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

**FORM 10-Q** 

(Mark one)

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

#### For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2021

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 001-38180

to

# HF FOODS GROUP INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**81-2717873** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

19319 Arenth Avenue, City of Industry, CA 91748

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(626) 338-1090

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value	HFFG	Nasdaq Capital Market

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  $\boxtimes$  No  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes  $\boxtimes$  No  $\square$ 

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

Large accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Accelerated filer⊠Smaller reporting company□Emerging growth company⊠

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

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

As of November 12, 2021, the registrant had 51,913,411 shares of common stock outstanding.

# HF FOODS GROUP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES FORM 10-Q FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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# PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# Item 1. Financial Statements.

#### HF FOODS GROUP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

	As		
	September 30, 2021		December 31, 2020
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 15,543,177	\$	9,580,853
Accounts receivable, net	34,103,832		24,857,322
Accounts receivable - related parties	954,230		1,261,463
Inventories	77,239,478		58,535,040
Advances to suppliers - related parties	—		196,803
Other current assets	 2,640,233		4,614,164
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	130,480,950		99,045,645
Property and equipment, net	141,740,117		136,869,085
Operating lease right-of-use assets	2,551,286		931,630
Long-term investments	2,443,885		2,377,164
Intangible assets, net	167,629,925		175,797,650
Goodwill	68,511,941		68,511,941
Other long-term assets	 1,145,167		694,490
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 514,503,271	\$	484,227,605
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CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank overdraft	\$ 19,422,811	\$	14,839,747
Line of credit	23,020,114		18,279,062
Accounts payable	42,044,350		28,602,570
Accounts payable - related parties	2,499,872		1,572,427
Current portion of long-term debt, net	5,677,453		5,641,259
Current portion of obligations under finance leases	270,160		286,903
Current portion of obligations under operating leases	687,040		308,148
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	3,841,327		6,178,144
Obligations under interest rate swap contracts	 341,165		993,516
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	97,804,292		76,701,776
Long-term debt, net of current portion	83,708,244		88,008,803
Promissory note payable - related party	5,000,000		7,000,000
Obligations under finance leases, non-current	8,448,619		766,885
Obligations under operating leases, non-current	2,010,664		623,482
Deferred tax liabilities	 44,199,536		46,325,226
TOTAL LIABILITIES	241,171,355		219,426,172
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Preferred Stock, \$0.0001 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively	_		_
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 51,913,411 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively	5,191		5,191
Additional paid-in capital	583,928,639		587,579,093
Accumulated deficit	(314,179,103)		(327,150,398)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO HF FOODS GROUP INC.	 269,754,727		260,433,886
Non-controlling interests	3,577,189		4,367,547
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	 273,331,916	-	264,801,433
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 514,503,271	\$	484,227,605

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

# HF FOODS GROUP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

		For the Three Months Ended September 30,			For the Nine M Septemb				
		2021		2020		2021		2020	
Net revenue - third parties	\$	213,178,708	\$	137,631,565	\$	560,630,604	\$	409,446,496	
Net revenue - related parties		2,363,341		2,287,377		7,839,509		10,835,878	
TOTAL NET REVENUE		215,542,049	_	139,918,942		568,470,113		420,282,374	
Cost of revenue - third parties		171,431,310		112,535,923		453,990,363		335,202,455	
Cost of revenue - related parties		2,198,771		2,220,161		8,003,887		10,329,232	
TOTAL COST OF REVENUE		173,630,081		114,756,084		461,994,250		345,531,687	
GROSS PROFIT		41,911,968		25,162,858		106,475,863		74,750,687	
Distribution, selling and administrative expenses		30,972,019		25,050,419		89,003,273		79,549,580	
Goodwill impairment loss		—		_		—		338,191,407	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	_	30,972,019		25,050,419		89,003,273		417,740,987	
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS		10,939,949		112,439		17,472,590		(342,990,300)	
Other Income (Expenses)									
Interest income				133		—		396	
Interest expense		(703,845)		(840,851)		(2,155,328)		(3,116,739)	
Other income		558,138		270,452		1,470,887		940,832	
Change in fair value of interest rate swap contracts		52,314		(20,022)		1,370,950		(1,284,276)	
Total Other Income (Expenses), net		(93,393)		(590,288)		686,509		(3,459,787)	
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX PROVISION (BENEFIT)		10,846,556		(477,849)		18,159,099		(346,450,087)	
PROVISION (BENEFIT) FOR INCOME TAXES		2,637,444		(80,910)		4,621,749		(2,052,426)	
NET INCOME (LOSS)		8,209,112		(396,939)		13,537,350		(344,397,661)	
Less: net income attributable to non-controlling interests		357,345		226,865		566,055		168,988	
NET INCOME (LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO HF FOODS GROUP INC.	\$	7,851,767	\$	(623,804)	\$	12,971,295	\$	(344,566,649)	
Earnings (loss) per common share - basic and diluted	\$	0.15	\$	(0.01)	\$	0.25	\$	(6.61)	
Weighted average shares - basic	_	51,913,411	_	52,145,096		51,913,411		52,145,096	
Weighted average shares - diluted	_	51,932,712	_	52,145,096	_	51,919,932		52,145,096	

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# HF FOODS GROUP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

	C C	G	-	Č. I	,				
	Common	n Stock	Treasu	ry Stock			Total		
	Number of Shares	Amount	Number of Shares	Amount	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	Shareholders' Equity Attributable to HF Foods Group Inc.	Non- controlling Interests	Total Shareholders' Equity
Balance at January 1, 2021	51,913,411	\$ 5,191		\$ —	\$587,579,093	\$(327,150,398)	\$ 260,433,886	\$ 4,367,547	\$ 264,801,433
Net income	—	—		—	—	1,522,932	1,522,932	300,267	1,823,199
Distribution to shareholders	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(73,000)	(73,000)
Balance at March 31, 2021	51,913,411	5,191			587,579,093	(325,627,466)	261,956,818	4,594,814	266,551,632
Net income (loss)						3,596,596	3,596,596	(91,557)	3,505,039
Acquisition of non- controlling interest	—	_	—	—	(3,855,887)	_	(3,855,887)	(1,144,113)	(5,000,000)
Distribution to shareholders								(77,550)	(77,550)
Balance at June 30, 2021	51,913,411	5,191			583,723,206	(322,030,870)	261,697,527	3,281,594	264,979,121
Net income	—	_	_	—	_	7,851,767	7,851,767	357,345	8,209,112
Distribution to shareholders	—	_	—	—	_	_	_	(61,750)	(61,750)
Stock-based compensation	_	_	_	—	205,433	_	205,433	_	205,433
Balance at September 30, 2021	51,913,411	\$ 5,191		\$	\$583,928,639	\$(314,179,103)	\$ 269,754,727	\$ 3,577,189	\$ 273,331,916
Balance at January 1, 2020	53,050,211	\$ 5,305	(905,115)	\$(12,038,030)	\$599,617,009	\$ 15,823,661	\$ 603,407,945	\$ 4,248,787	\$ 607,656,732
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—	(339,883,942)	(339,883,942)	197,410	(339,686,532)
Distribution to shareholders								(125,000)	(125,000)
Balance at March 31, 2020	53,050,211	5,305	(905,115)	(12,038,030)	599,617,009	(324,060,281)	263,524,003	4,321,197	267,845,200
Net loss						(4,058,903)	(4,058,903)	(255,287)	(4,314,190)
Balance at June 30, 2020	53,050,211	5,305	(905,115)	(12,038,030)	599,617,009	(328,119,184)	259,465,100	4,065,910	263,531,010
Net income (loss)	_		_	_		(623,804)	(623,804)	226,865	(396,939)
Balance at September 30, 2020	53,050,211	\$ 5,305	(905,115)	\$(12,038,030)	\$599,617,009	\$(328,742,988)	\$ 258,841,296	\$ 4,292,775	\$ 263,134,071

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# HF FOODS GROUP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

	Fo	For the Nine Months Endec 30,			
		2021	,,	2020	
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net Income (Loss)	\$	13,537,350	\$	(344,397,661)	
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization expense		13,624,838		13,479,736	
Goodwill impairment loss		—		338,191,407	
Gain from disposal of equipment		(33,049)		(24,681)	
Allowance for doubtful accounts		(374,431)		2,024,471	
Deferred tax benefit		(2,125,690)		(3,172,293)	
Income from equity method investment		(66,721)		(65,612)	
Unrealized change in fair value of interest rate swap contracts		(652,351)		1,284,276	
Stock-based compensation		205,433		_	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable		(8,872,079)		23,306,471	
Accounts receivable - related parties		307,233		3,319,539	
Inventories		(18,704,438)		15,840,459	
Advances to suppliers - related parties		196,803		447,287	
Other current assets		1,973,931		(294,372)	
Security deposit				58,880	
Other long-term assets		(475,487)		(3,512)	
Accounts payable		13,441,780		(6,097,690)	
Accounts payable - related parties		927,445		(1,858,101)	
Operating lease liability		(415,278)		(291,659)	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		(2,336,817)		2,564,201	
Net cash provided by operating activities		10,158,472		44,311,146	
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Purchase of property and equipment		(1,520,887)		(410,288)	
Proceeds from disposal of equipment		76,948		160,659	
Payment made for acquisition of B&R Realty		_		(94,004,068)	
Payment made for acquisition of non-controlling interest		(5,000,000)		_	
Net cash used in investing activities		(6,443,939)		(94,253,697)	
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Proceeds from bank overdraft		4,583,064			
Repayment of bank overdraft		_		(9,403,540)	
Net proceed (repayment) from (of) line of credit		4,642,652		(16,158,014)	
Proceeds from long-term debt		—		75,600,006	
Repayment of long-term debt		(4,543,724)		(5,121,353)	
Repayment of promissory note payable - related party		(2,000,000)		_	
Repayment of obligations under finance leases		(221,901)		(207,520)	
Cash distribution to shareholders		(212,300)		(125,000)	
Net cash provided by financing activities		2,247,791		44,584,579	
Net increase (decrease) in cash		5,962,324		(5,357,972)	
Cash at beginning of the period		9,580,853		14,538,286	
Cash at end of the period	\$	15,543,177	\$	9,180,314	

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## HF FOODS GROUP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

#### **Organization and General**

HF Foods Group Inc. and subsidiaries (collectively "HF Group", or the "Company") is a leading Asian food service distributor that markets and distributes fresh produce, frozen and dry food, and non-food products to primarily Asian restaurants and other food service customers throughout the Southeast, Pacific and Mountain West regions in the United States. The Company is the result of a successful merger between two complementary market leaders, HF Group Holding Corporation ("HF Holding") and B&R Global Holdings, Inc. ("B&R Global") on November 4, 2019.

The Company was originally incorporated in Delaware on May 19, 2016 as a special purpose acquisition company under the name Atlantic Acquisition Corp. ("Atlantic"), in order to acquire, through a merger, share exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, recapitalization, reorganization or similar business combination with, one or more businesses or entities.

On August 22, 2018, Atlantic consummated a reverse acquisition transaction resulting in the stockholders of HF Holding becoming the majority shareholders of Atlantic, and changed its name to HF Foods Group Inc. On November 4, 2019, the Company consummated a merger transaction, resulting in B&R Global becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of HF Group. On January 17, 2020, B&R Global acquired all the equity membership interests of the subsidiaries under B&R Group Realty Holding, LLC ("BRGR"), which owned warehouse facilities that were being leased to B&R Global for its operations in California, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Washington, and Montana. See further transaction details below.

#### Formation of HF Holding

HF Holding was incorporated in the State of North Carolina on October 11, 2017 as a holding company to acquire and consolidate the various pre-merger operating entities under one roof. On January 1, 2018, HF Holding entered into a Share Exchange Agreement (the "Exchange Agreement") with the controlling shareholders of the 11 entities listed below in exchange for all of HF Holding's outstanding shares. Upon completion of the share exchanges, these entities became either wholly-owned or majority-owned subsidiaries of HF Holding.

- Han Feng, Inc. ("Han Feng")
  Truse Trucking, Inc. ("TT")
  Morning First Delivery, Inc. ("MFD")
  R&N Holdings, LLC ("R&N Holdings")
  Kirnland Food Distribution, Inc. ("Kirnland")
  R&N Lexington, L.L.C. ("R&N Lexington")
  HG Realty, LLC ("HG Realty")
  - Kirnsway Manufacturing, Inc. ("Kirnsway")

In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board's ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 805-50-25, the transaction consummated through the Exchange Agreement was accounted for as a transaction among entities under common control since the same shareholders controlled all 11 entities prior to the execution of the Agreement. Furthermore, ASC 805-50-45-5 indicates that the financial statements and financial information presented for prior years also shall be retrospectively adjusted to furnish comparative information.

In accordance with ASC 805-50-30-5, when accounting for a transfer of assets or exchange of shares between entities under common control, the entity that receives the net assets or the equity interests should initially recognize the assets and liabilities transferred at their carrying amounts in the accounts of the transferring entity at the date of the transfer. If the carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities transferred differ from the historical cost of the parent of the entities under common control, then the financial statements of the receiving entity should reflect the transferred assets and liabilities at the historical cost of the parent of the parent of the entities under common control. Accordingly, the Company recorded the assets and liabilities transferred from the above entities at their carrying amount.

#### **Reverse Acquisition of HF Holding**

On August 22, 2018, Atlantic consummated a reverse acquisition transaction resulting in HF Holding becoming the surviving entity (the "Atlantic Merger") and a wholly owned subsidiary of Atlantic (the "Atlantic Acquisition"). The stockholders of HF Holding became the majority shareholders of Atlantic, and the Company changed its name to HF Foods Group Inc. (collectively, these transactions are referred to as the "Atlantic Transactions").

At closing, Atlantic issued the HF Holding stockholders an aggregate of 19,969,831 shares of its common stock, equal to approximately 88.5% of the aggregate issued and outstanding shares of Atlantic's common stock. The pre-Transaction stockholders of Atlantic owned the remaining 11.5% of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of the combined entity.

Following the consummation of the Atlantic Transactions on August 22, 2018, there were 22,167,486 shares of common stock issued and outstanding, consisting of (i) 19,969,831 shares issued to HF Holding's stockholders pursuant to the Atlantic Merger Agreement, (ii) 10,000 restricted shares issued to one of Atlantic's shareholders in conjunction with the Atlantic Transactions, and (iii) 2,587,655 shares originally issued to the pre-Transactions stockholders of Atlantic, less 400,000 shares sold back to Atlantic by one of Atlantic's pre-Transactions shareholders in conjunction with the Atlantic Transactions.

The Atlantic Acquisition was treated as a reverse acquisition under the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). For accounting purposes, HF Holding was considered to be acquiring Atlantic in this transaction. Therefore, the aggregate consideration paid in connection with the business combination was allocated to Atlantic's tangible and intangible assets and liabilities based on their fair market values. The assets and liabilities and results of operations of Atlantic were consolidated into the results of operations of HF Holding as of the completion of the Atlantic Transactions.

#### HF Holding Entities Organized or Acquired Post-Atlantic Merger

On July 10, 2019, the Company, through its subsidiary Han Feng, formed a new real estate holding company, R&N Charlotte, L.L.C. ("R&N Charlotte"). R&N Charlotte owns a 4.66 acre tract of land with appurtenant 115,570 square foot office/warehouse/industrial facility located in Charlotte, North Carolina.

On December 10, 2019, the Company, through its subsidiary Han Feng, established a new entity, HF Foods Industrial, L.L.C. ("HFFI"), as owner of 60% of member interests, to operate as a food processing company.

On October 10, 2020, the Company, through its subsidiary HF Group Holding, formed a wholly-owned new real estate lease holding company, 273 Fifth Avenue, L.L.C. ("273 Co").

On May 28, 2021, the Company, through its subsidiary HF Group Holding, purchased the 33.33% non-controlling interest of the stock in Kirnland from the previous minority shareholder.

The following table summarizes all the existing entities under HF Holding after the above-mentioned reorganization, together with the new entities formed or acquired after the Atlantic Transactions:

Name	Date of Formation / Incorporation	Place of Formation / Incorporation	Percentage of Legal Ownership by HF Group	Principal Activities
Parent:				
HF Holding	October 11, 2017	North Carolina, USA	100%	Holding Company
Subsidiaries:				
Han Feng	January 14, 1997	North Carolina, USA	100%	Foodservice distributor
Kirnland	April 11, 2006	Georgia, USA	100%	Foodservice distributor
NSF	December 17, 2008	Florida, USA	100%	Foodservice distributor
HFFI	December 10, 2019	North Carolina, USA	60%	Food processing company
Chinesetg	July 12, 2011	New York, USA	100%	Design and printing services provider
Kirnsway	May 24, 2006	North Carolina, USA	100%	Design and printing services provider
BB	September 12, 2001	Florida, USA	100%	Logistic service provider
MFD	April 15, 1999	North Carolina, USA	100%	Logistic service provider
TT	August 6, 2002	North Carolina, USA	100%	Logistic service provider
HG Realty	May 11, 2012	Georgia, USA	100%	Real estate holding company
R&N Charlotte	July 10, 2019	North Carolina, USA	100%	Real estate holding company
R&N Holdings	November 21, 2002	North Carolina, USA	100%	Real estate holding company
R&N Lexington	May 27, 2010	North Carolina, USA	100%	Real estate holding company
273 Co	October 10, 2020	Delaware, USA	100%	Real estate lease holding company

## Merger with B&R Global

On November 4, 2019, HF Group consummated a merger transaction resulting in B&R Global becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (the "Business Combination"). At closing, the Company acquired 100% of the controlling interest of B&R Global, in exchange for the issuance of 30,700,000 shares of Common Stock of the Company to the shareholders of B&R Global. Pursuant to the B&R Merger Agreement, the aggregate fair value of the consideration paid by the Company in the Business Combination was \$576,699,494, based on the closing share price of the Company's common stock at the date of Closing.

B&R Global was formed in 2014 as a holding company to acquire and consolidate the various related operating entities (listed below) under one roof. Through its subsidiaries, B&R Global supplies foodservice items to approximately 5,000 restaurants across 11 Western states.

The following table summarizes the entities under B&R Global in the Business Combination:

Name	Date of Formation / Incorporation	Place of Formation / Incorporation	Percentage of Legal Ownership by B&R Global	Principal Activities
Parent:				
B&R Global	January 3, 2014	Delaware, USA	—	Holding Company
Subsidiaries:				
B&L Trading, LLC ("BNL")	July 18, 2013	Washington, USA	100%	Foodservice distributor
Capital Trading, LLC ("UT")	March 10, 2003	Utah, USA	100%	Foodservice distributor
Great Wall Seafood LA, LLC ("GW")	March 7, 2014	California, USA	100%	Foodservice distributor
Min Food Inc. ("MIN")	May 29, 2014	California, USA	60.25%	Foodservice distributor
Monterey Food Service, LLC ("MS")	September 14, 2017	California, USA	65%	Foodservice distributor
Mountain Food, LLC ("MF")	May 2, 2006	Colorado, USA	100%	Foodservice distributor
Ocean West Food Services, LLC ("OW")	December 22, 2011	California, USA	67.5%	Foodservice distributor
R & C Trading, L.L.C. ("RNC")	November 26, 2007	Arizona, USA	100%	Foodservice distributor
Rongcheng Trading, LLC ("RC")	January 31, 2006	California, USA	100%	Foodservice distributor
Win Woo Trading, LLC ('WW")	January 23, 2004	California, USA	100%	Foodservice distributor
Irwindale Poultry, LLC ("IP")	December 27, 2017	California, USA	100%	Poultry processing company
Lin's Farms, LLC ("LNF")	July 2, 2014	Utah, USA	100%	Poultry processing company
Kami Trading Inc. ("KAMI")	November 20, 2013	California, USA	100%	Import service provider
American Fortune Foods Inc. ("AF")	February 19, 2014	California, USA	100%	Logistic and import service provider
B&R Group Logistics Holding LLC ("BRGL")	July 17, 2014	Delaware, USA	100%	Logistic service provider
Best Choice Trucking, LLC ("BCT")	January 1, 2011	California, USA	100%	Logistic service provider
Fuso Trucking Corp. ("FUSO")	January 20, 2015	California, USA	VIE*	Logistic service provider
GM Food Supplies, Inc. ("GM")	March 22, 2016	California, USA	100%	Logistic service provider
Golden Well Inc. ("GWT")	November 8, 2011	California, USA	100%	Logistic service provider
Happy FM Group, Inc. ("HFM")	April 9, 2014	California, USA	100%	Logistic service provider
Hayward Trucking, Inc. ("HRT")	September 5, 2012	California, USA	100%	Logistic service provider
KYL Group, Inc. ("KYL")	April 18, 2014	Nevada, USA	100%	Logistic service provider
Lin's Distribution Inc., Inc. ("LIN")	February 2, 2010	Utah, USA	100%	Logistic service provider
MF Food Services, Inc. ("MFS")	December 21, 2017	California, USA	100%	Logistic service provider
New Berry Trading, LLC ("NBT")	September 5, 2012	California, USA	100%	Logistic service provider
Royal Service, Inc. ("RS")	December 29, 2014	Oregon, USA	100%	Logistic service provider
Royal Trucking Services, Inc. ("RTS")	May 19, 2015	Washington, USA	100%	Logistic service provider
Yi Z Service LLC ("YZ")	October 2, 2017	California, USA	100%	Logistic service provider

\* On November 4, 2019 and as of September 30, 2021, B&R Global consolidated FUSO, which is considered as a variable interest entity ("VIE") under U.S. GAAP, due to its pecuniary and contractual interest in this entity.

#### Acquisition of Real Estate Companies

On January 17, 2020, the Company completed the transactions contemplated by that certain Membership Interest Purchase Agreement dated the same date (the "Purchase Agreement") by and among its subsidiary B&R Global, BRGR, and nine subsidiary limited liability companies wholly owned by BRGR (the "BRGR Subsidiaries") (the "Realty Acquisition"). Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, B&R Global acquired all equity membership interests in the BRGR Subsidiaries, which own 10 warehouse facilities that were being leased by the Company for its operations in California, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Washington, and Montana, in exchange for purchase consideration of \$101,269,706. Before the acquisition of the BRGR Subsidiaries, the CEO of the Company, Xiao Mou Zhang, managed and owned 8.91% interest in BRGR. Consideration for the

Realty Acquisition was funded by (i) \$75.6 million in mortgage-backed term loans financed under the Second Amended Credit Agreement (see Note 10 for additional information), (ii) issuance by B&R Global of a \$7.0 million Unsecured Subordinated Promissory Note (the "Note") to BRGR, and (iii) payment of \$18.7 million from funds drawn from the Company's revolving credit facility.

The following table summarizes B&R Global's additional wholly owned subsidiaries as a result of the Realty Acquisition:

Name	Date of Formation / Incorporation	Place of Formation / Incorporation	Percentage of Legal Ownership by B&R Global	Principal Activities
A & Kie, LLC ("AK")	March 26, 2010	Arizona, USA	100%	Real estate holding company
B & R Realty, LLC ("BRR")	August 28, 2013	California, USA	100%	Real estate holding company
Big Sea Realty, LLC ("BSR")	April 3, 2013	Washington, USA	100%	Real estate holding company
Fortune Liberty, LLC ("FL")	November 22, 2006	Utah, USA	100%	Real estate holding company
Genstar Realty, LLC ("GSR")	February 27, 2012	California, USA	100%	Real estate holding company
Hardin St Properties, LLC ("HP")	December 5, 2012	Montana, USA	100%	Real estate holding company
Lenfa Food, LLC ("LF")	February 14, 2002	Colorado, USA	100%	Real estate holding company
Lucky Realty, LLC ("LR")	September 3, 2003	California, USA	100%	Real estate holding company
Murray Properties, LLC ("MP")	February 27, 2013	Utah, USA	100%	Real estate holding company

The combined entity, resulting from the merger of B&R Global and HF Group, has 13 distribution centers strategically located in 8 states across the Southeast, Pacific and Mountain West regions of the United States and serves over 10,000 restaurants across 22 states with a fleet of over 300 refrigerated vehicles, and a workforce of over 780 employees and subcontractors. The Company is also supported by two call centers in China which provide round-the-clock sales and service support to its customers, who mainly converse in Mandarin or Chinese dialects.

## Independent Investigation Update

In March 2020, an analyst report suggested certain improprieties in the Company's operations. These allegations became the subject of two putative stockholder class actions filed on or after March 29, 2020 in the United States District Court for the Central District of California generally alleging the Company, and certain of its current and former directors and officers violated the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by making allegedly false and misleading statements (the "Class Actions"). After the second putative stockholder class action was filed, the Class Actions were consolidated.

In response to the allegations in the analyst report, the Company's Board of Directors appointed a Special Committee of Independent Directors to conduct an independent investigation with the assistance of counsel (the "Special Committee").

In addition, the SEC initiated a formal, non-public investigation of the Company, and the SEC informally requested, and later issued a subpoena for, documents and other information. The subpoena relates to but is not necessarily limited to the matters identified in the Class Actions. The Special Committee and the Company are cooperating with the SEC. The SEC and the Special Committee investigations are ongoing.

To date, the Special Committee has reached no final conclusions in conjunction with its investigation. The investigation is focused primarily on related party transactions that occurred in periods prior to December 31, 2020 with entities that are/were owned by certain former executives and officers (including family members), of the Company, as well as other matters.

It is possible that future findings of the independent investigation could result in a determination that acts occurred, which might impact the Company's historical consolidated financial statements and/or associated disclosures. Such impacts could potentially include, but are not limited to, historical misstatement of assets, liabilities, equity and earnings, the evaluation and potential consolidation of variable interest entities into the Company's consolidated financial statements, the recording of additional compensation expense and related payroll taxes associated with certain of the Company's former executive officers. Even if these impacts occur, they may or may not have been material. As with any SEC investigation, there is also the possibility of potential fines and penalties. At this time, however, the Special Committee has not made any conclusions about what, if any, conduct occurred and the impact, if any, of that conduct on historical consolidated financial statements.

Please refer to Note 17 – Commitments and Contingencies – for additional information.

# NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP for interim financial information pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and have been consistently applied. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019. Operating results for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2021 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2021.

All inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated upon consolidation.

U.S. GAAP provides guidance on the identification of VIE and financial reporting for entities over which control is achieved through means other than voting interests. The Company evaluates each of its interests in an entity to determine whether or not the investee is a VIE and, if so, whether the Company is the primary beneficiary of such VIE. In determining whether the Company is the primary beneficiary, the Company considers if the Company (1) has power to direct the activities that most significantly affect the economic performance of the VIE, and (2) receives the economic benefits of the VIE that could be significant to the VIE. If deemed the primary beneficiary, the Company consolidates the VIE.

As of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, FUSO is considered to be a VIE. FUSO was established solely to provide exclusive services to the Company. The entity lacks sufficient equity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support from the Company, and the Company has the power to direct the VIE's activities. In addition, the Company receives the economic benefits from the entity and has concluded that the Company is a primary beneficiary.

The carrying amounts of the assets, liabilities, the results of operations and cash flows of the VIE included in the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets, statements of operations, and statements of cash flows are as follows:

	Sej	September 30, 2021		ecember 31, 2020
Current assets	\$	84,742	\$	47,822
Non-current assets		10,885		115,934
Total assets	\$	95,627	\$	163,756
Current liabilities	\$	369,356	\$	496,234
Non-current liabilities		—		39,475
Total liabilities	\$	369,356	\$	535,709

	For the Three Months Ended September			For the Nine Months Ended September				
	30,			30,				
	2021		2020		2021		2020	
Net revenue	\$	681,539	\$	531,194	\$	1,882,544	\$	1,612,999
Net income (loss)	\$	(78,454)	\$	16,157	\$	98,224	\$	115,602

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,				For the Nine Months Ended Sep 30,			ded September
		2021		2020		2021		2020
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$	12,646	\$	32,697	\$	65,158	\$	366,899
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(26,547)		(15,359)		(16,692)		(260,971)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$	(13,901)	\$	17,338	\$	48,466	\$	105,928

Non-controlling Interests

U.S. GAAP requires that non-controlling interests in subsidiaries and affiliates be reported in the equity section of a company's balance sheet. In addition, the amounts attributable to the net income (loss) of those subsidiaries are reported separately in the consolidated statements of operations.

On May 28, 2021, the Company, through its subsidiary HF Group Holding, purchased the 33.33% noncontrolling interest of the stock in Kirnland for \$5,000,000, making Kirnland a wholly owned subsidiary. In accordance with ASC 810-10-45-23, changes in a parent's ownership interest while the parent retains its controlling financial interest in its subsidiary shall be accounted for as equity transactions. Therefore, no gain or loss shall be recognized. As a result of this transaction, noncontrolling interests were reduced by \$1,144,113 and the remaining difference of \$3,855,887 was charged to additional paid-in capital.

As of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, non-controlling interests consisted of the following:

Name of Entity	Percentage of Non-controlling Se Interest Ownership		September 30, 2021		ecember 31, 2020
Kimland	—%	\$	_	\$	1,384,780
HFFI	40.00%		(977)		—
MIN	39.75%		1,268,809		889,596
MS	35.00%		452,677		459,816
OW	32.50%		1,856,680		1,633,355
Total		\$	3,577,189	\$	4,367,547

#### **Uses of Estimates**

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during each reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant accounting estimates reflected in the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include, but are not limited to, allowance for doubtful accounts, inventory reserves, useful lives of property and equipment, lease assumptions, impairment of long-lived assets, long-term investments, impairment of goodwill, the purchase price allocation and fair value of non-controlling interests with respect to business combinations, realization of deferred tax assets, stock-based compensation, and uncertain income tax positions.

### Cash

The Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or shorter to be cash equivalents. As of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Company had no cash equivalents.

#### Accounts Receivable, net

Accounts receivable represent amounts due from customers in the ordinary course of business and are recorded at the invoiced amount and do not bear interest. Receivables are presented net of the allowance for doubtful accounts in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The Company evaluates the collectability of its accounts receivable and determines the appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts based on a combination of factors. When the Company is aware of a customer's inability to meet its financial obligation, a specific allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded, reducing the receivable to the net amount the Company reasonably expects to collect. In addition, allowances are recorded for all other receivables based on historic collection trends, write-offs and the aging of receivables. The Company uses specific criteria to determine uncollectible receivables to be written off, including, e.g., bankruptcy filings, the referral of customer accounts to outside parties for collection, and the length that accounts remain past due. As of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, allowances for doubtful accounts were \$349,311 and \$909,182, respectively.

#### Inventories

The Company's inventories, consisting mainly of food and other food service-related products, are considered as finished goods. Inventory costs, including the purchase price of the product and freight charges to deliver it to the Company's warehouses, are net of certain cash or non-cash consideration received from vendors. The Company adjusts its inventory balances for slow-moving, excess and obsolete inventories to their net realizable value based upon inventory category,

inventory age, specifically identified items, and overall economic conditions. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

## Property and Equipment, net

Property and equipment are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Following are the estimated useful lives of the Company's property and equipment:

	Estimated Useful Lives (Years)
Automobiles	3 — 7
Buildings and improvements	7 — 39
Furniture and fixtures	4 — 10
Machinery and equipment	3 — 10

Repair and maintenance costs are charged to expense as incurred, whereas the cost of renewals and betterment that extends the useful lives of property and equipment are capitalized as additions to the related assets. Retirements, sales and disposals of assets are recorded by removing the cost and accumulated depreciation from the asset and accumulated depreciation accounts with any resulting gain or loss reflected in the consolidated statements of operations in other income or expenses.

#### **Business Combinations**

The Company accounts for its business combinations using the purchase method of accounting in accordance with ASC 805 ("ASC 805"), *Business Combinations*. The purchase method of accounting requires that the consideration transferred be allocated to the assets, including separately identifiable assets and liabilities the Company acquired, based on their estimated fair values. The consideration transferred in an acquisition is measured as the aggregate of the fair values at the date of exchange of the assets given, liabilities incurred, and equity instruments issued as well as the contingent considerations and all contractual contingencies as of the acquisition date. Identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired or assumed are measured separately at their fair value as of the acquisition date, irrespective of the extent of any non-controlling interests. The excess of (i) the total of cost of acquisition, fair value of the non-controlling interests and acquisition date fair value of any previously held equity interest in the acquiree over, (ii) the fair value of the identifiable net assets of the acquiree, is recorded as goodwill. If the cost of acquisition is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognized directly in earnings.

The Company estimates the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination. While the Company uses its best estimates and assumptions to accurately value assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date, its estimates are inherently uncertain and subject to refinement. Significant estimates in valuing certain intangible assets include, but are not limited to future expected revenues and cash flows, useful lives, discount rates, and selection of comparable companies. Although the Company believes the assumptions and estimates it has made in the past have been reasonable and appropriate, they are based in part on historical experience and information obtained from management of the acquired companies and are inherently uncertain. During the measurement period, which may be up to one year from the acquisition date, the Company records adjustments to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed with the corresponding offset to goodwill. On the conclusion of the measurement period or final determination of the values of assets acquired or liabilities assumed, whichever comes first, any subsequent adjustments are recorded to the Company's consolidated statements of operations.

Transaction costs associated with business combinations are expensed as incurred, and are included in distribution, selling and administrative expenses in the Company's consolidated statements of operations. The results of operations of the businesses that the Company acquired are included in the Company's consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition.

## Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired in a business combination. The Company tests goodwill for impairment at least annually, as of December 31, or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that goodwill might be impaired.

The Company reviews the carrying value of goodwill whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that such carrying values may not be recoverable and annually for goodwill and indefinite lived intangible assets as required by ASC Topic 350



("ASC 350"), *Intangibles* — *Goodwill and Other*. This guidance provides the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value. If, based on a review of qualitative factors, it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value, the Company performs a quantitative analysis. If the quantitative analysis indicates the carrying value of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the Company measures any goodwill impairment losses as the amount by which the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, not to exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit.

#### **Intangible Assets**

Intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The Company determines the appropriate useful life of its intangible assets by measuring the expected cash flows of acquired assets. The estimated useful lives of intangible assets are as follows:

	Estimated Useful Lives (Years)
Tradenames	10
Customer relationships	20

#### Long-term Investments

The Company's investments in unconsolidated entities consist of an equity investment and an investment without readily determinable fair value.

The Company follows ASC Topic 321 ("ASC 321"), *Investments – Equity Securities*, using the measurement alternative to measure investments in investees that do not have readily determinable fair value and over which the Company does not have significant influence at cost, less any impairment, plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for identical or similar investments of the same issuer, if any. The Company makes a qualitative assessment of whether the investment is impaired at each reporting date. If a qualitative assessment indicates that the investment is impaired, the Company has to estimate the investment's fair value in accordance with the principles of ASC Topic 820 ("ASC 820"), *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*. If the fair value is less than the investment's carrying value, the entity has to recognize an impairment loss in earnings equal to the difference between the carrying value and fair value.

Investments in entities in which the Company can exercise significant influence but does not own a majority equity interest or control are accounted for using the equity method of accounting in accordance with ASC Topic 323 ("ASC 323"), *Investments-Equity Method and Joint Ventures*. Under the equity method, the Company initially records its investment at cost and the difference between the cost and the fair value of the underlying equity in the net assets of the equity investee is recognized as equity method goodwill, which is included in the equity method investment on the consolidated balance sheets. The equity method goodwill is not subsequently amortized and is not tested for impairment under ASC 350. The Company subsequently adjusts the carrying amount of the investment to recognize the Company's proportionate share of each equity investee's net income or loss into earnings after the date of investment. The Company evaluates the equity method investments for impairment under ASC 323. An impairment loss on the equity method investments is recognized in earnings when the decline in value is determined to be other-than-temporary.

The Company did not record any impairment loss on its long-term investments as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

#### Impairment of Long-lived Assets Other Than Goodwill

The Company assesses its long-lived assets such as property and equipment and intangible assets subject to amortization for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an asset or asset group may not be recoverable. Factors which may indicate potential impairment include a significant underperformance related to the historical or projected future operating results or a significant negative industry or economic trend. Recoverability of these assets is measured by comparison of their carrying amounts to future undiscounted cash flows the assets are expected to generate. If property and equipment, and intangible assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized equals the amount by which the carrying value of the assets or asset group exceeds their fair value. The Company did not record any impairment loss on its long-lived assets other than goodwill as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

**Revenue Recognition** 

The Company recognizes revenue from the sale of products when title and risk of loss passes and the customer accepts the goods, which occurs at delivery. Sales taxes invoiced to customers and remitted to government authorities are excluded from net sales.

The Company follows ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). The Company recognizes revenue that represents the transfer of goods and services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in such exchange. This requires the Company to identify contractual performance obligations and determine whether revenue should be recognized at a point in time or over time, based on when control of goods and services transfer to a customer. The majority of the Company's contracts have one single performance obligation, as the promise to transfer the individual goods is not separately identifiable from other promises in the contracts and is, therefore, not distinct. The Company's revenue streams are recognized at a specific point in time.

For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, revenue recognized from performance obligations related to prior periods was insignificant. Revenue expected to be recognized in any future periods related to remaining performance obligations is insignificant.

The following table summarizes disaggregated revenue from customers by geographic locations:

		For the Three	Mon	ths Ended		For the Nine	Mon	Aonths Ended	
	September 30,         September 30,           2021         2020		S	eptember 30, 2021	9	September 30, 2020			
Arizona	\$	13,241,260	\$	8,418,352	\$	36,757,835	\$	25,344,389	
California		80,777,266		43,159,185		205,560,026		145,316,702	
Colorado		12,468,369		9,177,067		32,971,787		25,618,734	
Florida		24,289,395		17,167,155		66,900,082		47,562,057	
Georgia		18,148,570		12,524,287		49,390,449		34,699,175	
North Carolina		37,161,307		28,688,103		100,378,085		79,672,578	
Utah		16,167,635		13,717,413		43,087,364		39,010,162	
Washington		13,288,247		7,067,380		33,424,485		23,058,577	
Total	\$	215,542,049	\$	139,918,942	\$	568,470,113	\$	420,282,374	

#### Shipping and Handling Costs

Shipping and handling costs, which include costs related to the selection of products and their delivery to customers, are included in distribution, selling and administrative expenses. Shipping and handling costs were \$7,103,131 and \$5,167,163 for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, and \$2,703,921 and \$1,640,914 for the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

## **Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes under the asset and liability method, which requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements. Under this method, the Company determines deferred tax assets and liabilities on the basis of the differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities by using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

The Company recognizes deferred tax assets to the extent that it believes that these assets are more likely than not to be realized. In making such a determination, the Company considers all available positive and negative evidence, including future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, projected future taxable income, tax-planning strategies, and results of recent operations. If the Company determines that it would be able to realize its deferred tax assets in the future in excess of their net recorded amount, the Company would make an adjustment to the deferred tax asset valuation allowance, which would reduce the provision for income taxes.

The Company records uncertain tax positions in accordance with ASC 740 ("ASC 740"), *Income Taxes*, on the basis of a two-step process in which (1) the Company determines whether it is more likely than not that the tax positions will be sustained on the basis of the technical merits of the position and (2) for those tax positions that meet the more-likely-than-not recognition

threshold, the Company recognizes the largest amount of tax benefit that is more than 50 percent likely to be realized upon ultimate settlement with the related tax authority. The Company does not believe that there were any uncertain tax positions at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

The Company adopted ASU 2019-12 ("ASU 2019-12"), *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes*, on January 1, 2021. ASU 2019-12 is intended to simplify various aspects related to managerial accounting for income taxes. The adoption had no material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### Leases

The Company accounts for leases following ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) ("Topic 842").

As a result of the Realty Acquisition (see Note 6 for additional information), nine leases previously included in the operating lease asset and liabilities balance were eliminated during consolidation. As of September 30, 2021, the balances for operating lease assets were \$2,551,286 and liabilities were \$2,697,704. As of December 31, 2020, the balances for operating lease assets were \$931,630 and liabilities were \$931,630 (see Note 11 for additional information).

The Company determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Operating leases are included in operating lease right-of-use ("ROU") assets, current portion of obligations under operating leases, and obligations under operating leases, non-current on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. Finance leases are included in property and equipment, net, current portion of finance lease liabilities, and finance lease liabilities, non-current on the consolidated balance sheets.

Operating lease ROU assets and operating lease liabilities are recognized based on the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term at commencement date. As most of the Company's leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at commencement date in determining the present value of future payments. The operating lease ROU asset also includes any lease payments made and excludes lease incentives and initial direct costs incurred. The Company's lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the Company will exercise that option. Lease expense for minimum lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### **Earnings Per Share**

The Company computes earnings per share ("EPS") in accordance with ASC Topic 260 ("ASC 260"), *Earnings per Share*. ASC 260 requires companies with complex capital structures to present basic and diluted EPS. Basic EPS is measured as net income divided by the weighted average common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS is similar to basic EPS but presents the dilutive effect on a per share basis of potential common shares (e.g., convertible securities, options, warrants and stock based compensation) as if they had been converted at the beginning of the periods presented, or issuance date, if later. Potential common shares that have an anti-dilutive effect (i.e., those that increase income per share or decrease loss per share) are excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS. There were 6,687 potential common shares that were excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS for the three month period ended September 30, 2021 because their effect would have been anti-dilutive. There are no anti-dilutive potential common shares for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, and the three month period ended September 30, 2021.

## Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company follows the provisions of FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*. ASC 820 clarifies the definition of fair value, prescribes methods for measuring fair value, and establishes a fair value hierarchy to classify the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

- Level 1 Inputs are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities available at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs are unadjusted quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, and inputs derived from or corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3 Inputs are unobservable inputs which reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about what assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best available information.



Any transfers of assets or liabilities between Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy will be recognized at the end of the reporting period in which the transfer occurs. There were no transfers between fair value levels in any of the periods presented herein.

The carrying amounts reported in the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets for cash, accounts receivable, advances to suppliers, other current assets, accounts payable, bank overdraft, current portion of long-term debt, current portion of obligations under finance and operating leases, accrued expenses and other liabilities, and obligations under interest rate swap contracts approximate their fair value based on the short-term maturity of these instruments. The carrying value of long-term debt approximates fair value because of the variability of interest costs associated with these instruments and the consistency in market conditions since the loans were entered into.

#### **Derivative Financial Instrument**

In accordance with the guidance in ASC Topic 815 ("ASC 815"), *Derivatives and Hedging*, derivative financial instruments are recognized as assets or liabilities on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets at fair value. The Company has not designated its interest rate swap ("IRS") contracts as hedges for accounting treatment. Pursuant to U.S. GAAP, income or loss from fair value changes for derivatives that are not designated as hedges by management are reflected as income or loss on the statement of operations. Net amounts received or paid under the interest rate swap contracts are recognized as an increase or decrease to interest expense when such amounts are incurred. The Company is exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the counterparty.

#### **Concentrations and Credit Risk**

#### Credit risk

Accounts receivable are typically unsecured and derived from revenue earned from customers, and thereby exposed to credit risk. The risk is mitigated by the Company's assessment of its customers' creditworthiness and its ongoing monitoring of outstanding balances.

#### Concentration risk

There were no receivables from any one customer representing more than 10% of the Company's consolidated gross accounts receivable at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, no supplier accounted for more than 10% of the total cost of revenue. As of September 30, 2021, there were two suppliers that accounted for a combined 33% of total outstanding advance payments. As of December 31, 2020, two suppliers accounted for a combined 40% of total outstanding advance payments, and one supplier accounted for 96% of advance payments to related parties, respectively.

#### Immaterial Revision to Prior Period Financial Statements

During the three months ended September 30, 2021, the Company identified errors in its accounting for the January 21, 2021 lease described in Note 10 as the 273 Lease Agreement. In its original accounting, the Company concluded that the lease was an operating lease and used an incorrect discount rate to calculate the Right of Use Asset and Obligation under operating lease balances. The Company subsequently changed the discount rate on the lease and classified the lease as a finance lease as the present value of the future cash flows associated with the lease exceeded substantially all of the fair value of the property.

The Company adjusted the balances associated with the lease from Operating Lease Right-of-Use Assets to Property and Equipment and from Obligations Under Operating Leases to Obligations Under Finance Leases. The revision to the March 31, 2021 and June 30, 2021 condensed consolidated balance sheets, condensed consolidated statements of operations and condensed consolidated statement of cash flows were as follows:

- The Operating lease right of use asset was reduced by \$13,675,884 from \$15,993,197 to \$2,317,313 as of March 31, 2021 and reduced by \$13,582,834 from \$16,326,011 to \$2,743,177 as of June 30, 2021.
- Property and equipment, net was increased by \$7,770,225 from \$136,043,983 to \$143,814,208 as of March 31, 2021 and increased by \$7,698,938 from \$134,755,748 to \$142,454,686 as of June 30, 2021.



- The impact to total assets was a reduction of \$5,905,659 from \$500,800,583 to \$494,894,924 as of March 31, 2021 and a reduction of \$5,883,896 from \$507,220,995 to \$501,337,099 as of June 30, 2021.
- The impact to the current portion of obligations under finance lease and current portion of obligations under operating lease are insignificant as of March 31, 2021 and June 30, 2021.
- Obligations under finance lease, non-current was an increase of \$7,834,773 from \$703,648 to \$8,538,421 as of March 31, 2021 and an increase of \$7,860,634 from \$630,774 to \$8,491,408 as of June 30, 2021.
- Obligations under operating lease, non-current was a reduction of \$13,764,121 from \$15,459,667 to \$1,695,546 as of March 31, 2021 and a reduction of \$13,745,066 from \$15,930,735 to \$2,185,669 as of June 30, 2021.
- The impact to total liabilities was a reduction of \$5,937,684 from \$234,248,951 to \$228,311,267 as of March 31, 2021 and a reduction of \$5,915,347 from \$242,241,874 to \$236,326,527 as of June 30, 2021.
- The impact to Net cash provided by operating activities and Net cash provided by financing activities is insignificant as of March 31, 2021 and June 30, 2021.

Revisions were also made to the lease footnote in the condensed consolidated financial statements. Operating lease costs for the three months ended March 31, 2021, three months ended June 30, 2021 and six months ended June 30, 2021 were revised to \$410,561, \$340,551, and \$751,112, respectively. The revised weighted average remaining lease term, in months, for operating leases was 48 months and 50 months as of March 31, 2021 and June 30, 2021 respectively. The revised weighted average discount rate for operating leases as of March 31, 2021 and June 30, 2021 was 2.80% and 3.15%, respectively. Finance lease costs for the three months ended March 31, 2021, three months ended June 30, 2021 and six months ended June 30, 2021 were revised to \$234,849, \$288,599, and \$523,448, respectively. Gross Property and equipment under finance lease as of March 31, 2021 and June 30, 2021 was revised to \$10,611,480 with accumulated depreciation being revised to \$1,966,019 and \$2,118,289 as of March 31, 2021 and June 30, 2021, respectively. The weighted average remaining lease term, in months, for finance leases was revised to 295 as of March 31, 2021 and June 30, 2021. The weighted average discount rate for finance leases was revised to 5,18% as of March 31, 2021 and June 30, 2021. Lastly, the revised maturities are as follows:

	Operating Leases								
Twelve months ending	As	reported March 31, 2021	А	As revised March 31, 2021	A	As reported June 30, 2021		s revised June 30, 2021	
2022	\$	999,730	\$	717,230	\$	1,011,964	\$	706,964	
2023		985,718		629,468		1,139,353		776,853	
2024		856,936		475,686		964,309		576,809	
2025		816,708		410,458		987,997		575,497	
2026		723,859		292,609		791,576		354,076	
Thereafter		17,466,321		—		17,396,355		42,534	
Total Lease Payments		21,849,272		2,525,451		22,291,554		3,032,733	
Less Imputed Interest		(5,752,558)		(201,194)		(5,750,563)		(267,723)	
Total	\$	16,096,714	\$	2,324,257	\$	16,540,991	\$	2,765,010	

	Finance Leases								
Twelve months ending	As reported March 31, 2021		As revised March 31, 2021		As reported June 30, 2021		А	s revised June 30, 2021	
2022	\$	424,308	\$	805,558	\$	336,501	\$	724,001	
2023		320,868		739,618		322,569		747,569	
2024		288,572		732,322		274,426		724,426	
2025		165,248		625,373		96,496		559,996	
2026		—		473,929		—		477,405	
Thereafter				16,307,267		—		16,187,916	
Total Lease Payments		1,198,996		19,684,067		1,029,992		19,421,313	
Less Imputed Interest		(218,012)		(10,868,310)		(126,570)		(10,657,257)	
Total	\$	980,984	\$	8,815,757	\$	903,422	\$	8,764,056	

In addition, the Company also identified an error in the classification of the Goodwill impairment loss recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 of \$338,191,407 and adjusted it from the section Other Income (Expenses) to Total Operating Expenses in the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

The Company has assessed the materiality of these errors considering both the qualitative and quantitative factors and determined that as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, the three-month period ended March 31, 2021, and the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, the adjustments were not material. The Company has decided to correct the prior period presentation to provide comparability to the 2020 financial statements. Corresponding footnotes have been adjusted accordingly. The adjustments had no impacted on the consolidated statements of income and shareholders' equity for the periods discussed.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13 ("ASU 2016-13"), *Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*". ASU 2016-13 requires companies to measure credit losses utilizing a methodology that reflects expected credit losses and requires a consideration of a broader range of reasonable and supportable information to inform credit loss estimates. ASU 2016-13 was further amended in November 2019 in "Codification Improvements to Topic 326, Financial Instruments-Credit losses". This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including those interim periods within those fiscal years. For emerging growth companies, the effective date has been extended to fiscal years beginning after December 31, 2022. The Company will adopt this ASU within the annual reporting period of December 31, 2023. The Company is currently assessing the impact of adopting this standard, but based upon its preliminary assessment, does not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

# NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, NET

Accounts receivable, net consisted of the following:

	As o	of September 30, 2021	As	of December 31, 2020
Accounts receivable	\$	34,453,143	\$	25,766,504
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		(349,311)		(909,182)
Accounts receivable, net	\$	34,103,832	\$	24,857,322

Movement of allowance for doubtful accounts is as follows:

		ths Ended		
	September 30, 2021		5	September 30, 2020
Beginning balance	\$	909,182	\$	623,970
Increase (decrease) in provision for doubtful accounts		(374,433)		2,024,471
Less: write off/ (recovery)		(185,438)		(1,274,520)
Ending balance	\$	349,311	\$	1,373,921

# NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

Long-term investments consisted of the following:

	Ownership as of September 30, 2021		s of September 30, 2021	As of December 31, 2020		
Asahi Food, Inc.	49%	\$	643,885	\$	577,164	
Pt. Tamron Akuatik Produk Industri ("Tamron")	12%		1,800,000		1,800,000	
Total		\$	2,443,885	\$	2,377,164	

The investment in Tamron is accounted for using the measurement alternative under ASC 321, which is measured at cost, less any impairment, plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for identical or similar investments, if any. The investment in Asahi Food, Inc. is accounted for under the equity method due to the fact that the Company has significant influence but does not exercise control over this investee. The Company determined there was no impairment as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020 for these investments.

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#### NOTE 5 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property and equipment, net consisted of the following:

	As	s of September 30, 2021	A	s of December 31, 2020
Automobiles	\$	22,976,513	\$	24,544,094
Building		77,437,589		71,285,127
Building improvements		11,426,172		9,807,234
Furniture and fixtures		195,285		223,996
Land		52,208,061		52,125,900
Machinery and equipment		14,710,723		13,498,211
Subtotal		178,954,343		171,484,562
Less: accumulated depreciation		(37,214,226)		(34,615,477)
Property and equipment, net	\$	141,740,117	\$	136,869,085

The Company acquired \$102,331,567 of property and equipment resulting from an acquisition of assets from B&R Realty Group on January 17, 2020. See Note 6 for additional information.

Depreciation expense was \$4,489,389 and \$4,870,523 for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and \$1,476,852 and \$1,605,661 for the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

# NOTE 6 - ACQUISITION OF B&R REALTY SUBSIDIARIES

On January 17, 2020, B&R Global acquired 100% of the equity membership interests of the then subsidiaries of BRGR, which own warehouse facilities that were being leased to B&R Global for its operations in California, Arizona, Utah, Colorado,

Washington, and Montana. Before the acquisition of BRGR Subsidiaries, the CEO of the Company, Xiao Mou Zhang, managed and owned an 8.91% interest in BRGR. The total purchase price for the acquisition was \$101,269,706, based on independent appraisals of the fair market value of the properties.

The Company notes that substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired is concentrated in a group of similar assets (land and buildings all used for warehousing and distribution purposes). As such, the acquisition of the BRGR Subsidiaries would be deemed an asset acquisition under ASC 805-10-55, and the total purchase price is allocated on a relative fair value basis to the net assets acquired.

The following table presents the estimated fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition:

\$ 265,639
33,690
39,193
48,734,042
53,563,835
102,636,399
1,366,693
 1,366,693
\$ 101,269,706
\$

#### NOTE 7 - GOODWILL AND ACQUIRED INTANGIBLE ASSETS

#### Goodwill

The changes in HF Group's carrying amount of goodwill are presented below:

	Total
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$ 68,511,941
Impairment loss	
Balance at September 30, 2021	\$ 68,511,941

The Company booked approximately \$406.7 million of goodwill on December 31, 2019, resulting from the completion of the Business Combination with B&R Global, which represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired. HF Group acquired 100% of the controlling interest of B&R Global, in exchange for 30,700,000 consideration shares of HF Group Common Stock, valued at \$576,699,494 based upon the closing share price of the Company's common stock at the date of Closing on November 4, 2019. The Company's policy is to test goodwill for impairment at least annually, as of December 31, or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that goodwill might be impaired. Potential impairment indicators include (but are not limited to) macroeconomic conditions, industry and market considerations, cost factors, overall financial performance, other relevant entity-specific events, specific events affecting the reporting unit, or sustained decrease in share price.

Towards the end of first quarter of fiscal year 2020, the Company experienced a significant decline in business volume due to mandatory stay-at-home orders issued by governmental authorities in response to the escalation of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Company determined that the B&R Global reporting unit was very sensitive to these declines and that it was more likely than not that an impairment may exist. The Company, therefore, performed an analysis of the fair value of the B&R Global reporting unit as of March 31, 2020 using a discounted cash flow method for goodwill impairment testing purposes. Based upon the analysis, the Company concluded that the carrying value of its B&R Global reporting unit exceeded its fair value by approximately \$338.2 million. As a result, the company recorded the amount as impairment loss during the first quarter of fiscal year 2020.

The Company estimated the fair values of the B&R Global reporting unit using the income approach, discounting projected future cash flows based upon management's expectations of the current and future operating environment. The calculation of the impairment charge includes substantial fact-based determinations and estimates including weighted average cost of capital

("WACC"), future revenue, profitability, perpetual growth rates and fair values of assets and liabilities. The fair value conclusions as of March 31, 2020 for the reporting unit are highly sensitive to changes in the WACC, which consider observable data about guidelines on publicly traded companies, an estimated market participant's expectations about capital structure and risk premiums. The Company corroborated the reasonableness of the estimated reporting unit fair values by reconciling to its enterprise value and market capitalization. The Company also observed that the WACC applied on March 31, 2020 increased significantly from the original WACC value as of the acquisition date, mainly driven by the increased risk and volatility observed in the market. Volatility had primarily been due to concerns about demand for food distribution services, as restaurant activity in much of the country had been reduced to takeout and delivery offerings. Continued uncertainty about the removal or perpetuation of these restrictions and levels of consumer spending cause ongoing volatility.

In addition, the fair value of the goodwill is sensitive to the changes in the assumptions used in the projected cash flows, which include forecasted revenues and perpetual growth rates, among others, all of which require significant judgment by management. The Company has used recent historical performance, current forecasted financial information, and broad-based industry and economic statistics as a basis to estimate the key assumptions utilized in the discounted cash flow model. These key assumptions are inherently uncertain and require a high degree of estimation and judgment and are subject to change based on future conditions, industry and global economic and geo-political factors, and the timing and success of the Company's implementation of current strategic initiatives.

The Company performed a qualitative goodwill impairment assessment and concluded no further impairment is required as of September 30, 2021.

## Acquired Intangible Assets

In connection with the Business Acquisition of B&R Global, HF Group acquired \$188,503,000 of intangible assets, representing tradenames and customer relationships, which have an estimated amortization period of approximately 10 years and 20 years, respectively. The components of the intangible assets are as follows:

	As of September 30, 2021					As of December 31, 2020					
	Gross Carrying Amount		Accumulated Amortization		Net Carrying amount	 Gross Carrying Amount		Accumulated Amortization		Net Carrying Amount	
Tradenames	\$ 29,303,000	\$	(5,616,408)	\$	23,686,592	\$ 29,303,000	\$	(3,418,683)	\$	25,884,317	
Customer relationships	159,200,000		(15,256,667)		143,943,333	159,200,000		(9,286,667)		149,913,333	
Total	\$ 188,503,000	\$	(20,873,075)	\$	167,629,925	\$ 188,503,000	\$	(12,705,350)	\$	175,797,650	

The Company performed a qualitative long-lived asset impairment assessment and concluded no further impairment is required as of September 30, 2021.

HF Group's amortization expense for intangible assets was \$2,722,575 and \$8,167,725 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2020, respectively. Estimated future amortization expense for intangible assets is presented below:

Twelve months ending September 30,	Amount
2022	\$ 10,890,300
2023	10,890,300
2024	10,890,300
2025	10,890,300
2026	10,890,300
Thereafter	113,178,425
Total	\$ 167,629,925

# **NOTE 8 - DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Company utilizes interest rate swaps ("IRS") for the sole purpose of mitigating interest rate fluctuation risk associated to floating rate debt instruments (as defined in Note 9 Line of Credit, and Note 10 Long-Term Debt). The Company does not use any other derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

On August 20, 2019, HF Group entered into two IRS contracts with East West Bank (the "EWB IRS") for initial notional amounts of \$1.05 million and \$2.63 million, respectively. The EWB IRS contracts were entered into in conjunction with two mortgage term loans of corresponding amount that were priced at USD 1-month LIBOR (London Interbank Offering Rate) plus 2.25% per annum for the entire duration of the term loans. The EWB IRS contracts fixed the two term loans at 4.40% per annum until maturity in September 2029.

On December 19, 2019, HF Group entered into an IRS contract with Bank of America (the "BOA IRS") for an initial notional amount of \$2.74 million in conjunction with a newly contracted mortgage term loan of corresponding amount. The term loan was contracted at USD 1-month LIBOR plus 2.15% per annum but was fixed at 5.80% per annum resulting from the corresponding BOA IRS contract. The term loan and corresponding BOA IRS contract matures in December 2029.

On June 24, 2020, HF Group entered into a forward starting IRS contract with JP Morgan Chase Bank (the "JPM IRS") for a fixed \$80 million notional amount, effective from June 30, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2025, as a means to partially hedge its existing floating rate loans exposure. On March 3, 2021, the Company unwound the JPM IRS. The contract was unwound with a view that 1-month LIBOR will continue to remain low in the foreseeable future despite the spike at the long end of the yield curve. The Company recorded a gain of approximately \$718,600 in the first quarter of 2021.

The Company evaluated the above mentioned interest rate swap contracts currently in place and did not designate those as cash flow hedges. Hence, the fair value change on the aforementioned interest rate swap contracts are accounted for and recognized as change in fair value of interest rate swap contracts in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations.

As of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Company has determined that the fair value of the interest rate swap obligations was \$341,165 and \$993,516, respectively. In determining fair value, the Company utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible as well as consider counterparty credit risk in its assessment of fair value. The interest rate swaps are classified as Level 3 liabilities and fair value was obtained from the respective counterparties.

#### **NOTE 9 - LINE OF CREDIT**

The JPM Credit Agreement provides for a \$100 million asset-secured revolving credit facility maturing on November 4, 2022, with an option to renew at the bank's discretion. The revolving credit facility carries a floating interest rate that is pegged to 1-Month LIBOR + 1.375% per annum, and was collateralized by all assets of the Company and was also guaranteed by BRGR and the BRGR Subsidiaries, which BRGR Subsidiaries were subsequently acquired by the Company on January 17, 2020 (See Note 6 for additional information). The JPM Credit Agreement was later superseded by a Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement ("Second Amended Credit Agreement") as described below.

On January 17, 2020, the Company, its wholly-owned subsidiary, B&R Global, and certain of the wholly-owned subsidiaries and affiliates of the Company as borrowers (collectively with the Company, the "Borrowers"), and certain material subsidiaries of the Company as guarantors, entered into the Second Amended Credit Agreement with JPMorgan, as Administrative Agent, and certain lender parties thereto, including Comerica Bank. The Second Amended Credit Agreement, provides for (i) a \$100 million asset-secured revolving credit facility maturing on November 4, 2022 (the "Revolving Facility"), and (ii) a mortgage-secured term loan of \$75.6 million ("Term Loan").

The existing revolving credit facility balance of \$41.2 million under the First Amended Credit Agreement, was rolled over to the Revolving Facility on January 17, 2020. On the same day, B&R Global utilized the \$75.6 million Term Loan and additional \$18.7 million drawdown from the Revolving Facility to fund in part the acquisition of the BRGR Subsidiaries which owned the ten warehouse facilities which B&R Global had been leasing for its operations in California, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Washington, and Montana. The Second Amended Credit Agreement contained certain financial covenants and as of September 30, 2021, the Company was in compliance with the covenants under the Second Amended Credit Agreement. The outstanding principal balance on the line of credit as of September 30, 2021 was \$23.0 million.

## NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020 is as follows:

Bank name	Maturity	Interest rate as of September 30, 2021	As of September 30, 2021	As of December 31, 2020
Bank of America – (a)	October 2021 - December 2029	3.73% — 5.80%	\$ 5,374,589	\$ 5,905,472
BMO Harris Bank N.A. – (b)	April 2022 - January 2024	5.96% — 5.99%	153,991	280,164
East West Bank – (c)	August 2027 - September 2029	4.25% — 4.40%	6,656,129	6,802,271
First Horizon Bank – (d)	October 2027	3.85%	4,622,762	4,773,378
J.P. Morgan Chase – (e)	February 2023 - January 2030	1.96% — 2.09%	71,759,021	74,687,806
Peoples United Bank – (b)	December 2022 - January 2023	7.44% — 7.53%	473,967	725,282
Other finance institutions – (b)	July 2022 - March 2024	3.90% — 6.14%	345,238	475,689
Total debt			89,385,697	93,650,062
Less: current portion			(5,677,453)	(5,641,259)
Long-term debt			\$ 83,708,244	\$ 88,008,803

The terms of the various loan agreements related to long-term bank borrowings require the Company to comply with certain financial covenants. As of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Company was in compliance.

The loans outstanding were guaranteed by the following properties, entities or individuals, or otherwise secured as shown:

- (a) Loan balance consists of real estate term loan, equipment term loans, and vehicle term loans. Collateral is provided by one real property owned by RNCH, specific equipment and vehicles owned by HFFI, RNCH, and BB.
- (b) Secured by vehicles.
- (c) Real estate term loans with East West Bank are collateralized by four real properties owned by R&N Holdings, R&N Lexington, and NSF. The loan to R&N Holdings is guaranteed by four subsidiaries of the Company, Han Feng, TT, MFD, and R&N Lexington. The loan to R&N Lexington is guaranteed by four subsidiaries of the Company, Han Feng, TT, MFD, and R&N Holdings. The NSF loans are guaranteed by the Company. The R&N Holdings and R&N Lexington loans are also guaranteed by one shareholder and spouse. Balloon payments of 2,208,797 and 2,948,495 are due at maturity in 2027 and 2029, respectively.
- (d) Guaranteed by Han Feng and the Company. Also secured by a real property owned by HG Realty. Balloon payment for this debt is \$3,116,687 at maturity.
- (e) Real estate term loan with a principal balance of \$70,515,521 as of September 30, 2021 is secured by assets held by nine subsidiaries of the Company, AK, BRR, BSR, FL, GSR, HP, LF, LR and MP. Equipment term loan with a principal balance of \$1,243,500 as of September 30, 2021 is secured by specific vehicles and equipment as defined in loan agreements.

The future maturities of long-term debt as of September 30, 2021 are as follows:

Twelve months ending September 30	θ,	Amount
2022	\$	5,677,453
2023		4,810,956
2024		4,087,265
2025		4,040,985
2026		4,077,755
Thereafter		66,691,283
Total	\$	89,385,697

#### NOTE 11 - LEASES

The Company leases office space, warehouses and vacant land for building development under non-cancelable operating leases, with terms ranging from one to thirty years, as well as operating and finance leases for vehicles and delivery trucks, forklifts and computer equipment, with various expiration dates through 2050. The Company determines whether an arrangement is or includes an embedded lease at contract inception.

Operating lease assets and lease liabilities are recognized at commencement date and initially measured based on the present value of lease payments over the defined lease term. Lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. For finance leases, the Company also recognizes finance lease assets and finance lease liabilities at inception, with lease expense recognized as interest expense and amortization of the lease payment.

# **Operating Leases**

The components of lease expense were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended				For the Nine	Months Ended			
	September 30, 2021		1 .			September 30, 2020	 September 30, 2021		September 30, 2020
Operating lease cost	\$	648,979	\$	301,734	\$ 1,120,526	\$	1,058,611		
Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term (Months)									
Operating leases		48		32	48		32		
Weighted Average Discount Rate									
Operating leases		3.11 %		4.05 %	3.11 %		4.05 %		

#### **Finance Leases**

The components of lease expense were as follows:

	]	For the Three Months Ended				For the Nine	Mo	Aonths Ended	
	Sep	September 30, September 30, 2021 2020		September 30, 2021		September 30 2020			
Finance leases cost									
Amortization of right-of-use assets	\$	80,984	\$	139,687	\$	242,952	\$	419,060	
Interest on lease liabilities		16,687		21,647		54,030		72,767	
Total finance leases cost	\$	97,671	\$	161,334	\$	296,982	\$	491,827	

Supplemental cash flow information related to finance leases was as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended			For the Nine			ths Ended	
	Sep	tember 30, 2021	Se	eptember 30, 2020	Se	ptember 30, 2021		September 30, 2020
Operating cash flows from finance leases	\$	16,687	\$	21,647	\$	54,030	\$	72,767

Supplemental balance sheet information related to leases was as follows:

	S	September 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
Finance Leases			
Property and equipment, at cost	\$	10,421,383	\$ 2,793,731
Accumulated depreciation		(2,030,594)	(1,831,318)
Property and equipment, net	\$	8,390,789	\$ 962,413
Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term (Months)			
Finance leases		294	43
Weighted Average Discount Rate			
Finance leases		6.17 %	7.56 %

Maturities of lease liabilities were as follows:

Twelve months ending September 30,	Operating Leases		Finance Leases
2022	\$ 798,451	\$	728,921
2023	737,858		750,665
2024	556,952		706,431
2025	575,350		507,354
2026	415,778		480,986
Thereafter			16,064,984
Total Lease Payments	 3,084,389		19,239,341
Less Imputed Interest	(386,685)		(10,520,562)
Total	\$ 2,697,704	\$	8,718,779

On July 2, 2018, AnHeart Inc. ("AnHeart"), a former wholly-owned subsidiary of HF Holding, entered into two separate leases for two properties located in Manhattan, New York, at 273 Fifth Avenue and 275 Fifth Avenue, for 30 years and 15 years, respectively. The leases were on a triple net basis, meaning AnHeart is required to pay all costs associated with the properties, including taxes, insurance, utilities, maintenance and repairs. HF Holding provided a corporate guaranty for all rent and related costs of the leases, including costs associated with the planned construction of a two-story structure at 273 Fifth Avenue and rehabilitation of the building at 275 Fifth Avenue. The Company entered into the leases with the planned purpose of expanding its product lines to include Chinese herb supplements, and to use the sites to develop into a hub for such products. The Company has since determined to cease this business expansion in early 2019.

On February 23, 2019, HF Holding executed an agreement to divest all of its ownership interest in AnHeart to Ms. Jianping An, a resident of New York, for the sum of \$20,000. The transfer of ownership was completed on May 2, 2019. However, the divestment does not release HF Holding's guaranty of AnHeart's obligations or liabilities under the original lease agreements. Under the terms of the sale of AnHeart stock to Ms. An, and in consideration of the Company's ongoing guaranty of AnHeart's performance of the lease obligations, AnHeart granted to the Company a security interest in all AnHeart assets, together with a covenant that the Company will be assigned the leases, to be exercised if AnHeart defaults on the original lease agreements. Further, Ms. An has tendered an unconditional guaranty of all AnHeart liabilities arising from the leases in favor of the Company, executed by Minsheng Pharmaceutical Group Company, Ltd., a Chinese manufacturer and distributor of herbal medicines.

On February 10, 2021, 273 Co, a newly established Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into an Assignment and Assumption of Lease Agreement ("Assignment"), dated effective as of January 21, 2021, with AnHeart and Premier 273 Fifth, LLC ("Landlord"), pursuant to which it assumed the lease of the premises at 273 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York signed on July 2, 2018 (the "273 Lease Agreement"). At the same time, the closing documents were delivered to effectuate the amendment of the 273 Lease Agreement pursuant to an Amendment to Lease (the "Lease Amendment"). The Assignment and the 273 Lease Amendment were negotiated in light of guarantee obligations of the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, HF Holding as guarantor under the Lease Agreement. 273 Co has agreed to observe all the covenants and conditions of the Lease Agreement, as amended, including the payment of all rents due. Under the terms of the Lease Agreement and the Assignment, 273 Co has undertaken to construct, at its own expense, a building on the premises, at a minimum cost of \$2,500,000. The 273 Lease Agreement and the Lease Amendment provide for a term of 30 years, with an option to renew for 10 additional years, at an annual rent starting at \$325,000 and escalating annually throughout the term, with

the annual rent in the final year of the initial term of \$1,047,974. The 273 Lease Amendment granted certain rent abatement to the premises for 2020 and 2021, including a 20% reduction of annual rent in 2021 subject to meeting certain conditions. The Lease Amendment permits subletting of the premises.

The lease agreement related to 275 Fifth Avenue in the name of AnHeart and guaranteed by HF Holding, has a lease term of 15 years with the option to renew for 5 years on the 16th year and the 21st year at 3% annual rent increment. Annual rent started at \$462,000 and escalating throughout the term, with annual rent in the final year of the initial term of \$760,878. Annual property tax was estimated to be about \$81,530. A total of \$81,000 rent abatement related to Covid-19 was granted from April 2020 to December 2020.

## NOTE 12 - SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Supplemental cash flow disclosures and noncash investing and financing activities are as follows:

	For the Nine Months Ended			hs Ended
	Se	September 30, 2021		eptember 30, 2020
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow data				
Cash paid for interest	\$	2,947,834	\$	3,220,447
Cash paid for income taxes	\$	5,680,155	\$	517,573
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities				
Right of use assets obtained in exchange for operating lease liabilities	\$	2,161,442	\$	_
Property acquired via a finance lease	\$	7,627,652	\$	—
Property and equipment purchases from notes payable	\$	257,450	\$	2,528,554
Issuance of promissory note for the acquisition of B&R Realty Subsidiaries	\$		\$	7,000,000

# NOTE 13 - TAXES

# Corporate Income Taxes ("CIT")

On December 22, 2017, the U.S. enacted the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Act"), which significantly changed U.S. tax law. The Act lowered the Company's U.S. statutory federal income tax rate from 35% to 21% effective January 1, 2018, while also imposing a deemed repatriation tax on deferred foreign income. The Act also created a new minimum tax on certain future foreign earnings. The Company does not expect the repatriation tax and new minimum tax on certain future foreign earnings income in the Company's operations since it currently has no foreign income and does not expect to generate any foreign income in the future.

(i) The provision for income taxes of the Company for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 consists of the following:

	For the Three Months Ended					For the Nine I	Aonths Ended	
	Se	ptember 30, 2021		September 30, 2020		September 30, 2021		September 30, 2020
Current income taxes								
Federal	\$	2,721,816	\$	465,519	\$	5,571,759	\$	865,736
State		735,920		128,825		1,175,680		254,131
Current income taxes		3,457,736		594,344	_	6,747,439		1,119,867
Deferred income taxes (benefit)								
Federal		(662,283)		(411,044)		(1,925,015)		(2,329,726)
State		(158,009)		(264,210)		(200,675)		(842,567)
Deferred income taxes (benefit)		(820,292)		(675,254)		(2,125,690)		(3,172,293)
Total provision (benefit) for income taxes	\$	2,637,444	\$	(80,910)	\$	4,621,749	\$	(2,052,426)

(ii) Temporary differences and carryforwards of the Company that created significant deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	As	As of September 30, 2021		s of December 31, 2020
Deferred tax assets				
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$	296,081	\$	443,151
Inventories		680,411		481,016
Federal net operating loss		128		101,828
State net operating loss		5,203		257,490
Fair value change in interest rate swap contracts		81,628		244,622
Leases		104,503		—
Accrued expenses		265,407		268,813
Total deferred tax assets		1,433,361		1,796,920
Deferred tax liabilities				
Property and equipment		(2,314,639)		(2,660,874)
Intangibles assets		(43,318,258)		(45,461,272)
Total deferred tax liabilities		(45,632,897)		(48,122,146)
Net deferred tax liabilities	\$	(44,199,536)	\$	(46,325,226)

(iii) Reconciliations of the statutory income tax rate to the effective income tax rate are as follows:

	For the Nine M	Ionths Ended		
	September 30, 2021			
Federal statutory tax rate	21.0 %	21.0 %		
State statutory tax rate	4.2 %	0.1 %		
Impact of goodwill impairment loss - permanent difference	— %	(20.5)%		
U.S. permanent difference	0.1 %	— %		
Others	0.1 %	— %		
Effective tax rate	25.5 %	0.6 %		

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## NOTE 14 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company makes regular purchases from and sales to various related parties. Related party affiliations were attributed to transactions conducted between the Company and those business entities partially or wholly owned by the Company, the Company officers and/or major shareholders.

Certain related party transactions described in this note are among the issues that are being scrutinized as part of an ongoing internal investigation, and disclosures concerning particular transactions are subject to the outcome of, and conclusions that may ultimately be reached in, this ongoing investigation. Mr. Zhou Min Ni ("Mr. Ni") and Mr. Xiao Mou Zhang ("Mr. Zhang") were the Co-Chief Executive Officers as of December 31, 2020. Mr. Ni resigned from all of his official posts on February 23, 2021. Upon resignation, Mr. Ni directly owned 10.7% of outstanding shares of common stock of the Company. Mr. Zhang became the sole Chief Executive Officer on February 23, 2021. Mr. Ni and his immediate family members are treated as related parties for purposes of this report because Mr. Ni is a holder of more than 10% of the Company's securities.

The Company has recently evaluated Mr. Zhang's ownership interest and his relationship with certain entities that were previously classified as related parties in prior financial statements. The Company noted that four entities with ownership ranging from 5.0% to 10%, mainly restaurants, were deemed not to be related parties. The Company noted that neither Mr. Zhang nor his family members manage or participate in daily operations of those entities, and exercise no influence over them. Hence, the Company concluded that those entities do not fall under the definition of related party and were excluded from the classification accordingly.

The Company also determined that its 12% ownership in Tamron (Note 4), accounted for using alternative measurement under ASC 321, did not meet the definition of related party due to the fact that the Company does not participate in Tamron's daily operations and holds no influence over it.

Further, the Company evaluated Mr. Ni's ownership interest and his relationship with certain entities that were previously classified as related parties in prior financial statements. The Company was informed that two entities that were previously owned by Mr. Ni, North Carolina Good Taste Noodle, Inc. (37.67%) and Hanfeng (Fujian) Information Technology Co., Ltd. (100%), were no longer related parties in nature. The Company was informed that (a) Mr. Ni had disposed of all his equity interests in North Carolina Good Taste Noodle, Inc. on January 1, 2020, and Hanfeng (Fujian) Information Technology Co., Ltd. on September 29, 2020, and (b) neither Mr. Ni nor his family members manage or participate in daily operations of those entities and exercise no influence over them after the disposal. Hence, the Company has determined it is appropriate to disclose transactions with these entities until the conclusion of the independent investigation. Total purchases made by the Company from North Carolina Good Taste Noodle, Inc. during the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, were \$1.3 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, and total purchases were \$3.9 million and \$2.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Accounts payable at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020 to North Carolina Good Taste Noodle, Inc. were \$0.4 million and \$0.6 million, respectively.

The related party transactions as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020 and for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 are identified as follows:

## **Related Party Sales and Purchases Transactions**

The Company makes regular sales to and purchases from various related parties.

#### *a.* Purchase - related parties

Below is a summary of purchases of goods and services from related parties recorded for the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively:



	Name of Related Party	Three Months Ended September 30, 2021	_	Three Months Ended eptember 30, 2020
(a)	Allstate Trading Company, Inc.	\$ —	\$	23,897
(b)	Best Food Services, LLC	2,737,885		1,231,399
(c)	Eastern Fresh NJ, LLC	1,456,623		1,185,398
(d)	Fujian RongFeng Plastic Co., Ltd	807,665		753,997
(e)	Hanfeng (Fujian) Information Technology Co., Ltd.	—		556,238
(f)	Ocean Pacific Seafood Group, Inc.	113,886		150,035
(g)	Revolution Industry, LLC	—		655,789
(h)	UGO USA, Inc.	_		208,333
	Others	161,408		107,359
Tota		\$ 5,277,467	\$	4,872,445

(a) Mr. Ni owns 40% equity interest in this entity.

(b) Mr. Zhang previously owned a 10.38% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company as of October 31, 2020. This equity interest was transferred to three Irrevocable Trusts for the benefit of Mr. Zhang's children effective November 1, 2020.

(c) Mr. Ni owns a 30% equity interest in this entity.

(d) Mr. Ni owns a 40% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company.

(e) Mr. Ni previously owned 100% equity interest in this entity. Mr Ni disposed of his equity interest on September 29, 2020. Purchases for the three months ended September 30, 2021 were \$0.4 million.

- (f) Mr. Ni owns a 26% equity interest in this entity.
- (g) Raymond Ni, one of Mr. Ni's family members, owns 100% equity interest in this entity. On February 25, 2021, Han Feng executed an asset purchase agreement to acquire the machinery and equipment of Revolution Industry, LLC ("RIL"). Han Feng has acquired substantially all of the operating assets used or held for use in such business operation for the amount of \$250,000 plus the original wholesale purchase value of all verified, useable cabbage and egg roll mix inventory of RIL. Advances due from RIL at the time of the transaction were an offset to the purchase price paid to RIL. Going forward, Han Feng has taken the egg roll production business in house and ceased its vendor relationship with RIL.

(h) Mr. Ni owns a 30% equity interest in this entity.

Below is a summary of purchases from related parties for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively:

	Name of Related Party	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2021	Ende	ne Months d September 80, 2020
(a)	Allstate Trading Company, Inc.	\$ —	\$	308,865
(b)	Best Food Services, LLC	6,225,024		4,204,084
(C)	Eastern Fresh NJ, LLC	4,425,286		3,240,575
(d)	Enson Group, Inc. (formerly "Enson Group, LLC")	127,577		58,515
(e)	First Choice Seafood, Inc.	265,934		355,261
(f)	Fujian RongFeng Plastic Co., Ltd	2,397,794		2,598,952
(g)	Hanfeng (Fujian) Information Technology Co., Ltd.	—		1,581,450
(h)	N&F Logistics, Inc.	2,646		368,529
(i)	Ocean Pacific Seafood Group, Inc.	452,312		383,211
(j)	Revolution Industry, LLC	189,701		1,701,490
(k)	UGO USA, Inc.	212,384		429,073
(l)	Union Foods, LLC	—		1,246,720
	Others	216,192		122,073
Tota	l	\$ 14,514,850	\$	16,598,798

- (a) Mr. Ni owns a 40% equity interest in this entity.
- (b) Mr. Zhang previously owned a 10.38% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company as of October 31, 2020. This equity interest was transferred to three Irrevocable Trusts for the benefit of Mr. Zhang's children effective November 1, 2020.
- (c) Mr. Ni owns a 30% equity interest in this entity.
- (d) Mr. Ni owns a 25% equity interest in this entity.
- (e) Mr. Ni owns a 25% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company.
- (f) Mr. Ni owns a 40% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company.
- (g) Mr. Ni previously owned a 100% equity interest in this entity. Mr Ni disposed of his equity interest on September 29, 2020. Purchases for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 were \$1.1 million.
- (h) Mr. Ni owns a 25% equity interest in this entity.
- (i) Mr. Ni owns a 26% equity interest in this entity.
- (j) Raymond Ni, one of Mr. Ni's family members, owns 100% equity interest in this entity. On February 25, 2021, Han Feng executed an asset purchase agreement to acquire the machinery and equipment of Revolution Industry, LLC ("RIL"). Han Feng has acquired substantially all of the operating assets used or held for use in such business operation for the amount of \$250,000 plus the original wholesale purchase value of all verified, useable cabbage and egg roll mix inventory of RIL. Advances due from RIL at the time of transaction were an offset to the purchase price paid to RIL. Going forward, Han Feng has taken the egg roll production business in house and ceased its vendor relationship with RIL.
- (k) Mr. Ni owns a 30% equity interest in this entity.
- (1) Tina Ni, one of Mr. Ni's family members, owns a 30% equity interest in this entity. Anthony Zhang, one of Mr. Xiao Mou Zhang's family member, owns a 10% of equity interest in this entity.

#### **b.** Sales - related parties

Below is a summary of sales to related parties recorded for the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively:

	Name of Related Party	 Three Months Ended September 30, 2021		Three Months Ended September 30, 2020	
(a)	ABC Food Trading, LLC	\$ 714,819	\$	371,162	
(b)	Asahi Food, Inc.	185,437		144,479	
(C)	Best Food Services, LLC	308,516		77,357	
(d)	Eagle Food Service, LLC	744,592		1,067,890	
(e)	Eastern Fresh NJ, LLC	55,398		134,549	
(f)	Enson Group, Inc. (formerly "Enson Group, LLC")	—		29,608	
(g)	Enson Seafood GA, Inc. (formerly "GA-GW Seafood, Inc.")	17,676		9,097	
(h)	First Choice Seafood, Inc.	7,222		_	
(i)	Heng Feng Food Services, Inc.	22,723		113,546	
(j)	N&F Logistics, Inc.	163,890		293,100	
	Others	 143,068		46,589	
Tota	l	\$ 2,363,341	\$	2,287,377	

(a) Mr. Zhang previously owned a 10.38% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company as of October 31, 2020. This equity interest was transferred to 3 Irrevocable Trusts for the benefit of Mr. Zhang's children effective November 1, 2020.

(b) The Company, through its subsidiary MF, owns a 49% equity interest in this entity.

(c) Mr. Zhang previously owned a 10.38% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company as of October 31, 2020. This equity interest was transferred to 3 Irrevocable Trusts for the benefit of Mr. Zhang's children effective November 1, 2020.

(d) Tina Ni, one of Mr. Ni's family members, owns a 26.5% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company.

(e) Mr. Ni owns a 30% equity interest in this entity.

(f) Mr. Ni owns a 25% equity interest in this entity.



- (g) Mr. Ni owns a 50% equity interest in this entity.
- (h) Mr. Ni owns a 25% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company.
- (i) Mr. Ni owns a 45% equity interest in this entity.
- (j) Mr. Ni owns a 25% equity interest in this entity.

Below is a summary of sales to related parties recorded for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively:

	Name of Related Party	-	Vine Months led September 30, 2021	-	Vine Months ded September 30, 2020
(a)	ABC Food Trading, LLC	\$	1,935,031	\$	1,419,460
(b)	Asahi Food, Inc.		526,570		365,669
(C)	Best Food Services, LLC		709,308		258,046
(d)	Eagle Food Service, LLC		2,820,613		3,504,915
(e)	Eastern Fresh NJ, LLC		154,736		1,583,842
(f)	Enson Group, Inc. (formerly "Enson Group, LLC")		53,113		302,360
(g)	Enson Seafood GA, Inc. (formerly "GA-GW Seafood, Inc.")		572,625		49,313
(h)	First Choice Seafood, Inc.		89,366		1,378,208
(i)	Heng Feng Food Services, Inc.		127,577		640,732
(j)	N&F Logistics, Inc.		531,023		846,342
	Others		319,547		486,991
Tota	1	\$	7,839,509	\$	10,835,878

(a) Mr. Zhang previously owned a 10.38% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company as of October 31, 2020. This equity interest was transferred to 3 Irrevocable Trusts for the benefit of Mr. Zhang's children effective November 1, 2020.

- (b) The Company, through its subsidiary MF, owns a 49% equity interest in this entity.
- (c) Mr. Zhang previously owned a 10.38% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company as of October 31, 2020. This equity interest was transferred to 3 Irrevocable Trusts for the benefit of Mr. Zhang's children effective November 1, 2020.
- (d) Tina Ni, one of Mr. Ni's family members, owns a 26.5% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company.
- (e) Mr. Ni owns a 30% equity interest in this entity.
- (f) Mr. Ni owns a 25% equity interest in this entity.
- (g) Mr. Ni owns a 50% equity interest in this entity.
- (h) Mr. Ni owns a 25% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company.
- (i) Mr. Ni owns a 45% equity interest in this entity.
- (j) Mr. Ni owns a 25% equity interest in this entity.

# c. Lease agreements - related parties

The Company leases various facilities to related parties.

R&N Holdings leased a facility to UGO USA Inc. under an operating lease agreement which was mutually terminated by both parties effective April 1, 2021. Rental income for the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 was nil and \$10,500, respectively, and the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 was \$7,000 and \$31,500, respectively.

HG Realty leases a warehouse to Enson Seafood GA Inc. (formerly "GA-GW Seafood, Inc.") under an operating lease agreement expiring on September 21, 2027. Rental income for the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 was \$120,000 and \$120,000, respectively, and the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 was \$360,000 and \$360,000, respectively.

B&R Global leased warehouses from related parties owned by the majority shareholder of B&R Global prior to the Realty Acquisition on January 17, 2020. Before the acquisition of the BRGR Subsidiaries, the CEO of the Company, Xiao Mou Zhang,



managed and owned 8.91% interest in BRGR. Rent incurred to the related parties from January 1, 2020 to January 16, 2020 was \$187,750.

In 2020, Kirnland renewed a warehouse lease from Yoan Chang Trading Inc. ("Yoan") under an operating lease agreement expiring on December 31, 2020. In February 2021, Kirnland executed a new 5-year operating lease agreement with Yoan effective January 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2025. Rent incurred to the related party was \$77,428 and \$40,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and \$232,284 and \$100,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

#### **Related Party Balances**

# a. Accounts receivable - related parties, net

Below is a summary of accounts receivable with related parties recorded as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively:

	Name of Related Party	As of September 30, 2021	А	as of December 31, 2020
(a)	ABC Food Trading, LLC	\$ 326,093	\$	18,816
(b)	Asahi Food, Inc.	130,946		68,766
(C)	Best Food Services, LLC	—		1,250
(d)	Eagle Food Service, LLC	250,054		697,538
(e)	Eastern Fresh NJ, LLC	58,500		
(f)	Enson Seafood GA, Inc. (formerly "GA-GW Seafood, Inc.")	82,816		325,596
(g)	Fortune One Foods, Inc.	48,352		36,250
(h)	N&F Logistics, Inc.	56,891		113,247
	Others	578	}	
Total		\$ 954,230	\$	1,261,463

(a) Mr. Zhang previously owned a 10.38% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company as of October 31, 2020. This equity interest was transferred to 3 Irrevocable Trusts for the benefit of Mr. Zhang's children effectiveNovember 1, 2020.

(b) The Company, through its subsidiary MF, owns a 49% equity interest in this entity.

(c) Mr. Zhang previously owned a 10.38% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company as of October 31, 2020. This equity interest was transferred to 3 Irrevocable Trusts for the benefit of Mr. Zhang's children effective November 1, 2020.

- (d) Tina Ni, one of Mr. Ni's family members, owns a 26.5% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company.
- (e) Mr. Ni owns a 30% equity interest in this entity.
- (f) Mr. Ni owns a 50% equity interest in this entity.
- (g) Mr. Ni owns a 17.5% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company.
- (h) Mr. Ni owns a 25% equity interest in this entity.

All accounts receivable from these related parties are current and considered fully collectible. No allowance is deemed necessary as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

## b. Accounts payable - related parties, net

All the accounts payable to related parties are payable upon demand without interest. Below is a summary of accounts payable with related parties recorded as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively:

	Name of Related Party	September 30, 2021	Aso	of December 31, 2020
(a)	Best Food Services, LLC	\$ 737,432	\$	588,920
(b)	Eastern Fresh NJ, LLC	523,734		427,795
(c)	Enson Group, Inc. (formerly "Enson Group, LLC")	—		25,368
(d)	Fujian RongFeng Plastic Co., Ltd	1,183,655		69,429
(e)	Hanfeng Information Technology (Jinhua), Inc.	—		107,258
(f)	Heng Feng Food Services, Inc.	—		116,436
(g)	UGO USA, Inc.	—		211,003
	Others	55,051		26,218
Total		\$ 2,499,872	\$	1,572,427

(a) Mr. Zhang previously owned a 10.38% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company as of October 31, 2020. Thod equity interest was transferred to 3 Irrevocable Trusts for the benefits of Mr. Zhang's children effective November 1, 2020.

- (b) Mr. Ni owns a 30% equity interest in this entity.
- (c) Mr. Ni owns a 25% equity interest in this entity.
- (d) Mr. Ni owns a 40% equity interest in this entity indirectly through its parent company.
- (e) Mr. Ni owns a 37% equity interest in this entity.
- (f) Mr. Ni owns a 45% equity interest in this entity.
- (g) Mr. Ni owns a 30% equity interest in this entity.

#### c. Advances to suppliers - related parties, net

The Company periodically provides purchase advances to various vendors, including the related party suppliers.

Below is a summary of advances to related party suppliers recorded as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively:

	Name of Related Party	As	of September 30, 2021	As o	of December 31, 2020
(a)	Ocean Pacific Seafood Group, Inc.	\$		\$	7,101
(b)	Revolution Industry, LLC		—		189,702
Tota		\$		\$	196,803

#### (a) Mr. Ni owns a 26% equity interest in this entity.

(b) Raymond Ni, one of Mr. Ni's family members, owns 100% equity interest in this entity. On February 25, 2021, Han Feng executed an asset purchase agreement to acquire the machinery and equipment of Revolution Industry, LLC ("RIL"). Han Feng has acquired substantially all of the operating assets used or held for use in such business operation for the amount of \$250,000 plus the original wholesale purchase value of all verified, useable cabbage and egg roll mix inventory of RIL. Advances due from Revolution at the time of transaction were an offset to the purchase price paid to RIL. Going forward, Han Feng has taken the egg roll production business in house and ceased its vendor relationship with RIL.

#### d. Promissory note payable - related party

B&R Global issued a \$7.0 million Unsecured Subordinated Promissory Note to BRGR in January 2020 as part of the payment for the acquisition of the BRGR Subsidiaries (Refer to Note 6). The note matures in January 2030 and carries a fixed interest rate of 6% per annum. There is no requirement to make principal repayments until maturity. There is no prepayment penalty should the Company elect to prepay the principal prior to maturity, subject to meeting certain repayment provisions as defined in the JPM Credit Agreement. At September 30, 2021, the outstanding balance was \$5.0 million and accrued interest payable was nil. Principal and interest payments made were \$500,000 and \$84,333 for the three months ended September 30, 2021, and \$2,000,000 and \$281,825 for the nine months ended September 30, 2021, respectively.



## NOTE 15 - STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company has a stock-based employee compensation plan, known as the HF Foods Group Inc. 2018 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "2018 Incentive Plan"). The 2018 Incentive Plan caters for up to 3,000,000 shares of common stock reserved for issuance of awards to employees, non-employee directors, and consultants. The Plan provides for the grant of incentive stock options, nonstatutory stock options, restricted stock awards, restricted stock unit awards, stock appreciation rights, other stock awards, and performance awards that may be settled in stock, or other property. The Company began issuing awards under the Plan in July of 2021.

As of September 30, 2021, the Company had 350,439 time-based vesting restricted stock units ("RSUs") outstanding, 143,277 performance-based restricted stock units ("PSUs") outstanding, and 2,506,284 shares remaining available for future awards under the Plan.

RSUs granted to employees vest over time based on continued service (vesting over a period between one to three years in equal installments). PSUs granted to employees vest based on (i) the attainment of certain financial metrics, as defined by the Company's compensation committee ("Financial PSUs") and (ii) total shareholder return of the Company's common stock ("TSR PSUs"). Both types of PSUs vest over 3 equal installments beginning from April 1, 2022 to April 1, 2024 based on the performance metrics established for each year and also require continued service for vesting.

A summary of RSU and PSU activity for the three-month period ended September 30, 2021 is as follows:

	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value		
Unvested RSUs at June 30, 2021		\$		
Granted	352,761	5.17		
Forfeited	2,322	5.17		
Vested	—	_		
Unvested RSUs at September 30, 2021	350,439	\$ 5.17		

	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	
Unvested PSUs at June 30, 2021		\$ —	
Granted	143,277	3.82	
Forfeited	—	—	
Vested	—	—	
Unvested PSUs at September 30, 2021	143,277	\$ 3.82	

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation in accordance with ASC 718 Compensation - Stock Compensation ("ASC 718"). ASC 718 addresses all forms of share-based payment awards including shares issued under employee stock purchase plans and stock incentive shares. The fair value of the RSUs and Financial PSUs are measured using the closing price of the Company's common stock on NASDAQ Global Capital Market on the date preceding grant date. The fair value of the TSR PSUs are determined using the Monte-Carlo simulation model.

The assumptions used to estimate the fair value of the TSR PSUs granted during the three months ended September 30, 2021 and valued under the Monte Carlo simulation model were as follows:



	PSUs awarded July 8, 2021	PSUs awarded September 8, 2021
Risk-free interest rate	0.32%	- 0.34%
Expected dividend yield	-	-%
Expected term (years)	2.56	- 2.73
Expected volatility (1)	64.26%	- 65.74%

(1) Expected volatility is based on a 50/50 blending of (i) the average historical volatility of a select group of industry peers with a look-back period equal to the expected term, and (ii) the historical volatility of the Company with a look-back period of 1.17 years, the time from the valuation date to the date six months after the completion of the merger with B&R Global, using daily stock prices. The expected volatility of peer companies was 62.42% - 63.45%. The expected volatility of our common stock was 66.10% - 68.03%.

We amortize the fair value of RSUs on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period for each award. For the PSUs, the Company recognizes stockbased compensation expenses on a straight-line basis for each vesting tranche over the longer of the derived, explicit, or implicit service period for the vesting tranche. As of interim and annual reporting periods, the Financial PSUs stock-based compensation expense is adjusted based on expected achievement of performance targets, while TSR PSUs stock-based compensation expense is not adjusted. The Company recognizes forfeitures as they occur.

Stock-based compensation is included in distribution, selling and administrative expenses in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. The components of stock-based compensation for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

		Three Mon September		Three Months September 30	
Stock-based compensation (RSUs) expense	Ocean Pacific Seafood Group, Inc.	\$	159,078	\$	
Stock-based compensation (PSUs) expense	Revolution Industry, LLC	1	46,355		
Total stock-based compensation expense	LLC	¢	205,433	\$	
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Tax Benefit of stock-based compensation expense		\$	50,282	\$	—

As of September 30, 2021, there was \$2,045,560 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to all non-vested outstanding RSUs and PSUs outstanding under the Plan. Of the total unrecognized compensation cost, \$1,544,447 is related to RSUs with time-based vesting provisions and \$501,113 is related to PSUs with performance and market-based vesting provisions.

# **NOTE 16 - SEGMENT REPORTING**

ASC 280, *Segment Reporting* establishes standards for reporting information about operating segments on a basis consistent with the Company's internal organizational structure as well as information about geographical areas, business segments and major customers in financial statements for details on the Company's business segments. The Company uses the "management approach" in determining reportable operating segments. The management approach considers the internal organization and reporting used by the Company's operating decision makers for making operational decisions and assessing performance as the source for determining the Company's reportable segments. Management, including the operating decision makers, review operation results by the revenue of different customers.

On February 23, 2021, former co-CEO Zhou Min Ni resigned and Xiao Mou Zhang assumed the role of sole CEO. As a result, the Company reassessed its performance evaluation process and determined two relevant reporting segments - sales to independent restaurants and wholesale. Frequency, volume and profit margins are uniquely different between the two reporting segments. Segment reporting for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 were recast below.

All the Company's revenue was generated from its business operation in the U.S.

The following table presents net sales by segment for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively:

	For the Three Months Ended					For the Nine Months Ended			
	September 30, 2021			September 30, 2020		September 30, 2021		September 30, 2020	
Net revenue									
Sales to independent restaurants	\$	207,559,475	\$	134,167,324	\$	548,116,720	\$	400,060,302	
Wholesale		7,982,574		5,751,618		20,353,393		20,222,072	
Total	\$	215,542,049	\$	139,918,942	\$	568,470,113	\$	420,282,374	
				For the Three	Mo	nths Ended Septe	mbei	r 30, 2021	
				Sales to Independent Restaurants		Wholesale		Total	
Revenue			\$	207,559,475	\$	7,982,574	\$	215,542,049	
Cost of revenue			\$	166,638,813	\$	6,991,268	\$	173,630,081	
Gross profit			\$	40,920,662	\$	991,306	\$	41,911,968	
Depreciation and amortization			\$	4,879,618	\$	187,666	\$	5,067,284	
Cash capital expenditures			\$	825,473	\$	31,747	\$	857,220	
				For the Three	Mo	nths Ended Septe	mbe	r 30, 2020	
				Sales to Independent Restaurants		Wholesale		Total	
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Revenue Cost of revenue			\$ \$	134,167,324	\$ ¢	5,751,618	\$ ¢	139,918,942	
Cost of revenue				109,339,945	\$ ¢	5,416,139	\$ ¢	114,756,084	
Gross profit			\$	24,827,379	\$	335,479	\$	25,162,858	

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Depreciation and amortization	\$	4,285,909	\$	183,733	\$	4,469,642
Cash capital expenditures	\$	192,089	\$	8,235	\$	200,324

# For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2021

	Sales to Independent								
		Restaurants		Wholesale		Total			
Revenue	\$	548,116,720	\$	20,353,393	\$	568,470,113			
Cost of revenue	\$	442,864,604	\$	19,129,646	\$	461,994,250			
Gross profit	\$	105,252,116	\$	1,223,747	\$	106,475,863			
Depreciation and amortization	\$	13,137,213	\$	487,625	\$	13,624,838			
Cash capital expenditures	\$	1,465,877	\$	55,010	\$	1,520,887			

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2020							
		Sales to Independent Restaurants		Wholesale		Total		
Revenue	\$	400,060,302	\$	20,222,072	\$	420,282,374		
Cost of revenue	\$	326,484,372	\$	19,047,315	\$	345,531,687		
Gross profit	\$	73,575,930	\$	1,174,757	\$	74,750,687		
Depreciation and amortization	\$	12,831,153	\$	648,583	\$	13,479,736		
Cash capital expenditures	\$	391,216	\$	19,072	\$	410,288		

The following table presents total assets by reportable segment as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively:

	As	s of September 30, 2021	A	s of December 31, 2020
Total assets:				
Sales to independent restaurants	\$	496,082,096	\$	456,721,529
Wholesale		18,421,175		27,506,076
Total Assets	\$	514,503,271	\$	484,227,605

All of the Company's long-lived assets are located in the US.

# NOTE 17 - COMMITMENT AND CONTINGENCIES

From time to time, the Company is a party to various lawsuits, claims and other legal proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of business. When the Company becomes aware of a claim or potential claim, it assesses the likelihood of any loss or exposure. In accordance with authoritative guidance, the Company records loss contingencies in its financial statements only for matters in which losses are probable and can be reasonably estimated. Where a range of loss can be reasonably estimated with no best estimate in the range, the Company records the minimum estimated liability. If the loss is not probable or the amount of the loss cannot be reasonably estimated, the Company discloses the nature of the specific claim if the likelihood of a potential loss is reasonably possible and the amount involved is material. The Company continuously assesses the potential liability related to the Company's pending litigation and revises its estimates when additional information becomes available. With respect to our outstanding legal matters, we believe that the amount or estimable range of reasonably possible loss will not, either individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on our business, consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows. However, the outcome of litigation is inherently uncertain. Therefore, if one or more of these ordinary-course legal matters were resolved against us for amounts in excess of management's expectations, our results of operations and financial condition, including in a particular reporting period, could be materially adversely affected.

As previously disclosed and also highlighted in Note 1, in March 2020, a short-seller report suggested certain improprieties in the Company's operations. These allegations became the subject of two putative stockholder class actions filed on or after March 29, 2020 in the United States District Court for the Central District of California generally alleging the Company and certain of its current and former directors and officers violated the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by making allegedly false and misleading statements (the "Class Actions"). After the second putative stockholder class action was filed, the Class Actions were consolidated. On January 19, 2021, the Company and the director and officer defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss the consolidated Class Actions. On August 25, 2021, the Court granted the Motion to Dismiss with leave to amend the complaint. The Plaintiff elected not to amend his complaint, and the Court entered Judgment in favor of the Company and the director and officer defendants on September 20, 2021. The Court's decision was not appealed, and the Class Actions are now closed.

The Company was likewise named a nominal defendant and certain of the Company's current and former directors and officers were named as defendants in a shareholder derivative lawsuit filed on June 15, 2020, in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. The complaint makes similar allegations as the Class Actions and alleges violations of Sections 10(b), 14(a), and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, breach of fiduciary duties, unjust enrichment, abuse of control, gross mismanagement, and waste of corporate assets. A second virtually identical shareholder derivative lawsuit was filed on August 21, 2020 in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. On November 19, 2020, the District Court for the District of Delaware transferred the second-filed derivative lawsuit to the District Court for the Central District of California. The derivative lawsuits were stayed pending the deadline to file a notice of appeal in the Class Actions. The Company intends to vigorously defend the derivative lawsuits. See Note 18-Subsequent Events



In response to the allegations in the March 2020 short-seller report, the Company's Board of Directors appointed a Special Committee of Independent Directors to conduct an internal independent investigation with the assistance of counsel (the "Special Committee").

In addition, the SEC initiated a formal, non-public investigation of the Company, and the SEC informally requested, and later issued a subpoena for, documents and other information. The subpoena relates to but is not necessarily limited to the matters identified in the Class Actions. The Special Committee and the Company are cooperating with the SEC. The SEC and the Special Committee investigations are ongoing. There have been no changes to the status of these proceedings as described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. Refer to Independent Investigation Update in Note 1.

While the Special Committee has reached no final conclusions in conjunction with its investigation, it has made a number of recommendations to management regarding improvements to Company operations and structure, including but not limited to its dealings with related parties.

The Company has also instituted structural changes including the retirement of the former Co-Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. The Company now has an independent Chairman of the Board. In addition, the Company hired an in-house General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer who joined the Company on September 8, 2021 and who reports to the Chief Executive Officer and the Chairman of the Board.

#### **NOTE 18 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Company evaluated subsequent events through November 15, 2021, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

On November 5, 2021, the first of the two derivative shareholder lawsuits described in Note 17, above, was dismissed voluntarily by the plaintiff. On November 12, 2021, the stay of the proceedings in the second shareholder derivative case was lifted by the District Court and the case will move forward with the filing of defendants' response to the complaint. The Company intends to vigorously defend the shareholder derivative lawsuit.

# CAUTIONARY NOTE ABOUT FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for HF Foods Group Inc. ("HF Foods," "HF Group," the "Company," "we," "us," or "our") contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include statements about our expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, intentions, assumptions and other statements that are not historical facts. Words or phrases such as "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "ongoing," "plan," "potential," "predict," "project," "will" or similar words or phrases, or the negatives of those words or phrases, may identify forward-looking statements, but the absence of these words does not necessarily mean that a statement is not forward-looking. We derive many of our forward-looking statements from our operating budgets and forecasts, which are based on many detailed assumptions. While we believe that our assumptions are reasonable, we caution that it is very difficult to predict the impact of known factors, and it is impossible for us to anticipate all factors that could affect our actual results. All forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those that we expected. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations, or cautionary statements, include without limitation:

- Unfavorable macroeconomic conditions in the United States;
- Competition in the food service distribution industry, particularly the entry of new competitors into the Chinese/Asian restaurant supply market niche;
- Increases in fuel costs;
- Increases in commodity prices;
- Disruption of relationships with vendors and increases in product prices;
- U.S. government tariffs on products imported into the United States, particularly from China;
- Changes in consumer eating and dining out habits;
- Disruption of relationships with or loss of customers;
- Failure to retain our senior management and other key personnel, particularly Xiao Mou Zhang and Kong Hian Lee;
- Our ability to attract, train and retain employees;
- Changes in and enforcement of immigration laws;
- Failure to comply with various federal, state and local rules and regulations regarding food safety, sanitation, transportation, minimum wage, overtime and other health and safety laws;
- Product recalls, voluntary recalls or withdrawals if any of the products we distribute are alleged to have caused illness, been mislabeled, misbranded or adulterated or to otherwise have violated applicable government regulations;
- Failure to protect our intellectual property rights;
- Any cyber security incident, other technology disruption or delay in implementing our information technology systems;
- The development of an active trading market for our common stock;
- Failure to acquire other distributors or wholesalers and enlarge our customer base could negatively impact our results of operations and financial condition;
- Scarcity of and competition for acquisition opportunities;
- Our ability to obtain acquisition financing;
- The impact of non-cash charges relating to the amortization of intangible assets related to material acquisitions;
- Our ability to identify acquisition candidates;
- Increases in debt in order to successfully implement our acquisition strategy;
- The effects of the COVID-19 or other pandemic;
- Difficulties in integrating operations, personnel, and assets of acquired businesses that may disrupt our business, dilute stockholder value, and adversely affect our operating results; and
- Other factors discussed in "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020.

All written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us, or persons acting on our behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements as well as other cautionary statements that are made from time to time in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and public communications. We caution you that the important factors referenced above may not contain all of the factors that are important to you. In addition, we cannot assure you that we will realize the results or developments we expect or anticipate or, even if substantially realized, that they will result in the consequences or affect us or our operations in the way we expect. The forward-looking statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are made only as of the date hereof. Except as otherwise required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

## ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of HF Foods Group Inc.

This discussion should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this report. The following discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve numerous risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from the forward-looking statements as a result of these risks and uncertainties. See "*Cautionary Note About Forward-Looking Statements*" for additional cautionary information.

#### Company Background and Overview

The Company markets and distributes Asian specialty food products, fresh produce, frozen and dry food, and non-food products to primarily Asian restaurants and other food service customers throughout the Southeast, Pacific and Mountain West regions of the United States.

#### **Financial Overview**

Our net revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 was \$568.5 million, an increase of \$148.2 million, or 35.3%, from \$420.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020. Net income attributable to stockholders for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 was \$13.0 million, a sharp turnaround compared to net loss of \$344.6 million attributable to stockholders for the nine months ended September 30, 2020. The net loss in the prior comparative period was mainly due to a significant goodwill impairment of \$338.2 million taken in first quarter of 2020 (see Note 7 to our financial statements for additional information) as well as sharp declines in sales prompted by the severe impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Adjusted EBITDA for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 was \$38.2 million, an increase of \$24.5 million, or 177.9%, from \$13.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020. Not additional information on Adjusted EBITDA, see the section entitled "MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS— Adjusted EBITDA" below.

#### **COVID-19 Impact**

The impact of COVID-19 pandemic had an inimical effect on our business, financial condition and operational results in 2020. All states across the country had issued some form of stay-at-home orders, shutdowns, voluntary containment measures, and social distancing. The operations of our restaurant customers were severely disrupted too, due to the "cliff-like" decline in consumer demand for food away from home. The government mandates forced many of our restaurant customers to temporarily close or convert to take-out or delivery-only operations. As a result, there was a significant decline in net sales beginning from the last two weeks of March 2020 through September 2020, negatively impacting our overall financial results in 2020, albeit quarter-on-quarter recovery in sales since third quarter of 2020.

The devastating impact of COVID-19 seen in 2020 has generally subsided, especially since the widespread vaccination effort by most local governments which began in March 2021. The Company's net sales recovered to about 94% of pre-COVID business volume (based on proforma net revenue for the same period in 2019) in the second quarter of 2021 and had surpassed the pre-COVID level to approximately 105% as of the quarter ended September 30, 2021. Based on current sales volumes and adjusted cost structures, the company continues to generate positive operating cash flows on a weekly basis and does not have immediate liquidity concerns, especially if sales volume continues to remain stable or improve further. We remain optimistic on the long-term prospects for our business although we continue to face intermittent government restrictions on our restaurant customers' business operations.

As the market leader in servicing the Asian/Chinese restaurant sector, we believe we are well-positioned for long-term success. The fragmented nature of the Asian/Chinese food service industry and the current environment create opportunities for a company like HF Group, which has the necessary expertise and a deep understanding of our unique customer base. We believe we are differentiated from our competitors given our extensive footprint, strong vendor and customer relationships, and value-added service offerings, all of which have allowed and will continue to allow us to better serve our customers in these unprecedented conditions.

#### How to Assess HF Group's Performance

In assessing our performance, the Company considers a variety of performance and financial measures, including principal growth in net revenue, gross profit, distribution, selling and administrative expenses, EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA. The key measures that the Company uses to evaluate the performance of our business are set forth below:

## Net Revenue

Net revenue is equal to gross sales minus sales returns, sales incentives that the Company offers to our customers, such as rebates and discounts that are offsets to gross sales; and certain other adjustments. Our net sales are driven by changes in number of customers and average customer order amount, product inflation that is reflected in the pricing of our products and mix of products sold.

# **Gross Profit**

Gross profit is equal to net sales minus cost of revenue. Cost of revenue primarily includes inventory costs (net of supplier consideration), inbound freight, custom clearance fees and other miscellaneous expenses. Cost of revenue generally changes as the Company incurs higher or lower costs from suppliers, as the customer and product mix changes, and as impact of inflation affects overall business.

# Distribution, Selling and Administrative Expenses (DSA Expenses)

Distribution, selling and administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries, stock-based compensation and benefits for employees and contract laborers, trucking and fuel expenses, utilities, maintenance and repair expenses, insurance expenses, depreciation and amortization expenses, selling and marketing expenses, professional fees and other operating expenses.

#### EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA

The Company uses EBITDA to measure operating performance, defined as net income before interest expense, income taxes, and depreciation and amortization. In addition, management uses Adjusted EBITDA, defined as net income before interest expense, interest income, income taxes, and depreciation and amortization, further adjusted to exclude certain unusual, non-cash, non recurring income or expenses. Management believes that Adjusted EBITDA is less susceptible to variances in actual performance resulting from non-recurring expenses, extraordinary charges, and other non-cash charges and more reflective of other factors that affect our operating performance. Management believes that the use of these non-GAAP financial measures provides an additional tool for investors to use in evaluating ongoing operating results and trends and in comparing our financial performance with other companies in the same industry, many of which present similar non-GAAP financial measures to investors. The Company presents EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA in order to provide supplemental information that the Company considers relevant for the readers of our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report, and such information is not meant to replace or supersede U.S. GAAP measures.

The definition of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA may not be the same as similarly titled measures used by other companies in the industry. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not defined under U.S. GAAP and is subject to important limitations as analytical tools and you should not consider them in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of HF Group's results as reported under U.S. GAAP. For example, Adjusted EBITDA:

- excludes certain tax payments that may represent a reduction in cash available to the Company;
- does not reflect any cash capital expenditure requirements for the assets being depreciated and amortized that may have to be replaced in the future;
- · does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs; and
- does not reflect the significant interest expense, or the cash requirements, necessary to service our debt.

For additional information on EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, see the section entitled "MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS — EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA" below.

#### Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2021 and 2020

The following table sets forth a summary of our consolidated results of operations for the three month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020. The historical results presented below are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any future period.

	-	3	30,	· · · · · ·	Changes			
	2021			2020	Amount	%		
Net revenue	\$	215,542,049	\$	139,918,942	\$ 75,623,107	54.0 %		
Cost of revenue		173,630,081		114,756,084	 58,873,997	51.3 %		
Gross profit		41,911,968		25,162,858	16,749,110	66.6 %		
Distribution, selling and administrative expenses		30,972,019		25,050,419	 5,921,600	23.6 %		
Income from operations		10,939,949		112,439	10,827,510	9,629.7 %		
Interest income				133	(133)	100.0 %		
Interest expenses		(703,845)		(840,851)	137,006	16.3 %		
Other income, net		558,138		270,452	287,686	106.4 %		
Change in fair value of interest rate swap contracts		52,314		(20,022)	 72,336	361.3 %		
Income (loss) before income tax provision		10,846,556		(477,849)	11,324,405	2,369.9 %		
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		2,637,444		(80,910)	 2,718,354	3,359.7 %		
Net income (loss)		8,209,112		(396,939)	 8,606,051	2,168.1 %		
Less: net income attributable to non-controlling interests		357,345		226,865	 130,480	57.5 %		
Net income (loss) attributable to HF Foods Group Inc.	\$	7,851,767	\$	(623,804)	\$ 8,475,571	1,358.7 %		

#### Net Revenue

The bulk of net revenue was derived from sales to independent restaurants being the integral part of our business operations, and marginally supplemented by non-core wholesale operations to other smaller distributors. The revenue split has remained somewhat consistent, regardless of the impact of COVID-19.

The following table sets forth the breakdown of net revenue:

	 For the Three Months Ended September 30,											
	2021			202	0		Changes					
	Amount	Amount % Amount		%		Amount	%	_				
Net revenue												
Sales to independent restaurants	\$ 207,559,475	96.3 %	\$	134,167,324	95.9 %	\$	73,392,151	54.7 %	%			
Wholesale	 7,982,574	3.7 %		5,751,618	4.1 %		2,230,956	38.8 %	%			
Total	\$ 215,542,049	100.0 %	\$	139,918,942	100.0 %	\$	75,623,107	54.0 %	%			
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Sales to independent restaurants for the three months ended September 30, 2021 increased by approximately 55% compared to same period last year. This was primarily due to the easing of COVID related restrictions in 2021 that resulted in the return of more dine-in business and a return to normalcy in overall foot traffic to restaurants. Wholesale operations as a supplemental business registered a growth of about 39% for the three months ended September 30, 2021 as compared to same period last year. As a result, overall net revenue for the quarter ended September 30, 2021 improved by about \$75.6 million or 54% from the comparative period ended September 30, 2020.

## **Gross Profit**

The following tables set forth the calculation of gross profit and gross margin for sales to independent restaurants, wholesale and total net revenue:



	Three Months En	ded S	September 30,	Changes			
	 2021		2020	Amount		%	
Sales to independent restaurants							
Net revenue	\$ 207,559,475	\$	134,167,324	\$	73,392,151	54.7 %	
Cost of revenue	 166,638,813		109,339,945		57,298,868	52.4 %	
Gross profit	\$ 40,920,662	\$	24,827,379	\$	16,093,283	64.8 %	
Gross Margin	 19.7 %		18.5 %		1.2 %	6.5 %	
Wholesale							
Net revenue	\$ 7,982,574	\$	5,751,618	\$	2,230,956	38.8 %	
Cost of revenue	 6,991,268		5,416,139		1,575,129	29.1 %	
Gross profit (loss)	\$ 991,306	\$	335,479	\$	655,827	195.5 %	
Gross Margin	12.4 %		5.8 %		6.6 %	113.8 %	
Total sales							
Net revenue	\$ 215,542,049	\$	139,918,942	\$	75,623,107	54.0 %	
Cost of revenue	173,630,081		114,756,084		58,873,997	51.3 %	
Gross profit	\$ 41,911,968	\$	25,162,858	\$	16,749,110	66.6 %	
Gross Margin	19.4 %		18.0 %		1.4 %	7.8 %	

Gross profit for the quarter increased by about \$16.8 million, or 66.6%, compared to the same period last year, out-pacing net revenue growth of 54.0%. Overall gross margin improved from 18.0% in the quarter ended September 30, 2020 to 19.4% for the quarter ended September 30, 2021. The 1.4% incremental margin represented an improvement of about 7.8%, comparatively, and was mainly attributable to better management in procurement and sales operations during an inflationary environment experienced across the industry. The continuing inflationary impact on newer sourced product cost was also reflected in the increase in cost of revenue. Gross margin for wholesale customers also increased sharply by 113.8%, further adding to the overall increase in gross margin.

#### Distribution, Selling and Administrative Expenses (DSA Expenses)

DSA Expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2021 increased by \$5.9 million, or 23.6%, significantly below net revenue growth of 54.0% due to better cost control measures and improved operational efficiency. Of the DSA Expenses increase, 69.2% (\$4.1 million) came from payroll and related labor costs, as more workers were (and are) needed to deal with the increasing sales demand, and 17.7% (\$1.0 million) was in freight/fuel/diesel costs, which collectively made up the bulk (86.9%) of the increase. The additional increase (\$0.8 million) was the result of other expenses, in line with increasing sales volume.

#### Interest Expense

Interest expenses were \$0.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2021, a decrease of \$0.1 million, or about 16.3%, compared with \$0.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020, due to an overall reduction in Revolving Facility utilization and ongoing principal repayments of Long-Term Debt and Promissory Notes.

## Income Tax Provision (Benefit)

Provision for income taxes increased by \$2.7 million, or 3,359.7%, from a tax benefit of \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020 to a tax provision of \$2.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2021, as a result of the increase in income before income tax provision, as compared with a significant loss in the same period of 2020.

#### Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Our Stockholders

As a result of all analysis above, net income attributable to our stockholders was \$7.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2021, and net loss attributable to our stockholders was \$0.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020.



# EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA

The following table sets forth of the calculation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, and reconciliation to net income (loss), the closest U.S. GAAP measure:

		Three Months En	ded	September 30,		Changes			
	2021			2020		Amount	%		
Net income (loss)	\$	8,209,112	\$	(396,939)	\$	8,606,051	2,168.1 %		
Interest expense		703,845		840,851		(137,006)	16.3 %		
Income tax provision (benefit)		2,637,444		(80,910)		2,718,354	3,359.7 %		
Depreciation & Amortization		4,249,496		4,474,892		(225,396)	5.0 %		
EBITDA		15,799,897		4,837,894		10,962,003	226.6 %		
Unrealized change in fair value of interest rate swap contracts		(52,314)		20,022		(72,336)	361.3 %		
COVID-19 bad debt reserve (recovery)		—		(750,945)		750,945	100.0 %		
Non-recurring expenses*		1,628,098		1,866,415		(238,317)	12.8 %		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	17,375,681	\$	5,973,386	\$	11,402,295	190.9 %		
Percentage of revenue	8.1 %			4.3 %		3.8 %	88.8 %		

\* For the three months ended September 30, 2021, non-recurring expenses consisted of \$1.6 million for legal fees related to the defense of class action lawsuits and SEC investigation stemming from the lawsuits (see Note 17 to our financial statements for additional information.)

Adjusted EBITDA was \$17.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2021, an increase of \$11.4 million, or 190.9%, compared to \$6.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020, resulting primarily from the \$8.6 million increase in net income.

There was no COVID-19 bad debt reserve or recovery in the three months ended September 30, 2021.

# Results of Operations for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2021 and 2020

The following table sets forth a summary of our consolidated results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020. The historical results presented below are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any future period.

	Fo	r the Nine Montl 3	hs Ei 0,	nded September	Cha	anges
		2021		2020	 Amount	%
Net revenue	\$	568,470,113	\$	420,282,374	\$ 148,187,739	35.3 %
Cost of revenue		461,994,250		345,531,687	116,462,563	33.7 %
Gross profit		106,475,863		74,750,687	 31,725,176	42.4 %
Distribution, selling and administrative expenses		89,003,273		79,549,580	9,453,693	11.9 %
Goodwill impairment loss				338,191,407	(338,191,407)	100.0 %
Income (loss) from operations		17,472,590		(342,990,300)	 360,462,890	105.1 %
Interest income		—		396	(396)	100.0 %
Interest expenses		(2,155,328)		(3,116,739)	961,411	30.8 %
Other income, net		1,470,887		940,832	530,055	56.3 %
Change in fair value of interest rate swap contracts		1,370,950		(1,284,276)	2,655,226	206.7 %
Income (loss) before income tax provision		18,159,099		(346,450,087)	364,609,186	105.2 %
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		4,621,749		(2,052,426)	6,674,175	325.2 %
Net income (loss)		13,537,350		(344,397,661)	357,935,011	103.9 %
Less: net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests		566,055		168,988	397,067	235.0 %
Net income (loss) attributable to HF Foods Group Inc.	\$	12,971,295	\$	(344,566,649)	\$ 357,537,944	103.8 %

# Net Revenue

The bulk of net revenue was derived from sales to independent restaurants being the integral part of our business operations, and marginally supplemented by non-core wholesale operations to other smaller distributors. The revenue split has remained somewhat consistent, regardless of the impact of COVID-19.

The following table sets forth the breakdown of net revenue:

For the Nine Months Ended September 30,										
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		Amount	%		Amount	%		Amount	%	
Net revenue										
Sales to independent restaurants	\$	548,116,720	96.4 %	\$	400,060,302	95.2 %	\$	148,056,418	37.0 %	
Wholesale		20,353,393	3.6 %		20,222,072	4.8 %		131,321	0.6 %	
Total	\$	568,470,113	100.0 %	\$	420,282,374	100.0 %	\$	148,187,739	35.3 %	

Sales to independent restaurants for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 increased by approximately 37.0% compared to same period last year. This was primarily due to the easing of COVID related restrictions in 2021 that resulted in the return of more dine-in business and a return to normalcy in overall foot traffic to restaurants. Wholesale operations as a supplemental business, on the other hand, remained constant for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 as compared to same period last year. As a result, overall net revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 as compared to same period ended September 30, 2020.

# **Gross Profit**

The following tables set forth the calculation of gross profit and gross margin for sales to independent restaurants, wholesale and total net revenue:



	Nine Months Ended September 30,						
	 2021		2020		Amount	%	
Sales to independent restaurants							
Net revenue	\$ 548,116,720	\$	400,060,302	\$	148,056,418	37.0 %	
Cost of revenue	442,864,604		326,484,372		116,380,232	35.6 %	
Gross profit	\$ 105,252,116	\$	73,575,930	\$	31,676,186	43.1 %	
Gross Margin	 19.2 %		18.4 %		0.8 %	4.3 %	
Wholesale							
Net revenue	\$ 20,353,393	\$	20,222,072	\$	131,321	0.6 %	
Cost of revenue	 19,129,646		19,047,315		82,331	0.4 %	
Gross profit	\$ 1,223,747	\$	1,174,757	\$	48,990	4.2 %	
Gross Margin	 6.0 %		5.8 %		0.2 %	3.4 %	
Total sales							
Net revenue	\$ 568,470,113	\$	420,282,374	\$	148,187,739	35.3 %	
Cost of revenue	461,994,250		345,531,687		116,462,563	33.7 %	
Gross profit	\$ 106,475,863	\$	74,750,687	\$	31,725,176	42.4 %	
Gross Margin	18.7 %		17.8 %		0.9 %	5.1 %	

Gross profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 increased by about \$31.7 million, or 42.4%, compared to the same period last year, out-pacing net revenue growth of 35.3%. Overall gross margin improved from 17.8% in the nine months ended September 30, 2020 to 18.7% in the nine months ended September 30, 2021. The 0.9% incremental margin represented an improvement of about 5.1% comparatively, and was mainly attributable to better management in procurement and sales operations during an inflationary environment experienced across the industry. The continuing inflationary impact on newer sourced product cost was also reflected in the increase in cost of revenue. Gross margin for wholesale customers remained constant compared to the same period last year.

#### Distribution, Selling and Administrative Expenses (DSA Expenses)

DSA Expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 increased by \$9.5 million, or 11.9%, significantly below net revenue growth of 35.3% due to better cost control measures and improved operational efficiency. Of the DSA Expenses increase, 43.2.% (\$4.1 million) came from payroll and related labor costs, as more workers were (and are) needed to deal with the increasing sales demand and 36.8% (\$3.5 million) was in non-recurring legal expenses connected to the ongoing internal and SEC investigation. The additional 20.0% (\$1.9 million) was the result of other expenses, in line with the increasing sales volume.

#### **Goodwill Impairment Loss**

Goodwill impairment loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 decreased by \$338.2 million or 100% due to the Company recording an impairment in the first quarter of 2020. There was no impairment indicators identified for the nine months ended September 30, 2021.

#### Interest Expense

Interest expenses decreased \$1.0 million, or about 30.8%, due to lower utilization of the line of credit and a decrease in actual interest due to the floating rate nature of some of our credit facilities. The Company's floating rate debt decreased \$6.3 million (5.8%) from \$107.2 million as of September 30, 2020 to \$100.9 million as of September 30, 2021. Average floating interest rates for the nine month period ended September 30 also decreased by approximately 0.65% from 2020 to 2021, hence further contributing to lower interest expense in this period.

#### Income Tax Provision (Benefit)



Provision for income taxes increased by \$6.7 million, or 325.2%, from a tax benefit of \$2.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 to a tax provision of \$4.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021, as a result of the increase in income before income tax provision.

## Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Our Stockholders

As a result of all analysis above, net income attributable to our stockholders was \$13.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021, versus a net loss attributable to our stockholders of \$344.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020. Excluding the goodwill impairment charge in 2020, year over year change in net income increased \$19.3 million, or approximately 304% as compared to effective net loss of \$6.3 million in 2020. The positive trend is attributed to increased consumer demand for dine-in/take out meals as COVID-19 restrictions eased in 2021, thereby prompting restaurants to replenish products at a more frequent rate.

# EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA

The following table sets forth of the calculation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, and reconciliation to net income (loss), the closest U.S. GAAP measure:

	 Nine Months End	ded S	eptember 30,		
	2021		2020	Amount	%
Net income (loss)	\$ 13,537,350	\$	(344,397,661)	\$ 357,935,011	103.9 %
Interest expense	2,155,328		3,116,739	(961,411)	30.8 %
Income tax provision (benefit)	4,621,749		(2,052,426)	6,674,175	325.2 %
Depreciation & Amortization	12,807,049		13,184,904	(377,855)	2.9 %
EBITDA	 33,121,476		(330,148,444)	 363,269,920	110.0 %
Goodwill impairment loss	—		338,191,407	(338,191,407)	100.0 %
Unrealized Change in fair value of interest rate swap contracts	(654,150)		1,284,276	(1,938,426)	150.9 %
Realized gain on termination of interest rate swap contract	(716,800)		—	(716,800)	100.0 %
COVID-19 bad debt reserve (recovery)	(178,250)		1,135,836	(1,314,086)	115.7 %
Non-recurring expenses*	6,598,575		3,272,086	3,326,489	101.7 %
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 38,170,851	\$	13,735,161	\$ 24,435,690	177.9 %
Percentage of revenue	 6.7 %		3.3 %	 3.4 %	105.5 %

\* For the nine months ended September 30, 2021, non-recurring expenses comprised of \$6.6 million for legal fees related to the defense of class action lawsuits and an internal investigation stemming from the lawsuits (see Note 17 to our financial statements for additional information.).

Adjusted EBITDA was \$38.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021, an increase of \$24.5 million, or 177.9%, compared to \$13.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020. The \$24.5 million increase in Adjusted EBITDA is directly related to the of net income improvement of \$19.7 million, as well as a \$6.7 million swing in income tax provision.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

On January 17, 2020, the Company entered into the Second Amended Credit Agreement by and among JP Morgan, as Administrative Agent, and certain lender parties thereto, including Comerica Bank. The Second Amended Credit Agreement provided for a \$100 million asset-secured revolving credit facility maturing on November 4, 2022, and mortgage-secured Term Loans of \$75.6 million.

As of September 30, 2021, we had cash of approximately \$15.5 million and access to approximately \$77.0 million in additional funds through our \$100 million line of credit, subject to a borrowing base calculation. The strategic cost management actions undertaken following the outbreak of COVID-19 in late March 2020 resulted in an overall increase of the available line of credit over time. We have funded working capital and other capital requirements primarily by cash flow from operations and

bank loans. Cash is required to pay purchase costs for inventory, salaries, fuel and trucking expenses, selling expenses, rental expenses, income taxes, other operating expenses and to service debts.

Based on current sales volume which had been increasing steadily quarter-on-quarter since third quarter of 2020, management believes that the cash generated from operations will be sufficient to meet our normal working capital needs for at least the next twelve months. However, our ability to repay our current obligations will depend on the future realization of our current assets. Management has considered the historical experience, the economy, the trends in the food service distribution industry to determine the expected collectability of accounts receivable and the realization of the inventories as of September 30, 2021. Based on the above considerations, management is of the opinion that we have sufficient funds to meet our working capital requirements and debt obligations in the next 12 months. However, there are a number of factors that could potentially arise which might result in shortfalls in anticipated cash flow, such as the demand for our products, economic conditions, government intervention in respond to potential resurgence of COVID-19, competitive pricing in the food service distribution industry, and our bank and suppliers being able to provide continued support. The Company has initiated renewal discussions with JPM and intends to renew the revolving credit facility in the next six months. In the event that a renewal cannot be secured with JPM, Company's operations may be limited to a reduced capacity until a replacement credit facility is secured. If the future cash flow from operations and other capital resources is insufficient to fund our liquidity needs, we may have to resort to reducing or delaying our expected acquisition plans, liquidating assets, obtaining additional debt or equity capital, or refinancing all or a portion of our debt.

The following table sets forth cash flow data for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020:

	For	For the Nine Months Ended Septembe 30,				
		2021		2020		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	10,158,472	\$	44,311,146		
Net cash used in investing activities		(6,443,939)		(94,253,697)		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		2,247,791		44,584,579		
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$	5,962,324	\$	(5,357,972)		

#### **Operating Activities**

Net cash provided by operating activities consists primarily of net income adjusted for non-cash items, including depreciation and amortization, changes in deferred income taxes and others, and adjusted for the effect of working capital changes. Net cash provided by operating activities decreased \$34.2 million, or 77.1%, as a result of changes in working capital items due mainly to two factors: (a) Accounts receivable balance as of September 30, 2020 was significantly lower as the business pivoted to lower sales volume on open credit terms and higher sales volume on Cash on Delivery (COD) in response to the heightened risk from the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, sales increased as the COVID-19 impact began to subside, resulting in normalization of credit terms given to customers, hence a higher accounts receivable balance as of September 30, 2020; (b) Inventory level as of September 30, 2020 was significantly lower due to lower demand in 2020, while inventory level as of September 30, 2021 increased sharply as a direct result of increasing sales volume and the need for more inventory purchases during the period.

#### **Investing Activities**

Net cash used in investing activities decreased \$87.8 million, or 93.2%, primarily due to a one-off payment of \$94.0 million in the prior year for the acquisition of the BRGR Subsidiaries. The decrease was offset by a \$5.0 million payment for the purchase of the minority shareholder's interest in Kirnland earlier this year, as well as the purchase of property and equipment for \$1.0 million.

# **Financing Activities**

Net cash from financing activities decreased \$42.3 million, or 95.0%, caused primarily by a non-recurring \$75.6 million term loan obtained in the prior year to finance the acquisition of the BRGR Subsidiaries and a \$2.0 million increase in repayment of notes payable - related parties. These changes were offset by a \$14.0 million decrease in repayment of bank overdraft and a \$20.8 million increase in proceeds from the line of credit.



# **Commitments and Contractual Obligations**

The following table presents the Company's material contractual obligations as of September 30, 2021:

Contractual Obligations	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years			More than 5 years
Line of credit	\$ 23,020,114	\$ —	\$ 23,020,114	\$	_	\$	—
Long-term debt	89,385,697	5,677,453	8,898,221		8,118,740		66,691,283
Promissory note payable - related party	5,000,000	—	—		—		5,000,000
Finance lease obligations	19,239,341	728,921	1,457,096		988,340		16,064,984
Operating lease obligations	3,084,389	798,451	1,294,810		991,128		—
Total	\$ 139,729,541	\$ 7,204,825	\$ 34,670,241	\$	10,098,208	\$	87,756,267

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements that currently have or are reasonably likely to have a material effect on our consolidated financial position, changes in financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

We have prepared the financial information in this Quarterly Report in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Preparing the Company's consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during these reporting periods. We base our estimates and judgments on historical experience and other factors we believe are reasonable under the circumstances. These assumptions form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Part II, Item 7—"Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of the 2020 Annual Report includes a summary of the critical accounting policies we believe are the most important to aid in understanding our financial results. There have been no changes to those critical accounting policies that have had a material impact on our reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue, or expenses during the nine month period ended September 30, 2021.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

For a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements, see Note 2, Recent Accounting Pronouncements, in our consolidated financial statements.

# Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

# **Interest Rate Risk**

Our debt exposes us to risk of fluctuations in interest rates. Floating rate debt, where the interest rate fluctuates periodically, exposes us to short-term changes in market interest rates. Fixed rate debt, where the interest rate is fixed over the life of the instrument, exposes us to changes in market interest rates reflected in the fair value of the debt and to the risk that we may need to refinance maturing debt with new debt at higher rates. We manage our debt portfolio to achieve an overall desired proportion of fixed and floating rate debts and may employ interest rate swaps as a tool from time to time to achieve that position.

As of September 30, 2021, our aggregate floating rate debt's outstanding principal balance was \$71.8 million, or 61.2% of total debt, consisting of longterm debt and revolving line of credit (See Notes 9 and 10). Floating rate debt bore interest rate based on the floating 1-month LIBOR plus the bank spreads. The remaining 38.8% of our debt are on a fixed rate. A hypothetical 1% fluctuation in the applicable rate would cause the interest expense on our floating rate debt, to change by approximately \$0.7 million per year.

## Fuel Price Risk

We are also exposed to fluctuations risk in the price and availability of diesel fuel. We require significant quantities of diesel fuel for our vehicle fleet, and the inbound delivery of the products we sell is also dependent upon shipment by diesel-fueled vehicles. We currently are able to obtain adequate supplies of diesel fuel, and prices in the current quarter increased 38.4% from the comparable period of 2020. However, it is impossible to predict the future availability or price of diesel fuel. The price and supply of diesel fuel fluctuates based on external factors not within our control, including geopolitical developments, supply and demand for oil and gas, regional production patterns, weather conditions and environmental concerns. Increases in the cost of diesel fuel could increase our cost of goods sold and operating costs to deliver products to our customers.

The Company does not actively hedge the price fluctuation of diesel fuel in general. Instead, we seek to minimize fuel cost risk through delivery route optimization and improving fleet utilization.

## Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

## **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act, as of the end of the period covered by this report. In connection with this review and the audit of our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020, we identified weaknesses and control deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting. The weaknesses identified include: (1) The Company has limited in-house accounting personnel with sufficient U.S. GAAP and SEC reporting experience related to complex transactions; and (2) the Company lacks sufficient IT resources to maintain effective IT General Controls, including missing certain entity level controls in IT management, lack of segregation of duties in IT functions, proper review of the operation of application systems, and measures to protect data security and maintain business sustainability. Control deficiencies are related to the lack of proper documentation to evidence the management review of various business processes. Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer have concluded that as a result of the material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as of September 30, 2021. Notwithstanding the weaknesses, our management has concluded that the financial statements included elsewhere in this report present fairly, and in all materials respects, our financial position on results of operation and cash flow in conformity with U.S. GAAP.

Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in our Exchange Act reports is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

# Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting



As previously reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was ineffective due to material weaknesses and control deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting. The material weaknesses identified includes: (1) the Company has limited in-house accounting personnel with sufficient U.S. GAAP and SEC reporting experiences, especially related to complex transactions and new accounting pronouncements; and (2) the Company lacks sufficient IT resources to maintain effective IT General Controls, including missing certain entity level controls in IT management, lack of segregation of duties in IT functions, proper review of the operation of application systems, and measures to protect data security and maintain business sustainability. Control deficiencies are related to the lack of proper documentation to evidence the management review of various business processes.

In order to address and resolve the foregoing material weakness, we have begun to implement measures designed to improve our internal control over financial reporting, including hiring additional financial personnel with requisite training and experience in the preparation of financial statements in compliance with applicable SEC requirements, formalizing our processes to generate documentation sufficient to support customer orders and purchase orders, and implementing controls to obtain documentation evidencing customer agreements to transaction amounts and account balances. System integration on accounting and procurement software between HF and B&R Global were substantially completed in March 2021. Operating on the same system strengthened internal control over financial reporting and IT general control by providing a seamless environment to perform operational and reporting functions.

The measures we have implemented are subject to continued management review supported by confirmation and testing, as well as audit committee oversight. Management remains committed to the implementation of remediation efforts to address these weaknesses. Although we will continue to implement measures to remedy our internal control deficiencies, there can be no assurance that our efforts will be successful or avoid potential future material weaknesses. In addition, until remediation steps have been completed and/or operated for a sufficient period of time, and subsequent evaluation of their effectiveness is completed, the weaknesses identified and described above will continue to exist.

## PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

From time to time, the Company is a party to various lawsuits, claims and other legal proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of business. When the Company becomes aware of a claim or potential claim, it assesses the likelihood of any loss or exposure. In accordance with authoritative guidance, the Company records loss contingencies in its financial statements only for matters in which losses are probable and can be reasonably estimated. Where a range of loss can be reasonably estimated with no best estimate in the range, the Company records the minimum estimated liability. If the loss is not probable or the amount of the loss cannot be reasonably estimated, the Company discloses the nature of the specific claim if the likelihood of a potential loss is reasonably possible and the amount involved is material. The Company continuously assesses the potential liability related to the Company's pending litigation and revises its estimates when additional information becomes available. With respect to our outstanding legal matters, we believe that the amount or estimable range of reasonably possible loss will not, either individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on our business, consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows. However, the outcome of litigation is inherently uncertain. Therefore, if one or more of these ordinary-course legal matters were resolved against us for amounts in excess of management's expectations, our results of operations and financial condition, including in a particular reporting period, could be materially adversely affected.

As previously disclosed, in March 2020, a short-seller report suggested certain improprieties in the Company's operations. These allegations became the subject of two putative stockholder class actions filed on or after March 29, 2020 in the United States District Court for the Central District of California generally alleging the Company and certain of its current and former directors and officers violated the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by making allegedly false and misleading statements (the "Class Actions"). After the second putative stockholder class action was filed, the Class Actions were consolidated. On January 19, 2021, the Company and the director and officer defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss the consolidated Class Actions. On August 25, 2021, the Court granted the Motion to Dismiss with leave to amend the complaint. The Plaintiff elected not to amend his complaint, and the Court entered Judgment in favor of the Company and the director and officer defendants on September 20, 2021. The Court's decision was not appealed, and the Class Actions are now closed.

The Company was likewise named a nominal defendant and certain of the Company's current and former directors and officers were named as defendants in a shareholder derivative lawsuit filed on June 15, 2020, in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. The complaint makes similar allegations as the Class Actions and alleges violations of Sections 10(b), 14(a), and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, breach of fiduciary duties, unjust enrichment, abuse of control, gross mismanagement, and waste of corporate assets. A second virtually identical shareholder derivative lawsuit was filed on August 21, 2020 in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. On November 19, 2020, the District Court for the District of Delaware transferred the second-filed derivative lawsuit to the District Court for the Central District of California. The derivative lawsuits were stayed pending the deadline to file a notice of appeal in the Class Actions. The Company intends to vigorously defend the derivative lawsuits. See, Part I, Item 1, Note 18 - Subsequent Events.

In response to the allegations in the March 2020 short-seller report, the Company's Board of Directors appointed a Special Committee of Independent Directors to conduct an internal independent investigation with the assistance of counsel (the "Special Committee").

In addition, the SEC initiated a formal, non-public investigation of the Company, and the SEC informally requested, and later issued a subpoena for, documents and other information. The subpoena relates to but is not necessarily limited to the matters identified in the Class Actions. The Special Committee and the Company are cooperating with the SEC. The SEC and the Special Committee investigations are ongoing. There have been no changes to the status of these proceedings as described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. Refer to Independent Investigation Update in Note 1.

While the Special Committee has reached no final conclusions in conjunction with its investigation, it has made a number of recommendations to management regarding improvements to Company operations and structure, including but not limited to its dealings with related parties.

The Company has also instituted structural changes including the retirement of the former Co-Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. The Company now has an independent Chairman of the Board. In addition, the Company hired an in-house General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, who reports to the Chief Executive Officer and the Chairman of the Board.

## Item 1A. Risk Factors.

We are dependent upon the timely delivery of products from our vendors. Prolonged diminution of global supply chains may impact the availability and price stability of future food supplies, which may in turn adversely impact our business.

The global supply chain, ranging from consumer goods, electronics, and industrial raw materials to food supplies, has been negatively impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, shipping bottlenecks, and rapidly rising freight costs. The Company procures the majority of its food supply domestically (approximately 85%) and has not been materially impacted to date. Food production is widely dispersed throughout the U.S. and there are currently no widespread disruptions reported in the domestic food supply chain. However, we depend on producers of food and restaurant supply products to timely deliver these components of our inventory in quantities sufficient to meet customer demand. Any disruptions or delays in our supply chains as a result of labor shortages or inefficiencies in distribution or logistical services could cause delays in the shipment or delivery of our products to our customers. Any prolonged diminution of global supply chains may impact the availability and price stability of future food supplies, which may in turn adversely impact our business.

Other than the risk described above, there have been no changes with respect to risk factors as previously disclosed in the Previous Report. Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Before you invest you should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described in our Previous Report, our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations set forth in Item 2 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, our consolidated financial statements and related notes included in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and our consolidated financial statements and related notes included in Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Analysis of Part I of the other information in our Previous Report. Readers should carefully review those risks, as well as additional risks described in other documents we file from time to time with the SEC.

#### Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds from Registered Securities.

There have been no changes with respect to unregistered sales of equity securities as previously disclosed in the Previous Report.

#### Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

#### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

# Item 5. Other Information.

None.



# Item 6. Exhibits.

The following exhibits are being filed or furnished with this quarterly report on Form 10-Q:

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>31.1</u>	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14 and Rule 15d-14(a), promulgated under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
<u>31.2</u>	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14 and Rule 15d-14(a), promulgated under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
<u>32.1</u>	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
<u>32.2</u>	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HF FOODS GROUP INC.

By: /s/ Xiao Mou Zhang Xiao Mou Zhang Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Kong Hian Lee Kong Hian Lee Chief Financial Officer (Principal accounting and financial officer)

Date: November 15, 2021

## **Certification of Chief Executive Officer**

I, Xiao Mou Zhang, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of HF Foods Group 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: November 15, 2021

By: /s/ Xiao Mou Zhang

Xiao Mou Zhang Chief Executive Officer

### **Certification of Chief Financial Officer**

I, Kong Hian Lee, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of HF Foods Group 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: November 15, 2021

By: /s/ Kong Hian Lee

Kong Hian Lee Chief Financial Officer

# Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of HF Foods Group Inc. (the "Company") for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2021 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Xiao Mou Zhang, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a) or 78o(d)); and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Xiao Mou Zhang

Xiao Mou Zhang Chief Executive Officer November 15, 2021

# Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of HF Foods Group Inc. (the "Company") for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2021 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Kong Hian Lee, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a) or 78o(d)); and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Kong Hian Lee

Kong Hian Lee Chief Financial Officer November 15, 2021