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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

or

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

Commission file number 1-14315



Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

76-0127701
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

5020 Weston Parkway Suite 400 Cary NC 27513
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (866) 419-0042

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

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 No

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

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

There are no longer publicly traded shares of common stock of Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc.

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None.

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FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report includes statements concerning our expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance and underlying assumptions and other statements that are not historical facts. These statements are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by these statements. In some cases, our forward-looking statements can be identified by the words “anticipate,” “believe,” “continue,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “forecast,” “goal,” “intend,” “may,” “objective,” “plan,” “potential,” “predict,” “projection,” “should,” “will,” “target” or other similar words. We have based our forward-looking statements on our management’s beliefs and assumptions based on information available to our management at the time the statements are made. We caution you that assumptions, beliefs, expectations, intentions and projections about future events may and often do vary materially from actual results. Therefore, we cannot assure you that actual results will not differ materially from those expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements. Accordingly, investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, these expectations and the related statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. These risks, uncertainties, and other factors include, but are not limited to:

- Challenging macroeconomic conditions affecting the residential, commercial and repair and remodeling construction industry and markets, including increasing interest rates, and demand in new construction and repair and remodeling;
- Commodity price volatility or limited availability of raw materials, including steel, polyvinyl chloride (“PVC”) resin, aluminum, and glass due to supply chain disruptions;
- Increases in the macroeconomic inflationary environment and our ability to react accordingly;
- Our ability to identify and develop relationships with a sufficient number of qualified suppliers to mitigate risk in the event a significant supplier experiences a significant production or supply chain interruption;
- Seasonality of the business and adverse weather conditions;
- The increasing difficulty of consumers and builders in obtaining credit or financing;
- Our ability to successfully implement operational efficiency initiatives, including to increase automation and mitigate increases in our manufacturing costs ;
- Our ability to successfully achieve price increases to offset cost increases;
- Ability to compete effectively against competitors;
- Our ability to successfully integrate our acquired businesses and to realize anticipated benefits;
- Our ability to employ, train and retain qualified personnel;
- Increases in labor costs, labor market pressures, potential labor disputes, union organizing activity and work stoppages at our facilities or the facilities of our suppliers;
- Increases in energy costs;
- Increases in freight and transportation costs;
- Volatility in the United States (“U.S.”) and international economies and in the credit markets;
- An impairment of our goodwill or intangible assets;
- Our ability to successfully develop new products or improve existing products;
- Enforcement and obsolescence of our intellectual property rights;
- Costs related to compliance with, violations of or liabilities under environmental, health and safety laws;
- Our ability to make strategic acquisitions accretive to earnings and dispositions at favorable prices and terms;
- Our ability to fund operations, provide increased working capital necessary to support our strategy and acquisitions using available liquidity;
- Global climate change, and compliance with new or changed laws or regulations relating to environmental, social and governance (“ESG”);
- Breaches of our information system security measures;
- Damage to our computer infrastructure and software systems, as well as issues relating to the incorporation of artificial intelligence solutions into our systems;
- Necessary maintenance or replacements to our enterprise resource planning technologies;
- Potential personal injury, property damage or product liability claims or other types of litigation, including stockholder litigation related to the Merger (as defined herein);

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- Compliance with certain laws related to our international business operations;
- Significant changes in factors and assumptions used to measure certain of our defined benefit plan obligations and the effect of actual investment returns on pension assets;
- Additional costs from new regulations which relate to the utilization or manufacturing of our products or services, including changes in building codes and standards;
- Increases in tariffs or import and trade restrictions;
- Our controlling stockholder's interests differing from the interests of holders of our indebtedness;
- Our substantial indebtedness and our ability to incur substantially more indebtedness;
- Limitations that our debt agreements place on our ability to engage in certain business and financial transactions;
- Our ability to obtain financing on acceptable terms;
- Exchange rate fluctuations;
- Downgrades of our credit ratings;
- The effect of increased interest rates on our ability to service our debt; and
- Other risks detailed under the caption "Risk Factors" in Part I, Item 1A of this report.

A forward-looking statement may include a statement of the assumptions or bases underlying the forward-looking statement. We believe that we have chosen these assumptions or bases in good faith and that they are reasonable. However, we caution you that assumed facts or bases almost always vary from actual results, and the differences between assumed facts or bases and actual results can be material, depending on the circumstances. When considering forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the risk factors and other cautionary statements in this report, including those described under the caption "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of this report. We expressly disclaim any obligations to release publicly any updates or revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect any changes in our expectations unless the securities laws require us to do so.

PART I

Item 1. Business.

Our Company

Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. (“Cornerstone Building Brands”, together with its subsidiaries, unless the context requires otherwise, the “Company,” “we,” “us” or “our”) is a holding company incorporated in Delaware. We are a leading manufacturer of exterior building products in North America by sales and serve residential and commercial customers across both the new construction and repair and remodel markets.

Our operations are organized as three reportable segments: Aperture Solutions, Surface Solutions and Shelter Solutions. We have:

- One of the broadest product offerings in our industry. Our total addressable market is diverse and expands across multiple geographies, end markets, channels and customers providing us with significant benefits.
- A leading market position in various North American markets we serve, including, among others, vinyl windows, vinyl siding, stone veneer installations, metal accessories, metal roofing and wall systems and engineered metal building systems.
- An extensive coast-to-coast network of manufacturing, distribution and branch office facilities throughout North America.
- A vertically integrated manufacturing process that enables us to deliver better service and positions us to be a cost-advantaged manufacturer.

Our Business Strategy and Operating Model

Building our leading business and brand positions in attractive growth and return categories. We have leading brands that we believe have sustainable competitive advantages in the North America markets we serve. Our brands and core value proposition are meaningful to our customers and the consumers they serve in their respective categories.

Build on Cornerstone Building Brands customer-centric culture and sales excellence. We have a long track record of developing and maintaining deep and lasting channel partnerships. Our customers look to us not only for our product quality, performance, and breadth of our product offering, but for our service and responsiveness. We have the opportunity to grow organically and to lead in price by continuing to build on our customer-centric culture and amplifying differentiation through top-tier service and quality, as well as new product development. Using a highly collaborative selling approach, we intend to grow in attractive, highly fragmented market sectors that demand superior service and value the reliability and energy efficiency offered by our products.

Revitalizing our operating model. Our business segments are organized based on distinct product categories and the segment management is responsible for the business segment’s strategy and bottom line performance. While our business units operate with a certain degree of independence, they are built on a consistent and unifying framework of operating principles that we believe is critical to our strategic growth and margin improvement across our entire business. The framework builds on executing on operational, sales and growth excellence strategies.

We are focused on simplifying our business through rationalizing our brands and systems, as well as our manufacturing and warehouse footprint. We are delivering on making our processes more efficient and cost effective by making investments in automation; driving procurement savings; improving labor planning and productivity; as well as other improvements that leverage our scale to strengthen our business.

We believe our framework allows each of our businesses to take advantage of available opportunities for revenue growth, pricing excellence and margin improvement, no matter the market environment. We believe this work will allow us achieve organic growth above market and to earn superior returns.

Driving value through talent. The Company has built a diverse and talented leadership team that is well positioned to execute on our transformation to a more aligned operating model. We believe that investing in our employees is a critical component of our business strategy. We endeavor to do this through talent acquisition, development, succession planning and fostering a diverse and inclusive workforce.

Enhancing returns and deploying our cash flow to high return opportunities. We continue to believe that investing in profitable, organic growth initiatives is our most attractive opportunity. We are intently focused on adhering to a disciplined capital allocation framework, which includes: (i) investing in our core business through capital expenditures and other organic growth initiatives, and (ii) pursuing strategic acquisitions to broaden our portfolio and capabilities across the residential and commercial markets, with a focus on adjacent exterior building products and related services. As part of this framework, we may also restructure, reposition or divest non-core product lines or assets.

We focus our core business investments on high-return initiatives in large markets to build scale and drive efficiency and investments in growing markets that leverage our operational and distribution channel capabilities.

Acquisitions and divestitures. We regularly evaluate growth opportunities both through acquisitions and divestitures.

We have a history of making strategic acquisitions that meet strict criteria. We frequently engage in negotiations with potential sellers regarding the possible purchase of businesses or assets that are strategic and complementary to our existing operations. Such negotiations may include participation in public auctions involving a number of potential buyers or situations where we are the only party or one of a very limited number of potential buyers.

We also evaluate possible dispositions of assets or businesses when such investments are no longer core to our operations and do not fit into our long-term strategy.

Reportable Segments

We have three reportable segments: Aperture Solutions, Surface Solutions and Shelter Solutions. Our reportable segments compete based on aesthetics, quality, price, service, product performance, breadth of product offerings and responsiveness to distributor, retailer and installer needs, as well as end-user customer preference. Our markets are very competitive. For the year ended December 31, 2023, our top 10 customers accounted for 39% of net sales, with one customer accounting for 13% of our net sales. See Note 16 — *Reportable Segment and Geographical Information* in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for information on our reportable segments.

Aperture Solutions

Our Aperture Solutions reportable segment offers a broad line of windows and doors at multiple price tiers for the residential new construction and repair and remodel end-markets in the U.S. and Canada. Our products mainly include vinyl, aluminum and aluminum clad-wood windows and patio doors, as well as steel, wood and fiberglass entry doors. Our product categories and collection of key brands in the Aperture Solutions reportable segment includes the following:

Product Categories	Brands
Windows	Ply Gem®, Simonton®, Atrium®, American Craftsman®, Silver Line®, Cascade® Windows, Prime Windows, Great Lakes Windows®, North Star® and Bertha®
Doors	Ply Gem®, Simonton®, Atrium®, American Craftsman®, Silver Line®, North Star® and Bertha®

We sell our windows and doors through multiple distribution channels. Our residential new construction product lines are sold across a diversified customer base, which includes independent building products dealers; regional and national lumberyards; homebuilders and contractors and retail home centers. Our residential repair and remodel window products are primarily sold through one-step distributors; retail home centers; and independent home improvement dealers and retail home centers. Dealers typically market directly to homeowners or contractors in connection with remodeling requirements, while distributors focus primarily on selling to builders, contractors and local independent retailers. We are a key supplier to the nation's largest homebuilders, which we have served through our distribution channels and through direct relationships for over 10 years.

In Canada, sales for residential new construction are predominantly made on a direct basis to homebuilders and contractors, while residential repair and remodel construction products are primarily sold not only through high-end independent dealers and regional lumberyards, but also directly to contractors and consumers through our supply-and-install services. We distribute Ply Gem Canada products through our distribution centers across Western Canada. In Ontario, we manufacture and distribute North Star branded windows and doors primarily for the premium-priced tier of the residential repair and remodel market.

The North American window and patio door market remains highly fragmented. The Aperture Solutions reportable segment's main competitors include national brands such as Jeld-Wen, Pella, MI and Andersen, and regional brands such as PGT, United and Provia. Competitors in Canada include Jeld-Wen, All Weather Windows, Durabuilt and numerous regional brands. We generally compete on aesthetics, quality, price, service, product performance, breadth of product offerings and responsiveness to distributors, retailers and installers needs. We believe all of our products are competitively priced and that we are one of the few manufacturers to serve all end markets and price points on a national basis.

Surface Solutions

Our Surface Solutions reportable segment offers a broad suite of surface solution products and accessories at multiple price tiers for the residential new construction and repair and remodel end markets as well as stone installation services. Our product categories and collection of key brands in the Surface Solution reportable segment includes the following:

Product Categories	Brands
Siding and accessories	Ply Gem®, Mastic®, Mitten®, Variform®, MAC Métal Architectural®
Cellular PVC trim	Ply Gem®
Vinyl fencing and railing	Ply Gem®
Stone veneer	Ply Gem®, Environmental Stoneworks®, ClipStone®, Canyon Stone®
Gutter & Gutter protection	Ply Gem®, Leaf Relief®, Leaf Relief Snap Tight, Leaf Smart®, Leaf Logic®

We sell our Surface Solutions products mainly through wholesale and specialty distributors; retail home centers; manufactured housing producers; homebuilders; and contractors. We have an extensive network of independent dealers and distributors serving contractors and homebuilders nationwide. We believe we are well-positioned in the specialty distributor channel with many of the largest and most successful distributors in the industry. In Canada, our products are distributed nationwide, mainly through our distribution centers and to retail home centers, lumberyards and contractors.

Our main vinyl siding competitors include CertainTeed, Alside, Westlake Royal Building Products and smaller regional competitors. Our aluminum accessories competitors include Rollex, Euramax, Gentek and other smaller regional competitors. Our vinyl fencing and railing competitors mainly include Barrette, U.S. Fence, Homeland Vinyl Products, Westech, Bufftech, and Azek. Our cellular PVC trim and moulding competitors mainly include Azek, Inteplast, KOMA, Versatex, Klear, CertainTeed and Westlake Royal Building Products. Our stone veneer competitors mainly include Cultured Stone and Eldorado Stone, Coronado Stone Products and smaller regional competitors.

Shelter Solutions

Our Shelter Solutions reportable segment designs, engineers, manufactures and distributes an extensive line of building products for the low-rise commercial construction market under multiple brand names and through a nationwide network of manufacturing plants and distribution centers.

We believe we maintain leading positions across all of our key product categories in this reportable segment and we believe that our brands, many of which have been in use for several decades, are well-recognized by our customers and industry associations. Our principal products in this reportable segment include:

Metal Building Systems – Metal building systems consist of engineered structural members and panels that are fabricated and roll-formed in a factory. These systems are custom designed and engineered to meet project requirements and then shipped to a construction site complete and ready for assembly with no additional field welding required. Engineered building systems manufacturers design an integrated system that meets applicable building code and designated end use requirements. These systems consist of primary structural framing, secondary structural members (purlins and girts) and metal roof and wall systems or conventional wall materials manufactured by others, such as masonry and concrete tilt-up panels.

Our metal building systems are sold predominately under the Metallic Building Company®, Ceco Building Systems, Star Building Systems®, Heritage Building Systems®, and Robertson Building Systems® brands.

Metal Roofing and Wall Systems – These products are used in new construction and in repair and retrofit applications for industrial, commercial, institutional, agricultural, rural and residential uses. Metal components are used in a wide variety of construction applications, including purlins and girts, roofing, standing seam roofing, walls, doors, trim and other parts of traditional buildings, as well as in architectural applications and engineered building systems.

Our residential metal roofing and wall systems are sold predominantly under key brands including Union Corrugating Company®, Reed's Metals® and Metal Depots® brands. Our commercial metal components are sold predominately under key brands including MBCI® and ABC American Building Components® brands.

Our Retail Direct business is comprised of the Heritage Building Systems®, Reed's Metals® and Metal Depots® brands. This business sells simple metal buildings including pole barns, cold formed buildings and low-complexity pre-engineered metal buildings, metal roofing and some third party produced products to retail customers through a network of branch locations.

Our products offer a number of advantages over traditional construction alternatives, including shorter construction time, more efficient use of materials, lower construction costs, greater ease of expansion and lower maintenance costs. We sell our products for both new construction and repair and remodel applications across a broad range of markets and customer solutions, including distribution and warehouse facilities; manufacturing and industrial facilities; as well as automotive, aviation, agricultural, healthcare, educational and retail facilities, among others.

We compete with a number of other manufacturers of metal components and engineered building systems for the building industry, which mainly include Nucor, BlueScope, McElroy, Metal Sales and Central States. Many of these competitors operate on a regional basis. We have two primary nationwide competitors in the engineered building systems market and three primary nationwide competitors in the metal components market. The metal components market is more fragmented than the engineered building systems market.

Other Information

Manufacturing and Distribution

We employ a multichannel distribution strategy with 165 manufacturing and warehouse facilities across North America. Our broad distribution network enables us to serve customers across all 50 U.S. states, all 10 Canadian provinces and other select international jurisdictions. Our integrated footprint enhances our ability to serve and develop deeper customer relationships across both our residential and commercial end markets. The breadth of diversification across our business, from what we sell, to where we sell and to whom we sell, enables significant resiliency in our business model by insulating us from any negative trends or fluctuations in any single market segment, distribution channel, customer segment or product category.

Seasonality

Our sales volume is generally higher during our second and third quarters, which is historically the peak season for new construction and repair and remodeling in North America. Seasonal variations in our operational results may be impacted by inclement weather and other conditions. Working capital requirements have generally been greatest during the first half of our fiscal year due to the timing of the buildup of inventory to support the heavier construction season.

Raw Materials

We mainly use PVC resin, aluminum and glass in our residential products and steel in our commercial products. The availability, quality and costs of many of these commodities have fluctuated, and will continue to fluctuate over time. Raw materials are mainly sourced from North America, generally available from numerous sources and the number of suppliers is adequate to support production. We have typically been able to pass commodity price increases to our customers.

Intellectual Property

Product innovation and branding are important to the success of our business. In addition to the brand protection offered by our trademarks, patent protection helps distinguish our unique product features in the market by preventing copying and making it more difficult for competitors to benefit unfairly from our design innovation. We hold U.S. and foreign patents covering various features used in products sold within all of our reportable segments. Although each of our reportable segments relies on a number of trademarks, patents and patent groups that, in the aggregate, provide important protections to the Company, no single trademark, patent or patent group is material to any of the Company's reportable segments. We vigorously protect our intellectual property rights.

Human Capital Resources

At December 31, 2023, we employed more than 17,600 full-time and part-time employees (excluding contract workers), with 81% of our workforce composed of hourly production, manufacturing, shipping and customer service employees. Approximately 1,900 of employees work under collective bargaining agreements. Our current agreements expire in 2024, 2025 and 2027.

Corporate stewardship is a responsibility that is deeply embedded in our long brand history. We believe our employees drive our business and our ability to effectively serve our customers and sustain our competitive position. We endeavor to create an environment that keeps our employees safe, treats them with dignity and respect and fosters a culture of performance. We do this through the programs summarized below, the objective and related risk of each is overseen by our Board of Directors or its committees.

Leadership, Talent Acquisition and Talent Management

Our team members are critical to our mission and success, and, as such, our goal is to be an employer of choice in the communities in which we operate. Essential to this is creating a workplace that promotes our core values and shared mindsets and behaviors. These elements include our commitment to customer centricity, interconnectedness, and continuous improvement. We take great care in hiring, developing and retaining our team members to maximize their individual potential and our cumulative success.

To succeed in an ever-changing and competitive labor market, we have identified priorities we believe are critical to our success in attracting, motivating, developing, and retaining employees. These include among other things: (i) providing competitive compensation and benefit programs, (ii) emphasizing performance management and career development, (iii) promoting health and safety, and (iv) championing a diverse and inclusive work environment. Further information is available in our Environmental Social and Governance (“ESG”) report available on our website.

Compensation and Benefit Programs

We are committed to providing our employees with a competitive compensation package that rewards performance and achievement of desired business results. Our compensation package consists of three primary benefits: pay (base pay and incentive programs), health and welfare benefits, and retirement contributions. Our programs target the market for competitiveness. We provide benefit programs with the goal of improving physical, mental, and financial wellness of our employees throughout the lifetime. Some examples of this include base and variable pay, medical, dental, vision, life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance, paid time off and retirement savings plans. We analyze our compensation and benefit programs annually to ensure we remain competitive and make changes as necessary.

Performance Management and Career Development

Our leaders receive training on our three pillars of performance management, succession and talent planning, and learning and talent development. This creates the foundation for our leaders to support their teams to connect their work to our purpose, mission, values, and strategies of the Company, motivating and giving them a higher sense of purpose.

Our talent strategy is focused on having the right people with the right skills in the right roles supporting a consistent and compelling employee experience. This ensures that we are able to exceed our customers’ expectations and allow our people to develop and increase their career opportunities. Our talent management process:

- Clearly defines roles and goals;
- Establishes clear-cut performance and behavior expectations;
- Focuses work in alignment with business strategy and company goals; and
- Creates consistent, structured processes to enable development and career growth, including extensive curriculum and training programs.

We manage and measure our employee engagement with a view to gaining insight into our employees’ experiences, levels of workplace satisfaction, and feelings of engagement within the Company. We measure employee engagement and manager effectiveness at least annually through our global engagement survey and strive to increase our engagement scores year-over-year. To assist in this formal effort, managers are given direct access to their engagement results, share these results with their teams, and create measurable action plans. The senior leadership team demonstrates their commitment to engagement through transparent communications in town halls and leadership team meetings. Engagement is also managed at the local level.

Employee Safety and Wellness

Cornerstone Building Brands is committed to safety as our highest priority. Safety is one of the Company's core values. We are committed to (i) providing training for our employees to perform their job tasks safely, (ii) developing and maintaining safety programs and initiatives with the purpose of eliminating all injuries, safety incidents and job-related illnesses and (iii) addressing all safety risks in a thorough and timely manner. We publicly disclose operational health and safety statistics on our rate of recordable injuries and our rate of lost workdays due to injury involving full-time and part-time employees, temporary employees and contractors.

Our employee safety and wellness programs are designed around global policies and standards and a commitment to complying with applicable laws within our manufacturing, service and install, and headquarter operations. We proactively implement management systems and procedures consistent with industry best practices to prevent employee health and safety risks and to create a strong safety culture and improve performance. We are committed to continuous improvement and continue to measure, refine, and improve on our performance. We educate and train our employees to help ensure compliance with our policies, standards, and management systems. We also have policies and procedures in place to encourage employees to stop work to address at-risk conditions without threat of retaliation. Our management and Board of Directors regularly review our health and safety results and progress at Board of Directors meetings to promote continuous improvement.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The success of our Company begins with our employees, a team comprised of many backgrounds, with each member adding a unique and valued contribution to our organization. We value teamwork and work together to create a truly inclusive environment where each team member feels respected, valued and has access to opportunities and resources that enable them to be successful everyday. Our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion ("DE&I") promise supports our purpose, mission and core values to ensure a work environment that is inclusive and equitable for all employees. This creates an environment of mutual respect where our diversity reflects the communities we serve.

As part of DE&I efforts, we sponsor Employee Resource Groups. The Employee Resource Groups include members and allies of Women, Black, Hispanic, LGBTQ and Military employees that are focused on activating and educating employees and accelerating our inclusive culture. The Company also has a Diversity Council which is responsible for setting priorities and initiatives that support an inclusive work environment.

Environmental Matters

Sustainability

We are well positioned to make positive impacts on the communities we serve as we continue our journey to become North America's premier manufacturer of exterior building solutions.

We recognize our responsibility as a provider of building solutions to communities across North America to incorporate sustainability into our products and our business operations. Our business is committed to prioritizing sustainability in decision making.

In 2023, we continued our sustainability journey by establishing baselines for key sustainability metrics, implementing a SaaS application to operationalize our sustainability data and engaging our supply chain with respect to sustainability specific initiatives. We also continued to focus on a climate-positive future through energy and water conservation, landfill diversion and responsible sourcing while acting as stewards of the environment. By addressing energy usage and operational environmental impacts, we seek to have a positive impact for both our stakeholders and the planet. We are committed to the well-being of our employees, our fence line communities and the customers we serve. We believe that our sustainable business practices provide positive societal benefits for our people and our communities.

As we continue to develop an integrated strategy of financial growth and corporate responsibility for the future, we acknowledge that there is still much work to do as we take the next steps on our sustainability journey. Our highest priority is always the safety of our employees. We are committed to conducting business at the highest levels of ethics every day.

Environment, Health and Safety Matters

Our operations are subject to various federal, state, local and foreign environmental, health and safety laws. Among other things, these laws regulate the emissions or discharge of materials into the environment; govern the use, storage, treatment, disposal and management of hazardous substances and wastes; protect the health and safety of our employees and the end-users of our products; regulate the materials used in our products; and impose liability for the costs of investigating and remediating (as well as other damages resulting from) present and past releases of hazardous substances. Violations of these laws or of any conditions contained in environmental permits could result in substantial fines or penalties, injunctive relief, consent orders, requirements to install pollution controls or other abatement equipment, or civil sanctions.

We could be held liable for costs to investigate, remediate, or otherwise address contamination at any real property we have ever owned, operated or used as a disposal site, or at other sites where we or predecessors may have released hazardous materials. We could incur fines, penalties or sanctions or be subject to third-party claims, including indemnification claims, for property damage, personal injury or otherwise as a result of violations of (or liabilities under) environmental, health and safety laws, or in connection with releases of hazardous or other materials.

Changes in or new interpretations of existing laws, regulations or enforcement policies, the discovery of previously unknown contamination or other environmental liabilities or obligations with respect to our products or business activities, or the imposition of new regulatory requirements for our facilities may lead to additional costs that could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

We do not believe that compliance with environmental, health and safety laws, including existing requirements to investigate and remediate contamination, will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, or manufacturing processes.

The following are representative environmental, health and safety requirements relating to our operations:

Air Emissions. Our operations are subject to the federal Clean Air Act and comparable state and foreign laws. These laws govern emissions of air pollutants from industrial stationary sources, such as our manufacturing facilities, and impose various permitting, air pollution control, emissions monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements. Such laws may require us to obtain pre-approval for constructing or modifying our facilities in ways that have the potential to produce new or increased air emissions; obtain and comply with operating permits that limit air emissions or certain operating parameters, or employ best available control technologies to reduce or minimize emissions from our facilities. We may be required to purchase air pollution control equipment to comply with air emissions laws.

Greenhouse Gases. Efforts to mitigate the effects of global climate change has led to federal, state and foreign legislative and regulatory efforts to limit greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions. While GHG regulations generally do not affect our facilities as they are insignificant sources, more stringent federal, regional, state, and foreign laws and regulations relating to global climate change and GHG emissions may be adopted similar to those established in California in 2023. These laws and regulations could impact our facilities, raw material suppliers, the transportation and distribution of our products, and our customers’ businesses, which could reduce demand for our products or cause us to incur additional capital, operating or other costs. Until the timing, scope and extent of any additional future legislation or regulation becomes known, we cannot predict its effect on our business. In addition, global climate change may increase the frequency or intensity of extreme weather events, such as storms, floods, extreme temperatures and other events that could affect our facilities, our supply chain, raw material suppliers, the transportation and distribution of our products, and demand for our products.

Hazardous and Solid Industrial Waste. Our operations generate industrial solid wastes, including some hazardous wastes that are subject to the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”) and comparable state and foreign laws. RCRA imposes requirements for the handling, storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous waste. Industrial wastes that we generate in our manufacturing processes, such as used chemicals, may be regulated as hazardous waste, although RCRA has provisions to exempt some of our wastes from this category. However, our non-hazardous and exempted industrial wastes are still regulated under state law or the less stringent industrial solid waste requirements of RCRA.

RCRA Corrective Action Program. Certain facilities may be subject to the Corrective Action Program under the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by RCRA, and the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (“Corrective Action Program”). The Corrective Action Program is designed to ensure that certain facilities subject to RCRA have investigated and remediated releases of hazardous substances at their property.

CERCLA. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”, commonly known as Superfund), and comparable state and foreign laws impose liability, without regard to fault or the legality of the original conduct, on certain classes of persons responsible for releases of hazardous substances into the environment. These include the current and past owners or operators of sites where hazardous substances were released, and companies that disposed or arranged for disposal of hazardous substances at off-site locations such as landfills. CERCLA authorizes the EPA and, in certain cases, third parties to take actions in response to threats to the public health and welfare or the environment and to seek to recover remediation costs from the responsible parties.

We currently own or lease, and historically owned or leased, numerous properties that have extensive histories of industrial operations. Hazardous substances may have been released on, under or from these properties, or on, under or from other locations where hazardous wastes have been disposed. Some of these properties have been owned or operated by third parties who may have released hazardous substances for which we could have liability. We could be required to investigate or remediate contaminated property, perform remedial closure activities, or assess and remediate volatile chemical vapors migrating from soil or groundwater into overlying buildings. Our liability for investigating and remediating contamination could be joint and several and could include damages for impacts to natural resources.

Wastewater Discharges. Our operations are subject to the federal Water Pollution Control Act, also known as the Clean Water Act (“CWA”) and comparable state and foreign laws. These laws impose requirements and strict controls regarding the discharge of pollutants from industrial activity into waters of the U.S. Such laws may require that we comply with stormwater runoff and wastewater discharge standards or obtain permits limiting our discharges of pollutants. Failure to comply with CWA requirements could subject us to monetary penalties, injunctions, restrictions on operations, and administrative or civil enforcement actions. We may be required to incur certain capital expenditures for wastewater discharge or stormwater runoff treatment technology to comply with wastewater permits and water quality standards.

Employee Health and Safety. We are subject to the Occupational Safety and Health Act (“OSHA”) and comparable state and foreign laws that regulate the protection of the health and safety of our workers. Among other things, we are required to maintain and make available to our employees, state and local government authorities, and others information about hazardous materials used or produced by our operations.

Available Information

The Company’s website address is www.cornerstonebuildingbrands.com. The Company’s annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and any amendments to these reports are available free of charge on the Company’s website as soon as reasonably practicable after the reports are filed or furnished electronically with the SEC. Reports filed with the SEC are also made available on its website at www.sec.gov.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Risks Related to Our Industry and Economic and Market Conditions

Our industry is highly sensitive to macroeconomic conditions. Negative economic events including, but not limited to, actual or perceived economic downturns, lower business and consumer confidence, high interest rates, inflation, and lower new construction starts and repair and remodeling activity may materially and adversely affect the outlook for our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The construction industry is highly sensitive to global, national and regional macroeconomic conditions. The risks associated with our business may become more acute in periods of a slowing economy or economic downturns, which may reduce business and consumer confidence and result in decreased demand for our products. Furthermore, rising or continued high interest rates in response to concerns about inflation may further increase economic uncertainty and heighten these risks. As a result, instability and weakness of the U.S. and global economies, including due to disruptions to financial markets, inflation, actual or perceived economic downturns, rising unemployment, geopolitical events and the negative effects on consumers’ spending, may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our residential business depends heavily on the new home construction and repair and remodel markets. Our commercial business depends heavily on the levels of commercial construction activity. Current market estimates forecast continued and higher levels of volatility in 2024, in part due to the greater and faster-than-normal changes in factors such as interest rates, inflation, business and consumer confidence, unemployment, and the availability of business and consumer credit. Declines in the residential and commercial construction activity markets could lead to decreased sales of our products, which would have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our financial results are also impacted by our consumers' ability to finance home repair and remodeling projects or the purchase of new homes. The ability of consumers to finance these purchases is affected by such factors as new and existing home prices, homeowners' equity values, interest rates and home foreclosures, which in turn could result in a tightening of lending standards by financial institutions and reduce the ability of some consumers to finance repair and remodeling expenditures or home purchases. Declining home values, increased home foreclosures and tightening of credit standards by lending institutions have in the past and may in the future negatively impact the home repair and remodeling and the new construction sectors, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Historically, any uncertainty about economic conditions has had a negative effect on our business, and will continue to pose a risk to our business as our customers may postpone spending in response to tighter credit, higher interest rates, negative financial news or declines in income or asset values, which could have a material negative effect on the demand for our products. Other factors that could influence demand include fuel and other energy costs, conditions in the commercial real estate markets, labor and healthcare costs, access to credit, tariffs, and other macroeconomic factors.

From time to time, our industry has also been adversely affected in various parts of the country by declines in commercial construction starts, including but not limited to, high vacancy rates, changes in tax laws affecting the real estate industry, high interest rates and the unavailability of financing. Sales of our products may be adversely affected by continued weakness in demand for our products within particular customer groups, or a continued decline in the general construction industry or particular geographic regions. These and other economic factors could have a material adverse effect on demand for our products and on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Risks Related to Our Business

Inability to optimize operational efficiency could adversely affect our business, results of operation and financial condition.

Our ability to sell quality products at profitable margins depends in large part on our ability to efficiently operate our facilities. We are implementing initiatives to optimize our operational efficiencies and reduce costs while ensuring superior quality. If we are unsuccessful in implementing these initiatives, or are otherwise unable to operate our manufacturing facilities efficiently, produce high quality products and provide value to our customers, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Failure to attract and retain employees could adversely affect our business, results of operation and financial condition.

Our ability to attract and retain or replace employees is challenging due to a shortage of both hourly and technically skilled workers for our manufacturing facilities. We face intense competition for talent to operate our manufacturing facilities, including from current and potential competitors in our industry. As a large-scale manufacturer, our workforce is distributed across North America, and we may incur significant costs to attract and retain employees, particularly in smaller, local markets. If we do not attract and retain the services of individuals to operate our manufacturing facilities, we may experience delays in producing our products, which may result in a reduction in net sales and an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Increases in labor costs, potential labor disputes, union organizing activity and work stoppages at our facilities or the facilities of our suppliers could delay or impede our production, reduce sales of our products and increase our costs.

Our ability to attract and retain qualified manufacturing team members to operate our manufacturing plants efficiently is critical to our financial performance. Our financial performance is affected by the availability of qualified personnel and the cost of labor. As of December 31, 2023, 11% of our employees were represented by labor unions, the collective bargaining agreements with whom will expire in fiscal year 2024, 2025 and 2027. We are subject to the risk that strikes or other types of conflicts with personnel may arise or that we may become a subject of union organizing activity. Furthermore, some of our direct and indirect suppliers have unionized work forces. Strikes, work stoppages or slowdowns experienced by these suppliers could result in slowdowns or closures of facilities where components of our products are manufactured. Any interruption in the production or delivery of our products could reduce sales of our products and increase our costs. Any labor shortage will create operating inefficiencies that could adversely impact our financial performance.

The industries in which we operate are highly competitive.

Competition in the construction markets of the building industry is intense. Competition is based primarily on aesthetics, quality, price, service, product performance, breadth of product offerings and responsiveness to distributor, retailer and installer needs, as well as end-user customer preference. In addition, we also compete with alternative building products materials and alternative methods of building construction that do not utilize our products that which may be viewed as more traditional, more aesthetically pleasing or having other advantages.

In our Aperture Solutions and Surface Solutions reportable segments, we compete with other national and regional manufacturers of exterior building products. Some of these companies are larger and have greater financial resources than we do. Accordingly, these competitors may be better equipped to withstand changes in conditions in the industries in which we operate and may have significantly greater operating and financial flexibility than we do. Additionally, our products face competition from alternative materials, such as wood; composites and fiberglass in windows; metal; fiber cement; and masonry and composites in siding. In our Shelter Solutions reportable segment, we compete with a number of other manufacturers of metal components and engineered building systems ranging from small local firms to large national firms. In addition, we and other manufacturers of metal components and engineered building systems compete with alternative methods of building construction.

Further, vertical consolidation by our competitors may negatively impact our ability to compete. For example, in the past several of our competitors in the Shelter Solutions reportable segment have been acquired by steel producers. Competitors owned by steel producers may have a competitive advantage on raw materials that we do not enjoy. Steel producers may prioritize deliveries of raw materials to such competitors or provide them with more favorable pricing, both of which could enable them to offer products to customers at lower prices or accelerated delivery schedules.

In all our reportable segments, failure to provide our customers with quality, service, on-time delivery and project completion, and other value additions would negatively affect our ability to compete in our industry. The resulting increased competition from other exterior building products manufacturers, as well as the competition from alternative building materials and alternative construction methods, could cause us to lose our customers and lead to net sales decreases, which would impact our results of operations.

Price volatility and supply constraints for raw materials could prevent us from meeting delivery schedules to our customers or reduce our profit margins.

Our business is heavily dependent on the price and supply of raw materials including steel, PVC resin, aluminum and glass. Raw material prices have been volatile in recent years and may remain volatile in the future. Raw material prices are influenced by numerous factors beyond our control, including general domestic and international economic conditions; currency fluctuations; supply constraints; competition; labor costs; freight and transportation costs; production costs; and tariffs, import duties and other trade restrictions. For example, in 2018, the Trump administration implemented new tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum into the U.S. In response to these tariffs, the European Union, Canada, Mexico and China announced tariffs on U.S. goods and services. Although some of these tariffs have been rescinded, suspended, or modified, these tariffs, along with any future tariffs or trade restrictions, could result in reduced overall economic activity and increased costs in operating our business.

A sudden increase in demand for steel, PVC resin, aluminum or glass could affect our ability to purchase such raw materials and result in rapidly increasing prices. We have historically been able to substantially pass on significant cost increases in raw materials through price increases to our customers; however, we may not be able to do so in the future. Further, if the available supply of any of the raw materials we use declines, we could experience a deterioration of service from our suppliers or interruptions or delays that may cause us not to meet delivery schedules to our customers. Any of these problems could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. We can give no assurance that steel, PVC resin, aluminum or glass will remain available, that prices will not continue to be volatile or that we will be able to purchase these raw materials on favorable or commercially reasonable terms.

Further, we use energy in the manufacturing and transportation of our products. In particular, our manufacturing plants use considerable amounts of electricity and natural gas. Consequently, our operating costs typically increase if energy costs rise. During periods of higher energy costs, we may not be able to recover our operating cost increases through price increases without reducing demand for our products. To the extent we are not able to recover these cost increases through price increases or otherwise, our profitability will be adversely impacted. From time to time, we may partially hedge our exposure to higher prices through fixed forward positions. However, such fixed forward positions or other hedging instruments may not fully mitigate our risk from operating cost increases.

We rely on third-party suppliers for materials in addition to steel, PVC resin, aluminum and glass, and if we fail to identify and develop relationships with a sufficient number of qualified suppliers, or if there is a significant interruption in our supply chains, our business and results of operations could be adversely affected.

In addition to steel, PVC resin, aluminum and glass, our operations require other raw materials from third-party suppliers. We generally have multiple sources of supply for our raw materials; however, in some cases, materials are provided by a single supplier. The loss of, or substantial decrease in the availability of, products from our suppliers, or the loss of a key supplier, could adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, supply interruptions could arise from shortages of raw materials, commodity cost volatility, pandemics, labor disputes or weather conditions affecting products or shipments or other factors beyond our control. For example, U.S. and global markets are experiencing volatility and disruption related to the escalation of geopolitical tensions and the military conflict currently ongoing in Ukraine and the Middle East. While we do not have any customer or direct supplier relationships with any entities in Russia, Ukraine, or the Middle East, these conflicts could lead to market or operational disruptions, including significant volatility in commodity prices, credit and capital markets, as well as supply chain interruptions. Short- and long-term disruptions in our supply chain would result in a need to maintain higher inventory levels as we replace similar product, a higher cost of product and ultimately a decrease in our net sales and profitability. To the extent our suppliers experience disruptions, there is a risk for delivery delays, production delays, production issues or delivery of non-conforming products by our suppliers. Even where these risks do not materialize, we may incur costs as we prepare contingency plans to address such risks. In addition, disruptions in transportation lines could delay our receipt of raw materials. If our supply of raw materials is disrupted or our delivery times are extended, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

An inability to successfully develop new products or improve existing products could negatively impact our ability to attract new customers or retain existing customers, including our significant customers.

Our success depends on meeting consumer needs and anticipating changes in consumer preferences with successful new products and product improvements. We aim to introduce products and new or improved production processes proactively to meet customer needs, and to offset obsolescence and decreases in sales of existing products. While we devote significant focus to the development of new products, we may not be successful in product development and our new products may not be commercially successful. In addition, it is possible that competitors may improve their products more rapidly or respond to changing consumer preferences more effectively, which could adversely affect our net sales. Furthermore, market demand may decline as a result of consumer preferences trending away from our categories or trending down within our brands or product categories, which could adversely impact our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our Aperture Solutions and Surface Solutions reportable segments depend on a core group of significant customers for a substantial portion of net sales and we expect this to continue for the foreseeable future. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the top 10 customers accounted for 58% of net sales in Aperture Solutions and 59% of net sales in Surface Solutions. The loss of, or a significant adverse change in our relationships with our largest customers, or loss of market position of any major customer, whether because of an inability to successfully develop new products or improve existing products, or otherwise, could cause a material decrease in net sales. The loss of, or a reduction in orders, from any significant customers, losses arising from customers' disputes regarding shipments, fees, merchandise condition or performance or related matters, or an inability to collect accounts receivable from any major customer could adversely impact our net sales and profitability. In addition, net sales from customers that have accounted for significant net sales in past periods, individually or as a group, may not continue, or if continued, may not reach or exceed historical levels in any period.

Our business may be adversely affected by weather conditions and other external factors beyond our control.

Markets for our products are seasonal and can be affected by inclement weather conditions. Historically, our business has experienced increased sales in the second and third quarters of the year due to increased construction during those periods. Because much of our overhead and operating expenses are spread ratably throughout the year, our operating profits tend to be lower in the first and fourth quarters. Inclement weather conditions can affect the timing of when our products are supplied or installed, causing reduced profit margins when such conditions exist. For example, unseasonably cold weather or extraordinary amounts of rainfall in the markets we serve may decrease construction activity.

Further, other external factors beyond our control could cause disruptions at any of our facilities, including maintenance outages; prolonged power failures or reductions; a breakdown, failure or substandard performance of any equipment or other operational problems; disruptions in the transportation infrastructure, including railroad tracks, bridges, tunnels or roads; fires, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes or other catastrophic disasters; pandemics; or an act of terrorism. Any prolonged disruption in operations at any of our facilities could cause a significant loss in production. As a result, we could incur significantly higher costs and longer lead times associated with distributing our products to customers during the time that it takes for us to reopen or replace a damaged facility. This could cause our customers to purchase from our competitors and stop purchasing from us either temporarily or permanently, particularly where we are currently a customer's single source of supply. If any of these events were to occur, it could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

If we are unable to enforce our intellectual property rights, or if such intellectual property rights become obsolete, our competitive position could be adversely affected.

As a company that manufactures and markets branded products, we rely heavily on trademark and service mark protection to protect our brands. We also have issued patents and rely on trade secret and copyright protection for certain of our technologies. These protections may not adequately safeguard our intellectual property and we may incur significant costs to defend our intellectual property rights, which may adversely affect our financial condition. There is a risk that third parties, including our current competitors, will infringe on our intellectual property rights or will claim that our products infringe on their intellectual property rights, in which case we would have to defend these rights or ourselves, which may be costly or unsuccessful.

There can be no assurance that the efforts we have taken to protect our business with respect to intellectual property rights will be sufficient or effective. If we are unable to protect and maintain our intellectual property rights, or if there are any successful challenges to our intellectual property rights or infringement proceedings against us, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

We could incur significant costs as a result of compliance with, violations of or liabilities under applicable environmental, health and safety laws.

Our operations include 93 manufacturing facilities and 72 distribution and warehouse facilities spread across North America (see "Item 2. Properties" for additional information). As a result, our operations are subject to various federal, state, local and foreign environmental, health and safety ("EHS") laws. Among other things, these laws (i) regulate the emission or discharge of pollutants into the environment, (ii) govern the use, storage, treatment, disposal and management of hazardous substances and wastes, (iii) govern the health and safety of our employees, the end-users of our products, and the general public, (iv) regulate the chemicals used in our products, and (v) impose liability for the costs of investigating and remediating present and past releases of hazardous substances and other related damages. Violations of these laws or of any conditions contained in environmental permits could result in substantial fines or penalties, injunctive relief, requirements to install pollution or other controls or other equipment, civil and criminal sanctions, permit revocations, and facility shutdowns. We could be held liable for the costs to investigate, remediate or otherwise address contamination at any real property we have historically owned, operated, or contracted for waste disposal, or at sites which predecessors released hazardous materials. We also could incur fines, penalties or sanctions or be subject to third-party claims, including indemnification claims, for property damage, personal injury or otherwise because of violations of or liabilities under EHS laws or in connection with releases of hazardous materials. In addition, changes in or new interpretations of existing EHS laws, regulations or enforcement policies, the discovery of previously unknown contamination, or the imposition of other environmental liabilities or obligations in the future, in each case with respect to our operations, products or business activities, may lead to additional costs that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. We cannot predict whether such liabilities or obligations will arise in the future or the scope thereof.

Changes in building codes and standards could increase the cost of our products, lower the demand for our products, or otherwise adversely affect our business.

Our products are subject to extensive and complex local, state, federal, and foreign statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations. These mandates, including but not limited to building design safety and construction standards and zoning requirements, affect the cost, selection, and quality requirements of the products we sell, including building structures and envelopes, roofs, windows and siding. These statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations often provide broad discretion to governmental authorities as to the types and quality specifications required for products we sell that are used in new residential and commercial construction and home renovations and improvement projects. In addition, we cannot predict whether and how any of these standards may change in the future. Ongoing compliance with current standards and with any future changes thereto may increase the costs of manufacturing our products or may reduce the demand for impacted products in affected geographical areas or product markets, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We face risks related to acquisitions and dispositions that could adversely affect our results of operations.

We have a history of expansion through acquisitions, and, from time to time, we evaluate acquisitions and dispositions of assets and businesses. We believe that if our industry continues to consolidate, our future success may depend, in part, on our ability to successfully complete acquisitions. Acquisitions and dispositions involve a number of risks, including:

- The risk of incorrect assumptions or estimates regarding the future results of an acquired business or expected cost reductions or other synergies expected to be realized as a result of acquiring the business;
- The risk of disposing of an asset or business at a price or on terms that are less favorable than we had anticipated;
- Difficulty in finding sellers or buyers;
- Diversion of management's attention from existing operations;
- Unexpected losses of key employees, customers and suppliers of an acquired business;
- Integrating the financial, technological and management standards, processes, procedures and controls of an acquired business with those of our existing operations;
- Increasing the scope, geographic diversity and complexity of our operations; and
- Potential litigation or other claims arising from an acquisition or disposition.

We can provide no assurance that we will be successful in identifying or completing any future acquisitions or dispositions or that any businesses or assets that we are able to acquire will be successfully integrated into our existing business. The incurrence of additional debt, contingent liabilities and expenses in connection with any future acquisitions could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, we may be subject to claims arising from the operations of businesses from periods prior to the dates we acquired them. These claims or liabilities could be significant. Our ability to seek indemnification from the former owners for these claims or liabilities is limited by various factors, including the specific limitations contained in the respective acquisition agreements and the financial ability of the former owners to satisfy such claims or liabilities. If we are unable to enforce any indemnification rights we may have against the former owners or if the former owners are unable to satisfy their obligations for any reason, including because of their current financial position, or if we do not have any right to indemnification, we could be held liable for the costs or obligations associated with such claims or liabilities, which could adversely affect our operating performance.

We risk liabilities and losses due to personal injury, property damage or product liability claims, which may not be covered by insurance.

Our workers are subject to hazards associated with work in manufacturing environments. Operating hazards can cause personal injury and loss of life, as well as damage to or destruction of property. We are subject to either deductible or self-insured retention amounts, per claim or occurrence, under our Property/Casualty insurance programs, as well as an individual stop-loss limit per claim under our group medical insurance plan that we believe are consistent with industry practice. The transfer of risk through insurance cannot guarantee that coverage will be available for every loss or liability that we may incur in our operations.

Exposures that could create insured (or uninsured) liabilities are difficult to assess and quantify due to unknown factors, including but not limited to injury frequency and severity, natural disasters, terrorism threats, third-party liability, and claims that are incurred but not reported. Although we engage third-party actuarial professionals to assist us in determining our probable future loss exposure, it is possible that claims or costs could exceed our estimates or our insurance limits, or could be uninsurable. In such instances we might be required to use working capital to satisfy these losses rather than to maintain or expand our operations, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Further, we face the risk of product liability exposure, including regulatory penalties and class action and warranty claims, in the event that the use of any of our products results in personal injury or property damage. In the event that any of our products prove to be defective, among other things, we may be responsible for damages related to any defective products and may be required to cease production, recall or redesign such products. Because of the long useful life of our products, it is possible that latent defects might not appear for several years. Any insurance we maintain may not continue to be available on acceptable terms or such coverage may not be adequate for liabilities actually incurred. Further, any claim or product discontinuance, recall or redesign could result in adverse publicity against us, which could cause sales to decline, or increase warranty costs.

Breaches of our information system security measures could disrupt our internal operations.

We are dependent upon information technology for the distribution of information internally and also to our customers and suppliers. This information technology is subject to theft, damage or interruption from a variety of sources, including but not limited to malicious computer viruses, security breaches and defects in design. Purchase of our products may involve the transmission or storage of data, including in certain instances customers' business and personally identifiable information. We also hold the sensitive personal data of our current and former employees, as well as proprietary information of our business, including strategic plans and intellectual property. Thus, maintaining the security of computers, computer networks and data storage resources is a critical issue for us and our customers and employees, as security breaches could result in vulnerabilities and loss of and/or unauthorized access to confidential information.

We have in the past experienced, and may in the future face, hackers, cybercriminals or others gaining unauthorized access to, or otherwise misusing, our systems to misappropriate our proprietary information and technology, interrupt our business, or gain unauthorized access to confidential information. For example, in August 2020, we detected a ransomware attack impacting certain of our operational and information technology systems. Promptly upon our detection of the attack, we launched an investigation, notified law enforcement and engaged the services of specialized legal counsel and other incident response professionals. While we were able to recover our critical operational data and business systems, there is no guarantee that we will have similar success with an attack in the future should one occur. Any such future attack could lead to the public disclosure of customer or employee data, our trade secrets or other intellectual property, or material financial and other information related to our business. The release of any of this information could have a material adverse effect on our business, reputation, and financial condition.

The reliability and security of our information technology infrastructure and software, and our ability to expand and continually update technologies in response to our changing needs is critical to our business. To the extent that any disruptions or security breaches result in a loss or damage to our data, it could cause harm to our reputation or brand. This could: (i) lead some customers to stop purchasing our products and reduce or delay future purchases of our products or lead to the use of competing products; (ii) lead to private causes of action that could result in a judgment, settlement or other liability; (iii) lead to state or federal enforcement actions, which could result in fines, penalties or other liabilities and which may cause us to incur legal fees and costs; or (iv) result in additional costs associated with responding to a cyberattack. Increased regulation regarding cybersecurity may increase our costs of compliance, including fines and penalties, as well as costs of cybersecurity audits and insurance. Any of these actions could materially adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We have invested in protections and monitoring practices of our data and information technology to reduce these risks and continue to monitor our systems on an ongoing basis for any current or potential threats. There can be no assurance, however, that our efforts will prevent breakdowns or breaches to our or our third party providers' databases or systems that could adversely affect our business and financial condition.

Damage to our computer infrastructure and software systems and issues relating to the incorporation of artificial intelligence (“AI”) solutions into our systems, could harm our business.

The unavailability of any of our primary information management systems for any significant period of time could have an adverse effect on our operations. In particular, our ability to deliver products to our customers when needed, collect our receivables and manage inventory levels successfully largely depend on the efficient operation of our computer hardware and software systems. Through information management systems, we provide inventory availability to our sales and operating personnel, improve customer service through better order and product reference data, and monitor results of operations. Difficulties associated with upgrades, installations of major software or hardware, and integration with new systems could lead to business interruptions that could harm our reputation, increase our operating costs, and decrease our profitability. In addition, these systems are vulnerable to, among other things, damage or interruption from power loss, computer system and network failures, loss of telecommunications services, operator negligence, physical and electronic loss of data, or security breaches and computer viruses.

We have contracted with third-party service providers that provide us with redundant data center services in the event that our major information management systems are damaged, but they may prove to be inadequate. Our inability to restore data completely and accurately could lead to inaccurate and/or untimely financial reporting, tax filings with the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) or other required filings, all of which could have a significant negative impact on our business, and result in fines or penalties.

In addition, we may incorporate traditional and generative AI solutions into our information systems, products, offerings, services and features, and these solutions may become important in our operations over time. The ever-increasing use and evolution of technology, including cloud-based computing and AI, creates opportunities for the potential loss or misuse of personal data that forms part of any data set and was collected, used, stored, or transferred to run our business, and unintentional dissemination or intentional destruction of confidential information stored in our or our third party providers’ systems, portable media or storage devices, which may result in significantly increased business and security costs, a damaged reputation, administrative penalties, or costs related to defending legal claims. If the content, analyses, or recommendations that AI programs assist in producing are or are alleged to be deficient, inaccurate, or biased, our business, financial condition, and results of operations and our reputation may be adversely affected. AI programs may be costly and require significant expertise to develop, may be difficult to set up and manage, and require periodic upgrades. There is also a risk that we may not have access to the technology and qualified AI personnel resources to adequately incorporate ongoing advancements into our AI initiatives, including access to the licensing of key intellectual property from third parties. Our competitors or other third parties may incorporate AI into their products more quickly or more successfully than us, which could impair our ability to compete effectively and adversely affect our results of operations. Our competition may have access to greater financial and technological resources, giving them a competitive advantage in recruiting, motivating, and retaining sought-after AI professionals. AI also presents emerging ethical issues and if our use of AI becomes controversial, we may experience brand or reputational harm, competitive harm, or legal liability. The rapid evolution of AI, including potential government regulation of AI, will require significant resources to develop, test and maintain our platform, offerings, services, and features to help us implement AI ethically in order to minimize unintended, harmful impact.

Our enterprise resource planning technologies will require maintenance or replacement in order to allow us to continue to operate and manage critical aspects of our business.

We rely heavily on enterprise resource planning technologies (“ERP Systems”) from third parties in order to operate and manage critical internal functions of our business, including accounting, order management, procurement, and transactional entry and approval. Certain of our ERP Systems are no longer supported by their vendor, are reaching the end of their useful life or are in need of significant updates to adequately perform the functions we require. We have limited access to support for older software versions and may be unable to repair the hardware required to run certain ERP Systems on a timely basis due to the unavailability of replacement parts. In addition, we face operational vulnerabilities due to limited access to software patches and software updates on any software that is no longer supported by their vendor. We have started implementing a multi-year plan to upgrade and rationalize the hardware and software platforms used in our ERP Systems.

If our ERP Systems become unavailable due to extended outages or interruptions, because they are no longer available on commercially reasonable terms or if we are unable to successfully implement our upgrade and rationalization plan, our operational efficiency could be harmed and we may face increased replacement costs. We may also face extended recovery time in the event of a system failure due to lack of resources to troubleshoot and resolve such issues. Our ability to manage our operations could be interrupted and our order management processes and customer support functions could be impaired

until equivalent services are identified, obtained and implemented on commercially reasonable terms, all of which could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We may be significantly affected by new or stricter regulatory standards on sustainability matters, and by global climate change.

As governmental and societal attention is increasingly paid to sustainability matters, we expect that regulatory standards on topics such as climate change, GHG emissions, water usage, waste management, human capital, and risk oversight will continue to evolve. Implementation of new and/or stricter regulatory standards could expand the nature, scope, and complexity of what we are required to comply with, control, assess, and report. Such changes could increase the cost of our compliance and internal risk management programs, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

For example, the State of California established climate legislation in 2023 that will require certain U.S. companies with business activities in California to provide disclosures related to their GHG emissions, climate-related financial risks and any voluntary carbon offsets or climate related claims. It is expected that the SEC will issue a similar type of climate disclosure rule in 2024. While GHG regulations generally do not materially affect our facilities as they are insignificant sources, the new California legislation is likely to increase the resources we will need to allocate for compliance. In addition, any other more stringent federal, regional, state and foreign laws and regulations relating to global climate change and GHG emissions, if adopted, could impact our manufacturing operations, raw material suppliers, the transportation and distribution of our products, and our customers' businesses.

Further, global climate change may increase the frequency or intensity of extreme weather-related events, such as storms, floods, wildfires, extreme temperatures, and other events that could affect our facilities, suppliers, and demand for our products, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

We face risks related to our international operations.

In addition to the U.S., we operate our business in certain foreign jurisdictions, principally in Canada and Mexico, and make sales in certain other jurisdictions, which poses certain risks to our business, including foreign exchange rate and international legal compliance risks.

Our operations in Canada generated 7.7% of our net sales in 2023. As such, our net sales, earnings and cash flow are exposed to risk from changes in foreign exchange rates, which can be difficult to mitigate. Depending on the direction of changes relative to the U.S. dollar, Canadian dollar values can increase or decrease the reported values of our net assets and results of operations. We hedge this foreign currency exposure by evaluating the usage of certain derivative instruments which hedge certain, but not all, underlying economic exposures.

Our international operations require us to comply with certain U.S. and international laws, such as import/export laws and regulations, anti-boycott laws, anti-dumping laws, economic sanctions, laws and regulations, the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and similar anti-bribery laws. We operate in parts of the world, including Canada and Mexico, that have experienced governmental corruption to some degree and, in certain circumstances, strict compliance with anti-bribery laws has proved challenging historically. We cannot provide absolute assurance that our internal controls and procedures will always prevent reckless or criminal acts by our employees or agents, or that the operations of acquired businesses will have been conducted in accordance with our policies and applicable regulations. If we are found to be liable for violations of these laws (either due to our own acts, out of inadvertence or due to the acts or inadvertence of others), we could suffer criminal or civil penalties or other sanctions, including limitations on our ability to conduct our business, which could have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Significant changes in factors and assumptions used to measure our defined benefit plan obligations, actual investment returns on pension assets and other factors could negatively impact our results of operations and cash flows.

The recognition of costs and liabilities associated with our pension plans for financial reporting purposes is affected by assumptions made by management and used by actuaries engaged by us to calculate the benefit obligations and the expenses recognized for these plans. The inputs used in developing the required estimates are calculated using a number of assumptions, which represent management's best estimate of the future. The assumptions that have the most significant impact on reported results are the discount rate, the estimated long-term return on plan assets for the funded plans, retirement rates, and mortality rates. These assumptions are generally updated annually.

Changes in interest rates, mortality assumptions and asset performance may affect the funded status of our pension plans. Funding requirements for our pension plans may become more significant. If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our pension plan obligations, we could be forced to reduce or delay investments and capital expenditures, seek additional capital, or restructure or refinance our indebtedness.

Any impairment of our goodwill or intangible assets could negatively impact our results of operations and financial condition.

We evaluate assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheets, including goodwill and intangible assets, annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying value may not be recoverable. We monitor factors or indicators, such as unfavorable variances from forecasted cash flows, and external market conditions that would require an impairment test. We may experience unforeseen events in the future, that could adversely affect the value of our goodwill or intangible assets and trigger an interim impairment evaluation. There can be no assurance that valuation multiples will not decline, discount rates will not increase, or the earnings, book values or projected earnings and cash flows of the Company's reporting units will not decline. Future determinations of significant impairments of goodwill or intangible assets as a result of an impairment test or any accelerated amortization of intangible assets could have a negative impact on the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition.

Risks Related to our Sole Stockholder

The interests of our controlling stockholder may differ from the interests of holders of our indebtedness.

Following the Merger (as defined herein), investment funds managed by Clayton, Dubliner and Rice, LLC ("CD&R") own all of the Company's outstanding capital stock and have the ability to appoint the members of our Board of Directors. As a result, CD&R has significant influence over our business. The interests of CD&R may differ from those of holders of our outstanding indebtedness in material respects. For example, CD&R may have an interest in pursuing acquisitions, divestitures, financings or other transactions that, in their judgment, could enhance their overall equity investment, even though such transactions might involve risks to holders of our outstanding indebtedness. CD&R is in the business of making investments in companies, and may from time to time in the future, acquire interests in businesses that directly or indirectly compete with certain portions of our business or are our suppliers or customers. The companies in which CD&R invests may also pursue acquisition opportunities that may be complementary to our business and, as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to us. Additionally, CD&R may determine that the disposition of some or all of their interests in the Company would be beneficial to them at a time when such disposition could be detrimental to the holders of our outstanding indebtedness.

We have substantial debt and may incur substantial additional debt, which could adversely affect our financial health, reduce our profitability, limit our ability to obtain financing in the future and pursue certain business opportunities and make payments on our indebtedness.

As of December 31, 2023, we had outstanding principal on long-term debt totaling \$3.9 billion.

The amount of our debt or other similar obligations could have important consequences for us, including, but not limited to:

- A substantial portion of our cash flow from operations must be dedicated to the payment of principal and interest on our indebtedness, thereby reducing the funds available to us for other purposes;
- Our ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, debt service requirements or general corporate purposes and our ability to satisfy our obligations with respect to our outstanding indebtedness may be impaired in the future;
- We are exposed to the risk of increased interest rates because a portion of our borrowings is at variable rates of interest;
- We may be at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors with less debt or with comparable debt at more favorable interest rates and who, as a result, may be better positioned to withstand economic downturns;
- Our ability to refinance indebtedness may be limited or the associated costs may increase;
- It may be more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations to our creditors, resulting in possible defaults on and acceleration of such indebtedness;
- We may be more vulnerable to general adverse economic and industry conditions; and

- Our flexibility to adjust to changing market conditions and our ability to withstand competitive pressures could be limited, or we may be prevented from making capital investments that are necessary or important to our operations, growth strategy or efforts to improve operating margins of our business units.

If we cannot service our debt, we will be forced to take actions such as reducing or delaying acquisitions and/or capital expenditures, selling assets, restructuring or refinancing our debt or seeking additional equity capital. We can give no assurance that we can do any of these things on satisfactory terms or at all.

Further, the terms of the Cash Flow Credit Agreement, the ABL Credit Agreement, the Side Car Term Loan Credit Agreement (each as defined in Note 10 — *Long-Term Debt*), the 2028 Indenture (as defined below) and the 2029 Indenture (as defined below) provide us and our subsidiaries with the flexibility to incur a substantial amount of additional secured or unsecured indebtedness in the future if we or our subsidiaries are in compliance with certain incurrence ratios set forth therein. Any such incurrence of additional indebtedness may increase the risks created by our current substantial indebtedness. As of December 31, 2023, we were able to borrow up to (i) \$850.0 million under the ABL Facility (as defined in Note 10 — *Long-Term Debt*), (ii) \$95.0 million under the ABL FILO Facility (as defined in Note 10 — *Long-Term Debt*) and (iii) \$92.0 million under the Cash Flow Revolver (as defined in Note 10 — *Long-Term Debt*). Borrowings under the ABL Facility, the ABL FILO Facility and the Cash Flow Revolver would be secured.

The Cash Flow Credit Agreement, the ABL Credit Agreement, the Side Car Term Loan Credit Agreement, and the indenture governing the terms of our 8.750% Senior Secured Notes (the “2028 Indenture”) and the indenture governing the terms of our 6.125% Senior Notes (the “2029 Indenture”) contain restrictions and limitations that could significantly impact our ability and the ability of most of our subsidiaries to engage in certain business and financial transactions.

The Cash Flow Credit Agreement, the ABL Credit Agreement, the Side Car Term Loan Credit Agreement, the 2028 Indenture and the 2029 Indenture contain restrictive covenants that, among other things, limit our ability and the ability of our restricted subsidiaries to:

- Incur additional indebtedness or issue certain preferred shares;
- Pay dividends, redeem stock or make other distributions in respect of capital stock;
- Repurchase, prepay or redeem our subordinated indebtedness;
- Make investments;
- Incur additional liens;
- Transfer or sell assets;
- Create restrictions on the ability of our restricted subsidiaries to pay dividends to us or make other intercompany transfers;
- Make negative pledges;
- Consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets;
- Enter into certain transactions with our affiliates; and
- Designate subsidiaries as unrestricted subsidiaries.

In addition, the Cash Flow Revolver requires us to maintain a maximum total secured leverage ratio under certain circumstances, and the ABL Facility require us to maintain a minimum consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio under certain circumstances. The ABL Credit Agreement also contains other covenants customary for asset-based facilities of this nature. Our ability to borrow additional amounts under the Cash Flow Revolver and the ABL Facility depends upon satisfaction of these covenants. Events beyond our control can affect our ability to fulfill these covenants.

We are required to make mandatory pre-payments under the Cash Flow Credit Agreement and the ABL Credit Agreement upon the occurrence of certain events, including the sale of assets and the issuance of debt, in each case subject to certain limitations and conditions set forth in the Cash Flow Credit Agreement and the ABL Credit Agreement.

In addition, under certain circumstances and subject to the limitations set forth in the Cash Flow Credit Agreement and the Current Term Loan Facility (as defined in *Item 7, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations”*) may require us to make prepayments of the term loans to the extent we generate excess positive cash flow each year.

Any future financing arrangements entered into by us may also contain similar covenants and restrictions. As a result of these covenants and restrictions, we may be limited in our ability to plan for or react to market conditions or to meet extraordinary capital needs or otherwise restricted in our activities. These covenants and restrictions could also adversely affect our ability to finance our future operations or capital needs or to engage in other business activities that would be in our interest.

Our failure to comply with obligations under the Cash Flow Credit Agreement, the ABL Credit Agreement, the Side Car Term Loan Credit Agreement, the 2028 Indenture or the 2029 Indenture as well as others contained in any future debt instruments from time to time, may result in an event of default under the Cash Flow Credit Agreement, the ABL Credit Agreement, the Side Car Term Loan Credit Agreement, the 2028 Indenture or the 2029 Indenture, as applicable. A default, if not cured or waived, may permit acceleration of our indebtedness. If our indebtedness is accelerated, we cannot be certain that we will have sufficient funds available to pay the accelerated indebtedness or that we will have the ability to refinance the accelerated indebtedness on terms favorable to us or at all. If we are forced to refinance these borrowings on less favorable terms or cannot refinance these borrowings, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

An increase in interest rates would increase the cost of servicing our debt and could reduce our profitability, decrease our liquidity and impact our solvency.

Our indebtedness under the Cash Flow Facilities, the ABL Facilities and the Side Car Term Loan Facility (each as defined in Note 10 — *Long-Term Debt*) bears interest at variable rates, and our future indebtedness may bear interest at variable rates. As a result, increases in interest rates could increase the cost of servicing such debt and materially reduce our profitability and cash flows. For example, the Board of Governors of the U.S. Federal Reserve System increased interest rates multiple times in 2023 in response to concerns about inflation, and it may raise interest rates again in the future. As of December 31, 2023, assuming all Cash Flow Revolver and ABL Facilities revolving loans were fully drawn and SOFR exceeded 0.00%, each one percent change in interest rates would result in an approximately \$10.4 million change in annual interest expense on the Cash Flow Revolver and the ABL Facilities (excluding the impact of any Company hedging arrangements). The impact of such an increase would be more significant for us than it would be for some other companies because of our substantial debt.

In addition, an increase in interest rates would generally lead to a decline in residential and commercial new construction starts and residential repair and remodeling activity, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. See Risk Factor “*Our industry is highly sensitive to macroeconomic conditions. Negative economic events including, but not limited to, actual or perceived economic downturns, lower business and consumer confidence, high interest rates, inflation, and lower new construction starts and repair and remodeling activity may materially and adversely affect the outlook for our business, financial condition and results of operations.*”

The Cash Flow Facilities, the ABL Facilities and the Side Car Term Loan Facility bear a variable rate of interest that is based on the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (“SOFR”) which may have consequences for us that cannot be reasonably predicted and may adversely affect our liquidity and financial condition.

Borrowings under the Cash Flow Facilities, the ABL Facilities and the Side Car Term Loan Facility bear interest at a rate per annum of either, at our election, (i) term SOFR plus a margin or (ii) an alternative base rate plus a margin. Although SOFR has been endorsed by the Alternative Reference Rates Committee as its preferred replacement for the London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”), it remains uncertain whether or when SOFR or other alternative reference rates will be widely accepted by lenders as the replacement for LIBOR. This may, in turn, impact the liquidity of the SOFR loan market, and SOFR itself. Since the initial publication of SOFR, daily changes in the rate have, on occasion, been more volatile than daily changes in comparable benchmark or market rates, and SOFR over time may bear little or no relation to the historical actual or historical indicative data. SOFR is observed and backward-looking, which stands in contrast with LIBOR under the current methodology, which is an estimated forward-looking rate and relies, to some degree, on the expert judgment of submitting panel members.

It is possible that the volatility of and uncertainty around SOFR as a LIBOR replacement rate and the applicable credit adjustment would result in higher borrowing costs for us, and would adversely affect our liquidity, financial condition, and earnings.

We may have future capital needs and may not be able to obtain additional financing on acceptable terms or at all.

Although we believe that our current cash position and the additional committed funding available under the ABL Facilities and the Cash Flow Revolver is sufficient for our current operations, any reductions in our available borrowing capacity, or our inability to renew or replace our debt facilities, when required or when business conditions warrant, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Our ability to secure additional financing or financing on favorable terms and to satisfy our financial obligations under indebtedness outstanding from time to time will depend upon our future operating performance, the availability of credit generally, economic and market conditions and financial, business and other factors, many of which are beyond our control.

If financing is not available when needed, or is available on unfavorable terms, we may be unable to take advantage of business opportunities or respond to competitive pressures, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. If we raise additional funds through further issuances of equity, convertible debt securities or other securities convertible into equity, our existing stockholders could suffer significant dilution.

Our credit ratings are important to our cost of capital. The major debt rating agencies routinely evaluate our debt based on a number of factors, which include financial strength and business risk as well as transparency with rating agencies and timeliness of financial reporting. A downgrade in our debt rating could result in increased interest and other expenses on our existing variable interest rate debt, and could result in increased interest and other financing expenses on future borrowings. Downgrades in our debt rating could also restrict our access to capital markets and affect the value and marketability of our outstanding notes.

Our ability to access future financing also may be dependent on regulatory restrictions applicable to banks and other institutions subject to U.S. federal banking regulations, even if the market would otherwise be willing to provide such financing.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

There are no unresolved staff comments outstanding with the SEC at this time.

Item 1C. Cybersecurity

Risk Management and Strategy

Risk Assessments

The Company recognizes the critical importance of developing, implementing, and maintaining robust cybersecurity measures to safeguard our information systems and protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of our data. The Company has integrated cybersecurity risk management into our broader enterprise risk management framework to promote a company-wide culture of cybersecurity risk awareness and management. This integration aims to ensure that cybersecurity considerations are an integral part of our decision-making processes at every level.

We maintain an enterprise risk management program (“ERM”) designed to assess, identify, manage and mitigate material risks, including cybersecurity risk. ERM is a Company-wide initiative that involves both the Board of Directors and the Company’s management. The program is designed to (i) identify and assess risks most critical to the Company’s success including through detailed analysis of the likelihood of occurrence and potential impact of each risk, (ii) assign individual executives the responsibility of managing those risks, and (iii) align those management assignments with appropriate board-level oversight.

Our General Counsel and Assistant General Counsel – Compliance drive the program. The executive leadership team, including our Chief Executive Officer, and the Company’s management team, comprised of department leaders and subject matter experts, are responsible for identifying, assessing managing and mitigating risks. With respect to cybersecurity risk, our legal and compliance team works closely with our IT leaders to evaluate and address cybersecurity risks in alignment with our business objectives and operational needs.

External experts supplement our internal expertise as necessary. Risks identified as significant risks are communicated to the Board of Directors, who ultimately oversees the program both directly and indirectly through Board Committees, such as the Audit Committee.

Risk management, including risks related to cybersecurity is also incorporated into the review and approval process for our project management organization (“PMO”).

Our cybersecurity risk management program includes enterprise-wide monitoring of cyber activity to identify and analyze potential events that may have an adverse effect or impact on the Company’s assets, systems, resources or reputation. This monitoring is designed to identify both external activity and routine internal activity for behavior that may be unusual or potentially malicious. Depending upon the nature and severity of the risk, cybersecurity monitoring and identification can result in automated processes to immediately block and remove undesired risks, cybersecurity team review and action, or both. The Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan provides a framework for addressing a cyber-crisis, cyber-incident and/or data breach, which could include activating crisis, or business continuity recovery plans, as appropriate. These plans are regularly reviewed and updated by our Chief Information Officer and communicated to appropriate stakeholders.

Third-Party Engagement

Recognizing the complexity and evolving nature of cybersecurity threats, the Company engages with a range of external experts, including cybersecurity assessors, consultants, and auditors in evaluating and testing our risk management systems. These partnerships enable us to leverage specialized knowledge and insights, with the aim of modeling our cybersecurity strategies and processes after industry best practices. Our collaboration with these third parties includes managed services, team augmentation, independent audits, vulnerability management, threat and attack and consultation on security risks enhancements. Some engagements involve point in time activities with end products or reporting while others involve ongoing monitoring and management of risk across the Company.

Third-Party Risk Management

Because we are aware of the risks associated with third-party service providers, such as suppliers, software and cloud-based service providers, and cybersecurity partners, the Company implements processes to oversee and manage these risks. We assess the risks from cybersecurity threats that impact select suppliers and third-party service providers with whom we share personal identifying and confidential information. We require third parties to maintain security controls to protect our confidential information and data and notify us of breaches that may impact our data. Third parties that interact with our information or have access to our systems may have additional security requirements depending on the levels of risk. When new third-party risks are identified, we require those impacted to implement appropriate remediations or controls. Identified risks are documented and tracked along with general ongoing monitoring of third parties external risk posture. This approach is designed to mitigate risks related to data breaches or other security incidents originating from third party service providers.

Learning from Threats/Incidents

During the last year we have not identified cybersecurity threats or challenges that have materially impaired our operations or financial condition. Our monthly baselines for cybersecurity are closely tracked and show a continual improvement and reduction of risk over the last three years. Similarly, incident investigations over the same period have reduced in severity and frequency. These internal metrics are consistent with our third-party risk scorecard subscriptions which similarly show a year-over-year improvement in our risk posture over the last three years. See Risk Factor, *“Damage to our computer infrastructure and software systems and issues relating to the incorporation of artificial intelligence (“AI”) solutions into our systems, could harm our business.”*

Board Oversight

The Board of Directors has established robust oversight mechanisms designed to ensure effective governance in managing risks associated with cybersecurity threats due to the significance of these threats to our operational integrity. The Board of Directors have delegated to the Audit Committee oversight over cybersecurity risk.

Governance – Conveying Risks to the Board of Directors

The Chief Information Officer (“CIO”) and Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) play a pivotal role in informing the Audit Committee on cybersecurity risks. They provide comprehensive briefings to the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis at the Audit Committee meetings. These briefings encompass a broad range of topics, including:

- Current cybersecurity landscape and emerging threats
- Status of ongoing cybersecurity initiatives and strategies

- Incident reports and learnings from cybersecurity events; and
- Compliance with regulatory requirements and industry standards.

In addition to our scheduled meetings, the Audit Committee, CIO and CFO maintain an ongoing dialogue regarding emerging or potential cybersecurity risks to ensure that the Board Director’s oversight is proactive and responsive. The Audit Committee actively participates in strategic decisions related to cybersecurity, offering guidance for major initiatives. Furthermore, significant cybersecurity matters, and strategic risk management decisions are escalated to the Audit Committee or Board of Directors through the Board-approved escalation protocol.

Governance and Management

Primary responsibility for assessing, monitoring and managing our cybersecurity risks rests with the Director Cyber Security under the oversight of the Chief Information Officer. With over 20 years in the field of IT and cybersecurity, the Director, Cybersecurity has significant professional experience including senior technical leadership roles along with consulting and management roles at public and private companies in the manufacturing , chemical and oil and gas sectors. His in-depth knowledge and experience are instrumental in developing and executing our cybersecurity strategies. He holds a masters in science degree from the University of Texas at Austin and professional certifications that include a CISSP and an active U.S. Government security clearance. Our Director Cyber Security oversees our cybersecurity governance programs and leads a team responsible for cybersecurity risk assessment, continuous monitoring for internal and external threats and vulnerabilities, remediation of known risks, and employee cybersecurity training.

Management Oversight

The Director Cyber Security and Chief Information Officer are regularly informed about the latest developments in cybersecurity, including potential threats and innovative risk management techniques. Keeping senior management abreast of the cybersecurity posture and potential risks facing the Company is viewed as crucial for the effective prevention, detection, mitigation, and remediation of cybersecurity incidents. The Director Cyber Security leads a team of Cybersecurity Engineers and manages vendor relationships and is responsible for implementation and oversight of processes for monitoring enterprise information systems. These processes include the deployment of advanced cybersecurity platforms which continually assess, remediate and provide regular measures and regular system audits so that identified threats and potential vulnerabilities can be addressed. In the event of a cybersecurity incident, the Director Cyber Security is equipped with our Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan. This plan includes an escalation protocol to ensure Company leaders and the Board of Directors are aware of and can oversee response plans, immediate actions to mitigate the impact and long-term strategies for remediation and prevention of future incidents. Processes also include escalating potentially material incidents directly to the General Counsel to ensure incidents are reported as required by applicable law and regulation. Both the Board of Directors and the Company’s IT Steering committee, which is comprised of senior executives are kept updated on any material incidents, Cybersecurity initiatives and strategic roadmap.

Item 2. Properties.

Our principal executive office is located in Cary, North Carolina. The following table provides additional information by reportable segment and geography with respect to our properties as of December 31, 2023:

	Manufacturing Facilities			Distribution and Warehouse Facilities		
	Owned	Leased	Total	Owned	Leased	Total
Aperture Solutions	8	26	34	—	19	19
Surface Solutions	9	16	25	1	37	38
Shelter Solutions	17	17	34	5	10	15
Total	34	59	93	6	66	72
U.S.	30	56	86	6	45	51
Canada	3	3	6	—	21	21
Mexico	1	—	1	—	—	—
Total	34	59	93	6	66	72

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

In January 2023, purported former stockholders filed two separate complaints challenging the fairness of the CD&R Merger. The complaints are captioned Firefighters' Pension System of the City of Kansas City, Missouri Trust and Gary D. Voigt v. Affeldt et al., C.A. No. 2023-0091-JTL (Del. Ch.) and Whitebark Value Partners LP and Robert Garfield v. Clayton Dubilier & Rice, LLC et al., C.A. No. 2023-0092-JTL (Del. Ch.). In both complaints, the plaintiffs allege that CD&R and its affiliates controlled the Company prior to the transaction and that certain directors and officers of the Company, as well as CD&R and its affiliates, breached their fiduciary duties and engaged in conduct resulting in a sale of the Cornerstone Building Brands public stockholders' shares to CD&R at an unfair price. The plaintiffs seek unspecified monetary damages, attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs. The court consolidated the two cases, and on May 3, 2023, selected Whitebark Value Partners LP as lead plaintiff. On July 14, 2023, the defendants moved to dismiss the operative complaint. The motion to dismiss was denied on January 10, 2024. The Company intends to vigorously defend against these claims. The Company cannot predict with any degree of certainty the outcome of these matters or determine the extent of any potential liabilities. The Company also cannot provide an estimate of the possible loss or range of loss.

In June 2023, a purported former stockholder filed a class action complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware alleging that the Company's disclosures issued in connection with the CD&R Merger were materially misleading in violation of Section 14(a) and Section 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The complaint is captioned Water Island Merger Arbitrage Institutional Commingled Master Fund, L.P. v. Cornerstone Building Brands et al., Case No. 1:23-cv-00701 (D. Del.). The complaint alleges that the Company's directors and officers issued misleading disclosures, which caused stockholders to approve the CD&R Merger at an unfair price. The plaintiff seeks unspecified monetary damages, interest, attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs. On December 8, 2023, the defendants moved to dismiss the operative complaint, and, in the alternative, to stay the litigation. The Company intends to vigorously defend against these claims. The Company cannot predict with any degree of certainty the outcome of this matter or determine the extent of any potential liabilities. The Company also cannot provide an estimate of the possible loss or range of loss.

As a manufacturer of products primarily for use in residential and commercial building construction, we are inherently exposed to a variety of litigation and other proceedings incidental to its business, including lawsuits involving claims for damages arising out of its products, employment matters, commercial disputes, product liability and personal injury as well as regulatory investigations or enforcement. We insure against these risks to the extent deemed prudent by our management and to the extent insurance is available. Many of these insurance policies contain deductibles or self-insured retentions in amounts we deem prudent and for which we are responsible for payment. In determining the amount of self-insurance, it is our policy to self-insure those losses that are predictable, measurable, and recurring in nature. The Company regularly reviews the status of on-going proceedings and other contingent matters along with legal counsel. Liabilities for such items are recorded when it is probable that the liability has been incurred and when the amount of the liability can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities are adjusted when additional information becomes available. Based on current information, experience, and applicable law management believes that the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial position or cash flows. However, such matters are subject to many uncertainties and outcomes are not predictable with assurance.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant’s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

Market Information

As of July 25, 2022, the Company’s common stock is no longer publicly traded either on a stock exchange or in the over-the-counter market.

Holders

As of February 23, 2024, there was one holder of the Company’s common stock.

Item 6. [Reserved].

Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Our Business

Cornerstone Building Brands is a holding company incorporated in Delaware. The Company is a leading exterior building products manufacturer, by sales, in North America. The Company serves residential and commercial customers across new construction and the repair and remodel end markets. Our mission is to be relentlessly committed to our customers and to create great exterior building solutions that enable communities to grow and thrive. All references herein for the years “2023,” “2022,” and “2021” represent the years ended December 31, 2023, December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021.

The Company is organized in three reportable segments, which are as follows: Aperture Solutions, Surface Solutions and Shelter Solutions. There was no change in the composition of our reportable segments:

- Through our Aperture Solutions reportable segment, we offer a broad line of windows and doors at multiple price-points for residential new construction and repair and remodel end markets in the United States (“U.S.”) and Canada. Our main products include vinyl, aluminum, wood-composite and aluminum clad-wood windows and patio doors, as well as steel, wood-composite, and fiberglass entry doors.
- Our Surface Solutions reportable segment offers a broad suite of exterior surface solutions products and accessories at multiple price-points for the residential new construction and repair and remodel end markets. Our main products include vinyl siding and accessories, cellular PVC trim, vinyl fencing and railing, stone veneer and gutter protection products, as well as stone installation services.
- In our Shelter Solutions reportable segment, we design, engineer, manufacture and distribute an extensive lines of metal products for the low-rise commercial construction market under multiple brand names and through a nationwide network of manufacturing plants and distribution centers. We define low-rise commercial construction as building applications of up to five stories.

Costs related to other business activities, primarily our corporate headquarters functions, are disclosed separately from the three reportable segments as “Corporate and Other.” See Note 16 — *Reportable Segment and Geographical Information*, in our Consolidated Financial Statements located in Part II, Item 8 of this Form 10-K for additional information.

Merger Transaction

On July 25, 2022 and pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated March 5, 2022 (the “Merger Agreement”) by and among the Company, Camelot Return Intermediate Holdings, LLC (“Camelot Parent”), and Camelot Return Merger Sub, Inc. (“Merger Sub”), investment funds managed by Clayton, Dubilier and Rice, LLC (“CD&R”) became the indirect owners of all the issued and outstanding shares of Cornerstone Building Brands. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub merged with and into the Company (the “Merger”), with the Company surviving the Merger as a subsidiary of Camelot Parent (the “Surviving Corporation”). At the effective time of the Merger (the “Effective Time”), we became a privately held company and our common shares are no longer traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

At the Effective Time, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, each share of Company common stock outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger (other than (i) shares of Company common stock that were cancelled or converted into shares of common stock of the Surviving Corporation in accordance with the Merger Agreement and (ii) shares of Company common stock held by stockholders of the Company (other than CD&R, certain investment funds managed by CD&R and other affiliates of CD&R that held shares of Company common stock) who did not vote in favor of the Merger Agreement or the Merger and who have perfected and not withdrawn a demand for appraisal rights pursuant to Section 262 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware), was converted into the right to receive cash in an amount equal to \$24.65 in cash per share, without interest and subject to any required withholding taxes.

Significant Business Developments

In addition to the Merger, our significant business development activities in 2022 included the divestiture of our coil coating business in June 2022. Further, we continued to pursue tuck-in acquisitions in 2023. In August 2023, we completed the acquisition of M.A.C. Métal Architectural Inc. (“MAC Metal”), a manufacturer of high-end steel siding and roofing products, and in December 2023, we completed the acquisition of the Eastern Architectural Systems (“EAS”) business, which manufactures of custom-made aluminum and vinyl impact windows and doors.

Financial Measures

Predecessor and Successor Periods

The Management Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (“MD&A”) provides an overview of our financial condition as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 and the results of operations for the period July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022 (“Successor”) and for periods prior to July 25, 2022 (“Predecessor”). Our Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income as reported in our Consolidated Financial Statements for these periods are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Although U.S. GAAP requires that we report on our results for the period from July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022 separately from the period from January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022, management views the Company’s operating results for the twelve months ended December 31, 2022 by combining the results of the applicable Predecessor and Successor periods because such presentation provides the most meaningful comparison of our results to prior periods.

To enhance the analysis of our operating results for the periods presented, we have included a discussion of selected financial and operating data of the Predecessor and Successor on a combined basis. The presentation consists of the mathematical addition of selected financial and operating data of the Successor for the period from July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022 with the comparable financial and operating data of the Predecessor for the period from January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022. There are no other adjustments made in the combined presentation. The mathematical combination of selected financial and operating data is included below under the heading “Combined” and this data is a non-GAAP presentation. Management believes that this selected financial and operating data provides investors with useful information upon which to assess our operating performance.

Seasonality

Our sales volume is generally higher during our second and third quarters, which is historically the peak season for new construction and repair and remodeling in North America. Seasonal variations in our operational results may be impacted by inclement weather and other conditions. Working capital requirements have generally been greatest during the first half of our fiscal year due to the timing of the buildup of inventory to support the heavier construction season.

Impact of Acquisitions and Divestitures

In our MD&A, the impact of acquisitions and divestitures, when presented, is quantified as the portion of the preceding twelve months post- or pre-transaction where no comparable period is available. Specifically, in our Shelter Solutions reportable segment, we completed the sale of our coil coatings business in June 2022. In our Surface Solutions reportable segment, we completed the acquisition of MAC Metal in August 2023. In our Aperture Solutions reportable segment, we completed the acquisition of EAS in December 2023.

Results of Operations

This section of the Form 10-K includes a comparison of fiscal 2023 to fiscal 2022. A similar discussion and analysis that compares fiscal 2022 to fiscal 2021 may be found in “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in Part II, Item 7 of Cornerstone’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022.

The following table represents key results of operations on a consolidated basis for the periods indicated:

<i>(Amounts in thousands)</i>	Successor		Predecessor	Combined *
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2022
Net sales	\$ 5,402,434	\$ 2,744,148	\$ 3,736,084	\$ 6,480,232
Gross profit	1,204,992	512,099	806,385	1,318,484
% of net sales	22.3 %	18.7 %	21.6 %	20.3 %
Selling, general and administrative expenses	954,718	429,361	562,836	992,197
% of net sales	17.7 %	15.6 %	15.1 %	15.3 %
Loss (gain) on divestitures	10,080	921	(401,413)	(400,492)
Gain on legal settlements	—	—	(76,575)	(76,575)
Income from operations	240,194	81,817	721,537	803,354
% of net sales	4.4 %	3.0 %	19.3 %	12.4 %
Interest expense	(380,706)	(157,191)	(101,078)	(258,269)
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	6,768	(4,809)	686	(4,123)
(Loss) gain on extinguishment of debt	(184)	474	28,354	28,828
Other income, net	15,013	1,140	101	1,241
(Loss) income before income taxes	(118,915)	(78,569)	649,600	571,031
Income tax (benefit) expense	(43,390)	(15,073)	165,814	150,741
Net (loss) income	\$ (75,525)	\$ (63,496)	\$ 483,786	\$ 420,290
Non-GAAP financial measure – Adjusted EBITDA*	\$ 745,413	\$ 321,089	\$ 478,297	\$ 799,386
% of net sales	13.8 %	11.7 %	12.8 %	12.3 %

* Refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures for further discussion.

Net sales for the year ended December 31, 2023 decreased \$1,077.8 million, or 16.6%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2022, mainly due to lower volume across all reportable segments, partially offset by the strategic acquisition of MAC Metal in August 2023 and the strategic divestiture of our coil coatings business during June 2022.

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales was 22.3% for the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to 20.3% for the year ended December 31, 2022, primarily due to favorable product mix, price net of inflation and manufacturing net efficiencies.

Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased \$37.5 million, or 3.8%, for the year ended December 31, 2023. The prior year included Merger related transaction costs and related employee compensation expenses. These costs were partially offset by an increase in depreciation and amortization in 2023 resulting from the update in the fair market value of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets acquired, shortened useful lives and a higher depreciable base as a result of the Merger.

Loss (gain) on divestitures mainly consists of a net gain recognized in connection with the strategic divestiture of our coil coatings business, with the original gain recognized in June 2022 of \$394.2 million, offset by \$10 million expense during 2023 resulting from a settlement to finalize working capital.

Gain on legal settlements includes a gain recognized in March 2022 of 76.6 million related to a stockholder litigation settlement.

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Interest expense increased by \$122.4 million, or 47.4%, for the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to the year ended December 31, 2022. The following table sets forth the components of interest expense:

	Successor		Predecessor	Combined*
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2022
<i>(Amounts in thousands)</i>				
Interest on outstanding borrowings	\$ 333,950	\$ 123,378	\$ 76,451	\$ 199,829
Cash impact of interest rate swaps	(44,957)	(5,388)	4,330	(1,058)
Amortization of interest rate swap fair value ⁽¹⁾	11,980	4,564	—	4,564
Amortization of debt discount, debt issuance costs and purchase accounting fair value adjustment ⁽¹⁾	79,836	34,433	3,696	38,129
De-designation of interest rate swaps	—	—	16,256	16,256
Other	(103)	204	345	549
Total interest expense	\$ 380,706	\$ 157,191	\$ 101,078	\$ 258,269

* Refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures for further discussion.

(1) The fair value adjustments were made in connection with the Merger transaction in July 2022.

Foreign exchange gain (loss) for the year ended December 31, 2023 related to the remeasurement of foreign denominated intercompany loans at current exchange rates that prior to July 25, 2022 was deferred in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income.

(Loss) gain on extinguishment of debt includes a loss totaling \$0.2 million, which included the write-off of associated unamortized debt discount and deferred financing costs in the amount of \$13.1 million, related to the repurchase of \$46.8 million aggregate principal of its 6.125% senior notes in 2023. The loss of \$28.8 million at December 31, 2022 related to the redemption of \$134.5 million aggregate principal of its 6.125% senior notes in 2022.

Income tax (benefit) expense effective tax rate was 36.5% in 2023 and 26.4% in 2022 and increased mainly due to the Merger transaction and internal restructuring.

Reportable Segment Results of Operations

The following table sets forth the results of operations for our reportable segments:

	Successor		Predecessor	Combined*
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2022
<i>(Amounts in thousands)</i>				
Net sales				
Aperture Solutions	\$ 2,476,870	\$ 1,246,411	\$ 1,643,619	\$ 2,890,030
Surface Solutions	1,264,173	592,449	839,130	1,431,579
Shelter Solutions	1,661,391	905,288	1,253,335	2,158,623
Total net sales	\$ 5,402,434	\$ 2,744,148	\$ 3,736,084	\$ 6,480,232
Adjusted segment EBITDA				
Aperture Solutions	\$ 336,095	\$ 149,433	\$ 202,682	\$ 352,115
Surface Solutions	224,561	57,331	143,880	201,211
Shelter Solutions	322,874	177,537	209,156	386,693
Corporate and Other	(230,739)	(172,331)	331,996	159,665
Depreciation and amortization	(412,597)	(130,153)	(166,177)	(296,330)
Income from operations	\$ 240,194	\$ 81,817	\$ 721,537	\$ 803,354

* Refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures for further discussion.

Aperture Solutions

The following table sets forth the results of operations for the Aperture Solutions reportable segment:

<i>(Amounts in thousands)</i>	Successor		Predecessor	Combined*
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2022
Net sales	\$ 2,476,870	\$ 1,246,411	\$ 1,643,619	\$ 2,890,030
Adjusted reportable segment EBITDA*	\$ 336,095	\$ 149,433	\$ 202,682	\$ 352,115
% of net sales	13.6 %	12.0 %	12.3 %	12.2 %
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 179,611	\$ 64,348	\$ 79,816	\$ 144,164

* Refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures for further discussion

Net sales for the year ended December 31, 2023 decreased \$413.2 million, or 14.3%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2022 mainly driven by lower volumes, partially offset by favorable price and product mix.

Adjusted reportable segment EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 2023 decreased \$16.0 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2022 mainly due to lower volume, partially offset by favorable price net of inflation, product mix and manufacturing net efficiencies.

Surface Solutions

The following table sets forth the results of operations for the Surface Solutions reportable segment:

<i>(Amounts in thousands)</i>	Successor		Predecessor	Combined*
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2022
Net sales	\$ 1,264,173	\$ 592,449	\$ 839,130	\$ 1,431,579
Adjusted reportable segment EBITDA*	\$ 224,561	\$ 57,331	\$ 143,880	\$ 201,211
% of net sales	17.8 %	9.7 %	17.1 %	14.1 %
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 88,597	\$ 52,621	\$ 65,225	\$ 117,846

* Refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures for further discussion.

Net sales for the year ended December 31, 2023 decreased \$167.4 million, or 11.7%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2022 mainly driven by lower volumes and changes in price from movement in input costs, partially offset by the acquisition of MAC Metal during August 2023.

Adjusted reportable segment EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 2023 increased \$23.4 million, compared to the year ended December 31, 2022 mainly due the net impact of price, mix and movement in input costs and the acquisition of MAC Metal during August 2023, partially offset by lower volumes.

Shelter Solutions

The following table sets forth the continuing results of operations for the Shelter Solutions reportable segment:

<i>(Amounts in thousands)</i>	Successor		Predecessor	Combined*
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2022
Net sales	\$ 1,661,391	\$ 905,288	\$ 1,253,335	\$ 2,158,623
Adjusted reportable segment EBITDA*	\$ 322,874	\$ 177,537	\$ 209,156	\$ 386,693
% of net sales	19.4 %	19.6 %	16.7 %	17.9 %
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 139,481	\$ 10,291	\$ 18,016	\$ 28,307

* Refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures for further discussion.

Net sales for the year ended December 31, 2023 decreased \$497.2 million, or 23.0%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2022 mainly driven by lower volumes and changes in price from movement in input costs.

Adjusted reportable segment EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 2023 decreased \$63.8 million, compared to the year ended December 31, 2022 mainly due to lower volume and the impact of the strategic divestitures of our coil coatings business in June 2022, partially offset by the net impact of price, mix and movement in input costs.

Corporate and Other

The following table sets forth Corporate and Other:

<i>(Amounts in thousands)</i>	Successor		Predecessor	Combined*
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2022
Corporate costs	\$ 138,117	\$ 63,212	\$ 77,421	\$ 140,633
Strategic development and acquisition related costs	25,042	8,116	49,560	57,676
Asset impairments	—	—	368	368
Acquired inventory step-up amortization	—	66,400	1,238	67,638
Loss (gain) on divestitures	10,080	921	(401,413)	(400,492)
Gain on legal settlements	—	—	(76,575)	(76,575)
Long-term incentive plan compensation	24,855	24,248	17,099	41,347
Facility closure charges and employee separation	23,068	8,953	92	9,045
Other	9,577	481	214	695
Total Corporate and Other	\$ 230,739	\$ 172,331	\$ (331,996)	\$ (159,665)

* Refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures for further discussion.

Corporate costs for the year ended December 31, 2023 decreased \$2.5 million mainly due to higher variable compensation and personnel costs.

Depreciation and Amortization

<i>(Amounts in thousands)</i>	Successor		Predecessor	Combined*
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2022
Depreciation:				
Cost of sales	\$ 192,130	\$ 38,882	\$ 6,356	\$ 45,238
Selling, general and administrative expenses	49,160	5,837	50,370	56,207
Total depreciation	241,290	44,719	56,726	101,445
Amortization - Selling, general and administrative expenses	171,307	85,434	109,451	194,885
Total depreciation and amortization	\$ 412,597	\$ 130,153	\$ 166,177	\$ 296,330

* Refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures for further discussion.

Depreciation and amortization increased by \$116.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, mainly due to the recording of measurement period adjustments on the estimated fair value elements, as well as shortened useful lives and a higher depreciable base as a result of the Merger. The measurement period adjustments had been made as of the date of the Merger, including a cumulative catch-up to depreciation and amortization expense of \$65.2 million in cost of sales and \$1.3 million in selling, general and administrative expenses recorded during the three months ended July 1, 2023 resulting from the update in the fair market value of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We use several measures derived from consolidated financial information, but not presented in our Consolidated Financial Statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. ("U.S. GAAP"). These measures are considered non-GAAP financial measures. Specifically, in this report, we refer to adjusted EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP financial measure. Our non-GAAP financial measure is not intended to replace the presentation of the comparable measure under U.S. GAAP. However, we believe the presentation of the non-GAAP financial measure, when considered together with the comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure, along with a reconciliation to its respective U.S. GAAP financial measure, assists investors in understanding the factors and trends affecting our underlying business that could not be obtained absent these disclosures. Additionally, we believe that the presentation of our non-GAAP financial measure enables investors to evaluate trends in the business excluding certain items which are not entirely a result of our base operations.

Furthermore, the presentation of this non-GAAP financial measure supplements other metrics we use to internally evaluate our business and facilitates the comparison of past and present operations. The non-GAAP financial measure we use may differ from non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies, and other companies may not define non-GAAP financial measures we use in the same way.

Reconciliation of Net (Loss) Income to Adjusted EBITDA

The following table presents the reconciliation of net (loss) income to Adjusted EBITDA:

<i>(Amounts in thousands)</i>	Successor		Predecessor	Combined *
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2022
Net (loss) income	\$ (75,525)	\$ (63,496)	\$ 483,786	\$ 420,290
Interest expense	380,706	157,191	101,078	258,269
Foreign exchange (gain) loss	(6,768)	4,809	(686)	4,123
Loss (gain) on extinguishment of debt	184	(474)	(28,354)	(28,828)
Other income, net	(15,013)	(1,140)	(101)	(1,241)
Income tax (benefit) expense	(43,390)	(15,073)	165,814	150,741
Income from operations	240,194	81,817	721,537	803,354
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Gain on legal settlements	—	—	(76,575)	(76,575)
Long-term incentive plan compensation	24,855	24,248	17,099	41,347
Facility closure charges and employee separation	23,068	8,953	92	9,045
Other	9,577	481	582	1,063
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	\$ 745,413	\$ 321,089	\$ 478,297	\$ 799,386

*Refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures for further discussion.

(1) The above periods, to the extent applicable, include the operations of acquisitions and exclude the operations of divestitures as noted in the “*Impact of Acquisitions and Divestitures*” section.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our main liquidity and capital resource needs are payments to service our debt, ongoing operations and working capital requirements, capital expenditures and the cost of acquisitions. Our primary source of liquidity is cash generated from our continuing operations, as well as borrowings under our credit facilities. We believe that funds provided by these sources will be adequate to meet our liquidity and capital resource needs for at least the next 12 months under current operating conditions.

We may from time to time take steps to reduce our debt. These actions may include repurchases or opportunistic refinancing of debt. The amount of debt, if any, that may be repurchased or refinanced will depend on market conditions, trading levels of our debt, our cash position, compliance with debt covenants and other considerations. Our affiliates may also purchase our debt from time to time, through open market purchases or other transactions. In such cases, our debt may not be retired, in which case we would continue to pay interest in accordance with the terms of such debt, and we would continue to reflect the debt as outstanding in our consolidated balance sheets.

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The following table sets forth our total net liquidity position as of December 31, 2023:

<i>(Amounts in thousands)</i>	Amount
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 468,877
Revolving credit facilities:	
Asset-based lending facility ⁽¹⁾	850,000
Cash flow revolving facility	92,000
First-in-last-out tranche asset-based lending facility ⁽¹⁾	95,000
Total revolving credit facilities	1,037,000
Less:	
Debt issued under the facilities	—
Letters of credit outstanding and priority payables ⁽²⁾	47,000
Net credit facility	990,000
Net liquidity	\$ 1,458,877

(1) Borrowing availability under the ABL Facilities is determined based on specified percentages of the value of eligible inventory, accounts receivable, less certain allowances and subject to certain other adjustments as set forth in the ABL Credit Agreement. Availability is also reduced by issuance of letters of credit.

(2) As of December 31, 2023, we had standby letters of credit serving as a collateral for insurance carriers in the amount of \$36.4 million.

Cash Flows

<i>(Amounts in thousands)</i>	Successor		Predecessor	Combined*
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2022
Net cash flows from operating activities	\$ 400,184	\$ 177,299	\$ 331,067	\$ 508,366
Net cash flows from investing activities	\$ (421,869)	\$ (85,638)	\$ 456,357	\$ 370,719
Net cash flows from financing activities	\$ (62,885)	\$ (627,941)	\$ (94,087)	\$ (722,028)

* Refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures for further discussion.

Net Cash from Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities consists mainly of: (i) cash collections on credit sales to our customers, (ii) purchases of commodity based raw materials, (iii) labor and other employee-related expenditures, (iv) other non-labor costs, such as, among other items, supplies, insurance, advertising and marketing costs, (v) interest paid on our long-term debt, and (vi) payments for income taxes.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company generated strong cash flow from operations of \$400.2 million, decrease from the \$508.4 million provided by operations in the prior year. Lower cash flows from our business operations on lower earnings, increased interest paid on higher long-term debt, payments made to satisfy incentive plan payouts and \$76.6 million received in 2022 on the shareholder legal settlement, were offset by lower current income taxes.

Net Cash from Investing Activities

Our main uses of cash for investing activities are for payments for property and equipment and acquisitions of businesses.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$421.9 million during the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to \$370.7 million provided by investing activities during the year ended December 31, 2022. Net cash used in investing activities during the year ended December 31, 2023 is primarily due to \$218.5 million paid towards acquisitions, \$193.9 million in capital expenditures and a final working capital adjustment from the divestiture of the coil coatings business of \$10.1 million. Net cash used in investing activities during the year ended December 31, 2022, is primarily due to the receipt of \$500.0 million from the divestiture of the coil coatings business, partially offset by \$162.9 million of capital expenditures.

Net Cash from Financing Activities

Our main uses of cash for financing activities include activity to consummate the merger, repurchases and payments on long-term debt, distributions to owners and payments for financing fees. Our main sources of cash from financing activities include the proceeds from issuances of debt and contributions from owners.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$62.9 million during the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to \$722.0 million used in financing activities during the year ended December 31, 2022. The \$659.1 million decrease is mainly driven by significant activity associated with the Merger during the year ended December 31, 2022, which included the purchase of publically held shares totaling \$1.6 billion, the issuance of \$710.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 8.75% Senior Secured Notes, a \$300.0 million Side Car Term Loan Facility, the payment of \$84.7 million of financing costs and the receipt of \$95.2 million in net contributions.

In January 2024, the Board of Directors paid a dividend on our common stock in the aggregate amount of \$231.6 million, which was received by our direct parent, Camelot Parent, and further distributed to Camelot Return Parent, an indirect parent of the Company. Camelot Return Parent used the funds received to redeem all 1,950,000 preferred units of Camelot Return Parent held by CD&R Pisces Holdings, L.P.

Contractual and Off Balance Sheet Obligations

We have leases for certain manufacturing, warehouse, distribution locations, offices, vehicles and equipment. Our property leases generally contain renewal and escalation clauses and other concessions. These provisions are considered in our calculation of our minimum lease payments that are recognized as expense on a straight-line basis over the applicable lease term. Any lease payments that are based upon an existing index or rate are included in our minimum lease payment calculations. As of December 31, 2023, the Company had total future lease payments of \$525.1 million, with \$96.4 million payable within 12 months. See Note 9 — *Leases* in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information. We have certain long-term debt instruments outstanding. As of December 31, 2023, the Company had total future payments of \$3.9 billion, with \$29.0 million payable within 12 months. See Note 10 — *Long-Term Debt* in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

Critical Accounting Estimates

Our significant accounting policies are described in Note 2 to our Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Preparation of the financial statements requires us to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements and net sales and expenses reported for the relevant reporting periods. We believe the policies discussed below are the Company's critical accounting policies as they include the more significant, subjective and complex judgments and estimates made when preparing our consolidated financial statements. While our estimates are based on our knowledge of current events and actions we may undertake in the future, actual results may ultimately differ from these estimates and assumptions.

Accounting for Acquisitions and Goodwill

Accounting for the acquisition of a business requires the allocation of the purchase price to the various assets and liabilities of the acquired business. For most assets and liabilities, purchase price allocation is accomplished by recording the asset or liability at its estimated fair value. The most difficult estimations of individual fair values are those involving property, plant and equipment and identifiable intangible assets. We use all available information to make these fair value determinations and, for major business acquisitions, typically engage an outside appraisal firm to assist in the fair value determination of the acquired long-lived assets. We must also refine these estimates over a one-year measurement period, to reflect any new information obtained about facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date that, if known, would have affected the measurement of the amounts recognized as of that date.

The Company has \$1,681.8 million of goodwill as of December 31, 2023, of which \$771.1 million pertains to our Aperture Solutions reportable segment, \$708.4 million pertains to our Surface Solutions reportable segment, and \$202.2 million pertains to our Shelter Solutions reportable segment. We perform an annual impairment assessment of goodwill in the fourth quarter. An interim impairment test is performed if an event occurs or conditions change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of the reporting unit below the carrying value. Some factors considered important that could trigger an impairment review include the following: significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results, significant changes in the manner of our use of the acquired assets or the strategy for our overall business and significant sustained negative industry or economic trends.

In testing goodwill for impairment, we have the option to begin with a qualitative assessment, commonly referred to as “Step 0,” to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit containing goodwill is less than its carrying value. This qualitative assessment may include, but is not limited to, reviewing factors such as macroeconomic conditions, industry and market considerations, cost factors, entity-specific financial performance and other events, including changes in our management, strategy and primary user base. If we determine that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value, we then perform a quantitative goodwill impairment analysis by comparing the carrying amount to the fair value of the reporting unit. If the carrying amount exceeds the fair value, goodwill will be written down to the fair value and recorded as impairment expense in the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income.

We completed our annual goodwill impairment test in the fourth quarter of 2023 using the qualitative assessment for each of our reporting units and concluded that goodwill was not impaired.

Product Warranties

The Company sells a number of products and offers a number of warranties. The specific terms and conditions of these warranties vary depending on the product sold. As of December 31, 2023, the Company’s product warranty liability was \$194.2 million. The Company’s warranty liabilities are undiscounted and adjusted for inflation based on third party actuarial estimates. Factors that affect the Company’s warranty liabilities include the number of units sold, historical and anticipated rates of warranty claims, cost per claim and new product introduction. Warranties are normally limited to replacement or service of defective components for the original customer. Some warranties are transferable to subsequent owners and are generally limited to ten years from the date of manufacture or require pro-rata payments from the customer. A provision for estimated warranty costs is recorded based on historical experience and the Company periodically adjusts these provisions to reflect actual experience. The Company assesses the adequacy of the recorded warranty claims and adjusts the amounts as necessary. Separately, upon the sale of a weathertightness warranty in the Shelter Solutions reportable segment, the Company records the resulting revenue as deferred revenue, which is included in other accrued expenses and other long-term liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets depending on when the revenues are expected to be recognized.

Income Taxes

The determination of our provision for income taxes requires significant judgment, the use of estimates and the interpretation and application of complex tax laws. The amount recorded in our Consolidated Financial Statements reflects estimates of final amounts due to timing of completion and filing of actual income tax returns. Estimates are required with respect to, among other things, the potential utilization of operating and capital loss carry-forwards for federal, state, and foreign income tax purposes and valuation allowances required, if any, for tax assets that may not be realized in the future. We recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more-likely-than-not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the Consolidated Financial Statements from such a position are measured based on the largest benefit that is more-likely-than-not to be realized upon ultimate settlement. We establish allowances when, despite our belief that our tax return positions are fully supportable, certain positions could be challenged, and the positions may not be fully sustained. Our provision for income taxes reflects a combination of income earned and taxed in the various U.S. federal and state, Canadian federal and provincial and other jurisdictions. Jurisdictional tax law changes, increases or decreases in permanent differences between book and tax items, accruals or adjustments of accruals for tax contingencies or valuation allowances, and the change in the mix of earnings from these taxing jurisdictions all affect the overall effective tax rate.

As of December 31, 2023, the \$15.1 million net operating loss carryforward included \$11.6 million for U.S. federal losses, \$2.7 million for U.S. state losses and \$0.8 million for foreign losses. The state net operating loss carryforwards began to expire in 2023, if unused, and the federal and foreign loss carryforwards will begin to expire in 2029, if unused. There are limitations on the utilization of certain net operating losses.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Commodity Prices

The raw materials used in each of our reportable segments are mainly commodities. Specifically, we use PVC resin, glass and aluminum in our residential products and steel in our commercial products. Prices of these commodities can be influenced by numerous factors including, but not limited to, general economic conditions domestically and internationally, the availability of raw materials, competition, labor costs, freight and transportation costs, production costs, import duties and other trade restrictions. If prices of these raw materials were to increase dramatically, we may not be able to pass such increases on to our customers and, as a result, gross margins could decline significantly. Raw materials are generally available from numerous sources, and the number of suppliers is adequate to support production.

We manage the exposure to commodity pricing risk by increasing our selling prices for corresponding material cost increases, continuing to diversify our product mix, strategic buying programs and vendor partnering. The market for our products may or may not accept price increases and, as such, there is no assurance that we can maintain margins in an environment of rising commodity prices. See Item 1A- *Risk Factors* - Price volatility and supply constraints for raw materials could prevent us from meeting delivery schedules to our customers or reduce our profit margins.

Interest Rates

We are subject to market risk exposure related to changes in interest rates on our revolving credit facilities and term loans facilities. The following table sets forth the annual impact of a quarter point increase or decrease in interest rates on these facilities assuming the revolving credit facilities are fully drawn:

<i>(Amounts in thousands)</i>	December 31, 2023	One-quarter Percent Impact on Interest Rates
Revolving credit facilities balances assuming they are fully drawn:		
Asset-based lending facility	\$ 850,000	\$ 2,125
Cash flow revolving facility	92,000	230
First-in-last-out tranche asset-based lending facility	95,000	238
Term loan facilities outstanding balances:		
Term loan facility, due April 2028	2,528,500	6,321
Term loan facility, due August 2028	297,000	743
Total	<u>\$ 3,862,500</u>	<u>\$ 9,657</u>

In April 2021, we entered into cash flow interest rate swap hedge contracts for a total notional amount of \$1.5 billion to mitigate the exposure risk of our floating interest rate debt. The interest rate swaps effectively convert a portion of the floating rate interest payment into a fixed rate payment. See Note 10 — *Long-Term Debt* in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for information on the material terms of our long-term debt and interest rate swaps.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rates

The functional currency for our Canadian operations is the Canadian dollar (“CAD”). Translation adjustments resulting from translating the functional currency financial statements into U.S. dollar (“USD”) equivalents are reported separately in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income on the Consolidated Statements of Equity. The net foreign currency gains (losses) included in net (loss) income in the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income was a gain of \$6.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, a loss of \$4.8 million for the period from July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and a gain of \$0.7 million for the period from January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022. Net foreign currency translation adjustments included in Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Income were a gain of \$2.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, a loss of \$6.8 million for the period from July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and a loss of \$1.4 million for the period from January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022.

We have entered into foreign currency forward contracts with a financial institution to hedge primarily inventory purchases in Canada. At December 31, 2023, we have a total notional amount of \$60.0 million hedged at fixed USD:CAD rates ranging from 1.34 to 1.37 with value dates through December 2024. In the future, we may enter into additional foreign currency hedging contracts, to further mitigate the exposure risk of currency fluctuation against the CAD.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors and Shareholders
Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc.

Opinion on internal control over financial reporting

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. (a Delaware corporation) and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2023, based on criteria established in the 2013 *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“COSO”). In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, based on criteria established in the 2013 *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by COSO.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”) and in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the consolidated financial statements of the Company as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and our report dated February 23, 2024 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

Basis for opinion

The Company’s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management’s Reports on Internal Control over Financial Reporting (“Management’s Report”). Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB and in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Definition and limitations of internal control over financial reporting

A company’s internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company’s internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company’s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina
February 23, 2024

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors and Shareholders
Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc.

Opinion on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. (a Delaware corporation) and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related consolidated statements of (loss) income, comprehensive (loss) income, equity, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2023 (“Successor”), the periods from July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022 (“Successor”), January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022 (“Predecessor”), and the year ended December 31, 2021 (“Predecessor”) and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2023 (“Successor”) and December 31, 2022 (“Successor”), and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2023 (“Successor”), the periods from July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022 (“Successor”), January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022 (“Predecessor”), and the year ended December 31, 2021 (“Predecessor”) in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”) and in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, based on criteria established in the 2013 *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“COSO”), and our report dated February 23, 2024 expressed an unqualified opinion.

Basis for opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the “PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB and in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Critical audit matter

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

Valuation of acquired customer relationships

As described further in Notes 1 and 3 to the consolidated financial statements, on July 25, 2022 the Company entered into a merger agreement by and among the Company, Camelot Parent and Merger Sub. As a result of this merger, CD&R became indirect owners of all issued and outstanding stock of Cornerstone Building Brands and the Company became a privately held company with its shares no longer traded on the New York Stock Exchange. This merger transaction was accounted for as a business combination and the valuation of certain assets such as the customer relationships intangible asset was completed in 2023. We identified the valuation of the customer relationships intangible asset in connection with accounting for the business combination as a critical audit matter.

The principal considerations for our determination that the valuation of the customer relationships intangible asset for each reporting unit as of the July 25, 2022 business combination date is a critical audit matter are the specialized skills necessary to evaluate the Company's valuation and judgments required to assess the underlying assumptions made by the Company. Key estimates include: weighted average cost of capital, discount rates, customer attrition rates, projected revenue growth rates and projected EBITDA margins.

Our audit procedures related to the valuation included the following, among others.

- We obtained an understanding, evaluated the design and tested the operating effectiveness of the Company's relevant controls to determine the fair value of the customer relationship intangible assets for each reporting unit, including the Company's controls over the selection and review of the appropriateness of the weighted average cost of capital, discount rates, customer attrition rates, projected revenue growth rates and projected EBITDA margins used in determining fair value.
- We utilized an internal valuation specialist to evaluate:
 - the methodologies used and whether they were acceptable for the customer relationship intangible assets and applied correctly by performing independent calculations,
 - the reasonableness of the discount rates by recalculating the weighted average cost of capital,
 - the reasonableness of the customer attrition rates considering the historical information used in developing management's estimate, and
 - the qualifications of the third-party valuation firm engaged by the Company based on their credentials and experience.
- We evaluated the reasonableness of the projected revenue growth rates and projected EBITDA margins by comparing the projections to historical results and publicly available industry information.

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2018.

Raleigh, North Carolina
February 23, 2024

CORNERSTONE BUILDING BRANDS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF (LOSS) INCOME
(In thousands, except per share data)

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Net sales	\$ 5,402,434	\$ 2,744,148	\$ 3,736,084	\$ 5,583,137
Cost of sales	4,197,442	2,232,049	2,929,699	4,384,062
Gross profit	1,204,992	512,099	806,385	1,199,075
Selling, general and administrative expenses	954,718	429,361	562,836	893,082
Loss (gain) on divestitures	10,080	921	(401,413)	(831,252)
Gain on legal settlements	—	—	(76,575)	—
Income from operations	240,194	81,817	721,537	1,137,245
Interest expense	(380,706)	(157,191)	(101,078)	(191,301)
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	6,768	(4,809)	686	(3,749)
(Loss) gain on extinguishment of debt	(184)	474	28,354	(42,234)
Other income, net	15,013	1,140	101	1,866
(Loss) income before income taxes	(118,915)	(78,569)	649,600	901,827
Income tax (benefit) expense	(43,390)	(15,073)	165,814	235,968
Net (loss) income	(75,525)	(63,496)	483,786	665,859
Net loss allocated to participating securities	—	—	(3,575)	(7,815)
Net (loss) income applicable to common shares	\$ (75,525)	\$ (63,496)	\$ 480,211	\$ 658,044
Income per common share:				
Basic			\$ 3.77	\$ 5.22
Diluted			\$ 3.73	\$ 5.19
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:				
Basic			127,316	126,058
Diluted			128,894	126,795

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

CORNERSTONE BUILDING BRANDS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME
(In thousands)

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Net (loss) income	\$ (75,525)	\$ (63,496)	\$ 483,786	\$ 665,859
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:				
Foreign exchange translation (loss) gain	(2,764)	(6,789)	(1,367)	6,594
Unrealized (loss) gain on derivative instruments, net of income tax of \$4,314, \$(14,837), \$(16,432), and \$(12,063), respectively	(14,362)	40,962	62,462	14,054
Amount reclassified from Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income into earnings	—	—	16,258	21,164
Unrecognized actuarial gains on pension obligation, net of income tax of \$39, \$58, \$—, and \$(3,195), respectively	484	336	—	4,093
Changes in retirement related benefit plans	—	—	(1,122)	—
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(16,642)	34,509	76,231	45,905
Comprehensive (loss) income	<u>\$ (92,167)</u>	<u>\$ (28,987)</u>	<u>\$ 560,017</u>	<u>\$ 711,764</u>

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

CORNERSTONE BUILDING BRANDS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands, except share data)

	Successor	
	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 468,877	\$ 553,551
Accounts receivable, net	596,621	665,936
Inventories	496,839	551,828
Other current assets	73,987	125,306
Total current assets	<u>1,636,324</u>	<u>1,896,621</u>
Property, plant and equipment, net	889,103	618,064
Lease right-of-use assets	365,292	365,552
Goodwill	1,681,764	1,688,548
Intangible assets, net	2,286,068	2,519,023
Other assets, net	74,790	105,842
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,933,341</u>	<u>\$ 7,193,650</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000
Current portion of lease liabilities	64,711	61,899
Accounts payable	255,227	288,938
Accrued income and other taxes	57,058	21,867
Employee-related liabilities	113,081	184,187
Rebates, warranties and other customer-related liabilities	151,990	157,752
Other current liabilities	129,327	149,596
Total current liabilities	<u>800,394</u>	<u>893,239</u>
Long-term debt	3,382,550	3,366,588
Long-term lease liabilities	287,304	302,339
Deferred income tax liabilities	556,935	653,745
Other long-term liabilities	261,288	248,794
Total liabilities	<u>5,288,471</u>	<u>5,464,705</u>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 17)		
Equity:		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 1,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding at December 31, 2023; 1,000 shares authorized, 1,000 issued and 1,000 shares outstanding at December 31, 2022	—	—
Additional paid-in capital	1,766,024	1,757,932
Accumulated deficit	(139,021)	(63,496)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	17,867	34,509
Total equity	<u>1,644,870</u>	<u>1,728,945</u>
Total liabilities and equity	<u>\$ 6,933,341</u>	<u>\$ 7,193,650</u>

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

CORNERSTONE BUILDING BRANDS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY
(In thousands, except share data)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	(Accumulated Deficit) Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Treasury Stock		Total Equity
	Shares	Amount				Shares	Amount	
December 31, 2020 (Predecessor)	125,425,931	\$ 1,255	\$ 1,257,262	\$ (764,685)	\$ (51,517)	(25,332)	\$ (510)	\$ 441,805
Treasury stock purchases	—	—	—	—	—	(612,011)	(9,685)	(9,685)
Retirement of treasury shares	(612,011)	(6)	(9,679)	—	—	612,011	9,685	—
Issuance of restricted stock	1,861,991	18	(18)	—	—	—	—	—
Issuance of common stock for the Ply Gem merger	15,220	—	185	—	—	—	—	185
Stock options exercised	300,976	3	3,264	—	—	—	—	3,267
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	45,905	—	—	45,905
Deferred compensation obligation	—	—	(86)	—	—	4,261	86	—
Share-based compensation	—	—	29,003	—	—	—	—	29,003
Net income	—	—	—	665,859	—	—	—	665,859
December 31, 2021 (Predecessor)	126,992,107	\$ 1,270	\$ 1,279,931	\$ (98,826)	\$ (5,612)	(21,071)	\$ (424)	\$ 1,176,339
Treasury stock purchases	—	—	—	—	—	(192,773)	(4,627)	(4,627)
Retirement of treasury shares	(192,773)	(2)	(4,625)	—	—	192,773	4,627	—
Issuance of restricted stock	611,178	6	(6)	—	—	—	—	—
Stock options exercised	133,529	1	1,420	—	—	—	—	1,421
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	76,231	—	—	76,231
Deferred compensation obligation	—	—	(424)	—	—	21,071	424	—
Share-based compensation	—	—	17,099	—	—	—	—	17,099
Net income	—	—	—	483,786	—	—	—	483,786
July 24, 2022 (Predecessor)	127,544,041	\$ 1,275	\$ 1,293,395	\$ 384,960	\$ 70,619	—	\$ —	\$ 1,750,249
Pushdown fair value adjustments	—	—	1,978,011	(384,960)	(70,619)	—	—	1,522,432
Payments to public stockholders	(65,413,135)	(654)	(1,611,780)	—	—	—	—	(1,612,434)
Recapitalization of outstanding common shares	(62,129,906)	(621)	621	—	—	—	—	—
Contributions from parent	—	—	95,194	—	—	—	—	95,194
July 25, 2022 (Successor)	1,000	\$ —	\$ 1,755,441	\$ —	\$ —	—	\$ —	\$ 1,755,441
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	34,509	—	—	34,509
Share-based compensation	—	—	2,323	—	—	—	—	2,323
Other	—	—	168	—	—	—	—	168
Net loss	—	—	—	(63,496)	—	—	—	(63,496)
December 31, 2022 (Successor)	1,000	\$ —	\$ 1,757,932	\$ (63,496)	\$ 34,509	—	\$ —	\$ 1,728,945
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	(16,642)	—	—	(16,642)
Share-based compensation	—	—	8,262	—	—	—	—	8,262
Other	—	—	(170)	—	—	—	—	(170)
Net loss	—	—	—	(75,525)	—	—	—	(75,525)
December 31, 2023 (Successor)	1,000	\$ —	\$ 1,766,024	\$ (139,021)	\$ 17,867	—	\$ —	\$ 1,644,870

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

CORNERSTONE BUILDING BRANDS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net (loss) income	\$ (75,525)	\$ (63,496)	\$ 483,786	\$ 665,859
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash from operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	412,597	130,153	166,177	292,901
Amortization of debt issuance costs, debt discount and fair values	91,816	38,997	19,952	28,722
Share-based compensation expense	8,262	2,323	17,099	29,003
Non-cash lease expense	6,346	—	—	3,305
Loss (gain) on extinguishment of debt	184	(474)	(28,354)	42,234
Unrealized (gain) loss on foreign currency exchange rates	(2,200)	6,970	—	—
Asset impairments	—	—	368	22,210
Loss (gain) on divestitures	10,080	921	(401,413)	(831,252)
Loss (gain) on sale of assets	328	398	(2,670)	—
Amortization of inventory and other fair value step-ups	—	66,400	1,238	—
Provision for credit losses	8,195	2,053	3,811	3,604
Deferred income taxes	(133,752)	(36,956)	(26,686)	(59,510)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions and divestitures:				
Accounts receivable	73,476	92,590	(101,937)	(156,066)
Inventories	70,347	149,748	(12,956)	(311,242)
Income taxes	14,781	(44,867)	14,116	24,865
Prepaid expenses and other	25,849	26,052	31,367	(52,756)
Accounts payable	(40,489)	(40,102)	44,446	72,260
Accrued expenses	(64,605)	(114,098)	121,871	36,944
Other, net	(5,506)	(37,565)	852	(22,956)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	400,184	179,047	331,067	(211,875)
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(218,450)	—	4,252	(528,250)
Capital expenditures	(193,935)	(98,008)	(64,848)	(114,715)
Proceeds from divestitures, net of cash divested	(10,080)	—	510,883	1,187,307
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	596	12,370	6,070	5,124
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(421,869)	(85,638)	456,357	549,466
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from credit facilities	—	—	—	190,000
Payments on credit facilities	—	—	—	(190,000)
Proceeds from term loans	—	300,000	—	108,438
Payments on term loans	(29,000)	(13,000)	(13,000)	(25,905)
Payments to public stockholders	—	(1,612,434)	—	—
Proceeds from senior notes	—	710,000	—	—
Repurchases of senior notes	(33,885)	(23,180)	(70,560)	(670,800)
Payments of financing costs	—	(84,686)	—	(13,187)
Contributions from Parent, net	—	95,194	—	—
Payments on derivative financing obligations	—	—	(7,321)	(9,377)
Other	—	165	(3,206)	(6,418)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(62,885)	(627,941)	(94,087)	(617,249)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(104)	304	(5)	(150)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(84,674)	(534,228)	693,332	(279,808)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	553,551	1,087,779	394,447	674,255
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 468,877	\$ 553,551	\$ 1,087,779	\$ 394,447

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

CORNERSTONE BUILDING BRANDS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Amounts in thousands, except share and per share data, unless otherwise noted)

Note 1 — Basis of Presentation

Description of Business

Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. (“Cornerstone Building Brands” or, collectively with its subsidiaries, unless the context requires otherwise, the “Company”) is a holding company incorporated in Delaware. The Company is a leading exterior building products manufacturer by sales in North America and serves residential and commercial customers across new construction and the repair and remodel end markets. The Company is organized in three reportable segments: Aperture Solutions, Surface Solutions and Shelter Solutions.

Organization and Ownership Structure

On July 25, 2022 and pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated March 5, 2022 (the “Merger Agreement”) by and among the Company, Camelot Return Intermediate Holdings, LLC (“Camelot Parent”) and Camelot Return Merger Sub, Inc. (“Merger Sub”), investment funds managed by Clayton, Dubilier and Rice, LLC (“CD&R”) became the indirect owners of all the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of Cornerstone Building Brands. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub merged with and into the Company (the “Merger”), with the Company surviving the Merger as a subsidiary of Camelot Parent (the “Surviving Corporation”). At the effective time of the Merger (the “Effective Time”), the Company became a privately held company and its shares were no longer traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

At the Effective Time, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, each share of Company common stock outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger (other than (i) shares of Company common stock that were cancelled or converted into shares of common stock of the Surviving Corporation in accordance with the Merger Agreement and (ii) shares of Company common stock held by stockholders of the Company (other than CD&R, certain investment funds managed by CD&R and other affiliates of CD&R that held shares of Company common stock) who did not vote in favor of the Merger Agreement or the Merger and who have perfected and not withdrawn a demand for appraisal rights pursuant to Section 262 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware), was converted into the right to receive cash in an amount equal to \$24.65 in cash per share, without interest and subject to any required withholding taxes.

On July 25, 2022, the Company amended its Certificate of Incorporation to authorize 1,000 shares of common stock, par value of \$0.01. Each share of common stock will have one vote and all shares of common stock vote together as a single class.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts and operations of the Company and its majority-owned subsidiaries and all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) that the Company considered necessary to present a fair statement of its results of operations, financial position and cash flows. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Through application of pushdown accounting, the Company’s Consolidated Financial Statements are presented as Predecessor for periods prior to the Merger and Successor for subsequent periods. The Company has reclassified certain amounts in prior years’ Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows to conform to the current year’s presentation. All references herein for the years “2023,” “2022,” and “2021” represent the years ended December 31, 2023, December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021.

During the fourth quarter of 2022, the Company identified an error in its Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the period from January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022 related to the classification of certain outstanding checks that were originally classified as accounts payable instead of a reduction to cash and cash equivalents. This error was deemed immaterial to the Company’s Consolidated Financial Statements.

The impacts of correcting the Company’s Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow are as follows:

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022		
	As Reported	Adjustment	Revised
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions and divestitures —			
Accounts payable	\$ 64,044	(19,598)	\$ 44,446
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 350,665	(19,598)	\$ 331,067
Net increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$ 712,930	(19,598)	\$ 693,332
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 1,109,588	(21,809)	\$ 1,087,779

Note 2 — Significant Accounting Policies

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, net sales and expenses, and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities in the Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes. These estimates include, but are not limited to: establishing the allowance for expected credit losses; allowance for obsolete inventory; the impairment of goodwill and intangible assets; establishing useful lives for and evaluating the recovery of long-lived assets; recognizing the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business combinations; determining the fair value of contingent considerations, accounting for rebates and product warranties; the valuation and expensing for share-based compensation; certain assumptions made in accounting for pension benefits; accounting for contingencies and uncertainties and accounting for income taxes. Actual results may differ from the estimates used in preparing the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Cash, Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents mainly consist of highly liquid, unrestricted savings, checking, money market funds with maturities of less than three months and other bank accounts.

The following table sets forth the components of cash and cash equivalents:

	Successor	
	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Cash	\$ 228,975	\$ 553,551
Money market funds (Level 1 securities)	239,902	—
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 468,877	\$ 553,551

Accounts Receivable, Net

The Company reports accounts receivable net of an allowance for expected credit losses. The Company establishes provisions for expected credit losses based on the Company’s assessment of the collectability of amounts owed to the Company by its customers. Such allowances are included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the Company’s Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income. In establishing the allowance, the Company considers changes in the financial position of a customer, age of the accounts receivable balances, availability of security, unusual macroeconomic conditions, lien rights and bond rights as well as disputes, if any, with its customers. Uncollectible accounts are written off when a settlement is reached for an amount that is less than the outstanding historical balance, all collection efforts have been exhausted or any legal action taken by the Company has concluded.

The following table sets forth the changes in the allowance for credit losses:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Beginning balance ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,053	\$ —	\$ 11,299	\$ 13,313
Provision for expected credit losses	8,195	2,053	3,811	3,604
Amounts charged against allowance for credit losses, net of recoveries	(1,595)	—	307	(1,729)
Allowance for credit losses of acquired company at date of acquisition	972	—	442	269
Divestitures	—	—	(80)	(4,158)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 9,625</u>	<u>\$ 2,053</u>	<u>\$ 15,779</u>	<u>\$ 11,299</u>

(1) In connection with the Merger, the beginning balance for Successor period reflects acquisition-related adjustments of \$15.8 million.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value less allowance for obsolete inventory using the first-in, first-out method. The Company reduces its inventory value for estimated obsolete and slow-moving inventory when evidence exists that the net realizable value of inventory is lower than its cost. The Company's estimate is based upon multiple factors including, but not limited to: (i) historical write-offs and usage, (ii) sales of products at discounted or negative margins, (iii) discontinued products or designs, (iv) specific inventory quantities that are more than estimated future demand and (v) other market conditions. Cost of sales includes the cost of inventory sold during the period, including costs for manufacturing, inbound freight, receiving, inspection, warehousing. Vendor rebates are treated as a reduction to cost of sales in the Company's Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income.

Property, Plant and Equipment, Net

Property, plant and equipment is carried at cost. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis, over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Gains or losses resulting from dispositions are included in operating income. Betterments and renewals, which improve and extend the life of an asset, are capitalized; maintenance and repair costs are expensed as incurred. Assets held for use to be disposed of at a future date are depreciated over the remaining useful life. Assets to be sold are written down to fair value less costs to sell at the time the assets are being actively marketed for sale. Depreciation and amortization are recognized in cost of sales or selling, general and administrative expenses based on the nature and use of the underlying assets.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company evaluates long-lived assets for impairment, including, but not limited to, property, plant and equipment and finite-lived intangible assets, when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of such assets may not be recoverable or the assets are being held for sale. Upon the occurrence of a triggering event, the asset is reviewed to assess whether the estimated undiscounted cash flows expected from the use of the asset plus the residual value from the ultimate disposal exceeds the carrying value of the asset. If the carrying value exceeds the estimated recoverable amounts, the asset is written down to the estimated fair value and any resulting impairment loss is reflected within other operating costs on the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income. The Company recorded impairments relating to its long-lived assets of \$— million for 2023, \$— million for the period from July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022, \$0.4 million for the period from January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022, and \$22.2 million for 2021.

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of identifiable net assets acquired in business combinations. The Company evaluates goodwill for impairment at least annually and completes its annual review in the fourth quarter. When evaluating goodwill for impairment, the Company estimates the fair value of its reporting units. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit, including goodwill, exceeds the estimated fair value, then the excess is charged to earnings as an impairment loss. Significant judgment is required in estimating the fair value of the reporting unit and performing goodwill impairment tests. The determination of fair value incorporates significant unobservable inputs. The Company records goodwill adjustments for changes to the purchase price allocation prior to the end of the measurement period, which is not to exceed one year from the acquisition date. The Company did not recognize any impairments of goodwill for any of the periods presented.

We have five operating segments, defined as “U.S. Aperture Solutions,” “Canadian Aperture Solutions,” “U.S. Surface Solutions,” “Canadian Surface Solutions,” and “Shelter Solutions.” As each operating segment represents a reporting unit, goodwill is assigned to each reporting unit.

Product Warranties

The Company offers a number of warranties associated with the products it sells. Warranties are normally limited to replacement or service of defective components for the original customer. Some warranties are transferable to subsequent owners and are generally limited to ten years from the date of manufacture. The Company accrues for the estimated cost of product warranty at the time of sale based on historical experience, expectations regarding future costs to be incurred and information provided by third party actuarial estimates. Warranty costs are included within cost of goods sold.

Leases

The Company has leases for certain manufacturing sites; warehouse and distribution locations; offices; and vehicles and equipment. Many of these leases have options to terminate prior to or extend beyond the end of the term. The exercise of the majority of lease renewal options is at the Company’s sole discretion. Some lease agreements have variable payments, the majority of which are real estate agreements in which future increases in rent are based on an index. The Company’s lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants. The Company accounts for lease and non-lease components as a single lease component. The Company has elected to exclude leases with an initial term of 12 months or less from the Consolidated Balance Sheets and recognizes related lease payments in the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Operating lease liabilities are recognized based on the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the reasonably expected holding period at the commencement date of the leases. Few of the Company’s lease contracts provide a readily determinable implicit rate. As such, an estimated incremental borrowing rate is utilized, based on information available at the inception of the lease. The incremental borrowing rate represents an estimate of the interest rate we would incur at lease commencement to borrow an amount equal to the lease payments on a collateralized basis over the term of the lease.

Accounting for leases requires judgment, including determining whether a contract contains a lease, the incremental borrowing rates to utilize for leases without a stated implicit rate, the reasonably certain holding period for a leased asset, and the allocation of consideration to lease and non-lease components.

Long-term Debt Discounts, Issuance Costs and Fair Value Adjustments

Unamortized discounts, debt issuance costs and fair value adjustments incurred relating to long-term debt are amortized over the term of the related financing using the effective interest method.

Revenue Recognition

The Company enters into contracts that pertain to products, which are accounted for as separate performance obligations and are typically one year or less in duration. Given the nature of the Company’s sales arrangements, the Company is not required to exercise significant judgment in determining the timing for the satisfaction of performance obligations or the transaction price. Revenue is measured as the amount of consideration expected to be received in exchange for the Company’s products. Revenue is generally recognized when the product has shipped from the Company’s facility and control has transferred to the customer. Allowances for cash discounts, volume rebates and other customer incentive programs, as well as gross customer returns, among others, are recorded as a reduction of sales at the time of sale based upon the estimated future outcome.

The Company's net sales are adjusted for variable consideration, which includes customer volume rebates, prompt payment discounts, customer returns and other incentive programs. The Company measures variable consideration by estimating expected outcomes using analysis and inputs based upon anticipated performance, historical data, and current and forecasted information. Measurement of variable consideration is reviewed by management periodically and net sales are adjusted accordingly. The Company does not have significant financing components. The Company recognizes installation revenue, mainly within the stone veneer business, over the period for which the stone is installed, which is typically a very short duration.

Shipping and handling activities billed to customers are treated as fulfillment costs. Shipping and handling activities performed before a customer obtains control of the product are not treated as a separate performance obligation and are included in net sales at the same point in time the related product revenue is recognized, while shipping and handling costs are expenses as incurred and recorded within in cost of sales in the Company's Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income.

A portion of the Company's net sales, exclusively within the Shelter Solutions reportable segment, includes multiple-element revenue arrangements due to multiple deliverables. Each deliverable is generally determined based on customer-specific manufacturing and delivery requirements. Because the separate deliverables have value to the customer on a stand-alone basis, they are typically considered separate units of accounting. A portion of the entire job order value is allocated to each unit of accounting. Revenue allocated to each deliverable is recognized upon shipment. The Company uses estimated selling price based on underlying cost plus a reasonable margin to determine how to separate multiple-element revenue arrangements into separate units of accounting, and how to allocate the arrangement consideration among those separate units of accounting. The Company determines estimated selling price based on normal pricing and discounting practices.

For 2023, one customer accounted for 13.4% of the Company's net sales. The sales attributed to this customer are included in all three of the Company's reportable segments.

Advertising Costs

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense was \$15.9 million for 2023, \$11.3 million for the period from July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022, \$11.1 million for the period from January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022 and \$16.9 million for 2021. These costs are included in selling, general and administrative expenses on the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income.

Share-Based Compensation

Share-based compensation expense, measured as the fair value of an award on the date of grant. For time-based awards, expense is recorded over the requisite service or performance period. For awards with performance conditions, the amount of share-based compensation expense recognized is based upon the probable outcome of the performance conditions, as determined by the Company. The Company accounts for forfeitures of outstanding but unvested awards in the period they occur.

Income Taxes

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured based on differences between the financial statement basis and income tax basis of assets and liabilities using estimated income tax rates expected to be in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. Changes in deferred income tax assets and liabilities attributable to changes in enacted income tax rates are charged or credited to income tax expense. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred income tax assets to the amount that is more-likely-than-not to be realized.

The Company assesses its income tax positions and records tax benefits based upon management's evaluation of the facts, circumstances, and information available at the reporting date. The Company recognizes tax benefits from uncertain tax positions only if it is more-likely-than-not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on technical merits of the positions. The tax benefits recognized from such a position are measured based on the largest benefit that is more-likely-than-not to be realized upon ultimate settlement.

Fair Value Measurements

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 given the instruments relatively short maturities. The carrying amounts of the indebtedness under revolving credit facilities approximate fair value as the interest rates are variable and reflective of market rates. Fair values for our other debt instruments are measured using Level 1 and Level 2 inputs. U.S. GAAP requires us to use valuation techniques to measure fair value that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. These inputs are prioritized as follows:

Level 1: Observable inputs such as quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2: Other inputs that are observable directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities or market-corroborated inputs.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for which there is little or no market data and which require us to develop our own assumptions about how market participants would price the assets or liabilities.

Foreign Currency Remeasurement and Translation

Gains (losses) arising from transactions denominated in a currency other the functional currency of the entity that is party to the transaction are included in net (loss) income on the Company's Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income, including the remeasurement of foreign denominated intercompany loans at current exchange rates.

The Company's reporting currency is the United States ("U.S.") dollar while the functional currency of the Company's significant non-U.S. subsidiaries is the Canadian Dollar. Translation adjustments resulting from translating the functional currency financial statements into U.S. dollar equivalents are reported separately in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in equity.

Contingencies

The Company's contingent liabilities are related primarily to litigation and environmental matters and are based upon assumptions and estimates regarding the probable outcome of the matter. The Company records the probability by evaluating historical precedent as well as the specific facts relating to each particular contingency (including the opinion of outside advisors, professionals and experts). The Company records loss contingencies and unasserted claims when it believes a loss is probable and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. The ultimate losses incurred upon final resolution of loss contingencies may differ materially from the estimated liability recorded at any particular balance sheet date. Changes in estimates are recorded in the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income in the period in which such changes occur.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In March 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2020-04, *Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting* ("Topic 848"), which provides optional guidance to ease the potential burden in accounting for reference rate reform on financial reporting. In January 2021, the FASB issued ASU 2021-01, *Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Scope*, which clarifies that certain optional expedients and exceptions in Topic 848 for contract modifications and hedge accounting apply to derivatives that are affected by the reference rate transition. The amendments in these ASUs are elective, apply to all entities that have contracts, hedging relationships, and other transactions that reference the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") or another reference rate expected to be discontinued because of rate reform. In December 2022, the FASB issued ASU 2022-06, *Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848), Deferral of the Sunset Date of Topic 848*, that deferred the sunset date of Topic 848 to December 2024, after which entities will no longer be permitted to apply the relief in Topic 848. During the second quarter of 2023, as the Company transitioned from LIBOR to alternative reference rates, the Company adopted Topic 848 which did not have a material impact on its Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements or accompanying notes.

In November 2023, the FASB issued ASU No. 2023-07, *Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures (Topic 280)*. This ASU updates reportable segment disclosure requirements by requiring disclosures of significant reportable segment expenses that are regularly provided to the Chief Decision Maker ("CODM") and included within each reported measure of a segment's profit or loss. This ASU also requires disclosure of the title and position of the individual identified as the CODM and an explanation of how the CODM uses the reported measures of a segment's profit or loss in assessing segment performance and deciding how to allocate resources. The ASU is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2023, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2024. Adoption of the ASU should be applied retrospectively to all prior periods presented in the financial statements. Early adoption is also permitted. The ASU will likely result in us including the additional required disclosures when adopted. We are currently evaluating the provisions of this ASU and expect to adopt them for the year ending December 31, 2024.

In December 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-09, *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures*, which establishes new income tax disclosure requirements in addition to modifying and eliminating certain existing requirements. The new guidance requires consistent categorization and greater disaggregation of information in the rate reconciliation, as well as further disaggregation of income taxes paid. This change is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2024. Prospective application is required, with retrospective application permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the effect the updated guidance will have on its financial statement disclosures.

Note 3 — Mergers, Acquisitions and Divestitures

CD&R Merger Transaction

On July 25, 2022, Merger Sub merged with and into the Company, with the Company surviving the merger as a subsidiary of Camelot Parent. CD&R previously held 61.9 million shares of the Company immediately prior to the Merger. As a result of the Merger, CD&R became the indirect owners of all of the issued and outstanding shares of Company common stock that CD&R did not already own.

The Merger was accounted for as a business combination. The purchase price was allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on the estimated fair market value at the date of the Merger.

The Merger was funded in part with proceeds from the following issuances:

- \$300.0 million aggregate principal amount term loan facility, due August 2028;
- \$710.0 million of 8.750% Senior Secured Notes due August 2028;
- \$564.4 million of cash from the Company;
- \$464.4 million aggregate principal amount of 2.99% senior payment-in-kind notes due 2029 that were issued and are held by Camelot Return Parent, LLC (“Camelot Return Parent”), an indirect parent of Company; and
- \$195.0 million from preferred shares of Camelot Return Parent.

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is a guarantor of or is obligated to make any payments related to the 2.99% senior payment-in-kind notes due 2029 held by Camelot Return Parent.

The calculation of the total consideration paid follows:

	Consideration
Common shares purchased	65,613,349
Common share closing price	\$ 24.65
Merger consideration, common shares purchased	\$ 1,617,369
Effective settlement of pre-existing relationships ⁽¹⁾	128,721
Total Merger consideration	1,746,090
Fair value of common shares previously held by CD&R and other adjustments ⁽²⁾	1,526,591
Total equity value	\$ 3,272,681

(1) Consists mainly of employee share-based compensation awards that were outstanding at that time the Merger was consummated.

(2) Consists of 61.9 million common shares, with shares rolled over or acquired by Camelot Parent.

The following table summarizes the fair value of net assets acquired:

	Fair Value
Merger consideration	\$ 1,746,090
Fair value of common shares previously held by CD&R and other adjustments	1,526,591
Total equity value	\$ 3,272,681
Cash and cash equivalent	\$ 1,087,586
Accounts receivable	793,858
Inventories	767,460
Property, plant and equipment	873,167
Lease right-of-use assets	275,050
Goodwill	1,599,327
Intangible assets	2,436,000
Other assets	119,920
Total assets acquired	7,952,368
Accounts payable	329,896
Accrued liabilities	634,915
Long-term debt	2,467,210
Lease liabilities	252,262
Deferred income tax liabilities	706,768
Other liabilities	288,636
Total liabilities assumed	4,679,687
Net assets acquired	\$ 3,272,681

During July 2023, the Company completed measurement period adjustments, which were mainly composed of a \$291.5 million increase to property, plant and equipment and a \$174.7 million decrease to intangible assets. The effect of measurement period adjustments on the estimated fair value elements were reflected as if the adjustments had been made as of the date of the Merger, including a \$66.5 million cumulative catch-up to depreciation and amortization expense recorded during the three months ended July 1, 2023 resulting from the update in the fair market value of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets. The table below presents the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income line items impacted by the aforementioned adjustments for previously reported periods.

Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income Line Item	Increase / (Decrease) due to Depreciation and Amortization		
	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	Three Months Ended April 1, 2023	Cumulative Catch-Up Recorded During Three Months Ended July 1, 2023
Cost of sales	\$ 38,852	\$ 26,303	\$ 65,155
Gross profit	\$ (38,852)	\$ (26,303)	\$ (65,155)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ (1,632)	\$ 2,963	\$ 1,331
Income (loss) from operations	\$ (37,220)	\$ (29,266)	\$ (66,486)

As part of pushdown accounting, the Company recorded goodwill to the reporting units expected to benefit from the business combination. The goodwill is mainly attributable to costs savings in manufacturing productivity; freight and logistics; procurement; and other operating costs, as well as operational improvements in recent acquisitions to be achieved subsequent to the Merger. The goodwill recorded is not deductible for income tax purposes.

The following table sets forth the allocation of goodwill by the Company’s reportable segments as of the date of the Merger:

Aperture Solutions	Surface Solutions	Shelter Solutions	Total Goodwill
\$ 714,394	\$ 681,822	\$ 203,111	\$ 1,599,327

The Company identified intangible assets for customer lists and relationships and trademarks, trade names and other. Intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their expected useful lives. The fair value and weighted average estimated useful life of identifiable intangible assets consists of the following:

	Fair Value	Weighted Average Useful Life (in years)
Customer lists and relationships	\$ 1,816,000	17
Trademarks, trade names and other	620,000	15
Total	\$ 2,436,000	

The Company incurred transaction costs of \$29.4 million associated with the Merger, of which \$0.7 million was recognized in the period from July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and \$28.7 million was recognized in the period from January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022. These costs are included in selling, general and administrative expenses on the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income.

Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information

Had the Merger occurred at the beginning of 2020, unaudited pro forma net sales and net income for the period from January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022, 2021 and 2020 would not have been materially different than the amounts reported as the pro forma adjustments would primarily reflect the amortization of intangibles and depreciation of property, plant and equipment that received a step up in basis and the cost to finance the transaction, net of the related tax effects. The unaudited supplemental pro forma financial information would not give effect to the potential impact of current financial conditions, operating efficiencies or cost savings that may result from the Merger or any integration costs. Unaudited pro forma balances would not necessarily be indicative of operating results had the Merger occurred on January 1, 2020 or of future results.

Acquisitions

In August 2023, the Company completed the acquisition of M.A.C. Métal Architectural Inc. (“MAC Metal”), which became an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Headquartered in Saint-Hubert, Quebec, MAC Metal serves the North American residential and commercial markets with high-end steel siding and roofing products. MAC Metal will be included in the Company’s Surface Solutions reportable segment. In December 2023, the Company completed the acquisition of the Eastern Architectural Systems (“EAS”) business, whose operations are included in the Company’s Aperture Solutions reportable segment. EAS is based in Ft. Myers, Florida, and manufactures custom-made aluminum and vinyl impact windows and doors.

The total purchase price for these acquisitions was \$234.9 million comprised of upfront cash payments of \$217.7 million and earn-out contingent consideration of \$16.8 million related to the MAC Metal transaction. The transactions are subject to a final working capital adjustment. The earn-out is payable over two consecutive twelve-month periods, with the first period starting in the month following the close of the applicable acquisition and payments are based upon achieving certain adjusted EBITDA-based metrics, as defined in the purchase agreement. The purchase price of these acquisitions was provisionally allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, which related primarily to inventory of \$15.8 million, property, plant and equipment of \$22.0 million, goodwill of \$91.8 million, intangible assets such as, customer lists and trademarks, of \$75.8 million and \$34.3 million, contingent consideration of \$16.8 million and noncurrent deferred income tax liabilities of \$12.9 million. The estimated fair-value of the contingent consideration is recognized in other long-term liabilities on the Company’s Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Union Corrugating Company Holdings, Inc.

In December 2021, the Company acquired the issued and outstanding common stock of Union Corrugating Company Holdings, Inc. (“UCC”) for a purchase price of \$214.2 million, including a post-closing adjustment of \$2.6 million that was finalized in the first quarter of 2022. UCC is a leading provider of residential metal roofing, metal buildings, and roofing components. The addition of UCC advances our growth strategy by expanding our offering to customers in the high growth metal roofing market. This acquisition was funded through cash available on the Company’s Consolidated Balance Sheet. The Company reports UCC results within the Shelter Solutions reportable segment.

The following table summarizes the final fair value of net assets acquired:

	Fair Value
Cash	\$ 19,594
Accounts receivable	20,515
Inventories	66,420
Property, plant and equipment	24,184
Lease right of use assets	37,964
Trade name and customer relationship intangibles	97,560
Goodwill	63,933
Other assets	1,466
Total assets acquired	331,636
Accounts payable and other liabilities assumed	57,163
Lease liabilities	37,964
Deferred income taxes	22,310
Total liabilities assumed	117,437
Net assets acquired	\$ 214,199

The \$63.9 million of goodwill was allocated to the Shelter Solutions reportable segment. Goodwill from this acquisition is not deductible for tax purposes. The goodwill is primarily attributable to the synergies expected to be realized.

Cascade Windows

In August 2021, the Company completed its acquisition of Cascade Windows, Inc. (“Cascade Windows”) for \$237.7 million in cash, including a post-closing adjustment of \$1.8 million that was finalized in the first quarter of 2022. Cascade Windows serves the residential new construction and repair and remodel markets with energy efficient vinyl window and door products from various manufacturing facilities in the U.S., expanding our manufacturing capabilities and creating new opportunities for us in the Western U.S. This acquisition was funded through cash available on the Company’s Consolidated Balance Sheet. The Company reports Cascade Windows’ results within the Aperture Solutions reportable segment.

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The following table summarizes the final fair value of net assets acquired:

	Fair Value
Cash	\$ 2,838
Accounts receivable	16,956
Inventories	15,392
Property, plant and equipment	18,300
Lease right of use assets	21,849
Trade name and customer relationship intangibles	137,660
Goodwill	110,417
Other assets	2,556
Total assets acquired	<u>325,968</u>
Accounts payable and other liabilities assumed	34,861
Lease liabilities	20,173
Deferred income taxes	33,221
Total liabilities assumed	<u>88,255</u>
Net assets acquired	<u>\$ 237,713</u>

The \$110.4 million of goodwill was allocated to the Aperture Solutions reportable segment and is not deductible for tax purposes. The goodwill is primarily attributable to the synergies expected to be realized.

Prime Windows

In April 2021, the Company acquired Prime Windows LLC (“Prime Windows”) for total consideration of \$93.0 million, exclusive of a \$2.0 million working capital adjustment that was finalized as of December 31, 2021. Prime Windows serves residential new construction and repair and remodel markets with energy efficient vinyl window and door products from two manufacturing facilities in the U.S., expanding our manufacturing capabilities and creating new opportunities for us in the Western U.S. This acquisition was funded through borrowings under the Company’s existing credit facilities. Prime Windows’ results are reported within the Aperture Solutions reportable segment.

The following table summarizes the final fair value of net assets acquired:

	Fair Value
Cash	\$ 997
Accounts receivable	5,500
Inventories	4,446
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	823
Property, plant and equipment	2,500
Lease right of use assets	2,787
Trade name and customer relationship intangibles	51,600
Goodwill	33,148
Other assets	50
Total assets acquired	<u>101,851</u>
Accounts payable	1,676
Other accrued expenses	1,679
Lease liabilities	2,637
Other long-term liabilities	829
Total liabilities assumed	<u>6,821</u>
Net assets acquired	<u>\$ 95,030</u>

Divestitures

Coil Coatings

In June 2022, the Company completed the sale of the coil coatings business to BlueScope Steel Limited for initial cash proceeds of \$500.0 million, subject to working capital and other customary adjustments. In connection with the transaction, the Company entered into long-term supply agreements to secure a continued supply of light gauge coil coating and painted hot roll steel. For the period from January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022, the Company recognized a pre-tax gain of \$394.2 million for the coil coatings divestiture, which is included in gain on divestitures in the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income. The Company incurred \$9.6 million of divestiture-related costs for the period from January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022, which are recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses in the Company's Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income. During 2023, the Company recorded \$10.1 million in expense resulting from a settlement to finalize working capital. The divested business did not represent a strategic shift that has a major effect on our operations and financial results, and, as such, it was not presented as discontinued operations. The coil coatings business results prior to the sale are reported within the Shelter Solutions reportable segment.

IMP and DBCI Businesses

In August 2021, the Company completed the sale of its IMP business for cash proceeds of \$1.0 billion. On August 18, 2021, the Company completed the sale of its DBCI business for cash proceeds of \$168.9 million. The IMP and DBCI businesses were within the Company's Shelter Solutions reportable segment. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company recognized a pre-tax gain of \$679.8 million for the IMP divestiture and \$151.5 million for the DBCI divestiture, which are included in gain on divestitures in the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income. As part of the consideration received for the sale of the IMP business, we entered into a short-term agreement with the purchaser to supply steel for the IMP business. We recognized \$15.5 million in net sales under the supply agreement, which ended in December 2021. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company incurred \$21.3 million of divestiture-related costs, which are recorded in strategic development and acquisition related costs in the Company's Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income. During the period from January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022, the Company received additional cash proceeds of \$7.2 million as a settlement of working capital related to the 2021 sale of the IMP business. These proceeds were recognized in gain on divestitures in the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income. The divested businesses did not represent strategic shifts that have a major effect on our operations and financial results, so they were not presented as discontinued operations.

Note 4 — Inventories

The following table sets forth the components of inventories:

	Successor	
	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Raw materials	\$ 291,093	\$ 312,380
Work in process	59,336	67,424
Finished goods	146,410	172,024
Total inventories	<u>\$ 496,839</u>	<u>\$ 551,828</u>

The following table sets forth the changes to the allowance for obsolete inventory:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Beginning balance ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,227	\$ —	\$ 21,281	\$ 22,172
Provisions	1,890	3,805	7,197	5,155
Dispositions	(3,970)	(1,578)	(2,335)	(6,029)
Other	227	—	3,417	(17)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 374</u>	<u>\$ 2,227</u>	<u>\$ 29,560</u>	<u>\$ 21,281</u>

(1) In connection with the Merger, the beginning balance for the Successor period reflects acquisition-related adjustments of \$29.6 million.

Note 5 — Property, Plant and Equipment, Net

The following sets forth the components of property, plant and equipment, net:

	Range of Useful Lives (in Years)	Successor	
		December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Land		\$ 58,690	\$ 16,970
Buildings and improvements	10 – 40	270,752	111,296
Machinery and equipment	10 – 15	856,140	526,764
		1,185,582	655,030
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization		(296,479)	(36,966)
Total property, plant and equipment, net		\$ 889,103	\$ 618,064

Depreciation and amortization expense related to property, plant and equipment was \$241.3 million for 2023, \$44.7 million for the period from July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022, \$56.7 million for the period from January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022 and \$103.0 million for 2021.

Note 6 — Goodwill and Intangible Assets
Goodwill

The following table sets forth the changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by reportable segment:

	Aperture Solutions	Surface Solutions	Shelter Solutions	Total
Balance, December 31, 2021 (Predecessor)	\$ 541,196	\$ 655,098	\$ 161,762	\$ 1,358,056
Currency translation	(750)	(561)	—	(1,311)
Measurement period adjustments	(366)	(10)	(97,474)	(97,850)
Balance, July 24, 2022 (Predecessor)	\$ 540,080	\$ 654,527	\$ 64,288	\$ 1,258,895
Balance, July 25, 2022 (Successor)	\$ 612,368	\$ 763,324	\$ 284,796	\$ 1,660,488
Measurement period adjustments	14,527	29,288	(10,709)	33,106
Currency translation	(2,886)	(2,160)	—	(5,046)
Balance, December 31, 2022 (Successor)	\$ 624,009	\$ 790,452	\$ 274,087	\$ 1,688,548
Go private measurement period adjustments	90,385	(108,630)	(70,976)	(89,221)
Acquisition related measurement period adjustments and other ⁽¹⁾	58,520	27,065	(903)	84,682
Currency translation	(1,781)	(464)	—	(2,245)
Balance, December 31, 2023 (Successor)	\$ 771,133	\$ 708,423	\$ 202,208	\$ 1,681,764

(1) Measurement period adjustments have been recorded in conjunction with the acquisition of MAC Metal and EAS during the period. See Note 3 — Mergers and Acquisitions for additional information.

Intangible Assets, Net

The following table sets forth the major components of intangible assets:

	Range of Life (in Years)	Weighted Average Amortization Period Remaining (Years)	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Value
As of December 31, 2023:					
Trademarks, trade names and other	15	14	\$ 653,992	\$ (59,208)	\$ 594,784
Customer lists and relationships	3 – 19	16	1,883,757	(192,473)	1,691,284
Total intangible assets			<u>\$ 2,537,749</u>	<u>\$ (251,681)</u>	<u>\$ 2,286,068</u>

	Life (in Years)	Weighted Average Amortization Period Remaining (Years)	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Value
As of December 31, 2022:					
Trademarks, trade names and other	13	13	\$ 522,137	\$ (18,332)	\$ 503,805
Customer lists and relationships	13	13	2,088,548	(73,330)	2,015,218
Total intangible assets			<u>\$ 2,610,685</u>	<u>\$ (91,662)</u>	<u>\$ 2,519,023</u>

Intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis. The following table sets forth the amortization expense related to intangible assets:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Amortization expense	\$ 171,300	\$ 85,400	\$ 109,500	\$ 189,500

The expected amortization expense over the next five years and thereafter for acquired intangible assets recorded as of December 31, 2023 is as follows:

	Amount
2024	\$ 191,053
2025	172,858
2026	147,386
2027	147,386
2028	144,952
Thereafter	1,482,433
Total	<u>\$ 2,286,068</u>

Note 7 — Other Current Liabilities

The following table sets forth the components of other current liabilities:

	Successor	
	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Accrued insurance	\$ 22,190	\$ 23,609
Accrued freight	11,687	11,130
Accrued facilities	917	4,687
Professional services	2,000	10,380
Interest rate swaps	—	7,000
Accrued interest	50,692	48,595
Other accrued expenses	41,841	44,195
Total other current liabilities	<u>\$ 129,327</u>	<u>\$ 149,596</u>

Note 8 — Product Warranties

The following table sets forth the changes in the carrying amount of product warranties liability:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022		
	Successor		Predecessor
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022
Balance, beginning of period ⁽¹⁾	\$ 202,463	\$ 203,011	\$ 218,356
Acquisitions	2,721	—	189
Divestitures	—	—	(4,345)
Warranties sold	1,385	879	1,052
Revenue recognized	(2,458)	(1,135)	(1,383)
Expense	33,245	17,019	26,910
Settlements	(43,119)	(17,311)	(21,311)
Balance, end of period	<u>\$ 194,237</u>	<u>\$ 202,463</u>	<u>\$ 219,468</u>
Reflected as:			
Current liabilities – Rebates, warranties and other customer-related liabilities	\$ 23,029	\$ 25,304	\$ 26,888
Noncurrent liabilities – Other long-term liabilities	171,208	177,159	192,580
Total product warranty liability	<u>\$ 194,237</u>	<u>\$ 202,463</u>	<u>\$ 219,468</u>

(1) In connection with the Merger, the beginning balance for the Successor period reflects acquisition-related adjustments of \$16.5 million.

Note 9 — Leases

The following sets forth weighted average information about the Company's lease portfolio as of December 31, 2023:

Weighted-average remaining lease term	7.4 years
Weighted-average incremental borrowing rate	10.63 %

The following table sets forth components of operating lease costs:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Fixed lease costs	\$ 109,870	\$ 35,419	\$ 54,910	\$ 107,938
Short-term lease costs	\$ 22,672	\$ 19,221	\$ 17,051	\$ 8,350
Variable lease costs	\$ 88,974	\$ 49,251	\$ 54,316	\$ 94,296

The following table sets forth cash and non-cash lease activities:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Operating cash flows for operating leases	\$ 98,987	\$ 34,104	\$ 42,069	\$ 91,024
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for new operating lease liabilities ⁽¹⁾	\$ 48,332	\$ 277,724	\$ 10,601	\$ 88,826

(1) For the period July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022, all leases that existing prior to the Merger were treated as new operating leases.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company renewed and terminated certain existing facility, transportation and equipment leases and received tenant improvement allowances, which resulted in a decrease of the net remeasurement of the existing lease right-of-use assets in the amount of \$4.4 million.

The following table sets forth future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable leases as of December 31, 2023:

	Amount
2024	\$ 96,379
2025	88,626
2026	81,219
2027	43,643
2028	32,328
Thereafter	182,869
Total future minimum lease payments	525,064
Less: interest	173,049
Present value of future minimum lease payments	\$ 352,015

Note 10 — Long-Term Debt

The following table sets forth the components of long-term debt:

	Successor								
	Effective Interest Rate	December 31, 2023				December 31, 2022			
		Principal Outstanding	Unamortized Fair Value Adjustment ⁽¹⁾	Unamortized Discount and Issuance Costs	Carrying Amount	Principal Outstanding	Unamortized Fair Value Adjustment ⁽¹⁾	Unamortized Discount and Issuance Costs	Carrying Amount
Term loan facility, due April 2028	8.57 %	\$ 2,528,500	\$ (292,442)	\$ —	\$ 2,236,058	\$ 2,554,500	\$ (348,769)	\$ —	\$ 2,205,731
Term loan facility, due August 2028	9.69 %	297,000	—	(18,370)	278,630	300,000	—	(21,538)	\$ 278,462
6.125% Senior Notes due January 2029	13.73 %	318,699	(87,050)	—	231,649	365,541	(111,524)	—	\$ 254,017
8.750% Senior Secured Notes, due August 2028	10.61 %	710,000	—	(44,787)	665,213	710,000	—	(52,622)	\$ 657,378
Total long-term debt		<u>\$ 3,854,199</u>	<u>\$ (379,492)</u>	<u>\$ (63,157)</u>	<u>\$ 3,411,550</u>	<u>\$ 3,930,041</u>	<u>\$ (460,293)</u>	<u>\$ (74,160)</u>	<u>\$ 3,395,588</u>
Reflected as:									
Current liabilities - Current portion of long-term debt					\$ 29,000				\$ 29,000
Non-current liabilities - Long-term debt					3,382,550				3,366,588
Total long-term debt					<u>\$ 3,411,550</u>				<u>\$ 3,395,588</u>
Fair value - Senior notes - Level 1					\$ 988,702				\$ 907,993
Fair value Term loans - Level 2					2,835,596				2,580,000
Total fair value					<u>\$ 3,824,298</u>				<u>\$ 3,487,993</u>

(1) In July 2022, as a result of the pushdown accounting related to the Merger, the carrying values of the term loan facility due April 2028 and the 6.125% senior notes were adjusted to fair value.

The following table sets forth the scheduled maturity of our debt:

	Amount
2024	\$ 29,000
2025	29,000
2026	29,000
2027	29,000
2028	3,419,500
2029	318,699
Total	<u>\$ 3,854,199</u>

Revolving Credit Facilities

The following table sets forth the Company's availability under its credit facilities:

	Successor					
	December 31, 2023			December 31, 2022		
	Available	Borrowings	Letters of Credit and Priority Payables	Available	Borrowings	Letters of Credit and Priority Payables
Asset-based lending facility	\$ 850,000	\$ —	\$ 47,000	\$ 850,000	\$ —	\$ 48,000
Cash flow revolver ⁽¹⁾	92,000	—	—	115,000	—	—
First-in-last-out tranche asset-based lending facility	95,000	—	—	95,000	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 1,037,000</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 47,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,060,000</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 48,000</u>

(1) Cash flow revolver commitments of \$23.0 million matured in April 2023 and \$92.0 million will mature in April 2026.

Merger Transaction

In July 2022, in connection with the Merger, the Company:

- Incurred a new \$300.0 million aggregate principal amount Side Car Term Loan Facility (as defined below).
- Issued \$710.0 million 8.750% Senior Secured Notes (as defined below) due August 2028.
- Increased the ABL Facility (as defined below) available under the ABL Credit Agreement (as defined below) from \$611.0 million to \$850.0 million and amended the ABL Credit Agreement to, among other things, extend the maturity of the ABL Facility to July 2027.
- Added the ABL FILO Facility (as defined below) of \$95.0 million under the ABL Credit Agreement. The ABL FILO Facility terminates in July 2027.

The proceeds totaling \$1.0 billion, together with other sources, were used to purchase all remaining issued and outstanding shares of Cornerstone Building Brands and related fees to consummate the Merger.

Term Loan Facility due April 2028 and Cash Flow Revolver

In April 2018, Ply Gem Midco entered into a Cash Flow Agreement (as amended from time to time, the “Cash Flow Credit Agreement”), which provides for (i) a term loan facility (the “Term Loan Facility”) in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,600.0 million, issued with a discount of 0.5% and (ii) a cash flow-based revolving credit facility (the “Cash Flow Revolver”) of up to \$115.0 million. In connection with the consummation of the Ply Gem merger, the Company and Ply Gem Midco entered into a joinder agreement in which the Company became the Borrower (as defined in the Cash Flow Credit Agreement) under the Term Loan Facility and Cash Flow Revolver (together the “Cash Flow Facilities”). On April 11, 2023, the Company amended the Cash Flow Credit Agreement to replace the adjusted LIBOR rate with the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (“SOFR”) rate.

The Term Loan Facility amortizes in nominal quarterly installments equal to one percent of the aggregate initial principal amount thereof per annum, with the remaining balance payable upon final maturity. The Term Loan Facility bears annual interest at a floating rate measured by reference to, at the Company’s option, either (i) a Term SOFR rate with a credit spread adjustment of 0.10% (subject to a floor of 0.50%) plus an applicable margin of 3.25% per annum or (ii) an alternate base rate plus an applicable margin of 2.25% per annum.

Loans outstanding under the Cash Flow Revolver bear annual interest at a floating rate measured by reference to, at the Company’s option, either (i) a Daily Simple SOFR rate or a Term SOFR rate with (only in the case of Term SOFR rate borrowings with an interest period greater than one month) a credit spread adjustment of 0.10% (subject to a floor of 0.00%) plus an applicable margin ranging from 2.50% to 3.00% per annum depending on the Company’s secured leverage ratio or (ii) an alternate base rate plus an applicable margin ranging from 1.50% to 2.00% per annum depending on the Company’s secured leverage ratio. There are no amortization payments under the Cash Flow Revolver. Additionally, unused commitments under the Cash Flow Revolver are subject to a fee ranging from 0.25% to 0.50% per annum depending on the Company’s secured leverage ratio.

Subject to certain exceptions, the Term Loan Facility is subject to mandatory prepayments in an amount equal to:

- the net cash proceeds of (i) certain asset sales, (ii) certain debt offerings and (iii) certain insurance recovery and condemnation events; and
- 50% of annual excess cash flow (as defined in the Cash Flow Credit Agreement), subject to reduction to 25% and 0% if specified secured leverage ratio targets are met to the extent that the amount of such excess cash flow exceeds \$10.0 million. No payments were required in 2022 under the year 2021 excess cash flow calculation.

Both the Term Loan Facility and Cash Flow Revolver may be prepaid at the Company’s option at any time without premium or penalty (other than customary breakage costs), subject to minimum principal amount requirements.

ABL Facility due July 2027

On April 12, 2018, Ply Gem Midco entered into an ABL Credit Agreement (as amended from time to time, the “ABL Credit Agreement”), which provides for (a) an asset-based revolving credit facility of up to \$850.0 million (amended from time to time the “ABL Facility”), a portion of which is (i) available to U.S. borrowers and (ii) available to U.S. and Canadian borrowers. In connection with the consummation of the Ply Gem merger, the Company and Ply Gem Midco entered into a joinder agreement in which the Company became the Parent Borrower (as defined in the ABL Credit Agreement) under the ABL Facility, and (b) a first-in-last-out tranche asset-based revolving credit facility of up to \$95.0 million (the “ABL FILO Facility”) available to U.S. borrowers.

Borrowing availability under the ABL Facility and the ABL FILO Facility (collectively, the “ABL Facilities”) is determined by a monthly borrowing base collateral calculation that is based on specified percentages of the value of eligible inventory, accounts receivable, less certain allowances and subject to certain other adjustments as set forth in the ABL Credit Agreement. Availability is reduced by issuance of letters of credit as well as any borrowings.

Loans outstanding under the ABL Facility bear interest at a floating rate measured by reference to, at the Company’s option, either (i) a term SOFR rate (subject to a SOFR floor of 0.00%) plus an applicable margin ranging from 1.25% to 1.75% per annum depending on the average daily excess availability under the ABL Facility or (ii) an alternate base rate plus an applicable margin ranging from 0.25% to 0.75% per annum depending on the average daily excess availability under the ABL Facility. Additionally, unused commitments under the ABL Facility are subject to a 0.25% per annum fee.

Loans outstanding under the ABL FILO Facility bear interest at a floating rate measured by reference to, at the Company’s option, either (i) a term SOFR rate (subject to a SOFR floor of 0.00%) plus an applicable margin ranging from 2.25% to 2.75% per annum depending on the average daily excess availability under the ABL FILO Facility or (ii) an alternate base rate plus an applicable margin ranging from 1.25% to 1.75% per annum depending on the average daily excess availability under the ABL FILO Facility. Additionally, unused commitments under the ABL FILO Facility are subject to a 0.25% per annum fee.

Side Car Term Loan Facility due August 2028

On July 25, 2022, the Company entered into a Term Loan Credit Agreement (as amended from time to time, the “Side Car Term Loan Credit Agreement”) which provides for a term loan facility (the “Side Car Term Loan Facility”) in an original aggregate principal amount of \$300.0 million. The Side Car Term Loan Credit Agreement will mature on August 1, 2028.

Loans outstanding under the Side Car Term Loan Facility bear interest at a floating rate measured by reference to, at the Company’s option, either (i) a term SOFR rate plus 5.625% (subject to a SOFR floor of 0.50%) or (ii) an alternate base rate plus 4.625%. Borrowings under the Side Term Loan Credit Agreement amortize in equal quarterly installments in an amount equal to 1.00% per annum of the principal amount.

The Side Car Term Loan Facility may be prepaid at the Company’s option at any time, subject to certain prepayment premiums if prepaid prior to August 1, 2026.

6.125% Senior Notes due January 2029

On September 24, 2020, the Company issued \$500.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.125% Senior Notes due January 2029 (the “6.125% Senior Notes”). The 6.125% Senior Notes bear interest at 6.125% per annum and will mature on January 15, 2029. Interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15.

The 6.125% Senior Notes are unsecured senior indebtedness and are effectively subordinated to all of the Company’s existing and future senior secured indebtedness, including indebtedness under the Term Loan Facility, the Cash Flow Revolver, the Side Car Term Loan Facility, the 8.750% Senior Secured Notes (as defined below) and the ABL Facilities, and are senior in right of payment to future subordinated indebtedness of the Company.

The Company may redeem the 6.125% Senior Notes in whole or in part at any time subject to certain prepayment premiums if the 6.125% Senior Notes were to be redeemed prior to September 15, 2025.

8.750% Senior Secured Notes due August 2028

On July 25, 2022, the Company issued \$710.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 8.750% Senior Secured Notes due August 2028 (the “8.750% Senior Secured Notes”). The 8.750% Senior Secured Notes bear interest at 8.750% per annum and will mature on August 1, 2028. Interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15 of each year. The first interest date was January 15, 2023.

The 8.750% Senior Secured Notes are secured senior indebtedness and rank equal in right of payment with all existing and future senior indebtedness, and are senior in right of payment to all existing and future subordinated indebtedness of the Company, including the 6.125% Senior Notes.

The Company may redeem the 8.750% Senior Secured Notes in whole or in part at any time subject to certain prepayment premiums if the 8.750% Senior Secured Notes were to be redeemed prior to August 1, 2026.

Repurchase of 6.125% Senior Notes

The Company repurchased an aggregate principal amount of \$46.8 million for \$33.9 million in cash during the year ended December 31, 2023. The repurchases, which resulted in a write-off of associated unamortized debt discount and deferred financing costs, resulted in a loss of \$0.2 million during 2023 were recognized as gain on extinguishment of debt in the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income.

Other Information

The obligations under the Company’s debt agreements are generally guaranteed by each direct and indirect wholly-owned U.S. restricted subsidiary of the Company, subject to certain exceptions. In addition, the obligations of the Canadian borrowers under the ABL Facility are guaranteed by each direct and indirect wholly-owned Canadian restricted subsidiary of the Canadian borrowers, subject to certain exceptions. In addition, the obligations under the Cash Flow Credit Agreement, the ABL Credit Agreement, the Side Car Term Loan Facility and the Company’s various secured notes are guaranteed by Camelot Parent, which guarantee is non-recourse and limited to the equity interests of the Company. The obligations under the Cash Flow Credit Agreement, the ABL Credit Agreement, the Side Car Term Loan Facility and the Company’s various secured notes are also secured by a perfected security interest in substantially all tangible and intangible assets of the Company and each subsidiary guarantor and in the capital stock of the Company, subject to certain exceptions and subject to priority of security interests provided therein.

Covenant Compliance

The ABL Credit Agreement includes a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.00:1.00, which is tested only when specified availability is less than 10.0% of the lesser of (x) the then applicable borrowing base and (y) the then aggregate effective commitments under the ABL Facility, and continuing until such time as specified availability has been in excess of such threshold for a period of 20 consecutive calendar days. The Cash Flow Credit Agreement includes a financial covenant set at a maximum secured leverage ratio of 7.75:1.00, which will apply if the outstanding amount of loans and drawings under letters of credit which have not then been reimbursed exceeds a specified threshold at the end of any fiscal quarter.

The Company’s debt agreements contain a number of covenants that, among other things, limit or restrict the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to incur additional indebtedness; make dividends and other restricted payments; incur additional liens; consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all assets; make investments; transfer or sell assets; enter into restrictive agreements; change the nature of the business; and enter into certain transactions with affiliates. The Company is in compliance with all of its covenants as of December 31, 2023.

Interest Rate Swaps

The Company uses certain interest rate swaps to manage a portion of the interest rate risk on its term loans. The following table sets forth the terms of the Company’s interest rate swap agreements:

	<u>May 2019 Swap⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>April 2021 Swaps</u>
Notional amount	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,500,000
Forecasted term loan interest payments being hedged	1-month SOFR	1-month SOFR
Fixed rate paid	2.1680 %	2.0038 %
Origination date	July 12, 2019	April 17, 2023
Maturity date	July 12, 2023	April 15, 2026
Fair value at December 31, 2023 - Other assets, net	\$ —	\$ 64,704
Fair value at December 31, 2022:		
Other current assets	\$ 7,000	\$ —
Other assets, net	\$ —	\$ 95,361
Other current liabilities	\$ —	\$ 7,000
Level in fair value hierarchy ⁽²⁾	Level 2	Level 2

(1) The May 2019 swap was de-designated from cash flow hedge accounting in April 2021.

(2) Interest rate swaps are based on cash flow hedge contracts that have fixed rate structures and are measured against market-based SOFR yield curves. These interest rate swaps are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy because they are valued using alternative pricing sources or models that utilized market observable inputs, including current and forward interest rates.

Note 11 — Employee Benefit Plans**Defined Benefit Plans**

The Company has certain defined benefit plans which are frozen with no further increases in benefits for participants may occur as a result of increases in service years or compensation. In connection with the sale of the coil coatings business on June 28, 2022, the Company transferred two defined benefit plans and an other post-employment benefit plan to the purchaser resulting in no further benefit obligation at the time of sale. As of December 31, 2023 the MW Manufacturers, Inc. Retirement Plan and the Ply Gem Group Pension Plan were both merged into the Robertson-Ceco Corporation Master Pension Plan. The merger does not impact (in aggregate) benefits of any participant, associated plan obligations, assets or funded status.

The following table sets forth the weighted average actuarial assumptions used to determine benefit obligations:

	Successor	
	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Discount rate	5.70 %	5.45 %

The following table sets forth the weighted average actuarial assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit cost (income):

	Year Ended December 31, 2022		
	Successor		Predecessor
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022
Discount rate	5.30 %	4.40 %	2.85 %
Expected return on plan assets	5.17 %	5.16 %	4.85 %

The basis used to determine the expected long-term rate of return on assets assumptions for the defined benefit plans was recent market performance and historical returns. The investment policy is to maximize the expected return for an acceptable level of risk. Our expected long-term rate of return on plan assets is based on a target allocation of assets, which is based on our goal of earning the highest rate of return while maintaining risk at acceptable levels.

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As of December 31, 2023, all of our defined pension plans have projected benefit obligations in excess of the fair value of plan assets. The following table sets forth the changes in the projected benefit obligation, plan assets and funded status, and the amounts recognized on the Consolidated Balance Sheets:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022		
	Successor		Predecessor
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022
Change in benefit obligation:			
Beginning of period	\$ 63,464	\$ 70,676	\$ 97,134
Service cost	—	—	23
Interest cost	2,486	1,254	1,529
Benefits paid	(3,360)	(2,607)	(3,339)
Settlements	(27,097)	—	—
Actuarial gains	(51)	(5,859)	(13,523)
Divestitures	—	—	(11,148)
End of period	\$ 35,442	\$ 63,464	\$ 70,676
Accumulated benefit obligation at end of period	\$ 35,442	\$ 63,464	\$ 70,676
Change in plan assets:			
Beginning of period	\$ 56,737	\$ 63,627	\$ 98,954
Actual return on plan assets	1,335	(4,284)	(16,524)
Benefits paid	(3,360)	(2,606)	(3,339)
Settlements	(27,098)	—	—
Divestitures	—	—	(15,464)
End of period	\$ 27,614	\$ 56,737	\$ 63,627
Funded status at end of period	\$ (7,828)	\$ (6,727)	\$ (7,049)

	Successor	
	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Amounts recognized on the Consolidated Balance Sheets - Noncurrent liabilities	(7,828)	(6,727)

The following table sets forth the weighted average asset allocations by asset category for the defined benefit plans:

Investment type	Successor	
	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Equity securities	38 %	38 %
Debt securities	59 %	60 %
Real estate	3 %	2 %
Total	100 %	100 %

The principal investment objectives are to ensure the availability of funds to pay pension and postretirement benefits as they become due under a broad range of future economic scenarios, to maximize long-term investment return with an acceptable level of risk based on our pension and postretirement obligations, and to be sufficiently diversified across and within the capital markets to mitigate the risk of adverse or unexpected results from one security class having an unduly detrimental impact on the entire portfolio. Each asset class has broadly diversified characteristics. Decisions regarding investment policy are made with an understanding of the effect of asset allocation on funded status, future contributions and projected expenses.

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The fair values of the assets of the defined benefit plans at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, by asset category and by levels of fair value were as follows:

	Successor					
	December 31, 2023			December 31, 2022		
	Level 1	Level 2	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17	\$ —	\$ 17	\$ 27	\$ —	\$ 27
Mutual funds:						
Growth funds	2,195	—	2,195	4,271	—	4,271
Real estate funds	762	—	762	1,395	—	1,395
Equity income funds	1,994	—	1,994	4,217	—	4,217
Index funds	4,440	—	4,440	9,036	—	9,036
International equity funds	1,817	—	1,817	3,795	—	3,795
Fixed income funds	3,314	13,075	16,389	6,680	27,316	33,996
Total	\$ 14,539	\$ 13,075	\$ 27,614	\$ 29,421	\$ 27,316	\$ 56,737

The following table sets forth the components of the net periodic benefit income:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Service cost	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 23	\$ 54
Interest cost	2,486	1,254	1,529	2,542
Expected return on assets	(2,100)	(1,316)	(2,650)	(5,439)
Amortization of prior service cost	—	—	—	65
Amortization of loss	—	—	117	416
Net periodic benefit income	\$ 386	\$ (62)	\$ (981)	\$ (2,362)

The following table sets forth the changes in plan assets and benefit obligation recognized in other comprehensive (loss) income:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Net unrecognized actuarial loss (gain)	\$ 439	\$ (278)	\$ 9,966	\$ (6,479)
Recognition of net actuarial loss due to settlement	(17)	—	—	—
Amortization of net actuarial gain (loss)	—	—	117	(416)
Amortization of prior service cost	—	—	—	(65)
Total recognized in other comprehensive (loss) income	\$ 422	\$ (278)	\$ 10,083	\$ (6,960)

We expect to contribute \$2.5 million to the Defined Benefit Plans in Fiscal Year Ending 2024. We expect the following benefit payments to be made:

Years ending	Amount
2024	\$ 3,323
2025	3,259
2026	3,202
2027	3,136
2028	3,048
Thereafter	13,960
	<u>\$ 29,928</u>

Defined Contribution Plan

The Company has a 401(k) profit sharing plan that allows participation by all eligible employees. The Company's contributions vary, but are based primarily on each participant's level of contributions, which cannot exceed the maximum allowable for income tax purposes. The Company's contribution expense for matching contributions to the plan was \$16.1 million for 2023, \$6.6 million for the period from July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022, \$10.2 million for the period from January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022, and \$16.3 million for 2021.

Note 12 — Share-based Compensation

Merger Transaction

Prior to July 24, 2022, under its long-term stock incentive plan, the Company had several share-based compensation award types, including stock options, restricted stock units and performance share unit awards (collectively, the "Pre-Merger Awards"). In connection with the Merger, outstanding vested stock option awards were canceled and converted to the right to receive a fixed amount of cash equal to the intrinsic value of the awards and were paid in August 2022. Performance share unit awards ("PSUs") granted to certain key employees in March 2021 were paid in cash in September 2022 with the applicable total stockholder return metric determined using a per share price equal to the Merger consideration and the EBITDA-based metric determined based on target performance.

Resulting from the Merger, unvested awards were cancelled and converted into a contingent contractual right to receive a payment in cash equal to the Merger consideration per award, subject to the same time-based vesting conditions as the original awards, which is typically three to five years. In the case of the PSUs that were granted in March 2020 to executives and certain key employees and in March 2021 to executives, the contingent contractual right to receive a cash payment from the Company will equal the product of the number of performance share units earned under the terms of the applicable award agreement, but with the applicable total stockholder return metric determined using a per share price equal to the Merger consideration and the EBITDA-based metric determined based on actual performance as of the end of the three-year performance period applicable to such performance share unit. The Pre-Merger Awards are accounted for under ASC Topic 710.

As of December 31, 2023, the Company had \$27.6 million of employee-related liabilities and \$1.2 million of other long-term liabilities on its Consolidated Balance Sheet related to the Pre-Merger Awards that will be settled in cash. For 2023, the Company paid out \$97.5 million of cash to settle Pre-Merger Awards.

Incentive Units

Post the Merger in 2022 and pursuant to an incentive unit grant agreement, certain participants were granted incentive units in Camelot Return Ultimate, L.P. (the "Partnership"). Each incentive unit represents a conditional right to receive distributions from Camelot Parent in excess of the "participation threshold" of the incentive unit, as set forth in the grant documentation. In 2022, 0.8 million of incentive units were granted with no forfeitures. In 2023, 0.2 million of incentive units were granted with 0.1 million in forfeitures.

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The Company will recognize compensation cost for the awards on a straight-line basis over a five-year vesting period based on the fair value of the award at the date of grant. The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, and the following weighted average assumptions:

	Successor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022
Underlying price	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Volatility rate	45.2 %	45.5 %
Expected term (in years)	6.1	6.1
Risk-free interest rate	4.1 %	4.2 %

Upon a sale of the Partnership, vesting of incentive units will accelerate, subject to the participant's continued employment through the consummation of such sale unless there is non-cash consideration and the incentive units are replaced with awards that have substantially equivalent or better rights.

Compensation Expense

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the amount of expense recognized from the Pre-Merger Awards was \$16.6 million and from the incentive units was \$8.3 million. For the period from July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022, the amount of expense recognized from the Pre-Merger Awards was \$21.9 million and from the incentive units was \$2.3 million. As of December 31, 2023, the Company estimates that unrecognized expense is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.5 years totaling \$35.7 million, of which \$3.5 million relates to Pre-Merger Awards and \$32.2 relates to incentive units.

Note 13 — Income Taxes

The following table sets forth the components of the provision for income taxes:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Current:				
Federal	\$ 63,036	\$ 14,096	\$ 148,371	\$ 219,379
State	9,692	3,307	38,814	64,509
Foreign	17,634	4,480	5,315	11,590
Total current	90,362	21,883	192,500	295,478
Deferred:				
Federal	(94,580)	(31,529)	(23,867)	(43,980)
State	(33,605)	(5,632)	(4,637)	(18,363)
Foreign	(5,567)	205	1,818	2,833
Total deferred	(133,752)	(36,956)	(26,686)	(59,510)
Total income taxes	\$ (43,390)	\$ (15,073)	\$ 165,814	\$ 235,968

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of income tax computed at the U.S. federal statutory tax rate to the effective income tax rate:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Federal income tax statutory rate	21.0 %	21.0 %	21.0 %	21.0 %
State income taxes, net of federal income tax	6.1 %	3.9 %	4.0 %	3.8 %
Non-deductible expenses	0.7 %	(1.1)%	0.6 %	0.2 %
Foreign tax and other credits	2.3 %	8.9 %	(0.2)%	(1.6)%
Section 1245 recapture	(2.1)%	— %	— %	— %
Uncertain tax positions	1.3 %	— %	0.1 %	0.6 %
Compensation related expenses	(4.2)%	(3.5)%	0.1 %	0.3 %
Global intangible low-taxed income	— %	(8.7)%	— %	0.9 %
State rate differential ⁽¹⁾	10.9 %	— %	— %	— %
Foreign rate differential	(2.2)%	(1.4)%	0.2 %	0.4 %
Other	2.7 %	0.1 %	(0.3)%	0.6 %
Effective tax rate	36.5 %	19.2 %	25.5 %	26.2 %

(1) Related to the Merger transaction and internal restructuring.

The net deferred income tax liability consists of the following:

	Successor	
	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Deferred tax assets:		
Inventory obsolescence	\$ 9,215	\$ 9,678
Allowance for credit losses	5,170	3,341
Accrued and deferred compensation	13,090	20,942
Accrued insurance liability	12,124	9,268
Net operating loss and tax credit carryover	15,102	27,211
Defined benefit plans	2,232	2,221
Leases	82,929	84,144
Section 163(j) interest	46,274	19,371
Section 174 costs	20,942	7,219
Warranty liabilities	39,860	42,843
Other	28,928	28,903
Total deferred income tax assets	<u>275,866</u>	<u>255,141</u>
Valuation allowance	(1,578)	(3,158)
Net deferred income tax assets	<u>274,288</u>	<u>251,983</u>
Deferred income tax liabilities:		
Intangible assets	(491,948)	(573,826)
Property-related items	(124,826)	(90,042)
Stock basis	(15,197)	(12,680)
Leases	(87,964)	(84,203)
Debt	(82,866)	(103,671)
Other	(24,672)	(38,612)
Total deferred income tax liabilities	<u>(827,473)</u>	<u>(903,034)</u>
Total deferred income tax liability, net	<u>\$ (553,185)</u>	<u>\$ (651,051)</u>

The Company carries out its business operations mainly through legal entities in the U.S., Canada and Mexico where we are subject to U.S., state and foreign tax laws. We are subject to income tax audits in multiple jurisdictions.

As of December 31, 2023, the \$15.1 million net operating loss carryforward included \$11.6 million for U.S federal losses, \$2.7 million for U.S. state losses, and \$0.8 million for foreign losses. Federal and foreign net operating losses will begin to expire in 2029, if unused, and state operating losses began to expire in 2023, if unused. There are limitations on the utilization of certain net operating losses.

Valuation allowance

The following table sets forth the changes in the valuation allowance on deferred taxes:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Beginning balance ⁽¹⁾	\$ 3,158	\$ 3,006	\$ 15,634	\$ 11,996
Additions (reductions)	(1,580)	152	(3,004)	3,638
Ending balance	<u>\$ 1,578</u>	<u>\$ 3,158</u>	<u>\$ 12,630</u>	<u>\$ 15,634</u>

(1) In connection with the Merger, the beginning balance for the Successor period reflects acquisition-related adjustments of \$9.6 million.

Uncertain tax positions

The following table sets forth the changes in unrecognized tax benefits (excluding interest and penalties):

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Beginning balance	\$ 14,756	\$ 14,928	\$ 14,845	\$ 9,403
Additions based on tax positions related to current year	245	232	—	6,037
Additions (reductions) for tax positions of prior years	(52)	5	83	15
Reductions resulting from expiration of statute of limitations	(2,799)	(409)	—	(610)
Ending balance	\$ 12,150	\$ 14,756	\$ 14,928	\$ 14,845

Despite the Company's expectation that its tax return positions are consistent with applicable tax laws, the Company understands that certain positions could be challenged by taxing authorities. The Company's tax liability reflect the difference between the tax benefit claimed on tax returns and the amount recognized in the consolidated financial statements. These allowances have been established based on management's assessment as to potential exposure attributable to permanent differences and interest and penalties applicable to both permanent and temporary differences. The tax allowances are reviewed periodically and adjusted in light of changing facts and circumstances, such as progress of tax audits, lapse of applicable statutes of limitations and changes in tax law. The Company is currently under examination by various taxing authorities.

As of December 31, 2023, the reserve was \$16.8 million, which includes interest and penalties of \$4.7 million and is recorded in other long-term liabilities in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. Of this amount, \$12.2 million, if recognized would have an impact on the Company's effective tax rate. Interest and penalties were \$1.4 million for 2023, \$0.2 million for the period from July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022, \$0.6 million for the period from January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022, \$0.2 million for 2021. The Company has elected to treat interest and penalties on unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense in its Consolidated Statement of (Loss) Income.

The Company anticipates that approximately \$10.7 million of unrecognized tax benefits will be reversed during the next twelve months due to lapsing statute of limitations.

Note 14 — Fair Value of Financial Instruments and Fair Value Measurements

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, trade accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 because of the relatively short maturities of these instruments. The carrying amount of the contingent consideration approximates fair value because it was recorded as of December 31, 2023 during the measurement period.

The Company's has short-term investments in a deferred compensation plan, in which the investment funds are comprised primarily of debt and equity securities, the value of which is recorded at market price. As of December 31, 2023, the fair value of the short-term investments was \$1.93 million, of which \$1.87 million and \$0.06 million were based on Level 1 and Level 2 inputs and is included in other current assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The offsetting deferred compensation liability is included within employee-related liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The carrying amounts of the indebtedness under the ABL Facility, ABL FILO Facility, and Cash Flow Revolver approximate fair value as the interest rates are variable and reflective of market rates. The fair values of the term loan facilities were based on recent trading activities of comparable market instruments, which are Level 2 inputs and the fair values of the senior notes were based on quoted prices in active markets for the identical liabilities, which are Level 1 inputs. Interest rate swaps are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy because they are valued using alternative pricing sources or models that utilized market observable inputs, including current and forward interest rates.

Note 15 — Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income

The following tables set forth the change in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income attributable to the Company by each component of accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income, net of applicable income taxes:

	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment	Unrealized (Loss) Gain on Derivative Instruments	Unrecognized (Loss) Gain on Retirement Benefits	Changes in Retirement Related Benefit Plans from Divestitures	Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income
Balance, December 31, 2021 (Predecessor)	\$ 22,741	\$ (23,407)	\$ (4,946)	\$ —	\$ (5,612)
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(1,367)	78,720	—	(1,122)	76,231
Balance, July 24, 2022 (Predecessor)	\$ 21,374	\$ 55,313	\$ (4,946)	\$ (1,122)	\$ 70,619

	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment	Unrealized (Loss) Gain on Derivative Instruments	Unrecognized (Loss) Gain on Retirement Benefits	Changes in Retirement Related Benefit Plans from Divestitures	Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income
Balance, July 25, 2022 (Successor)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(6,789)	40,962	336	—	34,509
Balance, December 31, 2022 (Successor)	\$ (6,789)	\$ 40,962	\$ 336	\$ —	\$ 34,509
Balance, December 31, 2022 (Successor)	\$ (6,789)	\$ 40,962	\$ 336	\$ —	\$ 34,509
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(2,764)	(14,362)	484	—	(16,642)
Balance, December 31, 2023 (Successor)	\$ (9,553)	\$ 26,600	\$ 820	\$ —	\$ 17,867

Note 16 — Reportable Segment and Geographical Information

Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise for which discrete financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker (“CODM”) for purposes of allocating resources and evaluating financial performance. Our CODM, the Chief Executive Officer, reviews financial information presented on a consolidated basis, accompanied by information about our five operating segments, for the purposes of allocating resources and evaluating financial performance. The Company is organized in three reportable segments: Aperture Solutions, Surface Solutions and Shelter Solutions, which operate principally in the U.S. with limited operations in Canada.

- The Aperture Solutions reportable segment offers a broad line of windows and doors at multiple price-points for residential new construction and repair and remodel end markets in the U.S. and Canada. Its main products include vinyl, aluminum, wood-composite and aluminum clad-wood windows and patio doors, as well as steel, wood-composite, and fiberglass entry doors.
- The Surface Solutions reportable segment offers a broad suite of surface solutions products and accessories at multiple price-points for the residential new construction and repair and remodel end markets as well as stone installation services. Its main products include vinyl siding and accessories, cellular polyvinyl chloride trim, vinyl fencing and railing, stone veneer and gutter protection products.
- The Shelter Solutions reportable segment designs, engineers, manufactures and distributes extensive lines of metal products for the low-rise commercial construction market under multiple brand names and through a nationwide network of manufacturing plants and distribution centers. The Company defines low-rise commercial construction as building applications of up to five stories.

Management monitors the operations results of its reportable segments separately for purposes of making decisions about resources and evaluating performance. Management evaluates performance on the basis of segment earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization (“Adjusted reportable segment EBITDA”).

Corporate operating expenses are not allocated to reportable segments. Corporate and Other consists specifically of corporate operating expenses that are generally not allocated to reportable segments, related-party management fees, and other items that are not assigned or allocated to reportable segments. Any intercompany net sales or expenses are eliminated in consolidation.

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The following table sets forth financial data by reportable segments:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Net sales:				
Aperture Solutions	\$ 2,476,870	\$ 1,246,411	\$ 1,643,619	\$ 2,322,277
Surface Solutions	1,264,173	592,449	839,130	1,364,080
Shelter Solutions	1,661,391	905,288	1,253,335	1,896,780
Total net sales	\$ 5,402,434	\$ 2,744,148	\$ 3,736,084	\$ 5,583,137
Adjusted reportable segment EBITDA:				
Aperture Solutions	\$ 336,095	\$ 149,433	\$ 202,682	\$ 239,491
Surface Solutions	224,561	57,331	143,880	265,671
Shelter Solutions	322,874	177,537	209,156	323,533
Total reportable adjusted segment EBITDA	883,530	384,301	555,718	828,695
Corporate and Other	(230,739)	(172,331)	331,996	601,451
Depreciation and amortization	(412,597)	(130,153)	(166,177)	(292,901)
Interest expense	(380,706)	(157,191)	(101,078)	(191,301)
Foreign exchange (loss) gain	6,768	(4,809)	686	(3,749)
Gain (loss) on extinguishment of debt	(184)	474	28,354	(42,234)
Other income, net	15,013	1,140	101	1,866
Loss (income) before income taxes	\$ (118,915)	\$ (78,569)	\$ 649,600	\$ 901,827
Depreciation and amortization:				
Aperture Solutions	\$ 179,611	\$ 64,348	\$ 79,816	\$ 134,626
Surface Solutions	88,597	52,621	65,225	116,660
Shelter Solutions	139,481	10,291	18,016	36,282
Corporate	4,908	2,893	3,120	5,333
Total depreciation and amortization expense	\$ 412,597	\$ 130,153	\$ 166,177	\$ 292,901
Capital expenditures:				
Aperture Solutions	\$ 57,327	\$ 43,741	\$ 22,935	\$ 49,001
Surface Solutions	49,926	13,470	17,304	33,198
Shelter Solutions	74,561	28,909	16,153	16,934
Corporate	12,121	11,888	8,456	15,582
Total capital expenditures	\$ 193,935	\$ 98,008	\$ 64,848	\$ 114,715
Successor				
December 31, 2023 December 31, 2022				
Property, plant and equipment, net:				
Aperture Solutions			\$ 327,098	\$ 273,709
Surface Solutions			205,338	167,096
Shelter Solutions			345,207	139,382
Corporate			11,460	37,877
Total property, plant and equipment, net			\$ 889,103	\$ 618,064
Total assets:				
Aperture Solutions			\$ 2,934,102	\$ 2,153,378
Surface Solutions			2,268,443	2,099,244
Shelter Solutions			1,111,679	973,718
Corporate			619,117	1,967,310
Total assets			\$ 6,933,341	\$ 7,193,650

The following table sets forth net sales disaggregated by reportable segment:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Aperture Solutions:				
Vinyl windows	\$ 2,359,305	\$ 1,178,609	\$ 1,542,525	\$ 2,190,887
Aluminum windows	67,160	37,653	55,078	85,735
Other	50,405	30,149	46,016	45,655
Total	\$ 2,476,870	\$ 1,246,411	\$ 1,643,619	\$ 2,322,277
Surface Solutions:				
Vinyl siding	\$ 611,749	\$ 283,298	\$ 415,534	\$ 667,284
Metal	329,363	136,851	185,097	293,427
Injection molded	58,517	25,153	41,841	75,361
Stone	74,326	42,706	51,904	87,948
Stone veneer installation and other	190,218	104,441	144,754	240,060
Total	\$ 1,264,173	\$ 592,449	\$ 839,130	\$ 1,364,080
Shelter Solutions:				
Metal building products	\$ 1,661,391	\$ 905,288	\$ 1,140,259	\$ 1,473,662
Insulated metal panels	—	—	—	208,220
Metal coil coating	—	—	113,076	214,898
Total	\$ 1,661,391	\$ 905,288	\$ 1,253,335	\$ 1,896,780
Total net sales	\$ 5,402,434	\$ 2,744,148	\$ 3,736,084	\$ 5,583,137

The following tables set forth financial data attributable to various geographic regions:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Total net sales:				
U.S.	\$ 4,983,912	\$ 2,537,101	\$ 3,466,127	\$ 5,132,085
Canada	415,134	199,466	261,796	422,867
All other	3,388	7,581	8,161	28,185
Total net sales	<u>\$ 5,402,434</u>	<u>\$ 2,744,148</u>	<u>\$ 3,736,084</u>	<u>\$ 5,583,137</u>
			Successor	
			December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Long-lived assets:				
U.S.			\$ 1,130,197	\$ 891,122
Canada			104,960	81,516
All other			19,238	10,978
Total long-lived assets			<u>\$ 1,254,395</u>	<u>\$ 983,616</u>

Net sales are determined based on customers' requested shipment location. Long-lived assets presented above include property, plant and equipment, net and lease right-of-use assets.

Note 17 — Commitments and Contingencies

As a manufacturer of products primarily for use in building construction, the Company is inherently exposed to various types of contingent claims, both asserted and unasserted, in the ordinary course of business. As a result, from time to time, the Company may become involved in various legal proceedings or other contingent matters arising from claims or potential claims arising out of its operations and businesses that cover a wide range of matters, including, among others, environmental, contract, employment, intellectual property, securities, personal injury, property damage, product liability, warranty, and modification, adjustment or replacement of component parts or units sold, which may include product recalls. The Company insures (or self-insures) against these risks to the extent deemed prudent by its management and to the extent insurance is available. Management believes that the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial position or cash flows. However, such matters are subject to many uncertainties and outcomes and are not predictable with assurance.

Environmental

The Company's operations are subject to various federal, state, local and foreign environmental, health and safety laws. Among other things, these laws regulate the emissions or discharge of materials into the environment; govern the use, storage, treatment, disposal and management of hazardous substances and wastes; protect the health and safety of its employees and the end-users of its products; regulate the materials used in its products; and impose liability for the costs of investigating and remediating (as well as other damages resulting from) present and past releases of hazardous substances. Violations of these laws or of any conditions contained in environmental permits could impact the Company's current and future operations.

The Company believes it is in material compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and has recorded a liability of \$8.8 million at December 31, 2023 and \$8.8 million at December 31, 2022.

Litigation

The Company is a party to a variety of legal actions arising out of the normal course of business. Plaintiffs occasionally seek punitive or exemplary damages. The Company is also included in other kinds of legal actions, some of which assert or may assert claims or seek to impose fines or penalties and other costs in substantial amounts and are described below.

Stockholder Litigation

In November 2018, Gary D. Voigt, an individual common stockholder of Cornerstone Building Brands, filed a putative class-action complaint against CD&R, Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund VIII, L.P. and certain directors of Cornerstone Building Brands in the Delaware Court of Chancery. In January 2022, the Court approved a Stipulation of Compromise and Settlement setting forth the parties' agreement to settle the litigation. The Company received cash settlement proceeds from the defendant's insurers of \$76.5 million in March 2022 and recognized a gain on legal settlements in the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income.

In January 2023, purported former stockholders filed two separate complaints challenging the fairness of the CD&R Merger. The complaints are captioned Firefighters' Pension System of the City of Kansas City, Missouri Trust and Gary D. Voigt v. Affeldt et al., C.A. No. 2023-0091-JTL (Del. Ch.) and Whitebark Value Partners LP and Robert Garfield v. Clayton Dubilier & Rice, LLC et al., C.A. No. 2023-0092-JTL (Del. Ch.). In both complaints, the plaintiffs allege that CD&R and its affiliates controlled the Company prior to the transaction and that certain directors and officers of the Company, as well as CD&R and its affiliates, breached their fiduciary duties and engaged in conduct resulting in a sale of the Cornerstone Building Brands public stockholders' shares to CD&R at an unfair price. The plaintiffs seek unspecified monetary damages, attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs. The court consolidated the two cases, and on May 3, 2023, selected Whitebark Value Partners LP as lead plaintiff. On July 14, 2023, the defendants moved to dismiss the operative complaint. The motion to dismiss was denied on January 10, 2024. The Company intends to vigorously defend against these claims. The Company cannot predict with any degree of certainty the outcome of these matters or determine the extent of any potential liabilities. The Company also cannot provide an estimate of the possible loss or range of loss.

In June 2023, a purported former stockholder filed a class action complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware alleging that the Company's disclosures issued in connection with the CD&R Merger were materially misleading in violation of Section 14(a) and Section 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The complaint is captioned Water Island Merger Arbitrage Institutional Commingled Master Fund, L.P. v. Cornerstone Building Brands et al., Case No. 1:23-cv-00701 (D. Del.). The complaint alleges that the Company's directors and officers issued misleading disclosures, which caused stockholders to approve the CD&R Merger at an unfair price. The plaintiff seeks unspecified monetary damages, interest, attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs. On December 8, 2023, the defendants moved to dismiss the operative complaint, and, in the alternative, to stay the litigation. The Company intends to vigorously defend against these claims. The Company cannot predict with any degree of certainty the outcome of this matter or determine the extent of any potential liabilities. The Company also cannot provide an estimate of the possible loss or range of loss. The Company does not believe, based on currently available information, that the outcome of these proceedings will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition.

Note 18 — Earnings Per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share is computed by dividing net income allocated to common shares by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted income per common share, if applicable, considers the dilutive effect of common stock equivalents. The reconciliation of the numerator and denominator used for the computation of basic and diluted income per common share is as follows:

	Predecessor	
	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	December 31, 2021
Numerator for Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Common Share - Net income (loss) applicable to common shares	\$ 480,211	\$ 658,044
Denominator for Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Common Share:		
Weighted average basic number of common shares outstanding	127,316	126,058
Employee stock options	1,578	737
Weighted average diluted number of common shares outstanding	128,894	126,795
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	\$ 3.77	\$ 5.22
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$ 3.73	\$ 5.19
Incentive Plan securities excluded from dilution ⁽¹⁾	30	275

(1) Represents securities not included in the computation of diluted earnings per common share because their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

The Company calculates earnings per share using the “two-class” method, whereby unvested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents are “participating securities” and, therefore, these participating securities are treated as a separate class in computing earnings per share. The calculation of earnings per share presented here excludes the income attributable to unvested restricted stock units related to our Incentive Plan from the numerator and excludes the dilutive impact of those shares from the denominator. Awards subject to the achievement of performance conditions or market conditions for which such conditions had been met at the end of any of the periods presented are included in the computation of diluted earnings per common share if their effect was dilutive.

Earnings per common share is not presented for the Successor period as the Company’s common stock is no longer publicly traded either on a stock exchange or in the over-the-counter market.

Note 19 — Supplemental Cash Flow Information

The following table sets forth supplemental cash flow information and non-cash investing and financing activities:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Successor		Predecessor	
	Year Ended December 31, 2023	July 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022	January 1, 2022 through July 24, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Supplemental cash flow information:				
Interest paid, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 287,143	\$ 73,726	\$ 103,074	\$ 178,330
Income taxes paid (refunded)	\$ 36,316	\$ 187,777	\$ 56,243	\$ 267,399
Supplemental non-cash investing and financing activities:				
Pushdown fair value adjustments	\$ —	\$ 1,522,432	\$ —	\$ —

Note 20 — Subsequent Events

In January 2024, the Board of Directors paid a dividend on our common stock in the aggregate amount of \$231.6 million, which was received by our direct parent, Camelot Parent, and further distributed to Camelot Return Parent, an indirect parent of the Company. Camelot Return Parent used the funds received to redeem all 1,950,000 preferred units of Camelot Return Parent held by CD&R Pisces Holdings, L.P.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2023. The term “disclosure controls and procedures,” as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act, means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company’s management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding the required disclosure. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Management believes that our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives. Based on the evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2023, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at such reasonable assurance level.

Management’s report on internal control over financial reporting is included in Item 8 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the quarter ended December 31, 2023 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information.

None.

Item 9C. Disclosure Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspections.

Not applicable.

PART III**Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.**

Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the “Certificate of Incorporation”) and Amended and Restated By-Laws (the “Bylaws”) provide that the number of directors shall be fixed from time to time pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority of the directors. In August 2022, pursuant to a unanimous consent adopted by our Board of Directors (the “Board”), the number of members constituting our Board was fixed at nine. There are no vacancies on the Board.

In accordance with our Bylaws, our directors are elected annually by our stockholders. Under our Bylaws, newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the authorized number of directors or any vacancies on our Board resulting from death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office or other cause shall be filled by a vote of the stockholders at any regular or special meeting of the stockholders (or by written consent in lieu of such meeting), and directors so elected shall hold office until the annual meeting of stockholders at which the term of office of the class to which the director has been elected expires. Under our Corporate Governance Guidelines, no person may stand for election as a director or be recommended for appointment by the Company’s stockholders if, on the date of any annual or special meeting held for the purpose of electing directors, such person shall have surpassed the age of 75.

The following table lists our current directors:

Directors and Executive Officers***Directors***

Name	Age	Position
Kathleen J. Affeldt	75	Director
Naomi Garlick	31	Director
Wilbert W. James, Jr.	67	Director
Daniel C. Janki	55	Director
John Krenicki, Jr.	61	Chairman
Rose Lee	58	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer
Timothy J. O’Brien	60	Director
Nathan K. Sleeper	50	Director
Tyler Young	36	Director

Our Board believes that each of our directors is highly qualified to serve as a member of our Board. Each of the directors has contributed to the mix of skills, core competencies and qualifications of our Board. Our directors are highly educated and have diverse backgrounds and talents and extensive track records of success in what we believe are highly relevant positions with some of the most reputable organizations in the world.

Our Board recognizes that directors with diverse backgrounds, attributes, perspectives and experiences can positively enhance the performance and deliberations of the Board. In addition to valuing diversity of backgrounds, qualifications, experiences, viewpoints, geographic location, education, skills, expertise and professional and industry experience, the Board seeks to include directors with diverse personal characteristics, including with respect to race, ethnicity, age, gender identity and sexual orientation, in order to ensure that diverse perspectives are included on the Board. Thirty-Three percent (33%) of our directors are diverse by gender, and twenty-two percent (22%) are diverse by race and ethnicity.

Kathleen J. Affeldt

Ms. Affeldt, age 75, has served as a director since November 2009. Ms. Affeldt is the Chair of the Compensation Committee. Ms. Affeldt retired from Lexmark International, Inc., a developer, manufacturer and supplier of printing and imaging solutions for offices and homes, in February 2003, where she had been Vice President of Human Resources since July 1996. She joined Lexmark International, Inc. when it became an independent company in 1991 as the Director of Human Resources. Ms. Affeldt began her career at IBM in 1969, specializing in sales of supply chain systems. She later held a number of human resources management positions. Ms. Affeldt has served as a director of BTE Technologies, Inc. and SIRVA, Inc. She also served as a director of Sally Beauty Holdings, Inc. and as the Chair of that board's compensation committee. She further served as a director and Chair of the compensation committee of HD Supply Holdings, Inc. Ms. Affeldt attended the State University of New York and Hunter College in New York City, majoring in business administration.

Director Qualifications: Ms. Affeldt's experience in large, multinational companies in general, as well as in the human resources field in particular, provides our Board with insight into the attraction, motivation and retention of personnel. Additionally, her service on the boards of other public companies brings to our Board valuable insight into the strategic, financial and personnel challenges faced by companies similar to the Company.

Naomi Garlick

Ms. Garlick, age 31, has served as director since December 2023 and is a member of the Audit Committee. Ms. Garlick is a Principal of Clayton, Dubilier and Rice, LLC ("CD&R") which she joined in 2023 and where she is mainly engaged in evaluating investment opportunities in the industrials vertical. Prior to joining CD&R, Ms. Garlick was with Brightstar Capital Partners, where she worked in industrials, consumer, and business services. Ms. Garlick started her career in high-yield credit at Goldman Sachs & Co., followed by three years as an investment banking analyst at Moelis & Company. Ms. Garlick has a master of business administration degree from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics and economics from Lafayette College.

Director Qualifications: Ms. Garlick's experience in the finance, accounting and economics, particularly with industrial companies, provides our Board with insight into business strategy, financial decision-making and the macroeconomic environment in which we operate.

Wilbert W. James, Jr.

Mr. James, age 67, has served as a director since May 2019. Mr. James is a member of the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. James had a 30-year career with Toyota Motors, with his most recent role as President of Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky (July 2010 - December 2017). In that role, he led Toyota's largest automotive manufacturing plant in the world and oversaw a nearly \$6 billion operation, which employed over 7,500 people. Additionally, he championed quality initiatives for Toyota's fourteen North American manufacturing plants. Mr. James currently serves as a director on the board of Atkore International. He also served as a director of Central Bank & Trust and Piston Group. Mr. James earned an associate degree in Applied Science from Old Dominion University, a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering technology from Old Dominion University, as well as an honorary doctorate degree in mechanical engineering technology from the University of Kentucky and an honorary degree from the University of Pikeville in 2015.

Director Qualifications: Mr. James's leadership roles in global manufacturing bring to our Board an understanding of the global business environment and valuable insight into the operations of large, complex manufacturing enterprises as well as corporate social responsibility, product development and supply chain matters.

Daniel C. Janki

Mr. Janki, age 55, has served as a director since May 2019. Mr. Janki is the Chair of the Audit Committee. Mr. Janki has served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Delta Airlines since July 2021. Prior to joining Delta, Mr. Janki was the Senior Vice President - Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and President of Power Portfolio at General Electric Company. Mr. Janki is also a national board member for BuildOn, and an advisory board member for the CFO RoundTable. Mr. Janki is a certified public accountant. Mr. Janki earned degrees in finance and accounting from The Ohio State University.

Director Qualifications: Mr. Janki’s leadership role for a large, multinational conglomerate brings to our Board an understanding of the global business environment, business strategy, and financial management. Further, Mr. Janki’s background as a certified public accountant provides the Audit Committee with valuable financial expertise.

John Krenicki, Jr.

Mr. Krenicki, age 61, has served as director since November 2018, and as Chair of the Board since July 2022. He serves on the Compensation Committee and is the Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. Krenicki is Vice Chair at CD&R and is Chair of Brand Industrial Holdings, Inc. (parent entity of Brand Industrial Services, Inc.) and Artera Services Holdco, LLC (formerly, PowerTeam Services, LLC). He is also a director at Devon Energy Corporation. Previously, Mr. Krenicki built a 29-year career at General Electric Co., where he served as Vice Chair as well as President and CEO of GE Energy, among other executive positions. He earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Connecticut. He received a master of science degree in management from Purdue University.

Director Qualifications: Mr. Krenicki’s executive and director experience in diverse manufacturing and services enterprises bring to our Board an understanding of the global business environment, business strategy and valuable insight into the operations of large, complex manufacturing operations.

Rose Lee

Ms. Lee, age 58, has served as President and Chief Executive Officer since September 2021, joining the board of directors at the same time. Prior to joining the Company, Ms. Lee was President of the DuPont Water & Protection reporting segment where she led a diverse business creating water, shelter and safety solutions for a more sustainable world. Ms. Lee also previously held senior leadership positions at Saint-Gobain in general management roles serving the construction, transportation, energy and defense sectors, and as Strategy Director and Chief Information Officer of the North America region. Prior to Saint-Gobain, she held various engineering and management positions at Pratt & Whitney, now part of Raytheon Technologies, and was a Senior Consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton. Ms. Lee is also an independent board member of Honeywell International Inc. and a former board member of Crown Holdings, Inc. and DSS+. In 2022, Ms. Lee was named to the National Association of Manufacturers’ board of directors, where she serves on its executive committee. She also serves as the 2023 Chair for the Manufacturing Institute’s Women MAKE America initiative. Ms. Lee is a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Harvard’s Joint Center for Housing Studies and has served as a member of the Economic Advisory Council for the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. Ms. Lee earned a bachelor of science in aerospace engineering from Cornell University, a master of science in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a master of business administration degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Director Qualifications: Ms. Lee brings senior management experience to the Board from her role as president of a global business segment of an NYSE-listed international manufacturing company. She also has corporate governance, Environmental, Social, and Governance (“ESG”) experience, and brings a deep knowledge of operations, engineering and technology matters that provides the Board with operational expertise.

Timothy J. O’Brien

Mr. O’Brien, age 60, has served as a director since November 2018 and he currently serves on the Audit Committee. Mr. O’Brien has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Wilsonart International Holdings LLC since January 2013. Prior to joining Wilsonart, Mr. O’Brien served as Vice President and General Manager of SABIC Innovative Plastic, responsible for the engineering resins business in the Americas and Europe. SABIC Innovative Plastics, a business unit of Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (“SABIC”), was founded in 2007 with the acquisition of GE Plastics. Mr. O’Brien began his career at General Electric as a Sales Representative for GE Lighting. Throughout his 24-year career at GE, he also held roles of increasing responsibility in sales, product management and general management, including Vice President of Sales and Distribution Operations for the Asia Pacific, based in Singapore. Prior to GE Plastics, Mr. O’Brien served as Senior Vice President for Commercial Finance with GE Capital until 2003, running a global computer leasing business. Mr. O’Brien earned his bachelor’s degree from Northeastern University in Massachusetts and his MBA from Baldwin Wallace College in Ohio.

Director Qualifications: Mr. O’Brien’s leadership roles in global manufacturing bring to our Board an understanding of the global manufacturing environment and valuable insight into businesses with large, complex manufacturing operations.

Nathan K. Sleeper

Mr. Sleeper, age 50, has served as a director since October 2009. Mr. Sleeper joined CD&R in 2000, and as of January 1, 2020, became the Chief Executive Officer of CD&R. Mr. Sleeper chairs its Executive Committee and is a member of its Investment, Operating Review and Compliance committees. He also leads the firm's industrials investment vertical and is responsible for firm operations. Prior to joining CD&R, he worked in the investment banking division of Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC and at investment firm Tiger Management Corp. Mr. Sleeper also currently serves as a director of ASP Flag Holdings LP (parent entity of Foundation Building Materials, Inc.); Brand Industrial Holdings, Inc. (parent entity of Brand Industrial Services, Inc.); Core & Main, Artera Services Holdco, LLC (formerly, PowerTeam Services LLC); CD&R Hydra Buyer, Inc., CD&R Hydra Midco, Inc., and CD&R Hydra Holdings, Inc. (parent entities of SunSource Holdings, Inc.); INDICOR Holdings, LLC; Multi-Color Corporation; Pursuit Aerospace; White Cap Parent, LLC; and Veritiv Corporation. Mr. Sleeper previously served as a director of Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc., Atkore International Group Inc., CHC Group Ltd., Culligan Ltd, HD Supply Holdings, Inc., Hertz Global Holdings, Inc., Hussmann International Inc., Ply Gem Parent, LLC, Roofing Supply Group, LLC, US Foods, Inc. and Wilsonart International Holdings LLC. He is a member of the Business Council and the Madison Boys and Girls Club, serves on the Williams College Board of Trustees, as well as on the investment committee for the college's endowment. Mr. Sleeper holds a bachelor of arts degree from Williams College and a master of business administration degree from Harvard Business School.

Director Qualifications: Mr. Sleeper's broad experience in the financial and investing communities brings to our Board important insights into business strategy and areas to improve our financial performance. He also serves on a number of boards.

Tyler Young

Mr. Young, age 36, has served as a director since August 2022. He serves on the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. Young joined CD&R in 2011 and is principally engaged in evaluating investment opportunities in the industrials sector. Prior to joining CD&R, he held positions with PayPal and LinkedIn and worked in the investment banking division of Bank of America Merrill Lynch. He currently serves as a director of Wilsonart International Holdings LLC; CD&R Hydra Buyer, Inc., CD&R Hydra Midco, Inc., and CD&R Hydra Holdings, Inc. (parent entities of SunSource Holdings, Inc.); ASP Flag Holdings LP (parent entity of Foundation Building Materials, Inc.); and White Cap Parent, LLC. Mr. Young holds a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Dartmouth College and holds a master of business administration degree from Harvard Business School.

Director Qualifications: Mr. Young's experience in the financial and investing community provides our Board with insight financial reporting and oversight and business strategy.

Executive Officers

Name	Age	Position
Rose Lee	58	President and Chief Executive Officer
Jeffrey S. Lee	55	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Matthew R. Ackley	43	President, Shelter Solutions
Petar Andrich	53	Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer
Alena S. Brenner	47	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Melissa M. Jones	45	President, Surface Solutions- U.S.
Colleen S. Pritchett	50	President, Aperture Solutions- U.S.

Information concerning the business experience of Ms. Lee is provided under the section titled "Directors" above.

Jeffrey S. Lee

Mr. Lee, age 55, has served as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer since June 2019. Mr. Lee also served as Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer from July 2020 until July 2022. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Lee was Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Wilsonart International Holdings LLC since 2014, a global manufacturer and distributor of decorative engineered surfaces for the commercial and residential markets. Prior to Wilsonart, Mr. Lee was the Executive Vice President and Corporate Chief Financial Officer for Contech LLC. Mr. Lee began his career at Eaton Corporation where he had a twelve-year career with various finance and operational roles of increasing responsibility. Mr. Lee currently serves on the board of Wilsonart International Holdings LLC. Mr. Lee holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of Utah and a master of business administration degree from Duke University. He is also a Six Sigma Champion and received Lean Training at the University of Tennessee.

Matthew R. Ackley

Mr. Ackley, age 43, has served as President of our Shelters Solutions business unit since November 2021. Prior to being promoted to his current responsibilities, Mr. Ackley served as President, Engineered Building Systems. Mr. Ackley has nearly twenty years of accomplished leadership in the building materials industry. Prior to joining the Company, he served as Vice President, Sales for USG Corporation, overseeing its Commercial Ceilings and Corporate Account teams, where he led strategic planning, sales execution and revenue and profit growth efforts. Mr. Ackley spent much of his career at USG Corporation holding roles of increasing responsibility, including: Vice President, Architectural Sales; Area Manager Central; Senior Manager, Investor Relations; Category Manager, Interior Walls - L&W Supply; and several other roles in sales and operations. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in economics and Spanish from the University of Redlands and a master of business administration degree from Pepperdine University.

Petar Andrich

Mr. Andrich, age 53, has served as our Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer since July 2023. Mr. Andrich has nearly thirty years of global leadership experience in the industrials sector. Previously, he was the Chief Human Resources Officer for Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P., a leading specialty petroleum products company. Prior to Calumet, Mr. Andrich held various roles of increasing responsibility at Amcor, ASR Group, British Petroleum, General Electric and PPG Industries. Mr. Andrich holds a bachelor's degree from Purdue University and a master's degree from the University of West Florida.

Alena S. Brenner

Ms. Brenner, age 47, has served as our Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary since April 2021. Before joining the Company, Ms. Brenner served as Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of Ryder System, Inc., a transportation and logistics company, where she advanced through various leadership roles since January 2012, most recently serving as Vice President and Deputy General Counsel. Prior to her work with Ryder System, Inc., Ms. Brenner was the Director of Commercial Law and Mergers and Acquisitions ("M&A") at the New York headquarters for Anheuser-Busch InBev. She previously spent over eight years at the New York City office of the law firm Hunton & Williams (now Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP) working in the Global Capital Markets and M&A group. Ms. Brenner earned a bachelor of science degree in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University and a juris doctorate degree from Fordham University School of Law.

Melissa M. Jones

Ms. Jones, age 45, serves as President of our Surface Solutions – U.S. business unit, having joined the Company in July 2022. Ms. Jones brings more than twenty years of leadership experience and demonstrated success delivering revenue and profit growth through customer-centric organic growth strategies, M&A integration, operational excellence, and commercial excellence in the industrial machinery and electrical manufacturing industries. Most recently, Ms. Jones served as Group President of Commercial Water Solutions at Pentair, a global water treatment and solutions company, where she also held other various roles of increasing responsibility. Prior to Pentair, Ms. Jones was Director of Product, Channel and Marketing at Generac Power Systems and Director of Marketing at Johnson Controls. She has also worked in corporate marketing functions at Abbott Laboratories, Milwaukee Tool and Stanley Black & Decker. Ms. Jones holds a bachelor of arts degree in economics from St. Mary's Honors College of Maryland and a master of business administration degree from the University of Maryland.

Colleen S. Pritchett

Ms. Pritchett, age 50, serves as President of our Aperture Solutions – U.S. business unit since in August, 2022. Ms. Pritchett has over twenty years of global leadership experience with demonstrated success improving operations and expanding product portfolios through innovation and growth strategies in the industrial, electronics, aerospace and building materials industries. Prior to this, Ms. Pritchett served as President of Americas Aerospace, a division of Hexcel Corporation. Prior to Hexcel, Ms. Pritchett spent twenty-two years in various roles of increasing responsibility with DuPont. Ms. Pritchett also serves on the board of directors of Carpenter Technology Corporation. Ms. Pritchett received her bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Penn State University and a master of business administration degree from Goizueta Business School at Emory University. She also has leadership training from the Harvard Business School Leadership Program and the Women in Governance Program at University of California, Los Angeles.

Board of Directors

Board Committees

Our Board has three standing committees — the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Each of the three committees regularly discusses with the Board at Board meetings the work it has performed to fully discharge its responsibilities, and it may also report to the Board at any time regarding any matter it deems of sufficient importance.

Board and Committee Appointments

Below is a table disclosing our Board and current committee compositions:

Name	Board	Audit	Compensation	Nominating and Corporate Governance
Kathleen J. Affeldt	Member		Chair	
Naomi Garlick ⁽¹⁾	Member	Member		
Wilbert W. James, Jr.	Member		Member	Member
Daniel C. Janki	Member	Chair		
John Krenicki, Jr.	Chair		Member	Chair
Rose Lee	Member			
Timothy J. O'Brien	Member	Member		
Nathan K. Sleeper	Member			
Tyler Young	Member	Member	Member	Member
Meetings held during 2023	5	9	4	4

(1) Ms. Garlick joined the Board in December 2023.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is responsible for engaging and discharging the independent auditors, as well as monitoring audit functions and procedures. The Audit Committee also provides assistance to the Board regarding its oversight of the Company’s financial statements, accounting, risk management and internal control practices. In discharging its duties, the Audit Committee has the authority to retain independent legal, accounting and other advisors and has the sole authority to appoint, retain, replace or terminate the independent auditor.

The Audit Committee is composed solely of directors who have the requisite financial literacy to serve on the Audit Committee, as determined by our Board.

Our Board, after reviewing all of the relevant facts, circumstances and attributes, has determined that Mr. Janki, the Chair of our Audit Committee, is an “audit committee financial expert” as defined by Item 407(d)(5)(ii) of Regulation S-K.

The Audit Committee operates under a written Audit Committee Charter adopted by our Board.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to our Board on all matters relating to compensation and benefits provided to executive management. The Compensation Committee also helps oversee the Company's policies and strategies related to talent management and development for executive and senior management. The Compensation Committee is permitted to delegate its authority on all matters for which it is responsible to subcommittees consisting of one or more members.

The Compensation Committee operates under a Compensation Committee Charter adopted by our Board.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for recommending qualified candidates to serve on our Board and evaluating, implementing and overseeing the standards and guidelines for the governance of the Company, including monitoring compliance with those standards and guidelines, as well as overseeing succession planning and evaluating the performance of the Board.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee operates under a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter adopted by our Board.

In identifying and evaluating nominees for director, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee first looks at the overall size and structure of our Board to determine the need to add or remove directors and to determine if there are any specific qualities or skills that would complement the existing strengths of our Board, taking into account the overall diversity of the Board and its committees.

The Board provides standards for directors in the Board's Corporate Governance Guidelines and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter. The Corporate Governance Guidelines set forth the requisite skills and characteristics that the Board seeks in Board members, including, but not limited to:

- High personal and professional ethics, strength of character, integrity, and values;
- Education, experience, intelligence, independence, fairness, reasoning ability, practical wisdom and vision to exercise sound, mature judgments;
- Time and effort necessary to learn the Company's business;
- Breadth of viewpoint and experience necessary for an understanding of the Company's diverse constituencies;
- Personality, tact, sensitivity, and perspective to participate in deliberations in a constructive and collegial manner;
- Ability to objectively appraise the performance of management of the Company and in independent mind willing to question management's assumptions when appropriate and;
- No conflicts of interest that would interfere with the Board members's ability to discharge their duties.

In evaluating candidates for our Board, our Board considers the Company's priorities related to our culture and social sustainability objectives, with a focus on age, race, gender, and other forms of diversity in the composition of our Board. Our Board seeks candidates that reflect and support our efforts to create a work environment that is diverse, inclusive and equitable, and to benefit from the variety of experiences and backgrounds that diverse members bring to our organization.

As part of its periodic self-assessment process, our Board annually reviews the diversity of specific skills and experiences necessary for the optimal functioning of our Board in its oversight of the Company over both the short- and long-term.

Corporate Governance

Our Board has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines to provide guidance on corporate governance matters. These guidelines provide a framework for our corporate governance initiatives and cover topics including, but not limited to, director qualification and responsibilities, Board composition, director compensation and management and succession planning. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for overseeing and reviewing the guidelines and reporting and recommending to our Board any changes to the guidelines. Our Board is committed to ensuring that the Board is comprised of directors with an appropriate mix of skills, experiences and backgrounds to meet both the Board's current and long-term needs.

Our Board has adopted a Code of Conduct, which is designed to help officers, directors and employees resolve ethical issues in an increasingly complex business environment. The Code of Conduct is applicable to all of our officers, directors and employees, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer and other persons performing similar functions. The Code of Conduct covers topics, including but not limited to, conflicts of interest, confidentiality of information and compliance with laws and regulations. In 2023, we updated the Code of Conduct to align with the Company's current organizational and operational structure, applicable regulatory requirements and risk profile.

Our Code of Conduct is available, free of charge, on our website, along with other corporate governance information, at www.cornerstonebuildingbrands.com under the heading "Investors — Sustainability — Governance — Governance Documents."

Waivers from our Code of Conduct are discouraged, and any waivers from the Code of Conduct that relate to any officer or director must be approved by our Board, and will be disclosed to the fullest extent as required by law and will be posted on our website at www.cornerstonebuildingbrands.com within four business days of any such waiver.

The Board's Role in Risk Oversight

The Board has ultimate responsibility for risk oversight. Management is responsible for the day-to-day management of the risks we face. The Board and its committees provide active oversight in connection with those efforts of the management, with a particular focus on ensuring that the Company's risk management practices are appropriate. Such risk management practices involve designing or updating policies with respect to compliance, cybersecurity, data privacy, climate and succession planning. The Company maintains an enterprise-wide risk management program that includes a multi-factor, qualitative and quantitative process designed to identify and to assess the likelihood, timing and impact of the most critical risks to achieving the Company's strategic objectives. The Board exercises its risk oversight responsibilities through periodic briefing and informational sessions provided by management that cover the significant risks that the Company faces with a focus on how the Company is seeking to manage and mitigate risk. The Audit Committee oversees management's implementation and maintenance of the Company's enterprise-wide risk management process, as well as risks related to, among other things, financial reporting, internal controls, compliance, cybersecurity and data protection. The Compensation Committee oversees risk related to, among other things, the Company's compensation policies and programs. The Nominating and Governance Committee oversees risk related to, among other things, the Company's corporate governance structure, policies and practices, including ESG and corporate social responsibility matters, the Board's composition, succession planning and the Company's culture.

Risk Analysis of Our Compensation Plans

Frederic W. Cook & Co. ("FW Cook") was engaged by the Compensation Committee to assist with the assessment of risk arising from the Company's executive compensation programs and policies. FW Cook's assessment covered each material element of the executive compensation programs, including our compensation mix of (i) fixed components like salary and benefits, (ii) annual incentives that reward overall financial performance, and (iii) multi-year equity awards tied to increases in Company value. Based on these assessments, the Company concluded that our policies and practices do not create risk that is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company or to encourage excessive and unnecessary risk taking by executive officers or other employees, because these programs are designed to encourage employees to remain focused on both our short- and long-term operational and financial goals that are drivers of long-term sustained increases in Company value. FW Cook's assessments also took into account that our compensation opportunities are generally measured by a variety of performance metrics, and the program includes a pay mix that is balanced between short- and long-term incentive compensation, including caps on incentive awards and incorporates risk mitigation policies such as clawback policies.

Sustainability

During June 2023 we published our Environmental, Social & Governance Report to cover the 2022 calendar year. This report is informed by several reporting frameworks and is in accordance with the 2021 GRI Universal Standards, the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosure and in partial alignment with the SASB: Building Products & Furnishing Standards. The report documents our progress toward our sustainability objectives and outlines what we aspire to achieve in the future. We recognize our responsibility to increase our positive impact on sustainability issues affecting our environment, our society and the world.

This belief is embodied in our business strategy, which serves as a guidepost for building our capabilities as a customer-first, solutions-driven company. We aim to focus on the responsible, sustainable solutions our services and products can offer while, in parallel, evaluating our environmental footprint, creating a safe and inclusive work environment for our employees, and improving the communities we serve.

We are dedicated to constantly improving the sustainability of our solutions through operational efficiencies that reduce our environmental impact while increasing the life cycle and recyclability of our products. We believe recyclable and environmentally favorable products help conserve natural resources and reduce our products' overall environmental impact. We operate lean manufacturing processes to reduce, reuse and recycle waste where possible through both internal initiatives and in partnership with suppliers and other third-party vendors.

We are mindful of the harmful effects of global climate change and the contributions to climate change from our manufacturing operations, the transportation and distribution of products, and the end-use of building construction products. In 2023, we analyzed utility provider data (i.e., electricity, natural gas, and water) to assist with energy procurement and analyze our greenhouse gas emissions, and assist with sustainability reporting. Based on this data, we selected specific sites to conduct third-party utility audits to help dictate sustainability initiatives.

In 2023, we continued our sustainability journey by establishing baselines for key sustainability metrics, implementing a SaaS application to operationalize our sustainability data, and engaging our supply chain with a Supplier Code of Conduct and sustainability questionnaire. We continue to engage with our stakeholders to regularly communicate progress, share meaningful sustainability achievements and stories, and outline future sustainability priorities and goals. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee oversees our sustainability efforts, and we believe that our robust governance framework ensures that sustainability is an essential part of our Company's culture and strategy.

Human Capital Management

Talent acquisition, engagement and retention are among of our highest priorities because our employees design and build our exterior building products for our customers. Our core values guide us in creating the environment where we can all win together. This starts with our emphasis on occupational health, safety and employee well-being in our operations. To attract and retain the best employees, we focus on providing competitive pay and benefits. We provide benefit programs with the goal of improving the physical, mental and financial wellness of our employees throughout their lifetime. Some examples in the United States ("U.S.") include base and variable pay, medical and dental coverage, paid time off and retirement saving plans with a Company match. We continually review wages to ensure we are fair, equitable, competitive and can attract and retain the best talent. We recruit our talent from a wide range of industries and use many different methods to attract a diverse pool of applicants including community job fairs, job boards, social media, and employee or community agency referrals. We aim to hire and train candidates using a process that is free from biases for or against any individual or group of candidates. We commit to creating a safe and inclusive work environment for our employees. Embracing all employees and applicants, no matter their background, race, age, sexual orientation and identity, and delivering a transparent, fair and engaging experience across the organization are both core to our talent management strategy.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion ("DE&I") is foundational to the successful execution of our business strategy. Building a strong, growing organization begins with our employees, a team comprised of people from many backgrounds, each adding a unique and valued contribution to the success of our organization. In 2021, to further support our employees and integrate DE&I into our Company culture, we formed various employee resource groups ("ERGs") for women, people of color, LGBTQ+ and veterans, providing employees with opportunities to express opinions, develop professional skills, find peer support and mentorship, and increase overall engagement through a tangible sense of belonging. Each group has a core active group who meet monthly and the ERGs meet together once per quarter. Our success depends on valuing all individuals and leveraging our diverse talent.

Cybersecurity and Data Privacy

Our cybersecurity policy applies to all of our employees, contractors, consultants, third-party service providers and vendors. Our core cybersecurity objectives are related to the overall protection of systems, people, assets, data and security. Our cybersecurity policy contains preventative and detective measures to protect against cyber-attacks that seek to (i) acquire confidential information, (ii) corrupt, damage or destroy information and systems and (iii) flood network resources to render them unavailable. Our employees are required to participate in regular cybersecurity awareness campaigns along with annual cybersecurity, privacy and information training.

Item 11. Executive Compensation.

Compensation Discussion & Analysis

This Compensation Discussion & Analysis (“CD&A”) provides information regarding the Company’s compensation programs for the named executive officers of the Company (the “NEOs”) for year ended December 31, 2023 (“2023”). As such, our NEOs include:

- Rose Lee, President and Chief Executive Officer;
- Jeffrey S. Lee, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer;
- Alena S. Brenner, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
- Petar Andrich, Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer
- Matthew R. Ackley, President, Shelter Solutions
- Katy K. Theroux, Former Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer ⁽¹⁾

(1) Ms. Theroux separated from the Company effective June 2023.

Summary and Highlights for 2023

Compensation Highlights for 2023

During 2022 and 2023, our indirect parent, Camelot Return Ultimate, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the “Partnership” or “Camelot Parent”), granted equity awards to certain key employees considered critical to the success of our Company, including our NEOs, which consisted of interests in future profits of the Partnership. See “*Executive Compensation – Long-Term Incentive Awards Granted to NEOs in 2022*”.

In June 2023, Ms. Theroux, ceased to serve as Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer of the Company. Ms. Theroux received the severance benefits pursuant to the employment agreement entered into in June 2016 (“Employment Agreement”) that are payable upon resignation to Ms. Theroux for “Good Reason” as defined in the Employment Agreement. Ms. Theroux also provided consulting and advisory services through December 31, 2023 and her services during this period were treated as service for purposes of vesting in the value of her equity awards that vested through December 31, 2023.

Performance Highlights in 2023

We delivered strong financial results in 2023 while navigating lower sales volumes and fluctuating commodity costs and other operational challenges. Leveraging our ability to quickly adapt to changing market dynamics and our agile execution capabilities, we maintained price discipline across all reportable segments, which offset volume and inflationary pressures. Additionally, we benefited from cost take-out initiatives through the Cornerstone Production System.

In addition to our strong performance, we remained focused on enhancing long-term growth by taking actions to optimize our portfolio. During 2023, we acquired M.A.C. Métal Architectural Inc. (“MAC Metal”) and Eastern Architectural Systems (“EAS”), which furthered growth in markets that are core to our operations and strengthened our ability to serve all customers and channels with a comprehensive portfolio of materials, products and brands.

Executive Compensation Governance

Compensation Philosophy and Objectives of the Company’s Compensation Program

Our executive compensation philosophy is based on the principle that executive pay should be linked to the performance of the Company. Our Compensation Committee has established the following objectives for our executive compensation programs:

- Attract, retain and motivate exceptional executives;
- Reward performance measured against established goals;
- Provide incentives for future performance; and
- Align executives’ long-term interests with long-term value creation.

In support of these goals, we designed our compensation programs to reward excellent short-term performance and to encourage executives' commitment to the Company's long-term, strategic business goals. In 2022, the Board of Directors of Camelot Parent (the "Parent Board"), implemented a long-term incentive program consisting of grants of equity from Camelot Parent. This equity is designed to create alignment between our shareholder and Company management by enabling the management team to receive a return based upon the appreciation of the Partnership's equity value that will be created through execution of the long-term strategic plan and profitable growth of the Partnership and its subsidiaries, including the Company.

Determination and Administration of Compensation Programs and Amounts

Decisions regarding executive compensation are based primarily on the assessment by the Compensation Committee of each NEO's leadership and operational performance, and potential to enhance long-term value to the Company. Since February 2015, the Compensation Committee has retained a compensation consultant, FW Cook, to assist it in its comprehensive review of the Company's executive compensation program. During 2023, FW Cook continued to advise the Compensation Committee regarding compensation packages for existing executives, new hires, and promotions and other governance related matters (see "*Executive Compensation — Compensation of Directors*"). The Compensation Committee also relies on its judgment, prior experience, and the judgment of our CEO, Ms. Lee, about each individual NEO in determining the amount and combination of compensation elements and whether each payment or award appropriately encourages and rewards performance. The Compensation Committee meets regularly in separate executive sessions without management personnel present and also requests periodically that our officers or employees attend meetings.

Based on (i) the benchmarking data prepared by FW Cook, (ii) discussions with and recommendations by Ms. Lee during 2023 and (iii) our pay-for-performance policies, the Compensation Committee determined to maintain our existing executive compensation programs during 2023.

Role of the Compensation Committee

Key factors considered by the Compensation Committee in this regard include:

- Actual performance compared to pre-established financial, operational and strategic goals for the Company;
- Individual contribution to the Company's financial results, particularly with respect to key measures such as net sales, adjusted EBITDA and working capital as a percentage of net sales;
- Effectiveness in leading our initiatives to enhance quality and value provided to customers; and
- Individual commitment and contribution to a culture defined by our core values of safety, integrity and inclusion.

The Compensation Committee also considered the appropriate balance between incentives for short- and long-term performance as well as internal "pay equity" — in other words, the relative differences in compensation among the executive officers. In addition, our Compensation Committee has reviewed our compensation policies as generally applicable to our employees and believes that our policies do not encourage excessive and unnecessary risk-taking. See "*Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance — Risk Analysis of Our Compensation Plans.*"

Role of Management

During 2023, Ms. Lee, Mr. Lee, Ms. Brenner, Mr. Andrich and other senior executives attended certain Compensation Committee meetings at the Compensation Committee's request to advise the Compensation Committee regarding our performance and to recommend compensation and benefits for our NEOs (other than the CEO). Our management, under the leadership of Ms. Lee, plays an important role in establishing and maintaining our compensation programs for our NEOs. Management's role includes recommending plans and programs to the Compensation Committee, implementing the Compensation Committee's decisions regarding the plans and programs and assisting and administering plans in support of the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee also relied to a certain extent on Ms. Lee's evaluations of other NEOs whose day-to-day performance was not as visible to the Compensation Committee as it was to Ms. Lee.

Role of Independent Advisors

The Compensation Committee's charter provides that it may retain advisors, including compensation consultants, in its sole discretion. The Compensation Committee has assessed the independence of FW Cook pursuant to SEC and NYSE rules and has determined that FW Cook does not have any economic interest or other relationship that would create a conflict with its services to the Compensation Committee.

Peer Group

In assessing compensation elements and making compensation decisions for our executive officers, our Compensation Committee considers the executive compensation practices of a peer group of companies of similar size to the Company in related industries. In 2020, our Compensation Committee adopted a revised compensation peer group with the assistance of FW Cook. The changes to the compensation peer group were made to include companies that better align with the Company’s operations and business model. The following peer group was used in making compensation decisions for our NEOs during 2023:

Acuity Brands, Inc.	JELD-WEN Holding, Inc.	Masonite International Corporation
Carlisle Companies Inc.	Leggett & Platt, Inc.	Mohawk Industries, Inc.
Fortune Brands Home & Security, Inc.	Lennox International, Inc.	nVent Electric plc
Generac Holdings Inc.	Louisiana-Pacific Corporation	Owens Corning
Hubbell Inc.	Masco Corporation	

The Company’s net sales fall between the median and 75th percentile of the peer companies.

CEO Compensation

The Compensation Committee is directly responsible for determining the salary level of the CEO and all awards and grants to the CEO. In September 2021, the Company entered into an employment agreement with our current CEO, Ms. Lee, in connection with her appointment. Ms. Lee’s compensation has a strong performance orientation, with annual incentive payouts linked to financial results and Incentive Unit, as defined in “*Long-Term Incentive Awards under the Equity Plan*” in this section, value driven by Company value creation. Ms. Lee’s overall compensation package has also been set at a level that we believe provides appropriate differentiation between CEO compensation and the compensation of other executive officers hired from time to time.

Elements of Executive Compensation

The principle elements of compensation provided to our NEOs consist of a base salary, the opportunity to earn a bonus under the Company’s Bonus Program and long-term incentive compensation under the Camelot Return Ultimate 2022 Equity Incentive Plan (“Equity Plan”).

Base Salary

The Compensation Committee annually reviews base salaries and makes adjustments in light of competitive data regarding a peer group of companies as well as a NEO’s responsibilities, experience and performance levels relative to other executives and the potential for making significant contributions in the future, to ensure that salary levels remain appropriate and competitive. Base salary provides the foundation for calculating other benefits such as annual cash bonus and discretionary matching under the 401(k) plan, so the executive’s individual performance has a significant impact on both salary and the benefits derived from salary.

Named Executive Officer	2023 Base Salary
Rose Lee	\$ 1,150,000
Jeffrey S. Lee	630,000
Alena S. Brenner	450,000
Petar Andrich	445,000
Matthew R. Ackley	450,000
Katy K. Theroux	450,000

Annual Bonus

Short-term annual cash incentive compensation is provided through our Bonus Program, under which annual cash bonuses may be paid to executives to reward their contributions to our business during the year.

2023 Performance Criteria

For purposes of the annual bonus metrics, on a Pro Forma basis reflecting the impact of acquisitions, “Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA” excludes interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, share-based compensation, strategic development and acquisition-related costs, gains on divestitures and legal settlements, and certain other items excluded in order to more accurately reflect current underlying operating performance. Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA also reflects the impact of companies acquired during the year, adjusted for a full year of performance. For additional information regarding Adjusted EBITDA, including a detailed calculation and reconciliation to the most comparable GAAP measure, see “*Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*”, under the heading “*Non-GAAP Financial Measures*”.

Under the 2023 Bonus Program, the threshold of achievement of Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA and Pro Forma Working Capital as a Percentage of Net Sales metrics is set at either the prior year’s actual performance results or, in the case of EBITDA, 80% of the current year plan target, whichever is greater. Additionally, the Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA threshold must be met in order for payment to be earned in respect of the Pro Forma Working Capital as a Percentage of Net Sales metric, or payout will be capped at the target payout percentage, typically 100%.

The payout for threshold levels of achievement, the beginning level at which payouts can be earned, was 50%, and the payout for maximum levels of achievement was 200%. Our Company believes this plan design keeps employees focused on the most important performance measures and incentivizes achievement of our goals.

For performance at or above the threshold, payments under the Bonus Program are made as follows for corporate executives such as Mses. Lee, Brenner and Theroux and Messrs. Lee and Andrich, except for Mr. Ackley, whose plan also includes a measure of business unit performance:

Metric	Weighting	Threshold (50% Earned)	Target (100% Earned)	Maximum (200% Earned)
Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA	80%	94% of goal	\$710.5 million	111% of goal
Pro Forma Working Capital as % of Net Sales	20%	106% of goal	15.9%	94% of goal

Adjusted EBITDA and working capital performance between these three levels is determined by linear interpolation. Total annual bonuses for all employees, including non-management employees, may not exceed 15% of the Company’s adjusted pre-tax profit for 2023, calculated in accordance with the Bonus Program, before accrual for bonuses and before share-based compensation expense under the Incentive Plan.

2023 Bonus Earned

In 2023, each NEO was assigned a target annual bonus equal to a percentage of his or her base salary, as set forth in the table below. See “*Executive Compensation — Narrative to the Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table — Employment Agreements.*”

For corporate executives such as Mses. Lee, Brenner, Theroux and Messrs. Lee and Andrich during 2023, the Company achieved Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA of \$751.7 million against target Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA of \$710.5 million and working capital of 16.9% of net sales against a target working capital of 15.9% of net sales. This achievement level corresponded to a bonus payout at 154.3% of the portion of the target annual bonus based on Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA, and a bonus payout at 53.5% of the portion of the target annual bonus based on working capital, resulting in a total payout at 134.1% of target bonus levels. Mr. Ackley’s bonus also included a measure of business unit performance. Coupled with the Company achievement metrics noted above as part of the business unit bonus program, Mr. Ackley achieved a total payout at 146.3% of target bonus levels.

The Compensation Committee did not revise or reset performance goals during the year, nor did it exercise any discretion to increase or decrease these payout levels, resulting in the bonuses shown in the following table.

Named Executive Officer	2023 Target Bonus % Salary	2023 Target Bonus (\$)	2023 % of Target Earned	2023 Bonus Earned (\$)
Rose Lee	122 ⁽¹⁾	1,400,007 ⁽¹⁾	134	1,878,436
Jeffrey S. Lee	90	567,000	134	760,763
Alena S. Brenner	75	337,500	134	452,835
Petar Andrich	75	147,216 ⁽²⁾	134	197,524 ⁽²⁾
Matthew R. Ackley	75	337,500	146	493,771
Katy K. Theroux	75	167,363 ⁽²⁾	134	224,557 ⁽²⁾

(1) Target bonus as a percentage of salary and target bonus was based on 120% as a percent of salary through August 2023 and 125% thereafter.

(2) Bonuses are pro-rated based upon hire and separation dates during 2023.

Long-Term Incentive Compensation

Prior to the Merger, our long-term incentive compensation program consisted of annual grants of equity-based awards, including stock options, restricted stock units (“RSUs”) and performance stock units (“PSUs”) under a stockholder-approved equity-based compensation plan (the “Pre-Merger Plan”). In connection with the Merger, our Parent Board adopted the Equity Plan, under which each of our NEOs received a one-time grant of equity interests that will allow them to receive a return based upon the appreciation of the Partnership’s equity value from the date of grant as described below.

We believe that equity awards to our NEOs must be sufficient in size to provide a strong, long-term performance and retention incentive for executives and to increase their vested interest in the Company and the Partnership. The value of the equity awards granted to NEOs is based on the individual’s strategic role in generating long-term value creation for the Company and the Partnership.

Long-Term Incentive Awards under the Equity Plan

Our NEOs participate in the Equity Plan. The Equity Plan was adopted by the Parent Board in October 2022. The Equity Plan was formed to promote the long-term growth and profitability of the Partnership and its subsidiaries, including the Company, by providing those persons who are involved with the growth of the Partnership and its subsidiaries a grant of Class B Units (“Incentive Units”) in the Partnership, thereby encouraging such persons to contribute to and participate in the success of the Partnership and its subsidiaries, including the Company. Each Incentive Unit represents a conditional right to receive distributions from Camelot Parent in excess of the “participation threshold” of the Incentive Unit (as set forth in grant documentation). The Parent Board of the Partnership believed the best way to encourage NEOs to contribute and participate in the success of the Partnership and the Company was to provide a grant of Incentive Units to our NEOs with a significant vesting period and, at the same time, provide the opportunity to purchase Class A Units in the Partnership. Therefore, in October 2022, our NEOs were granted Incentive Units and were also offered the opportunity to purchase Class A Units in the Partnership under the Equity Plan. The Compensation Committee made a decision in 2023 to grant additional Incentive Units to certain NEOs based upon their contributions to the Company. Furthermore, Mr. Andrich was granted thirty-six thousand shares subsequent to his hire in August 2023.

At the end of 2023, the Parent Board was comprised of Ms. Lee, Ms. Garlick, and Messrs. Krenicki, Sleeper and Young. Ms. Lee did not participate in any discussions with the Parent Board related to the grant of Incentive Units to herself. All grants made under the Equity Plan have been and will in the future be in the form of Class A and Class B Units in the Partnership.

The number of Incentive Units granted during 2023 to each NEO is set forth in the following table:

Named Executive Officers	Incentive Units Granted
Rose Lee	—
Jeffrey S. Lee	—
Alena S. Brenner	5,000
Petar Andrich	36,000
Matthew R. Ackley	—
Katy K. Theroux	—

Vesting Terms Applicable to Incentive Units

The Incentive Units also function as a retention device by vesting in five equal annual installments over five years, subject, in each case, to the NEO's continued employment or service with the Company through the applicable vesting date. The Incentive Units (both vested and unvested) are subject to forfeiture if the NEO's employment is terminated with cause (as defined in the Equity Plan) or if the NEO fails to comply with confidentiality, non-competition, non-solicitation, nondisparagement, and other restrictive covenants under the Equity Plan, and unvested Incentive Units are subject to forfeiture in the event of the NEO's termination of employment by the Company without cause or upon the NEO's resignation for any reason. The Incentive Units also provide for accelerated vesting of any unvested portion of Incentive Units upon the consummation of a sale of the Partnership in certain circumstances or in the case of the NEO's death or disability. See "*Executive Compensation – Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control – Equity Incentive Awards.*"

Retirement Benefits

Our executive officers, including our NEOs, are eligible to participate in our tax-qualified 401(k) plan. In addition, we believe that benefit programs that address the unique circumstances of executives in light of limitations imposed on benefits payable from qualified welfare, profit-sharing and retirement plans are critical in attracting and retaining quality executives. Therefore, we have adopted a Deferred Compensation Plan ("DCP") that allows key employees to elect to defer a portion of their annual salary and annual cash bonus, subject to certain specified maximum deferral amounts. As of December 31, 2023, none of our employees elected to participate. See "*Compensation – Nonqualified Deferred Compensation*" for additional details regarding the terms of the DCP.

Other Compensation

Employment Agreements, Separation Agreement and Termination Benefits

The Company has entered into employment agreements with certain NEOs. The descriptions herein pertain to their employment agreements as in effect during 2023. The initial terms of Ms. Lee's and Brenner's and Mr. Lee's employment agreements have expired, and each such agreement has been automatically extended for a period of one year. The employment agreements generally provide for a base salary, target annual bonus and long-term incentive opportunities. In addition, the employment agreements include restrictive covenants, including confidentiality, non-competition, non-solicitation and non-disparagement covenants.

The employment agreements, Severance Plan, and certain other compensation arrangements of the Company include provisions providing for special payments or benefits upon specified termination events or in connection with the occurrence of a change in control of the Company. However, these arrangements do not include "gross-ups" for golden parachute excise taxes or other taxes. We believe that these termination and change in control benefits provide covered NEOs an incentive to act in the Company's best interest during a change-in-control transaction despite the risk of losing their jobs or a significant change in the nature of their benefits and responsibilities. We also believe that, in some cases, our termination and change in control benefits are necessary to attract and retain certain executives. For a description of the terms of the employment agreements, consulting agreements, severance agreements and equity awards, see "*Executive Compensation – Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control.*"

In March 2023, Katy K. Theroux, Former Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer, informed the Company that she would decline the Company's request to relocate to the Company's headquarters in Cary, North Carolina due to family circumstances. Pursuant to her agreement, Ms. Theroux departed the Company in June 2023. Ms. Theroux continued to be available for consulting and advisory support through December 31, 2023 to ensure a smooth transition ("Transition Period").

Ms. Theroux received the severance benefits pursuant to Ms. Theroux's existing Employment Agreement that are payable upon resignation by Ms. Theroux for "Good Reason" as defined in the Employment Agreement.

In exchange for Ms. Theroux's agreement to provide consulting and advisory services through the Transition Period, Ms. Theroux's services during this period were treated as service for purposes of vesting in the value of her equity awards that vest through the end of the Transition Period.

Perquisites and Personal Benefits

We offer limited perquisites or personal benefits to our NEOs. We provide certain financial planning services and, on occasion, entertainment related expenses (e.g., concert tickets) for certain employees, including some of our NEOs.

In January 2022, the Compensation Committee approved Ms. Lee's use of the Company's aircraft for limited personal trips through June 2023, between Raleigh and Philadelphia, where Ms. Lee's family resided through part of 2023, no more than once a month, the cost of which is imputed income.

Gross-Ups

With the exception of limited, one-time tax indemnification in connection with the incurrence of relocation expenses under our relocation policy, the Company generally does not provide for any tax assistance or "gross-ups" for any of its executives.

Clawback Policy

The Company has a clawback policy (the "Clawback Policy") to better align our compensation practices with the Company's interests by providing a mechanism to recover cash, stock or other incentive compensation in certain circumstances if a covered employee commits fraud or misconduct, or if the incentive compensation was based on inaccurate financial information resulting from fraud, misconduct or gross negligence.

Our Clawback Policy allows recovery of all forms of compensation paid to covered employees pursuant to any incentive-based compensation plan, if (i) the Company is required to prepare a material accounting restatement due to noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement under the U.S. securities laws, and such noncompliance is the result of the fraud, misconduct or gross negligence of a covered employee, or (ii) a covered employee has committed fraud or misconduct (regardless of whether a restatement occurs). Examples of "misconduct" under the policy include material acts of dishonesty or misrepresentation, acts constituting "cause" under the terms of a covered employee's employment agreement, acts or omissions that could reasonably be expected to cause financial or reputational harm to the Company, and material violations of Company policy.

The Clawback Policy, which covers all current and former executive officers (including the NEOs), applies to all incentive compensation that is earned or vested after the date the policy was adopted (regardless of when granted). Upon a determination that the Clawback Policy will be applied, the Board may recover, (i) in the case of fraud or misconduct, up to the amount of incentive compensation received in any of the three completed fiscal years prior to the fiscal year in which the Board determines that the executive officer committed conduct giving rise to recoupment under the policy, and (ii) in the case of a material accounting restatement, up to the amount of incentive compensation received in any of the three completed fiscal years ending with (and inclusive of) the fiscal year subject to such restatement. The Board, with input from the Compensation Committee and the Audit Committee, has sole discretion to determine whether and how to apply the Clawback Policy. In determining whether to recover compensation, the Board may take into account any and all factors that it determines to be appropriate and relevant under the circumstances, including the likelihood and costs of recovery, compliance with applicable law, the ability of the executive officer to repay such amount, the tax consequences of the original payment and/or the recoupment to the executive officer (including whether recoupment shall be on a pre-tax or post-tax basis), and any other potentially adverse consequences for the Company or the executive officer arising from seeking enforcement of the policy.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

During 2023, no member of the Compensation Committee served as an executive officer of the Company, and, except as described in “Transactions with Related Persons” below, no such person had any relationship with the Company requiring disclosure herein. During 2023, there were no Compensation Committee interlocks with other companies.

Compensation Committee Report

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the above CD&A with management and, based on such review and discussions, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board that the CD&A be included in this Annual Report.

KATHLEEN J. AFFELDT, Chair
WILBERT W. JAMES, JR.
JOHN KRENICKI, JR.
TYLER YOUNG

Executive Compensation

2023 Summary Compensation Table

The following table shows information regarding the total compensation paid to the NEOs for each of our last three completed fiscal years. The compensation reflected for each individual was for their services provided in all capacities to us.

Name & Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$) ⁽²⁾	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$) ⁽³⁾	All Other Compensation (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	Total (\$)
Rose Lee President and Chief Executive Officer	2023	1,051,923	2,135,617	—	—	13,182,745	162,395	16,532,680
	2022	1,000,000	2,135,610	—	9,952,000	1,920,000	27,281	15,034,891
	2021	326,923	500,000	9,715,047	2,432,003	615,452	13,484	13,602,909
Jeffrey S. Lee Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2023	625,385	3,633,506	—	—	4,452,053	30,590	8,741,534
	2022	600,000	1,778,321	—	4,976,000	10,749,171	29,572	18,133,064
	2021	600,000	—	1,996,969	577,256	864,000	422,502	4,460,727
Alena S. Brenner Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary	2023	450,000	438,624	—	242,955	1,442,263	30,482	2,604,324
	2022	415,385	—	—	1,244,000	540,000	33,221	2,232,606
	2021	300,000	—	1,012,461	250,012	480,000	68,109	2,110,582
Petar Andrich Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer	2023	196,827	275,000	—	1,749,274	197,463	123,072	2,541,636
		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Matthew R. Ackley President, Shelter Solutions	2023	442,308	84,747	—	—	804,082	32,717	1,363,854
		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Katy K. Theroux Former Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer	2023	230,192	1,442,954	—	—	1,744,527	502,078	3,919,751
	2022	450,000	607,434	—	1,990,400	5,153,164	26,856	8,227,854
	2021	450,000	—	822,284	237,699	540,000	321,887	2,371,870

(1) For 2023, for Mses. Lee, Brenner and Theroux and Messrs. Lee and Ackley, the amounts in the column represent time-vesting cash-based amounts received in exchange for options and RSU awards granted under the Pre-Merger Plan in connection with the Merger ("Replacement Awards") that vested during the year, as set forth in the table below.

Named Executive Officer	Replacement Option Awards	Replacement RSU Awards (\$)	Non-Performance Bonus	Total (\$)
	(\$)		Awards (\$)	
Rose Lee	629,921	1,505,696	—	2,135,617
Jeffrey S. Lee	2,456,222	1,177,284	—	3,633,506
Alena S. Brenner	131,042	307,582	—	438,624
Petar Andrich	—	—	275,000	275,000
Matthew R. Ackley	—	84,747	—	84,747
Katy K. Theroux	890,227	552,727	—	1,442,954

The Replacement Awards above were originally granted in 2021 as Options or RSUs under the Pre-Merger Plan, were subsequently converted into cash-based awards as a result of the Merger, based on the Merger consideration price of \$24.65 per share, and vested on the same time vesting schedule as the options and RSUs that they replaced. During 2023, Mr. Andrich received a one-time non-performance bonus upon his hire.

(2) The Company believes that, despite the fact that the Incentive Units do not require the payment of an exercise price, they are most similar economically to stock appreciation rights or stock options, and as such, they are properly classified as “options” under the definition provided in Item 402 of Regulation S-K as an instrument with an “option-like feature.” The amounts disclosed in this column are computed using acceptable valuation methodologies in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 under U.S. GAAP.

(3) The items comprising “Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation” for 2023 are:

Named Executive Officer	Bonus Program (\$)	Replacement PSU Awards (\$)	Total (\$)
Rose Lee	1,877,857	11,304,888	13,182,745
Jeffrey S. Lee	760,528	3,691,525	4,452,053
Alena S. Brenner	452,696	989,567	1,442,263
Petar Andrich	197,463	—	197,463
Matthew R. Ackley	493,719	310,363	804,082
Katy K. Theroux	224,487	1,520,040	1,744,527

The Replacement PSU Awards above were originally granted in 2021 as PSUs under the Pre-Merger Plan, were subsequently converted into cash-based awards as a result of the Merger and were earned based on achievement of the applicable 2021-2023 EBITDA CAGR targets. These awards and the Bonus Program will be paid out in 2024. The items comprising “Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation” for 2023 are comparable to the prior year and for 2021 is only the Company’s Bonus Program. See “*Executive Compensation — Compensation Discussion & Analysis — Annual Bonus.*”

(4) The items comprising “All Other Compensation” for 2023 are:

Named Executive Officer	Perquisites and Other Personal Benefits (\$) ^(a)	Tax Reimbursements (\$) ^(b)	Contributions to Defined Contribution Plans (\$) ^(c)	Insurance Premiums (\$) ^(d)
Rose Lee	109,631	38,874	13,200	690
Jeffrey S. Lee	17,012	—	13,200	378
Alena S. Brenner	17,012	—	13,200	270
Peter Andrich	88,618	34,320	—	134
Matthew R. Ackley	19,247	—	13,200	270
Katy K. Theroux	492,596	—	9,346	136

(a) For Ms. Lee, the amount in this column reflects Ms. Lee’s use of the Company aircraft in accordance with Company procedures and policies regarding executives’ personal periodic use of the Company aircraft to increase efficiency and pursuant to policies of the Company under which Ms. Lee may use the Company aircraft for such periodic travel through June 30, 2023. Additionally, Ms. Lee received financial planning services and relocation expenses. For Mr. Lee, the amount in this column reflects personal entertainment and related expenses (e.g., concert tickets) and receipt of financial planning services. For Ms. Brenner, the amount in this column reflects personal entertainment and related expenses (e.g., concert tickets) and receipt of financial planning services. For Mr. Andrich the amount reflects relocation expenses and the receipt of financial planning services. Mr. Ackley’s amount primarily reflects financial planning services. For Ms. Theroux, the amount is comprised of severance and financial planning services.

(b) Amount in this column reflects a tax gross-up in connection with Ms. Lee’s and Mr. Andrich’s relocation expenses.

(c) Amounts in this column reflects Company 401(k) matching contributions.

(d) Amounts in this column reflects the taxable value of a life insurance benefit.

2023 Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table

The following table sets forth information concerning grants of awards to each of the Named Executive Officers during 2023.

Named Executive Officer	Grant Date	Award Type	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards; Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)	All Other Option Awards; Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$) ⁽²⁾	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$) ⁽³⁾
			Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)				
Ms. Lee		Bonus Program ⁽¹⁾	700,004	1,400,007	2,800,014	—	—	—	—
		Incentive Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mr. Lee		Bonus Program ⁽¹⁾	283,500	567,000	1,134,000	—	—	—	—
		Incentive Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ms. Brenner	02/22/2023	Bonus Program ⁽¹⁾	168,750	337,500	675,000	—	—	—	—
		Incentive Unit	—	—	—	—	5,000	100.00	242,955
Mr. Andrich	08/10/2023	Bonus Program ⁽¹⁾	73,608	147,216	294,432	—	—	—	—
		Incentive Unit	—	—	—	—	36,000	100.00	1,749,724
Mr. Ackley		Bonus Program ⁽¹⁾	168,750	337,500	675,000	—	—	—	—
		Incentive Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ms. Theroux		Bonus Program ⁽¹⁾	83,682	167,363	334,726	—	—	—	—
		Incentive Unit	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

- (1) Represents threshold, target and maximum amounts potentially payable under the Company’s Bonus Program for 2023. Amounts reflect pro-rated adjustments for hire date for Mr. Andrich and separation date for Ms. Theroux, as well as changes to target bonus as a percentage of salary for Ms. Lee in August 2023. See “Executive Compensation — Compensation Discussion & Analysis — Annual Bonus.”
- (2) The Company believes that, despite the fact that the Incentive Units do not require the payment of an exercise price, they are most similar economically to stock appreciation rights or stock options, and as such, they are properly classified as “options” under the definition provided in Item 402 of Regulation S-K as an instrument with an “option-like feature.” The Incentive Units do not have an “exercise price” in the same sense that a true stock option award would have an exercise price. Instead, each Incentive Unit has a “hurdle price” or “threshold” associated with the award. Each Incentive Award will entitle the holder to receive distributions only if the aggregate distributions made by Management Holdings in respect of each common unit issued and outstanding on or prior to date of the grant of the incentive unit exceeds the hurdle price or threshold. The figure reflected in this column is the threshold assigned to each Incentive Unit and were set at the time of grant.
- (3) The amounts disclosed in this column are computed using acceptable valuation methodologies in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 under U.S. GAAP.

Narrative to the Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table

Employment Agreements

The Company has entered into employment agreements with certain of its NEOs. For a description of the material terms of the employment agreements and for a discussion of enhanced severance benefits upon certain terminations in connection with a change in control of the Company, see “Executive Compensation — Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control — Employment Agreements.”

2023 Long-Term Incentive Awards

As described above, the Company made grants of long-term incentives to certain NEOs in 2023. See “Executive Compensation — Compensation Discussion & Analysis — Long-Term Incentive Compensation — Long-Term Incentive Awards Granted to NEOs in 2023.”

Outstanding Equity Awards at Year-End

The following table sets forth information concerning unvested awards for each NEO as of December 31, 2023. The market value of unvested or unearned awards is calculated using the Merger closing price of \$24.65.

Option Awards⁽¹⁾

Named Executive Officer	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Grant Award Date
Ms. Lee	40,000	160,000	100.00	N/A	10/7/2022
Mr. Lee	20,000	80,000	100.00	N/A	10/7/2022
Ms. Brenner	5,000	20,000	100.00	N/A	10/7/2022
	—	5,000	100.00	N/A	2/22/2023
Mr. Andrich	—	36,000	100.00	N/A	8/10/2023
Mr. Ackley	8,000	32,000	100.00	N/A	10/7/2022

(1) On October 7, 2022 and during 2023, certain NEOs received a grant of Incentive Units in the Partnership. The Incentive Units provide the holder with the opportunity to receive, upon certain events, a return based upon the appreciation of the Partnership’s equity value from the date of the grant. The Incentive Units do not require the payment of an exercise price, nor do they have an expiration date; however, they only entitle the holder thereof to receive value if and to the extent the underlying security appreciates in value following the grant of the award. Because of this appreciation feature, the Company believes profits interest awards are economically similar to stock options or stock appreciation rights for purposes of the SEC disclosure rules.

Pension Benefits

We do not sponsor or maintain any plans that provide for specified retirement payments or benefits, such as tax-qualified defined benefit plans or supplemental executive retirement plans, for our NEOs.

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation

Certain of our employees and non-employee directors of the Company selected by the Compensation Committee are eligible to participate in the Company’s nonqualified deferred compensation plan (“DCP”). The DCP is a nonqualified retirement plan created to provide specified benefits to our highly compensated employees and directors. The DCP allows employees to defer up to 80% of their annual salaries and up to 90% of their annual cash bonuses, and allows the Company’s non-employee directors to defer up to 100% of their annual retainer fees, until a specified date in the future, including at or after retirement. None of our NEOs participated in the DCP during 2023.

Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control

We describe below certain payments and benefits that would be received by our NEOs upon specified terminations of their employment, and upon a change in control of the Company, under the employment agreements to which we and our NEOs are parties and under the Severance Plan, as well as under our Incentive Plan and the outstanding equity awards as of the end of 2023. Certain NEOs that do not have employment agreements are part of the severance plan that has similar terms relating to potential payments upon termination or change of control.

Employment Agreements and Severance Plan

Certain NEOs have an employment agreement with the Company or are participants in the Severance Plan providing for severance payments and termination benefits upon a future termination of an NEO’s employment that is a qualifying termination (i.e., upon termination by the Company without “cause” or by the employee with “good reason”), both prior to and following a change in control of the Company. Severance payments and termination benefits are also payable upon a qualifying termination of an NEO that does not occur during a potential change in control period or within two years following a change in control of the Company.

Where a qualifying termination occurs, other than during a potential change in control period and other than within two years following a change in control of the Company, each employment agreement or, where applicable, the severance plan, provides (or provided) for (i) payment of one times (two times, in the case of Ms. Lee) the NEO's then-current base salary, payable in equal installments on regular payroll dates over the course of the one-year period (two-year period, in the case of Ms. Lee) immediately following the date of termination, (ii) a prorated annual bonus based on actual performance in the year of termination, (iii) a maximum of twelve months of continued coverage (under COBRA) in the case of Ms. Lee, a lump sum cash payment equal to eighteen months of the premium cost of family medical coverage at the active-employee rate) and (iv) in the case of Ms. Lee, payment of two times their target annual bonus payable in equal installments over two years (each, a "Qualifying Termination Severance Package").

In connection with a qualifying termination during a potential change in control period or within two years following a change in control of the Company, the Severance Plan and Mr. Lee's and Ms. Brenner's employment agreements provide for (i) payment of one times the NEO's then-current base salary (payable in equal installments on regular payroll dates over the course of the one-year period under the Severance Plan, or, for Mr. Lee and Ms. Brenner to the maximum extent practicable, in a lump sum), (ii) an additional lump-sum cash severance payment in an amount equal to the sum of (x) one times the NEO's then-current base salary and (y) two times the NEO's target annual bonus for the fiscal year in which the termination occurs, (iii) a pro-rated annual bonus payment based on actual performance in the year of termination and (iv) an additional six months (for a maximum of eighteen months) of continued COBRA coverage.

For purposes of the employment agreements and the Severance Plan, "change in control" means (A) any person becomes the beneficial owner of 25% or more of the combined voting power of Cornerstone Building Brands, (B) as a result of, or in connection with, a tender or exchange offer, merger or other business combination, persons who were directors immediately before the transaction cease to constitute the majority of the Board, (C) the Company is merged or consolidated with another company or transfers substantially all of its assets to another company and, as a result, either (i) less than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the resulting company are owned in the aggregate by former Cornerstone Building Brands stockholders or (ii) 50% or more of the outstanding voting securities of the resulting company continue to be owned in the aggregate by former Cornerstone Building Brands stockholders but other than in substantially the same relative proportions as immediately prior to the transaction, or (D) a tender or exchange offer is made for 25% or more of the combined voting power of the Company.

To the extent payments to a NEO under an employment agreement constitute "parachute payments" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code, the payments to be received by the NEO may be reduced to the extent a reduction in the payment amount would put the officer in a better after-tax position than he or she would be in if the excise tax under Section 4999 were imposed on such payments.

Ms. Theroux's Separation

On March 12, 2023, Katy K. Theroux, Former Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer informed the Company that she would decline the Company's request to relocate to the Company's headquarters in Cary, North Carolina due to family circumstances. Consequently, the Company and Ms. Theroux have decided that Ms. Theroux will depart from the Company on June 30, 2023. Ms. Theroux continued to be available for consulting and advisory support through December 31, 2023 to ensure a smooth transition.

Ms. Theroux received the severance benefits pursuant to Ms. Theroux existing Employment Agreement entered into between the Company and Ms. Theroux dated June 1, 2016 that are payable upon resignation by Ms. Theroux for "Good Reason" as defined in the Employment Agreement.

In exchange for Ms. Theroux's agreement to provide consulting and advisory services through the Transition Period, Ms. Theroux's services during this period were treated as service for purposes of vesting in the value of her equity awards that vest through the end of the Transition Period.

Equity Incentive Awards

Upon a sale of the Partnership, all outstanding and unvested Incentive Units will become fully vested and participate in proceeds from such sale unless certain conditions specified in the Equity Plan are met, including the replacement of such Incentive Units with alternative awards having substantially equivalent or better terms.

Termination Payments

The following table estimates the value of the payments and benefits that each of our NEOs would receive their employment terminated on December 31, 2023 under the circumstances shown and making the following assumptions. The table excludes (i) amounts accrued through the end of 2023 that would be paid in the normal course of continued employment, such as accrued but unpaid salary and (ii) benefits generally available to all of our salaried employees.

Named Officer	Executive	Benefit	Termination for Cause (\$)	Termination Without Good Reason by Executive (including Retirement) ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Termination Without Cause or by Executive for Good Reason ⁽²⁾ (\$)	Change in Control (\$)	Change in Control followed by Termination Without Cause for Good Reason ⁽³⁾ (\$)	Disability ⁽⁴⁾ (\$)	Death ⁽⁴⁾ (\$)
Ms. Lee		Non-CIC Severance	—	1,877,857	7,014,009	—	7,014,009	1,877,857	1,877,857
		Life Insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,150,000
		Accelerated FY 2021 Awards	—	—	11,304,888	—	13,440,973	13,440,973	13,440,973
Mr. Lee		Non-CIC Severance	—	760,528	1,413,898	—	3,189,583	760,528	760,528
		Life Insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—	630,000
		Accelerated FY 2021 Awards	—	—	3,691,525	—	4,242,812	4,242,812	4,242,812
Ms. Brenner		Non-CIC Severance	—	452,696	918,110	—	2,050,817	452,696	452,696
		Life Insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—	450,000
		Accelerated FY 2021 Awards	—	—	989,567	—	1,428,211	1,428,211	1,428,211
Mr. Andrich		Non-CIC Severance	—	197,463	649,914	—	1,766,139	197,463	197,463
		Life Insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—	445,000
Mr. Ackley		Non-CIC Severance	—	493,719	517,088	—	2,103,773	493,719	493,719
		Life Insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—	450,000
		Accelerated FY 2021 Awards	—	—	310,363	—	407,558	407,558	407,558
Ms. Theroux ⁽⁵⁾		Non-CIC Severance	—	224,487	698,588	—	1,835,636	224,487	224,487
		Life Insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—	450,000
		Accelerated FY 2021 Awards	—	—	1,520,040	—	1,520,040	1,520,040	1,520,040

- (1) Amounts reflect prorated annual bonus based on actual performance. Refer to section titled “2023 Bonus Earned” for additional information.
- (2) Amounts include those payments described above as the Qualifying Termination Severance Package and vesting of performance-based awards based on the Company’s performance at the end of the applicable performance period on a pro-rata basis commensurate with the time employed prior to departure.
- (3) For Ms. Lee, the amounts equals the payment that would occur for a termination without cause or by executive for good reason as well as the accelerated vesting of all time-based awards. For all other Named Executive officers, the amount equals the payment that would occur for a termination without cause or by executive for good reason plus (i) an additional lump-sum cash severance payment in an amount equal to the sum of (x) one times the NEO’s then-current base salary and (y) two times the NEO’s target annual bonus, (ii) accelerated vesting of all time-based awards.
- (4) Amounts include (i) prorated annual bonus based on actual performance and (ii) accelerated vesting of all time-based awards. In the case of death, the amounts also include life insurance proceeds and vesting of performance-based awards based on the Company’s performance at the end of the applicable performance period on a pro-rata basis commensurate with the time employed prior to departure.
- (5) Ms. Theroux departed from the Company on June 30, 2023. Ms. Theroux received the severance benefits that are payable upon resignation by Ms. Theroux for “Good Reason” which included a base salary of \$450,000, prorated annual cash bonus through the separation date of June 30, 2023, and COBRA continuation coverage for 12 months valued at \$24,102. In addition, in exchange for Ms. Theroux’s agreement to be provide consulting and advisory services through the Transition Period, Ms. Theroux’s services during this period were treated as service for purposes of vesting in the value of her equity awards that vest through the end of the Transition Period.

Pay Ratio Disclosure

Pursuant to Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K and Section 953(b) of the Dodd-Frank Act, presented below is the ratio of the annual total compensation of our CEO, Ms. Lee, compared to the annual total compensation of our median employee (excluding Ms. Lee).

The ratio presented below is a reasonable estimate calculated in a manner consistent with Item 402(u) and includes the value of certain one-time, make-whole awards. The SEC's rules for identifying the median employee and calculating the pay ratio based on that employee's annual total compensation allow companies to adopt a variety of methodologies, to apply certain exclusions, and to make reasonable estimates and assumptions that reflect their employee populations and compensation practices. As a result, the pay ratio reported by other companies may not be comparable to the pay ratio reported below, as other companies have different employee populations and compensation practices and may utilize different methodologies, exclusions, estimates, and assumptions in calculating their own pay ratios.

In accordance with SEC requirements, we determined that there have been no changes to our employee population or compensation arrangements in 2023 that we believe would significantly affect our pay ratio disclosure. In determining our pay ratio for fiscal 2022-23, we used the same median employee as was identified last year according to the process outlined below.

We identified our median employee from all full-time and part-time workers who were included as employees on our payroll records as of a determination date of December 31, 2023. The median was identified using base pay, overtime and bonuses. International employees' pay was converted to U.S. dollar equivalents using exchange rates as of the determination date and pay was annualized for any employees hired during the period.

The total compensation earned by Ms. Lee during 2023, as determined under Item 402 of Regulation S-K, was \$16,532,680. The total compensation earned during the same period by our median employee, as determined under Item 402 of Regulation S-K, was \$55,356. The ratio of Ms. Lee's total compensation to our median employee's total compensation for 2023 is 299:1.

Director Compensation

Directors of the Company who are also employees of the Company do not receive additional compensation for their service as directors. Non-employee directors of the Company receive compensation in addition to reimbursement for expenses incurred to attend and/or participate in meetings. In 2023, each non-employee director received an annual retainer fee, and certain non-employee directors receive additional annual retainer fees for their service as committee chairs or members, as set forth in the following table:

Role	Annual Retainer Fee (\$)
All Non-Employee Directors	110,000
Audit Committee Chair	22,500
Compensation Committee Chair	17,000

In addition, in August 2023, each non-employee director received Incentive Units having an aggregate fair market value of \$53,450. These Incentive Units will vest on the earlier of (a) July 25, 2024 and (b) the date the relevant director is unable to stand for re-election due to mandatory retirement under our Corporate Governance Guidelines.

As a result of their affiliation with CD&R, Messrs. Garlick, Krenicki, Sleeper and Young did not receive any of the compensation offered to other non-employee directors, except for reimbursement of expenses incurred to attend or participate in meetings.

Our non-employee directors are also eligible to participate in our DCP and may elect to defer a portion of their annual retainer fees, subject to certain specified maximum deferral amounts. None of our directors participated in the DCP during 2023. See "*Executive Compensation — Nonqualified Deferred Compensation*" for additional details regarding the terms of the DCP.

2023 Director Compensation Table

The following table provides information concerning the compensation of our non-employee directors during 2023.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Stock Awards (\$)	Incentive Unit Awards (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Kathleen J. Affeldt	127,000	—	53,450	—	180,450
Naomi Garlick	—	—	—	—	—
Wilbert W. James, Jr.	110,000	—	53,450	—	163,450
Daniel C. Janki	132,500	—	53,450	—	185,950
John Krenicki	—	—	—	—	—
Timothy J. O'Brien	110,000	—	53,450	—	163,450
Nathan K. Sleeper	—	—	—	—	—
Tyler Young	—	—	—	—	—

(1) Includes amounts earned during 2023 with respect to annual retainer fees and supplemental retainer fees for Committee Chairs.

(2) Ms. Garlick, and Messrs. Krenicki, Sleeper and Young are not eligible to receive this compensation as employees or partners of CD&R.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.**Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management**

After the closing of the Merger, Camelot Parent became the indirect owner of all the outstanding shares of Company common stock that CD&R did not already own. As a result, all of the issued and outstanding shares of Company common stock is owned by Camelot Parent. None of our officers or directors beneficially own shares of Company common stock.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.**Director Independence**

At the closing of the Merger, the Company delisted its common stock on the NYSE. As a result, the Company is no longer required to comply with the NYSE's corporate governance requirements, including the requirement that a majority of its Board be comprised of independent directors. Following the Merger and the removal of our common stock from listing on the NYSE, the Company is no longer subject to the independence requirements for its Board or Board committees. If the Company were subject to the listing standards of the NYSE, we believe that each of Ms. Affeldt and Messrs. James, Janki and O'Brien could be determined to be "independent" as defined by the listing standards of the NYSE.

Our Board met five times during 2023. Each of our directors attended 75% or more of the aggregate of the total number of meetings of our Board held during the period in which they were a director and the total number of meetings held by all board committees on which they served during the periods that they served.

Our non-management directors meet without the presence of management at regularly scheduled executive sessions. These executive sessions typically occur before or after regularly scheduled meetings of our Board. The presiding director of these executive sessions is the Chair of the Board.

Transactions with Related Persons***Policies and Procedures***

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has approved and adopted a written statement of policy and procedures with respect to related party transactions, which was further updated in December 2023. This policy covers the review, approval or ratification of transactions between us and “related parties” (generally, directors, executive officers and their immediate family members, beneficial owners of 5% or more of any class of our securities, and any entity in which any such persons are employed, are principals, partners or hold a similar position or in which they have a beneficial interest of 5% or more). The policy generally requires that any related party transaction be approved by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee or its Chair in advance of the consummation or material amendment of the transaction, subject to exceptions. Under the policy, prior to entering into a related party transaction, a related party must make full written disclosure of all of the facts and circumstances relating to the transaction to our Chief Financial Officer or General Counsel, who must assess this information and decide whether it is a related party transaction. If either of the Chief Financial Officer or General Counsel makes this determination, they must submit the transaction to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee or to its Chair for approval.

Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services.**Our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm and Audit Fees**

Grant Thornton LLP has served as our independent registered public accountant since Fiscal 2019. In January 2024, the Audit Committee approved the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP to replace Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accountant effective upon the filing of this Annual Report.

The following is a description of the professional services performed and the fees billed by Grant Thornton LLP (in thousands):

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Audit fees ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,634	\$ 3,753
Audit-related fees ⁽²⁾	—	95
Tax fees ⁽³⁾	—	90
Total	<u>\$ 2,634</u>	<u>\$ 3,938</u>

(1) Audit fees consisted of fees and expenses billed by Grant Thornton associated with the annual audit of our annual financial statements, review of the financial statements contained in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and assistance regarding other SEC filings. In addition, the audit fees billed in 2023 included incremental fees for required audit procedures that resulted from the consummation of the Merger.

(2) Fees for audit-related services billed in 2022 consisted of services pertaining to our \$710 million senior secured notes offering in July 2022.

(3) Tax advice fees encompass a variety of permissible tax services, primarily including tax advice related to federal and state income tax compliance.

Grant Thornton LLP did not perform any tax or other services that impaired their independence in 2023 or 2022.

Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures for Audit and Non-Audit Services

The Audit Committee has developed policies and procedures concerning its pre-approval of the performance of audit and non-audit services for us by Grant Thornton LLP. These policies and procedures provide that the Audit Committee shall have the sole authority to pre-approve all audit, audit-related and non-audit or tax services (including the fees and terms thereof) to be performed for us by Grant Thornton LLP, subject to the de minimis exception for non-audit services described in Section 10A(i)(1)(B) of the Exchange Act that are approved by the Audit Committee before the completion of the audit. In pre-approving all audit services and permitted non-audit services, the Audit Committee or a delegated member must consider whether the provision of such services is compatible with maintaining the independence of Grant Thornton LLP and its status as our independent auditors.

The Audit Committee must specifically preapprove the terms of Grant Thornton LLP's annual audit services engagement. The Audit Committee may, pursuant to its pre-approval policy and Section 10(i)(3) of the Exchange Act, delegate to one or more of its members the authority to consider and pre-approve between quarterly meetings of the Audit Committee management proposals for the engagement of Grant Thornton LLP to perform audit and non-audit services for annual fees of up to an aggregate of \$100,000 (or such greater amount as authorized by the Audit Committee), provided that those pre-approvals are presented to the entire Audit Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Management proposals arising between quarterly Audit Committee meetings are presented for pre-approval to the Chair of the Audit Committee, and in the event of the Chair's unavailability, to another member of the Audit Committee.

All of the services performed by Grant Thornton LLP in 2023 were approved in advance by the Audit Committee pursuant to the foregoing pre-approval policy and procedures. Additionally, during 2023, Grant Thornton LLP did not provide any services prohibited by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules.

1. Consolidated Financial Statements (see Item 8).
2. All financial statement schedules have been omitted because they are inapplicable, not required, or the information is included elsewhere in the Consolidated Financial Statements or Notes thereto.
3. Exhibits.

Index to Exhibits

- 2.1 [Indemnification Agreement, dated as of April 12, 2018, by and between Pisces Parent, LLC, Ply Gem Industries, Inc., Atrium Windows and Doors, Inc., CD&R Pisces Holdings, L.P., Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund X, L.P., Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund X-A.L.P., and Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, LLC \(filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 2.2 [Securities Purchase Agreement by and among Nucor Insulated Panel Group Inc, Vulcraft Canada Inc., and Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc., dated as of June 5, 2021 \(filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 3, 2021 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 2.3 [Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 5, 2022, by and among Camelot Return Intermediate Holdings, LLC, Camelot Return Merger Sub, Inc., and Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. \(filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 7, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 3.1 [Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. \(filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 25, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 3.2 [Amended and Restated Bylaws of Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. \(filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 25, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.1 [Indenture, dated as of April 12, 2018, by and among the Company \(as successor by merger to Ply Gem Midco, Inc.\), as issuer, the subsidiary guarantors from time to time party thereto and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee \(filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.2 [First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 12, 2018, by and among the Company \(as successor by merger to Ply Gem Midco, Inc.\) and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee \(filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.3 [Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 12, 2018, by and among the Company \(as successor by merger to Ply Gem Midco, Inc.\), the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee \(filed as Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.4 [Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 13, 2018, by and among the Company \(as successor by merger to Ply Gem Midco, Inc.\), the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee \(filed as Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.5 [Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 15, 2018, by and among the Company \(as successor by merger to Ply Gem Midco, Inc.\), the subsidiary guarantor party thereto and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee \(filed as Exhibit 4.5 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.6 [Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 16, 2018, by and among the Company, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee \(filed as Exhibit 4.6 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.7 [Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of February 20, 2019, by and among the Company, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee \(filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 20, 2019 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.8 [Seventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 29, 2020, by and among the Company, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee \(filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 4, 2020 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.9 [Eighth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 24, 2020, among the Company, the subsidiary guarantors listed on the signature pages thereto and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee \(filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current report on Form 8-K dated September 24, 2020 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.10 [Ninth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 29, 2021, among the subsidiaries listed on Schedule 1 thereto, each a subsidiary guarantor, the Company, and each then-existing subsidiary guarantor under the indenture, and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee \(filed as Exhibit 4.11 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)

- 4.11 [Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 6, 2022, among the subsidiaries listed on Schedule 1 thereto, each a subsidiary guarantor, the Company, and each then-existing subsidiary guarantor under the indenture, and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee \(filed as Exhibit 4.12 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.12 [Eleventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 22, 2022, among Metal Coaters, LLC, the Company and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee \(filed as Exhibit 4.12 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.13 [Twelfth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of July 25, 2022, among the subsidiary listed on Schedule 1 thereto, the Company, each then-existing subsidiary guarantor under the Indenture referred to therein, and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee \(filed as Exhibit 4.13 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.14 [Thirteenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 21, 2022, among Cornerstone Building Brands Services, Inc., the Company and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee \(filed as Exhibit 4.14 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.15 [Indenture, dated as of July 25, 2022, by and among the Company \(as successor by merger to Camelot Return Merger Sub, Inc.\), as issuer, the guarantors from time to time party thereto and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee and note collateral agent \(filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 2, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.16 [First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of July 25, 2022, by and among the Company \(as successor by merger to Camelot Return Merger Sub, Inc.\), as issuer, the guarantors from time to time party thereto and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee and note collateral agent \(filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 2, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.17 [Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of July 25, 2022, by and among Camelot Return Intermediate Holdings, LLC, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto, the Company and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee and note collateral agent \(\(filed as Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 2, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.18 [Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 21, 2022, by and among Cornerstone Building Brands Services, Inc., the Company and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee and note collateral agent \(filed as Exhibit 4.18 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 4.19 [Notes Collateral Agreement, dated as of July 25, 2022, by and among the Company, Camelot Return Intermediate Holdings, LLC, the guarantors from time to time party thereto and Wilmington Trust, National Association as note collateral agent and trustee \(filed as Exhibit 4.19 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- †10.1 [Form of Indemnification Agreement for Officers and Directors \(filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 22, 2008 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- †10.2 [Form of Director Indemnification Agreement \(filed as Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 26, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- †10.3 [NCI Senior Executive Bonus Plan \(filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 26, 2014 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- †10.4 [NCI Building Systems, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan \(as amended and restated effective January 31, 2016\) \(filed as Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended January 31, 2016 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- †10.5 [Form of Employment Agreement between NCI Building Systems, Inc. and named executive officers \(filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 31, 2016 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- †10.6 [Form of Employment Agreement between NCI Building Systems, Inc. and executive officers \(filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 31, 2016 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- †10.8 [Camelot Return Ultimate, LP 2022 Equity Incentive Plan, effective as of October 5, 2022 \(filed as Exhibit 10.8 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.9 [Cash Flow Credit Agreement, dated as of April 12, 2018, by and among the Company \(as successor by merger to Ply Gem Midco, Inc.\), as borrower, Camelot return Intermediate Holdings, LLC, the several banks and other financial institutions from time to time party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.10 [First Amendment to Cash Flow Credit Agreement, dated as of November 14, 2018, by and among the Company \(as successor by merger to Ply Gem Midco, Inc.\), and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.11 [Second Amendment to Cash Flow Credit Agreement, dated as of April 15, 2021, by and among the Company, the several banks and other financial institutions party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 21, 2021 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)

- 10.12 [Third Amendment to Cash Flow Credit Agreement, dated as of April 15, 2021, by and among the Company, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto, the several banks and other financial institutions party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 21, 2021 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.13 [Increase Supplement to Cash Flow Credit Agreement, dated as of April 15, 2021, between the Company and the increasing lender party thereto \(filed as Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 21, 2021 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.14 [Fourth Amendment to Cash Flow Credit Agreement, dated as of April 11, 2023, by and among the Company, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2023 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.15 [Lender Joinder Agreement, dated as of November 16, 2018, by and among Ply Gem Midco, Inc., the additional commitment lender party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.16 [Cash Flow Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, dated as of April 12, 2018, by and among the Company \(as successor by merger to Ply Gem Midco, Inc.\), the guarantors from time to time party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as collateral agent and administrative agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.17 [Cash Flow Joinder Agreement, dated as of November 16, 2018, by and among Ply Gem Midco, LLC, the Company, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.18 [Term Loan Credit Agreement, dated as of July 25, 2022, by and among the Company, the several banks and other financial institutions party thereto party thereto and Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as administrative agent and collateral agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 2, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.19 [Term Loan Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, dated as of July 25, 2022, by and among the Company, Camelot Return Intermediate Holdings, LLC, the guarantors from time to time party thereto and Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as administrative agent and collateral agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.18 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.20 [ABL Credit Agreement, dated as of April 12, 2018, by and among the Company \(as successor by merger to Ply Gem Midco, Inc.\), as parent borrower, Camelot Return Intermediate Holdings, LLC, the subsidiary borrowers from time to time party thereto, the several banks and other financial institutions from time to time party thereto and UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as administrative agent and collateral agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.8 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.21 [Amendment No. 1 to ABL Credit Agreement, dated as of August 7, 2018, by and among the Company \(as successor by merger to Ply Gem Midco, Inc.\), the subsidiary borrowers party thereto, the lenders and issuing lenders party thereto and UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as administrative agent and collateral agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.9 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.22 [Amendment No. 2 to ABL Credit Agreement, dated as of October 15, 2018, by and among the Company \(as successor by merger to Ply Gem Midco, Inc.\), the subsidiary borrowers party thereto, the incremental lender party thereto and UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as administrative agent, collateral agent and swingline lender \(filed as Exhibit 10.10 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.23 [Amendment No. 3 to ABL Credit Agreement, dated as of November 14, 2018, by and among the Company \(as successor by merger to Ply Gem Midco, Inc.\), the subsidiary borrowers party thereto, the lenders and issuing lenders party thereto and UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as administrative agent and collateral agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.11 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.24 [Amendment No. 4 to ABL Credit Agreement, dated as of November 16, 2018, by and among the Company \(as successor by merger to Ply Gem Midco, Inc.\), the subsidiary borrowers party thereto, the incremental lenders party thereto and UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as administrative agent, collateral agent and swingline lender \(filed as Exhibit 10.12 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.25 [Amendment No. 5 to ABL Credit Agreement, dated as of September 4, 2020, by and among the Company, the subsidiary borrowers party thereto, the lenders and issuing lenders party thereto and UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as administrative agent and collateral agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.14 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 21, 2021 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.26 [Amendment No. 6 to ABL Credit Agreement, dated as of April 15, 2021, by and among the Company, the subsidiary borrowers party thereto, the several banks and other financial institutions party thereto party thereto and UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as administrative agent and collateral agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.15 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 21, 2021 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)
- 10.27 [Amendment No. 7 to ABL Credit Agreement, dated as of July 25, 2022, by and among the Company, the subsidiary borrowers party thereto, the several banks and other financial institutions party thereto party thereto and UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as administrative agent and collateral agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 2, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein\)](#)

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10.28	ABL U.S. Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, dated as of April 12, 2018, by and among the Company (as successor by merger to Ply Gem Midco, Inc.), the U.S. subsidiary borrowers from time to time party thereto, the guarantors from time to time party thereto and UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as collateral agent and administrative agent (filed as Exhibit 10.13 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein)
10.29	ABL Canadian Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, dated as of April 12, 2018, by and among the Canadian borrowers from time to time party thereto, the guarantors from time to time party thereto and UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as collateral agent and administrative agent (filed as Exhibit 10.14 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein)
10.30	ABL Joinder Agreement, dated as of November 16, 2018, by and among Ply Gem Midco, LLC, the Company, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as administrative agent and collateral agent (filed as Exhibit 10.15 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2018 and incorporated by reference herein)
†10.31	Employment Agreement by and between Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc., its wholly-owned subsidiary, Ply Gem Industries, Inc., and Jeffrey S. Lee, dated June 17, 2019 (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 29, 2019 and incorporated by reference herein)
†10.32	Employment Agreement entered into as of February 25, 2021, between Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc., its wholly-owned subsidiary, Ply Gem Industries, Inc., and Alena S. Brenner (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 3, 2021 and incorporated by reference herein)
†10.33	Employment Agreement between Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. and Rose Lee, dated August 3, 2021 (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 2, 2021 and incorporated by reference herein)
†10.34	Form of Executive Officer Offer Letter (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2023 and incorporated by reference herein)
10.35	Membership Interest Purchase Agreement, dated April 10, 2022, by and between Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. and BlueScope Steel North America Corporation (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 2, 2022 and incorporated by reference herein)
*†10.36	Separation agreement between Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. and Katy Theroux, dated July 13, 2023
*†10.37	Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. Severance Plan dated December 2, 2021
*21.1	List of Subsidiaries
*24.1	Powers of Attorney
*31.1	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications (Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)
*31.2	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications (Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)
**32.1	Certifications pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code (Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)
**32.2	Certifications pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code (Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)
*101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document
*101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
*101.CAL	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
*101.DEF	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
*101.LAB	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document
*101.PRE	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)

* Filed herewith

** Furnished herewith

† Management contracts or compensatory plans or arrangements

Item 16. Form 10-K Summary.

None.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

CORNERSTONE BUILDING BRANDS, INC.

Date: February 23, 2024

By: /s/ Rose Lee

Rose Lee
President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated per Form 10-K.

Name	Title	Date
<u>/s/ Rose Lee</u> Rose Lee	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	<u>February 23, 2024</u>
<u>/s/ Jeffrey S. Lee</u> Jeffrey S. Lee	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	<u>February 23, 2024</u>
<u>/s/ Wayne F. Irmiter</u> Wayne F. Irmiter	Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	<u>February 23, 2024</u>
<u>*</u> Kathleen J. Affeldt	Director	<u>February 23, 2024</u>
<u>*</u> Naomi Garlick	Director	<u>February 23, 2024</u>
<u>*</u> Wilbert W. James, Jr.	Director	<u>February 23, 2024</u>
<u>*</u> Daniel C. Janki	Director	<u>February 23, 2024</u>
<u>*</u> John Krenicki, Jr.	Director	<u>February 23, 2024</u>
<u>*</u> Timothy J. O'Brien	Director	<u>February 23, 2024</u>
<u>*</u> Nathan K. Sleeper	Director	<u>February 23, 2024</u>
<u>Tyler Young</u>		

*By: /s/ Rose Lee

Rose Lee,
Attorney-in-Fact

SEPARATION AGREEMENT

This Separation Agreement (the “**Agreement**”) is a binding contract between Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. and its subsidiaries, affiliates, and related entities (including the entities known as NCI Group, Inc., NCI Building Systems, Inc., Ply Gem Industries, Inc., and Employee’s hiring entity), (collectively, the “**Company**”), on the one hand, and, **Katy K. Theroux**, individually (“**Employee**”), on the other hand. The Company and Employee will be referred to individually as a “**Party**” and collectively as the “**Parties**.”

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants, promises and agreements set forth herein, the mutual benefits to be gained by the performance thereof, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by them, the Parties agree as follows:

I. DEFINITIONS¹

“**Plan**” refers to the Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, maintained by the Company for purposes of providing incentives, business goodwill, and encouraging share ownership on the part of employees, officers, directors, and consultants.

“**Stock Awards**” refers to the founders grants, restricted stock units, option units, performance share units, and/or performance cash and share awards previously granted by the Company to Employee in accordance with the Plan and all award agreements issued pursuant to the Plan. The Plan and all award agreements issued pursuant to the Plan shall be referred to, collectively, as the “**Stock Agreements**.”

“**Unvested Awards**” shall mean the Stock Awards granted to Employee which remain unvested upon the separation of Employee's employment pursuant to the terms of the Stock Agreements.

II. AGREEMENT

1. Employment Separation.

(a) Subject to the execution and non-revocation of this Agreement, the Company will provide you with a Severance Payment as set forth in Paragraph 3(a) below.

(b) Effective as of the mutually agreed upon separation date of **June 30, 2023 (“Separation Date”)**, Employee is hereby separated as an employee and executive of the Company and is hereby terminated from all positions held with the Company. Further and irrespective of whether Employee signs this Agreement, Employee will be paid her regular base salary through the Separation Date.

2. Consult Attorney. By tender of this Agreement to Employee, the Company hereby advises Employee in writing to consult with an attorney of her choosing prior to signing this Agreement.

¹ Except as specifically defined in this Separation Agreement, the Definitions contained within the Employment Agreement dated June 1, 2016 are incorporated herein by reference..

3. **Separation Benefits.** In consideration for Employee's execution and non-revocation of this Agreement, including compliance with the release requirement stated below, Employee will be entitled to the following "**Separation Benefits**". Employee understands and agrees that these benefits are not something to which she would otherwise be entitled absent the execution and non-revocation of this Agreement. The Separation Benefits shall be subject to all withholding required for taxes.

(a) **Severance Payment.** The Company will pay Employee **52 weeks' (the "Severance Period")** base salary in the total amount of \$450,000 less applicable withholding for taxes (the "**Severance Payment**"). For the avoidance of doubt, this amount shall not include any amounts with respect to any cost-of-living adjustments, car allowance, temporary housing allowance, or payments for any other prerequisites or benefits for Employee, including Company contributions to Employee's 401k plan.

The Severance Payment will be made in a lump sum within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the revocation period, except as set forth in this Agreement regarding Section 409A, provided that, no payment will be made before August 1, 2023, irrespective of when this Agreement is signed. The Severance Payment is subject to reduction by the Company to satisfy any amounts owed by Employee to the Company. Payment will be made using the same payment method (e.g., direct deposit) as Employee's final paycheck.

(b) **COBRA Separation Benefit.** Employee is eligible to continue participation in the group health and dental benefit programs of the Company pursuant to, and subject to, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 ("**COBRA**"). Upon election of continuation coverage through COBRA, the Company shall subsidize a portion of the standard 102% premium for group health benefits for the period of coverage applicable to Employee under COBRA (up to a maximum of **12 month(s)** (the "**COBRA Subsidy Period**"). The subsidy will be the difference between the COBRA rate and the active employee rate, leaving Employee responsible only for the amount that an active employee would pay during the COBRA Subsidy Period. If at any time during the COBRA Subsidy Period, Employee discontinues coverage or is no longer eligible for coverage for any reason, the subsidy provided by the Company will immediately cease.

(c) **Prorated Annual STIP Bonus for Year 2023.** The Company will pay Employee a pro rata bonus under the annual bonus plan for year 2023 based upon the elapsed number of days in the year through the Separation Date applied to the bonus that would have been earned by Employee if Employee had remained employed on the normal payment date of such bonus, based on actual performance under applicable financial metrics and applying any discretionary factors in substantially the same manner as such factors are applied to similarly situated employees of the Company whose employment was not terminated. This payment will be made at such time as the Company otherwise makes payment of annual bonuses (on or before March 15, 2024).

(d) **Grandfathered Sick and Vacation Time Payout:** Employee acknowledges that she was paid \$ 39,807.69 less applicable withholding for taxes on her Separation Date. This payment represented the grandfathered sick and grandfathered vacation time that was to be paid to Employee per Company policy.

(e) **Outplacement Services.** The Company agrees to provide Employee with outplacement counseling services through a firm selected by the Company for a period of 12 months following the Effective Date.

4. **Consulting and Transition Services.** Employee agrees to be available for consulting and transition services between the Separation Date and December 31, 2023 (“**Transition Period**”) to assist with the transition of her role. In consideration for these consulting and transition services, Employee will be eligible to receive all equity granted that vests during the Transition Period as set forth on Exhibit B. Employee’s eligibility to receive the equity vesting during the Transition Period is expressly conditioned upon her availability to provide consulting and transition services upon the request of the CEO at such dates and times as are reasonably requested.

5. **Termination of Other Benefits.** Except as required by law, this Agreement, or under the Company’s benefit plans, Employee’s participation in all Company benefits and benefit plans shall cease on the Separation Date.

6. **No Other Benefits; No Admission.** Employee agrees that except for the payments provided in this Agreement, she is entitled to no other payments or compensation of any kind from the Company under any agreement, plan, program, or policy of the Company, and by executing this Agreement, Employee is waiving her rights, if any, related to any benefits provided pursuant to such agreement, plan, program, or policy. Employee acknowledges, by entering into this Agreement, that the Company and the Releasees do not admit to the violation of any employment or labor law or any unlawful or tortious conduct or any other wrongdoing of any kind in connection with Employee or his employment.

7. **Equity Enhancements.** As noted in Paragraph 4 above, subject to Employee’s satisfactory provision of the consulting and transition services, Employee will be eligible to receive the equity granted that vests during the Transition Period as described on Exhibit B. Equity that would vest after the Transition Period, and all profits units granted to you (even those that would vest after the Transition Period, if any), will be forfeited as of the Separation Date according to the terms of the Company’s Plan, as amended, the applicable Stock Agreement and the profits unit documentation.

8. **Complete Release of Claims.** In exchange for the consideration offered to Employee under this Agreement, Employee agrees to execute, deliver, and cause to become irrevocable the Release and Waiver of Claims attached as Annex A. If Employee fails to comply with the foregoing, Employee will not be entitled to any payments or benefits under this Agreement or any other severance arrangement with the Company.

9. **Restrictive Covenants.** Employee acknowledges and recognizes the highly competitive nature of the business of the Company and accordingly agrees to abide by the restrictive covenants and confidentiality provisions contained within the Employment Agreement entered into between the parties on June 1, 2016, and those restrictive covenants contained within any applicable Stock Agreement or profits unit documentation. These restrictive covenants will begin to run as of the Separation Date.

10. **Return of Company Property.** At the conclusion of the Transition Period, Employee shall immediately return all Company property (e.g., vehicles, company identification, keys, access cards, passwords, credit cards, laptops, files, documents, e-mails, notes, and computer equipment), and all Confidential Information that Employee has in her possession or control. By execution of this Agreement, Employee agrees that she shall not make or retain any embodiment, copy or extract of any of the foregoing Company property. Employee understands and agrees that she will not be entitled to the consideration described in this Agreement if she fails to return all Company property at the conclusion of the Transition Period, even if she executes this Agreement and does not revoke it.

11. Confidentiality of Agreement. Except as allowed in this Agreement, Employee agrees that this Agreement is strictly confidential and he/she will not reveal or allow anyone else to reveal the terms of this Agreement (including the amount of the Severance Payment) to anyone, provided that nothing shall prevent Employee from disclosing the terms of this Agreement to her spouse, legal or financial advisors, as required by law, or as specifically authorized by the Company in writing, subject to their agreement to keep such information confidential. If Employee is required by law to disclose this Agreement or the terms of this Agreement, Employee agrees to provide advance notice to the Company prior to any such disclosures. Nothing in this Agreement limits or interferes with Employee's right, without notice to or authorization from, the Company, to file a charge or complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or any other self-regulatory organization or any other federal, state or local governmental agency or commission (each a "Governmental Agency"), or to testify, assist or participate in any investigation, hearing or proceeding conducted by a Governmental Agency. In the event Employee files a charge or complaint with a Government Agency, or a Government Agency asserts a claim on Employee's behalf, Employee agrees that Employee's release of claims in this Agreement shall nevertheless bar Employee's right (if any) to any monetary or other recovery (including reinstatement), except that Employee does not waive Employee's right to receive an award from the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 21F of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and any other right where waiver is expressly prohibited by law.

12. Entire Agreement. This Agreement (including the addendums and exhibits), the Stock Agreement(s) (including the Plan as incorporated therein), and the restrictive covenants (including covenants related to intellectual property) and related obligations contained in any other agreement between Employee and Company, constitute the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersede all prior agreements, understandings, representations, negotiations, discussions or arrangements, either oral or written, with the Company regarding matters addressed herein. For the avoidance of doubt, all of (i) the post-termination restrictive covenants contained in any Stock Agreement(s) (including the Plan as incorporated therein), and (ii) the post-termination restrictive covenants contained in any Employment Agreement, Non-Compete Agreement, Confidentiality Agreement, Retention Agreement, or in any other agreement between Employee and Company, are hereby reaffirmed and shall remain binding on Employee and in full force and effect according to their terms following execution of this Agreement. None of the Parties have relied on any statements or representations that have been made by any other Party that are not set forth in this Agreement, and no Party is entitled to rely on any representation, agreement or obligation to disclose information that is not expressly stated in this Agreement.

13. Governing Law. This Agreement will be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina, without regard to its conflict of laws provisions or the conflict of laws provisions of any other jurisdiction which would cause the application of any law other than that of the State of North Carolina.

14. Severability. If any part of this Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the other portions shall remain valid and enforceable and in full force and effect; however, if any or all of the Initial Release or Final Release is declared invalid or unenforceable, Employee agrees that he/she will promptly execute a valid release and waiver in favor of the Released Parties.

15. Modifications and Amendments. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except by an instrument in writing signed by Employee and an authorized representative of the Company.

Employee understands and agrees that any changes the Parties may make to this Agreement, whether material or immaterial, will not restart the time to consider this Agreement.

16. Dispute Resolution. If there is a dispute arising out of or related to this Agreement, and if the dispute cannot be settled through direct discussions, the aggrieved party shall by written notice demand that the dispute be submitted to non-binding mediation before any action is filed in a court or arbitral forum. Employee and the Company hereby agree to endeavor to settle the dispute in an amicable manner by participating in non-binding mediation held in Houston, Harris County, Texas or such other location as agreed by the Parties, before a mediator jointly selected by the Parties, before either party seeks recourse in court or an arbitral forum. The Parties agree to make a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute through mediation within fourteen (14) days after the written demand for mediation is received by the non-aggrieved party. The cost of mediation shall be split equally between the Parties and each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees related to the mediation. This provision in no way restricts the right of the Company to immediately seek the enforcement of any of the restrictive covenants contained in this Agreement or any other surviving agreement in order to protect the Company from immediate and irreparable harm to the fullest extent allowed by law.

17. Mandatory Venue and Jury Waiver. The Parties consent to personal jurisdiction in the States of Texas and North Carolina and agree that the exclusive, mandatory venue for any disputes, lawsuits, actions and/or proceedings arising from or related in any way to this Agreement or Employee's employment are in the state and/or federal courts in Houston, Harris County, Texas or Cary, Wake County, North Carolina. The Parties further agree that in any action to enforce this Agreement or otherwise related to employment, all such matters shall be tried solely before a judge and not a jury, and THE PARTIES AGREE TO WAIVE THEIR RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL IN ALL SUCH CASES.

18. Section 409A.

(a) If Employee is deemed to be a "**Specified Employee**" at the time of "**Separation from Service**," as such terms are defined in Section 409A of the United States Tax Code ("**Code**"), and if any portion of the Separation Benefits are subject to Section 409A, the character and timing of any separation payments shall be determined pursuant to this sub-section. If Employee is deemed to be a Specified Employee at the time of the Separation from Service, then to the extent delayed commencement of any portion of the benefits to which Employee is entitled under this Agreement is required in order to avoid a prohibited payment under the Code, such portion of Employee's separation benefits shall not be provided to Employee prior to the earlier of (i) the date that is six months after Employee's termination, (ii) the date of Employee's death, or (iii) one or more dates that otherwise comply with the requirements of Section 409A. For purposes of Section 409A of the Code, each payment that Employee may be eligible to receive under this Agreement shall be treated as a separate and distinct payment and shall not collectively be treated as a single payment.

(b) This Agreement is intended to comply with Section 409A of the United States Tax Code and any ambiguous provision will be construed in a manner that is compliant with or exempt from the application of Section 409A. It is the intent of the Parties that the provisions of this Agreement avoid the imposition of the excise tax under Section 409A, therefore, the Company, in its discretion, may amend this Agreement to the extent necessary to avoid or minimize the excise tax under Section 409A and no action taken to comply with Section 409A shall be deemed to adversely affect Employee's rights under this Agreement. However, in no event shall the Company be liable for any taxes, interest, or penalties imposed on Employee pursuant to or by reason of Section 409A. For purposes of Section 409A if it applies,

Employee shall be responsible for proposing a payment schedule compliant with Section 409A to which both Parties must agree, such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld.

19. Waiver. No term or condition of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived, nor shall there be an estoppel against the enforcement of any provision of this Agreement, except by written instrument of the party charged with such waiver or estoppel.

20. Inadmissibility of Agreement. Neither this Agreement, nor any of its terms, nor any document, statement, proceeding or conduct related to this Agreement, nor any reports or accounts thereof, shall be construed as, offered or admitted in evidence as, received as, or deemed to be evidence for any purpose adverse to the Parties, including, without limitation, evidence of a presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Parties of any liability, fault, wrongdoing, omission, or damage.

21. Notices. Except as otherwise stated herein, for purposes of this Agreement, all notices or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be effective on receipt and given in person and/or by United States Certified Mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

To the Company:

Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc.
Attn: Chief Human Resources Officer
13105 Northwest
Freeway, Suite 500
Houston, Texas 77040

To Employee:

At her address most recently contained in the Company's records

Either Party may designate a different address by providing written notice to the other Party.

22. Counterparts and Titles. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, and all of which together will constitute one document. The titles and headings preceding the text of the sections and subsections of this Agreement (including Exhibits) have been inserted solely for convenience of reference and do not constitute a part of this Agreement or affect its meaning, interpretation or effect.

23. Non-Alienation. Employee shall not have any right to pledge, hypothecate, anticipate, or in any way create a lien upon any amounts due or payable under this Agreement, including but not limited to the Severance Payment, and no payments or benefits due hereunder shall be assignable in anticipation of payment either by voluntary or involuntary acts or by operation of law. So long as Employee lives, no person, other than the Parties hereto, shall have any rights under or interest in this Agreement or the subject matter hereof, except as expressly provided herein.

24. Third Party Beneficiaries. Each of the Releasees who are not signatories to this Agreement are hereby agreed to be third party beneficiaries of this Agreement and shall be entitled to all rights, benefits, and protections of this Agreement, and shall further be entitled to enforce this Agreement and each of its terms. This Agreement shall be binding on the Parties hereto, together with their respective executors, administrators, successors, personal representatives, heirs, and assigns.

25. Miscellaneous. Nothing in this Agreement restricts Employee from communications with or full cooperation in the investigations of any governmental agency, including the EEOC, NLRB, and SEC, on matters within their jurisdiction or from cooperating with the Company in any internal investigation. However, as stated above, this Agreement does prohibit Employee from recovering any relief, including monetary relief, as a result of such activities (including any settlement related to such filing).

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EACH SIGNATORY TO THIS AGREEMENT HAS ENTERED INTO THIS SEPARATION AGREEMENT AND COMPLETE RELEASE OF CLAIMS KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY, FREELY AND WITHOUT DURESS AFTER HAVING CONSULTED WITH AN ATTORNEY OR ADVISOR OF THEIR CHOICE. EACH SIGNATORY AGREES THAT THEY HAVE FULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT (INCLUDING EXHIBITS) AND HAVE HAD A FULL AND FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS THEY HAVE ABOUT THE AGREEMENT.

By (Employee): /s/ Katy Theroux

Date: July 13, 2023

CORNERSTONE BUILDING BRANDS, INC. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES, AND RELATED ENTITIES (INCLUDING THE ENTITIES KNOWN AS NCI GROUP, INC., NCI BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC., PLY GEM INDUSTRIES, INC., AND EMPLOYEE'S HIRING ENTITY)

By: /s/ Alena Brenner

Printed Name: Alena Brenner

Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary

Date: July 20, 2023

ANNEX A

Release and Waiver of Claims

Release and Waiver of Claims. In consideration of the payments and benefits to which you are entitled under this Separation Agreement to which you, Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc., and its subsidiaries, affiliates, and related entities (including the entities known as NCI Group, Inc., NCI Building Systems, Inc., Ply Gem Industries, Inc., and Employee's hiring entity), (collectively, the "**Companies**") are parties (the "**Agreement**"), you hereby waive and release and forever discharge each of the Companies and their respective parent entities, subsidiaries, divisions, limited partnerships, affiliated corporations, successors and assigns and their respective past and present directors, managers, officers, stockholders, partners, agents, employees, insurers, attorneys, and servants each in his, her or its capacity as such, and each of them, separately and collectively (collectively, "**Releasees**"), from any and all existing claims, charges, complaints, liens, demands, causes of action, obligations, damages and liabilities, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, whether or not mature or ripe, that you ever had and now have against any Releasee arising out of or in any way related to your employment with or separation from the Companies, to any services performed for the Companies, to any status, term or condition in such employment, or to any physical or mental harm or distress from such employment or non-employment or claim to any hire, rehire or future employment of any kind by the Companies, all to the extent allowed by applicable law. This release of claims includes, but is not limited to, claims based on express or implied contract, compensation plans, covenants of good faith and fair dealing, wrongful discharge, claims for discrimination, harassment and retaliation, violation of public policy, tort or common law, whistleblower or retaliation claims; and claims for additional compensation or damages or attorneys' fees or claims under federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances, including but not limited to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act ("**WARN**"), or equivalent state WARN act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. You understand that this release of claims includes a release of all known and unknown claims through the date on which this release of claims becomes irrevocable.

Limitation of Release: Notwithstanding the foregoing, this release of claims will not prohibit you from filing a charge of discrimination with the National Labor Relations Board, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or an equivalent state civil rights agency, but you agree and understand that you are waiving your right to monetary compensation thereby if any such agency elects to pursue a claim on your behalf. Further, nothing in this release of claims shall be construed to waive any right that is not subject to waiver by private agreement under federal, state or local employment or other laws, such as claims for workers' compensation or unemployment benefits or any claims that may arise after the date on which this release of claims becomes irrevocable. In addition, nothing in this release of claims will be construed to affect any of the following claims, all rights in respect of which are reserved:

- (a) Any payment or benefit set forth in the Agreement;
- (b) Any rights as a shareholder of Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc.;
- (c) Reimbursement of unreimbursed business expenses properly incurred prior to the termination date in accordance with policy of the Companies;
- (d) Claims in respect of equity compensation owned by you ;

- (e) Vested benefits under the general employee benefit plans (other than severance pay or termination benefits under general policy of the Companies, all rights to which are hereby waived and released);
- (f) Any claim for unemployment compensation or workers' compensation administered by a state government to which you are presently or may become entitled;

(g) Any claim that either of the Companies has breached this release of claims;

and

- (h) Indemnification as a current or former director or officer of either of the Companies or any of its subsidiaries (including as a fiduciary of any employee benefit plan), or inclusion as a beneficiary of any insurance policy related to your service in such capacity.

Employee has been advised, and is being advised by this Release, that Employee has been given at least twenty-one (21) calendar days to consider the Release, but Employee can execute this Release at any time prior to the expiration of such review period. To accept this Release, Employee must date and sign and return the Release to the Company by (i) mail to Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc., Attention: HRCompliance, 13105 Northwest Freeway, Suite 500, Houston, Texas, 77040, or (ii) e-mail to HRCompliance@cornerstone-bb.com. Following execution of the Release, Employee shall have seven (7) days to revoke his/her acceptance of this Agreement. Revocation must be in writing and submitted to the Company at the address and/or e-mail indicated above. Revocation will not be effective unless it is received by the Company prior to the 8th day after Employee executes this Release. This Release shall be effective upon the expiration of the revocation period, and will be irrevocable at that time (hereinafter, the "**Effective Date**"). None of the consideration listed in the Separation Agreement between the Company and Employee, will be provided by the Company unless Employee timely signs this Release and the revocation period expires without Employee having exercised his/her right of revocation in the time periods specified in the Agreement.

EMPLOYEE HAS ENTERED INTO THIS RELEASE KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY, FREELY AND WITHOUT DURESS AFTER HAVING CONSULTED WITH AN ATTORNEY OR ADVISOR OF THEIR CHOICE. EMPLOYEE AGREES THAT THEY HAVE FULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND HAVE HAD A FULL AND FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS THEY HAVE ABOUT THE RELEASE.

By (Employee): /s/ Katy Theroux

Date: July 13, 2023

EXHIBIT B
Provided for Informational Purposes Only
The Terms of the Plan and Stock Agreement(s) Issued Thereto Control

Equity Type	Grant Date	Vesting Date	Equity Enhancements as Consideration for Consulting and Transition Services	Approximate Value
RSU – Founders Shares	November 16, 2018	November 16, 2023	Allow to vest	\$301,716
Options – Founders Shares	November 16, 2018	November 16, 2023	Allow to vest	\$305,738
PSUs	March 15, 2021	March 15, 2024	Allow to vest for complete performance period 2021- 2023 (rather than pro rata through Termination Date as currently set forth under the LTIP)	TBD until end of performance period At threshold: \$479,410.42 At target: \$958,820.84 At max: \$1,917,641.67

Equity Compensation Forfeited

Equity Type	Grant Date	Vesting Date	Terms	Approximate Value
RSUs	March 15, 2021	March 15, 2024	Forfeit	\$94,491
Options	March 15, 2021	March 15, 2024	Forfeit	\$132,505
Profit Units	October 7, 2022	20% annually on July 25	Forfeit	TBD (total initial grant of 40,000 Profit Units)

CORNERSTONE BUILDING BRANDS, INC.

**CORNERSTONE BUILDINGS BRANDS, INC. SEVERANCE PLAN
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2, 2021**

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. Severance Plan (the “Plan”) is to provide severance benefits to certain eligible employees of the Company in the event their employment is terminated on or after the Effective Date.
2. **Effective Date.** The “Effective Date” of the Plan is December 2, 2021.
3. **Eligibility.** Each employee of the Company who is designated as a participant by the Committee (each, a “Participant”) will be eligible to receive the severance benefits described in the Plan if such Participant’s employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or by such Participant for Good Reason (each, a “Qualifying Termination”). Notwithstanding the foregoing, if, pursuant to an Other Company Agreement, a Participant is eligible to receive cash severance under such, such Participant’s right to cash severance shall instead be governed by the terms of such Other Company Agreement and no amount shall be payable pursuant to this Plan.
4. **Plan Benefits upon Non-CIC Qualifying Termination.** A Participant who experiences a Qualifying Termination other than within twenty-four (24) months after a Change in Control and other than during a Potential Change in Control Period will be entitled to receive:
 - (a) **Accrued Payments.** Accrued Payments;
 - (b) **Prorated Bonus.** A lump sum cash payment equal to the Bonus Amount, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days the Participant was employed by the Company during the fiscal year in which the Termination Date occurs, and the denominator of which is 365, based on actual performance under applicable financial metrics and applying any discretionary factors in substantially the same manner as such factors are applied to employees whose employment has not been terminated (the “Prorated Bonus”);
 - (c) **Cash Severance.** A cash severance payment equal to one (1) times the Participant’s annual base salary at the highest annualized rate in effect during the one (1) year period immediately preceding the Termination Date, payable in substantially equal payments on regular payroll dates over the one (1) year period following the Termination Date (the “Cash Severance”);
 - (d) **Medical and Dental Payment.** Medical and dental coverage at the active employee rate for the period of continuation coverage applicable to Participant under the Consolidated Budget Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended (“COBRA”), up to a maximum of twelve (12) months.
 - (e) **Equity Awards.** Any outstanding equity awards held by a Participant will be treated in accordance with their terms.

5. **Plan Benefits upon CIC Qualifying Termination.** A Participant who experiences a Qualifying Termination within twenty-four (24) months after a Change in Control will be entitled to receive:

(a) **Accrued Payments.** Accrued Payments;

(b) **Prorated Bonus.** The Prorated Bonus;

(c) **Cash Severance.** The Cash Severance;

(d) **CIC Cash Severance.** A lump sum cash severance payment equal to the sum of (i) one (1) times the Participant's annual base salary at the highest annualized rate in effect during the one (1) year period immediately preceding the date of the Change in Control and (ii) two (2) times the Participant's Bonus Amount (the "CIC Severance Payment");

(e) **Medical and Dental Payment.** Medical and dental coverage at the active employee rate for the period of continuation coverage applicable to Participant under COBRA, up to a maximum of eighteen (18) months.

(f) **Equity Awards.** Any outstanding equity awards held by a Participant will be treated in accordance with their terms.

6. **Plan Benefits upon Qualifying Termination During a Potential Change in Control Period.** If Participant is terminated by the Company during a Potential Change in Control Period, then Participant will be entitled to the severance payments and termination benefits set forth in Section 4 subject to its terms and conditions, and, if and when the Change in Control related to the Potential Change in Control Period subsequently occurs, Participant will be entitled to receive the CIC Severance Payment and an additional six (6) months will be added to the duration of the medical and dental coverage period as provided in Section 5(e).

7. **Release and Restrictive Covenant Requirement.** As a condition to the payments set forth in Sections 4 and 5, a Participant must agree to comply with the restrictive covenants set forth in this Section 7, and execute, deliver and not revoke a general release agreement (the "Release") in substantially the form as attached hereto as Appendix A, no later than thirty (30) days after the Termination Date. Subject to Section 9(i) hereof, the CIC Severance Payment will be paid on the first payroll date following the effective date of the Release and the pro rata bonus will be paid not later than March 15th of the year following the year of the Termination Date.

(a) **Non-Competition.** Participant shall not, directly or indirectly and whether on Participant's own behalf or on behalf of any other person, partnership, association, corporation or other entity, engage in or be an owner, director, officer, employee, agent, consultant or other representative of or for, or lend money or equipment to or otherwise support, (x) any business that is engaged in the design, engineering, manufacturing, installation and marketing of exterior building products, including, for avoidance of doubt, in the residential or commercial sectors and with respect to both new construction and repairs and remodeling, that are the same as or similar

to those designed, engineered, manufactured, installed or marketed by the Company or its subsidiaries and such Affiliates during the period of employment of Participant and (y) any other business that is a material competitor of a material business that is conducted by the Company or its subsidiaries and such Affiliates during the period of employment of Participant (unless disposed of prior to Employee's date of termination). Ownership by Participant of equity securities of the Company, or of equity securities in other public or privately-owned companies that compete with the Company constituting less than 1% of the voting securities in such companies, shall be deemed not to be a breach of this covenant. Participant agrees and stipulates that in any action or claim brought by Participant or in any action or claim brought against Participant involving the provisions of this Section 7, Participant hereby waives any claim or defense that the above non-competition covenants are unenforceable, void or voidable, for any reason, including, but not limited to, fraud, misrepresentation, illegality, unenforceable restraint of trade, failure of consideration, illusory contract, mistake, or any other substantive legal defense.

(b) Non-Solicitation. Participant shall not, directly or indirectly and whether on Participant's own behalf or on behalf of any other person, partnership, association, corporation or other entity, either (i) seek to hire or solicit the employment or service of any employee, agent or consultant of the Company or its Affiliates in a commercial capacity; (ii) in any manner attempt to influence or induce any employee, agent or consultant of the Company or its Affiliates to leave the employment or service of the Company or its Affiliates; (iii) use or disclose to any person, partnership, association, corporation or other entity any information concerning the names and addresses of any employees, agents or consultants of the Company or its Affiliates unless such use or disclosure is of a personal nature, is requested by the Company or is required by due process of law; or (iv) call upon, solicit, divert or attempt to call upon, solicit or divert the business of any customer, vendor or acquisition prospect of the Company or any of its Affiliates with whom Participant dealt, directly or indirectly, during Participant's engagement with the Company or its Affiliates. Participant shall not be prohibited from hiring or soliciting the employment or service of an agent or consultant of the Company or its Affiliates for purposes which do not violate Section 7 of this Agreement. Participant agrees and stipulates that in any action or claim brought by Participant or in any action or claim brought against Participant involving the provisions of this Section 7, Participant hereby waives any claim or defense that the above non-solicitation covenants are unenforceable, void or voidable, for any reason, including, but not limited to, fraud, misrepresentation, illegality, unenforceable restraint of trade, failure of consideration, illusory contract, mistake, or any other substantive legal defense.

(c) Non-Disparagement and Non-Interference. To the extent permitted by the law, Participant agrees to refrain from any criticisms or disparaging comments about the Company or any Affiliates (including any current officer, director or employee of the Company), and Participant agrees not to take any action, or assist any person in taking any other action, that is adverse to the interests of the Company or any Affiliate or inconsistent with fostering the goodwill of the Company and its Affiliates; provided, however, that nothing in this Agreement shall apply to or restrict in any way the communication of information by the Company or Participant to any state or federal law enforcement, regulatory or judicial agency or official or to the Board or senior management of the Company or require notice to the Company thereof, and

Participant will not be in breach of the covenant contained above solely by reason of testimony which is compelled by process of law. Nothing in this paragraph restricts, or is intended to restrict, any rights of Participant that cannot be lawfully restricted. Nothing in this Plan shall be interpreted in a manner that limits or restricts Participant from exercising any legally protected whistleblower rights (including pursuant to Rule 21F promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended).

The foregoing covenants in this Section 7 shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year following Participant's Termination Date (whether initiated by Participant or by the Company or Employer) for any reason.

8. **Section 280G.** In the event that any payments or benefits otherwise payable to Participant (a) constitute "parachute payments" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code, and (b) but for this Section 8, would be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, then such payments and benefits will be either (x) delivered in full, or (y) delivered as to such lesser extent that would result in no portion of such payments and benefits being subject to excise tax under Section 4999 of the Code, whichever of the foregoing amounts, taking into account the applicable federal, state and local income and employment taxes and the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code (and any equivalent state or local excise taxes), results in the receipt by Participant on an after-tax basis, of the greatest amount of benefits, notwithstanding that all or some portion of such payments and benefits may be taxable under Section 4999 of the Code. Unless the Company and Participant otherwise agree in writing, any determination required under this Section 8 will be made in writing by a nationally-recognized accounting firm selected by the Company (the "Accountants"), whose determination will be conclusive and binding upon Participant and the Company for all purposes. The Company will bear all costs the Accountants may reasonably incur in connection with any calculations contemplated by this provision. Any reduction in payments and/or benefits required by this provision will occur in the following order: (1) reduction of cash payments; (2) reduction of vesting acceleration of equity awards; and (3) reduction of other benefits paid or provided to Participant. In the event that acceleration of vesting of equity awards is to be reduced, such acceleration of vesting will be cancelled in the reverse order of the date of grant for equity awards. If two or more equity awards are granted on the same date, each award will be reduced on a pro-rata basis. For purposes of this Section 8, the "Company" shall include, as applicable, any affiliate entity thereof, including after the Change in Control, the Surviving Entity or other parent corporation thereof.

9. **General Provisions.**

(a) **Taxes.** The Company is authorized to withhold from any payments made hereunder amounts of withholding and other taxes due or potentially payable in connection therewith, and to take such other action as the Company may deem advisable to enable the Company and Participants to satisfy obligations for the payment of withholding taxes and other tax obligations relating to any payments made under this Plan.

(b) **Offset.** The Company may set off against, and each Participant authorizes the Company to deduct from, any payments due to the Participant, or to his estate, heirs, legal

representatives, or successors, any amounts which may be due and owing to the Company or an affiliate by the Participant, whether arising under this Plan or otherwise; provided that no such offset may be made with respect to amounts payable that are subject to the requirements of Section 409A of the Code unless the offset would not result in a violation of the requirements of Section 409A of the Code.

(c) Term of the Plan; Amendment and Termination. The Committee may amend or terminate the Plan at any time without the consent of the Participants upon (i) at least six (6) months' notice of amendments that are adverse to the interests of the Participants (except that termination of a Participant's participation in the Plan may be made with three (3) months' notice) or planned termination of the Plan, in each case, in anticipation of a Change in Control or during a Potential Change in Control Period; provided that any termination or amendments to the Plan that are adverse to the interests of any Participant and made in anticipation of a Change of Control will give a Participant the right to enforce his or her rights pursuant to Section 11 and (ii) at least one (1) months' notice of amendments that are adverse to the interests of the Participants or termination of a Participant's participation in the Plan or planned termination of the Plan, in each case, not in anticipation of or otherwise in connection with a Change in Control or during a Potential Change in Control Period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the period commencing on a Change in Control and ending on the first anniversary of the Change in Control, no Participant's participation hereunder may be terminated and the Plan may not be terminated or amended in any manner which is materially adverse to the interests of any Participant without the prior written consent of such Participant.

(d) Successors; Binding Agreement. All of the provisions of the Plan will be binding on the Company and any successor to the Company. The Company will require any successor or assign (whether director or indirect, by purchase, exchange, lease, merger, consolidation, or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company to expressly assume the Plan and agree to perform under the Plan in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform if no such succession had taken place. The benefits provided under this Plan shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Participant's personal or legal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, heirs distributees, devisees and legatees. If the Participant shall die when any amounts would be payable to the Participant hereunder had the Participant continued to live, all such amounts shall be paid in accordance with the terms of this Plan to such person or persons appointed in writing by the Participant to receive such amounts, or if no person is so appointed, to the Participant's estate.

(e) Unfunded Obligation. All benefits due an Participant under this Plan are unfunded and unsecured and are payable out of the general funds of the Company.

(f) Limitation on Rights Conferred Under Plan. Neither the Plan nor any action taken hereunder will be construed as (i) giving an Participant the right to continue in the employ or service of the Company or an affiliate; (ii) interfering in any way with the right of the Company or any affiliate to terminate an Participant's employment or service at any time; or (iii) giving an Participant any claim to be treated uniformly with other employees.

(g) Non-exclusivity. The adoption of the Plan by the Company will not be construed as creating any limitations on the power of the Company to adopt any other plan, program, policy or practice. Nothing in the Plan will prevent or limit the Participant's continuing or future participation any plan, program, policy or practice provided by the Company and for which the Participant may qualify and except as specifically modified by this Plan, nothing herein will limit or otherwise affect Participant's rights under any Other Company Agreement.

(h) Severability. If any provision of the Plan is held to be illegal or invalid for any reason, the illegality or invalidity will not affect the remaining provisions of the Plan, but such provision will be fully severable and the Plan will be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had never been included herein.

(i) Application of Section 409A. The amounts payable pursuant to Sections 3 and 4 of this Plan are intended to comply with or be exempt from Section 409A of the Code and the Treasury Regulations issued thereunder ("Section 409A") and shall be interpreted consistent with such intent. To the extent that an Participant is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A as of the Termination Date, no amount that constitutes a deferral of compensation which is payable on account of the Participant's separation from service shall be paid to the Participant before the date (the "Delayed Payment Date") which is first day of the seventh month after the Termination Date or, if earlier, the date of the Participant's death following such date. All such amounts that would, but for this Section 9(i), become payable prior to the Delayed Payment Date will be accumulated and paid on the Delayed Payment Date. No interest will be paid by the Company with respect to any such delayed payments. For purposes of Section 409A, each payment or amount due under this Plan shall be considered a separate payment, and a Participant's entitlement to a series of payments under this Plan is to be treated as an entitlement to a series of separate payments. In the event a Participant is party to an Other Company Agreement that provides for severance that constitutes "deferred compensation" subject to Section 409A, any payments under this Plan shall be made in accordance with the applicable payment schedule in such Other Company Agreement or otherwise in a manner that complies with Section 409A. Any provisions of this Plan which require commencement of payments or benefits coverage subject to Section 409A upon a termination of employment shall be interpreted to require that the Participant have a "separation from service" (as such term is defined under Section 409A).

(j) Governing Law. The Plan will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without reference to conflict of law provisions.

10. Definitions. For purposes of the Plan, the terms listed below will have the meanings specified herein:

(a) "Accrued Payments" means (i) the portion of Participant's annual Base Salary, at the rate then in effect, earned or accrued for Participant's account through the Termination Date or for which Participant is entitled to payment for events or circumstances occurring on or through the Termination Date, (ii) any unpaid Annual Bonus earned with respect to the fiscal year preceding the Termination Date, (iii) unreimbursed business expenses that are eligible for reimbursement in accordance with the applicable Company policies, and (iv) any generally

applicable vested benefits, if any, as to which an individual may be entitled pursuant to the terms governing such benefits.

(b) “Affiliate” means any entity controlled by, controlling or under common control with a person or entity.

(c) “Annual Bonus” means the annual cash bonus payment awarded under the Company’s incentive plan or program, as in effect from time to time.

(d) “Base Salary” means the amount a Participant is entitled to receive as wages or salary on an annualized basis, calculated as of the date of termination, or, if greater, before any reduction not consented to by the Participant.

(e) “Board” means the Board of Directors of the Company.

(f) “Bonus Amount” means the Participant’s target Annual Bonus for the fiscal year in which the Termination Date occurs.

(g) “Cause” means any of the following occurring after the Effective Date: (i) Participant’s willful and continued failure to substantially perform Participant’s duties and other obligations under this Plan, if such failure continues for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice by the Company of the existence of such failure; (ii) Participant’s willful and material violation of the Company’s code of conduct or other material written policy of which Participant has notice, which violation is not cured within thirty (30) days after written notice by the Company of the existence of such violation; provided however, that only one such notice by the Company need be sent and, if such failure re-occurs thereafter, no further notice and opportunity to cure such failure shall be required; (iii) the willful engaging by Participant in material misconduct which (A) brings the Company or any of its subsidiaries into public disgrace, or (B) harms the business operations of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (iv) Participant’s indictment for, pleading guilty or nolo contendere to, or conviction for committing a felony or crime involving moral turpitude or dishonesty; (v) Participant’s committing an act of fraud, embezzlement, theft, or misappropriation with respect to the Company; or (vi) the breach or failure by Participant to perform any of its material covenants contained in this Plan or any other agreement to which the Company and the Participant are parties; provided, however, that the Board must first provide to Participant written notice clearly and fully describing the particular acts or omissions which the Board reasonably believes in good faith constitutes Cause hereunder, and providing an opportunity, within thirty (30) days following the receipt of such notice, to meet in person with the Board to explain the alleged acts or omissions relied upon by the Board and, to the extent practicable, to cure such acts or omissions.

(h) “Change in Control” has the meaning set forth in the Company’s Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan, as in effect as of the Termination Date.

(i) “CIC Severance Payment” has the meaning set forth in Section 5(c).

(j) “COBRA” has the meaning set forth in Section 4(d).

- (k) “Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- (l) “Committee” means the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (m) “Company” means Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. and each of its subsidiaries.
- (n) “ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.
- (o) “Good Reason” means any of the following events that occurs without Participant’s prior written consent after the Effective Date:

- (i) any material reduction in the amount of Participant’s then current base salary or target bonus opportunity, in either case other than as part of a reduction of less than ten percent (10%) applied generally across-the-board to all of the senior executive officers of the Company;

- (ii) (A) a material reduction in Participant’s title; or (B) a material, adverse reduction in the duties or responsibilities of Participant relative to Participant’s duties or responsibilities;

- (iii) the breach or failure by the Company to perform any of its material covenants contained in this Plan or any other agreement to which the Company and the Participant are parties;

- (iv) any relocation of Participant’s principal place of employment by more than fifty (50) miles, as long as such relocation increases Participant’s normal daily commute excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, the expected relocation to Cary, North Carolina, if applicable; or

- (v) the Company’s failure to cause any successor to all or substantially all of the business or assets of the Company to expressly agree to assume the obligations of the Company under this Plan, unless such assumption occurs automatically by operation of law.

In order for a termination of a Participant to constitute a termination for Good Reason, the Participant must notify the Company of the circumstances claimed to constitute Good Reason in writing not later than the ninetieth (90th) day after such circumstances have arisen or occurred and must provide the Company with at least thirty (30) days within which to cure such circumstances before terminating employment, and, failing a cure, the Participant must terminate his or her employment within thirty (30) days following the expiration of such cure period. The General Counsel has the sole discretion to determine whether the circumstances contained in the written notice from the Participant gives rise to Good Reason as defined in this Plan.

(p) “Other Company Agreement” means, an employment agreement or other similar agreement with the Company (regardless of form) and any other plan, policy or arrangement with the Company.

(q) “Participant” has the meaning set forth in Section 3.

(r) “Plan” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.

(s) “Potential Change in Control” of the Company shall be deemed to have occurred, if:

(i) the Company enters into an agreement, the consummation of which would result in the occurrence of a Change in Control of the Company;

(ii) any person (including the Company) publicly announces an intention to take or to consider taking actions which if consummated would constitute a Change in Control of the Company; or

(iii) the Board adopts a resolution to the effect that, for purposes of the Plan, a Potential Change in Control has occurred.

(t) “Potential Change in Control Period” means the period beginning on the date the Potential Change in Control occurs and ending as of the earlier of (i) the date on which a Change in Control occurs or (ii) the date the Board makes a good faith determination that the risk of a Change in Control has terminated. Participant’s employment shall be deemed to have been terminated during a Potential Change in Control Period if such termination occurs prior to a Change in Control and such termination is by the Company other than for Cause and is at the request of the counter party in such Change in Control or (y) otherwise reasonably in anticipation of such Change in Control, provided that such Change in Control actually occurs.

(u) “Release” has the meaning set forth in Section 7.

(v) “Termination Date” means the effective date of a Participant’s termination of employment.

11. **Claims, Inquiries, Appeals.**

(a) Applications for Benefits and Inquiries. Any application for benefits, inquiries about the Plan or inquiries about present or future rights under the Plan must be submitted to the claims administrator in writing, as follows:

Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc.
5020 Weston Parkway
Suite 400
Cary, North Carolina 27513
Attn: Kimberly Moore

(b) Denial of Claims.

(i) In the event that any application for benefits is denied in whole or in part, the claims administrator must notify the applicant, in writing, of the denial of the application, and of the applicant's right to review the denial. The written notice of denial will be set forth in a manner designed to be understood by the Participant, and will include specific reasons for the denial, specific references to the Plan provision upon which the denial is based, a description of any information or material that the claims administrator needs to complete the review and an explanation of the Plan's review procedure.

(ii) The written notice referred to in Section 11(b)(i) will be given to the Participant within 30 days after the claims administrator receives the application pursuant to Section 11(a), unless special circumstances require an extension of time, in which case, the claims administrator has up to an additional 30 days for processing the application. If an extension of time for processing is required, written notice of the extension will be furnished to the applicant before the end of the initial 30-day period. This notice of extension will describe the special circumstances necessitating the additional time and the date by which the claims administrator is to render his or her decision on the application. If written notice of denial of the application for benefits is not furnished within the specified time, the application will be deemed to be denied. The applicant will then be permitted to appeal the denial in accordance with the review procedure described below.

(c) Request for a Review. Any Participant (or any Participant's authorized representative) for whom an application for benefits is denied (or deemed denied), in whole or in part, may (but without any obligation to do so) appeal the denial by submitting a request for a review to the Plan Administrator within 60 days after the application is denied (or deemed denied). The Plan Administrator will give the applicant (or his or her representative) an opportunity to review pertinent documents in preparing a request for a review and submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim. A request for a review will be in writing and will be addressed to:

Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc.
5020 Weston Parkway
Suite 400
Cary, North Carolina 27513
Attn: Kimberly Moore

A request for review must set forth all of the grounds on which it is based, all facts in support of the request and any other matters that the applicant feels are pertinent. The Plan Administrator may require the applicant to submit additional facts, documents or other material as he or she may find necessary or appropriate in making his or her review.

(d) Decision on Review. The Plan Administrator will act on each request for review within 20 days after receipt of the request, unless special circumstances require an extension of

time (not to exceed an additional 20 days), for processing the request for a review. If an extension for review is required, written notice of the extension will be furnished to the applicant within the initial 20-day period. The Plan Administrator will give prompt, written notice of his or her decision to the applicant. In the event that the Plan Administrator confirms the denial of the application for benefits in whole or in part, the notice will outline, in a manner calculated to be understood by the applicant, the specific Plan provisions upon which the decision is based. If written notice of the Plan Administrator's decision is not given to the applicant within the time prescribed in this Section 11(d) the application will be deemed denied on review.

(e) Rules and Procedures. The Plan Administrator may establish rules and procedures, consistent with the Plan and with ERISA, as necessary and appropriate in carrying out its responsibilities in reviewing benefit claims. The Plan Administrator may require an applicant who wishes to submit additional information in connection with an appeal from the denial (or deemed denial) of benefits to do so at the applicant's own expense.

(f) Exhaustion of Remedies. No claim for benefits under the Plan may be brought in any forum until the claimant (a) has submitted a written application for benefits in accordance with the procedures described by Section 11(a) above, (b) has been notified by the claims administrator that the application is denied (or the application is deemed denied due to the claims administrator's failure to act on it within the established time period), (c) has filed a written request for a review of the application in accordance with the appeal procedure described in Section 11(c) above and (d) has been notified in writing that the Plan Administrator has denied the appeal (or the appeal is deemed to be denied due to the Plan Administrator's failure to take any action on the claim within the time prescribed by Section 11(d) above).

(g) Final Dispute Resolution. The provisions of this Section 11(g) shall be the exclusive means of resolving disputes of the Company and Participant (including any other persons claiming any rights or having any obligations through the Company or Participant) arising out of or relating to the Plan that remain unresolved after the exhaustion of the procedure outlined in Sections 11(a) through (f). Either party may file suit and each party agrees that any suit, action, or proceeding arising out of or relating to the Plan shall be brought in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (or should such court lack jurisdiction to hear such action, suit or proceeding, in a Texas state court in Harris County, Texas) and that the parties shall submit to the jurisdiction of each court. The parties irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection a party may have to the laying of venue for any such suit, action or proceeding brought in such court. THE COMPANY AND THE PARTICIPANT ALSO EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT THEY HAVE OR MAY HAVE TO A JURY TRIAL OF ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING. If any or more provisions of this Section 11(g) shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable, it is the specific intent of the parties that such provisions shall be modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it or its application valid or enforceable.

(h) Attorneys' Fees. In the event of any dispute under this Plan, the court may award attorneys' fees as provided under 29 U.S.C. 1132(g)(1).

(i) No Right to Continued Employment. Neither the establishment of the Plan, nor any modification thereof, nor the creation of any fund, trust or account, nor the payment of any benefits will be construed as giving any Participant, or any person whomsoever, the right to be retained in the service of the Company, and all Participants will remain subject to discharge to the same extent as if the Plan had never been adopted.

12. **Specific Information Required by ERISA Plan**

Plan Name:	Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. Severance Plan
Name, Address and Telephone Number of Plan Sponsor	Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc 5020 Weston Parkway Suite 400 Cary, North Carolina 27513
Plan Sponsor's I.D. No. (EIN)	76-0127701
Plan Number	505
Type of Plan	The Plan is a welfare benefit plan that provides severance benefits
Plan Administrator	The Plan is administered by the Company
Name, Address and Telephone Number of Plan Administrator	Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc 5020 Weston Parkway Suite 400 Cary, North Carolina 27513 919-677-3914
Agent for Service of Legal Process	Service of legal process may be made upon the Plan Administrator
Plan Year	Calendar Year

STATEMENT OF ERISA RIGHTS

The following statement is required by federal law and regulations

As a participant in the Plan you are entitled to certain rights and protections under ERISA. ERISA provides that all Participants shall be entitled to:

Receive Information About Your Plan and Benefits

- Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations, all documents governing the Plan.
- Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan. The Plan Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries

In addition to creating rights for Plan Participants ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the Plan. The people who operate the Plan, called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other Plan Participants and beneficiaries. No one, including the Company or any other person, may terminate your employment or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a Plan benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

Enforce Your Rights

If your claim for a Plan benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of Plan documents or the latest annual report from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, and if you have exhausted the internal claims procedures available to you under the Plan (discussed in [Section 11](#) above) you may file suit in a state or Federal court. If it should happen that Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

Assistance with Your Questions

If you have any questions about the Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Appendix A

General Release

1. Release and Waiver of Claims. In consideration of the payments and benefits to which you are entitled under that certain Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. Severance Plan (the "**Plan**") pursuant to which you and Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. and its affiliates (collectively, the "**Company**") are parties, you hereby waive and release and forever discharge the Company and each of its respective parent entities, subsidiaries, divisions, limited partnerships, affiliated corporations, successors and assigns and their respective past and present directors, managers, officers, stockholders, partners, agents, employees, insurers, attorneys, and servants each in his, her or its capacity as such, and each of them, separately and collectively (collectively, "**Releasees**"), from any and all existing claims, charges, complaints, liens, demands, causes of action, obligations, damages and liabilities, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, whether or not mature or ripe, that you ever had and now have against any Releasee arising out of or in any way related to your employment with or separation from the Company, to any services performed for the Company, to any status, term or condition in such employment, or to any physical or mental harm or distress from such employment or non-employment or claim to any hire, rehire or future employment of any kind by the Company, all to the extent allowed by applicable law. This release of claims includes, but is not limited to, claims based on express or implied contract, compensation plans, covenants of good faith and fair dealing, wrongful discharge, claims for discrimination, harassment and retaliation, violation of public policy, tort or common law, whistleblower or retaliation claims; and claims for additional compensation or damages or attorneys' fees or claims under federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances, including but not limited to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act ("**ADEA**"), the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act ("**WARN**"), or equivalent state WARN act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. You understand that this release of claims includes a release of all known and unknown claims through the date on which this release of claims becomes irrevocable (the "**Effective Date**").

2. Limitation of Release: Notwithstanding the foregoing, this release of claims will not prohibit you from filing a charge or complaint with the National Labor Relations Board, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission or any other self-regulatory organization or any other federal, state or local governmental agency or commission (each a "**Governmental Agency**"), or to testify, assist or participate in any investigation, hearing or proceeding conducted by a Governmental Agency, but you agree and understand that you are waiving your right to monetary compensation thereby if any such agency elects to pursue a claim

on your behalf. Further, nothing in this release of claims shall be construed to waive any right that is not subject to waiver by private agreement under federal, state or local employment or other laws, such as claims for workers' compensation or unemployment benefits or any claims that may arise after the date on which this release of claims becomes irrevocable. In addition, nothing in this release of claims will be construed to affect any of the following claims, all rights in respect of which are reserved:

- a) Any payment or benefit set forth in the Plan;
- b) Any rights as a shareholder of the Company;
- c) Reimbursement of unreimbursed business expenses properly incurred prior to the termination date in accordance with policy of the Company;
- d) Claims in respect of equity compensation owned by you;
- e) Vested benefits under the general employee benefit plans (other than severance pay or termination benefits under general policy of the Company, all rights to which are hereby waived and released);
- f) Any claim for unemployment compensation or workers' compensation administered by a state government to which you are presently or may become entitled;
- g) Any claim that either of the Company has breached this release of claims; and
- h) Indemnification as a current or former director or officer of either of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (including as a fiduciary of any employee benefit plan), or inclusion as a beneficiary of any insurance policy related to your service in such capacity.

3. Acknowledgements by You. You acknowledge and agree that you have read this release in its entirety and acknowledge and agree that:

- i) This release does not release, waive or discharge any rights or claims that may arise for actions or omissions after the Effective Date of this release and you acknowledge that you are not releasing, waiving or discharging any ADEA claims that may arise after the Effective Date of this release;
- a. You have been advised, and are being advised by the release, to consult with an attorney before executing this release;
- b. You have been advised, and are being advised by this release, that you have been given at least [twenty-one (21)] [forty-five (45)] days within which to consider the release, but you can execute this release at any time prior to the expiration of such review period; [and]

- c. [Because this release includes a release of claims under ADEA, you are being provided with the information contained in Schedule 1 hereto in accordance with the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act; and]
- d. You are aware that this release shall become null and void if you revoke your agreement to this release within seven (7) days following the date of execution of this release. You may revoke this release at any time during such seven-day period by delivering (or causing to be delivered) written notice of your revocation of this release no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the seventh (7th) full day following the date of execution of this release (the “**Effective Date**”) to:

Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc.
5020 Weston Parkway, Suite 400
Cary, North Carolina 27513
Attention: General Counsel

You agree and acknowledge that a letter of revocation that is not received by such date and time will be invalid and will not revoke this release.

- 4. Governing Law. This release will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without reference to conflict of law provisions.

If this release correctly describes our understanding, please execute and deliver a counterpart of this signature page.

Sincerely,

Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc.

By:
Name:
Title:

Accepted and Agreed

I hereby agree with and accept the terms and conditions of this release:

Name:

Date:

Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc.
List of Subsidiaries

AWC Holding Company	Delaware
Building Systems de Mexico, S.A. de C.V.	Mexico
Cornerstone Building Brands Canada, Inc. (f/k/a Gienow Canada, Inc.)	Alberta, Canada
Cornerstone Building Brands Services, Inc.	Delaware
Cornerstone Latin American Services, S.R.L.	Costa Rica
Environmental Materials, LLC	Delaware
M.A.C. Métal Architectural Inc.	Quebec, Canada
Mastic Home Exteriors, Inc.	Ohio
Mitten Inc.	Ontario, Canada
MW Manufacturers Inc.	Delaware
MWM Holding, Inc.	Delaware
NCI Group, Inc.	Nevada
Ply Gem Industries, Inc.	Delaware
Robertson-Ceco II Corporation	Delaware
Variform, Inc.	Missouri

CORNERSTONE BUILDING BRANDS, INC.

Power of Attorney

WHEREAS, CORNERSTONE BUILDING BRANDS, INC., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), intends to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder, its Annual Report on Form 10-K, together with any and all exhibits, documents and other instruments and documents necessary, advisable or appropriate in connection therewith, including any amendments thereto (the “Form 10-K”);

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Rose Lee, Jeffrey S. Lee and Alena S. Brenner, and each of them severally, his or her true and lawful attorney or attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power to act with or without the others and with full power of substitution and resubstitution, to execute in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, this Form 10-K and any or all amendments to this Form 10-K and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents and each of them full power and authority, to do and perform in the name and on behalf of the undersigned, in any and all capacities, each and every act and thing necessary or desirable to be done in and about the premises, to all intents and purposes and as fully as they might or could do in person, hereby ratifying, approving and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or their substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities indicated as of the 23rd day of February, 2024.

Signature	Title
<u>/s/ Kathleen J. Affeldt</u> Kathleen J. Affeldt	Director
<u>/s/ Naomi Garlick</u> Naomi Garlick	Director
<u>/s/ Wilbert W. James, Jr</u> Wilbert W. James, Jr	Director
<u>/s/ Daniel C. Janki</u> Daniel C. Janki	Director
<u>/s/ John Krenicki, Jr.</u> John Krenicki, Jr.	Director
<u>/s/ Timothy J. O'Brien</u> Timothy J. O'Brien	Director
<u>/s/ Nathan K. Sleeper</u> Nathan K. Sleeper	Director
<u>/s/ Tyler Young</u> Tyler Young	Director

RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) CERTIFICATIONS

I, Rose Lee, certify that

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 23, 2024

/s/ Rose Lee

Rose Lee

President and Chief Executive Officer

RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) CERTIFICATIONS

I, Jeffrey S. Lee, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 23, 2024

/s/ Jeffrey S. Lee

Jeffrey S. Lee

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the annual report on Form 10-K of Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. (the “Company”) for the period ended December 31, 2023 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Rose Lee, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. I have reviewed this Report of Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc.;
2. This Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
3. The information contained in this Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 23, 2024

/s/ Rose Lee

Rose Lee

President and Chief Executive Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. and will be retained by Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

These Certifications shall not be deemed to be “filed” or part of the Report or incorporated by reference into any of the registrant’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission by implication or by any reference in any such filing to the Report.

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the annual report on Form 10-K of Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. (the “Company”) for the period ended December 31, 2023 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Jeffrey S. Lee, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. I have reviewed this Report of Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc.;
2. This Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
3. The information contained in this Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 23, 2024

/s/ Jeffrey S. Lee

Jeffrey S. Lee

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. and will be retained by Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

These Certifications shall not be deemed to be “filed” or part of the Report or incorporated by reference into any of the registrant’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission by implication or by any reference in any such filing to the Report.