolidated EBITDA with respect to any Subsidiary other than the MLP that is not a wholly-owned Subsidiary, such calculation shall exclude the pro rata portion of gains and losses that are (i) attributable to minority interests in such Subsidiary or (ii) not available for distribution to or for the account of a Borrower or its Subsidiary that is a wholly-owned Subsidiary, and (z) solely for purposes of calculating the portion of Consolidated EBITDA with respect to the MLP, the MLP shall be treated as if it is a wholly-owned Subsidiary so long as the MLP is a Subsidiary of GPM.

“GPMI Operating Agreement” shall mean that certain Seventh Amendment and Restatement of the Limited Liability Company Agreement of GPM Investments, LLC, dated as of July 31, 2022, as amended, amended and restated or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof.

“Guarantor” shall mean Arko or any other Person who may hereafter guarantee payment or performance of the whole or any part of the Obligations and “Guarantors” means collectively all such Persons.

“Indebtedness” shall mean, as to any Person at a particular time, without duplication, all of the following, whether or not included as indebtedness or liabilities in accordance GAAP:

- (a) all indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money and purchase money indebtedness, and all other indebtedness of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, loan agreements or other similar instruments;
- (b) the maximum amount (after giving effect to any prior drawings or reductions which may have been reimbursed) of all obligations of such Person arising under letters of credit (including standby and commercial), of bankers’ acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds, performance bonds and similar instruments issued or created by or for the account of such Person;
- (c) net Hedge Liabilities of such Person;
- (d) all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than earn-outs and ordinary course trade payables);
- (e) indebtedness of others (excluding prepaid interest thereon) secured by a Lien on property owned or being purchased by such Person (including indebtedness arising under conditional sales or other title retention agreements and mortgage, industrial revenue bond, industrial development bond and similar financings), whether or not such indebtedness shall have been assumed by such Person or is limited in recourse;
- (f) all Attributable Indebtedness;
- (g) all obligations of such Person in respect of Disqualified Equity Interests;
- (h) all Guarantee Obligations of such Person in respect of any of the foregoing; and
- (i) any earn-out or deferred purchase price adjustment obligation (including seller notes) with respect to (x) a Permitted Acquisition, (y) a permitted Investment or (z) any acquisition consummated on or prior to the Closing Date, in each case, only when such obligation shall become earned and due (and remains unpaid);

provided that Indebtedness shall not include (i) prepaid or deferred revenue arising in the ordinary course of business, (ii) purchase price holdbacks arising in the ordinary course of business in respect of a portion of the purchase price of an asset to satisfy warranties or other unperformed obligations of the seller of such asset, (iii) endorsements of checks or drafts arising in the ordinary course of business, (iv) preferred Equity Interests to the extent not constituting Disqualified Equity Interests, (v) trade accounts payable and other accrued expenses, in each case, incurred in the ordinary course of business other than trade accounts payable in an aggregate amount in excess of \$10,000,000 that are more than sixty (60) days past due, (vi) any earn-out or deferred purchase price adjustment obligation with respect to (x) a Permitted Acquisition, (y) a permitted Investment or (z) any acquisition consummated on or prior to the Closing Date, in each case, until such obligation shall become earned and due and not promptly paid, (vii) deferred compensation payable to directors, officers or employees of any Borrower or any Subsidiary of a Borrower, (viii) Financing Leases (including lease liabilities resulting from failed sale and leaseback transactions) other than Attributable Indebtedness, or (ix) operating leases under ASC 842.

For all purposes hereof, the Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any partnership or joint venture (other than a joint venture that is itself a corporation or limited liability company or equivalent entity) in which such Person is a general partner or a joint venturer, except to the extent such Person’s liability for such Indebtedness is otherwise limited (including by such Person’s pro rata portion of such Indebtedness based on such Person’s pro rata ownership of such partnership or joint venture). The amount of any net Hedge Liabilities on any date shall be deemed to be the Swap Termination Value thereof as of such date. The amount of Indebtedness of any Person for purposes of clause (e) above shall be deemed to be equal to the lesser of (x) the aggregate unpaid amount of such Indebtedness and (y) the fair market value of the property encumbered thereby as determined by such Person in good faith.

“Permitted Acquisitions” shall mean:

(a) all acquisitions consummated prior to the Eighth Amendment Closing Date to the extent such acquisitions were permitted hereunder or otherwise approved in writing by the Agent and the Lenders;

(b) any acquisition that has the closing purchase price funded solely by the MLP (provided that Borrowers may pay (x) a portion of the purchase price in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 in the aggregate plus (y) the amount of inventory acquired, funded and to be retained by a Borrower for sale in the ordinary course of business so long as, in each case, at the time of and after giving effect to such payment, Borrowers have Undrawn Availability and Average Undrawn Availability of not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the Maximum Revolving Advance Amount); or

(c) any other acquisition that meets the following conditions:

(i) at least ten (10) Business Days prior to the date on which any such purchase or acquisition is to be consummated, the Borrowers shall deliver to Agent, on behalf of the Lenders, (i) a description of the proposed acquisition, (ii) to the extent available, a due diligence package (including other customary third party reports that are permitted to be shared), (iii) to the extent available, a quality of earnings report and (iv) such additional information regarding the target of the proposed acquisition as reasonably requested by Agent.

(ii) such Person and its Subsidiaries shall be required to become Borrowers hereunder and under the other applicable Other Documents pursuant to one or more joinder agreements in form reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and otherwise comply with its obligations under Section 7.12 of the PNC Credit Agreement within the timeframes set forth therein; provided, that this clause (ii) shall not apply with respect to Persons (or their assets) and their respective Subsidiaries that are not required to become Borrowers (or assets with respect to which the Agent does not receive a security interest) pursuant to Section 7.12 of the PNC Credit Agreement; provided, further, that the total consideration paid during the term of this Agreement in respect of all Permitted Acquisitions with respect to which the acquisition target does not become a Borrower, as set forth in Section 7.12 of the PNC Credit Agreement, or the purchased assets are not required to become Collateral, as set forth in Section 7.12 of the PNC Credit Agreement, shall not exceed an amount equal to \$5,000,000 (provided that any cash and Cash Equivalents in foreign bank accounts of Foreign Subsidiaries shall not be subject to such cap);

(iii) immediately before and immediately after giving effect to any such purchase and any Indebtedness incurred or assumed in connection therewith on a Pro Forma Basis, no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing; provided that in connection with a Limited Condition Acquisition, compliance with this clause (iii) shall be required on the date of signing such Limited Condition Acquisition and shall require that no Specified Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing immediately before and after giving effect to such Permitted Acquisition and any Indebtedness assumed or incurred in connection therewith;

(iv) the acquisition of such Person and its Subsidiaries would not cause the Borrowers to breach the covenant contained in Section 7.9 of the

PNC Credit Agreement;

(v) such acquisition is not a hostile or contested acquisition;

(vi) either (A) at the time of and after giving effect to such acquisition, Borrowers have Undrawn Availability and Average Undrawn Availability of not less than twenty five percent (25%) of the Maximum Revolving Advance Amount or (B) (I) at the time of and after giving effect to such acquisition, Borrowers have Undrawn Availability and Average Undrawn Availability of not less than fifteen percent (15%) of the Maximum Revolving Advance Amount and (II) the Borrowers shall have delivered to Agent a pro forma balance sheet, pro forma financial statements and a compliance certificate demonstrating that, upon giving effect to such acquisition on a Pro Forma Basis, the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of the Borrowers on a Consolidated Basis, would be not less than 1:1.00, measured as of the most recent Test Period; and

(vii) no assets acquired in any such acquisition shall be included in the Formula Amount until Agent has received a field examination and appraisal of such assets, in form and substance acceptable to Agent; provided, however, that in the case of any Permitted Acquisition where the acquired convenience store assets do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the Formula Amount (before including the acquired assets in the Formula Amount), such convenience store assets may be included in the Formula Amount prior to Agent receiving a field examination or appraisal for such assets to the extent such assets otherwise satisfy the applicable eligibility criteria; provided, further, however, that the aggregate amount of all such acquired convenience store assets included in the Formula Amount prior to the completion of a field examination and appraisal of such assets shall not exceed fifteen (15%) of the Formula Amount at any time.

For the purposes of calculating Undrawn Availability under this definition, any assets being acquired in the proposed acquisition shall be included in the Formula Amount on the date of closing of such acquisition so long as Agent has received an audit or appraisal of such assets as set forth in clause (vii) above, and so long as such assets satisfy the applicable eligibility criteria.

“Permitted Holders” shall mean any of (a) Arie Kotler, Morris Willner and/or Davidson Kempner Management L.P. and its Controlled Investment Affiliates, (b) the spouse or widow or widower of any person referenced in clause (a), (c) a parent, sibling, or lineal descendant (or spouse of such descendant) of any person referenced in clause (a), (d) the estate or personal representative of any person referenced in clause (a), (e) any trust created for the benefit of anyone referenced in clauses (a), (b) or (c), or (f) any entity (including any corporation, venture (general or limited), partnership (general or limited), limited liability company, association, joint stock company, trust or other business entity or organization) controlled by one or more of the persons or trust(s) referenced in clauses (a), (b), (c) or (e).

“Permitted Refinancing” shall mean a refinancing, replacement, renewal, restatement, extension or exchange of Indebtedness that:

(a) has an aggregate outstanding principal amount not greater than the aggregate principal amount of the Indebtedness (including any unfunded commitments) being refinanced, replaced, renewed, restated, extended or exchanged, except by an amount equal to the unpaid accrued interest and premium thereon, defeasance costs and other reasonable amounts paid and fees and expenses incurred in connection therewith;

(b) has a weighted average life to maturity (measured as of the date of such refinancing or extension) and maturity no shorter than that of the Indebtedness being refinanced, replaced, renewed, restated, extended or exchanged; provided that this clause (b) shall not apply to a refinancing of purchase money Indebtedness and Financing Lease Obligations; provided further that if such purchase money Indebtedness or Financing Lease Obligations has a maturity date (measured as of the date immediately before such refinancing) after the maturity date of this Agreement, the maturity date after such refinancing shall not be shortened to a date before the maturity date of this Agreement;

(a) is not entered into as part of a sale leaseback transaction;

(b) is not secured by a Lien on any assets other than the collateral securing the Indebtedness being refinanced, replaced, renewed, restated, extended or exchanged;

(c) the obligors of which are the same as the obligors of the Indebtedness being refinanced, replaced, renewed, restated, extended or exchanged, except that any Borrower may be an obligor thereof if otherwise permitted by this Agreement;

(d) is payment and/or lien subordinated to the Obligations at least to the same extent and in the same manner as the Indebtedness being refinanced, replaced, renewed, restated, extended or exchanged; and

(e) is otherwise on terms no less favorable to the Borrowers and their Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, than those of the Indebtedness being refinanced, replaced, renewed, restated, extended or exchanged.

“Tax Distribution” shall mean, for each taxable year in which GPM is considered a partnership or a “disregarded entity” for U.S. federal income tax purposes, distributions or payments made by GPM to its direct or indirect owner(s) related to tax obligations attributable to the operations of GPM and its Subsidiaries, provided that the amount of such Tax Distributions with respect to any taxable year does not exceed the amount that the Borrowers and their Subsidiaries would have been required to pay in respect of the income taxes for such taxable year had the Borrowers and their Subsidiaries been a stand alone taxpayer or stand alone group (separate from any such direct or indirect parent company) for the applicable taxable years.

C. Representations and Warranties. GPM hereby represents and warrants that no Event of Default (as defined in the Agreement) has occurred and is continuing, or would exist with notice or the lapse of time or both, and that all representations and warranties herein and in the other M&T Loan Documents are true and correct in all material respects.

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED by and between the parties hereto that this Amendment shall become a part of the Agreement by reference and that nothing herein contained shall impair the security now held for said indebtedness, nor shall waive, annul, vary or affect any provision, condition, covenant or agreement contained in the Agreement, except as herein amended, nor affect or impair any rights, powers or remedies under the Agreement, as hereby amended. Furthermore, M&T does hereby reserve all rights and remedies it may have against all parties who may be or may hereafter become primarily or secondarily liable for the repayment of the indebtedness evidenced by the M&T Loan Documents in addition to any other rights and remedies M&T may have under the Agreement or any of the other M&T Loan Documents.

GPM promises and agrees to pay and perform all of the requirements, conditions and obligations under the terms of the M&T Loan Documents and the Agreement, as hereby modified and amended, said documents being hereby ratified and affirmed. The execution and delivery hereof shall not constitute a novation or modification of the lien, encumbrance or security title of any security instrument executed in connection with the M&T Credit Facilities, which security instruments shall retain their priority as originally filed for record. GPM expressly agrees that the M&T Loan Documents and the Agreement are in full force and effect and that GPM has no right to setoff, counterclaim or defense to the payment thereof. Any reference contained in the Agreement, as amended herein, or in any of the M&T Loan Documents to the Agreement shall hereinafter be deemed to be a reference to such document as amended hereby.

This Amendment shall be closed without cost to M&T and all expenses incurred in connection with this closing (including, without limitation, all attorneys’ fees) are to be paid by GPM. M&T is not providing legal advice or services to GPM.

This Amendment shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia without regard to principles of conflict of laws.

This Amendment shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of any assignee or the respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument, and any of the parties hereto may execute any of such counterparts.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

**THIRD AMENDMENT TO SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED
MASTER COVENANT AGREEMENT**

[SIGNATURE PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument has been executed under seal by the parties hereto and delivered on the date and year first above written.

GPM:

GPM INVESTMENTS, LLC,
a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Donald P. Bassell (SEAL)
Name: Donald P. Bassell
Title: Chief Financial Officer

By: /s/ Maury Bricks (SEAL)
Name: Maury Bricks
Title: General Counsel

M&T:

M&T BANK,
a New York banking corporation

By: /s/ Drake A. Staniar (SEAL)
Name: Drake A. Staniar
Title: Senior Vice President

CERTIFICATION

I, Arie Kotler, certify that:

(1) I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of ARKO Corp.;

(2) Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

(3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

(4) The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

(a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

(d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

(5) The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 8, 2023

/s/ Arie Kotler

Arie Kotler

President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the
Board

CERTIFICATION

I, Donald Bassell, certify that:

(1) I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of ARKO Corp.;

(2) Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

(3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

(4) The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

(a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

(d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

(5) The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 8, 2023

/s/ Donald Bassell

Donald Bassell

Chief Financial Officer

**Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
(Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code)**

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, I, Arie Kotler, Chief Executive Officer of ARKO Corp. (the "Company"), hereby certify that:

The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2023 (the "Form 10-Q") of the Company fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the information contained in the Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 8, 2023

/s/ Arie Kotler

Arie Kotler
President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the
Board

**Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
(Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code)**

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, I, Donald Bassell, Chief Financial Officer of ARKO Corp. (the "Company"), hereby certify that:

The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2023 (the "Form 10-Q") of the Company fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the information contained in the Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 8, 2023

/s/ Donald Bassell

Donald Bassell

Chief Financial Officer
