
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

CURRENT REPORT

FORM 8-K

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

February 22, 2000 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Delaware 1-8344 31-1029810 (State or other (Commission (IRS Employer jurisdiction File no.) Identification No.) of incorporation)

Three Limited Parkway
P.O. Box 1600
Columbus, OH 43230
(614) 479-7000
(Address of principal executive offices)

Item 5. Other Events.

On February 22, 2000, The Limited, Inc. (the "Company") issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

The Index to Exhibits at page E-1 is incorporated herein by reference.

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.

THE LIMITED, INC.

/s/ V. Ann Hailey

V. Ann Hailey Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 22, 2000

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhib Numbe	- v
99.	Press Release issued by The Limited, Inc. on February 22, 2000
99.1	Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)
99.2	Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets
99.3	Stores and Square Footage
99.4	Selling Square Footage
99.5	Quarterly Financial Data

99.6 Fourth Quarter 1999 Selected Data

THE LIMITED, INC. REPORTS 1999 EARNINGS INCREASE OF 43%; SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDING WALL STREET EXPECTATIONS

-AUTHORIZES \$200 MILLION SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM-

Columbus, Ohio (February 22, 2000) -- The Limited, Inc. (NYSE/LSE: LTD) announced today that fourth quarter and full year 1999 earnings improved significantly over the prior period. This improvement was driven by the improved performance of the Company's apparel brands, which consist of Express, Lerner New York, Lane Bryant, Limited Stores and Structure, as well as by the previously reported strength of Intimate Brands, Inc. (NYSE: IBI).

Full Year Results

On an adjusted basis, which excludes special items and reflects the August 1999 spin-off of Too, Inc. (TOO) and the May 1998 split-off of Abercrombie & Fitch Co. (ANF) as if they had occurred at the beginning of 1998, diluted earnings per share for the fifty-two weeks ended January 29, 2000 were \$1.93, compared to \$1.35 last year, an increase of 43%. These results significantly exceed the current Wall Street consensus estimate. The improved performance in 1999 is largely the result of a \$176.9 million increase in operating income from the Company's apparel brands.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Leslie H. Wexner commented, "We're pleased that our brand building efforts resulted in improved performance at each of our apparel brands for the year. This traction gained in 1999 fuels our optimism for continued earnings improvement at our apparel brands in the future."

Adjusted 1999 sales were \$9.500 billion compared to \$8.814 billion last year, and comparable store sales increased 9%. Adjusted operating income increased 38% to \$890.2 million from \$643.5 million last year, and adjusted net income increased 40% to \$445.5 million from \$318.0 million in 1998.

Fourth Quarter Results

Adjusted diluted earnings per share for the thirteen weeks ended January 29, 2000 were \$1.31 compared to \$0.92 last year, an increase of 42%. Adjusted fourth quarter 1999 sales were \$3.287 billion compared to \$3.133 billion last year, and comparable store sales increased 5%. Adjusted operating income increased 35% to \$572.3 million from \$423.5 million last year, and adjusted net income increased 37% to \$294.9 million from \$215.8 million last year.

Please refer to the attached fourth quarter and full year income statements for results which include special items and the results of TOO and ANF through the dates of their separation from the Company.

Authorization of Share Repurchase Program

The Company also announced today that its Board of Directors has authorized a \$200 million share repurchase program. The Company said it may repurchase shares from time to time in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions, depending on prevailing market conditions, alternative uses of capital and other factors. The Company has repurchased more than $147\ \text{million}$ shares of its common stock since 1996.

"Our decision to authorize a share repurchase program demonstrates our confidence in the strength of The Limited, Inc. and our future, and our commitment to creating sustained growth in shareholder value," stated Mr. Wexner.

Change in Accounting

_ ____

On February 16, 2000, the Company announced a change in accounting for gift certificates, store credits and layaway sales. The Company, which was not contacted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), chose to address this matter after the issuance of SEC Staff Accounting Bulleting No. 101, Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements. The financial results above include the impact of this accounting change, which reduced fiscal 1999 earnings by \$.04 per share and fiscal 1998 earnings by \$.03 per share, and had no impact on reported cash flows, net sales or comparable store sales. For further information on this matter, including restated financial statements, please refer to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company with the SEC on February 17, 2000.

The Limited, Inc., through Express, Lerner New York, Lane Bryant, Limited Stores, Structure and Henri Bendel, presently operates 2,913 specialty stores. The Company also owns approximately 84% of Intimate Brands, Inc. (NYSE: IBI), the leading specialty retailer of intimate apparel, beauty and personal care products through the Victoria's Secret, Bath & Body Works and White Barn Candle Co. brands.

To hear the Company's live fourth quarter earnings conference call, log on to www.limited.com at 8:00 a.m. EST on Tuesday, February 22, 2000. To hear a

replay of the earnings call, dial 1-800-696-1585, followed by the ID code 189295, or log onto www.limited.com for an audio replay.

SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995: All forward-looking statements made by the Company involve material risks and uncertainties and are subject to change based on various important factors which may be beyond the Company's control. Accordingly, the Company's future performance and financial results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in any such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to; those described in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company does not undertake to publicly update or revise its forward-looking statements even if experience or future changes make it clear that any projected results expressed or implied therein will not be realized.

#

For further information, please contact:

Tom Katzenmeyer Vice President Investor Relations The Limited, Inc. 614-415-7076 www.limited.com

THE LIMITED, INC. and SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited)

Thirteen Weeks Ended January 29, 2000 and January 30, 1999 (In thousands except per share data)

The following adjusted results reflect the A&F split-off and Limited Too spin-off as if they had occurred at the beginning of 1998, and exclude special items.

	==========		.=========	
	Actual		Actual	
	1999	% of Sales	1998	% of Sales
Net Sales	\$3,286,610	100.0%	\$3,132,651	100.0%
Gross Income	1,306,213	39.7%	1,124,403	35.9%
General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses	(733,874)	(22.3%)	(700,950)	(22.4%)
Operating Income	572,339	17.4%	423,453	13.5%
Interest Expense	(20,936)	(0.6%)	(19,299)	(0.6%)
Other Income, Net	13,542	0.4%	14,956	0.5%
Minority Interest	(44,057)	(1.3%)	(35,715)	(1.1%)
Income Before Income Taxes	520,888	15.8%	383,395	12.2%
Income Taxes	226,000	6.9%	167,600	5.4%
Effective Rate	43.4%		43.7%	
Net Income	\$ 294,888	9.0%	\$ 215,795	6.9%
Adjusted Earnings Per Diluted Share Excluding Special Items	\$ 1.31	=======	\$ 0.92	=======
najabeea Barningo fer Biracea bhare Excitating Special feems	========		========	
Weighted Average Diluted Shares Outstanding	222,471		231,783	
	==========			

The following are the reported results.

	Actual 1999	% of Sales	Actual 1998	% of Sales
Net Sales	\$3,286,610	100.0%	\$3,255,871	100.0%
Gross Income General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses Special & Nonrecurring Items, Net	1,306,213 (733,874) 36,576	39.7% (22.3%)	1,170,843 (726,611)	36.0% (22.3%) 0.0%
Operating Income Interest Expense Other Income, Net Minority Interest	608,915 (20,936) 13,542	, ,	14,956	13.6% (0.6%) 0.5% (1.1%)
Income Before Income Taxes Income Taxes Effective Rate	557,464 241,000 43.2%	17.0% 7.3%	404,174 176,000 43.5%	
Net Income	\$ 316,464	9.6%	\$ 228,174	7.0%
Earnings Per Diluted Share - Reported	\$ 1.41 ========	=======	\$ 0.97 =======	=======
Weighted Average Diluted Shares Outstanding	222,471 =======		231,783 =======	

See attached Note to Consolidated Statements of Income.

THE LIMITED, INC. and SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Unaudited)
Fifty-two Weeks Ended January 29, 2000 and January 30, 1999
(In thousands except per share data)

The following adjusted results reflect the A&F split-off and Limited Too spin-off as if they had occurred at the beginning of 1998, and exclude special items.

	Actual 1999	% of Sales	Actual 1998	% of Sales
Net Sales	\$ 9,499,957	100.0%	\$ 8,813,633	100.0%
Gross Income General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses	3,282,492 (2,392,324)	(25.2%)	2,789,104 (2,145,646)	31.6% (24.3%)
Operating Income Interest Expense Other Income, Net Minority Interest	890,168 (78,297) 51,037 (72,623)	9.4% (0.8%) 0.5% (0.8%)	643,458 (68,528) 59,265 (62,436)	7.3% (0.8%) 0.7% (0.7%)
Income Before Income Taxes Income Taxes Effective Rate	790,285 344,800 43.6%	8.3% 3.6%	571,759 253,800 44.4%	6.5% 2.9%
Net Income	\$ 445,485	4.7%	\$ 317,959	3.6%
Adjusted Earnings Per Diluted Share Excluding Special Items	\$ 1.93	=======	\$ 1.35	
Weighted Average Diluted Shares Outstanding	227,782		232,481	

The following are the reported results.

	Actual 1999	% of Sales	Actual 1998	% of Sales
Net Sales	\$ 9,723,334	100.0%	\$ 9,346,911	100.0%
Gross Income General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses Special and Nonrecurring Items	3,357,477 (2,460,338) 23,501	(25.3%) 0.2%	1,740,030	
Operating Income Interest Expense Other Income, Net Minority Interest Gain on Sale of Subsidiary Stock	920,640 (78,297) 51,037 (72,623) 11,002	(0.8%)	2,424,373 (68,528) 59,265 (63,616)	
Income Before Income Taxes Income Taxes Effective Rate	831,759 371,000 44.6%	8.6% 3.8%	2,351,494 305,000 13.0%	25.2% 3.3%
Net Income	\$ 460,759	4.7%	\$ 2,046,494	21.9%
Earnings Per Diluted Share - Reported	\$ 2.00		\$ 8.29	
Weighted Average Diluted Shares Outstanding	227,782		246,319	

See attached Note to Consolidated Statements of Income.

THE LIMITED INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME SPECIAL ITEMS

As part of the Company's ongoing strategy to enhance shareholder value, the Company recorded the following special items in 1999 and 1998. These items, net of any tax and minority interest impacts, are excluded from the "Adjusted Results" provided in the Consolidated Statements of Income attached.

1 0 0 0

- . In the fourth quarter of 1999, the Company reversed a previous year \$36.6 million special and nonrecurring charge associated with downsizing the remaining Henri Bendel store. The reversal was precipitated by the Company's inability to complete its restructuring plan in regards to this one store. The accounting for the reversal followed recently issued SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 100, "Restructurings and Impairment Charges." The charge and reversal had no affect on cash flows in any period.
- . In the third quarter of 1999, the Company recognized an \$11.0 million gain from the sale of a 60% interest in Galyan's Trading Co., offset by a \$6.0 million provision for taxes on the gain. In addition, the new tax basis of the Company's continuing Galyan's investment resulted in an additional \$7 million tax liability.
- . In the second quarter of 1999, the Company recognized a \$13.1 million special and nonrecurring charge for transaction costs related to the Limited Too spin-off.

1998

- . In the second quarter of 1998, the Company recognized a \$1.651 billion gain on the split-off of Abercrombie & Fitch ("A&F").
- . In the first quarter of 1998, the Company recognized a \$93.7 million gain relating to the sale of the Company's remaining interest in Brylane, Inc. and a \$5.1 million charge for associate termination costs at Henri Bendel.

Additionally, Limited Too and A&F results (net of minority interest) are excluded from all periods presented and total weighted average shares outstanding are reduced as of the beginning of 1998 by the 47.1 million Limited shares tendered in the A&F split-off transaction.

THE LIMITED, INC. and SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands)

		January 30, 1999
	(Unaudited)	
ASSETS		
Current Assets Cash and Equivalents Accounts Receivable Inventories Other	\$ 817,268 108,794 1,050,913 269,302	\$ 870,317 77,715 1,119,670 239,177
Total Current Assets	2,246,277	2,306,879
Property and Equipment, Net	1,229,612	1,361,761
Restricted Cash	-	351,600
Deferred Income Taxes	125,145	48,782
Other Assets	486,655 	480,686
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,087,689 =======	\$4,549,708 =======
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities Accounts Payable Current Portion of Long-Term Debt Accrued Expenses Income Taxes	\$256,306 250,000 703,930 152,458	\$289,947 100,000 801,415 128,273
Total Current Liabilities	1,362,694	1,319,635
Long-Term Debt	400,000	550,000
Other Long-Term Liabilities	58,910	56,010
Minority Interest	119,008	105,504
Contingent Stock Redemption Agreement	-	351,600
Shareholders' Equity	2,147,077	2,166,959
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$4,087,689 ======	\$4,549,708

Exhibit 99.3

THE LIMITED, INC.and SUBSIDIARIES STORES AND SQUARE FOOTAGE At January 29, 2000 and January 30, 1999

	Januar	y 29, 2000	Janua	ary 30, 1999
	Stores	SQ. FT. (000's)	Stores	SQ. FT. (000's)
Victoria's Secret Bath & Body Works Express	896 1,214 688	3,966 2,486 4,429	829 1,061 702	3,702 2,092 4,511
Lerner New York Lane Bryant Limited Stores	594 688 443	4,592 3,343 2,749	643 730 551	5,000 3,517 3,371
Henri Bendel Structure Limited Too	1 499 -	35 1,978 -	1 532 319	35 2,118 1,006
Galyan's			14	964
Total	5,023 =======	23,578 ======	5 , 382	26,316

EXHIBIT 99.4

	THE I	LIMITED,	INC.		
SELLING	SQUARE	FOOTAGE	(END	OF	YEAR)
	1 (200 - 200	١.		

	AC1	TUAL 1998	AC'	 TUAL 1999	 :	 PROJ 2000
DIVISION	STORES & SQFT	% CHG TO LY	STORES & SQFT	% CHG TO LY	STORES & SQFT	% CHG TO LY
INTIMATE BRANDS						
	_					
ICTORIA'S SECRET						
NO. OF STORES	829	5%	896 3,966,000	8%		9%
TOTAL SSF AVERAGE SSF	3,702,000 4,466	4% -1%		7% -1%	4,336,000 4,443	9% 0%
AVERAGE SSF	4,400	-1.0	4,420	-1.0	4,443	0.9
ATH & BODY NO. OF STORES	1,061	15%	1,214	14%	1,396	15%
TOTAL SSF	2,092,000		2,486,000	19%	3,008,000	
AVERAGE SSF	1,972		2,048	4%		5%
OTAL INTIMATE BRANDS						
NO. OF STORES	1,890	11%	2,110 6,452,000	12%	2,372	12%
TOTAL SSF AVERAGE SSF	5,794,000 3,066	9% -2%		11% 0%		14% 1%
APPAREL	=					
XPRESS						
NO. OF STORES TOTAL SSF	702 4,511,000	-7% -5%	688 4,429,000		680 4,377,000	-1% -1%
TOTAL SSF AVERAGE SSF	4,511,000 6,426	-5% 2%		-2% 0%		-1%
EDNED						
ERNER NO. OF STORES	643	-14%	594	-8%	578	-3%
TOTAL SSF	5,000,000	-12%	4,592,000	-8%	4,392,000	-4%
AVERAGE SSF	7,776	2%	7,731	-1%	7 , 599	-2%
ANE BRYANT						
NO. OF STORES TOTAL SSF	730 3,517,000	-6% -6%	688 3,343,000	-6% -5%	698 3,392,000	1% 1%
AVERAGE SSF	4,818	0%		1%		0%
IMITED CTOPS						
IMITED STORES NO. OF STORES	551	-12%	443	-20%	415	-6%
TOTAL SSF	3,371,000		2,749,000		2,546,000	-7%
AVERAGE SSF	6,118	2%	6,205	1%	6,135	-1%
TRUCTURE						
NO. OF STORES TOTAL SSF	532 2,118,000	-2% -1%		-6%	487 1,936,000	-2% -2%
AVERAGE SSF	3,981	1%	1,978,000 3,964	- 7 s 0 %		-2° 0%
- OTAL APPAREL						
NO. OF STORES	3,158	-16%	2,912	-8%	2,858	-2%
TOTAL SSF			17,091,000			
AVERAGE SSF	5,864 	4%	5,869 	0% 	5 , 823	-1%
OTHER	_					
ENRI BENDEL NO. OF STORES	1	-83%	1	0%	1	0%
TOTAL SSF	35,000	-69%	35,000	0%	35,000 35,000	0%
AVERAGE SSF	35,000	86%	35,000	0%	35,000	0%
ALYAN'S						
NO. OF STORES	14	27%	0	-100% -100%	0	0%
TOTAL SSF AVERAGE SSF	964,000 68,857	50% 18%	0	-100% -100%	0	0% 0%
	00,007	200	Ŭ	2000	Ŭ	0 0
IMITED TOO NO. OF STORES	319	20	0	-100%	0	0%
TOTAL SSF	1,006,000	2% 3%	0	-100%		0%
AVERAGE SSF	3,154	1%	0	-100%	0	0%
TAL OTHER						
NO. OF STORES	334	93%	1	-100%		0%
TOTAL SSF AVERAGE SSF	2,005,000 6.003	1% -48%	35,000 35,000	-98% 483%	35,000 35,000	0% 0%
GRAND TOTAL	_					
NO. OF STORES			5,023			4%
TOTAL SSF	26,316,000	-7%	23,578,000	-10%	24,022,000	2%
AVERAGE SSF	4,890	-3% 	4,694	-45 	4,592 	-2%
CHANGE TO LAST YEAR						
NEW STORES	- 251		295		316	

CLOSED STORES	(350)	(301)	(108)	
NET ADDITION	(99)	(6)	208	
DISPOSAL OF ASSETS	(159)	(353)	0	
FINAL CHANGE TO STORE COUNT	(258)	(359)	208	
TOTAL SSF	(2,084,000)	(2,738,000)	443,000	

STORE AND SQUARE FOOTAGE		_	INCR SELLING []'		
	Y BUSINESS	# STORES	TOTAL	AVG	
VICTORIA	A'S SECRET	0.5	240 000	4 004	
	NEW STORES REMODELED STORES	85 36	348,000 40,000	4,094 1,111	
	CLOSED STORES	(5)	(18,000)	3,600	
	020025 010100				
BATH & 1	NET ADDITION	80	370,000		
Dillii w .	NEW STORES	190	467,000	2,458	
	REMODELED STORES	45	72,000	1,600	
	CLOSED STORES	(8)	(17,000)	2,125	
ΨΟΨΔΙ. ΤΙ	NET ADDITION NTIMATE BRANDS	182	522,000		
1011111 11	NEW STORES	275	815,000	2,964	
REMODELED STORES		81	112,000	1,383	
	CLOSED STORES	(13)	(35,000)	2,692	
	NET ADDITION	262	892,000		
EXPRESS					
	NEW STORES	10	78,600	7,860	
	REMODELED STORES	60	(11,681)	195	
	CLOSED STORES	(18)	(119,376)	6,632 	
1 EDMED	NET ADDITION	(8)	(52,457)		
LERNER	NEW STORES	5	32,390	6,478	
	REMODELED STORES	28	(83,000)	2,964	
	CLOSED STORES	(21)	(149,856)	7,136	
LANE BR	NET ADDITION	(16)	(200,466)		
TOWE DK	NEW STORES	25	137,900	5,516	
	REMODELED STORES	60	(15,021)	250	
	CLOSED STORES	(15)	(73,620)	4,908	
	NET ADDITION	10	49,259		
LIMITED		c	^		
	NEW STORES REMODELED STORES	0 25	0 (16,000)	640	
	CLOSED STORES	(28)	(186,676)		
	NET ADDITION	(28)	(202,676)		
STRUCTU	RE				
	NEW STORES	1 8	5,000 (3,520)	5,000 440	
	REMODELED STORES CLOSED STORES	(13)	(3,520) (43,680)	3,360	
TOTAL A	NET ADDITION PPAREL	(12)	(42,200)		
11	NEW STORES	41	253,890	6,192	
	REMODELED STORES	181	(129,222)	714	
	CLOSED STORES	(95)	(573,208)	6 , 034	
	NET ADDITION	(54)	(448,540)		
HENRI B	 ENDET:				
IIIIII D	NEW STORES	0	0	(
	REMODELED STORES	0	0	(
	CLOSED STORES	0	0	(
	NET ADDITION	0	0	(
TOTAL O	THER				
	NEW STORES	0	0	(
	REMODELED STORES	0	0	(
	CLOSED STORES	0	0) 	
	NET ADDITION	0	0		
TOTAL					
	NEW STORES		1,068,890	3,383	
	REMODELED STORES CLOSED STORES	262 (108)	(17,222) (608,208)	5,632	
	CHOORD SIONES	(100)	(000,200)	J,032	

PERIOD	1998		1999	
1. Net Sales		% Inc/(Dec)		% Inc/(Dec)
1st Qtr Adjusted 1st Qtr 2nd Qtr Adjusted 2nd Qtr 3rd Qtr Adjusted 3rd Qtr 4th Qtr Adjusted 4th Qtr	2,008,077 1,791,590 2,083,101 1,986,250 1,999,862 1,903,142 3,255,871 3,132,651	9.7% 6.7% 3.1% 6.6% -3.4% 4.0% -0.4% 6.5%	2,104,798 2,009,750 2,267,821 2,180,957 2,064,105 2,022,640 3,286,610 3,286,610	4.8% 12.2% 8.9% 9.8% 3.2% 6.3% 0.9% 4.9%
Year Adjusted Year 6 Mos Adjusted 6 Mos 9 Mos Adjusted 9 Mos	9,346,911 8,813,633 4,091,178 3,777,840 6,091,040 5,680,982	1.7% 6.0% 6.3% 6.7% 2.9% 5.8%	9,723,334 9,499,957 4,372,619 4,190,707 6,436,724 6,213,347	4.0% 7.8% 6.9% 10.9% 5.7% 9.4%
2. Net Sales- Apparel		% Inc/(Dec)		% Inc/(Dec)
1st Qtr 2nd Qtr 3rd Qtr 4th Qtr Year 6 Mos	973,044 1,057,520 1,135,581 1,501,884 4,668,029 2,030,564	4.6% 6.6% 4.0% 2.1% 4.1% 5.6%	1,063,228 1,077,704 1,170,214 1,474,182 4,785,528 2,140,932	9.3% 1.9% 3.0% -1.8% 2.5% 5.4%
9 Mos	3,166,145	5.1%	3,311,146	4.6%
3. Cost of Goods Sold, Occupancy and Buying Costs		(% of Sales)		(% of Sales)
1st Qtr Adjusted 1st Qtr 2nd Qtr Adjusted 2nd Qtr 3rd Qtr Adjusted 3rd Qtr 4th Qtr Adjusted 4th Qtr	1,426,422 1,284,034 1,473,517 1,408,413 1,390,684 1,323,834 2,085,028 2,008,248	71.0% 71.7% 70.7% 70.9% 69.5% 69.6% 64.0% 64.1%	1,451,430 1,388,106 1,540,174 1,481,916 1,393,856 1,367,046 1,980,397 1,980,397	69.0% 69.1% 67.9% 67.9% 67.5% 67.6% 60.3%
Year Adjusted Year 6 Mos Adjusted 6 Mos 9 Mos Adjusted 9 Mos	6,375,651 6,024,529 2,899,939 2,692,447 4,290,623 4,016,281	68.2% 68.4% 70.9% 71.3% 70.4% 70.7%	6,365,857 6,217,465 2,991,604 2,870,022 4,385,460 4,237,068	65.5% 65.4% 68.4% 68.5% 68.1% 68.2%
4. Gross Income		(% of Sales)		(% of Sales)
1st Qtr Adjusted 1st Qtr 2nd Qtr Adjusted 2nd Qtr 3rd Qtr Adjusted 3rd Qtr 4th Qtr Adjusted 4th Qtr	581,655 507,556 609,584 577,837 609,178 579,308 1,170,843 1,124,403	29.0% 28.3% 29.3% 29.1% 30.5% 30.4% 36.0% 35.9%	653,368 621,644 727,647 699,041 670,249 655,594 1,306,213 1,306,213	31.0% 30.9% 32.1% 32.1% 32.5% 32.4% 39.7% 39.7%
Year Adjusted Year 6 Mos Adjusted 6 Mos 9 Mos Adjusted 9 Mos	2,971,260 2,789,104 1,191,239 1,085,393 1,800,417 1,664,701	31.8% 31.6% 29.1% 28.7% 29.6% 29.3%	3,357,477 3,282,492 1,381,015 1,320,685 2,051,264 1,976,279	34.5% 34.6% 31.6% 31.5% 31.9% 31.8%
5. General Administrative & Store Operating Expenses		(% Of Sales)		(% of Sales)
1st Qtr Adjusted 1st Qtr 2nd Qtr Adjusted 2nd Qtr 3rd Qtr Adjusted 3rd Qtr 4th Qtr Adjusted 4th Qtr	507,208 443,737 526,106 496,789 526,992 504,170 726,611 700,950	25.3% 24.8% 25.3% 25.0% 26.4% 26.5% 22.3% 22.4%	563,038 532,626 587,371 560,469 576,055 565,355 733,874	26.8% 26.5% 25.9% 25.7% 27.9% 28.0% 22.3% 22.3%

PERIOD	1998		1999	
	0.006.017	0.4 50	0 460 220	05.20
Year	2,286,917	24.5%	2,460,338	25.3%
Adjusted Year	2,145,646	24.3%	2,392,324	25.2%
6 Mos	1,033,314	25.3%	1,150,409	26.3%
Adjusted 6 Mos	940,526	24.9%	1,093,095	26.1%
9 Mos	1,560,306	25.6%	1,726,464	26.8%
Adjusted 9 Mos	1,444,696	25.4%	1,658,450	26.7%
6. Operating Income - Consolidated	((% of Sales)		(% of Sales)
1st Qtr	163,080	8.1%	90,330	4.3%
1st Qtr Excluding special and nonrecurring items	74,447	3.7%	90,330	4.3%
Adjusted 1st Qtr Excluding special and nonrecurring items	63,819	3.6%	89,018	4.4%
2nd Otr	1,734,875	83.3%	127,201	5.6%
Adjusted 2nd Qtr Excluding special and nonrecurring item	81,048	4.1%	138,572	6.4%
3rd Otr	82,186	4.1%	94,194	4.6%
3rd Qtr Excluding special and nonrecurring items	82,186	4.1%	94,194	4.6%
Adjusted 3rd Qtr Excluding special and nonrecurring items	75,138	3.9%	90,239	4.5%
4th Otr	444,232	13.6%	608,915	18.5%
4th Qtr Excluding special and nonrecurring items	444,232	13.6%	572,339	17.4%
Adjusted 4th Qtr Excluding special and nonrecurring items	423,453	13.5%	572,339	17.4%
najabeed for get Energaing Special and nonreculting reems	120/100	10.00	372,333	17.10
Year	2,424,373	25.9%	920,640	9.5%
Year Excluding special and nonrecurring items	684,343	7.3%	897,139	9.2%
Adjusted Year Excluding special and nonrecurring items	643,458	7.3%	890,168	9.4%
6 Mos	1,897,955	46.4%	217,531	5.0%
Adjusted 6 Mos Excluding special and nonrecurring items	144,867	3.8%	227,590	5.4%
9 Mos	1,980,141	32.5%	311,725	4.8%
Adjusted 9 Mos Excluding special and nonrecurring items	220,005	3.9%	317,829	5.1%
7. Operating Income - Apparel	((% of Apparel Sales)		(% of Apparel Sales)
1st Qtr	(19,854)	-1.9%	1,298	0.1%
2nd Otr	(50,973)	-4.4%	(11,362)	-1.1%
3rd Otr	(1,120)	-0.1%	22,540	1.9%
4th Otr	26,794	1.8%	119,252	8.1%
4th Qti	20,794	1.00	119,232	0.10
Year	(45,153)	-1.0%	131,728	2.8%
6 Mos	(70,827)	-3.2%	(10,064)	-0.5%
9 Mos	(71,947)	-2.1%	12,476	0.4%
8. Interest Expense	((% of Sales)		(% of Sales)
1st Otr	15,741	0.8%	16,790	0.8%
2nd Otr	16,414	0.8%	20,159	0.9%
3rd Qtr	17,074	0.9%	20,412	1.0%
4th Qtr	19,299	0.6%	20,936	1.0%
· •	,		,	
Year	68,528	0.7%	78,297	0.8%
6 Mos				
0 MOS	32,155	0.8%	36,949	0.8%
9 Mos		0.8% 0.8%	36,949 57,361	0.8% 0.9%

PERIOD	1998		1999	
9. Other Income, Net		(% of Sales)		(% of Sales)
1st Qtr	16,153	0.8%	15,331	0.7%
2nd Qtr	15,595	0.7%	12,509	0.6%
3rd Qtr	12,561	0.6%	9,655	0.5%
4th Qtr	14,956	0.5%	13,542	0.4%
Year	59,265	0.6%	51,037	0.5%
6 Mos	31,748	0.8%	27,840	0.6%
9 Mos	44,309	0.7%	37 , 495	0.6%
10. Minority Interest		(% of Sales)		(% of Sales)
1st Qtr	8,833	0.4%	8,420	0.4%
Adjusted 1st Qtr	7,836	0.4%	8,420	0.4%
2nd Qtr	12,988	0.6%	14,069	0.6%
Adjusted 2nd Qtr	12,805	0.6%	14,069	0.6%
3rd Qtr	6,080	0.3%	6,077	0.3%
4th Qtr	35,715	1.1%	44,057	1.3%
Year	63,616	0.7%	72,623	0.7%
Adjusted Year	62,436	0.7%	72,623	0.8%
6 Mos	21,821	0.5%	22,489	0.5%
Adjusted 6 Mos	20,641	0.5%	22,489	0.5%
9 Mos	27,901	0.5%	28,566	0.4%
Adjusted 9 Mos	26,721	0.5%	28,566	0.5%
11. Income Before Income Taxes		(% of Sales)		(% of Sales)
1st Qtr	154,659	7.7%	80,451	3.8%
1st Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	66,026	3.3%	80,451	3.8%
Adjusted 1st Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	56 , 395	3.1%	79,139	3.9%
2nd Qtr	1,721,068	82.6%	105,482	4.7%
2nd Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	69 , 671	3.3%	118,557	5.2%
Adjusted 2nd Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	67,424	3.4%	116,853	5.4%
3rd Qtr	71,593	3.6%	88,362	4.3%
3rd Qtr excluding special items	71,593	3.6%	77,360	3.7%
Adjusted 3rd Qtr excluding special items	64,545	3.4%	73,405	3.6%
4th Qtr	404,174	12.4%	557,464	17.0%
4th Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	404,174	12.4%	520,888	15.8%
Adjusted 4th Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	383,395	12.2%	520,888	15.8%
Year	2,351,494	25.2%	831,759	8.6%
Year excluding special items	611,464	6.5%	797,256	8.2%
Adjusted Year excluding special items	571 , 759	6.5%	790 , 285	8.3%
6 Mos	1,875,727	45.8%	185,933	4.3%
6 Mos excluding special and nonrecurring items	135,697	3.3%	199,008	4.6%
Adjusted 6 Mos excluding special and nonrecurring items	123,819	3.3%	195,992	4.7%
9 Mos	1,947,320	32.0%	274,295	4.3%
9 Mos excluding special items	207,290	3.4%	276,368	4.3%
Adjusted 9 Mos excluding special items	188,364	3.3%	269 , 397	4.3%
12. Provision for Income Taxes		(Tax Rate)		(Tax Rate)
1st Qtr	65,000	42.0%	35,000	43.5%
2nd Qtr	33,000	1.9%	48,000	45.5%
3rd Qtr	31,000	43.3%	47,000	53.2%
4th Qtr	176,000	43.5%	241,000	43.2%
Year	305,000	13.0%	371,000	44.6%
6 Mos	98,000	5.2%	83,000	44.6%
9 Mos	129,000	6.6%	130,000	47.4%

PERIOD	1998		1999	
13. Net Income		(% of Sales)		(% of Sales)
		, ,		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
1st Qtr	89,659	4.5%	45,451	2.2%
1st Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	36,026	1.8%	45,451	2.2%
Adjusted 1st Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	30,495	1.7%	44,639	2.2%
2nd Qtr	1,688,068	81.0%	57,482	2.5%
2nd Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	36,671	1.8%	65,557	2.9%
Adjusted 2nd Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	35,324	1.8%	64,553	3.0%
3rd Qtr	40,593	2.0%	41,362	2.0%
3rd Qtr excluding special items	40,593	2.0%	43,360	2.1%
Adjusted 3rd Qtr excluding special items	36,345	1.9%	41,405	2.0%
4th Qtr	228,174	7.0%	316,464	9.6%
4th Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	228,174	7.0%	294,888	9.0%
Adjusted 4th Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	215,795	6.9%	294 , 888	9.0%
Wash	2 046 404	21 00	460 750	4 70
Year	2,046,494	21.9%	460,759	4.7%
Year excluding special items	341,464	3.7%	449,256	4.6%
Adjusted Year excluding special items	317,959	3.6%	445,485	4.7%
6 Mos	1,777,727	43.5% 1.8%	102,933	2.4%
6 Mos excluding gain on special and nonrecurring items	72,697 65,819	1.7%	111,008 109,192	2.5%
Adjusted 6 Mos excluding special and nonrecurring items 9 Mos	1,818,320	29.9%	144,295	2.2%
9 Mos excluding special items	113,290	1.9%	154,368	2.4%
Adjusted 9 Mos excluding special items	102,164	1.8%	150,597	2.4%
Majusted 9 Mos excitating special Items	102,104	1.00	130,397	2.43
14. Net Income		% Inc/(Dec)		% Inc/(Dec)
1st Qtr	89,659	170.2%	45,451	-49.3%
1st Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	36,026	30.6%	45,451	26.2%
Adjusted 1st Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	30,495	16.8%	44,639	46.4%
2nd Qtr	1,688,068	5294.9%	57 , 482	-96.6%
2nd Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	36,671	17.2%	65 , 557	78.8%
Adjusted 2nd Qtr excluding special and noncurring items	35,324	23.1%	64 , 553	82.7%
3rd Qtr	40,593	-49.1%	41,362	1.9%
3rd Qtr excluding special items	40,593		43,360	6.8%
Adjusted 3rd Qtr excluding special items	36,345	24.7%	41,405	13.9%
4th Qtr	228,174	238.3%	316,464	38.7%
4th Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	228,174		294,888	29.2%
Adjusted 4th Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	215,795	11.4%	294,888	36.7%
Year	2,046,494	866.9%	460,759	-77.5%
Year Excluding special items	341,464	3.7%	449,256	31.6%
Adjusted Year excluding special items	317,959	14.6%	445,485	40.2%
6 Mos	1,777,727	2657.4%	102,933	-94.2%
6 Mos excluding special and nonrecurring items	72,697	23.5%	111,008	52.7%
Adjusted 6 Mos excluding special and nonrecurring items	65,819	20.1%	109,192	65.9%
9 Mos	1,818,320	1160.9%	144,295	-92.1%
9 Mos excluding special items	113,290	12.4%	154,368	36.3%
Adjusted 9 Mos excluding special items	102,164	21.8%	150,597	47.4%

PERIOD	1998		1999	
15. Diluted Earnings Per Share		% Inc/(Dec)		% Inc/(Dec)
1st Qtr	\$0.32	166.7%	\$0.19	-40.6%
1st Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	\$0.13	26.0%	\$0.19	46.2%
Adjusted 1st Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	\$0.13	11.9%	\$0.19	46.2%
2nd Qtr	\$6.94	6209.1%	\$0.24	-96.5%
2nd Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	\$0.15	30.0%	\$0.28	86.7%
Adjusted 2nd Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	\$0.15	16.9%	\$0.27	80.0%
3rd Qtr	\$0.17	-41.4%	\$0.18	5.9%
3rd Qtr excluding special items	\$0.17	14.7%	\$0.19	11.8%
Adjusted 3rd Qtr excluding special items	\$0.15	22.6%	\$0.18	20.0%
4th Qtr	\$0.97	304.2%	\$1.41	45.4%
4th Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	\$0.97	14.9%	\$1.31	35.1%
Adjusted 4th Qtr excluding special and nonrecurring items	\$0.92	9.3%	\$1.31	42.4%
Year	\$8.29	976.6%	\$2.00	-75.9%
Year excluding special items	\$1.37	12.3%	\$1.95	42.3%
Adjusted Year excluding special items	\$1.35	10.9%	\$1.93	42.8%
6 Mos	\$6.80	2733.3%	\$0.43	-93.7%
6 Mos excluding special and nonrecurring items	\$0.28	27.6%	\$0.47	67.9%
Adjusted 6 Mos excluding special and nonrecurring items	\$0.28	14.8%	\$0.46	64.3%
9 Mos	\$7.24	1266.0%	\$0.62	-91.4%
9 Mos excluding special and nonrecurring items	\$0.45	21.7%	\$0.66	46.7%
Adjusted 9 Mos excluding special items	\$0.44	17.8%	\$0.65	47.7%
16. Weighted Average Diluted Shares Outstanding				
1st Qtr	279,362		235,547	
Adjusted 1st Qtr	232,287		235,547	
2nd Qtr	243,079		230,226	
Adjusted 2nd Qtr	234,802		230,226	
3rd Qtr	231,052		222,884	
Adjusted 3rd Qtr	231,052		222,884	
4th Qtr	231,783		222,471	
Adjusted 4th Qtr	231,783		222,471	
Year	246,319		227,782	
Adjusted Year	232,481		227,782	
6 Mos	261,221		232,887	
Adjusted 6 Mos	233,545		232,887	
9 Mos	251,164		229,552	
Adjusted 9 Mos	232,714		229 , 552	
17. Weighted Average Shares Outstanding - No Dilution				
1st Qtr	273,838		227,732	
2nd Qtr	236,132		221,029	
3rd Qtr	227,313		214,711	
4th Qtr	226,347		214,855	

PERIOD	1998		1999	
18. Dividends per Share	9	lnc/(Dec)		%Inc/(Dec)
1st Qtr	0.13	8.3%	0.15	15.4%
2nd Qtr	0.13	8.3%	0.15	15.4%
3rd Qtr	0.13	8.3%	0.15	15.4%
4th Qtr	0.13	8.3%	0.15	15.4%
Year	0.52	8.3%	0.60	15.4%
6 Mos	0.26	8.3%	0.30	15.4%
9 Mos	0.39	8.3%	0.45	15.4%

THE LIMITED INC. and SUBSIDIARIES Fourth Quarter 1999 Selected Data

	1999	1998	
Capital Expenditures (000)			
First Quarter	95,260	58,213	
Second Quarter	96,492	64,720	
Spring Season	191,752	122,933	
Third Quarter	97,241	163,387	
Fourth Quarter	86,402	61,036	
Year	375,395	347,356	
Depreciation & Amortization (000)			
First Ouarter	75,441	74,722	
Second Quarter	68,310	69,640	
Spring Season	 143,751	144,362	
Third Ouarter	64,597	69,784	
Fourth Quarter	64,095	71,854	
Year	272,443	286,000	
Long-Term Debt to Equity Ratio	18.6%	25.4%	
Interest Expense (000)			
First Quarter	16,790	15,741	
Second Quarter	20,159	16,414	
Spring Season	36 , 949	32,155	
Third Quarter	20,412	17,074	
Fourth Quarter	20,936	19,299	
Year	78,297	68,528	
Other Income (000)			
First Quarter	15,331	16,153	
Second Quarter	12,509	15,595	
Spring Season	27,840	31,748	
Third Quarter	9,655	12,561	
Fourth Quarter	13,542	14,956	
Year	51,037	59,265	