

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

**FORM 10-Q**

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

For the quarterly period ended **September 28, 2024**

or

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

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

Commission File Number: **000-22012**

**WINMARK CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Minnesota**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**41-1622691**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**605 Highway 169 North, Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55441**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(763) 520-8500**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

<b>Title of each class:</b>	<b>Trading Symbol</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which registered:</b>
Common Stock, no par value per share	WINA	Nasdaq Global 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  No

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  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, 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

Accelerated filer

Non-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

Common stock, no par value, 3,520,402 shares outstanding as of October 14, 2024.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**ITEM 1: Financial Statements**

**WINMARK CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(Uaudited)

ASSETS	<u>September 28, 2024</u>	<u>December 30, 2023</u>
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 37,197,000	\$ 13,361,500
Restricted cash	90,000	25,000
Receivables, less allowance for credit losses of \$ 500 and \$600	1,602,200	1,475,300
Net investment in leases - current	—	75,100
Income tax receivable	—	31,400
Inventories	441,800	386,100
Prepaid expenses	1,171,600	1,392,100
Total current assets	40,502,600	16,746,500
Property and equipment, net	1,519,000	1,669,800
Operating lease right of use asset	2,197,600	2,425,900
Intangible assets, net	2,728,800	2,994,300
Goodwill	607,500	607,500
Other assets	478,400	471,300
Deferred income taxes	3,917,300	4,052,400
	<u>\$ 51,951,200</u>	<u>\$ 28,967,700</u>

**LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)**

<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Notes payable, net of unamortized debt issuance costs of \$27,900 and \$32,100	\$ 3,472,100	\$ 4,217,900
Accounts payable	1,600,700	1,719,400
Income tax payable	30,400	—
Accrued liabilities	3,776,100	2,858,200
Deferred revenue	1,670,100	1,666,100
Total current liabilities	10,549,400	10,461,600
<b>Long-term Liabilities:</b>		
Line of credit/Term loan	30,000,000	30,000,000
Notes payable, net of unamortized debt issuance costs of \$68,800 and \$88,700	32,431,200	34,848,800
Deferred revenue	8,028,600	7,657,500
Operating lease liabilities	3,260,100	3,715,800
Other liabilities	1,425,800	1,440,100
Total long-term liabilities	75,145,700	77,662,200
<b>Shareholders' Equity (Deficit):</b>		
Common stock, no par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized, 3,520,402 and 3,496,977 shares issued and outstanding	11,941,900	7,768,800
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	(45,685,800)	(66,924,900)
Total shareholders' equity (deficit)	(33,743,900)	(59,156,100)
	<u>\$ 51,951,200</u>	<u>\$ 28,967,700</u>

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

**WINMARK CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(Uaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2024	September 30, 2023	September 28, 2024	September 30, 2023
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Royalties	\$ 19,512,500	\$ 19,210,000	\$ 54,555,700	\$ 53,063,400
Leasing income	316,200	1,291,900	1,677,400	3,948,700
Merchandise sales	702,500	997,800	2,738,500	3,601,900
Franchise fees	451,200	334,400	1,182,700	1,133,400
Other	528,500	483,700	1,586,800	1,456,200
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>21,510,900</b>	<b>22,317,800</b>	<b>61,741,100</b>	<b>63,203,600</b>
Cost of merchandise sold	662,500	935,400	2,562,600	3,370,500
Leasing expense	—	11,000	36,600	381,700
Provision for credit losses	—	700	(1,500)	(4,600)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	5,919,800	6,248,200	18,979,000	18,694,300
Income from operations	14,928,600	15,122,500	40,164,400	40,761,700
Interest expense	(704,100)	(763,100)	(2,163,300)	(2,339,800)
Interest and other income	386,400	385,400	855,200	803,400
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>14,610,900</b>	<b>14,744,800</b>	<b>38,856,300</b>	<b>39,225,300</b>
Provision for income taxes	(3,490,200)	(3,595,000)	(8,485,100)	(8,764,000)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 11,120,700</b>	<b>\$ 11,149,800</b>	<b>\$ 30,371,200</b>	<b>\$ 30,461,300</b>
Earnings per share - basic	\$ 3.16	\$ 3.20	\$ 8.65	\$ 8.77
Earnings per share - diluted	\$ 3.03	\$ 3.05	\$ 8.29	\$ 8.40
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	<u>3,520,334</u>	<u>3,485,852</u>	<u>3,510,461</u>	<u>3,475,066</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	<u>3,671,121</u>	<u>3,653,730</u>	<u>3,663,309</u>	<u>3,627,550</u>

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**WINMARK CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)**  
(Uaudited)

	Common Stock		Retained Earnings	
	Shares	Amount	(Accumulated Deficit)	Total
BALANCE, December 30, 2023	3,496,977	\$ 7,768,800	\$ (66,924,900)	\$ (59,156,100)
Stock options exercised	453	70,000	—	70,000
Compensation expense relating to stock options	—	485,900	—	485,900
Cash dividends (\$0.80 per share)	—	—	(2,797,900)	(2,797,900)
Comprehensive income (Net income)	—	—	8,819,000	8,819,000
BALANCE, March 30, 2024	<u>3,497,430</u>	<u>8,324,700</u>	<u>(60,903,800)</u>	<u>(52,579,100)</u>
Stock options exercised	22,897	2,634,200	—	2,634,200
Compensation expense relating to stock options	—	454,600	—	454,600
Cash dividends (\$0.90 per share)	—	—	(3,165,800)	(3,165,800)
Comprehensive income (Net income)	—	—	10,431,400	10,431,400
BALANCE, June 29, 2024	<u>3,520,327</u>	<u>11,413,500</u>	<u>(53,638,200)</u>	<u>(42,224,700)</u>
Stock options exercised	75	10,800	—	10,800
Compensation expense relating to stock options	—	517,600	—	517,600
Cash dividends (\$0.90 per share)	—	—	(3,168,300)	(3,168,300)
Comprehensive income (Net income)	—	—	11,120,700	11,120,700
BALANCE, September 28, 2024	<u>3,520,402</u>	<u>\$ 11,941,900</u>	<u>\$ (45,685,800)</u>	<u>\$ (33,743,900)</u>

	Common Stock		Retained Earnings	
	Shares	Amount	(Accumulated Deficit)	Total
BALANCE, December 31, 2022	3,459,673	\$ 1,806,700	\$ (63,438,800)	\$ (61,632,100)
Stock options exercised	3,518	590,400	—	590,400
Compensation expense relating to stock options	—	475,900	—	475,900
Cash dividends (\$0.70 per share)	—	—	(2,421,900)	(2,421,900)
Comprehensive income (Net income)	—	—	8,942,700	8,942,700
BALANCE, April 1, 2023	<u>3,463,191</u>	<u>2,873,000</u>	<u>(56,918,000)</u>	<u>(54,045,000)</u>
Stock options exercised	21,845	2,384,500	—	2,384,500
Compensation expense relating to stock options	—	466,100	—	466,100
Cash dividends (\$0.80 per share)	—	—	(2,787,500)	(2,787,500)
Comprehensive income (Net income)	—	—	10,368,800	10,368,800
BALANCE, July 01, 2023	<u>3,485,036</u>	<u>5,723,600</u>	<u>(49,336,700)</u>	<u>(43,613,100)</u>
Stock options exercised	1,833	179,300	—	179,300
Compensation expense relating to stock options	—	509,000	—	509,000
Cash dividends (\$0.80 per share)	—	—	(2,788,500)	(2,788,500)
Comprehensive income (Net income)	—	—	11,149,800	11,149,800
BALANCE, September 30, 2023	<u>3,486,869</u>	<u>\$ 6,411,900</u>	<u>\$ (40,975,400)</u>	<u>\$ (34,563,500)</u>

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**WINMARK CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(Uaudited)

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 28, 2024</b>	<b>September 30, 2023</b>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income	\$ 30,371,200	\$ 30,461,300
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation of property and equipment	345,600	313,400
Amortization of intangible assets	265,500	265,500
Provision for credit losses	(1,500)	(4,600)
Compensation expense related to stock options	1,458,200	1,451,000
Deferred income taxes	135,100	148,400
Operating lease right of use asset amortization	228,200	206,000
Tax benefits on exercised stock options	943,300	839,000
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	(126,900)	(265,400)
Principal collections on lease receivables	104,700	485,200
Income tax receivable/payable	(881,600)	(281,500)
Inventories	(55,700)	479,700
Prepaid expenses	220,500	215,300
Other assets	(7,200)	(38,000)
Accounts payable	(118,700)	(427,100)
Accrued and other liabilities	472,200	1,021,600
Rents received in advance and security deposits	(28,000)	(254,600)
Deferred revenue	375,100	616,200
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>33,700,000</u>	<u>35,231,400</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	(194,900)	(284,700)
Net cash used for investing activities	<u>(194,900)</u>	<u>(284,700)</u>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Payments on notes payable	(3,187,500)	(3,187,500)
Proceeds from exercises of stock options	2,715,000	3,154,200
Dividends paid	(9,132,100)	(7,997,900)
Net cash used for financing activities	(9,604,600)	(8,031,200)
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH</b>	<b>23,900,500</b>	<b>26,915,500</b>
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period	13,386,500	13,680,600
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	<u>\$ 37,287,000</u>	<u>\$ 40,596,100</u>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES:</b>		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 2,149,200	\$ 2,309,100
Cash paid for income taxes	<u>\$ 8,281,400</u>	<u>\$ 8,058,100</u>

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash reported within the Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets to the total of the same amounts shown above:

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 28, 2024</b>	<b>September 30, 2023</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 37,197,000	\$ 40,556,100
Restricted cash	90,000	40,000
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>\$ 37,287,000</u>	<u>\$ 40,596,100</u>

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

**WINMARK CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Management's Interim Financial Statement Representation:**

The accompanying consolidated condensed financial statements have been prepared by Winmark Corporation and subsidiaries (the Company), without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company has a 52/53 week year which ends on the last Saturday in December. The information in the consolidated condensed financial statements includes normal recurring adjustments and reflects all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of such financial statements. The consolidated condensed financial statements and notes are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions for Form 10-Q, and therefore do not contain certain information included in the Company's annual consolidated financial statements and notes. This report should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's latest Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Revenues and operating results for the nine months ended September 28, 2024 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

***Reclassifications***

Certain reclassifications of previously reported amounts have been made to conform to the current year presentation. Such reclassifications did not impact net income or shareholders' equity (deficit) as previously reported.

**2. Organization and Business:**

The Company offers licenses to operate franchises using the service marks Plato's Closet®, Once Upon A Child®, Play It Again Sports®, Style Encore® and Music Go Round®. The Company also operates a middle market equipment leasing business under the Winmark Capital® mark.

**3. Contract Liabilities:**

The Company's contract liabilities for its franchise revenues consist of deferred revenue associated with franchise fees and software license fees. The table below presents the activity of the current and noncurrent deferred franchise revenue during the first nine months of 2024 and 2023, respectively:

	<b>September 28, 2024</b>	<b>September 30, 2023</b>
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 9,323,600	\$ 8,618,100
Franchise and software license fees collected from franchisees, excluding amount earned as revenue during the period	1,659,700	1,957,300
Fees earned that were included in the balance at the beginning of the period	(1,284,600)	(1,341,100)
Balance at end of period	<u><u>\$ 9,698,700</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,234,300</u></u>

The following table illustrates future estimated revenue to be recognized for the remainder of 2024 and full fiscal years thereafter related to performance obligations that are unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) as of September 28, 2024.

<b>Contract Liabilities expected to be recognized in</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2024	\$ 413,800
2025	1,618,800
2026	1,414,500
2027	1,239,800
2028	1,070,300
Thereafter	3,941,500
	<u><u>\$ 9,698,700</u></u>

**4. Fair Value Measurements:**

The Company defines fair value as the price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The Company uses three levels of inputs to measure fair value:

- Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.
- Level 2 – observable inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.
- Level 3 – unobservable inputs in which there is little or no market data available, which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions.

Due to their nature, the carrying value of cash equivalents, receivables, payables and debt obligations approximates fair value.

**5. Investment in Leasing Operations:**

In May 2021, the Company made the decision to no longer solicit new leasing customers and will pursue an orderly run-off for its leasing portfolio.

Leasing income as presented on the Consolidated Condensed Statements of Operations consists of the following:

	Three Months Ended September 28, 2024	Three Months Ended September 30, 2023	Nine Months Ended September 28, 2024	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023
Interest income on direct financing and sales-type leases	\$ 100	\$ 52,000	\$ 6,700	\$ 225,500
Selling profit (loss) at commencement of sales-type leases	—	94,900	—	94,900
Operating lease income	90,600	820,000	970,400	2,346,800
Income on sales of equipment under lease	72,100	71,000	368,700	716,600
Other	153,400	254,000	331,600	564,900
Leasing income	<u>\$ 316,200</u>	<u>\$ 1,291,900</u>	<u>\$ 1,677,400</u>	<u>\$ 3,948,700</u>

**6. Intangible Assets**

Intangible assets consist of reacquired franchise rights. The Company amortizes the fair value of the reacquired franchise rights over the contract term of the franchise. The Company recognized \$265,500 and \$265,500 of amortization expense for the nine months ended September 28, 2024 and September 30, 2023, respectively.

The following table illustrates future amortization to be expensed for the remainder of 2024 and full fiscal years thereafter related to reacquired franchise rights as of September 28, 2024.

Amortization expected to be expensed in	Amount
2024	\$ 88,500
2025	354,000
2026	354,000
2027	354,000
2028	354,000
Thereafter	<u>1,224,300</u>
	<u>\$ 2,728,800</u>

**7. Earnings Per Share:**

The following table sets forth the presentation of shares outstanding used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share ("EPS"):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2024	September 30, 2023	September 28, 2024	September 30, 2023
Denominator for basic EPS — weighted average common shares	3,520,334	3,485,852	3,510,461	3,475,066
Dilutive shares associated with option plans	150,787	167,878	152,848	152,484
Denominator for diluted EPS — weighted average common shares and dilutive potential common shares	<u>3,671,121</u>	<u>3,653,730</u>	<u>3,663,309</u>	<u>3,627,550</u>
Options excluded from EPS calculation — anti-dilutive	<u>3,413</u>	<u>1,317</u>	<u>4,267</u>	<u>3,492</u>

**8. Shareholders' Equity (Deficit):**

**Dividends**

On January 31, 2024, the Company's Board of Directors approved the payment of a \$0.80 per share quarterly cash dividend to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 14, 2024, which was paid on March 1, 2024.

On April 17, 2024, the Company's Board of Directors approved the payment of a \$0.90 per share quarterly cash dividend to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 15, 2024, which was paid on June 3, 2024.

On July 17, 2024 the Company's Board of Directors approved the payment of a \$0.90 per share quarterly cash dividend to shareholders of record at the close of business on August 14, 2024, which was paid on September 3, 2024.

**Repurchase of Common Stock**

During the first nine months of 2024, the Company did not repurchase any shares of its common stock. Under the Board of Directors' authorization, as of September 28, 2024, the Company has the ability to repurchase an additional 78,600 shares of its common stock. Repurchases may be made from time to time at prevailing prices, subject to certain restrictions on volume, pricing and timing.

**Stock Option Plans and Stock-Based Compensation**

Stock option activity under the Company's option plans as of September 28, 2024 was as follows:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (years)		Intrinsic Value
				(years)	
Outstanding, December 30, 2023	341,892	\$ 180.73		5.98	\$ 81,017,600
Granted	13,100	355.90			
Exercised	(23,425)	115.90			
Forfeited	(4,581)	239.61			
Outstanding, September 28, 2024	<u>326,986</u>	<u>\$ 191.57</u>		<u>5.59</u>	<u>\$ 63,343,700</u>
Exercisable, September 28, 2024	<u>232,536</u>	<u>\$ 163.39</u>		<u>4.63</u>	<u>\$ 51,532,000</u>

The fair value of options granted under the Option Plans during the first nine months of 2024 and 2023 were estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions and results:

	Nine Months Ended	Nine Months Ended
	September 28, 2024	September 30, 2023
Risk free interest rate	4.57 %	3.86 %
Expected life (years)	6	6
Expected volatility	29.33 %	28.04 %
Dividend yield	2.93 %	3.00 %
Option fair value	\$ 93.88	\$ 76.01

All unexercised options at September 28, 2024 have an exercise price equal to the fair market value on the date of the grant.

Compensation expense of \$1,458,200 and \$1,451,000 relating to the vested portion of the fair value of stock options granted was expensed to "Selling, General and Administrative Expenses" in the first nine months of 2024 and 2023, respectively. As of September 28, 2024, the Company had \$3.9 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to stock options that is expected to be recognized over the remaining weighted average vesting period of approximately 1.9 years.

**9. Debt:**

***Line of Credit/Term Loan***

As of September 28, 2024, there were no revolving loans outstanding under the Company's credit facility with CIBC Bank USA (the "Line of Credit"), leaving \$20.0 million available for additional borrowings. As of September 28, 2024, the Company had delayed draw term loan borrowings totaling \$30.0 million under the Line of Credit bearing interest ranging from 4.60% to 4.75%.

The Line of Credit has been and will continue to be used for general corporate purposes. The Line of Credit is secured by a lien against substantially all of the Company's assets, (as the Line of Credit ranks pari passu with the Prudential facilities described below) contains customary financial conditions and covenants, and requires maintenance of minimum levels of debt service coverage and maximum levels of leverage (all as defined within the Line of Credit). As of September 28, 2024, the Company was in compliance with all of its financial covenants.

***Notes Payable***

As of September 28, 2024, the Company had aggregate principal outstanding of \$ 36.0 million under its Note Agreement ("the Note Agreement") with PGIM, Inc (formerly Prudential Investment Management, Inc.) its affiliates and managed accounts (collectively, "Prudential") consisting of \$2.3 million in principal outstanding from the \$25.0 million Series A notes issued in May 2015, \$3.7 million in principal outstanding from the \$12.5 million Series B notes issued in August 2017 and \$30.0 million in principal outstanding from the \$30.0 million Series C notes issued in September 2021.

The final maturity of the Series A and Series B notes is 10 years from the issuance date. The final maturity of the Series C notes is 7 years from the issuance date. For the Series A notes, interest at a rate of 5.50% per annum on the outstanding principal balance is payable quarterly, along with required prepayments of the principal of \$500,000 quarterly for the first five years, and \$750,000 quarterly thereafter until the principal is paid in full. For the Series B notes, interest at a rate of 5.10% per annum on the outstanding principal balance is payable quarterly, along with required prepayments of the principal of \$312,500 quarterly until the principal is paid in full. For the Series C notes, interest at a rate of 3.18% per annum on the outstanding principal balance is payable quarterly until the principal is paid in full. The Series A, Series B and Series C notes may be prepaid, at the option of the Company, in whole or in part (in a minimum amount of \$1.0 million), but prepayments require payment of a Yield Maintenance Amount, as defined in the Note Agreement.

The Company's obligations under the Note Agreement are secured by a lien against substantially all of the Company's assets (as the notes rank pari passu with the Line of Credit), and the Note Agreement contains customary financial conditions and covenants, and requires maintenance of minimum levels of debt service coverage and maximum levels of leverage (all as defined within the Note Agreement). As of September 28, 2024, the Company was in compliance with all of its financial covenants.

In connection with the Note Agreement, the Company incurred debt issuance costs, of which unamortized amounts are presented as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the related liability.

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In April 2022, the Company entered into a Private Shelf Agreement (the "Shelf Agreement") with Prudential, summarized as follows:

- For a period three years from entry into the Shelf Agreement, subject to certain customary conditions, the Company may offer and Prudential may purchase from the Company privately negotiated senior notes ("Shelf Notes") in the aggregate principal amount up to (i) \$100.0 million, less (ii) the aggregate principal amount of notes outstanding at such point (including notes outstanding under the existing Prudential Note Agreement);
- Each Shelf Note issued will have an average life and maturity of no more than 12.5 years from the date of original issuance, with interest payable at a rate per annum determined at the time of each issuance;
- The Shelf Notes will be secured by all of the Company's assets and the Shelf Notes will rank pari passu with the Company's obligations to the lenders under the Line of Credit and the Note Agreement;
- The Shelf Notes may be prepaid, at the option of the Company, in whole or in part (in a minimum amount of \$1 million), but prepayments will require payment of a Yield Maintenance Amount (as defined within the Shelf Agreement);
- The Shelf Agreement contains customary affirmative covenants and negative covenants that are substantially the same as those contained in the Line of Credit and Note Agreement.

As of September 28, 2024, the Company had not issued any notes under the Shelf Agreement and was in compliance with all of its financial covenants.

**10. Operating Leases:**

As of September 28, 2024, the Company leases its Minnesota corporate headquarters in a facility with an operating lease that expires in December 2029. The remaining lease term for this lease is 5.25 years and the discount rate is 5.5%. The Company recognized \$778,500 and \$877,600 of rent expense for the periods ended September 28, 2024 and September 30, 2023, respectively.

Maturities of operating lease liabilities is as follows for the remainder of fiscal 2024 and full fiscal years thereafter as of September 28, 2024:

Operating Lease Liabilities expected to be recognized in	Amount
2024	\$ 199,600
2025	806,000
2026	828,200
2027	851,100
2028	874,600
Thereafter	898,700
Total lease payments	4,458,200
Less imputed interest	(653,100)
Present value of lease liabilities	\$ 3,805,100

Of the \$3.8 million operating lease liability outstanding at September 28, 2024, \$ 0.5 million is included in Accrued liabilities in the Current liabilities section of the Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets.

Supplemental cash flow information related to our operating leases is as follows for the period ended September 28, 2024:

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2024	September 30, 2023
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:		
Operating cash flow outflow from operating leases	\$ 651,300	\$ 569,000

## 11. Segment Reporting:

The Company currently has one reportable operating segment, franchising, and one non-reportable operating segment. The franchising segment franchises value-oriented retail store concepts that buy, sell and trade merchandise. The non-reportable operating segment includes the Company's equipment leasing business. Segment reporting is intended to give financial statement users a better view of how the Company manages and evaluates its businesses. The Company's internal management reporting is the basis for the information disclosed for its operating segments. The following tables summarize financial information by segment and provide a reconciliation of segment contribution to operating income:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2024	September 30, 2023	September 28, 2024	September 30, 2023
Revenue:				
Franchising	\$ 21,194,700	\$ 21,025,900	\$ 60,063,700	\$ 59,254,900
Other	316,200	1,291,900	1,677,400	3,948,700
Total revenue	<u>\$ 21,510,900</u>	<u>\$ 22,317,800</u>	<u>\$ 61,741,100</u>	<u>\$ 63,203,600</u>
Reconciliation to operating income:				
Franchising segment contribution	\$ 14,763,000	\$ 13,971,400	\$ 38,828,200	\$ 37,562,800
Other operating segment contribution	165,600	1,151,100	1,336,200	3,198,900
Total operating income	<u>\$ 14,928,600</u>	<u>\$ 15,122,500</u>	<u>\$ 40,164,400</u>	<u>\$ 40,761,700</u>

## 12. Subsequent Events:

On October 16, 2024, the Company's Board of Directors approved the payment of a \$ 7.50 per share special cash dividend (the "2024 Special Dividend") to shareholders of record at the close of business November 13, 2024, which will be paid on December 2, 2024. The 2024 Special Dividend will be approximately \$ 26.4 million based on the current number of shares outstanding and is expected to be financed by cash on hand.

## ITEM 2: Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

### Overview

Winmark – the Resale Company is focused on sustainability and small business formation. As of September 28, 2024, we had 1,343 franchises operating under the Plato's Closet, Once Upon A Child, Play It Again Sports, Style Encore and Music Go Round brands. Our business is not capital intensive and is designed to generate consistent, recurring revenue and strong operating margins.

The financial criteria that management closely tracks to evaluate current business operations and future prospects include royalties and selling, general and administrative expenses.

Our most significant source of franchising revenue is royalties received from our franchisees. During the first nine months of 2024, our royalties increased \$1.5 million or 2.8% compared to the first nine months of 2023.

Management continually monitors the level and timing of selling, general and administrative expenses. The major components of selling, general and administrative expenses include salaries, wages and benefits, advertising, conferences, travel, occupancy, legal and professional fees. During the first nine months of 2024, selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$0.3 million, or 1.5% compared to the first nine months of 2023.

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Management also monitors several nonfinancial factors in evaluating the current business operations and future prospects including franchise openings and closings and franchise renewals. The following is a summary of our net store growth and renewal activity for the first nine months ended September 28, 2024:

	TOTAL 12/30/2023				AVAILABLE FOR RENEWAL			% RENEWED
		OPENED	CLOSED	TOTAL 9/28/2024	COMPLETED RENEWALS			
Plato's Closet	506	11	(2)	515	39	39		100 %
Once Upon A Child	416	11	(2)	425	40	39		98 %
Play It Again Sports	294	11	(4)	301	18	17		94 %
Style Encore	66	3	(1)	68	10	10		100 %
Music Go Round	37	—	(3)	34	2	1		50 %
Total Franchised Stores	<u>1,319</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>(12)</u>	<u>1,343</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>106</u>		<u>97 %</u>

Renewal activity is a key focus area for management. Our franchisees sign 10-year agreements with us. The renewal of existing franchise agreements as they approach their expiration is an indicator that management monitors to determine the health of our business and the preservation of future royalties. During the first nine months of 2024, we renewed 106 of the 109 franchise agreements available for renewal.

Our ability to grow our operating income is dependent on our ability to: (i) effectively support our franchise partners so that they produce higher revenues, (ii) open new franchises, and (iii) control our selling, general and administrative expenses.

In May 2021, we made the decision to no longer solicit new leasing customers and pursue an orderly run-off of our middle-market leasing portfolio. Leasing income net of leasing expense for the first nine months of 2024 was \$1.6 million compared to \$3.6 million in the first nine months of 2023. Given the decision to run-off the portfolio, we anticipate that leasing income net of leasing expense will continue to decrease through the run-off period.

**Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth selected information from our Consolidated Condensed Statements of Operations expressed as a percentage of total revenue:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2024	September 30, 2023	September 28, 2024	September 30, 2023
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Royalties	90.7 %	86.1 %	88.4 %	84.0 %
Leasing income	1.5	5.8	2.7	6.2
Merchandise sales	3.3	4.5	4.4	5.7
Franchise fees	2.1	1.5	1.9	1.8
Other	2.4	2.1	2.6	2.3
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Cost of merchandise sold	(3.1)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(5.3)
Leasing expense	—	—	(0.1)	(0.6)
Provision for credit losses	—	—	—	—
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(27.5)	(28.0)	(30.6)	(29.6)
<b>Income from operations</b>	<b>69.4</b>	<b>67.8</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>64.5</b>
Interest expense	(3.3)	(3.4)	(3.6)	(3.7)
Interest and other income	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.3
Income before income taxes	67.9	66.1	62.9	62.1
Provision for income taxes	(16.2)	(16.1)	(13.7)	(13.9)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>51.7 %</b>	<b>50.0 %</b>	<b>49.2 %</b>	<b>48.2 %</b>

**Comparison of Three Months Ended September 28, 2024 to Three Months Ended September 30, 2023**

**Revenue**

Revenues for the quarter ended September 28, 2024 totaled \$21.5 million compared to \$22.3 million for the comparable period in 2023.

*Royalties and Franchise Fees*

Royalties increased to \$19.5 million for the third quarter of 2024 from \$19.2 million for the third quarter of 2023, a 1.6% increase. The increase is primarily from having additional franchise stores in the third quarter of 2024 compared to the same period in 2023.

Franchise fees of \$0.5 million for the third quarter of 2024 compared to \$0.3 million for the third quarter of 2023.

*Leasing Income*

Leasing income decreased to \$0.3 million for the third quarter of 2024 compared to \$1.3 million for the same period in 2023. The decrease is primarily due to a decrease in operating lease income when compared to last year.

*Merchandise Sales*

Merchandise sales include the sale of product to franchisees either through our Computer Support Center or through the Play It Again Sports buying group (together, "Direct Franchisee Sales"). Direct Franchisee Sales decreased to \$0.7 million for the third quarter of 2024 compared to \$1.0 million in the same period of 2023. The decrease is due to a decrease in buying group and technology purchases by our franchisees.

**Cost of Merchandise Sold**

Cost of merchandise sold includes in-bound freight and the cost of merchandise associated with Direct Franchisee Sales. Cost of merchandise sold decreased to \$0.7 million for the third quarter of 2024 compared to \$0.9 million in the same period of 2023. The decrease is due to a decrease in Direct Franchise Sales discussed above. Cost of merchandise sold as a percentage of Direct Franchisee Sales for the third quarter of 2024 and 2023 was 94.3% and 93.7%, respectively.

**Selling, General and Administrative**

Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased 5.3% to \$5.9 million in the third quarter of 2024 compared to \$6.2 million in the same period of 2023. The decrease was primarily due to a decrease in compensation related expenses.

**Interest Expense**

Interest expense decreased to \$0.7 million for the third quarter of 2024 compared to \$0.8 million for the third quarter of 2023. The decrease is primarily due to lower average borrowing when compared to the same period last year.

**Income Taxes**

The provision for income taxes was calculated at an effective rate of 23.9% and 24.4% for the third quarter of 2024 and 2023, respectively. The decrease is primarily due to a decrease in state income taxes.

**Comparison of Nine Months Ended September 28, 2024 to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023**

**Revenue**

Revenues for the first nine months of 2024 totaled \$61.7 million compared to \$63.2 million for the comparable period in 2023.

*Royalties and Franchise Fees*

Royalties increased to \$54.6 million for the first nine months of 2024 from \$53.1 million for the first nine months of 2023, a 2.8% increase. The increase is primarily from having additional franchise stores in the first nine months of 2024 compared to the same period in 2023.

Franchise fees of \$1.2 million for the first nine months of 2024 compared to \$1.1 million for the first nine months of 2023.

*Leasing Income*

Leasing income decreased to \$1.7 million for the first nine months of 2024 compared to \$3.9 million for the same period in 2023. The decrease is primarily due to a decrease in operating lease income and a lower level of equipment sales to customers when compared to the same period last year.

*Merchandise Sales*

Merchandise sales include the sale of product to franchisees either through our Computer Support Center or through the Play It Again Sports buying group (together, "Direct Franchisee Sales"). Direct Franchisee Sales decreased to \$2.7 million for the first nine months of 2024 compared to \$3.6 million in the same period of 2023. The decrease is primarily due to a decrease in buying group and technology purchases by our franchisees.

**Cost of Merchandise Sold**

Cost of merchandise sold includes in-bound freight and the cost of merchandise associated with Direct Franchisee Sales. Cost of merchandise sold decreased to \$2.6 million for the first nine months of 2024 compared to \$3.4 million in the same period of 2023. The decrease is due to a decrease in Direct Franchise Sales discussed above. Cost of merchandise sold as a percentage of Direct Franchisee Sales for the first six months of 2024 and 2023 was 93.6% and 93.6%, respectively.

**Selling, General and Administrative**

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 1.5% to \$19.0 million in the first nine months of 2024 compared to \$18.7 million in the same period of 2023. The increase was primarily due to an increase in advertising related expenses and outside services.

**Interest Expense**

Interest expense was \$2.2 million for the first nine months of 2024 compared to \$2.3 million for the first nine months of 2023. The decrease is primarily due to lower average borrowings when compared to the same period last year.

**Income Taxes**

The provision for income taxes was calculated at an effective rate of 21.8% and 22.3% for the first nine months of 2024 and 2023, respectively. The decrease is primarily due to higher tax benefits on the exercise of non-qualified stock options and a decrease in state income taxes.

**Segment Comparison of Three Months Ended September 28, 2024 to Three Months Ended September 30, 2023**

***Franchising Segment Operating Income***

The franchising segment's operating income for the third quarter of 2024 increased to \$14.8 million from \$14.0 million for the third quarter of 2023. The increase in segment contribution was due to increased royalty revenues and a decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses.

***Other Operating Segment Income***

The other operating segment income for the third quarter of 2024 decreased to \$0.2 million from \$1.2 million for the third quarter of 2023. The decrease in segment contribution was due to a decrease in leasing income net of leasing expense.

**Segment Comparison of Nine Months Ended September 28, 2024 to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023**

***Franchising Segment Income***

The franchising segment operating income for the first nine months of 2024 increased to \$38.8 million from \$37.6 million for the first nine months of 2023. The increase in segment contribution was due to increased royalty revenues, partially offset by an increase in selling, general and administrative expenses.

***Other Operating Segment Income***

The other operating segment income for the first nine months of 2024 decreased to \$1.3 million from \$3.2 million for the first nine months of 2023. The decrease in segment contribution was due to a decrease in leasing income net of leasing expenses.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our primary sources of liquidity have historically been cash flows from operations and borrowings. The components of the consolidated condensed statements of operations that reduce our net income but do not affect our liquidity include non-cash items for depreciation and amortization and compensation expense related to stock options.

We ended the third quarter of 2024 with \$37.3 million in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash compared to \$40.6 million in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at the end of the third quarter of 2023.

Operating activities provided \$33.7 million of cash during the first nine months of 2024, compared to \$35.2 million provided during the same period last year. The decrease in cash provided by operating activities during the first nine months of 2024 compared to 2023 was primarily due to an increase in inventory, cash paid for income taxes and a decrease in principal collections on lease receivables.

Investing activities used \$0.2 million of cash during the first nine months of 2024, compared to \$0.3 million used during the same period last year. The 2024 activities consisted of the purchase of property and equipment.

Financing activities used \$9.6 million of cash during the first nine months of 2024. Our most significant financing activities during the first nine months of 2024 consisted of \$9.1 million for the payment of dividends and payments on notes payable of \$3.2 million; partially offset by \$2.7 million of proceeds from exercise of stock options. (See Note 8 — "Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)," and Note 9 — "Debt").

Our debt facilities include a Line of Credit with CIBC Bank USA and a Note Agreement and Shelf Agreement with Prudential. These facilities have been and will continue to be used for general corporate purposes, are secured by a lien against substantially all of our assets, contain customary financial conditions and covenants, and require maintenance of minimum levels of debt service coverage and maximum levels of leverage (all as defined within the agreements governing the facilities). As of September 28, 2024, we were in compliance with all of the financial covenants under the Line of Credit, the Note Agreement and the Shelf Agreement.

The Line of Credit provides for up to \$20.0 million in revolving loans and \$30.0 million in delayed draw term loans. As of September 28, 2024, we had no revolving loans outstanding, and had delayed draw term loan borrowings totaling \$30.0 million that mature in 2029.

The Shelf Agreement allows us to offer privately negotiated senior notes to Prudential in an aggregate principal amount up to (i) \$100.0 million, less (ii) the aggregate principal amount of notes outstanding at such point (including notes outstanding under the Note Agreement, which at September 28, 2024 was \$36.0 million). As of September 28, 2024, we had not issued any notes under the Shelf Agreement. Of the \$36.0 million of principal outstanding under the Note Agreement, \$6.0 million amortizes over the remainder of 2024 through 2027, and \$30.0 million matures in 2028.

See Part I, Item 1, Note 9 – “Debt” for more information regarding the Line of Credit, Note Agreement and Shelf Agreement.

We expect to generate the cash necessary to pay our expenses and to pay the principal and interest on our outstanding debt from cash flows provided by operating activities and by opportunistically using other means to repay or refinance our obligations as we determine appropriate. Our ability to pay our expenses and meet our debt service obligations depends on our future performance, which may be affected by financial, business, economic, and other factors including the risk factors described under Item 1A of our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2023 and under Item 1A below. If we do not have enough money to pay our debt service obligations, we may be required to refinance all or part of our existing debt, sell assets, borrow more money or raise equity. In such an event, we may not be able to refinance our debt, sell assets, borrow more money or raise equity on terms acceptable to us or at all. Also, our ability to carry out any of these activities on favorable terms, if at all, may be further impacted by any financial or credit crisis which may limit access to the credit markets and increase our cost of capital.

As of the date of this report we believe that the combination of our cash on hand, the cash generated from our business, our Line of Credit and our Shelf Agreement will be adequate to fund our planned operations through 2025.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

A discussion of our critical accounting policies is contained in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2023. There have been no changes to our critical accounting policies from those disclosed on our Form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2023.

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

The statements contained in this Item 2 “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” that are not strictly historical fact, including without limitation, the Company’s belief that it will have adequate capital and reserves to meet its current and contingent obligations and operating needs, as well as its disclosures regarding market rate risk are forward looking statements made under the safe harbor provision of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. Such statements are based on management’s current expectations as of the date of this Report, but involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by such forward looking statements. Investors are cautioned to consider these forward looking statements in light of important factors which may result in material variations between results contemplated by such forward looking statements and actual results and conditions. See the section appearing in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2023 entitled “Risk Factors” and Part II, Item 1A in this Report for a more complete discussion of certain factors that may cause the Company’s actual results to differ from those in its forward looking statements. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date they were made. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise or update publicly any forward looking statements for any reason.

#### **ITEM 3: Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

The Company incurs financial market risk in the form of interest rate risk. Risk can be quantified by measuring the financial impact of a near-term adverse increase in short-term interest rates. At September 28, 2024, the Company’s Line of Credit with CIBC Bank USA included a commitment for revolving loans of \$20.0 million. The interest rates applicable to revolving loans are based on either the bank’s base rate or SOFR for short-term borrowings (twelve months or less). The Company had no revolving loans outstanding at September 28, 2024 under this Line of Credit. The Company had no interest rate derivatives in place at September 28, 2024. The Company’s fixed rate debt exposes the company to changes in the market interest rate only to the extent that the Company may need to refinance maturing debt with new debt at a higher rate.

None of the Company's cash and cash equivalents at September 28, 2024 was invested in money market mutual funds, which are subject to the effects of market fluctuations in interest rates.

Foreign currency transaction gains and losses were not material to the Company's results of operations for the nine months ended September 28, 2024. During fiscal 2023, less than 8% of the Company's total revenues and 1% of expenses were denominated in a foreign currency. Based upon these revenues and expenses, a 10% increase or decrease in the foreign currency exchange rates would impact annual pretax earnings by approximately \$670,000. To date, the Company has not entered into any foreign currency forward exchange contracts or other derivative financial instruments to hedge the effects of adverse fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.

#### **ITEM 4: Controls and Procedures**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company conducted an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of its disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). Based upon, and as of the date of that evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during its most recently completed fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal control over financial reporting.

### **PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **ITEM 1: Legal Proceedings**

We are not a party to any material litigation and are not aware of any threatened litigation that would have a material adverse effect on our business.

#### **ITEM 1A: Risk Factors**

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, including the important information in "Forward-Looking Statements," you should carefully consider the "Risk Factors" discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2023. If any of those factors were to occur, they could materially adversely affect our financial condition or future results, and could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in its forward-looking statements in this report. We are aware of no material changes to the Risk Factors discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2023.

#### **ITEM 2: Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

##### **Purchase of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers**

The following table summarizes the Company's common stock repurchases during the third quarter of 2024.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of a Publicly Announced Plan(1)	Maximum Number of Shares that may yet be Purchased Under the Plan
June 30, 2024 to August 3, 2024	—	\$ —	—	78,600
August 4, 2024 to August 31, 2024	—	\$ —	—	78,600
September 1, 2024 to September 28, 2024	—	\$ —	—	78,600

(1) The Board of Directors' authorization for the repurchase of shares of the Company's common stock was originally approved in 1995 with no expiration date. The total shares approved for repurchase has been increased by additional Board of Directors' approvals and as of September 28, 2024 was limited to 5,400,000 shares, of which 78,600 may still be repurchased.

**ITEM 3: Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

None.

**ITEM 4: Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not applicable.

**ITEM 5: Other Information**

All information required to be reported in a report on Form 8-K during the period covered by this Form 10-Q has been reported.

**ITEM 6: Exhibits**

- 3.1 Articles of Incorporation, as amended (Exhibit 3.1)(1)
- 3.2 [By-laws, as amended and restated to date \(Exhibit 3.2\)\(2\)](#)
- 31.1 [Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002\\*](#)
- 31.2 [Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002\\*](#)
- 32.1 [Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002\\*](#)
- 32.2 [Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002\\*](#)
- 101 Interactive Data Files Pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T: Financial statements from the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Winmark Corporation and Subsidiaries for the quarter ended September 28, 2024, formatted in Inline XBRL: (i) Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets, (ii) Consolidated Condensed Statements of Operations, (iii) Consolidated Condensed Statements of Shareholders' Equity (Deficit), (iv) Consolidated Condensed Statements of Cash Flows, and (v) Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.
- 104 The cover page from the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Winmark Corporation and Subsidiaries for the quarter ended September 28, 2024, formatted in Inline XBRL (contained in Exhibit 101).

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\*Filed Herewith

- (1) Incorporated by reference to the specified exhibit to the Registration Statement on Form S-1, effective August 24, 1993 (Reg. No. 333-65108).
- (2) Incorporated by reference to the specified exhibit to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2006.

**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.

WINMARK CORPORATION

Date: October 16, 2024

By: /s/ Brett D. Heffes  
Brett D. Heffes  
Chair of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date: October 16, 2024

By: /s/ Anthony D. Ishaug  
Anthony D. Ishaug  
Executive Vice President  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer  
(principal financial and accounting officer)

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Brett D. Heffes, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Winmark Corporation;
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: October 16, 2024

/s/ Brett D. Heffes

Brett D. Heffes  
Chair of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Anthony D. Ishaug, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Winmark Corporation;
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: October 16, 2024

Signature: /s/ Anthony D. Ishaug

Anthony D. Ishaug  
Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Winmark Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 28, 2024 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), I, Brett D. Heffes, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, 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; and

(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Winmark Corporation and will be retained by Winmark Corporation and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

Date: October 16, 2024

/s/ Brett D. Heffes

Brett D. Heffes  
Chair of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Winmark Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 28, 2024 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), I, Anthony D. Ishaug, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company, certify, 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; and

(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Winmark Corporation and will be retained by Winmark Corporation and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

Date: October 16, 2024

/s/ Anthony D. Ishaug

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Anthony D. Ishaug  
Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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