

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

May 29, 1997  
(Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported))

LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Michigan  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-9656  
(Commission File Number)

38-0751137  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1284 N. Telegraph Road  
Monroe, Michigan 48162  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

(313) 242-1444  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

[not applicable]  
(Former Name or Former Address If Changed Since Last Report)

Item 5. Other Events

Exhibit Number	Description
(27)	Financial Data Schedule (EDGAR only)
(99)(a)	News Release and Financial Information Release
(99)(b)	Annual Report Financial Section

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 hereunto duly authorized.

LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED

Date: May 29, 1997

Gene M. Hardy  
Secretary and Treasurer

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LA-Z-BOY TOPS \$1 BILLION IN SALES  
NET INCOME PER SHARE REACHED \$2.50

MONROE, MI., May 29, 1997: La-Z-Boy Incorporated exceeded one billion dollars in sales, as net income per share reached a record \$2.50 for the furniture company's 1997 fiscal year ended April 26. Chairman and President Charles T. Knabusch said La-Z-Boy concluded its fiscal year with "a strong fourth quarter." It was the seventh consecutive quarter in which sales and profits improved over comparable prior year periods.

Financial Details

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For the 1997 FISCAL YEAR, sales reached \$1,005.8 million, up 6% from last year's \$947.3 million. Operating profit rose 10% to \$73.9 million vs. \$67.5 million. Net income increased 15% to \$45.3 million vs. \$39.3 million, and net income per share was up 18% to \$2.50 from \$2.12.

FOURTH QUARTER sales increased 8% to \$287.5 million from sales of \$266.8 million in last year's fourth quarter. Operating profit rose 6% to \$24.6 million vs. \$23.3 million. Net income rose 11% to \$15.6 million vs. \$14.0 million. Net income per share increased 14% to \$0.87 from \$0.76.

Chairman Comments

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Mr. Knabusch said, "Fiscal 1997 saw La-Z-Boy sales and profits reach record levels. Sales passed the billion dollar mark thanks to hard work by La-Z-Boy employees, our supplier companies and our vast network of retail dealers. The dedicated efforts of all these people honor our late chairman Edward M. Knabusch and our current vice chairman Edwin J. Shoemaker who founded the company 70 years ago and poured their energies into making La-Z-Boy our industry's best-known name and one of its most respected names."

Marketing

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Sales benefited from aggressive advertising and promotional programs that included a La-Z-Boy/ Plymouth Road Home Sweepstakes. The sweepstakes, whose two top prizes were Plymouth Voyager minivans, generated higher retail store traffic for La-Z-Boy dealers.

In June, a La-Z-Boy Great Room Giveaway National Sweepstakes will help dealers showcase La-Z-Boy's full line of upholstered products. On June 1, the nation's two top weekend magazines -- Parade and USA Weekend -- will feature La-Z-Boy advertisements. These ads will reach some 57 million readers in a 48-hour period.

Acquisitions

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As part of a platform for expanding into Europe, the Company recently acquired a 75% interest in Centurion Furniture plc, which has been La-Z-Boy's manufacturing and sales licensee in England. Centurion recorded approximately \$12 million in sales for their year ended March, 1997. The investment in Centurion is reflected in "Other long-term assets" on the balance sheet. Plans are to include their operating results in the second half of fiscal year 1998.

Sales Orders

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In recent weeks, La-Z-Boy has been receiving incoming orders at a higher rate than for the similar period last year. Sales backlogs, however, generally are lower, due in part to success in filling sales orders more promptly.

More Information

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La-Z-Boy's 8-K filing includes a full income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement and additional management discussion. This information can be found in the SEC's EDGAR databases or at [www.lazboy.com](http://www.lazboy.com). See [www.lzbcontract.com](http://www.lzbcontract.com) and [www.hammary.com](http://www.hammary.com) for more information on two of La-Z-Boy's operating divisions.

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(Amounts in thousands, except per share data)

FOURTH QUARTER ENDED (UNAUDITED)					
	Amounts			Percent of Sales	
	Apr. 26,	Apr. 27,	% Over	1997	1996
	1997	1996	(Under)		
Sales	\$287,463	\$266,832	8%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	211,749	194,755	9%	73.7%	73.0%
Gross profit	75,714	72,077	5%	26.3%	27.0%
S, G & A	51,105	48,751	5%	17.7%	18.3%
Operating profit	24,609	23,326	6%	8.6%	8.7%
Interest expense	1,076	1,188	-9%	0.4%	0.4%
Interest Income	510	645	-21%	0.2%	0.2%
Other income	563	736	-24%	0.2%	0.3%
Pretax income	24,606	23,519	5%	8.6%	8.8%
Income taxes	8,960	9,481	-5%	36.4%*	40.3%*
Net income	\$15,646	\$14,038	11%	5.4%	5.3%
Average shares	17,929	18,457	-3%		
Net income per share	\$0.87	\$0.76	14%		
Dividends per share	\$0.21	\$0.19	11%		

FISCAL YEAR ENDED (AUDITED)					
	Amounts			Percent of Sales	
	Apr. 26,	Apr. 27,	% Over	1997	1996
	1997	1996	(Under)		
Sales	\$1,005,825	\$947,263	6%*	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	744,662	705,379	6%	74.0%	74.5%
Gross profit	261,163	241,884	8%	26.0%	25.5%
S,G & A	187,230	174,376	7%	18.6%	18.4%
Operating profit	73,933	67,508	10%	7.4%	7.1%
Interest expense	4,376	5,306	-18%	0.4%	0.6%
Interest Income	1,770	1,975	-10%	0.2%	0.2%
Other income	2,508	2,023	24%	0.1%	0.3%
Pretax income	73,835	66,200	12%	7.3%	7.0%
Income taxes	28,538	26,947	6%	38.7%*	40.7%*
Net income	\$45,297	\$39,253	15%	4.5%	4.1%
Average shares	18,108	18,498	-2%		
Net income per share	\$2.50	\$2.12	18%		
Dividends per share	\$0.78	\$0.74	5%		

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

	Audited		Increase (Decrease)	
	Apr. 26, 1997	Apr. 27, 1996	Dollars	Percent
Current assets				
Cash & equivalents	\$25,382	\$27,060	\$(1,678)	-6%
Receivables	215,032	206,430	8,602	4%
Inventories				
Raw materials	36,959	37,274	(315)	-1%
Work-in-process	34,854	35,241	(387)	-1%
Finished goods	28,177	28,333	(156)	-1%
FIFO inventories	99,990	100,848	(858)	-1%
Excess of FIFO over LIFO	(21,219)	(21,656)	437	2%
Total inventories	78,771	79,192	(421)	-1%
Deferred income taxes	20,950	19,271	1,679	9%
Other current assets	2,640	5,148	(2,508)	-49%
Total current assets	342,775	337,101	5,674	2%
Property, plant & equipment	114,658	116,199	(1,541)	-1%
Goodwill	38,702	40,359	(1,657)	-4%
Other long-term assets	32,272	23,887	8,385	35%
Total assets	\$528,407	\$517,546	\$10,861	2%

	Audited		Increase (Decrease)	
	Apr. 26, 1997	Apr. 27, 1996	Dollars	Percent
Current liabilities				
Current portion-l/t debt	\$4,611	\$5,625	\$(1,014)	-18%
Current portion-cap. leases	2,017	2,114	(97)	-5%
Accounts payable	28,589	30,997	(2,408)	-8%
Payroll/Other Comp.	37,934	34,609	3,325	10%
Estimated income taxes	5,412	5,572	(160)	-3%
Other current liabilities	19,106	17,601	1,505	9%
Total current liabilities	97,669	96,518	1,151	1%
Long-term debt	52,449	57,075	(4,626)	-8%
Capital leases	2,202	4,219	(2,017)	-48%
Deferred income taxes	6,329	6,663	(334)	-5%
Other long-term liabilities	10,420	9,695	725	7%
Shareholders' equity				
17,907,526 shares, \$1.00 par	17,908	18,385	(477)	-3%
Capital in excess of par	27,697	28,016	(319)	-1%
Retained earnings	314,731	297,750	16,981	6%
Currency translation	(998)	(775)	(223)	-29%
Total shareholders' equity	359,338	343,376	15,962	5%
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$528,407	\$517,546	\$10,861	2%

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Overall

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Refer to today's press release for additional information.

Gross Profit

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Fourth quarter gross profit declined to 26.3% of sales from 27.0% of sales last year. The decline was largely due to year-end physical in-

ventory adjustments. The adjustments were unfavorable this year and favorable last year. The Company uses various techniques to reduce the effect of physical inventory adjustments, however, there is always some uncertainty as to the outcome of the adjustments.

#### S, G and A

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Fourth quarter S, G & A declined to 17.7% of sales vs. 18.3% last year. Last year included some one-time adjustments which increased S, G & A a total of 0.7 points as a percent of sales. Excluding these adjustments, S, G & A was up 0.1 points as a percent of sales.

#### Income Taxes

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Fourth quarter income tax expense as a percent of pretax income was 36.4% vs. 40.3% last year. Last year included a one-time amortization adjustment which increased the effective tax rate. The Canadian division results for the current quarter were favorable, reversing some of the unfavorable tax impacts recorded in prior quarters. The prior year Canadian division results were unfavorable, generating unfavorable tax impacts, which increased the prior year effective rate. In addition, the benefits of some efforts to reduce tax expense were recognized during the quarter.

#### Other Long-term Assets

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Other long-term assets increased 35% from last year. A major reason for the increase was an investment in Centurion Furniture, plc, a furniture manufacturer located in England. During fiscal year 1997, approximately 75% of their ordinary share capital was acquired. The remainder of the ordinary share capital is expected to be acquired in the first quarter of fiscal year 1998. Most of the remaining increase relates to various proprietary store related financing activities.

Financial Report

Report of Management Responsibilities

La-Z-Boy Incorporated

The management of La-Z-Boy Incorporated is responsible for the preparation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements, related financial data, and all other information included in the following pages. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and include amounts based on management's estimates and judgements where appropriate.

Management is further responsible for maintaining the adequacy and effectiveness of established internal controls. These controls provide reasonable assurance that the assets of La-Z-Boy Incorporated are safeguarded and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and are recorded properly for the preparation of financial statements. The internal control system is supported by written policies and procedures, the careful selection and training of qualified personnel, and a program of internal auditing.

The accompanying report of the Company's independent accountants states their opinion on the Company's financial statements, based on examinations conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The Board of Directors, through its Audit Committee composed exclusively of outside directors, is responsible for reviewing and monitoring the financial statements and accounting practices. The Audit Committee meets periodically with the internal auditors, management, and the independent accountants to ensure that each is meeting its responsibilities. The Audit Committee and the independent accountants have free access to each other with or without management being present.

Charles T. Knabusch  
Chief Executive Officer

Frederick H. Jackson  
Chief Financial Officer

Report of Independent Accountants

Price Waterhouse LLP

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of La-Z-Boy Incorporated:

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheet and the related consolidated statements of income, of changes in shareholders' equity, and of cash flows, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of La-Z-Boy Incorporated and its subsidiaries at April 26, 1997 and April 27, 1996, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three fiscal years in the period ended April 26, 1997, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

Price Waterhouse LLP  
Toledo, Ohio  
May 29, 1997

Consolidated Balance Sheet

(Amounts in thousands, except par value)

As of	April 26, 1997	April 27, 1996
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Assets		
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Current assets		
Cash and equivalents.....	\$25,382	\$27,060
Receivables, less allowances of \$16,442 in 1997 and \$15,253 in 1996.....	215,032	206,430
Inventories		
Raw materials.....	36,959	37,274
Work-in-process.....	34,854	35,241
Finished goods.....	28,177	28,333
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FIFO inventories.....	99,990	100,848
Excess of FIFO over LIFO.....	(21,219)	(21,656)
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Total inventories.....	78,771	79,192
Deferred income taxes.....	20,950	19,271
Other current assets.....	2,640	5,148
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Total current assets.....	342,775	337,101
Property, plant and equipment, net.....	114,658	116,199
Goodwill, less accumulated amortization of \$9,744 in 1997 and \$8,087 in 1996.....	38,702	40,359
Other long-term assets, less allowances of \$2,489 in 1997 and \$2,780 in 1996.....	32,272	23,887
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Total assets.....	\$528,407	\$517,546
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#### Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity

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Current liabilities		
Current portion of long-term debt.....	\$4,611	\$5,625
Current portion of capital leases.....	2,017	2,114
Accounts payable.....	28,589	30,997
Payroll/other compensation.....	37,934	34,609
Estimated income taxes.....	5,412	5,572
Other current liabilities.....	19,106	17,601
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Total current liabilities.....	97,669	96,518
Long-term debt.....	52,449	57,075
Capital leases.....	2,202	4,219
Deferred income taxes.....	6,329	6,663
Other long-term liabilities.....	10,420	9,695
Shareholders' equity		
Preferred shares - 5,000 authorized; 0 issued.....	--	--
Common shares, \$1 par value - 40,000 authorized; 17,908 issued in 1997 and 18,385 in 1996.....	17,908	18,385
Capital in excess of par value.....	27,697	28,016
Retained earnings.....	314,731	297,750
Currency translation adjustments.....	(998)	(775)
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Total shareholders' equity.....	359,338	343,376
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity....	\$528,407	\$517,546
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The accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

#### Consolidated Statement of Income

(Amounts in thousands, except per share data)

Year Ended	April 26, 1997	April 27, 1996	April 29, 1995
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Sales.....	\$1,005,825	\$947,263	\$850,271
Cost of sales.....	744,662	705,379	629,222



Gross profit.....	261,163	241,884	221,049
Selling, general and administrative..	187,230	174,376	158,551
Operating profit.....	73,933	67,508	62,498
Interest expense.....	4,376	5,306	3,334
Interest income.....	1,770	1,975	1,628
Other income.....	2,508	2,023	1,229
Pretax income.....	73,835	66,200	62,021
Income tax expense			
Federal - current.....	26,247	23,383	22,716
- deferred.....	(1,699)	(818)	(1,205)
State - current.....	4,304	4,540	4,177
- deferred.....	(314)	(158)	31
Total tax expense.....	28,538	26,947	25,719
Net income.....	\$45,297	\$39,253	\$36,302
Weighted average shares.....	18,108	18,498	18,044
Net income per share.....	\$2.50	\$2.12	\$2.01

The years ended April 26, 1997 and April 27, 1996 include England/Corsair.  
The year ended April 29, 1995 does not include England/Corsair.

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

#### Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(Amounts in thousands)

Year Ended	April 26, 1997	April 27, 1996	April 29, 1995
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income.....	\$45,297	\$39,253	\$36,302
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization.....	20,382	20,147	15,156
Change in receivables.....	(8,178)	(13,492)	(6,013)
Change in inventories.....	421	1,899	(4,142)
Change in other assets and liab.....	4,254	5,184	1,624
Change in deferred taxes.....	(2,014)	(975)	(2,619)
Total adjustments.....	14,865	12,763	4,006
Cash provided by operating activities.....	60,162	52,016	40,308
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Proceeds from disposals of assets.....	1,527	1,063	1,442
Capital expenditures.....	(17,778)	(18,168)	(18,980)
Acquisition of operating division, net of cash acquired.....	--	--	(2,486)
Change in other investments.....	(8,596)	(1,229)	(254)
Cash used for investing activities	(24,847)	(18,334)	(20,278)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Short-term debt.....	--	--	261
Long-term debt.....	--	--	7,500
Retirements of debt.....	(5,640)	(13,125)	(5,011)
Capital leases.....	--	1,161	--
Capital lease principal payments	(2,114)	(2,204)	--
Stock for stock option plans.....	4,213	2,876	1,834
Stock for 401(k) employee plans.....	1,568	1,378	1,521

Purchases of La-Z-Boy stock.....	(20,751)	(10,035)	(12,722)
Payments of cash dividends.....	(14,142)	(13,706)	(12,286)
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Cash used for financing activities	(36,866)	(33,655)	(18,953)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash...	(127)	(15)	45
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Net change in cash and equivalents.....	(1,678)	12	1,122
Cash and equiv. at beginning of the year..	27,060	27,048	25,926
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Cash and equiv. at end of the year.....	\$25,382	\$27,060	\$27,048
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Cash paid during the year - Income taxes..	\$28,670	\$27,024	\$28,010
- Interest.....	\$4,437	\$5,408	\$3,281

For purposes of the Consolidated 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 Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

### Consolidated Statement of Shareholders' Equity

(Amounts in thousands)

	Common Shares	Capital in Excess of Par Value	Retained Earnings	Currency Trans- lation Adjust- ments	Total
At April 30, 1994..	\$18,287	\$10,147	\$236,348	(\$871)	\$290,911
Purchases of La-Z-Boy stock..	(529)		(12,243)		(12,772)
Currency translation.....				126	126
Stock options/401(k).....	137	601	2,617		3,355
Acquisition of operating division.....	667	17,337			18,004
Dividends paid.....			(12,286)		(12,286)
Net income.....			36,302		36,302
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At April 29, 1995..	18,562	28,085	277,738	(745)	323,640
Purchases of La-Z-Boy stock..	(372)		(9,663)		(10,035)
Currency translation.....				(30)	(30)
Stock options/401(k).....	195	(69)	4,128		4,254
Dividends paid.....			(13,706)		(13,706)
Net income.....			39,253		39,253
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At April 27, 1996..	18,385	28,016	297,750	(775)	343,376
Purchases of La-Z-Boy stock..	(693)		(20,058)		(20,751)
Currency translation.....				(223)	(223)
Stock options/401(k).....	216	(319)	5,884		5,781
Dividends paid.....			(14,142)		(14,142)
Net income.....			45,297		45,297
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At April 26, 1997..	\$17,908	\$27,697	\$314,731	(\$998)	\$359,338
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The accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

### Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

#### Note 1: Accounting Policies

The Company operates primarily in the U.S. furniture industry. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed in the preparation

of these financial statements.

#### Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of La-Z-Boy Incorporated and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

#### Risks And Uncertainties

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, which require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, sales and expenses for the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined on the last-in, first-out (LIFO) basis.

#### Property, Plant and Equipment

Items capitalized, including significant betterments to existing facilities, are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed using primarily accelerated methods over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

#### Goodwill

The excess of the cost of operating companies acquired over the value of their net assets is amortized on a straight-line basis over 30 years from the date of acquisition.

Goodwill is evaluated periodically as events or circumstances indicate a possible inability to recover its carrying amount. Such evaluation is based on profitability projections and cash flow analysis. If future expected undiscounted cash flows are insufficient to recover the carrying amount of the asset, then an impairment loss is recognized.

#### Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized upon shipment of product.

#### Income Taxes

Income tax expense is provided on all revenue and expense items included in the consolidated statement of income, regardless of the period such items are recognized for income tax purposes.

#### Note 2: Acquisitions

On April 29, 1995, the Company acquired all of the capital stock of England/Corsair, Inc., a manufacturer of upholstered furniture. For the twelve months ended April 1995, England/Corsair sales were \$103.2 million and income before income tax expense was \$3.9 million.

During fiscal year 1997, La-Z-Boy acquired approximately 75% of the ordinary share capital of Centurion Furniture plc, a furniture manufacturer located in England. The remainder of the ordinary share capital is expected to be acquired in the first quarter of fiscal year 1998. Sales for their year ended March 31, 1997 were \$12 million. The investment appears in other long-term assets on the balance sheet.

#### Note 3: Cash and Equivalents

(Amounts in thousands)

	April 26, 1997	April 27, 1996
Cash in bank.....	\$5,782	\$7,060
Certificates of deposit.....	19,600	20,000
Total cash and equivalents.....	\$25,382	\$27,060
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The Company invests in certificates of deposit with a bank whose board of directors includes three members of the Company's board of directors. At the end of both fiscal years 1997 and 1996, \$16 million was invested in this bank's certificates.

Note 4: Property, Plant and Equipment

(Amounts in thousands)

	Estimated Life(years)	Depreciation Method	April 26, 1997	April 27, 1996
Land and land improvements.....	0-20	150% DB	\$ 11,296	\$ 10,753
Buildings and building fixtures.	15-30	150% DB	110,875	108,120
Machinery and equipment.....	10	200% DB	107,316	99,869
Information systems.....	5	200% DB	16,295	14,888
Network and tracking systems....	5-10	SL	1,873	253
Transportation equipment.....	5	SL	14,974	16,680
Other.....	3-10	Various	14,186	14,875
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			276,815	265,438
Less: accumulated depreciation.....			162,157	149,239
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Property, plant and equipment, net..			\$114,658	\$116,199
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DB = Declining Balance SL = Straight Line

Note 5: Debt and Capital Lease Obligations

(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	Interest rates	Maturities	April 26, 1997	April 27, 1996
Credit lines.....	5.9%-6.1%	1998-02	\$15,000	\$15,000
Private placement.....	8.8%	1998-00	5,625	7,500
La-Z-Boy notes.....	8.0%	1998-99	4,984	7,476
Industrial revenue bonds..	3.8%-4.7%	1999-15	30,870	31,870
Other debt.....	5.0%-7.0%	1998-00	581	854
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Total debt.....			\$57,060	\$62,700
Less: current portion.....			4,611	5,625
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Long-term debt.....			\$52,449	\$57,075
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	Weighted average interest		5.4%	5.5%
	Fair value of long-term debt		\$57,200	\$62,931

The Company has a \$50 million unsecured revolving credit line through August 2001, requiring interest only payments through August 2001 and requiring principal payment in August 2001. The Credit Agreement also includes covenants that, among other things, require the Company to maintain certain financial statement ratios. The Company has complied with all of the requirements.

Proceeds from industrial revenue bonds were used to finance the construction of manufacturing facilities. These arrangements require the Company to insure and maintain the facilities and make annual payments that includes interest. The bonds are secured by the facilities constructed from the bond proceeds.

The Company leases equipment (primarily trucks used as transportation equipment) under capital leases expiring at various dates through fiscal year 2001. The majority of the leases include bargain purchase options.

Maturities of debt and lease obligations for the five years subsequent to April 26, 1997 are \$7 million, \$7 million, \$3 million, \$1 million and \$22 million, respectively. As of April 26, 1997, the Company had remaining unused lines of credit and commitments of \$63 million under several credit arrangements.

Note 6: Financial Guarantees

La-Z-Boy has provided financial guarantees relating to loans and leases in connection with some proprietary stores. The amounts of the unsecured

guarantees are shown in the following table. Because almost all guarantees are expected to retire without being funded in whole, the contract amounts are not estimates of future cash flows.

(Amounts in thousands)

	April 26, 1997 Contract Amount	April 27, 1996 Contract Amount
Lease Guarantees.....	\$4,458	\$4,403
Loan Guarantees.....	\$20,049	\$16,713

Most guarantees require periodic payments to La-Z-Boy in exchange for the guarantee. Terms of current guarantees generally range from one to five years.

The guarantees have off-balance-sheet credit risk because only the periodic payments and accruals for possible losses are recognized in the Consolidated Balance Sheet until the guarantee expires. Credit risk represents the accounting loss that would be recognized at the reporting date if counterparties failed to perform completely as contracted. The credit risk amounts are equal to the contractual amounts, assuming that the amounts are fully advanced and that no amounts could be recovered from other parties.

#### Note 7: Stock Option Plans

The Company's shareholders adopted an employee Incentive Stock Option Plan that provided grants to certain employees to purchase common shares of the Company at not less than their fair market value at the date of grant. Options are for five years and become exercisable at 25% per year beginning one year from date of grant. The Company was authorized to grant options for up to 1,600,000 common shares.

	Number of shares	Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding at April 30, 1994....	489,974	\$22.65
Granted.....	109,412	\$27.48
Exercised.....	(73,759)	\$19.60
Expired or cancelled.....	(40,927)	\$25.00
Outstanding at April 29, 1995....	484,700	\$24.03
Granted.....	140,245	\$30.98
Exercised.....	(87,917)	\$16.80
Expired or cancelled.....	(4,478)	\$26.15
Outstanding at April 27, 1996....	532,550	\$27.05
Granted.....	--	--
Exercised.....	(120,714)	\$22.82
Expired or cancelled.....	(3,659)	\$27.11
Outstanding at April 26, 1997....	408,177	\$28.30
Exercisable at April 26, 1997....	235,676	\$27.11
Shares available for grants at April 26, 1997.....	--	

The options outstanding at April 26, 1997 have exercise prices between \$21.75 and \$33.55 and a weighted-average remaining contractual life of 2.1 years.

The Company's shareholders have adopted Restricted Share Plans. Under one plan, which has expired, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors was authorized to offer for sale up to an aggregate of 600,000 common shares to certain employees. There were 11,300 shares granted and issued in fiscal year 1996 under this plan. Under a second plan, up to an aggregate of 50,000 common shares were authorized for sale to non-employee directors. This plan expires in fiscal year 2000. Under the Restricted Share Plans, shares are offered at 25% of the fair market value at the date of grant. The plans require that all shares be held in an escrow account for a period of three years in the case of an employee, or until the participant's service as a director ceases in the case of a director. In the event of an employee's termination during the escrow period, the shares must be sold back to the Company at the employee's cost.

Shares aggregating 2,500 and 1,000 were granted and issued during the fiscal years 1997 and 1996, respectively, under the director's Plan. Shares remaining for future grants under the director's plan amounted to 34,000 at

April 26, 1997.

No Incentive or employee Restricted stock options were granted in fiscal year 1997 as the plans have expired. Those options, which would have been granted in fiscal year 1997, along with the fiscal year 1998 Incentive and employee Restricted stock options, will be granted in fiscal year 1998 provided the new plans are approved by the Company's shareholders.

The Company's shareholders have also adopted a Performance-Based Restricted Stock Plan. This plan authorizes the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors to award up to an aggregate of 400,000 shares to key employees. This plan expires in fiscal year 2004. Grants of shares are based entirely on achievement of goals over a three-year performance period. Any award made under the plan will be at the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee after judging all relevant factors. At April 26, 1997, performance awards were outstanding pursuant to which up to approximately 110,000 shares may be issued in fiscal years 1998 through 2000 for the three outstanding plan years, depending on the extent to which certain specified performance objectives are met. The costs of performance awards are expensed over the performance period. In fiscal year 1997, 42,420 shares were issued.

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," encourages, but does not require, companies to record compensation for stock-based employee compensation plans at fair value. The Company has chosen to continue to account for stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value method prescribed in Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," and related interpretations. The difference between the recognition and measurement provisions of SFAS No. 123 and APB No. 25 are not significant to the Company's result of operations or net income per share.

Note 8: Retirement

The Company has contributory and non-contributory retirement plans covering substantially all factory employees.

Eligible salaried employees are covered under a trustee profit sharing retirement plan. Cash contributions to a trust are made annually based on profits.

The Company has established a non-qualified deferred compensation plan for eligible highly compensated employees called a SERP (Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan).

The Company offers voluntary 401(k) retirement plans to eligible employees within all U.S. operating divisions. Currently over 60% of eligible employees are participating in the plans. The Company makes matching contributions based on specific formulas. For most divisions, this match is made in La-Z-Boy stock.

The Company maintains a defined benefit pension plan for all eligible factory hourly employees. The actuarially determined net periodic pension cost and retirement costs are computed as follows (for the fiscal years ended):

(Amounts in thousands)

	April 26, 1997	April 27, 1996	April 29, 1995
Service cost.....	\$1,767	\$1,802	\$1,739
Interest cost.....	2,270	2,051	1,861
Actual return on plan assets.....	(5,433)	(5,468)	(2,737)
Net amortization and deferral.....	2,339	3,031	571
Net periodic pension cost.....	943	1,416	1,434
Profit sharing/SERP.....	6,352	5,681	5,710
401(k).....	1,625	1,429	1,388
Other.....	529	497	508
Total retirement costs.....	\$9,449	\$9,023	\$9,040

The funded status of the pension plans was as follows:

(Amounts in thousands)

	April 26, 1997	April 27, 1996

Actuarial present value of projected benefit obligation.....	(\$32,011)	(\$29,035)
Plan assets at fair value.....	41,526	37,503
Excess of plan assets over projected benefit obligation.....	9,515	8,468
Prior year service cost not yet recognized in net periodic pension cost.....	823	921
Unrecognized net (gain)/loss.....	(904)	1,320
Unrecognized initial asset.....	(3,002)	(3,333)
Prepaid pension asset.....	\$6,432	\$7,376

The expected long-term rate of return on plan assets was 8.0% for fiscal years 1997, 1996 and 1995. The discount rate used in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated benefit obligations was 7.5% for fiscal years 1997, 1996 and 1995. Vested benefits included in the accumulated benefit obligation were \$29 million and \$26 million at April 26, 1997 and April 27, 1996, respectively. Plan assets are invested in a diversified portfolio that consists primarily of debt and equity securities.

The Company's pension plan funding policy is to contribute annually at least the amount necessary so that the plan assets exceed the projected benefit obligation.

#### Note 9: Health Care

The Company offers eligible employees an opportunity to participate in group health plans. Participating employees make required premium payments through pretax payroll deductions.

Health-care expenses were as follows (for the years ended):

(Amounts in thousands)

	April 26, 1997	April 27, 1996	April 29, 1995
Gross health care.....	\$30,831	\$30,122	\$30,414
Participant payments.....	(6,393)	(6,005)	(4,783)
Net health care.....	\$24,438	\$24,117	\$25,631

The Company makes annual provisions for any current and future retirement health-care costs which may not be covered by retirees' collected premiums.

#### Note 10: Income Taxes

The primary components of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities as of April 26, 1997 and April 27, 1996 are as follows:

(Amounts in thousands)

	April 26, 1997	April 27, 1996
<b>Current</b>		
Deferred income tax assets/liabilities		
Bad debt.....	\$7,649	\$7,395
Warranty.....	4,448	3,941
Workers' compensation.....	1,594	1,464
SERP.....	1,680	1,452
State income tax.....	1,161	987
Inventory.....	1,026	900
Performance based restricted stock plan....	693	717
Other.....	2,837	2,603
Valuation allowance.....	(148)	(188)
Total current deferred tax assets.....	20,950	19,271
<b>Noncurrent</b>		
Deferred income tax assets/liabilities		
Property, plant and equipment.....	(3,717)	(3,627)
Pension.....	(2,783)	(3,055)
Net operating losses.....	1,533	1,458
Other.....	207	212

Valuation allowance.....	(1,569)	(1,651)
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Total noncurrent deferred tax liabilities	(6,329)	(6,663)
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Net deferred tax asset.....	\$14,621	\$12,608
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The differences between the provision for income taxes and income taxes computed using the U.S. federal statutory rate were as follows (for the fiscal years ended):

(% of pretax income)

	April 26, 1997	April 27, 1996	April 29, 1995
Statutory tax rate.....	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%
Increase (reduction) in taxes resulting in:			
State income taxes net of federal benefit.	3.5	4.3	4.4
Tax credits.....	(0.4)	(1.1)	(0.5)
Acquisition amortization.....	0.9	1.5	0.7
Unrecognized loss carryforwards.....	0.1	0.9	1.6
Miscellaneous items.....	(0.4)	0.1	0.3
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Effective tax rate.....	38.7%	40.7%	41.5%
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#### Note 11: Contingencies

The Company has been named as defendant in various lawsuits arising in the normal course of business. It is not possible at the present time to estimate the ultimate outcome of these actions; however, management believes that the resultant liability, if any, will not be material based on the Company's previous experience with lawsuits of these types.

The former England/Corsair shareholders were given the opportunity to receive additional Company common stock based on England/Corsair's actual profit performance in each of the two years following acquisition. Approximately \$2 million of common stock will be issued in the first quarter of fiscal year 1998 relating to the fiscal year 1997 performance. Goodwill will be increased by the value of the common stock issued.

The Company has been identified as a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) at three environmental clean-up sites. The Seaboard Chemical Company site is a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) site, managed under the direction of the State of North Carolina. Four of the Company's manufacturing facilities were individually named as PRP's (the total number of PRP's named at this site is over 1,750). A "De Micromis" settlement with the State for any future obligations at this site was made available to those PRP's who were responsible for sending extremely small volumes of material to the site. The settlement was available for, and accepted by, three out of the four Company facilities. Given its small volume of material sent to this site (approximately 0.06% of the total volume), management anticipates that the remaining facility will be eligible for a "De Minimus" level settlement in the future.

The Organic Chemicals Inc. site is a Superfund site, managed under the direction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). One of the Company's manufacturing facilities was named as a PRP (a total of 182 PRP's have been named). This facility is considered a "De Minimus" party, having only contributed 0.02% of the total volume of materials at the site. A De Minimus settlement offer, that would resolve all such parties from their future obligations at this site, is currently under review by the EPA.

The Caldwell Systems site is a voluntary RCRA closure, with its activities being coordinated by the EPA. Three of the Company's manufacturing facilities have been identified as having sent materials to this site (a total of 938 parties have been identified).

Two of these facilities (with a combined contribution of just over 1% of the total site volume) participate on the Steering Committee responsible for negotiating closure activities. The third facility, (with a contribution of less than 0.05% of the total site volume) is considered a "De Minimus" party.

Based on a review of all currently known facts, management does not anticipate that future expenditures in this area will have a material adverse effect. At April 26, 1997, a total of \$200,000 has been accrued with respect to these three sites.



## Management Discussion

The Management Discussion and Analysis, as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission, should be read in conjunction with the Report of Management Responsibilities, the Report of Independent Accountants, the Financial Statements and related Notes, and all other pages that follow them in the annual report.

### Background:

Sales by type	1997	1996	1995
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Residential (home)			
Upholstery	78%	78%	76%
Wood & other	16	16	18
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	94	94	94
Contract (office)	6	6	6
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	100%	100%	100%
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Sales by country	1997	1996	1995
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United States	94%	94%	94%
Canada and other	6	6	6
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	100%	100%	100%
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La-Z-Boy is organized into six operating divisions. U.S. Residential (70 years in business) accounts for the majority of the upholstery category and approximately two-thirds of consolidated sales.

U.S. Residential division sales by dealer type	1997	1996	1995
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Galleries/proprietary	51%	47%	46%
General dealers	36	40	39
Dept. stores/chains	13	13	15
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	100%	100%	100%
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Kincaid (51 years) is part of the wood category. England/Corsair (33 years), acquired in April 1995 and not included in the 1995 column of the tables above, is part of the upholstery category. La-Z-Boy Contract Furniture Group (25 years) is all of the Contract line. Hammary (53 years) is primarily in the wood category. La-Z-Boy Canada (68 years) is part of the upholstery category.

La-Z-Boy is the third largest furniture maker in the US, the largest reclining-chair manufacturer in the world and America's largest manufacturer of upholstered furniture.

### Analysis of Operations Year Ended April 26, 1997 (1997 compared with 1996)

La-Z-Boy's sales increased 6% in fiscal 1997 over 1996 and exceeded \$1 billion for the first time. This growth rate is believed to be slightly better than the industry growth. The sales growth was spread among all the Company's divisions with wood and contract sales somewhat above the average. The Ducks Unlimited Collection, introduced in April 1996, contributed significantly to the wood division sales increases. Selling price increases were small.

The gross margin (gross profit dollars as a percent of sales) improved to 26.0% in 1997 from 25.5% in 1996. The increase in sales volume, along with the effect of cost cutting initiatives, contributed to the margin improvement. The effect of these favorable items was only partially offset by increased material and labor costs and the mix change toward products with lower than average gross margins.

In 1997, the number of plants producing wood frame parts was reduced in an effort to improve quality and reduce costs. The reductions had little financial impact on 1997 as the timing was spread over the year and some conversion costs were incurred offsetting some of the lower production costs. Benefits are expected in 1998.

In April 1997, the Company announced plans to close the Contract plants in Grand Rapids, Michigan and to begin producing these products at an existing plant in Lincolnton, North Carolina. The move is planned for the first quarter of 1998. Two of the plants have been sold and the third will be sold.

S, G & A expense increased to 18.6% of sales in 1997 from 18.4% of sales in 1996 primarily due to increased costs for employee bonuses and incentives.

Interest expense declined 18% primarily due to lower debt and capital lease obligations.

Income tax expense as a percent of pretax income declined to 38.7% in 1997 from 40.7% in 1996. The Canadian division's results were favorable compared to the prior year, reducing the unfavorable impact on the effective tax rate. Also, the benefits of some efforts to reduce tax expense were recognized during the year.

During 1997, La-Z-Boy acquired approximately 75% of the ordinary share capital of Centurion Furniture plc, a furniture manufacturer located in England. The remainder of the ordinary share capital is expected to be acquired in the first quarter of 1998. Sales for their year ended March 1997 were \$12 million.

#### Analysis of Operations

Year Ended April 27, 1996  
(1996 compared with 1995)

Sales increased 11% in fiscal 1996 over 1995. The increase was due to the inclusion of England/Corsair (E/C) in 1996. On a comparable basis, sales declined 1% from 1995 in a year that the industry experienced softness in the residential furniture market. Sales of contract furniture increased while residential upholstery approximated the prior year and residential wood and other declined. Selling price increases were generally in the 1-2% range.

The gross margin of 25.5% declined from 26.0% in 1995. The decline was largely due to the inclusion of E/C which has historically had a lower gross margin than La-Z-Boy. The gross margin was favorably affected by lower health-care and frame stock lumber costs. However, higher fabric and poly costs, along with lower margins in the residential wood and other divisions due to lower volume, offset these savings.

S, G & A expense of 18.4% of sales in 1996 was down from 18.6% in 1995. The decline was largely due to the inclusion of E/C which has historically had lower S, G & A expense than La-Z-Boy.

Margins for the La-Z-Boy Contract Furniture Group improved in 1996 as planned and the division came close to breaking even. Attention was directed toward reducing manufacturing costs and S, G & A expense.

Interest expense increased in 1996 due to debt issued to acquire England/Corsair. In addition, debt and capital lease obligations were assumed when England/Corsair was acquired. Most of the assumed debt was retired during the year.

#### Liquidity and Financial Condition:

Effective April 29, 1995, La-Z-Boy acquired England/Corsair, Inc. (E/C), a manufacturer of upholstered furniture. Payment was in the form of \$18.0 million La-Z-Boy common stock, \$10.0 million notes and \$2.6 million cash. E/C debt and capital lease obligations of \$14.4 million were assumed by La-Z-Boy. As of April 26, 1997, these assumed obligations had been reduced to \$4.5 million.

Below is a summary of the cash flow statement. Free cash flow represents the cash remaining from operations after reinvesting in business opportunities. This cash flow allows the Company to pay dividends and repurchase stock generally without incurring additional debt.

(Amounts in thousands)	Year ended	April 26, 1997	April 27, 1996	April 29, 1995
Cash flows provided by (used for):				
Net income		\$45,297	\$39,253	\$36,302
Other operating activities		14,865	12,763	4,006
Investing activities		(24,847)	(18,334)	(20,278)

Free cash flow	----- 34,315	----- 33,682	----- 20,030
Cash flows provided by (used for):			
Financing activities	(36,866)	(33,655)	(18,953)
Exchange	(127)	(15)	45
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Increase (decrease) in cash	(\$1,678)	\$12	\$1,122
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Cash flows from operations amounted to \$60 million in 1997, \$52 million in 1996 and \$40 million in 1995 and have been adequate for day-to-day expenditures, dividends to shareholders and capital expenditures.

Capital expenditures were \$17.8 million in 1997, \$18.2 million in 1996 and \$19.0 million in 1995. Capacity utilization was approximately 60% at the end of 1997.

In 1995, La-Z-Boy obtained \$7.5 million through the sale of industrial revenue bonds. The proceeds were used to construct a new plant in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Retirements of debt totaled between \$5 million and \$13 million for each of the last three years.

The Company had unused lines of credit and commitments of \$63 million under several credit arrangements as of April 26, 1997. The primary credit arrangement is a \$50 million unsecured revolving credit line through August 2001, requiring interest only payments through August 2001 and a payment of principal in August 2001. The credit agreement includes covenants that, among other things, require the Company to maintain certain financial statement ratios. The Company has complied with all of the requirements.

The La-Z-Boy Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of Company stock. Shares acquired in 1997, 1996 and 1995 totaled 694,000, 372,000 and 529,000, respectively. As of April 26, 1997, 474,000 shares were available for repurchase. In May 1997, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of an additional one million shares. The Company plans to be in the market for its shares as changes in its stock price and other financial opportunities arise.

The financial strength of the Company is reflected in two commonly used ratios, the current ratio (current assets divided by current liabilities) and the debt-to-capital ratio (total debt divided by shareholders' equity plus total debt). The current ratio at the end of both 1997 and 1996 was 3.5:1. The debt to capital ratio was 14.6% at the end of 1997 and 16.7% at the end of 1996.

Continuing compliance with existing federal, state and local provisions dealing with protection of the environment is not expected to have a material effect upon the Company's capital expenditures, earnings, competitive position or liquidity. The Company will continue its program of conducting voluntary compliance audits at its facilities. The Company has also taken steps to assure compliance with the provisions of Titles III and V of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

The Company has accrued for certain environmental remediation activities relating to past operations, including those under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA, often referred to as Superfund) and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The Company is participating in the closure of three such sites. There will be future expenditures in this area, but based on a review of all currently known facts, management does not anticipate that they will have a material adverse effect. For further discussion of environmental matters, refer to Note 11: Contingencies, in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Outlook:

Statements in the Outlook section are forward looking and based on current expectations. Actual results may differ materially.

One of La-Z-Boy's financial goals is for sales to grow faster than the furniture industry with a benchmark of 10% per year. For 1997, La-Z-Boy sales increased 6% from 1996 which the Company believes was slightly better than the industry average. Some furniture industry forecasts for calendar year 1997 over 1996 are in the 4-6% range. While a 10% sales increase is not anticipated in 1998, sales are expected to be slightly above the industry average.

The Company's major residential efforts and opportunities for U.S. sales

growth greater than industry averages are focused outside the recliner market segment, e.g., stationary upholstery (single and multi-seat), reclining sofas and modulars, wood occasional and wall units and wood bedroom and dining room.

The number of dealer owned and operated proprietary stores is expected to continue increasing. These stores are a major contributor to La-Z-Boy's ability to achieve its sales goal.

At the end of April 1997, the backlog of orders was somewhat below the prior year level. The decline was mostly due to efforts to fill orders quicker than in the past allowing customers to order product closer to the expected delivery date. The rate of incoming orders in recent weeks has been above the rate for the similar period last year. The backlog is not expected to change significantly in 1998 and first quarter sales are expected to exceed the prior year.

A second financial goal is for earnings (operating profit and net income) to grow equal to or greater than the sales growth. For 1997, the operating profit margin increased to 7.4% of sales from 7.1% in 1996. In 1998, the operating margin is expected to improve again. The gross margin as a percent of sales is expected to increase somewhat due to efficiencies of higher production. Selling price increases are expected to be small while material costs are not expected to increase. Increased S, G & A expense as a percent of sales, largely due to increased information technology related expenses, is expected to offset part of the margin change. For 1997, net income as a percent of sales improved to 4.5% of sales from 4.1% in 1996 and is expected to also improve slightly in 1998 primarily due to the expected increase in operating profit.

A third goal is to continue improving the quality of earnings by concentrating on margins and return on capital (operating profit, interest income and other income as a percent of beginning of year capital) with a benchmark of 20%. For 1997, return on capital was 19.0% compared to the 1996 return of 17.6%.

Further, La-Z-Boy expects to enhance shareholder value by dividend improvement and using our stock repurchase plan.

La-Z-Boy has an opportunity to improve its operating margins through increases in efficiency, improvements in the utilization of equipment and facilities and increases in sales volumes, even though sales growth may be in product lines with lower gross margins.

Capital expenditures are forecast to be approximately \$25 to \$30 million in 1998 compared to \$18 million in 1997. Major items in the 1998 plan include: network and production tracking systems along with woodworking, fabric cutting and metal stamping equipment.

In February 1997, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128, "Earnings Per Share," which specifies the computation, presentation and disclosure requirements for earnings per share. The statement is effective for periods ending after December 15, 1997. The Company does not expect adoption of this standard will have a material impact on its financial statements.

The Company's future results of operations and other forward looking statements contained in this Outlook involve a number of risks and uncertainties. These statements are based on assumptions relating to business conditions, the general economy, competitive factors and other similar assumptions. Variations in these assumptions could cause actual results to differ materially. In particular, the Company's sales and profits can be impacted materially in any one quarter by changes in interest rates and consumer confidence in the economy.

#### Consolidated Six-Year Summary of Selected Financial Data

(Dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)

Year Ended in April	1997 (52 wks)	1996 (52 wks)	1995 (52 wks)	1994 (53 wks)	1993 (52 wks)	1992 (52 wks)
Sales.....	\$1,005,825	\$947,263	\$850,271	\$804,898	\$684,122	\$619,471
Cost of sales....	744,662	705,379	629,222	593,890	506,435	453,055
Gross profit...	261,163	241,884	221,049	211,008	177,687	166,416
Sell, gen & admin	187,230	174,376	158,551	151,756	131,894	123,927

Oper profit....	73,933	67,508	62,498	59,252	45,793	42,489
Interest expense..	4,376	5,306	3,334	2,822	3,260	5,305
Interest income..	1,770	1,975	1,628	1,076	1,474	1,093
Other income.....	2,508	2,023	1,229	649	1,292	1,628
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Pretax income..	73,835	66,200	62,021	58,155	45,299	39,905
Income tax expense	28,538	26,947	25,719	23,438	18,015	14,805
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Net income.....	\$45,297	\$39,253	\$36,302	\$34,717**	\$27,284	\$25,100
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Weighted avg shares outstg ('000s)...	18,108	18,498	18,044	18,268	18,172	18,064
Per com shr outstg						
Net income....	\$2.50	\$2.12	\$2.01	\$1.90**	\$1.50	\$1.39
Cash div paid....	\$0.78	\$0.74	\$0.68	\$0.64	\$0.60	\$0.58
BV on YE shr outst.	\$20.07	\$18.68	\$17.44	\$15.91	\$14.48	\$13.58
Rtn avg shrhdr eqt.	12.9%	11.8%	12.2%*	12.5%**	10.7%	10.6%
Gr prft % of sales.	26.0%	25.5%	26.0%	26.2%	26.0%	26.9%
Op prft % of sales.	7.4%	7.1%	7.4%	7.4%	6.7%	6.9%
Op prft, int inc & oth inc as % of BOY capital.....	19.2%	17.6%	18.9%	19.1%	15.8%	15.1%
Net inc % of sales.	4.5%	4.1%	4.3%	4.3%**	4.0%	4.1%
Income tax expense % pretax income..	38.7%	40.7%	41.5%	40.3%	39.8%	37.1%
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Deprec & amortiz...	\$20,382	\$20,147	\$15,156	\$14,014	\$14,061	\$14,840
Capital expendtrs..	\$17,778	\$18,168	\$18,980	\$17,485	\$12,248	\$12,187
Prt,plt,eqpt,net..	\$114,658	\$116,199	\$117,175	\$94,277	\$90,407	\$93,440
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Working capital....	\$245,106	\$240,583	\$237,280	\$224,122	\$202,398	\$184,431
Current ratio.....	3.5 to 1	3.5 to 1	3.7 to 1	4.1 to 1	3.8 to 1	3.7 to 1
Total assets.....	\$528,407	\$517,546	\$503,818	\$430,253	\$401,064	\$376,722
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Debt & Cap. leases.	\$61,279	\$69,033	\$83,201	\$55,370	\$55,912	\$60,726
Shareholders' eqty.	\$359,338	\$343,376	\$323,640	\$290,911	\$263,386	\$246,359
Ending capital....	\$420,617	\$412,409	\$406,841	\$346,281	\$319,298	\$307,085
Ratio debt to eqty.	17.1%	20.1%	25.7%	19.0%	21.2%	24.6%
Ratio debt to capl.	14.6%	16.7%	20.5%	16.0%	17.5%	19.8%
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Shareholders.....	12,729	12,293	12,665	12,615	9,032	8,081
Employees.....	11,236	10,733	11,149	9,370	8,724	8,153

\* April 1995 shareholders' equity used in this calculation excludes \$18,004 relating to stock issued on the last day of the fiscal year for the acquisition of an operating division.

\*\* Excludes the income effect of adopting SFAS 109 in May 1993 of \$3,352 or \$0.18 per share.

#### Dividend and Market Information

1997 Quarter Ended	Divi- dends Paid	Market Price		
		High	Low	Close
July 27	\$0.19	\$32 5/8	\$28 1/4	\$29 1/8
Oct. 26	0.19	31 3/8	28 1/4	30 3/8
Jan. 25	0.19	31 3/8	29 1/4	31 3/8
Apr. 26	0.21	36 7/8	30 3/4	32 1/4
	\$0.78			
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1996 Quarter Ended	Divi- dends Paid	Market Price		
		High	Low	Close
July 29	\$0.17	\$29 1/2	\$25 5/8	\$27 1/2
Oct. 28	0.19	30 3/4	27 1/8	29 5/8
Jan. 27	0.19	33 1/2	28 5/8	30 5/8
Apr. 27	0.19	33 3/4	27	30 1/8
	\$0.74			

Year	Dividends Paid	Dividend Yield	Dividend Payout Ratio	Market Price			Net Income per share	P/E Ratio	
				High	Low	Close		High	Low
1997	\$0.78	2.4%	31.2%	\$36 7/8	\$28 1/4	\$32 1/4	\$2.50	15	11
1996	0.74	2.5%	34.9%	33 3/4	25 5/8	30 1/8	2.12	16	12
1995	0.68	2.5%	33.8%	33 3/4	25 3/8	27	2.01	17	13
1994	0.64	1.9%	33.7%*	40	25 1/2	33 1/2	1.90*	21*	13*
1993	0.60	2.1%	40.0%	29 3/4	18	28	1.50	20	12
1992	0.58	2.5%	41.7%	28 3/4	19 1/2	23 1/2	1.39	21	14

La-Z-Boy Incorporated common shares are traded on the NYSE and the PSE (symbol LZB).

Unaudited Quarterly Financial Information

(Amounts in thousands, except per share data)

Quarter Ended	July 27	October 26	January 25	April 26	Year 1997
Sales.....	\$202,227	\$271,554	\$244,581	\$287,463	\$1,005,825
Cost of sales....	154,917	197,017	180,979	211,749	744,662
Gross profit...	47,310	74,537	63,602	75,714	261,163
Selling, general & admin.....	39,354	49,006	47,765	51,105	187,230
Opertg profit..	7,956	25,531	15,837	24,609	73,933
Interest expense.	1,107	1,097	1,096	1,076	4,376
Interest income..	463	367	430	510	1,770
Other Income.....	785	521	639	563	2,508
Pretax income..	8,097	25,322	15,810	24,606	73,835
Income tax exp...	3,499	10,070	6,009	8,960	28,538
Net income...	\$4,598	\$15,252	\$9,801	15,646	45,297
Net income per share..	\$0.25	\$0.84	\$0.54	\$0.87	\$2.50

Quarter Ended	July 29	October 28	January 27	April 27	Year 1996
Sales.....	\$195,757	\$258,320	\$226,354	\$266,832	\$947,263
Cost of sales....	151,378	188,644	170,602	194,755	705,379
Gross profit...	44,379	69,676	55,752	72,077	241,884
Selling, general & admin.....	37,937	45,905	41,783	48,751	174,376
Opertg profit..	6,442	23,771	13,969	23,326	67,508
Interest expense.	1,464	1,437	1,217	1,188	5,306
Interest income..	456	484	390	645	1,975
Other Income.....	375	476	736	736	2,023
Pretax income..	5,809	23,294	13,578	23,519	66,200
Income tax exp...	2,634	9,038	5,794	9,481	26,947
Net income...	\$3,175	\$14,256	\$7,784	14,038	39,253
Net income per share..	\$0.17	\$0.77	\$0.42	\$0.76	\$2.12