

(\$ in millions)



Restaurant Monthly October 2014 in Review

Restaurant Industry Commentary

The industry maintained its positive momentum in October, with Blackbox Intelligence reporting comparable sales growth of 2.8% and a same restaurant traffic increase of 0.4%. While October was the fourth consecutive month of positive comparable sales, it marked the first month of positive traffic comparables in almost three years. Performance continues to improve as a confluence of macroeconomic factors, including a rebounding labor market and declining energy prices, augments operators' efforts to drive repeat traffic through innovative menu items and brand loyalty programs. M&A activity in October and early November was headlined by JAB Holding's and BDT Capital's \$365 million acquisition of 880-unit bagel bakery Einstein's. Also of note, Landry's acquired Mitchell's Fish Market from Ruth's Hospitality for a mere \$10 million, which is a significant discount from the \$92 million acquisition price Ruth's paid in 2007. Public market activity remains hot, with Habit Burger Grill, a KarpReilly portfolio company, raising \$90 million through its initial public offering—seeing its share price more than double in its first day of trading. The QSR and Fast Casual categories remain atop the valuation spectrum, with EV / TTM EBITDA multiples of 15.3x and 13.3x, respectively.



Recent Restaurant M&A Activity

Closed / Announced	Target	Acquiror	Enterprise Value	EBITDA / Value Multiple			Industry Segment
11/17/2014A	Mitchell's Fish Market	Landry's Inc.	\$10.0	NA	/	NA	Premium
11/04/2014	Einstein Noah Restaurant Group	JAB Holding; BDT Capital	\$365.0	\$35.44	/	10.3x	Fast Casual
10/31/2014	25 TGI Friday Restaurants in Texas and Colorado	MarLu LC, Inc.	NA	NA	/	NA	Casual
10/16/2014	Peter Piper, Inc.	CEC Entertainment	NA	NA	/	NA	Family
10/08/2014	30 Burger King Restaurants in North Carolina	Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. (NasdaqGS:TAST)	NA	NA	/	NA	QSR
09/18/2014	39 Burger King Restaurants in Ohio	GPS Hospitality	NA	NA	/	NA	QSR
08/26/2014A	Tim Hortons Inc. (TSX:THI)	Burger King Worldwide, Inc. (NYSE:BKW)	\$12,046.0	\$692.3	/	17.4x	QSR
08/25/2014	Rusty Taco	Buffalo Wild Wings Inc. (NasdaqGS:BWLD)	NA	NA	/	NA	Fast Casual
08/21/2014	HDOS Enterprises	Global Franchise Group	NA	NA	/	NA	QSR
08/07/2014A	S.B. Restaurant Company (Elephant Bar)	CM7 Capital Partners, LLC	NA	NA	/	NA	Casual
07/28/2014	Red Lobster, Inc.	Golden Gate Capital	\$2,113.0	\$229.7	/	9.2x	Casual
07/15/2014	TGI Friday's	Sentinel Capital Partners; Tri-Artisan Capital	NA	NA	/	NA	Casual

Indices consist of all publicly-available information for restaurant operators in their respective price points. For full listing, please contact the TM Capital Restaurant Practice.





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