UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quart	erly period ended Septe	ember 30, 2021
or TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO 1934	SECTION 13 OR 15(d)	OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
For the	transition period from _	to
Com	mission file number 001	-38477
BIGLA	RI HOLDIN	GS INC.
(Exact name	of registrant as specified	in its charter)
Indiana		82-3784946
(State or other jurisdiction of incorpora	ation)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
17802 IH 10 West, Suite 400		
San Antonio, TX		78257
(Address of principal executive office	res)	(Zip Code)
Registrant's	(210) 344-3400 telephone number, include	ling area code
(Former name, former addre	Not Applicable ess and former fiscal year	, if changed since last report)
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the	ne Act:	
Title of each class	Trading Symbols	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A Common Stock, no par value	BH.A	New York Stock Exchange
Class B Common Stock, no par value	ВН	New York Stock Exchange
•	,	equired to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the ach shorter period that the registrant was required to

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 (Section 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes \boxtimes No \square

file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes \boxtimes No \square

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and an "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large a	ccelerated filer		Accelerated filer	×
Non-acc	celerated filer		Smaller reporting company	
			Emerging growth company	
~ ~		•	ant has elected not to use the extended tr provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the	
Indicate by chec	ck mark whether the registrant is a	shell company (as de	fined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).	Yes □ No ⊠
Number of share	es of common stock outstanding as	s of November 2, 202	1:	
Class	A common stock –		206	,864
Class	B common stock –		2,068	,640

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PART 1 – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BIGLARI HOLDINGS INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(dollars in thousands)

	September 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
	(Unaudited)	
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 27,795	\$ 24,503
Investments	99,006	94,861
Receivables	23,885	19,185
Inventories	3,102	2,737
Other current assets	6,763	6,492
Total current assets	160,551	147,778
Property and equipment	352,822	316,122
Operating lease assets	44,598	42,832
Goodwill and other intangible assets	77,179	77,661
Investment partnerships	273,089	419,550
Other assets	11,132	14,025
Total assets	\$ 919,371	\$ 1,017,968
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 100,898	\$ 90,892
Loss and loss adjustment expenses	13,401	14,652
Unearned premiums	11,303	13,277
Current portion of lease obligations	17,230	17,365
Current portion of notes payable	<u> </u>	152,261
Total current liabilities	142,832	288,447
Lease obligations	107,949	111,645
Deferred taxes	57,910	41,346
Asset retirement obligations	10,314	10,022
Other liabilities	1,800	1,680
Total liabilities	320,805	453,140
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Shareholders' equity		
Common stock	1,138	1,138
Additional paid-in capital	381,788	381,788
Retained earnings	613,351	573,050
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,909)	
Treasury stock, at cost	(395,802)	(389,617)
Biglari Holdings Inc. shareholders' equity	598,566	564,828
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 919,371	\$ 1,017,968

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

(dollars in thousands except per share amounts)

	Third Quarter			First Nine Months			
		2021	2020	 2021		2020	
		(Unaı	idited)	(Unaı	idited	d)	
Revenues							
Restaurant operations	\$	59,144	\$ 79,674	\$ 196,424	\$	272,582	
Insurance premiums and other		14,723	14,413	43,729		38,692	
Oil and gas		7,353	6,029	24,310		19,554	
Media and licensing		863	1,719	2,695		3,209	
	<u> </u>	82,083	101,835	267,158		334,037	
Cost and expenses							
Restaurant cost of sales		41,694	54,062	129,297		194,737	
Insurance losses and underwriting expenses		10,672	11,290	31,733		28,866	
Oil and gas production costs		2,050	2,171	6,957		6,570	
Media and licensing costs		880	548	1,749		1,491	
Selling, general and administrative		16,889	19,902	50,848		54,974	
Impairments		_	3,698	559		21,817	
Depreciation and amortization		7,682	7,275	22,239		24,284	
Interest expense on leases		1,462	1,593	4,619		4,679	
Interest expense on notes payable		_	2,150	1,121		6,973	
	'	81,329	102,689	249,122		344,391	
Other income							
Investment gains		4,534	354	6,465		1,863	
Investment partnership gains (losses)		(20,231)	27,218	 27,344		(89,276)	
		(15,697)	27,572	33,809		(87,413)	
Earnings (loss) before income taxes		(14,943)	26,718	51,845		(97,767)	
Income tax expense (benefit)		(4,274)	5,617	11,544		(23,449)	
Net earnings (loss)	\$	(10,669)	\$ 21,101	\$ 40,301	\$	(74,318)	
Earnings per share						 _	
Net earnings (loss) per equivalent Class A share *	\$	(33.74)	\$ 60.07	\$ 125.79	\$	(213.31)	

^{*}Net earnings (loss) per equivalent Class B share outstanding are one-fifth of the equivalent Class A share or \$(6.75) and \$25.16 for the third quarter and first nine months of 2021, respectively, and \$12.01 and \$(42.66) for the third quarter and first nine months of 2020, respectively.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(dollars in thousands)

		Third Quarter			First Nine Months			
		2021	021 2020		2021			2020
	(Unaudited)				(Unaudited)			
Net earnings (loss)	\$	(10,669)	\$	21,101	\$	40,301	\$	(74,318)
Foreign currency translation		(49)		344		(378)		834
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$	(10,718)	\$	21,445	\$	39,923	\$	(73,484)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(dollars in thousands)

		First Nine Months		
		2021		2020
		(Unau	ıdited	d)
Operating activities				
Net earnings (loss)	\$	40,301	\$	(74,318)
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings (loss) to operating cash flows:				
Depreciation and amortization		22,239		24,284
Provision for deferred income taxes		16,625		(23,755)
Asset impairments and other non-cash expenses		696		22,545
Gains on disposal of assets		(306)		(1,251)
Investment gains and investment partnership gains/losses		(34,461)		87,413
Distributions from investment partnerships		172,420		97,330
Changes in receivables, inventories and other assets		3,608		10,919
Changes in accounts payable and accrued expenses		(9,877)		(36,800)
Net cash provided by operating activities		211,245		106,367
Investing activities				
Capital expenditures		(46,486)		(13,297)
Proceeds from property and equipment disposals		2,749		3,914
Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired		_		(34,240)
Purchases of limited partner interests		(4,800)		(69,330)
Purchases of investments		(81,923)		(240,351)
Redemptions of fixed maturity securities		74,678		241,223
Net cash used in investing activities		(55,782)		(112,081)
Financing activities				
Proceeds from revolving credit facility		_		500
Principal payments on long-term debt		(149,952)		(22,729)
Principal payments on direct financing lease obligations		(4,634)		(4,152)
Net cash used in financing activities		(154,586)		(26,381)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		(85)		(13)
Increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		792		(32,108)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of year		29,666		70,696
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of third quarter	\$		\$	38,588
				
		First Nin	e Ma	onths
		2021	.C IVIC	2020
		(Unau	ıdite	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	27,795	лане \$	33,164
Restricted cash in other long-term assets	Ψ	2,663	*	5,424
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of third quarter	\$	30,458	\$	38,588
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Unaudited)

(dollars in thousands)

				4.4121 1		Accumulated		
	Co	ommon		dditional Paid-In	Retained	Other Comprehensive	Treasury	
		Stock		Capital	Earnings	Income (Loss)	Stock	Total
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$	1,138	\$	381,788	\$573,050	\$ (1,531)	\$ (389,617)	\$564,828
Net earnings					71,707			71,707
Other comprehensive loss						(444)		(444)
Adjustment to treasury stock for holdings in investment partnerships							3,049	3,049
Balance at March 31, 2021	\$	1,138	\$	381,788	\$644,757	\$ (1,975)	\$ (386,568)	\$639,140
Net earnings (loss)					(20,737)			(20,737)
Other comprehensive income						115		115
Adjustment to treasury stock for holdings in investment partnerships							(5,026)	(5,026)
Balance at June 30, 2021	\$	1,138	\$	381,788	\$624,020	\$ (1,860)	\$ (391,594)	\$613,492
Net earnings (loss)					(10,669)			(10,669)
Other comprehensive loss						(49)		(49)
Adjustment to treasury stock for holdings in investment partnerships							(4,208)	(4,208)
Balance at September 30, 2021	\$	1,138	\$	381,788	\$613,351	\$ (1,909)	\$ (395,802)	\$598,566
				Additional		Accumulated Other		
		ommon Stock	-	Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Treasury Stock	Total
Balance at December 31, 2019	\$	1,138	\$	381,788	\$611,039	\$ (2,810)	\$ (374,857)	\$616,298
Net earnings (loss)					(137,885)			(137,885)
Other comprehensive loss						(312)		(312)
Adjustment to treasury stock for holdings in investment partnerships							1,089	1,089
Balance at March 31, 2020	\$	1,138	\$	381,788	\$473,154	\$ (3,122)	\$ (373,768)	\$479,190
Net earnings					42,466			42,466
Other comprehensive income						802		802
Adjustment to treasury stock for holdings in investment partnerships							92	92
Balance at June 30, 2020	\$	1,138	\$	381,788	\$515,620	\$ (2,320)	\$ (373,676)	\$522,550
Net earnings (loss)					21,101			21,101
Other comprehensive income						344		344
Adjustment to treasury stock for holdings in investment partnerships							(5,777)	(5,777)
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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS September 30, 2021

(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Description of Business

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of Biglari Holdings Inc. have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") applicable to interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In our opinion, all adjustments considered necessary to present fairly the results of the interim periods have been included and consist only of normal recurring adjustments. The results for the interim periods shown are not necessarily indicative of results for the entire fiscal year. The financial statements contained herein should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Biglari Holdings is a holding company owning subsidiaries engaged in a number of diverse business activities, including property and casualty insurance, media and licensing, restaurants, and oil and gas. The Company's largest operating subsidiaries are involved in the franchising and operating of restaurants. Biglari Holdings was founded and is led by Sardar Biglari, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The Company's long-term objective is to maximize per-share intrinsic value. All major investment and capital allocation decisions are made for the Company and its subsidiaries by Mr. Biglari. As of September 30, 2021, Mr. Biglari beneficially owns shares of the Company that represent approximately 65.0% of the economic interest and 70.3% of the voting interest.

Overview of the Impact of COVID-19

The novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization in March of 2020. Government and private sector responses to contain its spread began to affect our operating businesses significantly that same month. The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected nearly all of our operations, although the effects are varying significantly. The risks and uncertainties resulting from the pandemic may continue to affect our future earnings, cash flows and financial condition. The extent of such effects over the long term cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

Business Acquisition

On March 9, 2020, Biglari Holdings acquired the stock of Southern Pioneer Property & Casualty Insurance Company, and its agency, Southern Pioneer Insurance Agency, Inc. (collectively "Southern Pioneer"). Southern Pioneer underwrites garage liability insurance, commercial property, as well as homeowners and dwelling fire insurance. The financial results for Southern Pioneer are included from the date of acquisition.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries including Steak n Shake Inc., Western Sizzlin Corporation, First Guard Insurance Company, Maxim Inc., Southern Pioneer, and Southern Oil Company. Intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Change in Presentation

Gain on debt extinguishment of \$0 and \$5,713 during the third quarter and first nine months of 2020, respectively, have been reclassified from other income to selling, general and administrative expenses. Loss and loss adjustment expenses and unearned premiums are reflected separately from accrued expenses on the consolidated balance sheet.

Note 2. Earnings Per Share

Earnings per share of common stock is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year. The shares of Company stock attributable to our limited partner interest in The Lion Fund, L.P. and The Lion Fund II, L.P. (collectively, the "investment partnerships") — based on our proportional ownership during this period — are considered treasury stock on the consolidated balance sheet and thereby deemed not to be included in the calculation of weighted average common shares outstanding. However, these shares are legally outstanding.

Note 2. Earnings Per Share (continued)

The following table presents shares authorized, issued and outstanding on September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

	September	r 30, 2021	December 31, 2020		
	Class A	Class B	Class A	Class B	
Common stock authorized	500,000	10,000,000	500,000	10,000,000	
Common stock issued and outstanding	206,864	2,068,640	206,864	2,068,640	

On an equivalent Class A common stock basis, there were 620,592 shares outstanding as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020. The Company has applied the "two-class method" of computing earnings per share as prescribed in Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 260, "Earnings Per Share". The equivalent Class A common stock applied for computing earnings per share excludes the proportional shares of Biglari Holdings' stock held by the investment partnerships. The equivalent Class A common stock for the earnings per share calculation during the third quarters of 2021 and 2020 was 316,236 and 351,288, respectively. The equivalent Class A common stock for the earnings per share calculation during the first nine months of 2021 and 2020 was 320,377 and 348,396, respectively.

Note 3. Investments

Investments were \$99,006 and \$94,861 as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively. We classify investments in fixed maturity securities at the acquisition date as either available-for-sale or held-to-maturity and re-evaluate the classification at each balance sheet date. Securities classified as held-to-maturity are carried at amortized cost, reflecting the ability and intent to hold the securities to maturity. Realized gains and losses on disposals of investments are determined on a specific identification basis. Dividends earned on investments are reported as investment income by our insurance companies. We consider investment income as a component of our aggregate insurance operating results. However, we consider investment gains and losses, whether realized or unrealized, as non-operating.

Investment gains for the third quarter and first nine months of 2021 were \$4,534 and \$6,465, respectively, which include a \$5,047 gain on the sale of real estate. The Company purchased 26 acres of land in Murfreesboro, Tennessee in 2014 for \$2,145 and sold it in the third quarter of 2021. Investment gains for the third quarter and first nine months of 2020 were \$354 and \$1,863, respectively.

Note 4. Investment Partnerships

The Company reports on the limited partnership interests in investment partnerships under the equity method of accounting. We record our proportional share of equity in the investment partnerships but exclude Company common stock held by said partnerships. The Company's pro-rata share of its common stock held by the investment partnerships is recorded as treasury stock even though they are legally outstanding. The Company records gains/losses from investment partnerships (inclusive of the investment partnerships' unrealized gains and losses on their securities) in the consolidated statements of earnings based on our carrying value of these partnerships. The fair value is calculated net of the general partner's accrued incentive fees. Gains and losses on Company common stock included in the earnings of these partnerships are eliminated because they are recorded as treasury stock. Biglari Capital Corp. ("Biglari Capital") is the general partner of the investment partnerships and is an entity solely owned by Mr. Biglari.

The fair value and adjustment for Company common stock held by the investment partnerships to determine the carrying value of our partnership interest is presented below.

	Company					
	F	air Value	Co	mmon Stock	Cai	rying Value
Partnership interest at December 31, 2020	\$	590,926	\$	171,376	\$	419,550
Investment partnership gains (losses)		110,690		83,346		27,344
Distributions (net of contributions)		(167,620)				(167,620)
Increase in proportionate share of Company stock held				6,185		(6,185)
Partnership interest at September 30, 2021	\$	533,996	\$	260,907	\$	273,089

Note 4. Investment Partnerships (continued)

	Company					
	I	Fair Value	Co	mmon Stock	Ca	rrying Value
Partnership interest at December 31, 2019	\$	666,123	\$	160,581	\$	505,542
Investment partnership gains (losses)		(123,524)		(34,248)		(89,276)
Distributions (net of contributions)		(28,000)				(28,000)
Decrease in proportionate share of Company stock held				4,596		(4,596)
Partnership interest at September 30, 2020	\$	514,599	\$	130,929	\$	383,670

The carrying value of the investment partnerships net of deferred taxes is presented below.

	Sep	2021	De	ecember 31, 2020
Carrying value of investment partnerships	\$	273,089	\$	419,550
Deferred tax liability related to investment partnerships		(54,432)		(44,805)
Carrying value of investment partnerships net of deferred taxes	\$	218,657	\$	374,745

The Company's proportionate share of Company stock held by investment partnerships at cost is \$395,802 and \$389,617 at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively, and is recorded as treasury stock.

The carrying value of the partnership interest approximates fair value adjusted by the value of held Company stock. Fair value of our partnership interests is assessed according to our proportional ownership interest of the fair value of investments held by the investment partnerships. Unrealized gains and losses on marketable securities held by the investment partnerships affect our net earnings.

Gains/losses from investment partnerships recorded in the Company's consolidated statements of earnings are presented below.

	Third Quarter					First Nin	e Months		
	2021 2020			2021		2020			
Gains (losses) on investment partnership	\$	(20,231)	\$	27,218	\$	27,344	\$	(89,276)	
Tax expense (benefit)		(4,946)		6,163		6,175		(21,337)	
Contribution to net earnings	\$	(15,285)	\$	21,055	\$	21,169	\$	(67,939)	

On December 31 of each year, the general partner of the investment partnerships, Biglari Capital, will earn an incentive reallocation fee for the Company's investments equal to 25% of the net profits above an annual hurdle rate of 6% over the previous high-water mark. Our policy is to accrue an estimated incentive fee throughout the year. The total incentive reallocation from Biglari Holdings to Biglari Capital includes gains on the Company's common stock. Gains and losses on the Company's common stock and the related incentive reallocations are eliminated in our consolidated financial statements.

There were no incentive reallocations from Biglari Holdings to Biglari Capital during the first nine months of 2021 and 2020.

Note 4. Investment Partnerships (continued)

Summarized financial information for The Lion Fund, L.P. and The Lion Fund II, L.P. is presented below.

	Equity in Investment Partnerships			
	Lion Fund	Lion Fund II		
Total assets as of September 30, 2021	\$ 132,351	\$	583,989	
Total liabilities as of September 30, 2021	\$ 1,490	\$	101,956	
Revenue for the first nine months of 2021	\$ 35,639	\$	94,078	
Earnings for the first nine months of 2021	\$ 35,584	\$	93,548	
Biglari Holdings' ownership interest as of September 30, 2021	62.4 %		93.9 %	
Total assets as of December 31, 2020	\$ 112,970	\$	566,663	
Total liabilities as of December 31, 2020	\$ 189	\$	25,453	
Revenue for the first nine months of 2020	\$ (18,941)	\$	(119,644)	
Earnings for the first nine months of 2020	\$ (18,992)	\$	(120,849)	
Biglari Holdings' ownership interest as of September 30, 2020	66.2 %		95.3 %	

Revenue in the above summarized financial information of the investment partnerships includes investment income and unrealized gains and losses on investments.

Note 5. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is composed of the following.

	Sej	September 30, 2021		ecember 31, 2020
Land	\$	144,774	\$	142,601
Buildings		147,947		138,734
Land and leasehold improvements		148,296		141,351
Equipment		223,815		192,735
Oil and gas properties		73,752		75,900
Construction in progress		2,482		1,032
		741,066		692,353
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		(388,244)		(376,231)
Property and equipment, net	\$	352,822	\$	316,122

Depletion expense related to oil and gas properties was \$5,875 and \$9,249 during the first nine months of 2021 and 2020, respectively, and is included in depreciation and amortization within the consolidated statement of earnings.

During the first nine months of 2021, the Company recorded impairment charges of \$559 related to closed stores. The Company recorded impairment charges of \$18,117 in the first nine months of 2020. The fair value of the long-lived assets was determined based on Level 3 inputs using a discounted cash flow model and quoted prices for the properties.

Note 6. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill

Goodwill consists of the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired in connection with business acquisitions.

Note 6. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets (continued)

A reconciliation of the change in the carrying value of goodwill is as follows.

	G	oodwill
Goodwill at December 31, 2020	\$	53,596
Change in foreign exchange rates during the first nine months of 2021		(36)
Goodwill at September 30, 2021	\$	53,560

We evaluate goodwill and any indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment annually, or more frequently if circumstances indicate impairment may have occurred. Goodwill impairment occurs when the estimated fair value of goodwill is less than its carrying value. The valuation methodology and underlying financial information included in our determination of fair value require significant management judgments. We use both market and income approaches to derive fair value. The judgments in these two approaches include, but are not limited to, comparable market multiples, long-term projections of future financial performance, and the selection of appropriate discount rates used to determine the present value of future cash flows. Changes in such estimates or the application of alternative assumptions could produce significantly different results. In response to the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, during 2020 we considered whether goodwill needed to be evaluated for impairment for certain restaurant reporting units. We considered the available facts and made qualitative assessments and judgments for what we believed represented reasonably possible outcomes. No impairment charges for goodwill were recorded in the first nine months of 2021 or 2020.

Western Sizzlin has experienced a decline in its franchised units for several years. If Western Sizzlin's franchised units continue to decline, an impairment of its goodwill may be necessary.

Other Intangible Assets

Intangible assets with indefinite lives are composed of the following.

	Trac	Trade Names		Lease Rights		Total
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$	15,876	\$	8,189	\$	24,065
Change in foreign exchange rates during the first nine months of 2021				(446)		(446)
Balance at September 30, 2021	\$	15,876	\$	7,743	\$	23,619

During the first nine months of 2020, the Company recorded impairment charges of \$3,700 on lease rights related to our international restaurant operations.

Fair values were determined using Level 3 inputs and available market data.

Note 7. Restaurant Operations Revenues

Restaurant operations revenues were as follows.

	 Third Quarter				First Nin	e Months		
	 2021	2021 2020			2021		2020	
Net sales	\$ 41,916	\$	67,617	\$	146,269	\$	241,832	
Franchise partner fees	11,508	6,894			31,744		14,775	
Franchise royalties and fees	4,865		4,421		14,594		13,704	
Other	855		742		3,817		2,271	
	\$ 59,144	\$	79,674	\$	196,424	\$	272,582	

Net Sales

Net sales are composed of retail sales of food through company-operated stores. Company-operated store revenues are recognized, net of discounts and sales taxes, when our obligation to perform is satisfied at the point of sale. Sales taxes related to these sales are collected from customers and remitted to the appropriate taxing authority and are not reflected in the Company's consolidated statements of earnings as revenue.

Note 7. Restaurant Operations Revenues (continued)

Franchise Partner Fees

Franchise partner fees are composed of up to 15% of sales as well as 50% of profits. We are therefore fully affected by the operating results of the business, unlike in a traditional franchising arrangement, where the franchisor obtains a royalty fee based on sales only. We generate most of our revenue from our share of the franchise partners' profits. An initial franchise fee of ten thousand dollars is recognized when the operator becomes a franchise partner. The Company recognizes franchise partner fees monthly as underlying restaurant sales occur.

The Company leases or subleases property and equipment to franchisees under lease arrangements. Both real estate and equipment rental payments are charged to franchisees and are recognized in accordance with ASC 842, "Leases". During the third quarter of 2021 and 2020, restaurant operations recognized \$4,277 and \$1,606, respectively, in franchise partner fees related to rental fees. During the nine months ended September 30, 2021, and September 30, 2020, restaurant operations recognized \$10,910 and \$3,617, respectively, in franchise partner fees related to rental fees.

Franchise Royalties and Fees

Franchise royalties and fees from Steak n Shake and Western Sizzlin franchisees are based upon a percentage of sales of the franchise restaurant and are recognized as earned. Franchise royalties are billed on a monthly basis. Initial franchise fees when a new restaurant opens or at the start of a new franchise term are recorded as deferred revenue when received and recognized as revenue over the term of the franchise agreement.

Other Revenue

Restaurant operations sells gift cards to customers which can be redeemed for retail food sales within our stores. Gift cards are recorded as deferred revenue when issued and are subsequently recorded as net sales upon redemption. Restaurant operations estimates breakage related to gift cards when the likelihood of redemption is remote. This estimate utilizes historical trends based on the vintage of the gift card. Breakage on gift cards is recorded as other revenue in proportion to the rate of gift card redemptions by vintage.

Note 8. Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Accounts payable and accrued expenses include the following.

	Sep	otember 30, 2021	De	ecember 31, 2020
Accounts payable	\$	42,307	\$	26,537
Gift card liability		21,174		21,822
Insurance accruals		6,221		6,559
Salaries, wages and vacation		8,378		8,285
Deferred revenue		7,546		9,324
Taxes payable		4,317		10,922
Professional fees		6,169		5,882
Other		4,786		1,561
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	100,898	\$	90,892

Note 9. Notes Payable and Lease Obligations

Steak n Shake Credit Facility

On March 19, 2014, Steak n Shake and its subsidiaries entered into a credit agreement which provided for a senior secured term loan facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$220,000. The term loan was scheduled to mature on March 19, 2021. As of December 31, 2020, \$152,506 was outstanding. The Company repaid Steak n Shake's outstanding balance in full on February 19, 2021.

Note 9. Notes Payable and Lease Obligations (continued)

Lease obligations include the following.

Current portion of lease obligations	Sep	otember 30, 2021	De	cember 31, 2020
Finance lease liabilities	\$	1,536	\$	1,897
Finance obligations		4,948		4,854
Operating lease liabilities		10,746		10,614
Total current portion of lease obligations	\$	17,230	\$	17,365
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Long-term lease obligations				
Finance lease liabilities	\$	5,627	\$	7,034
Finance obligations		64,315		68,148
Operating leases liabilities		38,007		36,463
Total long-term lease obligations	\$	107,949	\$	111,645

Note 10. Leased Assets and Lease Commitments

Nature of Leases

The Company operates restaurants that are located on sites owned by us and leased from third parties. In addition, the Company owns sites and leases sites from third parties that are leased and/or subleased to franchisees.

Company as Lessee

A significant portion of our operating and finance lease portfolio includes restaurant locations. Operating lease expense and finance lease depreciation expense are recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Total lease cost consists of the following.

	Third Quarter					First Nin	ne Months	
	2	2021		2020	2021			2020
Finance lease costs:								
Amortization of right-of-use assets	\$	404	\$	279	\$	1,205	\$	1,087
Interest on lease liabilities		126		136		399		392
Operating lease costs *		240		2,096		1,403		8,321
Total lease costs	\$	770	\$	2,511	\$	3,007	\$	9,800

^{*}Includes short-term leases, variable lease costs and sublease income.

Note 10. Leased Assets and Lease Commitments (continued)

Supplemental cash flow information related to leases is as follows.

	 First Nin		
	 2021		2020
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:			
Financing cash flows from finance leases	\$ 1,226	\$	1,132
Operating cash flows from finance leases	\$ 384	\$	463
Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$ 9,806	\$	10,382
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for lease obligations:			
Operating lease liabilities	\$ 	\$	73
Supplemental balance sheet information related to leases is as follows.			
	ember 30, 2021	Dec	ember 31, 2020
Finance leases:			
Property and equipment, net	\$ 6,005	\$	6,501
Weighted-average lease terms and discount rates are as follows.			ember 30,
			2021
Weighted-average remaining lease terms:			
Finance leases			5.2 years
Operating leases			5.3 years
Weighted-average discount rates:			
Finance leases			7.0 %
Operating leases			6.9 %
Maturities of lease liabilities as of September 30, 2021 are as follows.			
Year	perating Leases	_	inance Leases
2021	\$ 4,217	\$	543
2022	12,457		1,816
2023	11,204		1,551
2024	9,244		1,534
2025	7,605		1,298
After 2025	13,699		1,814
Total lease payments	58,426		8,556
	9,673		1,393
Less interest	9,073		1,575

Note 10. Leased Assets and Lease Commitments (continued)

Company as Lessor

The components of lease income are as follows.

	Third (Quar	ter	First Nine Months						
	2021 2020				2021		2020			
Operating lease income	\$ 3,211	\$	1,428	\$	8,471	\$	3,259			
Variable lease income	1,370		449		3,375		1,183			
Total lease income	\$ 4,581	\$	1,877	\$	11,846	\$	4,442			

The following table displays the Company's future minimum rental receipts for non-cancelable leases and subleases as of September 30, 2021. Franchise partner leases and subleases are short-term leases and have been excluded from the table.

	Ope	rating Leases
Year	Subleases	Owned Properties
2021	\$	90 \$ 62
2022	5	225 247
2023	5	337 247
2024	4	154 247
2025	4	154 250
After 2025	1,9	1,052
Total future minimum receipts	\$ 4,2	276 \$ 2,105

Note 11. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

Accumulated other comprehensive loss increased \$49 and decreased \$344 during the third quarters of 2021 and 2020, respectively. During the first nine months of 2021, accumulated other comprehensive loss increased by \$378 and decreased by \$834 during the first nine months of 2020. As of September 30, 2021 and 2020, the balances in accumulated other comprehensive loss were \$1,909 and \$1,976, respectively. There were no reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive loss to earnings during the first nine months of 2021 and 2020. All changes in accumulated other comprehensive loss were due to foreign currency translation adjustments.

Note 12. Income Taxes

In determining the quarterly provision for income taxes, the Company used a discrete effective tax rate method based on statutory tax rates for the first nine months of 2021 and 2020. Our periodic effective income tax rate is affected by the relative mix of pre-tax earnings or losses and underlying income tax rates applicable to the various taxing jurisdictions.

Income tax benefit for the third quarter of 2021 was \$4,274 compared to an income tax expense of \$5,617 for the third quarter of 2020. Income tax expense for the first nine months of 2021 was \$11,544 compared to a benefit of \$23,449 for the first nine months of 2020. The variance in income taxes between 2021 and 2020 is attributable to taxes on income generated by the investment partnerships. Investment partnership pretax gains were \$27,344 during the first nine months of 2021 compared to pretax losses of \$89,276 during the first nine months of 2020.

Note 13. Commitments and Contingencies

We are involved in various legal proceedings and have certain unresolved claims pending. We believe, based on examination of these matters and experiences to date, that the ultimate liability, if any, in excess of amounts already provided in our consolidated financial statements is not likely to have a material effect on our results of operations, financial position or cash flow.

Note 14. Fair Value of Financial Assets

The fair values of substantially all of our financial instruments were measured using market or income approaches. Considerable judgment may be required in interpreting market data used to develop the estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the fair values presented are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that could be realized in an actual current market exchange. The use of alternative market assumptions and/or estimation methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair value.

The hierarchy for measuring fair value consists of Levels 1 through 3, which are described below.

- Level 1 Inputs represent unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities exchanged in active markets.
- Level 2 Inputs include directly or indirectly observable inputs (other than Level 1 inputs) such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities exchanged in active or inactive markets; quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities exchanged in inactive markets; other inputs that may be considered in fair value determinations of the assets or liabilities, such as interest rates and yield curves, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks and default rates; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. Pricing evaluations generally reflect discounted expected future cash flows, which incorporate yield curves for instruments with similar characteristics, such as credit ratings, estimated durations and yields for other instruments of the issuer or entities in the same industry sector.
- Level 3 Inputs include unobservable inputs used in the measurement of assets and liabilities. Management is required to use its own assumptions regarding unobservable inputs because there is little, if any, market activity in the assets or liabilities and we may be unable to corroborate the related observable inputs. Unobservable inputs require management to make certain projections and assumptions about the information that would be used by market participants in pricing assets or liabilities.

The following methods and assumptions were used to determine the fair value of each class of the following assets recorded at fair value in the consolidated balance sheets:

Cash equivalents: Cash equivalents primarily consist of money market funds which are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Equity securities: The Company's investments in equity securities are classified within Levels 1 and 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Bonds: The Company's investments in bonds consist of both corporate and government debt. Bonds are classified within Level 1 or Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Non-qualified deferred compensation plan investments: The assets of the non-qualified plan are set up in a rabbi trust. They represent mutual funds and publicly traded securities, each of which are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Derivative instruments: Options related to equity securities are marked to market each reporting period and are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy depending on the instrument.

Note 14. Fair Value of Financial Assets (continued)

As of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the fair values of financial assets were as follows.

		Septembe	er 30, 2021		December 31, 2020						
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total			
Assets											
Cash equivalents	\$ 25,575	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 25,575	\$ 23,885	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 23,885			
Equity securities											
Consumer goods	8,349	2,810	_	11,159	7,274	5,652	_	12,926			
Insurance	4,536	_	_	4,536	261	_	_	261			
Bonds											
Government	52,876	_	_	52,876	39,472	14,043	_	53,515			
Corporate	6,947	_	_	6,947	_	5,406	_	5,406			
Options on equity securities	_	1,653	_	1,653	_	2,911	_	2,911			
Non-qualified deferred compensation plan											
investments	1,596			1,596	1,368			1,368			
Total assets at fair value	\$ 99,879	\$ 4,463	<u>\$</u>	\$104,342	\$ 72,260	\$ 28,012	<u>\$</u>	\$100,272			

There were no changes in our valuation techniques used to measure fair values on a recurring basis.

Note 15. Related Party Transactions

Service Agreement

The Company is party to a service agreement with Biglari Enterprises LLC and Biglari Capital Corp. (collectively, the "Biglari Entities") under which the Biglari Entities provide services to the Company. The service agreement has a five-year term, effective on October 1, 2017. The Company paid Biglari Enterprises \$6,300 in service fees during the first nine months of 2021 and 2020. The service agreement does not alter the hurdle rate connected with the incentive reallocation paid to Biglari Capital Corp. The Biglari Entities are owned by Mr. Biglari.

Incentive Agreement

The Incentive Agreement establishes a performance-based annual incentive payment for Mr. Biglari contingent upon the growth in adjusted equity in each year attributable to our operating businesses. In order for Mr. Biglari to receive any incentive, our operating businesses must achieve an annual increase in shareholders' equity in excess of 6% (the "Hurdle Rate") above the previous highest level (the "High Water Mark"). Mr. Biglari will receive 25% of any incremental book value created above the High Water Mark plus the Hurdle Rate. In any year in which book value declines, our operating businesses must completely recover their deficit from the previous High Water Mark, along with attaining the Hurdle Rate, before Mr. Biglari becomes eligible to receive any further incentive payment.

Note 16. Business Segment Reporting

Our reportable business segments are organized in a manner that reflects how management views those business activities. Our restaurant operations include Steak n Shake and Western Sizzlin. Our insurance operations include First Guard and Southern Pioneer. The Company also reports segment information for Maxim and Southern Oil. Other business activities not specifically identified with reportable business segments are presented in corporate. We report our earnings from investment partnerships separate from our corporate expenses. We assess and measure segment operating results based on segment earnings as disclosed below. Segment earnings from operations are neither necessarily indicative of cash available to fund cash requirements, nor synonymous with cash flow from operations. The tabular information that follows shows data of our reportable segments reconciled to amounts reflected in the consolidated financial statements.

Note 16. Business Segment Reporting (continued)

A disaggregation of our consolidated data for the third quarters and first nine months of 2021 and 2020 is presented in the tables that follow.

			Reve	enue	:		
	 Third (Quar	ter		First Nin	е М	onths
	2021		2020		2021		2020
Operating Businesses:							
Restaurant Operations:							
Steak n Shake	\$ 56,993	\$	78,313	\$	190,517	\$	267,637
Western Sizzlin	2,151		1,361		5,907		4,945
Total Restaurant Operations	59,144		79,674		196,424		272,582
Insurance Operations:	 						
First Guard	8,656		7,898		25,250		23,194
Southern Pioneer	6,067		6,515		18,479		15,498
Total Insurance Operations	 14,723		14,413		43,729		38,692
Southern Oil	 7,353		6,029		24,310		19,554
Maxim	863		1,719		2,695		3,209
	\$ 82,083	\$	101,835	\$	267,158	\$	334,037
	 Ea Third (gs (Losses) B	efor	re Income Tax First Nin		onths
	 2021	2020		2021	C IVI	2020	
Operating Businesses:	 						2020
Restaurant Operations:							
Steak n Shake	\$ (2,959)	\$	(63)	\$	5,733	\$	(6,362)
Western Sizzlin	247		(396)		707		(937)
Total Restaurant Operations	(2,712)		(459)		6,440		(7,299)
Insurance Operations:							
First Guard	2,934		2,152		8,204		7,193
Southern Pioneer	908		518		3,194		1,458
Total Insurance Operations	3,842		2,670		11,398		8,651
Southern Oil	2,982		592		9,047		1,355
Maxim	(56)		1,150		867		1,605
Interest expense not allocated to segments	 _		(2,150)		(1,121)		(6,973)
Total Operating Businesses	4,056		1,803		26,631		(2,661)
Corporate and Investments:							
Corporate and other	(3,302)		(2,657)		(8,595)		(7,693)
Investment gains	4,534		354		6,465		1,863
Investment partnership gains (losses)	 (20,231)		27,218		27,344		(89,276)
Total Corporate and Investments	(18,999)		24,915		25,214		(95,106)
	\$ (14,943)	\$	26,718	\$	51,845	\$	(97,767)

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

(dollars in thousands except per share data)

Overview

Biglari Holdings is a holding company owning subsidiaries engaged in a number of diverse business activities, including property and casualty insurance, media and licensing, restaurants, and oil and gas. The Company's largest operating subsidiaries are involved in the franchising and operating of restaurants. Biglari Holdings was founded and is led by Sardar Biglari, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The Company's long-term objective is to maximize per-share intrinsic value. All major investment and capital allocation decisions are made for the Company and its subsidiaries by Mr. Biglari. As of September 30, 2021, Mr. Biglari beneficially owns shares of the Company that represent approximately 65.0% of the economic interest and 70.3% of the voting interest.

On March 9, 2020, Biglari Holdings acquired the stock of Southern Pioneer Property & Casualty Insurance Company and its agency, Southern Pioneer Insurance Agency, Inc. (collectively "Southern Pioneer"). The Company's financial results include the results of Southern Pioneer from the date of acquisition.

Net earnings (loss) attributable to Biglari Holdings shareholders are disaggregated in the table that follows. Amounts are recorded after deducting income taxes.

	 Third (Quarter		First Nine Month				
	2021	2020		2021		2020		
Operating businesses:								
Restaurant	\$ (1,515)	\$ (15)) \$	5,146	\$	(6,199)		
Insurance	2,985	2,204		8,902		6,819		
Oil and gas	2,325	389		7,016		1,278		
Media and licensing	(43)	885		662		1,236		
Interest expense	_	(1,612))	(841)		(5,219)		
Total operating businesses	3,752	1,851	-	20,885		(2,085)		
Corporate and other	(2,526)	(2,081))	(6,649)		(5,762)		
Investment gains	3,390	276		4,896		1,468		
Investment partnership gains (losses)	(15,285)	21,055		21,169		(67,939)		
	\$ (10,669)	\$ 21,101	\$	40,301	\$	(74,318)		

Restaurant businesses include Steak n Shake Inc. and Western Sizzlin Corporation. Steak n Shake and Western Sizzlin are engaged in the ownership, operation, and franchising of restaurants.

Insurance businesses are composed of First Guard Insurance Company ("First Guard") and Southern Pioneer. First Guard is a direct underwriter of commercial trucking insurance, selling physical damage and nontrucking liability insurance to truckers. Southern Pioneer underwrites garage liability insurance, commercial property, as well as homeowners and dwelling fire insurance.

Oil and gas business is composed of Southern Oil Company ("Southern Oil").

Media and licensing business is composed of Maxim Inc.

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Steak n Shake and Western Sizzlin comprise 581 company-operated and franchise restaurants as of September 30, 2021.

		Steak n Shake		Western Sizzlin						
	Company- operated	Franchise Partner	Traditional Franchise	Company- operated	Franchise	Total				
Total stores as of December 31, 2020	276	86	194	3	39	598				
Corporate stores transitioned	(54)	54				_				
Net restaurants opened (closed)	(1)	_	(15)	_	(1)	(17)				
Total stores as of September 30, 2021	221	140	179	3	38	581				
Total stores as of December 31, 2019	368	29	213	4	48	662				
Corporate stores transitioned	(41)	40	1	_	_	_				
Net restaurants opened (closed)	(67)		(15)	(1)	(9)	(92)				
Total stores as of September 30, 2020	260	69	199	3	39	570				

As of September 30, 2021, 42 of the 221 company-operated Steak n Shake stores were temporarily closed.

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Earnings of our restaurant operations are summarized below.

	Third Quarter First Nine Months							
	2021		2020		2021		2020	
Revenue								
Net sales	\$ 41,916		\$ 67,617		\$146,269		\$241,832	
Franchise partner fees	11,508		6,894		31,744		14,775	
Franchise royalties and fees	4,865		4,421		14,594		13,704	
Other revenue	855		742		3,817		2,271	
Total revenue	59,144		79,674		196,424		272,582	
Restaurant cost of sales								
Cost of food	13,123	31.3 %	19,508	28.9 %	43,404	29.7 %	70,880	29.3 %
Restaurant operating costs	24,496	58.4 %	30,451	45.0 %	71,751	49.1 %	110,903	45.9 %
Occupancy costs	4,075	9.7 %	4,103	6.1 %	14,142	9.7 %	12,954	5.4 %
Total cost of sales	41,694		54,062		129,297		194,737	
Selling, general and administrative								
General and administrative	9,255	15.6 %	12,059	15.1 %	27,416	14.0 %	30,146	11.1 %
Marketing	2,302	3.9 %	3,891	4.9 %	10,212	5.2 %	18,406	6.8 %
Other expenses	1,332	2.3 %	454	0.6 %	2,266	1.2 %	1,721	0.6 %
Total selling, general and administrative	12,889	21.8 %	16,404	20.6 %	39,894	20.3 %	50,273	18.4 %
Impairments			(3,698)		(559)		(21,817)	
Depreciation and amortization	(5,811)		(4,376)		(15,615)		(14,088)	
Gain on debt extinguishment			_		_		5,713	
Interest on finance leases and obligations	(1,462)		(1,593)		(4,619)		(4,679)	
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	(2,712)		(459)		6,440		(7,299)	
Income tax expense (benefit)	(1,197)		(444)		1,294		(1,100)	
Contribution to net earnings	\$ (1,515)		\$ (15)		\$ 5,146		\$ (6,199)	

Cost of food, restaurant operating costs and occupancy costs are expressed as a percentage of net sales. General and administrative, marketing and other expenses are expressed as a percentage of total revenue.

The novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization in March of 2020. Government and private sector responses to contain its spread began to affect our operating businesses significantly that same month. The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected our restaurant operations, as our restaurants were required to close their dining rooms during the first quarter of 2020.

The majority of Steak n Shake's dining rooms remained closed through the end of 2020. Steak n Shake has been reopening its dining rooms this year, and in doing so has implemented a self-service model. The transformation has resulted in higher capital expenditures in 2021 as compared to 2020. In the first nine months of 2021, Steak n Shake spent \$29,708 in capital expenditures related to the conversion of table-service restaurants to self-service restaurants.

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Net sales for the third quarter and first nine months of 2021 were \$41,916 and \$146,269, respectively, representing a decrease of \$25,701 or 38.0%, and \$95,563 or 39.5%, compared to the third quarter and first nine months of 2020, respectively. The year-over-year decrease in revenue of company-operated restaurants is primarily due to the shift of company units to franchise partner units. For company-operated units, sales to the end customer are recorded as revenue generated by the Company, but for franchise partner units, only our share of the restaurants' profits, along with certain fees, are recorded as revenue. Because we derive most of our revenue from our share of the profits, revenue will continue to decline with each transition of a company-operated unit to a franchise partner unit.

Franchise partner fees were \$11,508 during the third quarter of 2021, compared to \$6,894 during the third quarter of 2020. Franchise partner fees were \$31,744 during the first nine months of 2021, compared to \$14,775 during the first nine months of 2020. As of September 30, 2021, there were 140 franchise partner units, compared to 69 franchise partner units as of September 30, 2020.

The cost of food during the third quarter and first nine months of 2021 was \$13,123, and \$43,404, respectively, compared to \$19,508, and \$70,880 in the third quarter and first nine months of 2020, respectively. Restaurant operating costs during the third quarter of 2021 were \$24,496, compared to \$30,451 in the third quarter of 2020. Restaurant operating costs during the first nine months of 2021 were \$71,751, compared to \$110,903 in the first nine months of 2020. The decreases in cost of food and operating costs are mainly attributable to the transitioning of company-operated units to franchise partner units. The increase in operating costs as a percentage of net sales is mainly attributable to increasing wages. The Company expects to increase menu prices in the fourth quarter to improve margins.

General and administrative costs during the third quarter and first nine months of 2021 were \$9,255 and \$27,416, respectively, compared to \$12,059 and \$30,146 in the third quarter and first nine months of 2020, respectively. The year-over-year general and administrative costs were lower in 2021 primarily because of legal and professional fees incurred during the third quarter of 2020.

Marketing expenses during the third quarter and first nine months of 2021 were \$2,302 and \$10,212, respectively, compared to \$3,891 and \$18,406 during the third quarter and first nine months of 2020, respectively. Marketing expenses decreased primarily due to the decision to shift to a digital marketing strategy.

Our restaurants recorded an impairment to long-lived assets of \$0 and \$3,698 in the third quarters of 2021 and 2020, respectively, and \$559 and \$21,817 in the first nine months of 2021 and 2020, respectively. The 2021 impairments are primarily attributable to Steak n Shake store closures. The 2020 impairments were connected to dining room closures during the pandemic.

Insurance

We view our insurance businesses as possessing two activities: underwriting and investing. Underwriting decisions are the responsibility of the unit managers, whereas investing decisions are the responsibility of our Chairman and CEO, Sardar Biglari. Business units are operated under separate local management. Biglari Holdings' insurance operations consist of First Guard and Southern Pioneer.

Underwriting results of our insurance operations are summarized below.

		Third	Quar	ter		First Nin	e M	onths
	2021			2020	2021			2020
Underwriting gain attributable to:								
First Guard	\$	2,832	\$	2,077	\$	7,922	\$	6,953
Southern Pioneer		397		60		1,511		(229)
Pre-tax underwriting gain		3,229		2,137		9,433		6,724
Income tax expense		681		449		1,984		1,412
Net underwriting gain	\$	2,548	\$	1,688	\$	7,449	\$	5,312

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Earnings of our insurance operations are summarized below.

	Third	Quarter	First Nine Months			
	2021	2020	2021	2020		
Premiums written	\$ 13,901	\$ 13,427	\$ 41,166	\$ 35,590		
Insurance losses	6,657	7,419	20,040	18,494		
Underwriting expenses	4,015	3,871	11,693	10,372		
Pre-tax underwriting gain	3,229	2,137	9,433	6,724		
Other income and expenses						
Investment income and commissions	646	817	2,033	2,749		
Other expenses	(33)	(284)	(68)	(822)		
Total other income	613	533	1,965	1,927		
Earnings before income taxes	3,842	2,670	11,398	8,651		
Income tax expense	857	466	2,496	1,832		
Contribution to net earnings	\$ 2,985	\$ 2,204	\$ 8,902	\$ 6,819		

Insurance premiums and other on the consolidated statement of earnings includes premiums earned, investment income, other income and commissions.

First Guard

First Guard is a direct underwriter of commercial truck insurance, selling physical damage and nontrucking liability insurance to truckers. First Guard's insurance products are marketed primarily through direct response methods via the internet or by telephone. First Guard's cost-efficient direct response marketing methods enable it to be a low-cost insurer. A summary of First Guard's underwriting results follows.

			Third (Quar	ter	First Nine Months								
		202	1	2020				202	1	2020				
	A	Amount	%	A	Amount	%		Amount	%	I	Amount	%		
Premiums written	\$	8,458	100.0 %	\$	7,505	100.0 %	\$	24,760	100.0 %	\$	22,195	100.0 %		
Insurance losses		3,935	46.5 %		3,736	49.8 %		11,746	47.4 %		10,268	46.3 %		
Underwriting expenses		1,691	20.0 %		1,692	22.5 %		5,092	20.6 %		4,974	22.4 %		
Total losses and expenses		5,626	66.5 %		5,428	72.3 %		16,838	68.0 %		15,242	68.7 %		
Pre-tax underwriting gain	\$	2,832		\$	2,077		\$	7,922		\$	6,953			

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Southern Pioneer

Southern Pioneer underwrites garage liability insurance, commercial property, as well as homeowners and dwelling fire insurance. The financial results for Southern Pioneer are from the date of acquisition March 9, 2020. A summary of Southern Pioneer's underwriting results follows.

			Third (ter		First Nine Months							
		202	1	2020				202	1		0		
	A	Mount	%	Α	Mount	%	A	Amount	%	A	Amount	%	
Premiums written	\$	5,443	100.0 %	\$	5,922	100.0 %	\$	16,406	100.0 %	\$	13,395	100.0 %	
Insurance losses		2,722	50.0 %		3,683	62.2 %		8,294	50.6 %		8,226	61.4 %	
Underwriting expenses		2,324	42.7 %		2,179	36.8 %		6,601	40.2 %		5,398	40.3 %	
Total losses and expenses		5,046	92.7 %		5,862	99.0 %		14,895	90.8 %		13,624	101.7 %	
Pre-tax underwriting gain	\$	397		\$	60		\$	1,511		\$	(229)		

Insurance - Investment Income

A summary of net investment income attributable to our insurance operations follows.

		Third (Quar	rter	First Nin	e Months		
	2021 2020				2021		2020	
Interest, dividends and other investment income:								
First Guard	\$	54	\$	75	\$ 84	\$	246	
Southern Pioneer		141		121	568		821	
Pre-tax investment income		195		196	652		1,067	
Income tax expense		41		41	137		224	
Net investment income	\$	154	\$	155	\$ 515	\$	843	

We consider investment income as a component of our aggregate insurance operating results. However, we consider investment gains and losses, whether realized or unrealized, as non-operating.

Oil and Gas

Southern Oil primarily operates oil and natural gas properties offshore in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Earnings for Southern Oil are summarized below.

	Third Quarter					First Nine Months				
	2021			2020		2021		2020		
Oil and gas revenue	\$	7,353	\$	6,029	\$	24,310	\$	19,554		
Oil and gas production costs		2,050		2,171		6,957		6,570		
Depreciation, depletion and accretion		1,717		2,804		6,286		9,651		
General and administrative expenses		604		462		2,020		1,978		
Earnings before income taxes		2,982		592		9,047		1,355		
Income tax expense		657		203		2,031		77		
Contribution to net earnings	\$	2,325	\$	389	\$	7,016	\$	1,278		

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The COVID-19 pandemic caused oil demand to significantly decrease in early 2020, creating oversupplied markets that resulted in lower commodity prices and margins. However, crude oil prices increased in mid-2020 in response to the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.

Media and Licensing

Maxim's business lies principally in media and licensing. Earnings of our media and licensing operations are summarized below.

	Third	rter	First Nine Months			
	2021		2020	2021		2020
Media and licensing revenue	\$ 863	\$	1,719	\$ 2,695	\$	3,209
Media and licensing costs	880)	548	1,749		1,491
General and administrative expenses	39)	21	79		113
Earnings before income taxes	(50	- -	1,150	867		1,605
Income tax expense (benefit)	(13	5)	265	205		369
Contribution to net earnings	\$ (43	\$)	885	\$ 662	\$	1,236

We acquired Maxim with the idea of transforming its business model. The magazine developed the Maxim brand, a franchise we are utilizing to generate nonmagazine revenue, notably through licensing, a cash-generating business related to consumer products, services, and events.

Investment Gains and Investment Partnership Gains

Investment gains net of tax for the third quarter and first nine months of 2021 were \$3,390 and \$4,896, respectively. Investment gains net of tax were \$276 and \$1,468 during the third quarter and first nine months of 2020, respectively. Investment gains during the third quarter of 2021 included a gain from the sale of real estate of \$3,785, net of tax. Dividends earned on investments are reported as other income by our insurance companies. We consider investment income as a component of our aggregate insurance operating results. However, we consider investment gains and losses, whether realized or unrealized, as non-operating.

Earnings (loss) from our investments in partnerships are summarized below.

	Third Quarter			First Nin	e Months		
		2021		2020	2021		2020
Investment partnership gains (losses)	\$	(20,231)	\$	27,218	\$ 27,344	\$	(89,276)
Tax expense (benefit)		(4,946)		6,163	6,175		(21,337)
Contribution to net earnings	\$	(15,285)	\$	21,055	\$ 21,169	\$	(67,939)

Investment partnership gains include gains/losses from changes in market values of underlying investments and dividends earned by the partnerships. Dividend income has a lower effective tax rate than income from capital gains. Changes in the market values of investments can be highly volatile.

The investment partnerships hold the Company's common stock as investments. The Company's pro-rata share of its common stock held by the investment partnerships is recorded as treasury stock even though these shares are legally outstanding. Gains and losses on Company common stock included in the earnings of the partnerships are eliminated.

Investments affect our reported quarterly earnings based on their carrying value. We do not regard the quarterly or annual fluctuations in our investments to be meaningful in understanding the operating results of our businesses.

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The Company's interest expense is summarized below.

	Third Quarter			First Nine Months			onths	
	2021 2		2020		2021		2020	
Interest expense on notes payable	\$		\$	2,150	\$	1,121	\$	6,973
Tax benefit		_		538		280		1,754
Interest expense net of tax	\$		\$	1,612	\$	841	\$	5,219

Steak n Shake's term loan was scheduled to mature on March 19, 2021. As of December 31, 2020, \$152,506 was outstanding. The Company repaid Steak n Shake's outstanding balance in full on February 19, 2021.

Corporate and Other

Corporate expenses exclude the activities in the restaurant, media and licensing, insurance, and oil and gas businesses. Corporate net losses during the third quarter and first nine months of 2021 were relatively flat compared to the same period during 2020.

Income Taxes

Income tax benefit for the third quarter of 2021 was \$4,274 compared to an income tax expense of \$5,617 for the third quarter of 2020. Income tax expense for the first nine months of 2021 was \$11,544 compared to a benefit of \$23,449 for the first nine months of 2020. The variance in income taxes between 2021 and 2020 is attributable to taxes on income generated by the investment partnerships. Investment partnership pretax gains were \$27,344 during the first nine months of 2021 compared to pretax losses of \$89,276 during the first nine months of 2020.

Financial Condition

Consolidated cash and investments are summarized below.

	Sej	ptember 30, 2021	De	ecember 31, 2020
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	27,795	\$	24,503
Investments		99,006		94,861
Fair value of interest in investment partnerships		533,996		590,926
Total cash and investments		660,797		710,290
Less: portion of Company stock held by investment partnerships		(260,907)		(171,376)
Carrying value of cash and investments on balance sheet	\$	399,890	\$	538,914

Liquidity

Our balance sheet continues to maintain significant liquidity. Consolidated cash flow activities are summarized below.

	 First Nine Months			
	2021		2020	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 211,245	\$	106,367	
Net cash used in investing activities	(55,782)		(112,081)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(154,586)		(26,381)	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	 (85)		(13)	
Increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$ 792	\$	(32,108)	

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Cash provided by operating activities was \$211,245 during the first nine months of 2021 compared to cash provided by operating activities of \$106,367 during the first nine months of 2020. The increase in cash provided by operating activities is mainly attributable to distributions from investment partnerships of \$172,420 for 2021 and \$97,330 for 2020. The distributions during 2021 were primarily used to repay Steak n Shake's debt.

Cash used in investing activities during the first nine months of 2021 was \$55,782 compared to \$112,081 during the first nine months of 2020. Use of cash in investing activities was higher during 2020 primarily due to the acquisition of Southern Pioneer and purchases of limited partner interests. Capital expenditures increased during 2021 compared to 2020 primarily because of expenditures associated with Steak n Shake's transition to a counter service model.

We intend to meet the working capital needs of our operating subsidiaries principally through anticipated cash flows generated from operations and cash on hand. We continually review available financing alternatives.

Steak n Shake Credit Facility

On March 19, 2014, Steak n Shake and its subsidiaries entered into a credit agreement which provided for a senior secured term loan facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$220,000. The term loan was scheduled to mature on March 19, 2021. As of December 31, 2020, \$152,506 was outstanding. The Company repaid Steak n Shake's outstanding balance in full on February 19, 2021.

Critical Accounting Policies

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Certain accounting policies require management to make estimates and judgments concerning transactions that will be settled several years in the future. Amounts recognized in our consolidated financial statements from such estimates are necessarily based on numerous assumptions involving varying and potentially significant degrees of judgment and uncertainty. Accordingly, the amounts currently reflected in our consolidated financial statements will likely increase or decrease in the future as additional information becomes available. There have been no material changes to critical accounting policies previously disclosed in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

No recently issued accounting pronouncements were applicable for this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This report includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In general, forward-looking statements include estimates of future revenues, cash flows, capital expenditures, or other financial items, and assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. Forward-looking statements reflect management's current expectations regarding future events and use words such as "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "may," and other similar terminology. A forward-looking statement is neither a prediction nor a guarantee of future events or circumstances, and those future events or circumstances may not occur. Investors should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this report. These forward-looking statements are all based on currently available operating, financial, and competitive information and are subject to various risks and uncertainties. Our actual future results and trends may differ materially depending on a variety of factors, many beyond our control, including, but not limited to, the risks and uncertainties described in Item 1A, Risk Factors of our annual report on Form 10-K and Item 1A of this report. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise them, except as may be required by law.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The majority of our investments are conducted through investment partnerships which generally hold common stocks. We also hold marketable securities directly. A significant decline in the general stock market or in the prices of major investments may produce a large net loss and decrease in our consolidated shareholders' equity. Decreases in values of equity investments can have a materially adverse effect on our earnings and on consolidated shareholders' equity.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk (continued)

We prefer to hold equity investments for very long periods of time so we are not troubled by short-term price volatility with respect to our investments. Market prices for equity securities are subject to fluctuation. Consequently, the amount realized in the subsequent sale of an investment may significantly differ from the reported market value. A hypothetical 10% increase or decrease in the market price of our investments would result in a respective increase or decrease in the carrying value of our investments of \$37,210 along with a corresponding change in shareholders' equity of approximately 5%.

We have had minimal exposure to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations in the first nine months of 2021 and 2020.

Southern Oil's business is fundamentally a commodity business. This means Southern Oil's operations and earnings may be significantly affected by changes in oil and gas prices. Such commodity prices depend on local, regional and global events or conditions that affect supply and demand for oil and gas. Any material decline in crude oil or natural gas prices could have a material adverse effect on Southern Oil's operations.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Based on an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)), our Chief Executive Officer and Controller have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2021.

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2021 that have materially affected, or that are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Information in response to this Item is included in Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part 1, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes from the risk factors as previously disclosed in Item 1A to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

From August 10, 2021 through August 12, 2021, The Lion Fund II, L.P. purchased 1,618 shares of Class A common stock and 12,937 shares of Class B common stock. The Lion Fund II, L.P. may be deemed to be an "affiliated purchaser" as defined in Rule 10b-18(a)(3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The purchases were made through open market transactions.

							Total Number of	Maximum
							Shares Purchased	Number
							as	of Shares That
	Total Number	Ave	rage Price	Total Number	Av	verage Price	Part of Publicly	May
	of		Paid	of		Paid	Announced Plans	Yet Be Purchased
	Class A Shares	per	Class A	Class B Shares	p	er Class B	or	Under Plans or
	Purchased		Share	Purchased		Share	Programs	Programs
July 1, 2021 – July 31, 2021	_	\$		_	\$			_
August 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021	1,618	\$	850.71	12,937	\$	171.59	_	_
September 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021		\$	_		\$	_		_
Total	1,618			12,937				

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
31.01	Certification Pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.02	Certification Pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.01*	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101	Interactive Data Files.
104	Cover page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document and contained in Exhibit 101)

^{*} Furnished herewith.

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.

Biglari Holdings Inc.

Date: November 5, 2021 By: /s/ BRUCE LEWIS

Bruce Lewis Controller