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FORM 10-K

(Mark One)
R Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016
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 No. 1-6651

HILL-ROM HOLDINGS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana 35-1160484

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Two Prudential Plaza, Suite 4100 60601

Chicago, IL

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (312) 819-7200

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

Title of Each Class Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered

Common Stock, without par value New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes R No £

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes £ No R

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 R No £

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and

post such files).

Yes R No £

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. £

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Large accelerated filer \pounds Accelerated filer \pounds Non-accelerated filer \pounds Smaller reporting company \pounds Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes £ No R

The aggregate market value of the registrant's voting common equity, held by non-affiliates of the registrant, was approximately \$3.3 billion, based on the closing sales price of \$50.30 per share as of March 31, 2016 (the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter). There is no non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates.

The registrant had 65,715,483 shares of its common stock, without par value, outstanding as of November 10, 2016.

Documents incorporated by reference.

Certain portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement to be delivered to shareholders in connection with the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on March 14, 2017 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

HILL-ROM HOLDINGS, INC.

Annual Report on Form 10-K

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

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PART I

DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K contain forward-looking statements within the meanings of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 regarding our future plans, objectives, beliefs, expectations, representations and projections.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and our actual results could differ materially from those set forth in any forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ from forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the factors discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K ("Form 10-K"). We assume no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

Item 1. BUSINESS

General

Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. (the "Company," "Hill-Rom," "we," "us," or "our") was incorporated on August 7, 1969 in the State of Indiana and is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. We are a leading global medical technology company with approximately 10,000 employees worldwide. We partner with health care providers in more than 100 countries by focusing on patient care solutions that improve clinical and economic outcomes. Around the world, Hill-Rom's people, products, and programs work towards one mission: Enhancing outcomes for patients and their caregivers.

Segment Information

We operate and manage our business within four reportable segments, each of which is generally aligned by region and/or product type. The segments are as follows:

North America Patient Support Systems – sells and rents our specialty frames and surfaces and mobility solutions, as well as our clinical workflow solutions, in the U.S. and Canada.

International Patient Support Systems – sells and rents similar products as our North America Patient Support Systems segment in regions outside of the U.S. and Canada.

Front Line Care – globally sells and rents respiratory care products, and sells medical diagnostic equipment and a diversified portfolio of devices that assess, diagnose, treat, and manage a wide variety of illnesses and diseases.

·Surgical Solutions – sells our surgical products globally.

Net revenue, segment profitability and other measures of segment reporting for each reporting segment are set forth in Note 11 of our Consolidated Financial Statements. No single customer accounts for more than 10 percent of our revenue.

Products and Services

<u>Patient Support Systems.</u> Our innovative patient support systems include a variety of specialty frames and surfaces, such as Medical Surgical ("Med-Surg") beds, Intensive Care Unit ("ICU") beds, and Bariatric patient beds, mobility solutions (such as lifts and other devices used to safely move patients), non-invasive therapeutic products and

surfaces, and our communications technologies and software solutions. These patient support systems can be designed for use in high, mid, and low acuity settings, depending on the specific design options, and are built to advance mobility, reduce patient falls and caregiver injuries, improve caregiver efficiency and prevent and care for pressure injuries. Supporting solutions within this product category include health care furniture and medical equipment management services. In addition, we also sell equipment service contracts for our capital equipment, primarily in the U.S.

Our patient support systems are rented and sold by our North America Patient Support Systems and International Patient Support Systems segments. Approximately 41, 51 and 53 percent of our revenue during fiscal 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively, were derived from patient support systems in our North America Patient Support Systems segment and approximately 14, 21 and 29 percent of our revenue during fiscal 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively, were derived from patient support systems sales in our International Patient Support Systems segment.

Front Line Care. Our Front Line Care products include our patient monitoring and diagnostics products from our Welch Allyn Holdings, Inc. ("Welch Allyn") acquisition and our respiratory health products. Our patient monitoring and diagnostics products include blood pressure, physical assessment, vital signs monitoring, diagnostic cardiopulmonary, diabetic retinopathy screening, and thermometry products. We also see exciting opportunities to integrate even more of Welch Allyn's technologies and patient data in the care environment to further enhance our product offerings. Our respiratory health products include the Vest® System, VitalCough® System and MetaNeb® System. These products are designed to assist patients in the mobilization of retained blockages that, if not removed, may lead to increased rates of respiratory infection, hospitalization, and reduced lung function. Front Line Care products are sold globally within multiple care settings including primary care (Welch Allyn products), acute care, extended care and home care (primarily respiratory health products). Approximately 30, 7 and 5 percent of our revenue during fiscal 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively, were derived from products within our Front Line Care product category.

<u>Surgical Solutions</u>. Our Surgical Solutions products include surgical tables, lights, and pendants utilized within the operating room setting. We also offer a range of positioning devices for use in shoulder, hip, spinal and lithotomy surgeries as well as platform-neutral positioning accessories for nearly every model of operating room table. In addition, we offer operating room surgical safety and accessory products such as scalpel and blade, light handle systems, skin markers and other disposable products. The products offered within this category are both capital sales and recurring consumable revenue streams that are sold globally. Approximately 15, 21 and 13 percent of our revenue during fiscal 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively, were derived from products within our Surgical Solutions product category.

We have extensive distribution capabilities and broad reach across all health care settings. We primarily operate in the following channels: (1) sales and rentals of products to acute and extended care facilities worldwide through both a direct sales force and distributors; (2) sales and rentals of products directly to patients in the home; and (3) sales into primary care facilities (primarily Welch Allyn products) through distributors. Through our network of approximately 160 North American and 45 international service centers, and approximately 1,600 service professionals, we are able to provide technical support and services and rapidly deliver our products to customers on an as-needed basis, providing our customers flexibility to purchase or rent select products. This extensive network is critical to serving our customers and securing contracts with Group Purchasing Organizations ("GPOs") and Integrated Delivery Networks ("IDNs").

Raw Materials

Principal materials used in our products for each business segment include carbon steel, aluminum, stainless steel, wood and laminates, petroleum based products, such as foams and plastics, and other materials, substantially all of which are available from multiple sources. Motors and electronic controls for electrically operated beds and certain other components are purchased from one or more manufacturers.

Prices fluctuate for raw materials and sub-assemblies used in our products based on a number of factors beyond our control. Specifically, over the past several years, the fluctuating prices of certain raw materials, including metals, fuel, plastics and other petroleum-based products in particular, and fuel related delivery costs, had a direct effect on our profitability. Although we generally have not engaged in hedging transactions with respect to raw material purchases, we have entered into fixed price supply contracts at times.

Most of our extended contracts with hospital GPOs and other customers for the sale of products in North America permit us to institute annual list price increases, although we may not be able to raise prices sufficiently to offset all raw material cost inflation.

Competition

Across our business, we compete on the basis of clinical expertise and resulting product clinical utility and ability to produce favorable outcomes, as well as value, quality, customer service, innovation and breadth of product offerings. We evaluate our competition based on our product categories.

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The following table displays our significant competitors with respect to each product category:

Product Categories Competitors

ArjoHuntleigh (Division of Getinge AB)

Ascom Holding SIZEWise Rentals, LLC

Patient Support Systems Joerns Healthcare Stiegelmeyer

Linet

Linet

Universal Hospital Services, Inc.

Rauland-Borg Corporation

Covidien, Ltd.
Omron Healthcare

Carefusion
Electromed, Inc.
Exergen Corporation
GE Healthcare
Respirech
Riester

Heine Optotechnik
Thayer Medical

International Biophysics, Inc.

Action Medical

DeRoyal Steris

al Solutions Draeger

Surgical Solutions Draeger
Maquet (Division of Getinge AB)
Sterns
Stryker Corporation
Swann-Morton

MizuhoOSI

Additionally, we compete with a large number of smaller and regional manufacturers.

Regulatory Matters

Front Line Care

FDA Regulation. We design, manufacture, install and distribute medical devices that are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") in the U.S. and similar agencies in other countries. The regulations and standards of these agencies evolve over time and require us to make changes in our manufacturing processes and quality systems to remain in compliance. The FDA's Quality System regulations and the regulatory equivalents under the Medical Device Directive in the European Union set forth standards for our product design and manufacturing processes, require the maintenance of certain records and provide for inspections of our facilities. From time to time, the FDA performs routine inspections of our facilities and may inform us of certain deficiencies in our processes or facilities. In addition, there are certain state and local government requirements that must be complied with in the manufacturing and marketing of our products. See Item 1A. Risk Factors for additional information.

<u>Environmental</u>. We are subject to a variety of federal, state, local and foreign environmental laws and regulations relating to environmental and health and safety concerns, including the handling, storage, discharge and disposal of hazardous materials used in, or derived from, our manufacturing processes. When necessary, we provide for reserves in our financial statements for environmental matters. We do not expect the remediation costs for any environmental issues in which we are currently involved to exceed \$2 million.

Health Care Regulations. In March 2010, comprehensive health care reform legislation was signed into law through the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act. The health care industry continues to undergo significant change as this law is implemented. In this regard, it is possible that the new Trump Administration and the U.S. Congress may seek to modify, repeal or otherwise invalidate all or part of this health care reform legislation, and it is unclear what new framework may

emerge as a result of such efforts. In addition to health care reform, Medicare, Medicaid and managed care organizations, such as health maintenance organizations and preferred provider organizations, traditional indemnity insurers and third-party administrators are under increasing pressure to control costs and limit utilization, while improving quality and health care outcomes. These objectives are being advanced through a variety of reform initiatives including: accountable care organizations, value based purchasing, bundling initiatives, competitive bidding programs, etc. We are also subject to a number of other regulations related to the sale and distribution of health care products. The potential impact of these regulations to our business is discussed further in Item 1A. Risk Factors and Part II, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, included in this Form 10-K.

Product Development

Most of our products and product improvements have been developed internally. We maintain close working relationships with various medical professionals who assist in product research and development. New and improved products play a critical role in our sales growth. We continue to place emphasis on the development of proprietary products and product improvements to complement and expand our existing product lines. Our significant research and development activities are located in Acton, Massachusetts; Batesville, Indiana; Beaverton, Oregon; Cary, North Carolina; Skaneateles Falls, New York; Lulea, Sweden; Montpelier and Pluvigner, France; Singapore; and Saalfeld, Puchheim and Witten, Germany.

Research and development is expensed as incurred. Research and development expense for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2016, 2015 and 2014, was \$133.5 million, \$91.8 million and \$71.9 million, respectively.

In addition, certain software development technology costs are capitalized as intangibles and are amortized over a period of three to five years once the software is ready for its intended use. The amounts capitalized during fiscal years 2016, 2015 and 2014 were approximately \$2.4 million, \$2.6 million and \$2.6 million, respectively.

Patents and Trademarks

We own, and from time-to-time license, a number of patents on our products and manufacturing processes, but we do not believe any single patent or related group of patents is of material significance to any business segment or our business as a whole. We also own a number of trademarks and service marks relating to our products and product services. Except for the marks "Hill-Rorff", "Bard-Parker, and "Welch Allyfi", we do not believe any single trademark or service mark is of material significance to any business segment or our business as a whole.

Foreign Operations

Information about our foreign operations is set forth in tables relating to geographic information in Note 11 of our Consolidated Financial Statements, included herein under Part II, Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

Employees

At September 30, 2016, we had approximately 10,000 employees worldwide. Approximately 6 percent of our employees in the U.S. work under collective bargaining agreements. We are also subject to various collective bargaining arrangements or national agreements outside the U.S. covering approximately 18 percent of our employees. The collective bargaining agreement at our primary U.S. manufacturing facility expires in January 2019. We have not experienced a work stoppage in the U.S. in over 40 years, and we believe that our employee relations are satisfactory.

Executive Officers

The following sets forth certain information regarding our executive officers. The term of office for each executive officer expires on the date his or her successor is chosen and qualified. No director or executive officer has a "family relationship" with any other director or executive officer of the Company, as that term is defined for purposes of this disclosure requirement. There is no understanding between any executive officer and any other person pursuant to which the executive officer was selected.

John J. Greisch, 61, was elected President and Chief Executive Officer of Hill-Rom in January 2010. Mr. Greisch was most recently President, International Operations for Baxter International, Inc., a position he held since 2006. Prior to

this, he held several other positions with Baxter, serving as Baxter's Chief Financial Officer and as President of Baxter's BioScience division.

Carlos Alonso, 57, was elected Senior Vice President and President, Hill-Rom International in April 2015. Before joining Hill-Rom, Mr. Alonso served as the President and CEO of the Esaote Group, a medical imaging leader based in Genova, Italy. Prior to the Esaote Group, Mr. Alonso served as the CEO of Esteve Pharmaceuticals based in Barcelona, Spain, and held various leadership roles of increasing responsibility with Baxter International, Inc. over the course of fifteen years, including serving as Global President of the Renal Division.

Dirk Ehlers, 56, was elected Senior Vice President and President, Surgical Solutions in January 2016. He joined Hill-Rom in September 2015 to lead the Trumpf Medical business. Prior to joining Hill-Rom, Dr. Ehlers was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Eppendorf, a Life Science Tools company based in Germany. Prior to that, Dr. Ehlers was the Head of Professional Diagnostics with Roche Diagnostics, and spent six years as Chief Financial Officer and Business Unit Head for Evotec AG, a public contract research and biotech company.

Andreas Frank, 40, was elected as Senior Vice President Corporate Development and Strategy in October 2011. Before joining Hill-Rom, Mr. Frank was Director, Corporate Development at Danaher Corporation. Previously he worked in the Corporate Finance and Strategy practice at the consulting firm McKinsey & Company.

Kenneth Meyers, 54, was elected Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, effective September 2015. Before joining Hill-Rom, Mr. Meyers was Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer at Hospira, Inc. Previously, he was a partner at Mercer / Oliver Wyman Consulting. Prior to Mercer / Oliver Wyman, he served as Senior Vice President, Human Resources, for Starbucks International.

Deborah Rasin, 50, was elected Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary for Hill-Rom, effective January 2016. Previously she was General Counsel for Dentsply Sirona, Inc. Prior to Dentsply, Ms. Rasin served as General Counsel at Samsonite Corporation (for which she worked in Denver and London) and as a senior attorney at GM (in Detroit and Zurich).

Jason A. Richardson, 39, was elected Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer of the Company, effective March 2016. Mr. Richardson previously served in a variety of finance and accounting positions with Hill-Rom, including Assistant Controller and head of finance for Hill-Rom's Surgical and Respiratory Care division.

Alton Shader, 43, was elected Senior Vice President and President, Front Line Care in September 2015. He had served as Senior Vice President and President, North America since July 2012 and previously as Senior Vice President and President, Post-Acute Care with Hill-Rom since July 2011. Before joining Hill-Rom, Mr. Shader was General Manager of Renal at Baxter International, Inc. Previously, he served as General Manager for Baxter Ireland and held senior marketing positions in Baxter's operations in Zurich and in California.

Carlyn D. Solomon, 54, was elected Chief Operating Officer of Hill-Rom in November 2014. Mr. Solomon was most recently the Corporate Vice President, Critical Care & Vascular Business Units of Edwards Lifesciences since 2006, and was VP of Corporate Strategy and GM of Cardiac Surgery Systems Business of Edwards Lifesciences from 2005 to 2006. Mr. Solomon has informed the Company that he will be leaving the Company in November 2016.

Steven J. Strobel, 58, was elected Senior Vice President in November 2014 and Chief Financial Officer in December 2014. Before joining Hill-Rom, Mr. Strobel was President of McGough Road Advisors, a corporate finance consulting firm, from 2012 to 2014 and previously Chief Financial Officer of BlueStar Energy, an independent retail energy services company, from 2009 to 2012. Prior to BlueStar, he served as Treasurer and Corporate Controller at Motorola, and in the same positions at Owens Corning. Mr. Strobel serves on the Board of Directors of Newell Brands Inc., where he chairs the Audit Committee.

Availability of Reports and Other Information

Our website is www.hill-rom.com. We make available on this website, free of charge, access to our annual, quarterly and current reports and other documents we file with, or furnish to, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as soon as practicable after such reports or documents are filed or furnished. We also make available on our website position specifications for the Chairman, members of the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer, our Global Code of Conduct (and any amendments or waivers), the Corporate Governance Standards of our Board of

Directors and the charters of each of the standing committees of the Board of Directors. All of these documents are also available to shareholders in print upon request.

All reports filed with the SEC are also available via the SEC website, www.sec.gov, or may be read and copied at the SEC Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330.

Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

Our business involves risks. The following information about these risks should be considered carefully together with the other information contained herein. The risks described below are not the only risks we face. Additional risks not currently known or deemed immaterial also might result in adverse effects on our business. Any of these risks could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition, or future results. The order in which these factors appear should not be construed to indicate their relative importance or priority.

We face significant uncertainty in the industry due to government health care reform, changes in Medicare, Medicaid and other governmental medical program reimbursements, and we cannot predict how these reforms will impact our operating results.

In March 2010, the U.S. Congress adopted and President Obama signed into law comprehensive health care reform legislation through the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act (H.R. 3590) and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (H.R. 4872). We cannot predict with certainty what additional healthcare initiatives, if any, will be implemented at the federal or state level, or what the ultimate effect of federal health care reform or any future legislation or regulation will have on us. In addition, it is possible that the new Trump Administration and the U.S. Congress may seek to modify, repeal or otherwise invalidate all, or certain provisions of, the current health care reform legislation. Further, regardless of the prevailing political environment in the United States, Medicare, Medicaid, managed care organizations and foreign governments are increasing pressure to both control health care utilization and to limit reimbursement. Changes in reimbursement programs or their regulations, including retroactive and prospective rate and coverage criteria changes, competitive bidding for certain products and services, and other changes intended to reduce expenditures (domestically or internationally), could adversely affect the portions of our businesses that are dependent on third-party reimbursement or direct governmental payments. Moreover, to the extent that our customers experience reimbursement pressure resulting in lower revenue for them, their demand for our products and services might decrease. The impact of the above mentioned items could have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations and cash flows.

Failure by us or our suppliers to comply with the FDA regulations and similar foreign regulations applicable to the products we design, manufacture, install or distribute could expose us to enforcement actions or other adverse consequences.

We design, manufacture, install and distribute medical devices that are regulated by the FDA in the U.S. and similar agencies in other countries. Failure to comply with applicable regulations could result in future product recalls, injunctions preventing the shipment of products or other enforcement actions that could have a material adverse effect on our revenue and profitability. Additionally, certain of our suppliers are subject to FDA regulations, and the failure of these suppliers to comply with regulations could adversely affect us; as regulatory actions taken by the FDA against those manufacturers can result in product shortages, recalls or modifications.

We could be subject to substantial fines or damages and possible exclusion from participation in federal or state health care programs if we fail to comply with the laws and regulations applicable to our business.

We are subject to stringent laws and regulations at both the federal and state levels governing the participation of durable medical equipment suppliers in federal and state health care programs. In 2011 we entered into a five-year Corporate Integrity Agreement with the federal government, which imposes on us additional contractual obligations. The Corporate Integrity Agreement expired according to its terms on September 30, 2016.

From time to time, the government seeks additional information related to our claims submissions, and in some instances government contractors perform audits of payments made to us under Medicare, Medicaid, and other federal

health care programs. On occasion, these reviews identify overpayments for which we submit refunds. At other times, our own internal audits identify the need to refund payments. We believe the frequency and intensity of government audits and review processes has intensified and we expect this will continue in the future, due to increased resources allocated to these activities at both the federal and state Medicaid level, and greater sophistication in data review techniques.

If we are deemed to have violated these laws and regulations, we could be subject to substantial fines, damages, possible exclusion from participation in federal health care programs such as Medicare and Medicaid and possible recoupment of any overpayments related to such violations. While we believe that our practices materially comply with applicable state and federal requirements, the requirements might be interpreted in a manner inconsistent with our interpretation. Failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations, even if inadvertent, could have a material adverse impact on our business.

We operate in a highly competitive industry that is subject to the risk of declining demand and pricing pressures, which could adversely affect our operating results.

Demand for our products and services depends in large part on overall demand in the health care market. Additionally, with the health care market's increased focus on hospital asset and resource efficiency as well as reimbursement constraints, spending for many of our products is on a long-term declining trend. Further, the competitive pressures in our industry could cause us to lose market share unless we increase our expenditures or reduce our prices, which could adversely impact our operating results. The nature of this highly competitive marketplace demands that we successfully introduce new products into the market in a cost effective manner (more fully detailed below). These factors, along with possible legislative developments and others, might result in significant shifts in market share among the industry's major participants, including us. Accordingly, if we are unable to effectively differentiate ourselves from our competitors in terms of both new products and diversification of our product portfolio through business acquisitions, then our market share, sales and profitability could be adversely impacted through lower volume or decreased prices.

Continued successful integration of Welch Allyn with Hill-Rom, realization of estimated synergies and successful operation of the combined company are not assured.

Integrating and coordinating certain aspects of the operations and personnel of Welch Allyn with Hill-Rom will continue to involve complex operational, technological and personnel-related challenges. This process will continue to be time-consuming and expensive, could disrupt the businesses of either or both of the companies and might not result in the full benefits expected from the merger, including cost synergies expected to arise from supply chain efficiencies and overlapping general and administrative functions. The potential difficulties, and resulting costs and delays, include:

- ·consolidating corporate and administrative infrastructures;
- ·issues in integrating manufacturing, warehouse and distribution facilities, research and development and sales forces;
- ·unanticipated issues in integrating information technology, communications and other systems; and
- incompatibility of purchasing, logistics, marketing, administration and other systems and processes.

We have a substantial amount of indebtedness, much of which was incurred in connection with the 2015 Welch Allyn acquisition. This level of indebtedness could adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital to fund operations, our flexibility in operating our business and our ability to react to changes in the economy or our industry.

At September 30, 2016, we had \$2,148.5 million of indebtedness outstanding. Such indebtedness includes \$1,462.5 million outstanding under a term loan and \$235.8 million outstanding under revolving loans that were initially incurred to finance the Welch Allyn acquisition and which have resulted in a substantially higher level of leverage compared with periods prior to the acquisition. As a result of this increase in debt, demands on our cash resources have increased. The increased level of debt could, among other things:

- require us to dedicate a large portion of our cash flow from operations to the servicing and repayment of our debt,
- •thereby reducing funds available for working capital, capital expenditures, research and development expenditures and other general corporate requirements;
- limit our ability to obtain additional financing to fund future working capital, capital expenditures, research and development expenditures and other general corporate requirements;
- ·limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in its business and the industry in which we operate;
- restrict our ability to make strategic acquisitions or dispositions or to exploit business opportunities;
- •place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to competitors that have less debt;
- ·adversely affect our credit rating, with the result that the cost of servicing our indebtedness might increase;
- ·adversely affect the market price of Hill-Rom common stock;

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limit our ability to apply proceeds from an offering or asset sale to purposes other than the servicing and repayment of debt; and

cause us to fail to meet payment obligations or otherwise default under our debt, which will give our lenders the right to accelerate the indebtedness and exercise other rights and remedies against us.

In addition, we might incur substantial additional indebtedness in the future, which could cause the related risks to intensify. We might need to refinance all or a portion of our indebtedness on or before their respective maturities. We cannot assure you that we will be able to refinance any of our indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms or at all. The terms of any additional debt might give the holders rights, preferences, and privileges senior to those of holders of our common stock, particularly in the event of liquidation. The terms of any new debt might also impose additional and more stringent restrictions on our operations than are currently in place. If we are unable to refinance our debt, we might default under the terms of our indebtedness, which could lead to an acceleration of the debt. We do not expect that we could repay all of our outstanding indebtedness if the repayment of such indebtedness was accelerated.

Our future financial performance will depend in part on the successful introduction of new products into the marketplace on a cost-effective basis.

Our future financial performance will depend in part on our ability to influence, anticipate, identify and respond to changing consumer preferences and needs. We can provide no assurances that our new products will achieve the same degree of success as in the past. We might not correctly anticipate or identify trends in consumer preferences or needs, or might identify them later than competitors do. In addition, difficulties in manufacturing or in obtaining regulatory approvals might delay or prohibit introduction of new products into the marketplace. Further, we might not be able to develop and produce new products at a cost that allows us to meet our goals for profitability. Warranty claims and service costs relating to our new products might be greater than anticipated, and we might be required to devote significant resources to address any quality issues associated with our new products, which could reduce the resources available for further new product development and other matters. In addition, the introduction of new products might also cause customers to defer purchases of existing products.

Failure to successfully introduce new products on a cost-effective basis, or delays in customer purchasing decisions related to the evaluation of new products, could cause us to lose market share and could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flow.

Adverse developments in general domestic and worldwide economic conditions and instability and disruption of credit markets could have an adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition, or liquidity.

We are subject to risks arising from adverse changes in general domestic and global economic conditions, including recession or economic slowdown and disruption of domestic and international credit markets. The credit and capital markets could experience extreme volatility and disruption which could lead to periods of recessionary conditions and depressed levels of consumer and commercial spending. These recessionary conditions could cause customers to reduce, modify, delay or cancel plans to purchase our products and services. If our customers reduce investments in capital expenditures or utilize their limited capital funds to invest in products that we do not offer or that do not comprise a large percentage of our product portfolio, it could negatively impact our operating results. Moreover, even if our revenue remains constant, our profitability could decline if there is a shift to sales of product mix or geographic locations with less favorable margins. If worldwide economic conditions worsen, we would expect our customers to scrutinize costs resulting from pressures on operating margin due to rising supply costs, reduced investment income and philanthropic giving, increased interest expense, reimbursement pressure, reduced elective healthcare spending and uncompensated care.

We might not be able to grow if we are unable to successfully acquire and integrate, or form business relationships with, other companies.

We have in the past, and expect in the future, to grow our business through mergers, acquisitions and other similar business arrangements. We might not be able to identify suitable acquisition candidates or business relationships, negotiate acceptable terms for such acquisitions or relationships or receive necessary financing on acceptable terms. Additionally, we might become responsible for liabilities associated with businesses that we acquire to the extent they are not covered by indemnification from the sellers or by insurance. Even if we are able to consummate acquisitions, such acquisitions could be dilutive to earnings, and we could overpay for such acquisitions. Additionally, we might not be fully successful in our integration efforts or fully realize expected benefits from the integration. Our integration efforts might divert management and other resources from other important matters, and we could experience delays or unusual expenses in the integration process, including intangible asset impairments which could result in significant charges in our Statements of Consolidated Income. Moreover, the margins for these companies might differ from our historical gross and operating margins resulting in a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Failure to comply with regulations due to our contracts with U.S. government entities could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Our U.S. business contracts with U.S. government entities and is subject to specific rules, regulations and approvals applicable to government contractors. U.S. government agencies often reserve the right to conduct audits and investigations of our business practices to assure our compliance with these requirements. Our failure to comply with these or other laws and regulations could result in contract terminations, suspension or debarment from contracting with the U.S. federal government, civil fines and damages and criminal prosecution. In addition, changes in procurement policies, budget considerations, unexpected U.S. developments, such as changes in the funding or structure of Department of Veterans Affairs or other government agencies to which we sell, might adversely affect sales to government entities.

The assets in our pension plans are subject to market disruptions. In addition, our pension plans are underfunded.

Our primary pension plan invests in a variety of equity and debt securities subject to market risks. In addition, our pension plans are underfunded by \$80.1 million based on our projected benefit obligation and fair value of plan assets at September 30, 2016. Market volatility and disruption could cause declines in asset values or fluctuations in assumptions used to value our liability and expenses. If this occurs, we might need to make additional pension plan contributions and our pension expense in future years might increase.

Our business is significantly dependent on major contracts with GPOs, IDNs, and certain other distributors and purchasers.

A majority of our North American hospital sales and rentals are made pursuant to contracts with hospital GPOs. At any given time, we are typically at various stages of responding to bids and negotiating and renewing expiring GPO agreements. Failure to be included in certain of these agreements could have a material adverse effect on our business, including product sales and service and rental revenue.

Participation by us in such programs often requires increased discounting or restrictions on our ability to raise prices, and failure to participate or to be selected for participation in such programs might result in a reduction of sales to the member hospitals. In addition, the industry is showing an increased focus on contracting directly with health systems or IDNs (which typically represent influential members and owners of GPOs). IDNs and health systems often make key purchasing decisions and have influence over the GPO's contract decisions, and often request additional discounts or other enhancements. Further, certain other distributors and purchasers have similar processes to the GPOs and IDNs and failure to be included in agreements with these other purchasers could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Increased prices for, or unavailability of, raw materials or sub-assemblies used in our products could adversely affect profitability or revenue. In particular, our results of operations could be adversely affected by high prices for metals, fuel, plastics and other petroleum-based products. We also procure several raw materials and sub-assemblies from single suppliers.

Our profitability is affected by the prices and availability of the raw materials and sub-assemblies used in the manufacture of our products. These prices might fluctuate based on a number of factors beyond our control, including changes in supply and demand, general economic conditions, labor costs, fuel related delivery costs, competition, import duties, tariffs, currency exchange rates, and government regulation. Significant increases in the prices of raw materials or sub-assemblies that cannot be recovered through increases in the prices of our products could adversely affect our results of operations. There can be no assurance that the marketplace will support higher prices or that such prices and productivity gains will fully offset any commodity price increases in the future. We generally have not engaged in hedging transactions with respect to raw material purchases, but do enter into fixed price supply contracts at times. Future decisions not to engage in hedging transactions or ineffective hedging transactions might result in increased price volatility, potentially adversely impacting our profitability.

Our dependency upon regular deliveries of supplies from particular suppliers means that interruptions or stoppages in such deliveries could adversely affect our operations until arrangements with alternate suppliers could be made. Several of the raw materials and sub-assemblies used in the manufacture of our products currently are procured only from a single source. If any of these sole-source suppliers were unable or unwilling to deliver these materials for an extended period of time we might not be able to manufacture one or more products for a period of time, and our business could suffer. We might not be able to find acceptable alternatives, and any such alternatives could result in increased costs. Difficulties in the credit markets could adversely affect our suppliers' access to capital and therefore their ability to continue to provide an adequate supply of the materials we use in our products.

The majority of our products are manufactured at a single facility or location, and the material damage or loss of, or partial or complete labor-related work stoppage at, one or more of these facilities or locations could prevent us from manufacturing all the various products we sell.

We manufacture the majority of our products in only a single facility or location. If an event occurred that resulted in material damage or loss of, or partial or complete labor-related work stoppage at, one or more of these manufacturing facilities or we lacked sufficient labor to fully operate the facility, we might be unable to transfer the manufacture of the relevant products to another facility or location in a cost-effective or timely manner, if at all. This potential inability to transfer production could occur for a number of reasons, including but not limited to a lack of necessary relevant manufacturing capability at another facility, or the regulatory requirements of the FDA or other governmental regulatory bodies. Such an event could materially negatively impact our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our international sales and operations are subject to risks and uncertainties that vary by country and which could have a material adverse effect on our business and/or results of operations.

International sales accounted for a significant percent of our net sales in fiscal 2016. We anticipate that international sales will continue to represent a significant portion of our total sales in the future. In addition, we have multiple manufacturing facilities and third-party suppliers that are located outside of the U.S. As a result, our international sales, as well as our sales in the U.S. of products produced or sourced internationally, are subject to risks and uncertainties that can vary by country, such as political instability, economic conditions, foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, changes in tax laws, regulatory and reimbursement programs and policies, and the protection of intellectual property rights. In addition, our collections of international receivables are subject to economic pressures and the actions of some governmental authorities who have initiated various austerity measures to control healthcare and other governmental spending.

Unfavorable outcomes related to uncertain tax positions could result in significant tax liabilities.

We have recorded tax benefits related to various uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. While we believe our positions are appropriate, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), state or foreign tax authorities could disagree with our positions, which could result in a significant tax payment.

We are involved on an ongoing basis in claims, lawsuits and governmental proceedings relating to our operations, as well as product liability or other liability claims that could expose us to adverse judgments or could adversely affect the sales of our products.

We are involved in the design, manufacture and sale of health care products, which face an inherent risk of exposure to product liability claims or if our products are alleged to have caused injury or are found to be unsuitable for their intended use. Amongst other claims, we are, from time to time, a party to claims and lawsuits alleging that our products have caused injury or death or are otherwise unsuitable. It is possible that we will receive adverse judgments in such lawsuits, and any such adverse judgments could be material. Although we carry insurance with respect to such matters, this insurance is subject to varying deductibles and self-insured retentions and might not be adequate to cover the full amount of any particular claim. In addition, any such claims could negatively impact the sales of products that are the subject of such claims or other products.

We might not be able to attract, retain and develop key personnel.

Our future performance depends in significant part upon the continued service of our executive officers and other key personnel. The loss of the services of one or more of our executive officers or other key employees could have a material adverse effect on our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations. Our success also depends on our continuing ability to attract, retain and develop highly qualified personnel, and as competition for such personnel is intense, there can be no assurance that we can do so in the future.

A portion of our workforce is unionized, and we could face labor disruptions that would interfere with our operations.

Approximately 6 percent of our employees in the U.S. work under collective bargaining agreements. We are also subject to various collective bargaining arrangements or national agreements outside the U.S. covering approximately 18 percent of our employees. Although we have not recently experienced any significant work stoppages as a result of labor disagreements, we cannot ensure that such a stoppage will not occur in the future. Our labor contract at our primary U.S. manufacturing facility expires in January 2019. Inability to negotiate satisfactory new agreements or a labor disturbance at one of our principal facilities could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

We might not be successful in achieving expected operating efficiencies and sustaining or improving operating expense reductions, and might experience business disruptions and adverse tax consequences associated with restructuring, realignment and cost reduction activities.

Over the past few years we have initiated several restructuring, realignment and cost reduction initiatives. In the third quarter of fiscal 2016, we announced the closure of sites in Vuollerim, Sweden and Montpellier, France in a continuing effort to rationalize our global footprint. In the third quarter of fiscal 2015, we also announced plans to close two facilities. While we expect to realize efficiencies from these actions, these activities might not produce the full efficiency and cost reduction benefits we expect. Further, such benefits might be realized later than expected, and the ongoing costs of implementing these measures might be greater than anticipated. If these measures are not successful or sustainable, we might undertake additional realignment and cost reduction efforts, which could result in future charges. Moreover, our ability to achieve our other strategic goals and business plans might be adversely affected and we could experience business disruptions with customers and elsewhere if our restructuring and realignment efforts and our cost reduction activities prove ineffective.

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These actions, the resulting costs, and potential delays or potential lower than anticipated benefits might also impact our foreign tax positions and might require us to record tax reserves against certain deferred tax assets in our international business.

We are increasingly dependent on consistent functioning of our information technology and cybersecurity systems and if we are exposed to any intrusions or if we fail to maintain the integrity of our data, our business and our reputation could be materially adversely affected.

We are increasingly dependent on consistent functioning of our information technology and cybersecurity systems for our infrastructure and products. Our information systems require an ongoing commitment of significant resources to maintain, protect, and enhance existing systems and develop new systems to keep pace with continuing changes in information processing technology, evolving systems and regulatory standards, integration of acquisitions, and the increasing need to protect patient and customer information. In addition, third parties might attempt to hack into our products or systems and might obtain proprietary information. If we fail to maintain or protect our information and cybersecurity systems and data integrity effectively, we could lose existing customers or suppliers, have difficulty attracting new customers or suppliers, have problems that adversely impact internal controls, have difficulty preventing, detecting, and controlling fraud, have disputes with customers and suppliers, have regulatory sanctions or penalties imposed, have increases in operating expenses, incur expenses or lose revenues as a result of a data privacy breach, or suffer other adverse consequences. Any significant breakdown, intrusion, interruption, corruption, or destruction of these systems, as well as any data breaches, could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We might be adversely affected by new regulations relating to conflict minerals.

The SEC has adopted rules regarding disclosure for public companies whose products contain conflict minerals (commonly referred to as tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold) which originate from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and/or adjoining countries. The implementation of these requirements could adversely affect the sourcing, availability and pricing of materials used in the manufacturing of our products. In addition, we will incur additional costs to comply with the disclosure requirements, including costs related to determining the source of any of the relevant minerals used in our products. Since our supply chain is complex and multilayered, we might be unable to ascertain with sufficient certainty the origins for these minerals despite our due diligence procedures, which in turn might harm our reputation. We might also face difficulties in satisfying customers who might require that our products be certified as DRC conflict free, which could harm our relationships with these customers and/or lead to a loss of revenue. These requirements also could have the effect of limiting the pool of suppliers from which we source these minerals, and we might be unable to obtain conflict-free minerals at prices similar to the past, which could increase our costs and adversely affect our manufacturing operations and our profitability.

Item 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

We have not received any comments from the staff of the SEC regarding our periodic or current reports that remain unresolved.

Item 2. PROPERTIES

The principal properties used in our operations are listed below. All facilities are suitable for their intended purpose, are being efficiently utilized and are believed to provide adequate capacity to meet demand for the next several years.

Location	Description and Primary Use	Owned/Leased
Acton, MA	Light manufacturing, development and distribution of health care equipment; Office administration	Leased
Batesville, IN	Manufacturing, development and distribution of health care equipment; Office administration	Owned
Beaverton, OR	Development of health care equipment; Office administration	Leased
Caledonia, MI	Manufacturing, development and distribution of surgical products; Office administration	Leased
Carol Stream, IL	Manufacturing, development and distribution of health care equipment; Office administration	Leased
Cary, NC	Development of health care equipment; Office administration	Leased
Charleston, SC*	Light manufacturing and distribution of health care equipment; Office administration	Owned/Leased
Chicago, IL	Office administration	Leased
Coral Springs, FL	Manufacturing and distribution of health care equipment; Office administration	Leased
Corona, CA	Manufacturing, engineering and distribution of health care equipment	Leased
Fishers, IN	Manufacturing of health care equipment	Leased
St. Paul, MN	Office administration and distribution of health care equipment	Leased
Skaneateles Falls, NY	Manufacturing, development and distribution of health care equipment; Office administration	Owned
Jiangsu, China	Manufacturing of health care equipment	Leased
Taicang, China	Light manufacturing and distribution of health care equipment	Leased
Montpellier, France*	Manufacturing and development of health care equipment	Owned
Pluvigner, France	Manufacturing, development and distribution of health care equipment; Office administration	Owned
Puchheim, Germany	Manufacturing, development and distribution of health care equipment; Office administration	Owned/Leased
Saalfeld, Germany	Manufacturing, development and distribution of health care equipment; Office administration	Owned
Witten, Germany	Manufacturing, development and distribution of health care equipment; Office administration	Owned
Navan, County Meath, Ireland	Office administration	Owned
Kawagawa, Japan	Office administration	Leased
Tijuana, Mexico	Manufacturing and distribution of health care equipment; Office administration	Leased
Monterrey, Mexico	Manufacturing of health care equipment	Owned
Las Piedras, Puerto Rico	Manufacturing of surgical products	Owned
•	Manufacturing and development of health care equipment;	
Singapore	Office administration	Leased

Lulea, Sweden

Manufacturing, development and distribution of health care equipment;

Owned

Office administration

Redditch, UK*

Manufacturing of surgical products;
Office administration

Leased

* denotes properties where plans are in process to close, consolidate, or repurpose the facility

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In addition to the foregoing, we lease or own a number of other facilities, warehouse distribution centers, service centers and sales offices throughout the U.S., Canada, Western Europe, Mexico, Australia, Middle East, the Far East, and Latin America.

Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

See Note 13 of our Consolidated Financial Statements included under Part II, Item 8 of this Form 10-K for information regarding legal proceedings in which we are involved.

Item 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

PART II

Item MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS ANDISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Market Information

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "HRC". The closing price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on November 10, 2016 was \$54.66 per share. The following table reflects the range of high and low selling prices of our common stock and cash dividends declared by quarter for each of the last two fiscal years.

	Years E					
	2016		2015			
			Cash			Cash
			Dividends			Dividends
Quarter Ended:	High	Low	Declared	High	Low	Declared
December 31	\$55.26	\$46.31	\$ 0.1600	\$47.32	\$39.58	\$ 0.1525
March 31	\$51.11	\$42.99	\$ 0.1700	\$49.35	\$44.69	\$ 0.1600
June 30	\$54.57	\$46.79	\$ 0.1700	\$57.95	\$48.16	\$ 0.1600
September 30	\$62.17	\$49.42	\$ 0.1700	\$58.73	\$49.30	\$ 0.1600

Holders

As of November 10, 2016, there were approximately 24,900 shareholders of record.

Dividends

The declaration and payment of cash dividends is at the sole discretion of our Board of Directors ("Board") and depends upon many factors, including our financial condition, earnings potential, capital requirements, alternative uses of cash, covenants associated with debt obligations, legal requirements, and other factors deemed relevant by our Board. We have paid cash dividends on our common stock every quarter since our initial public offering in 1971. We intend to continue to pay quarterly cash dividends comparable to those paid in the periods covered by these financial statements.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

<u>Period</u>	Total Number Average of Shares Price Paid Purchased (1) per Share		Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (2)	Maximum Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Programs (2)	
July 1, 2016 - July 31, 2016	432	\$ 50.08	-	\$ 64.7	
August 1, 2016 - August 31, 2016	-	\$ -	-	\$ 64.7	
September 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016	80,998	\$ 61.55	-	\$ 64.7	
Total	81,430	\$ 61.49	-	\$ 64.7	

- (1) Shares purchased during the quarter ended September 30, 2016 were in connection with employee payroll tax withholding for restricted and deferred stock distributions.
- In September 2013, the Board approved an expansion of its previously announced share repurchase authorization to a total of \$190.0 million. As of September 30, 2016, a cumulative total of \$125.3 million has been used under this existing authorization. The plan does not have an expiration date and currently there are no plans to terminate this program in the future.

Stock Performance Graph

The following graph compares the return on our common stock with that of Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index ("S&P 500") and our peer groups* for the five years ended September 30, 2016. Because the composition of our current peer group (the "2016 Peer Group") has changed since the date of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, we have included the data for the 2016 Peer Group as well as for our prior year's peer group (the "2015 Peer Group") in the graph below. The changes reflected in the 2016 Peer Group were made in order to more closely align with the peer group used in our most recent compensation study done for executive compensation purposes. The graph assumes that the value of the investment in our common stock, the S&P 500, our 2016 Peer Group and our 2015 Peer Group was \$100 on October 1, 2011 and that all dividends were reinvested.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
HRC	\$100	\$97	\$119	\$138	\$173	\$206
S & P 500	\$100	\$128	\$149	\$174	\$170	\$192
2015 Peer Group	\$100	\$131	\$135	\$159	\$188	\$245
2016 Peer Group	\$100	\$125	\$133	\$150	\$169	\$220

For purposes of the Stock Performance Graph above, our 2016 Peer Group is comprised of: Bruker Corporation, C.R. Bard, Inc., The Cooper Companies, Inc., Dentsply Sirona Inc., Edwards Lifesciences Corporation, Halyard Health, Inc., Hologic, Inc., Intuitive Surgical, Inc., Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, Mednax, Inc., Patterson Companies, Inc., PerkinElmer, Inc., Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, St. Jude Medical, Inc., Steris plc, Teleflex, Incorporated, Varian Medical Systems, Inc. and Waters Corporation.

*Our 2015 Peer Group was comprised of: Alere Inc., C.R. Bard, Inc., Chemed Corp., Conmed Corporation, Dentsply International Inc., Edwards Lifesciences Corp., Hologic Inc., IDEXX Laboratories, Inc., Integra Lifesciences Holdings Corporation, Intuitive Surgical, Inc., Invacare Corporation, Mednax, Inc., PerkinElmer, Inc., ResMed Inc., Sirona Dental Systems Labs Inc., Steris Corporation, Teleflex Incorporated, The Cooper Companies, Inc., Varian Medical Systems, Inc. and West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc. For purposes of the Stock Performance Graph above, no data with respect to Sirona Dental Systems Labs Inc. was provided due to its merger with Dentsply International Inc.

Certain other information required by this item will be contained under the caption "Equity Compensation Plan Information" in our definitive Proxy Statement to be delivered to shareholders in connection with the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on March 14, 2017, and such information is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table presents our selected consolidated financial data for each of the last five fiscal years ended September 30. Refer to Note 2 of our Consolidated Financial Statements included under Part II, Item 8 of this Form 10-K for disclosure of business combinations for each of the last three fiscal years. Also see Note 12 of our Consolidated Financial Statements included under Part II, Item 8 of this Form 10-K for selected unaudited quarterly financial information for each of the last two fiscal years.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Net revenue	\$2,655.2	\$1,988.2	\$1,686.1	\$1,716.2	\$1,634.3
Net income	\$122.8	\$46.8	\$60.6	\$105.0	\$120.8
Net income attributable to common shareholders	\$124.1	\$47.7	\$60.6	\$105.0	\$120.8
Net income attributable to common shareholders per share -					
Basic	\$1.90	\$0.83	\$1.05	\$1.75	\$1.94
Net income attributable to common shareholders per share -					
Diluted	\$1.86	\$0.82	\$1.04	\$1.74	\$1.94
Total assets	\$4,262.4	\$4,457.6	\$1,751.3	\$1,586.8	\$1,627.6
Long-term obligations	\$1,938.4	\$2,175.2	\$364.1		