

entertainment facilities commonly result in a significant portion of the purchase price being allocated to the fair value of the contract-based intangible asset associated with long-term relationships manifest in the sanction agreements with sanctioning bodies, such as NASCAR, Grand American Road Racing Association ("Grand American") and/or Indy Racing League ("IRL"). The continuity of sanction agreements with these bodies has historically enabled the facility operator to host motorsports events year after year. While individual sanction agreements may be of terms as short as one year, a significant portion of the purchase price in excess of the fair value of acquired tangible assets is commonly paid to acquire anticipated future cash flows from events promoted pursuant to these agreements which are expected to continue for the foreseeable future and therefore, in accordance with SFAS No. 141, are recorded as indefinite-lived intangible assets recognized apart from goodwill.

*Capitalization and Depreciation Policies.* Property and equipment are stated at cost. Maintenance and repairs that neither materially add to the value of the property nor appreciably prolong its life are charged to expense as incurred. Depreciation and amortization for financial statement purposes are provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. When we construct assets, we capitalize costs of the project, including, but not limited to, certain preacquisition costs, permitting costs, fees paid to architects and contractors, certain costs of our design and construction subsidiary, property taxes and interest.

We must make estimates and assumptions when accounting for capital expenditures. Whether an expenditure is considered an operating expense or a capital asset is a matter of judgment. When constructing or purchasing assets, we must determine whether existing assets are being replaced or otherwise impaired, which also is a matter of judgment. Our depreciation expense for financial statement purposes is highly dependent on the assumptions we make about our assets' estimated useful lives. We determine the estimated useful lives based upon our experience with similar assets, industry, legal and regulatory factors, and our expectations of the usage of the asset. Whenever events or circumstances occur which change the estimated useful life of an asset, we account for the change prospectively.

Interest costs associated with major development and construction projects are capitalized as part of the cost of the project. Interest is typically capitalized on amounts expended using the weighted-average cost of our outstanding borrowings, since we typically do not borrow funds directly related to a development or construction project. We capitalize interest on a project when development or construction activities begin and cease when such activities are substantially complete or are suspended for more than a brief period.

*Impairment of Long-lived Assets, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets.* Our consolidated balance sheets include significant amounts of long-lived assets, goodwill and other intangible assets. Our intangible assets are comprised of assets having finite useful lives, which are amortized over that period, and goodwill and other non-amortizable intangible assets with indefinite useful lives. Current accounting standards require testing these assets for impairment, either upon the occurrence of an impairment indicator or annually, based on assumptions regarding our future business outlook. While we continue to review and analyze many factors that can impact our business prospects in

the future, our analyses are subjective and are based on conditions existing at and trends leading up to the time the estimates and assumptions are made. Actual results could differ materially from these estimates and assumptions. Our judgments with regard to our future business prospects could impact whether or not an impairment is deemed to have occurred, as well as the timing of the recognition of such an impairment charge. Our equity method investees also perform such tests for impairment of long-lived assets, goodwill and other intangible assets.

*Self-Insurance Reserves.* We use a combination of insurance and self-insurance for a number of risks including general liability, workers' compensation, vehicle liability and employee-related health care benefits. Liabilities associated with the risks that we retain are estimated by considering various historical trends and forward-looking assumptions related to costs, claim counts and payments. The estimated accruals for these liabilities could be significantly affected if future occurrences and claims differ from these assumptions and historical trends.

*Income Taxes.* The tax law requires that certain items be included in our tax return at different times than when these items are reflected in our consolidated financial statements. Some of these differences are permanent, such as expenses not deductible on our tax return. However, some differences reverse over time, such as depreciation expense, and these temporary differences create deferred tax assets and liabilities. Our estimates of deferred income taxes and the significant items giving rise to deferred tax assets and liabilities reflect our assessment of actual future taxes to be paid on items reflected in our financial statements, giving consideration to both timing and probability of realization. Actual income taxes could vary significantly from these estimates due to future changes in income tax law or changes or adjustments resulting from final review of our tax returns by taxing authorities, which could also adversely impact our cash flow.

In the ordinary course of business, there are many transactions and calculations where the ultimate tax outcome is uncertain. The calculation of tax liabilities involves dealing with uncertainties in the application of complex tax laws. We recognize probable liabilities for tax audit issues, including interest and penalties, based on an estimate of the ultimate resolution of whether, and the extent to which, additional taxes will be due. Although we believe the estimates are reasonable, no assurance can be given that the final outcome of these matters will not be different than what is reflected in the historical income tax provisions and accruals. Such differences could have an impact on the income tax provision and operating results in the period in which such determination is made.

*Contingent Liabilities.* Our determination of the treatment of contingent liabilities in the financial statements is based on our view of the expected outcome of the applicable contingency. In the ordinary course of business we consult with legal counsel on matters related to litigation and other experts both within and outside our company. We accrue a liability if the likelihood of an adverse outcome is probable and the amount of loss is reasonably estimable. We disclose the matter but do not accrue a liability if either the likelihood of an adverse outcome is only reasonably possible or an estimate of loss is not determinable. Legal and other costs incurred in conjunction with loss contingencies are expensed as incurred.