### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-1004

FORM 10-Q

Quarterly Report Under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

FOR QUARTER ENDED OCTOBER 25, 1997 COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-9656

LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MICHIGAN (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 38-0751137 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1284 North Telegraph Road, Monroe, Michigan48162-3390(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE (313) 241-4414

None Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.

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 and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes [X]

No

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Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each issuer's classes of common stock, as of the last practicable date:

Class	Outstanding at October 25, 1997
Common Shares, \$1.00 par value	17,828,415

## Part I. Financial Information

The Consolidated Balance Sheet and Consolidated Statement of Income required for Part I are contained in the Registrant's Financial Information Release dated November 4, 1997 and are incorporated herein by reference.

## LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Unaudited, dollar amounts in thousands)

				Six Months Ended		
			0ct. 25 1997			
Cash Flows from Operating Activities Net income	S		\$18,548			
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities						
Depreciation and amortization Change in receivables Change in inventories Change in other assets and liab.	(52,888)	(54,729)	(3,986)	(9,794)		
Change in deferred taxes	(1,960)	(878)	(1,960)	(878)		
Total adjustments			7,124	(718)		
Cash Provided by Operating Activities	(448)	(3,078)	25,672			
Cash Flows from Investing Activities Proceeds from disposals of assets Capital expenditures Change in other investments	76 (5,775)	608 (3,643) 179	392 (11,343) (288)	721 (8,223) (5,442)		
Cash Used for Investing Activities						
Cash Flows from Financing Activities Short-term debt Long-term debt Retirements of debt	- - (116)	- - (64)	- (2,041)	- - (3,004)		
Capital leases Capital lease principal payments Stock for stock option plans Stock for 401(k) employee plans Purchase of La-Z-Boy stock	(513) 1,091 283 (6,973)	(513) 376 285 (3,242)	(1,040) 3,103 686 (9,397)	(1,078) 1,846 668 (10,368)		
Payment of cash dividends	(3,775)	(2,981)	(7,543)	(6,463)		
Cash Used for Financing Activities						
Effect of exch. rate changes on cas				107 		
Net change in cash and equivalents	(15,929)	(11,914)	(1,701)	(12,104)		
Cash and equiv. beginning of period	39,610	26,870	25,382	27,060		
Cash and equiv. at end of period		\$14,956 ======	23,681 ======	14,956 =====		
Cash paid during period - Income ta - Interest	xes \$6,222 \$955		\$7,663 \$1,794	\$10,770 \$1,970		

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

The accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

### 1. Basis of Presentation

The financial information is prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and such principles are applied on a basis consistent with those reflected in the 1997 Annual Report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The financial information included herein, other than the consolidated balance sheet as of April 26, 1997, has been prepared by management without audit by independent certified public accountants who do not express an opinion thereon. The consolidated balance sheet as of October 25, 1997 has been prepared on a basis consistent with but does not include all the disclosures contained in, the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended April 26, 1997. The information furnished includes all adjustments and accruals consisting only of normal recurring accrual adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of results for the interim period.

2. Interim Results

The foregoing interim results are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for the full fiscal year ending April 25, 1998.

3. Commitments and Contingencies

There has been no significant change from the prior fiscal year end audited financial statements.

### LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED AND OPERATING DIVISIONS MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION

Due to the cyclical nature of the Company's business, comparison of operations between the most recently completed quarter and the immediate preceding quarter would not be meaningful and could be misleading to the reader of these financial statements.

For further Management Discussion, see attached Exhibit 99.(a)

The Company's strong financial position is reflected in the debt to capital percentage of 14% and a current ratio of 3.2 to 1 at the end of the Second quarter. At April 26, 1997, the debt to capital percentage was 15% and the current ratio was 3.5 to 1. At the end of the preceding year's Second quarter, the debt to capital percentage was 16% and the current ratio was 3.2 to 1. As of October 25, 1997, there was \$63 million of unused lines of credit available under several credit arrangements.

Approximately 30% of the 4 million shares of Company stock authorized for purchase on the open market are still available for purchase by the Company. The Company plans to be in the market for its shares as changes in its stock price and other factors present appropriate opportunities.

### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 5. Other Information

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On October 29, 1997, The Board of Directors of La-Z-Boy Incorporated announced that Gerald L. Kiser has been named President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. The Board of Directors named Patrick H. Norton to Chairman of the Board of the company. Mr. Kiser was promoted from Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Norton will continue to direct all sales and marketing activities.

For Further detail, see attached exhibit 99.(b)

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

of Michigan, on September 18,1997.

(3ii) By-Laws of la-Z-Boy Incorporated

(27) Financial Data Schedule (EDGAR only).

- (99) (a) News Release and Financial Information Release: re Actual second quarter results and Management Discussion dated November 4, 1997 (filed herewith).
- (99) (b) News Release: re Changes in Management of Registrant dated October 29, 1997.

### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 25, 1997 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED (Registrant)

Date November 4, 1997

/s/G.M. Hardy

Gene M. Hardy Secretary and Treasurer (Principal Accounting Officer)

5 1,000 3-MOS APR-25-1998 0CT-25-1997 23,681 0 216,989 0 88,921 288,909 169,662 544 50 352,413 544<sup>°</sup>, 584 111,628 0 17,828 0 0 299,798 544,584 505,534 505,534 379,554 379,554 95,757 0 2,051 30,443 11,895 18,548 0 0 0 18,548 1.04 1.04 Receivables are reported net of allowances for doubtful accounts on the Statement of Financial Position.

### News Release -------LA-Z-BOY HAD HIGHER SALES, LOWER PROFITS IN SECOND QUARTER

MONROE, MI., November 4, 1997: La-Z-Boy Incorporated continued reaching record levels of quarterly sales; while profits rebounded from the first quarter.

# Financial Details

For the second quarter ended 10/25/97, sales reached \$293.2 million, up 8% from last year's second quarter of \$271.6 million. Operating profit was \$27.4 million vs. \$25.5 million. Net income was \$16.8 million vs. \$15.3 million, and net income per share was \$0.94 vs. \$0.84.

For the six months ended 10/25/97 sales were \$506.5 million, up 7% from last year's first half of \$473.8 million. Operating profit was \$30.2 million vs. \$33.5 million. Net income was \$18.5 million vs. \$19.8 million, and net income per share was \$1.04 vs. \$1.09. (About \$0.10 of the \$0.15 decline in first quarter net income per share was due to La-Z-Boy's largest customer, Montgomery Ward, declaring bankruptcy.)

# Short Term Sales Trends are Good:

Sales order backlogs as of today and recent short term trends in sales orders indicate that November's and December's shipments over comparable prior year months will be above the 8% second quarter increase. The strength in sales extends across most product lines and divisions

#### Marketing

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The recently completed International Home Furnishings Market in High Point, North Carolina featured a broad spectrum of introductions from England/Corsair, "Cadence", a lifestyle occasional collection from Hammary, and "American Artifact", an updated "mission" look from Kincaid. La-Z-Boy Residential introductions included deluxe massage recliners with built-in telephones and digital answering machines aimed at today's "high tech" customers and significant enhancements to the reclining sofa category.

The La-Z-Boy brand recently placed 9th out of 260 household brands in a study by HFN magazine. (The next highest furniture manufacturer placed 32nd.) To continue building the power and the strength of the La-Z-Boy name, the Residential Division recently launched an extensive national magazine advertising campaign in the nation's most widely read women's magazines and home decorating publications. The series of four ads shows how the style, comfort and variety of La-Z-Boy upholstered home furnishings fit many family lifestyles. The campaign will run through April 1998 and continues to offer consumers the free La-Z-Boy Home Furnishings Kit and the name of their nearest authorized La-Z-Boy dealer through our 1-800 Make-A-Home toll free number.

The Contract Furniture Group continues to post solid gains as a result of a very healthy business climate in the office furniture market. The closing of the Grand Rapids, Michigan facilities has been completed and the manufacturing of systems furniture and laminate desks in the Lincolnton, North Carolina facility is well underway.

### More Information

La-Z-Boy's second quarter 10-Q filing including a full income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement and additional management discussion is available now at La-Z-Boys worldwide web site (www.lazboy.com). About 24 to 48 hours after this release, the second quarter 10-Q information should be available on the SEC's web site in their EDGAR databases (www.sec.gov). The SEC's site also contains additional La-Z-Boy financial information, including 8-K and other filings, going back about two years.

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11/04/97 La-Z-Boy Incorporated Financial Information Release 1 of 3 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME (Amounts in thousands, except per share data)

SECOND QUARTER ENDED (UNAUDITED)

	1997	1996	(Under)	1997	1996
Sales Cost of sales		\$271,554 197,017			
Gross profit	77,838	74,537	4%	26.5%	27.4%
S, G & A	50,400	49,006	3%	17.1%	18.0%
Operating profit	27,438	25,531		9.4%	9.4%
Interest expense Interest income Other income	512	1,097 367 521	40%	0.2%	0.1%
Pretax income	27,450	25,322	8%	9.4%	9.3%
Income taxes	10,628	10,070	6%	38.7%*	39.8%*
Net income	\$16,822	\$15,252	10%	5.7%	5.6%
Average shares	17,888	18,125	-1%		
Net income per share	\$0.94	\$0.84	12%		
Dividends per share	\$0.21	\$0.19	11%		

## SIX MONTHS ENDED (UNAUDITED)

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		0ct. 26, 1996	(Under)	1997	
Sales Cost of sales		\$473,781 351,934	7% 8%	100.0% 75.1%	100.0% 74.3%
Gross profit		121,847			
S, G & A	95,757	88,360	8%	18.9%	18.6%
Operating profit		33,487			
Interest expense Interest income Other income	1,277	2,204 830 1,306	- 2%	0.4% 0.2% 0.2%	0.3%
Pretax income		33,419			
Income taxes	11,895	13,569	-12%	39.1%*	40.6%*
Net income	\$18,548	\$19,850 =====	- 7%	3.7%	4.2%
Average shares	17,920	18,208	- 2%		
Net Income per share	\$1.04	\$1.09	- 5%		
Dividends per share	\$0.42	\$0.38	11%		

\* As a percent of pretax income, not sales.

## 11/04/97 La-Z-Boy Incorporated Financial Information Release 2 of 3 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Dollars in thousands)

	Unaudited		Increase (Decrease)		Audited
	Oct. 25, 1997	Oct. 26, 1996	`		April 26,
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Current assets Cash & equivalents Receivables Inventories	\$23,681 216,989	,	. ,		\$25,382 215,032
Raw materials Work-in-process Finished goods	36,652	40,042 38,556 33,406	(1,904)	- 5%	
FIFO inventories Excess of FIFO over LIF	 110,434	 112,004	(1,570)		99,990 (21,219)
Total inventories	88,921	90,208	(1,287)	-1%	78,771
Deferred income taxes Other current assets		20,149 7,621			20,950 2,640
Total current assets	352,413	347,983	4,430	1%	342,775
Property, plant & equipment	119,247	115,297	3,950	3%	114,658
Goodwill	41,755	39,532	2,223	6%	38,702
Other long-term assets	31,169	31,075	94	0%	32,272
Total assets	\$544,584 ======	\$533,887 ======	\$10,697 ======	2% =======	\$528,407 ======

	Unaudited		Increase (Decrease)		Audited
	Oct. 25,	Oct. 26,			April 26,
	1997	1996			
Current liabilities	<b>#F</b> 440	<b>#4</b> 005	¢ 400	4 4 0/	<b>#4 C11</b>
Current portion - 1/t debt				1 4%	\$4,611 2,017
Current portion - captl leas Accounts payable	27 570	2,072	(294)	-14%	2,017
Payroll/other comp	37,379	32,798	(4, 127)	-10%	20,309 37,934
Estimated income taxes		9,217			5,412
Other current liabilities					19,106
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Total current liabilities	111,628	109,391			97,669
Long-term debt	52,522	55,071	(2,549)	- 5%	52,449
Capital leases	1,401	3,183	(1,782)	-56%	2,202
Deferred income taxes	5,814	6,663	(849)	-13%	6,329
Other long-term liabilities	10,343	10,502	(159)	- 2%	10,420
Commitments & contingencies					
Shareholders' equity					
17,828,415 shares, \$1.00 par	17.828	18,135	(307)	- 2%	17,908
Capital in excess of par	28,378	27,856	522	2%	27,697
Retained earnings	317,626	303,693	13,933	5%	314,731
Currency translation		(607)			(998)
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Total shareholders' equity	362,876	349,077	13,799	4%	359,338
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$544,584	\$533,887	\$10,697	2%	\$528,407

Overall:

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Refer to today's press release for additional information.

The quarter ended October 25, 1997 includes three months of income statement information and the balance sheet of Centurion Furniture plc, the recently acquired furniture manufacturer located in England. Annual sales for Centurion for the year ended 3/31/97 were \$12 million.

### Gross Profit:

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Gross profit margins declined to 26.5% of sales from 27.4% in last year's second quarter on an 8% increase in sales dollars and a 4% increase in sales units. A combination of both selling price increases and favorable merchandising trends was offset by increased production costs. Similar to the first quarter, a major reason for these increased costs was disruptions in the delivery of hardwood and plywood parts. Secondly, additional costs associated with the relocation of contract casegoods operations occurred.

The hardwood and plywood problems experienced in the first and second quarter are thought to be mostly resolved and are not expected to impact future quarters. Costs relating to the contract casegoods consolidation are expected to continue into the third quarter but with a declining impact.

## S,G & A:

Second quarter S, G & A decreased from 18.0% of sales last year to 17.1% due mainly to decreases in bonus accruals and lower commission rates. Offsetting the decrease, information technologies expenses continue to increase as discussed in the first quarter.

## Interest Income:

Interest income increased 40% from last year due to an increase in cash balances. The collection rate on receivables was a major contributor to the increase in cash.

# Estimated Income Taxes:

Estimated income taxes increased 21% over last year. Lower payments were remitted during the second quarter FY98 compared to FY97 due to first quarter income being significantly lower than prior year. Federal law allows estimated taxes for the first and second quarters to be based on annualized income for the first three months only.

### Other Current Assets:

Other current assets have decreased 94% over last year. One major reason for the decrease was the timing of advertising related expenditures being later in FY98 vs FY97. In addition, assets for the company's selfinsured healthcare plans have been decreasing over the last year due to many plants switching from traditional insurance plans to HMO's. This trend is

# Other Current Liabilities:

not expected to continue.

Other current liabilities increased 25% from last year. The third dividend of the fiscal year was declared in the second quarter to be paid in the third quarter. In the prior year this dividend was not declared until the third quarter. The dividend payment is expected to be approximately \$3.7 million.

### News Release

#### LA-Z-BOY NAMES KISER PRESIDENT AND COO

MONROE, Mich, October 29, 1997 -- The board of directors of La-Z-Boy Incorporated announced today that Gerald L. Kiser, 50, has been named president, chief operating officer (COO) and member of the board of the nation's leading manufacturer of upholstered furniture. In his new capacity, Kiser will be responsible for the supervision of all operations of the corporation.

Kiser's promotion followed the recent death of Charles T. Knabusch, president and chairman of La-Z-Boy Incorporated, who led the company from \$53 million to more than \$1 billion in sales during his tenure at the helm of the company. As part of Knabusch's plan to successfully transfer management of the company to the next generation management group, earlier this year the board elevated Kiser to executive vice president and COO from his former position as vice president of operations.

The board, in keeping with the management transition plan, named Patrick H. Norton, 75, to chairman where his primary duties will be to continue to direct the sales and marketing activities of the company and its subsidiaries. To ensure that Knabusch's succession goals are accomplished, Norton will work with Kiser to complete the management transition to the team that will lead the company's aggressive future marketing program.

In addition, the board promoted Frederick H. Jackson, 69, to executive vice president - finance from vice president of finance. The company's executive committee will continue to include Kiser, Norton and Jackson.

Kiser's extensive background in the furniture industry includes five years as vice president of operations for Kincaid Furniture Company, a La-Z-Boy subsidiary located in Hudson, N.C. Prior to joining Kincaid, Kiser held the position of case goods division manufacturing manager for Broyhill. He also is currently active in the American Furniture Manufacturers Association.

Headquartered in Monroe, Mich., La-Z-Boy is the nation's leading manufacturer of upholstered furniture and world's leading producer of reclining chairs. The company employs 11,500 people, has 31 manufacturing facilities in the United States, Canada and Europe, and operates seven independent divisions, including La-Z-Boy Residential; La-Z-Boy Business Furniture Group; Hammary Furniture Company, Kincaid Furniture Company; England/Corsair, Inc.; La-Z-Boy Canada and Centurion Furniture PLC (U.K).